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Janey Way Memories:

The Blue Bayou



By **MARTY RELLES**
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When my daughter Vanessa turned 10 years of age, I took her to Disneyland. Nothing extravagant, we drove down to southern California on a Thursday morning. By late afternoon, we reached our accommodation, my brother's house in Bellflower, about 10 miles away from Anaheim.

That night, we visited with my brother Terry and his wife Elaine. Then, next morning,

we got up early and drove to "the happiest place on earth."

It was great. We drove into the park about 9 a.m. found a spot, and parked. Then we got out and walked to the stop for the tram going to the front gate. On the way, the monorail went over us, taking the patrons of the Disneyland Hotel into the park.

Soon, we caught our tram and motored off to the front

gate. There, we bought our tickets and passed through the gate into the park.

What a thrill. First, we walked up Main Street to buy Vanessa her Mickey Mouse ears. Then we strode off to start our adventure. We went on all of the rides: the Matterhorn, the Autopia, the Star Wars ride, the Monorail, the African Jungle Ride, Big Thunder Railroad, and the Pirates of the Caribbean. We had a wonderful time together, but by early evening we were quite hungry.

So, we set off in search of a place to eat. We looked everywhere. All the usual places were full. Then we came upon an upscale little place near the Pirates of the Caribbean ride in Adventure Land called the Blue Bayou. It looked a little pricey, but the line was small. So, I put our name on the waiting list.

Soon, the hostess escorted us to our table. It was exquisite: white table cloth, nice china, silverware, and crystal. What was even more impressive, it was located right by the start of the Pirates of the Caribbean Ride. You could hear the laughter and chatter of the people getting onto the ride. You could feel the mist of the canal that carried the patrons into the ride. It felt like a Caribbean cruise. And the meal was wonderful.

After dinner, we went out to see the Disneyland parade and the end of day fireworks. It was a wonderful and memorable day, one I have never forgotten.

Last week, Vanessa and her husband Ryan took her oldest daughters Gabrielle and Madeline to Disneyland. They drove like we did. However, they stayed at a hotel near Disneyland. On the first morning, they shuttled to the park, bought their passes and went in the front gate.

Just like we had done, they took the girls on all the rides. And, by the end of the day, every one was famished, so they set out in search of a place to eat. What did they find? Eventually, they found the Blue Bayou. Vanessa remembered it, so in they went in.

They had a wonderful time. Vanessa even posted a picture of the girls on Facebook. She noted, "We ate at the Blue Bayou Restaurant where my dad and I ate almost 30 years ago. It was a great memory."

Now, Vanessa, her husband and daughters have a Janey Way memory of their own.



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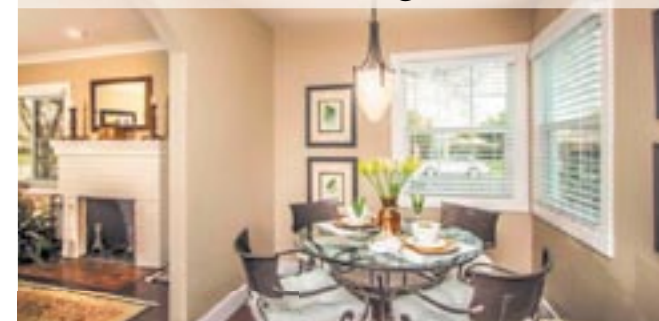
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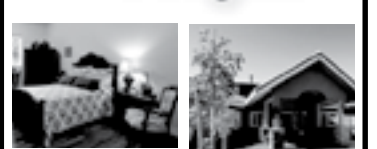


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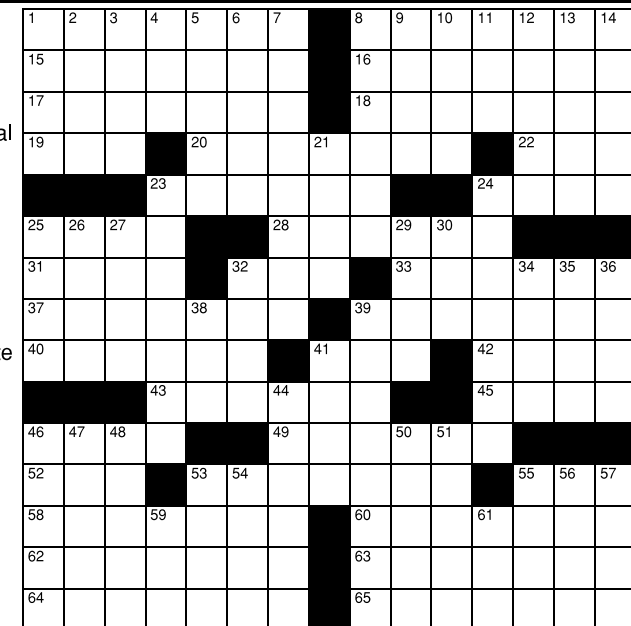
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The Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Old-style road covering
- 8 Rile up
- 15 Reach, as a goal
- 16 1 is one
- 17 Flipped (through)
- 18 Snack bar?
- 19 Pants feature
- 20 Platinumlke metal
- 22 Rehab candidate
- 23 Secure
- 24 Chromosome component
- 25 Messy one
- 28 Hypnotic state
- 31 Klutz's cry
- 32 Buck's partner
- 33 Pincered bug
- 37 Climbing plant
- 39 Throne, so to speak
- 40 Shepherd sitter?
- 41 Action movie prop
- 42 Geometric measure
- 43 Workout target
- 45 Within reach
- 46 Social outing
- 49 Unabridged
- 52 "Days of ___ Lives"
- 53 Pull a ___ (cheat)
- 55 Used to be
- 58 News article
- 60 Word before "shop" or "gun"
- 62 Fill beyond full



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- 63 International alliance
- 64 Ballot caster
- 65 Put in for more

DOWN

- 1 School subj.
- 2 Tylenol target
- 3 Pal
- 4 Ultimate goal
- 5 Ledger entry
- 6 Sidestep
- 7 Go-between
- 8 Chest pain
- 9 Wise advisor
- 10 Mosque leader
- 11 Decimal base
- 12 Came up
- 13 Prey grabber
- 14 Make merry
- 21 Very serious
- 23 Failure to appear
- 24 Apropos
- 25 Puppet material
- 26 Folk wisdom
- 27 Ready for business
- 29 Night sight
- 30 Smartphone feature, briefly
- 32 Big name in PC's
- 34 Became frayed
- 35 Notion
- 36 Toothed wheel
- 38 Fairytale legume
- 39 Purchasing person
- 41 Lady's man
- 44 Evening prayer
- 46 Divine for water
- 47 Hearing-related
- 48 Overused
- 50 Pointless
- 51 Verso's opposite
- 53 Accomplishment
- 54 Sedan or coupe
- 55 Flag waver?
- 56 Pot starter
- 57 Soothsayer
- 59 Facial twitch
- 61 That girl

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Corti Bros. building has had multiple tenants

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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This summer, the 68-year-old Corti Bros. Italian grocery store will celebrate its 45th year of operating in a building at 5810 Folsom Blvd. in East Sacramento. But few people today realize that this structure had an existence prior to that time.

The building was constructed in 1951 to house a supermarket known as Grand View Market.

Associated with that building in its early days was a Grand View Market sign, which is mentioned in the May 19, 1951 edition of The Sacramento Bee as costing \$1,500.

The structure was completed by the fall of that year.

A full-page advertisement for the Grand View Market was featured in The Bee on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1951.

The advertisement mentions the store's then-upcoming grand opening and opportunities for customers to win grand opening prizes. Those prizes included the grand prize of a 1951 model Westinghouse refrigerator and the second prize of a 1951 model Westinghouse washing machine.

Grand View Market opened the following day and offered specials throughout the weekend.

Among those specials were a 10-pound sack of Gold Medal flour for 89 cents, a one-pound can of MJB coffee for 79 cents, a dozen large, Grade B eggs for 64 cents, ground beef for 55 cents per pound, four pounds of Watsonville apples for 25 cents, two pounds of bananas for 25 cents, two medium size avocados for 23 cents, a bundle of broccoli for 17 cents and cucumbers for 2 cents each.

Grand View Market was founded by Joseph C. "Joe" Yee (1901-1979), and the store's original manager was Delbert Mar.

At the time that Joe began operating Grand View Market, he had already estab-



Corti Bros. has been the longest term tenant in this large structure at the southwest corner of 59th Street and Folsom Boulevard. Photo by Lance Armstrong

lished himself as a successful Sacramento grocer.

As early as 1939, Joe, who resided at 1501 W St. with his wife, Rose, was operating Independent Market at 1630 11th St., and another grocery store at 1600 G St.

His grocery experience also included running Grand Central Market at 701 16th St. and Grant Union Drive-In Market at 3700 Rio Linda Blvd. in Del Paso Heights.

Grand View Market's grand opening was held dur-

ing the week beginning with Sunday, Oct. 21, 1951. The store's original hours of operation were 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

A week later, the store once again lowered many of its prices for its "Autumn Festival" sale.

Another feature of the store was its inclusion of Don & Lou's Fountain eatery, where one could purchase a fresh strawberry sundae for 29 cents or a hamburger and milkshake for 55 cents.

Grand View Market made front page news on Nov. 26, 1951, when The Bee reported that 14 clerks and a salesman were locked in a walk-in refrigerator.

The holdup lasted about an hour, and the gun carrying intruder, who had entered the store through a skylight prior to the business's opening, eventually escaped with \$350 in petty cash.

In an update to that hold-up, The Bee reported on

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Corti Bros.:

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Dec. 26, 1951 that the Sacramento Police Department had been notified that James M. Rudolph had admitted to robbing the Grand View Market, as well as Stop-N-Shop market at 6001 14th Ave. on Oct. 24, 1951 and the Fruitridge Manor Pharmacy at 5611 Stockton Blvd. on Nov. 27, 1951.

On Jan. 30, 1954, Grand View Market held a benefit breakfast as a fundraiser for the family of grocer Lawrence E. Hall, who was fatally shot inside his grocery store at 1828 East El Camino Ave. in North Sacramento on Dec. 1, 1953. The breakfast, which cost 50 cents per person and raised \$125, was served by members of Sacramento Boy Scout Troop 1.

It was also in 1954, when Grand View Market offered its customers an opportunity to win a 21-inch Westinghouse deluxe model television set. The winner's name was drawn on March 26, 1954.

The 59th Street and Folsom Boulevard building survived a fire during its early years, as was indicated in the minutes of the city council meeting of June 16, 1955. Included in those minutes were the words: "Communication from Don N. Yee, manager of the Grand View Market, expressing appreciation for the excellent work performed by Chief (Peter F. Mangan, Jr.) and his men during a recent fire at the market was received and ordered filed."

By 1957, Simeon L. Pipkin (1897-1973) and Gladys I. Pipkin (1904-1972) were operating Roy and Gladys' Fountain Lunch restaurant inside Grand View Market.

That eatery was still in business at that site in 1962 when George Quan, Sr. opened George's Food Market.

That market evolved into a location of the Giant Foods chain, which operated during the 1960s and 1970s.

A city building inspector's card, dated Nov. 30, 1962, documents a contract for the construction of a Giant Foods sign at 5810 Folsom Blvd. by Ad-Art

Sign, Inc. (2417 Cormorant Way, Sacramento) at a cost of \$2,500.

At its height, the Giant Foods chain had its East Sacramento location, as well as stores at 5341 Auburn Blvd. in the Foothill Farms area; 5747 Watt Ave. in North Highlands, and 223 D St. in Broderick (a former area of today's West Sacramento).

During the summer of 1970, Corti Bros. moved to its present site, replacing the Giant Foods Market at 5810 Folsom Blvd.

The last existing Giant Foods supermarket – the Broderick store – closed in about 1979. And that store's final owners were Richard H. Quan, George H. Quan, Jr. and Margie D. Quan.

Corti Bros., which began its history at 912-914 8th St. in 1947, relocated to 3195 Folsom Blvd., across the street from Spurgeon's Cleaners and about a block west of Philipp's Bakery, in 1952.

Corti Bros. eventually grew to become a chain of four stores. But today, Corti Bros. has only one location – its East Sacramento store.

In 2008, Corti Bros. was faced with a major dilemma when its building lease ran dry and the store was not offered a new lease.

Furthermore, the building's landlord had made arrangements for the then former, now current Raley's Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Teel to lease the structure.

Teel intended to open the start-up gourmet market, Good Eats, in the building.

But due to the community's love for this popular, historic Italian grocery store, many people in the city rallied to save the store at this location, and Teel and his business partner, Michael Ashker, eventually terminated their plans for the site.

In commenting to The Sacramento Union in September 2008 regarding the large crowd that attended a Sept. 3, 2008 rally in support of his store, Darrell Corti said, "The turnout for our rally was quite heartening, so we must have been doing something well."

As a result of the strong customer support of the store, Corti Bros. was able to renew its lease at its longtime site on March 19, 2009.

And today, the tradition of Corti Bros. lives on, as the store retains many longtime customers while attracting new customers, thus continuing the prosperity of this longtime popular Sacramento business.

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Tahoe Park's community center open again thanks to the YMCA

By MONICA STARK
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Good news keeps getting better in Tahoe Park.

The Central branch of the YMCA has re-opened the Tahoe Park community center after it was closed for about a year. Previously operated by the Tahoe/Colonial Collaborative for 14 years, the center's closure was announced on Dec. 31, 2012 to about 700 neighbors and supporters on the TCC email list.

Now, with a fresh new look, the community center, located at 5959 8th Ave., next door to Tahoe Elementary School, is fantastic. With a nice open space, windows, bright lights, the building has two portable classrooms – one, which is being used for computer classes and after school enrichment, while the other one is a big empty space that will be used for group fitness.

Amanda McCarthy, the Sacramento Service Area District Executive of the Central branch of the YMCA, is a Tahoe Park resident and she spoke with the East Sacramento News on Feb. 19 about the new addition to the neighborhood and the recent open house, which featured a free yoga class, cookies, fruit and an opportunity to speak with staff. "Neighbors stopped by that either heard about the center through social media or they happened to walk by and see balloons and the sign and wander in. About six people participated in the free yoga at 9 a.m., which introduced neighbors to

the new group fitness program. A lot of people hadn't seen the space since it has been renovated. There were a couple of groups that have used the space prior to us. We really cleaned it up, cleared it out and organized it."

Yoga instructor Claudia is also a Tahoe Park resident and has been teaching at the central branch. "When we hired Claudia, it was with the vision of her teaching it in the neighborhood since she lives here." Drop in fees are \$8, but if you buy a pass, or you can purchase an eight class pass for \$40.

Isaac Gonzalez, president of the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association, wrote the East Sacramento News about the recent history the YMCA has had in the neighborhood and why it was chosen to operate the community center. "Having the YMCA manage the community center is huge for the Tahoe Park community and its surrounding neighborhoods. As they have at Tahoe Pool, the YMCA is filling a gap where facilities existed but a mechanism to use them to their full potential does not. The center had not been used properly for years due to dwindling resources. This year alone, the YMCA is investing over \$20,000 to keep the center open with programming options for all age groups.

"The YMCA was chosen to run the community center after proving how successfully they can step up to the plate and restart programming with Tahoe Pool. Talks began in 2013 between SCUSD and the YMCA to draft an agreement which led to where we are today.



Photo by Amanda McCarthy
Lola Hammond and Thomasina Nicholson enjoyed cupcakes at the grand opening celebration of the YMCA's Tahoe Park Community Center.

"Already, people are enjoying the center's Zumba and yoga classes, after-school programming, and computer classes for adults and seniors. But in all honesty, we need to increase resident participation to make this venture viable for all parties. Part of the problem right now is that people are still unaware that the community center is open again, but once the word gets out into the community I'm sure it will be used to its full potential."

To get a picture of what the center has meant to some residents, the following statement was written last year in response to the East Sacramento News article on the closure. Neighbor Alfred Guajardo wrote saying he was saddened to hear that TCC was closing, as this was the very place he learned to use a computer. "As a result, I published *Al the Green Rain Train*, a children's picture book, as the

friendly staff guided, me through the Internet which included, Kelly, Laura, Claudia, and Sara, and yes, I feel saddened that others aren't able to have the same opportunity as I had. A thousand thank yous for positive memories and learning experiences. I shall and will march on with the fuel and knowledge that was given me at Tahoe Colonial Collaborative."

The following is a schedule of classes that are now being offered at the community center, according to current information posted on the website, ymcasuperior-cal.org. (Tip: Search for Tahoe Park.)

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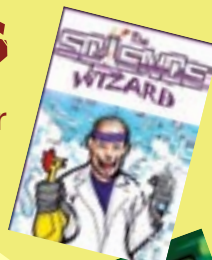
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Sutter Children's Bereavement Art Group is celebrating its 30th anniversary, providing children between the ages of 4 and 17 a safe and creative place in which to express their grief over the death of a loved one. Through this group, which is facilitated by art therapists with extensive backgrounds in childhood grief, children express their thoughts and feelings through a variety of art activities, including drawing and painting.

"We've been able to touch so many lives in the past 30 years," said Peggy Gulshen, board-certified art therapist/marriage and family therapist, CBAG pro-

gram founder and coordinator. "These children, some of whom are now adults, represent the ability not only to survive a significant loss but to thrive as they reinvest in life."

To date, CBAG has provided support to more than 11,500 children and teens, and their families. The program, which began at Sutter Memorial Hospital in 1985, has a rich history of collaborative partners. The program currently is supported through community donations to Sutter Health Philanthropy. CBAG is offered at the Sutter Cancer Center and Sutter Care at Home Roseville Hospice of-

rice. CBAG also broadened its scope in 2005 to include school outreach, offering grief education to school staff and grief sessions on campus to elementary, middle and high schools in the greater Sacramento area.

CBAG will host a private celebration in April where current staff, volunteers, program donors/supporters and CBAG participants and their families will have the chance to reconnect, reminisce and reflect. For more information about the program, call 454-6555. Registration for the anniversary celebration on April 4 is available online, <http://www.checksutterfirst.org/CBAG30>



Rendering of Marc Foster's commissioned McKinley Village piece.

East Sacramento artist Marc Foster awarded McKinley Village public art commission

Editor's Note: The following statement by Marc Foster was first published on the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission website on March 4.

"After an exciting and anticipatory process with Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC) and the development team of McKinley Village, a new neighborhood project in East Sacramento, I received great news in January. My piece entitled La Feuille, or the leaf in French, has been selected as the entry way sculpture for the new development.

"The mirror-polished, steel sculpture will stand approximately 20 feet tall and stretch across roughly 80 feet. I'd like to share a portion of the artist statement for the project to give you all a little perspective on my design.

"As an abstract sculptor, I wanted to start my conceptual approach to this project with an homage to trees; on such a scale that merely in size the piece is an abstraction. The focal points of this piece are two large leaves in mirror-polished stainless steel with elliptical shapes that provide incredible reflection. My intent is to have both tactile and visual experience both of self as well as surroundings.

"As a matter of artistic perspective, I believe in art being interactive and when possible, functional. The mirror polish gives one aspect of artistic digestion for the viewer, but interactive branches that intermittently surface from the earth and a single horizontal leaf bench of polished stainless steel will also surround these emerging leaves. I envision these functioning in continuity with the sculpture and as forms that can be physically experienced."

"Looking forward to a tentative installation date of October 2015. I will continue to update as the process evolves. "Cheers, Marc"

What's in a name:

How East Sac church leaders name their own children



By MICHAEL SAELTZER

Brad Carpenter is a church leader who resides in East Sacramento. He initially contacted me after reading one of the past On the Curbs articles about Requested a smart phone app idea developed by his neighbor Sonny Mayugba. Brad explained that he was starting a new church in East Sacramento, City of Grace Presbyterian. He considered it to be a start up venture and in that respect possibly worthy of a write up.

After some thought and discussion we agreed that the article not so much focus on the startup of a new church in our community, but instead be published as part of a series of articles based on meetings with different spiritual leaders throughout our community focusing on them as neighbors, regular people just like the rest of us. After all, these people are familiar faces in our community, we may run into them at the local coffee shop, the local school, the market, the baseball and soccer games etc. My job then as a reporter would be to not so much focus on comparing or contrasting their religions, or their congregations, or the phase of their development, but instead introduce them to our community through some other commonality, something more personal.

After continued meetings, I discovered that one interesting commonality they shared was the importance that the act of naming plays in both their personal and spiritual lives. One of the spiritual leaders I met with is Native American. Sage's spiritual beliefs and the beliefs of her ancestors obviously stand in contrast to Brad's. But, their beliefs as well as their personal stories both value the process of naming. They both spent considerable time on the subject without my prompting; and, indeed, the importance the act of naming plays for all of them provides an excellent starting point in getting to know them as neighbors, as well as our community's spiritual leaders.

Let's begin then with Brad. When I mention that the process of naming, in this case his children, seems to be a recurrent theme in his particular story, he reminds me that in the Bible one of the first things God does is to name. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." (NIV Gen 1:3). And soon after, "Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name." (NIV Gen 2:19)

Because Brad was raised Christian his entire life one might expect that his children be named traditional Christian names such as John, or Sarah, or Isaac. But, Brad has three children and their names are Flannery (age 7), Asher (age 4), and Story (age 10 months). Now Asher is biblical in that it is the name Jacob gave to his eighth son. But, Brad did not name his child because of this. Brad and his wife Olivia both love literature and story telling and because of this this all of their children are based on literature, or the entirety of story telling itself rather than on the Bible, though they are Christian overtones.

For example, Flannery is a name the Carpenter's decid-

ed upon after having both admired the works of Flannery O'Connor considered by many to be one of the best short story authors of the 20th century and one of the strongest Christian apologetics. An apologetic is a Christian field of theology that tries to present a rational basis for faith. O'Connor was a devout believer whose writing presents the soul's struggle with what she called the "stinking mad shadow of Jesus." Surprisingly, Brad, a pastor, tells me that one of his favorite Flannery O'Connor stories, "A Good Man is Hard to Find", about the gruesome murder of a family on a road trip. Brad's aware that naming a child after an author who in one story uses the scene of a murder to provide a rationale for the faith of Christianity is pretty unusual. But, he also explains that he and Olivia liked the bold provocations of Flannery's style and wanted their first born son to have the freedom of expression associated with the flare and impact of the author.

Asher is a name the Carpenter's came upon while reading a Jewish author, Chiam Potak, an author who wrote "My Name is Asher Lev". In short, the character of Asher is torn between leading a life based largely on the power of art, free expression, and imagination vs. the life of his parents who are Hasidic, entrenched in ritualist behaviors, but whom Asher truly adores. It's very true that Brad and Olivia obviously wanted

their second child, a daughter, to also feel the freedom to express themselves true to their calling, even if that calling be different in ways from others close to them.

But, less obvious, yet still important when understanding who Brad is, is that Brad himself struggled while growing up Christian in his own

household. Like the character of Asher, Brad's beliefs did not conform to all the belief of his family, particularly his father. As Brad became more in tune with his faith he realized in his teens that his faith differed from the faith of his father, a man whom Brad shares an in-

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to provide after-school enrichment classes at the Y's Tahoe Park Community Center (TPCC). Classes will offer after-school programs for elementary school-age youth. Classes are bundled in six-week sessions and will incorporate social activities, skill-building, and recreation. The cost is \$45 per participant and each session will include a healthy snack. Financial assistance is available through the Y-Assist Fund for those who qualify.

On Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m., children ages 9 to 12 can learn about and expand their computer skills with a computer class. The class will provide an introduction to computers, software, and Microsoft Word.

On Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m., children ages 5 to 9 are invited to unlock their inner artists with an art class. The interactive class will focus on creative arts and crafts for kids.

On Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m., children ages 9 to 12 can participate in a movement and recreation class, in which participants will learn about sports and get lots of physical activity.

Parent child:

Parent child classes are offered on Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The fee is \$32 per four-week sessions or for a \$10 drop-in. The class will provide movement, learning and fun. Physical activity will be

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Community computer classes

The YMCA offers adult introduction to computer classes on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The objective is for students to master computer basics and to



Photo by Amanda McCarthy

Shown here are Yoga students, Amanda Levy and Christiana Dominguez, who took part in the grand opening celebration of the YMCA's Tahoe Park Community Center.

learn to identify parts of a computer, effectively use a mouse and keyboard, and gain knowledge of computer vocabulary.

The community center also offers introduction to Microsoft Word and Excel, as it will provide an introduction to and overview of word processing and spreadsheets. For beginners, this 4-week course will offer an opportunity to fa-

miliarize yourself with these programs for personal and professional use.

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CALENDAR

MARCH

Fairytale Town announces the start of its spring, summer fall hours

March 1-Oct. 31: Beginning March 1, Fairytale Town will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the spring, summer and fall seasons, weather permitting. Weekday admission is \$4.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Weekend admission is \$5.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

Planning for the inevitable

March 19: A 25-minute presentation on why everyone should pre-plan funeral arrangements. Eliminate stress and relieve your family of the burden, know all available choices, get what you want, ensure every detail is covered, and save money. Free lunch provided. Free of charge; class will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. Pre-registration is required. For more details, call 393-9026 ext. 330, www.accssv.org. Dr.

Sutter Children's Center Wellness Festival to be held at Fairytale Town

March 21: From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., enjoy fun games, free play, gardening activities, health screenings and more at this free celebration of active and healthy living. Sutter's medical personnel will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on healthy childhood development. Admission is free thanks to a generous grant from Sutter Children's Center, Sacramento. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

Clay art with Maggie Jimenez at Ella K. McClatchy Library (Language School Age (6-12))

March 21: Clay face mask workshop with noted artist Maggie Jimenez. Maggie will help kids make the masks and will fire them and bring them back to the branch for each child when they are finished. Registration is required for the 10 slots. Children should be between the age of 7-12. The fun starts at 2 p.m. Ella K. McClatchy Library is located at 2112 22nd St.

Woodland bird watching at Deer Creek

March 21: The beauty of Spring-time can be both seen and heard through the many bird species that call Deer Creek Hills home. Join Sacramento Valley Conservancy's Volunteer Docents for Woodland Bird watching from 7 to 11 a.m. A 4 1/2 mile walk overland on non-

trail surfaces to key birding locations can be expected. Frequent stops to observe the busy activity of foragers and soaring bird species is a part of this guided outing. White-breasted Nuthatch will be busy as it gleams the limbs and trunks of the trees for insects under the Blue Oak canopy. Wood Peckers, Loggerhead Shrike and Red-tailed Hawk's nest can be spotted on this outing. Hushed tones, walking and stopping are the best ways to bird watch in the Oak Woodland. Wear "quiet" warm, muted earth-tone colors, sturdy boots for uneven surfaces. Cotton or wool fabrics are considered "quiet" and work great! Birding scopes, binoculars and/or cameras, are highly recommended for any birding outing. What: Blue Oak Woodland Birding Where: Deer Creek Hills Preserve; Who: All ages; Cost: \$10. Register online: www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp

Deer Creek guided equestrian ride

March 21: The Sacramento Valley Conservancy invites you to experience the partnership of horse and rider at Deer Creek Hills for a guided Equestrian ride from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Experience the quiet atmosphere of distant bird calls, the rustle of the tall grass, the creaking of your saddle as you cross a creek and the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting the Sacramento Valley Conservancy's mission statement. All public outings are Docent lead, traveling this working cattle ranch. Approximate ride time, two and a half hours. Ride through open country over a variety of terrain, including water crossings, climbing and descending hills. Horses should be accustomed to riding in groups and in open fields. Most groups are from ten to twenty people in size, and travel at a walk. You must provide your own horse for this ride. Ride is appropriate for ages 16 and older. Cost for the guided ride is \$20.

Walk4Water

March 22: Join Faith Presbyterian Church for their second annual Walk4Water at 10:30 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. The walks begins

Historian Bill Burg to discuss East Sac history and our trolley car system

On March 31, East Sacramento Preservation presents historian William Burg at 6 p.m. at the Clunie Clubhouse, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Bill will discuss our local history, and focus on the trolley car system that ran

through East Sacramento. Should we get it back? Guaranteed raffle winners, including three copies of Bill's Sacramento history books. The event will include snacks, fun and it's all free of charge.

at Faith Church, 625 Florin Road for a two-mile round-trip walk to Cabana Club South private swimming pool, 6615 Gloria Dr. Walkers will experience what it is like for most people in developing nations around the globe to fetch water every day. They will carry an empty water container one mile and fill it up at the pool and return to the church and empty their load into the courtyard fountain. Bring a container of any size. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children accompanied by an adult. All donations benefit the Faith Church sponsored World Vision Abaya Ethiopia Area Development Program clean water projects. The goal is \$10,000 and Faith Church will match \$5,000 which will provide one clean water source for a village in remote Abaya, Ethiopia. This will also be a time to learn about water awareness and the hardships most people globally are challenged with each day in acquiring safe, clean water. In light of our current drought and water shortage in California, this will bring a greater appreciation for every drop of water we use.

Kung Fu, Tai Chi and Lion Dance Demonstrations by Eastern Ways Martial Arts

March 22: See demonstrations of kung fu, tai chi and lion dancing by Eastern Ways Martial Arts, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the central branch of the Sacramento Public Library, 828 I St.

Free ukulele workshop at Ohana Dance

March 24: Ohana Dance Group is inviting youth of all ages to attend a free Ukulele workshop at 6235 Belleau Wood Lane Suite 1B in South Land Park, led by Saichi Kawahara of San Francisco. Call 808-782-2583 to sign up. Class starts at 2 p.m. Every Monday, a free Hawaiian language workgroup meets at 6235 Belleau Wood Lane Suite 1B

in South Land Park to learn about the Hawaiian language. Everyone is welcome. Call 808-782-2483 to sign up.

Music at noon free concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 25: Bring your lunch and enjoy fine music. This week there will be music featuring classical Guitarist Gordon Rowland and Friends. Westminster Presbyterian Church is located at 1300 N St.

Join the Food Literacy Center and Sacramento Public Library for "Terra Firma."

March 25: Celebrate Women's History Month and women's roles in the food movement this March at a free community screening of "Terra Firma." Doors open 5 p.m. at the Central branch of the library inside the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 828 I St. This event is free, but requires RSVP. Event is subject to capacity and availability. The film follows three female veterans as they transition back into civilian life, finding solace in farming, which also gives them a new way to serve their country by growing food

for their communities. The event is part of the Food Literacy Center's Sacramento Food Film Festival, which runs March 18 to 29 at a variety of locations around Sacramento. This pioneering nonprofit has partnered with Sacramento Public Library, Farm to Fork, U.C. Davis, The World Food Center, and the Sacramento Food System Collaborative to celebrate female veterans and farmers with a night of camaraderie and discussion. The event will feature: 5 p.m.: Reception featuring appetizers made by female chefs with beverages provided by female brewers, wine-makers and coffee roasters. 6:15 p.m.: Film screening, 7:45 p.m.: Panel discussion with Sonia Kendrick, one of the stars of the film, and others.

Art Beast - Summer Birds - Butterfly Discoveries at McClatchy (Family/All Ages)

March 28: Celebrate Women's History Month with Art Beast! Starting at 2 p.m., there will be a reading of "Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Meridian," which tells the story of one of the earliest and most influential naturalists. After listening to this story, children will make their own butterfly art. Ella K. McClatchy Library is located at 2112 22nd St.

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Brad:

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tense love and loyalty. The realization of the distinction between his father's type of Christianity and his own, was grief ridden but in the end acceptable to both.

Perhaps most compelling is the naming of their youngest child Story. While in seminary studies Brad again felt the torque of a spiritual clash forming within himself. At the time he was being taught to preach using an outline with a particular form and function almost a cookie cutter type of approach. But as you may discern by now Brad loves narrative, and the powers of spontaneous story telling and Brad clarifies to me that the way he has come to view his life is that he is not the author of his own story and his destiny is not in his hands. being Christian Brad believes Jesus is the ultimate author, and Brad's destiny as an individual lies in His hands. Furthermore, to understand this is to understand why our lives take dramatic turns, and take us to places we would not chose. And, in the case of Brad, Olivia and Story, their story would indeed take an unexpected twist.

When Story was developing Olivia and Brad found out that she had complications, complications that are still to a large degree not understood. Story's skeletal system is not developing in the same way as ours do. And, the outcome of this is still a mystery. The doctors we able to discover the developmental issues even before Story was born, but after Brad and Olivia had landed upon her name. In fact, with Story the name had come to Brad in the middle of the night while asleep. Suddenly he awoke and the name Story was in his head loud and clear so much so that he immediately woke Olivia and told her that he had been awoken with a name for their child. And, as Brad tells it, the exact moment the doctors informed them of Story's

unexpected condition, they both simultaneously realized the significance of her naming. Story was indeed a grace that had come into their lives as part of a tale far deeper and more complex than they could ever comprehend. A story that continues to unwind itself in a very beautiful and loving way. For when Brad speaks of Story, one can sense the importance of faith in his life, his compelling feelings, and the path he and his family are on together right here in our community and on the curbs of East Sacramento.



Brad and Olivia Carpenter's children Flannery (right), Asher (left), and Story (bottom). Photo credit: Sarah Dawson

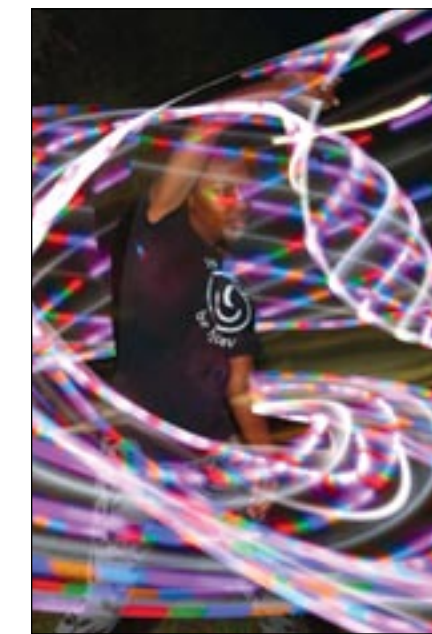
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Faces and Places:

Community flow jam at McKinley Park

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY
photosbycrowley@yahoo.com

Colors caught on camera: About a dozen folks came to McKinley Park on Saturday, Feb. 21 for a community flow jam as the sun set. With glowing hula hoops and other glow-in-the-dark toys, the folks have a great time each month as they watch colors spiral from their finger tips out into the air. Everyone is welcome to these monthly gatherings held each third Saturday of the month. Details on the group can be found at www.SacramentoHoopDance.com/community. The monthly jams will lead up to the third annual Sacramento Community Spin Fest, scheduled for Oct. 17; location to be determined.



Kiwanis Club hosts the 28th annual pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt

On Saturday, April 4, the Kiwanis Club will host the 28th annual pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt at the Clunie Community Center, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and includes unlimited pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee for the adults. Price for breakfast is \$6 for adults and children are \$4. The morning's events also include carnival games and face painting for the children. Tickets for games and painting are 50 cents.

The following is the schedule for the free Easter egg hunt
Ages 0-1 start at 9:30 a.m.; ages 1-2 start at 9:45 a.m.; ages 3-4 start at 10 a.m.; ages 5-6 start at 10:15 a.m.; ages 7-8 start at 10:30 a.m.; and, ages 9-10 start at 10:45 a.m.

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