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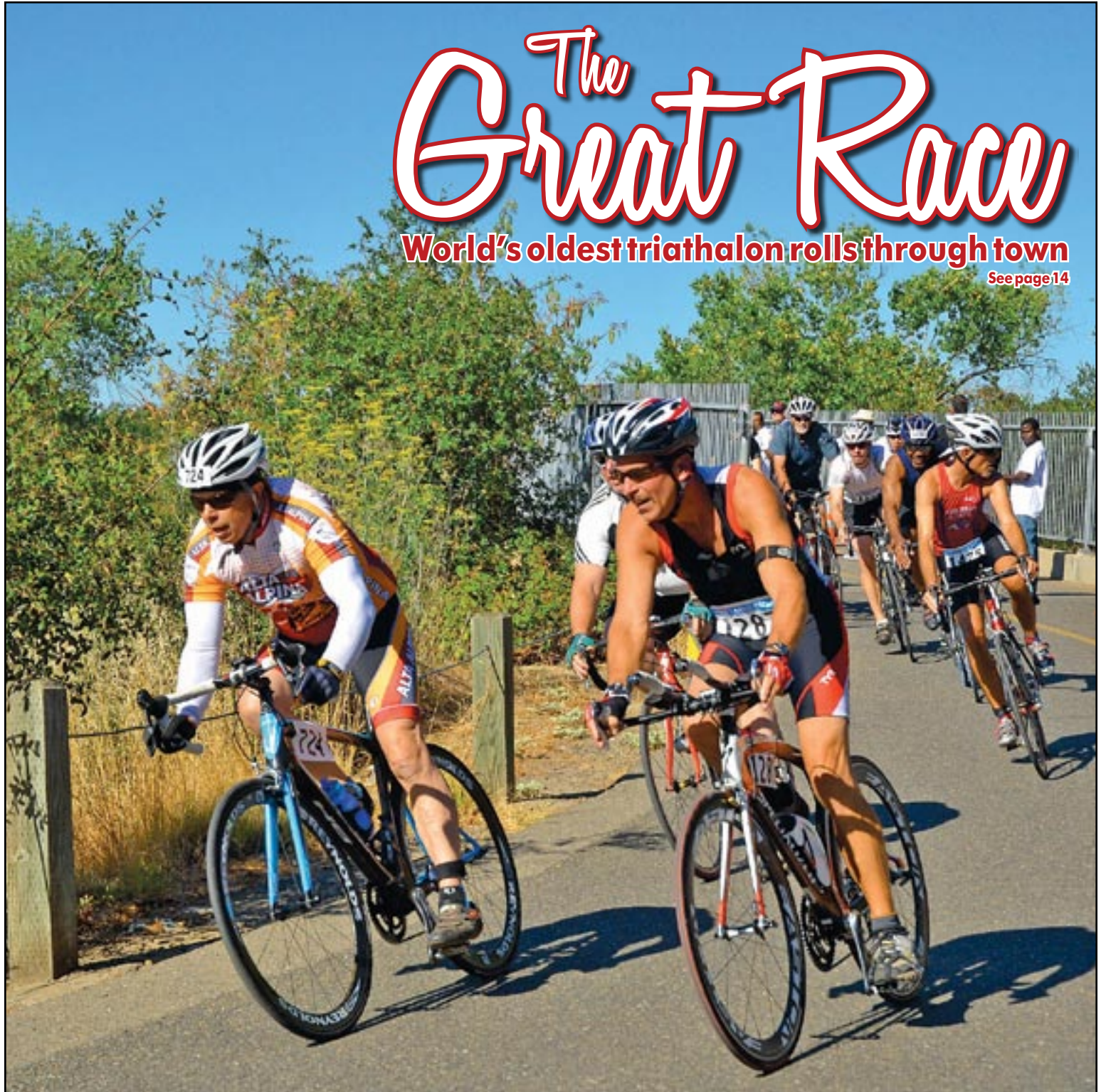
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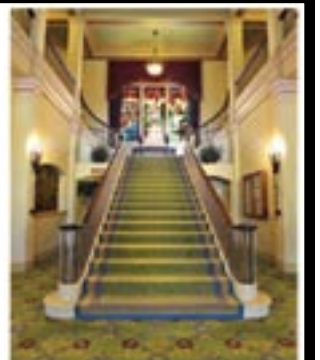


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# Marty leaves Janey Way



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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By the time I reached my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, the atmosphere became a little cloudy in the Relles household.

My dad seemed a little on edge. I think he felt I was old enough to move out on my own. I hadn't given that possibility much consideration at the time, but I could feel dad's angst. The whole issue came to a head when I decided to get with the times and grow a goatee.

Wow, that rattled dad's cage. He insisted I shave it off. "No son of a Sacramento police officer should sport facial hair."

Of course, I refused to give in. This brought the whole matter to a head, and dad and I agreed that I should find a place of my own.

Fortunately, my uncle Ross provided a solution to this dilemma. He had two flats above his florist shop in midtown. One had just become available. Thankfully, my cousin Bob agreed to share the flat with me, making the move affordable.

Subsequently, we agreed to pay \$50 each per month to rent the flat. Can you imagine that? \$50 rent?

So, on the first day of the next month, we moved into my uncle's second-floor flat. Our living arrangement was pretty humble.

The flat only had only one actual bedroom. So, Bob and I moved two twin beds into the single room. In addition to the bedroom, the flat featured one bathroom, a large living room and kitchen.

Life was good. My cousin and I adjusted quickly to our new living arrangement. The good thing is that as close relatives, we knew each other well.

Also, our day-to-day lives were very similar at this time. Both of us attended Sacramento City College and

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## Barba-Nazar graduates Air Force basic training

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Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Barba-Nazar is the son of Kelley Tracy of Canby Way in Sacramento.

He is a 2007 graduate of McClatchy High School, Sacramento.

## St. Francis teacher takes lessons from tragedy

By CORRIE PELC  
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St. Francis High School junior Bianca Quirz had no idea she loved photography until she had the opportunity to take a class this past school year.

She says Kathy Carlisle – the school's visual arts instructor for photography, painting and sculpture – was her inspiration.

"(Carlisle) encouraged me to get out there and try it, and I fell in love with it," Quirz said. "She's just so full of energy and when she comes into the classroom, I'm awake and ready to work. That's one of the classes that's my favorite and when I come to school I just look forward to that class."

### The student

As one of her projects in Carlisle's photography class, Quirz was asked to create a photograph that conveyed the emotions and person-

al stories of a survivor or someone who had perished during the Holocaust – notably one of the darkest periods in American history.

"I was really surprised, I wouldn't expect that in a photography class," Quirz said. "I was actually learning about it in my history class, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to capture certain emotions in photos."

Her photo is called "Hands of the Innocent" and is a photo of a pair of hands that uses double exposure and color shifting.

"It's a very simple photograph, but very jarring and provoking," Quirz said.

Quirz says the concept behind her photo was the children during the Holocaust.

"They were so innocent and to be able to see something so painful and just horrific at the time, especially in the concentration camps,"



Photo courtesy Bianca Quirz, a student of Kathy Carlisle, photographed this portrait, entitled "Hands of the Innocent."

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Circuses once drew crowds to East Sacramento

# Circus street parades also a popular draw

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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The thought of attending a circus in East Sacramento may seem a bit odd to many locals today.

But in the long history of circuses in the capital city, people once arrived to the area in large numbers to attend circuses.

In September 1907, for instance, the Ringling Bros. Circus – half of the predecessors to the legendary Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus – brought their show to 31st (later Alhambra Boulevard) and M (present day Capitol Avenue) streets. On this 12-acre site, a 14,000-seat circus tent was pitched.

Among those participating in this circus were 1,300 men, women and children, more than half the elephants in America and 658 horses.

A 1914 article in The Sacramento Bee mentioned that Barnum and Bailey pitched their tent at 31st Street, between M and P streets for a then-upcoming circus.

Upon arriving in Sacramento, this circus' animals, which included elephants, horses and camels, were unloaded from nearby trains prior to daylight and walked to the circus grounds.

Another circus was held at 31st and M streets on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1922.

On these leased grounds, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined Circus presented its first Sacramento shows since the joining of these two notable circus companies. This merger occurred in 1919.

## Local media exposure

Announcements for the upcoming afternoon and night shows began appearing in local newspapers during the earlier part of the month in order to increase the awareness and anticipation for the event.

The Sacramento Star, for instance, ran an article about the circus in its Aug. 8, 1922 edition.

The article's headline directed toward younger Sacramentans, as it read: "Good news for youngsters; circus is coming to town."

## Trained animals

Among the trained animals described in the article were 200 Hungarian stallions, six herds of elephants, "the largest Bengal tigers ever exhibited in America," African lions, black panthers, leopards, polar bears, geese, pigeons, pigs, dogs and even skating bears.

Another notable animal performer at this 1922 circus was a baby hippopotamus named "Tiny Toddlers."

Other performers mentioned in the article were acrobat Lillian Leitzel, whose act featured turning somersaults from the end of a rope while suspended above spectators, tumblers from Arabia, people who would enter barred cages "to defy death at the claws and teeth of jungle beasts," and the famous horse trainers and riders Adolph Hess, Manuel Herzog and Lillian Compton.

An added draw to most early circuses in Sacramento was their accompanying street parades.



This 1922 article in The Sacramento Star presented details regarding one of several circuses that were held in the East Sacramento area.

## Street parades

After the circus trains arrived in the city, the animals and other performers would parade to the circus grounds to the delight of many spectators who would line city streets.

To the disappointment of many Sacramentans, two days prior to this 1922 circus, The Bee announced that "due to the great amount of work in making ready for the afternoon performance, the street parade feature has been eliminated by the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus."

Sacramento native Dr. Pat Melarkey, a former county supervisor, said that he has fond memories of seeing circus parades in Sacramento during his grammar school years at Newton Booth School at 2630 V St. in the 1930s.

"They always parked the circus train at 24th and R (streets) and they let all the animals out," Melarkey said. "They would walk down 24th Street and clear out to Fruitridge (Road), because all that was vacant (land) and that's where they put up the circus tents. I remember seeing all kinds of animals. There were elephants holding each other's tails with their trunks, giraffes, tigers, lions, monkeys, dogs, horses with people standing on their backs,

as well as a steam kaleidoscope and circus music. It was a great parade and it was also great advertising."

And in reminiscing about the circus itself, Melarkey said, "I remember seeing a lady who would suspend in the air by holding onto a little red ball with her teeth when I was about 12 years old."

With a chuckle, Melarkey added, "It was at that moment I knew I was going to be a dentist."

The previously referred to 1907 Ringling Bros. Circus also presented a circus parade.

This parade included floats, hand-carved chariots with golden finishes, animals in open lairs, orchestras, a pipe organ, sirens and mounted and military bands.

Additionally, the aforementioned 1914 Barnum and Bailey Circus presented a circus parade, which had a route traveling from M Street to 28th Street, then to J Street to 2nd Street, then from K Street to 15th Street and back to M Street to the circus grounds.

Despite the lack of a street parade for the 1922 Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined Circus, The Bee reported that "truant children and interested adults" made their way to the 31st and M streets circus grounds for a dif-

ferent pre-circus experience on Aug. 28, 1922.

## The pre-circus

On that day, they observed the hoisting of the "big top" and other preparations for the 2 and 8 p.m. shows.

Preparing for this circus was undoubtedly a large task, when considering that the circus trains consisted of 100 double-length cars extending one and a third mile.

The number of people aboard these cars alone numbered 1,500, 100 of whom were clowns. The circus also included many foreign acts.

Advanced tickets for the Aug. 30, 1922 shows were sold at the Sherman Clay Piano Co. at 831 J St. Tickets were also available on the circus grounds on the day of the shows.

Another circus company brought their show to 31st and K streets on Thursday, Sept. 16, 1926, when Miller Bros. presented their 101 Ranch Real Wild West and Circus.

In introducing this circus, The Bee presented the following words: "East is east and west is west and tomorrow the twin shall meet in Sacramento."

These unique shows presented entertainment with 1,400 people, including 300

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cowboys and cowgirls, 300 Indians and troupes from the Far East.

## Performance groups

More specific details about most of the circus' performance groups were presented in an article in The Bee on the day of the 101 Ranch's afternoon and 8 p.m. shows.

The article presented the following descriptions: "Indians in war headdress, cowboys in chaps and spurs, Cossacks in red boots, vaqueros in peaked sombreros and Arabs in white burnouses.

This circus, which included rodeos, Far East displays, a "Russian Cossack band" and an opening drama pageant with lighting effects, was held under a 540-foot-long by 200-foot-wide tent, which was large enough to accommodate 14,000 people.

Unlike the 1922 circus, a circus street parade was associated with the 1926 101 Ranch circus.

Included in the parade, which advertised itself as the largest circus parade showing at that time, were elephants, camels, buffalo and other animals, floats, covered wagons and stagecoaches.

## The circus in Sacramento

Circuses have made many stops in Sacramento throughout the years, including circuses held prior to and after the ones mentioned in this article.

One of the earliest, if not the earliest circus to be presented in Sacramento was the Olympic Circus, which was held on lots on K Street, between 3rd and 4th streets, in April 1851.

Another early circus held in Sacramento was Circus Maximus. This circus debuted at the Pavilion in Capitol Park in September 1893.

After many years of absence, Circus Maximus was revived in Sacramento in June 1915, but it eventually ceased its operation in the city once again.

Among the most notable circuses in the capital city was the Polack Bros. Shrine Circus, which was first held at the Memorial Auditorium in 1936.

Other circus companies that presented circuses in Sac-



The now defunct, annual Polack Bros. Shrine Circus at the Memorial Auditorium remains one of the city's most memorable circuses.

rimento during various eras included Forepaugh & Sells Bros., Gentry Bros., Mumpitz Bros. and Norris & Rowe.

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ry of circuses in Sacramento will be the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus' upcoming presentations, which will be held Sept. 6-9 at Power Balance Pavilion.

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# Spare the water, save the money

By SALLY KING  
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About 60 percent of the world's population does not have access to fresh drinking water. By making simple changes, everyone can make a big impact on water consumption.

This concept was conveyed at a water conservation workshop presented by the city of Sacramento Department of Utilities Water Conservation Office on July 14 at 2260 Glen Ellen Circle.

Vincent Smelser, water conservation specialist for the city of Sacramento, began the morning by explaining the city ordinances in effect to save water. Smelser let folks know there are many ways to save on their water bill. He pointed out enforcement comes in the form of citations and fines can get up to \$500.

## Water use around the home

Smelser suggested when washing the car, use a shut-off nozzle. Running hoses are no longer allowed, he said.

Another way to save on water is sweeping the patio or sidewalk instead of hosing it down.

Smelser said per city ordinance, the only time water is allowed for cleaning a sidewalk is if there is an unsanitary event, but to be careful not to wash animal excrement or chemicals into the gutter, that also constitutes a fine.

## When to water

Watering is allowed before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. For spring through fall, odd number addresses water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Even number addresses water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

During winter, (when daylight saving time ends) folks are allowed to wa-



Photo by Sally King  
David Campbell, of Siegfried Engineering, designed this water-efficient demonstration garden for the city of Sacramento.

ter only one day a week, either Saturday or Sunday.

## Use the right gear

Smelser said often times improperly functioning sprinklers waste a lot of water.

Another water waster are older toilets. The city has a rebate program up to \$100 for toilets installed prior to 1992. The city also offers

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# Water: City of Sacramento makes water-wise house calls

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free showerheads and aerators for the sink.

On average a person saves 25 gallons of water the first 10 minutes of their shower using a water saving showerhead, he said.

"The courthouse on Bicentennial Circle saved 300,000 gallons of water a year just by replacing the aerators," Smelser said. "Just by using a water efficient toilet, one can save 12,000 gallons of water a year."

## City services

The city of Sacramento makes water wise house calls for folks within city limits. A trained water conservation specialist will visit the home or office to identify potential water savings both inside the home and outside. If needed, the city will analyze and make suggestions on how to improve the soil, keeping water costs down.

Smelser said the city is able to identify leaks through smart meter technology. The water department is able to tell by looking at a residential water bill online where the leaks are located. Consumer's now have the option of looking at their bill online to see where their water is being used most frequently.

## Watering methods

Smelser demonstrated various methods used for watering: spray, hose and drip. The city provides information on the best watering system for different types of landscapes. Smelser said to keep sprinklers in good repair. There are proper designs to keep sprinkler heads from breaking. Pop ups should be even with the ground. A good timer is essential to saving water.

"Seventy percent of water goes to landscaping in the summer, and switches to bathrooms in winter" Smelser said. "27 to a 1,000 gallons of water per irrigation is used for a typical landscape."

## A water-efficient yard

David Campbell, Siegfried Engineering and Designer of the city of Sacramento's Water Efficient Demonstration Garden, gave a presentation discussing drought tolerant plants, shrubs and grasses used for landscaping. He also discussed efficient ways to design yards and water saving irrigation systems.

Campbell, a licensed landscape architect, said when designing a landscape around

saving water, there are specific things to think about.

The function and design of outdoor landscaping, turf alternatives and how efficiently the water is delivered are important in designing a water saving landscape.

"When thinking about what your yard is used for, turf is not the only answer," Campbell said. "Grass is the cheapest, but not the most water efficient way to landscape a yard."

Landscapes may include gardens, a place to escape to, or a place to attract birds and butterflies. Campbell said often yards are used for screening or buffering the home from busy streets and noise.

## Types of plants

Campbell discussed a variety of plants, ornamental grasses, shrubs and groundcovers that are drought tolerant. He said some landscapes change

throughout the year with the seasons and some folks enjoy seeing their landscape change.

There are many types of grasses that do not need constant mowing, watering, aerating, or fertilizing. He said ornamental grasses are not meant for foot traffic.

"A group called WUCOS (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species) now has empirical data on how much water certain types of landscapes use," Campbell said. "The information can be accessed online through the University of California Extension."

## The irrigation system

Campbell explained there are different types of conversions kits people can use to update and improve their irrigation system. In general, overhead sprays are 30 to 55 percent efficient, rotators and rotors are 65 to 75 per-



Photo by Sally King  
Vincent Smelser, water conservation specialist, answers questions about saving water.

cent efficient, bubbles and micro sprays are 80 to 85 percent efficient and drip is 85 to 90 percent efficient.

At the end of the presentation, Campbell went outside with folks and discussed various landscape issues and talked a little about his designing of the landscape at Glen Ellen Circle.

All who came to the meeting left with buckets full of free goodies to improve water use in the home and information on how to conserve water with an efficient landscape.

For more information on water savings, visit [www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities) or call 311.

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## Memories: Marty Relles leaves Janey Way for Midtown

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worked in the florist shop down below the flat.

I attended school in the morning and delivered flowers in the afternoon. Bob made up arrangements in the mornings, then went to his classes in the afternoon. The arrangement worked out well.

Neither of us cooked at the time, but we learned quickly.

I constantly bothered my mom for new recipes. In quick order, I learned how to cook things like spaghetti, Spanish rice and Swiss steak.

Bob did the same with his mother. To this day, I still cook these dishes along with many others.

We soon blended into the fabric of the midtown area. I still recall sitting on the balcony in front of our flat in the evening watching the cars scurry out of town during rush hour.

As our commute involved walking up the stairs to our flat, the hubbub of rush hour seemed pretty funny to us.

On weekends, we invited our friends over for parties. We befriended a slightly older man who lived near us. He bought beer for us, if we asked.

This made our flat a popular venue.

We turned the volume of our stereo up as high as we could stand it and played the Beatles, the Stones and the Beach Boys.

Sometimes, our musically-inclined friends came by and played live music. This usually brought the police to the apartment, advising us to turn the volume down, which we did, but only briefly.

I have fond memories of living over uncle Ross's florist shop. I lived there for four pretty care-free years.

However, in 1969, I received my draft notice, and those care-free times ended abruptly.

I will tell you more about that in a later episode. Now, my time of living on my own, above my uncle's shop, is just another laid back Janey Way memory.

## Annual Moonlight Costume Ball returns

Special to The East Sacramento News

Outlaws are wanted for a night of revelry at Fairytale Town's annual Moonlight Costume Ball: Men in Tights, which will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3.

This year's "Robin Hood-themed" fundraiser is for ages 21 and up and features a giant dance floor, costume contests, music by Celtic rock

band Tempest and a performance by the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience.

Proceeds from the event will support the renovation of Fairytale Town's Sherwood Forest play set.

Since forming in 1988, Tempest has won rave reviews for their musical hybrid of high-energy folk rock with Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other

world music elements. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, the act has released 15 critically acclaimed albums and played more than 2,000 gigs.

A performance by the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience will follow the concert. Founded in 2008 by Jay Siren, the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience has evolved into a dance academy, retail boutique and series of live entertainment and cabaret events throughout the greater Sacramento area and beyond.

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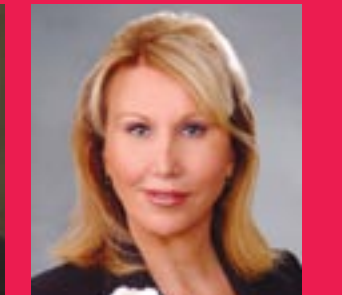
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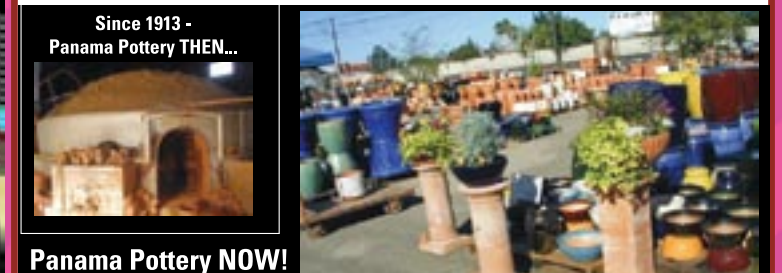
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The race began with a 5.82-mile run along the American River bike trail near the bridge at William Pond Recreation Area.

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The race concluded with a 6.35-mile kayak down the American River to River Bend Park.

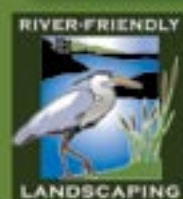


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## History: Social injustices were part of teacher's upbringing

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she said. "So that's what I was going for, that was my inspiration."

She also feels that by creating art on such an event, she's helping to teach younger generations about what happened to help ensure it never happens again.

"I just want people to feel the emotion they felt back then," Quirz said.

### The teacher

So why select such a dark topic as the Holocaust as the basis for a student art project?

Carlisle says it all began with her upbringing in Detroit during the 1960s.

"Social justice issues were a part of my upbringing, and really, as an artist, I have always sought to determine how art could play a role in that," she said.

When joining the faculty at St. Francis High School more than four years ago, Carlisle found that Catholic social teachings were integrated into the entire curriculum, including art. During her first year on campus, she developed a unit for both the visual and performing arts where they would focus on the Holocaust for one semester.

"I've taught it every year and for me it's just a really compelling way to help students understand how those issues of racism and genocide actually apply to their lives today," she said.

Additionally, by selecting an historic event, students need to work on their research skills to develop their "artist's statement, that is the basis of their work."

Part of the assignment was for the students to research and use personal narratives from Holocaust survivors, or from those who perished, and then use a visual symbol or metaphor to represent that person's life or some aspect of that person's story.

"The challenge for them is, of course, we're not able to travel back in time," Carlisle said. "They're having to make a symbol in their contemporary life that somehow embodies what their interpretation is of that person's life. It's honestly a pretty complex and challenging assignment and I think they were pretty masterful — they did a great job. They worked really well with their art elements and principles, and all the benchmarks that they needed in their state standards. And of course, for me it's really important to see that young people are able to understand the social context of art making and what art can do to help the world understand what these issues are."

### Sharing with others

All the students' photography was placed in a collection called "The Holocaust: Illuminated Memory," which Carlisle says, thanks to support from community members, has received quite a bit of interest.

For example, the collection was shown this year at Yom Ha'Shoah memorial and KOH Library and Cultural Center, both in Sacramento.

The students' work can also be viewed on a blog Carlisle put together for the project at [stfrancisholocaustphotography.blogspot.com](http://stfrancisholocaustphotography.blogspot.com).

The collection was also exhibited at St. Patrick's Academy in Sacramento, where some of Carlisle's students took things a step further by developing an education lesson to present to seventh graders at St. Patrick's.

"They talked to those students about their work, their photographs and then they did a drawing exercise with them about the Holocaust," Carlisle said. "It gave them an opportunity in another context to understand how viewers could take their work in. (To) then try to convey that lesson to other students was pretty impressive."

Quirz says she loved seeing her work on display.

"It was actually very exciting for me because I've never had work put out for an art show or anything like that," she said. "It's a very interesting experience to go around and then all of a sudden wow, my work's right there."

And in April 2013, the student collection has been invited to show at The Quarter Gallery at the Regis Center for the Arts at the University of Minnesota.

"That's a pretty high honor for high school students to have a university show — the girls are really excited about it," Carlisle said.

However, the students are not the only ones receiving honors.

Carlisle herself is one of 26 fellowship awardees of the 2012 Memorial Library Summer Seminar on Holocaust Education. In early July, Carlisle flew out to New York City to teachers and civic organization leaders to learn new methods and approaches for teaching the Holocaust with the goal of fostering an agenda for social justice in their classrooms and communities.

Through her fellowship, Carlisle is hoping to improve the quality and depth of how she teaches the Holocaust in the classroom to help improve her students' understanding of the event.

"I also really want to increase the integrity and the creative responsibility or integrity that I see that is inherent in working with the Holocaust — I want to build the breath as well as the depth of what I bring to the classroom," she said. "I know after this fellowship that I will come back a completely renewed scholar of the Holocaust."

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# Community vows to rebuild McKinley Park after arson fire

By ELIZABETH VALENTE  
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For 3-year-old Axel Moore, the most important part of being a kid is being able to run around one of his favorite playgrounds at McKinley Park.

But as of the morning of July 28, part of his childhood memories of his beloved park will also be filled with burnt wood, ash and yellow cautionary police tape.

"Someone burned down my park," the blue-eye kid said. "I can't play on the trampoline or castle anymore."

The East Sacramento park, located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard, was destroyed by an early-morning fire in what Sacramento firefighters are calling a case of arson.

"This was no accident," said Assistant Fire Chief Niko King. "These are heavy timbers, it takes a lot to get them burning. There's no electrical wiring out here that could have malfunctioned, so it was human-caused."

The fire was reported just after 1 a.m. Saturday, and took nearly two hours to extinguish.

Firefighters battled flames that were nearly 60 feet high and also had to extinguish nearby trees that caught fire as well.

Roughly 40 percent of the playground, mostly in the center, was charred. The rest of the wooden playground is still usable. Temporary construction fencing has been placed around the burned out area to prevent entry.

But the burnt smell continues to linger.

Despite the heartache the fire has caused, it has quickly brought a community together.

"It's not a single house, it's not a single family, it's not a single business," King said. "This tragedy impacts the entire community."

Developer Steve Hamm has been taking his kids to McKinley Park for more than 10 years.

"It's terrible someone terrorized this place," Hamm said. "Every kid should have a place to play after school. It's sad to see a place where a lot of kids used to play burned down."

Since the tragedy, residents, neighbors and city leaders have been meeting to discuss rebuilding plans and fundraising efforts to the 18-year-old wooden playground.

"I expect that the city's Risk Management Fund, which is the city's own insurance policy, will help pay to rebuild the playground," said Councilman Steve Cohn. "But it will take the whole community working together to raise additional money, volunteer labor and get the word out, to ensure that the playground is rebuilt better than it was before and that we get it done before next summer, maybe sooner."

Cohn holds this development project personally. He was one of 2,500 volunteers to build the playground over four days back in October 1994.

He says when he spotted the children's wall, which was undamaged, it brought back memories.



Ty Hoekstra, 4, sad to see his favorite park had burned down. Photo by Elizabeth Valente

"I saw the two tiles with my own children's hand prints," Cohn said. "My initial reaction upon hearing news of the fire was probably like most — anger, giving way to sadness, giving way to a steely determination to get this playground rebuilt as soon as possible."

Cohn said in addition to replacing what was burned, he is looking to include safety measures such as improved visibility from the street, lighting, security cameras, maybe even a sprinkler system.

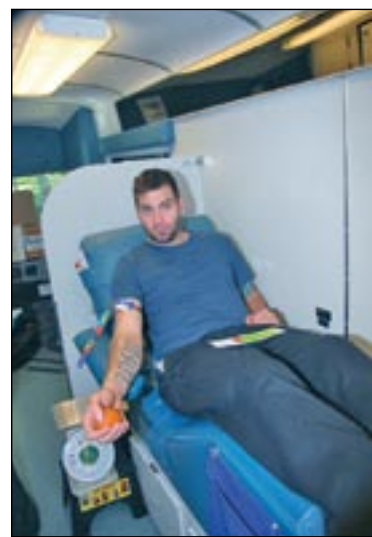
"I expect the community to be engaged every step along the way, from planning what gets rebuilt, to raising money, to volunteering labor and materials," he said.

Arson investigators are talking with neighbors and reviewing surveillance video from nearby business and homes to try to find the person or people responsible.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Sacramento Fire Department.

To guarantee donations will go to the redevelopment of McKinley Park, checks should be made out to "Gifts to Share/McKinley Playground," and mailed to City Councilman Steve Cohn at City Hall, 915 I Street, 5th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

"I can't wait to go back and play," said a hopeful little boy, Axel.



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### CalPERS Retirement Fair

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### Fire Dancers

Aug. 11: Fire performers from the Bay Area and beyond will come to the Land Park Amphitheater for the fifth-annual Fire Spectacular. The Obsidian Butterfly fire troupe and fire friends will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. Live music, workshops and vendors will be at the amphitheater from 3 to 6 p.m. tickets on the day of the event are \$20 for adults, \$10 for 18 and under \$10 and children under 8 are free. A special \$45 family rate applies for two adults plus two children. Advanced tickets are available until Aug. 10: adult \$15, family rate \$30. For tickets and information, visit www.sacred-firedance.com/FireSpectacular.html.

### Fire Station 43 open house

Aug. 11: Come visit Fire Station 43 at 4201 El Centro Rd., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

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Aug. 11: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or nussb@surewest.net. Also www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

### Free Dental Clinic

Aug. 24-25: The Calif Dental Assoc. Foundation will offer a free dental clinic at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd, beginning 5:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Services are free of charge and include cleanings, fillings and extractions. Open to all who do not have dental insurance. First-come, first-serve basis. More info at http://cdfoundation.org/Give/Volunteer/CDACares-FreeDentalClinics.aspx or call 1-888-959-1331.

### Gem and jewel show

Aug. 24-25: Rings, pearls, pendants, bracelets, vintage and more. American Cancer Society. Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2744 Marconi Ave. Sacramento. (916) 484-0227.

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Aug. 15: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

### 'The Fox on the Fairway'

Aug. 17-Sept. 23: Screwball comedy about love, life and man's eternal love affair with... golf. \$19-\$21. Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael (916) 489-7529 www.cplayhouse.org

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### Turtlerama

Aug. 18: Sacramento Turtle & Tortoise Club presents a "Turtlerama." Live turtles and tortoises, adoption information, lectures, educational displays. Free. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. (916) 421-1134

### Fire Station 13 open house

Aug. 18: Come visit Fire Station 13 at 1100 43rd Ave., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

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Aug. 22: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

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### Beach Bash

Aug. 25: Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters (Isaiah 55:1). Waterslides, games, Slip-n-Slides, crafts, kiddie pools, food, activities, door prizes. Free community event. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Riverside Wesleyan Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd. (916) 391-9845 www.rwscac.org.

### Fire Station 15 open house

Aug. 25: Come visit Fire Station 15 at 1591 Newborough Dr., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

### Mend-A-Thon

Aug. 25: The Capitol Ballet Company Costume Committee presents a Mend-A-Thon fundraiser from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bring your clothes that need mending, as volunteers will repair them on a donation basis while you wait. Volunteers will repair items such as loose buttons, small tears and simple hems. Bring buttons if you have them. The event will take place at the Arcade Library Community Room, 2443 Marconi Ave.

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Aug. 29: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

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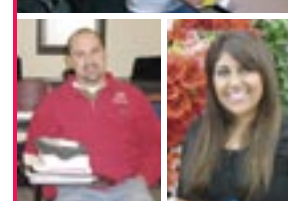
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