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## St. Francis High, Sacramento arts communities mourn loss of artist, teacher Kathy Carlisle

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With 2,000 handmade origami cranes, tributes of art and testimony and the powerful sounds of Taiko drums, hundreds of mourners from the St. Francis High School and Sacramento arts communities celebrated the life of the late Kathryn M. Carlisle on Saturday, Dec. 15. A memorial service for students and faculty was also held on Monday, Dec. 10.

Known to her friends as Kathy, she was a much-beloved teacher at St. Francis. She died while taking photographs for a school project on the railroad tracks across the street from the high school on Dec. 8. Carlisle was taking images of an on-coming train, when she was struck from behind by a second train. She was 52.

It is possible Carlisle was taking the photos for an upcoming project on the Holocaust. She was in discussions just days before with Holocaust survivors about the trains that took Jews and other "undesirables" to the death camps. Carlisle was passionate about using art to promote issues of social justice.

At the Celebration of Life Ceremony, Liz Irga, Central Valley Holocaust Education Network, said the last time she spoke with Carlisle, they talked about the trains. "The trains that took people to the (death) camps. And we spoke about the people who ran those trains. I will always wonder if it was that conversation that led to her being there on those tracks," Irga said.

Every year since her arrival at St. Francis in 2008, she taught a unit on the Shoah — the Holocaust. She was deeply committed to the Central Valley Holocaust Education Network. Her students interviewed survivors of that horror, then created works that embodied the lives of those people in a contemporary way, speaking to today's generations.

The exhibits won many awards, including a scholarship for Carlisle to study the Holocaust at the 2012 Memorial Library Summer Seminar on Holocaust Education.

Carlisle grew up in Detroit during the 1960s. As a young girl, she saw tanks going down the streets of her city. As an adult, she dedicated her life — and her gifts in the arts and in teaching — to shining light on the darkest things in life. She wanted to use her artistic gifts, especially, to bring issues of justice to the forefront.

As a teenager, she would spend afternoons at the Detroit Institute of Art, studying artists. At age 16, she was accepted into a summer art program at the prestigious Parsons School of Design in New York City. She was educated at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago before earning a B.A. in Arts Education and later an M.A. in Drawing and Ceramic Sculpture from CSUS.

Carlisle began teaching at Sacramento High School as an artist in residence, where she developed a cross-cultural art curriculum. Through a grant from the Neighborhood Arts Program of SMAC, she also worked with pediatric oncology patients from the UC Davis Medical Center.

Carlisle also had a great love of Japanese drumming and culture, and was an original member of the Sacramento Taiko Dan. Founding members



Photo courtesy St. Francis High School, Johnathan V. Comer  
Kathy Carlisle taught visual arts and digital photography at St. Francis High School. She was struck and killed by a train on Dec. 8.

of Taiko Dan re-assembled to perform at her Celebration of Life service.

Carlisle was known for her huge heart, eclectic style, and sharp sense of humor. She was passionate about gatherings with family and friends, and empowering students to learn through art.

This passion for life was shared and returned by her many friends and family — and especially by the students, staff and faculty at St. Francis High School. In the wake of her passing, the school did something remarkable: all final exams for the semester were cancelled. Instead, the school community members gathered to console one another. Students created works of art in Carlisle's memory, using her favorite colors: pink and orange.

At the Celebration of Life, Kendall Spector, a junior at St. Francis and teacher's assistant to Carlisle relayed a message from her to family and friends: "Mrs. Carlisle always told us, 'I can hardly wait for each of you girls to graduate, so I can see the amazing things you will do in the world. Each of you is full of color, and the world needs you. Because the world is gray, it needs the color you will bring to it.'"

Margo Reid Brown, president, St. Francis High School, said Carlisle was a "unique, colorful and passionate part" of each of their lives.

"Forever, we will be grateful for her presence in our lives. As a community of faith, we know Kathy was our gift...We trust in the Lord to lift our sister Kathy to everlasting life with Him," Reid Brown said.

Carlisle is survived by her husband Steven Jarvis, her children Will, Bianca, and Violet, who is a freshman at St. Francis; and her mother, Sandy Carlisle of Brighton, Michigan.

A scholarship fund has been established. The Kathy Carlisle Scholarship will be awarded annually to a current student at St. Francis High School who demonstrates a passion and commitment to the arts that were so much a part of Carlisle's life. Donations can be made via the St. Francis High School website at www.stfrancishs.org.

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Mercedeez Trujillo.

I am 5 years old. I live with my mommy, my grand parents and my aunts and uncles. I have a big family. My grandpa works all the time and a lot to pay my aunt's school and bills at home. Sometimes we don't have enough money to buy enough food, so my grandma goes to the church to get food. But sometimes it's not that good.

Santa, I wanted to ask you if you can help me to buy food to make sandwiches and tuna and lots of lemons to make lemon water. Also if you can help me with sock and sweaters to be warm at night because we don't heater at my house. Also books so that my mommy can read to me at night and I can dream with the princesses. And please don't forget my grandpa Guillermo. He needs boots for work and a jacket to keep him warm.

Thank you Santa.

Sincerely, Mercedeez Trujillo  
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Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I would like to have a nice Christmas. I made some cookies for you when you come. Can you please bring me, Perplexus, Barbie doll, book so I can read, Sims game for DS.

Thank you.  
Love, Brea



Dear Santa,

I hope you had a good year. I have been a good boy this year. I know you have a lot of delivering to do. Santa may you please bring me, Perplexus, books so I can read, a Lego castle, the movie Madagascar 3.

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## McKinley Playground Rebuild Update: Design Day set for Friday, Jan. 11

The City of Sacramento sent out an email blast concerning updates to the McKinley Playground rebuild effort. According to the report, a Design Day Community Meeting and unveiling of the preliminary design for the McKinley Playground will be Jan. 11 from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Clunie Community Center, Grand Hall, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

According to the report, on that morning, the Play by Design designer and select committee members will visit local elementary schools where they will interview children to gather ideas for their dream playground. The designer will then spend the afternoon developing a schematic design. Instead of an off-the-shelf playground that could exist anywhere, committee members will build "a one-of-a-kind experience that reflects our town, the East Sacramento neighborhood, and the dreams of the children who play on it."

The day will end with an evening public meeting to unveil the custom playground design to children, parents, and the general community.

Participating in design day from start to finish can be an opportunity for children to learn how the design process works and ultimately see the

product of their work when the playground is built June 4- June 9.

### More from the City report:

#### What happens after Design Day?

The Play by Design team will take all of the input received and go back to come up with a final design that will be given to the Rebuild Steering Committee along with a materials list. That is when the real work begins for the Committee as it is then up to them to obtain materials, donations, volunteer labor, etc.

#### Steering Committee Looking to Expand

Be a part of something special by joining the Rebuild McKinley Steering Committee. Over the next six months, we will be working industriously to rebuild the playground in time for Summer 2013.

The following subcommittees are in need of assistance:

**Tools and Materials:** This committee will contact businesses to seek and track donations, arrange for de-

livery of materials, and set up and man the materials trailer through the build.

**Fundraising:** This committee will design, order and sell t-shirts, create donation levels and solicit corporate and small business donations, log contributions, create recognition signage and a plaque.

**Food Committee:** We will feed approximately 200 people in 30 minutes at noon and 5 p.m. each day. The Committee will contact local restaurants, churches, PTAs and households to have meals donated; gather needed drinks, water, snacks and organize the meals.

**Child Care:** This committee will arrange for location for childcare, obtain donations of craft items and services to entertain kids, determine age of children to care for and schedule adults to assist with childcare.

**Children's Committee:** This committee will network with schools and preschools to get kids involved prior to and during the Build. During the Build, there will be a child construction area near the work site where children under 10 years old can "work" on the playground - soaping screws, etc.

**Volunteer Recruitment:** This committee will take every available oppor-

tunity to recruit people to help with the build, including attending community events, contacting service organizations, churches, business, etc."

To get involved, contact [mckinleyplayground1213@gmail.com](mailto:mckinleyplayground1213@gmail.com) or call Steve Swindel at 457-2772.

#### Community Build Date set for June 4 through June 9

Please mark your calendars for the community build to take place Tuesday, June 4 through Sunday, June 9. This will probably be the biggest community build event that you will participate in your lifetime and one of the most rewarding experiences! Come out to help for a few hours or a few days. Tools and guidance will be provided. From construction, to helping with childcare, to serving the volunteers food --there is a job for everyone! Sign up to help with the Rebuild McKinley Build.

#### Buy a Brick or Bench

Friends of East Sacramento (FOES) are helping to raise funds by selling benches and commemorative bricks to be placed in the playground area. Installation will take place when the playground is rebuilt. FOES representatives will be present in the lobby of Clunie Community Center during the Design Day Community meeting to take your order.

## A Classical Revolution brings chamber music to the masses

### Theodore Judah Elementary music program was recent fundraiser beneficiary

By MONICA STARK  
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A grassroots movement is turning cafes, clothing boutiques and street art festivals into lowbrow chamber music venues. Called a Classical Revolution, this group of volunteer musicians meet and sight-read pieces together all in an effort to provide more exposure of classical music and gain younger listeners and fans.

East Sacramento resident Skye Bergen organizes the seven-month-old chapter. While the group performs mainly in midtown, the musicians hail from all over Sacramento. Many are professional musicians with advanced degrees, and some are currently college students. Many play in multiple bands, ensembles, and orchestras.

They are also the hardest working musicians Bergen has ever met.

With works by Bach to Phillip Glass to Popper to Björk, to local composers, Bergen said she believes the experts should be allowed to play what they know.

"All the musicians in the group are the experts and therefore they should have control over what they want to perform," she said. For every show, Bergen asks for a volunteer to be a lead musician.

One of the musicians in Classical Revolution, Holly Harrison (also a member of Be Brave Bold Robot), is a general music teacher at Theodore Judah and is starting an orchestra of her own this year. Her program is funded entirely by the PTA: they get no support from the district (other than the use of the music library) or any other outside organization. Many of the students cannot afford to rent instruments so Holly has managed to get some instruments from the school district but none of them have bows.

So, Bows and Arrows, located at 19th and S St. in midtown, put on a fundraiser on Nov. 27 called "Bows for Bows" to support Theodore Judah elementary school's budding instrumentalists are desperately in need of funds for bows to go with their district instruments and for other supplies such as music books, music stands, rosin, shoulder rests, and all of the

other accessories needed to keep a string orchestra going.

Several local musicians and bands featuring string players volunteered their time to play in the benefit: Be Brave Bold Robot (folk rock), The Sweet By and By (bluegrass), and, of course, musicians from Classical Revolution. Student musicians were also featured.

Founded six years ago at Revolution Café in the Mission District of San Francisco, Classical Revolution presented more than 700 chamber music events in more than 90 Bay Area venues with the goal of bringing live chamber music to neighborhoods. The Classical Revolution model has spread around the world, with nearly 30 active chapters around the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Sacramento is one of the most recent chapters to be established.

Named after the Revolution Café, the founder began putting on chamber jams there. Bergen said a chamber jam is where a bunch of musicians show up and sight-read pieces together. She said that really caught on and thus the name was born.

Locally, Bergen said audience response has been very good, the shows are often standing room only. In fact, she said the turnout at Bows and Arrows was so large that they invited the group back for a monthly gig.

"It's actually a perfect space-beer and wine, great food, coffee, great space, great art, great people, great location. We couldn't have asked for a better monthly home," she said.

The musicians have also performed at Shady Coffee & Tea in Roseville, Insight Coffee, and Luna's Café.

"We are steadily building a following, which is outstanding. I do worry though that the musicians aren't getting compensated enough for it. They know it's volunteer, but we really need more people coming out to support the musicians and to show that support with their wallets," she said.

While Bergen acknowledges the point is basically outreach and exposure she also wishes they could get a little more out of it -- at least enough for the gas that they used to get to the venue.

"They have dedicated their lives to a beautiful art form, and while Classical Revolution is helping to gain an audience that respects them, they deserve to be compensated for their efforts. I want this to happen because I would like to see this continue," she said.

There are many musicians in the group and all are volunteers.

#### Here are a few of the ones who play the most often:

Tim Stanly - cello  
Cathie Apple- flute  
Jennifer Reason- piano  
Jia-mo Chen- cello  
George Hayes- violin  
Rei Luu- violin  
Casey Lipka- upright bass  
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Holly Harrison- violin  
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Members of Classical Revolution at a previous chamber jam.

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East Lawn Memorial Park's historic neon clock near the entrance gates of the cemetery is one of the city's more recognized landmarks.

## East Lawn Memorial Park receives prestigious national award

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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*Editor's Note: This is part one in a series about the rich history of and associated with East Sacramento's award-winning East Lawn Memorial Park.*

Thousands of cemeteries are located in the United States, including East Sacramento's East Lawn Memorial Park. And although this cemetery is locally famous, its notoriety recently became more widespread in this country through its reception of a prestigious award.

East Lawn Memorial Park, which is located at 4300 Folsom Blvd., as well as East Lawn Elk Grove Memorial Park at 5757 Greenback Lane in Sacramento and East Lawn Sierra Hills Memorial Park at 9189 E. Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove, was selected as the winner of the 2012

American Cemetery Excellence Award.

This annual award, which debuted last year, is a national award that is presented by *American Cemetery*, a monthly, independent trade magazine for cemetery owners and managers and others associated with this field.

The criteria for the award were community involvement, grounds maintenance, innovation, cemetery performance and exemplary team spirit.

In announcing its selection of East Lawn as this year's winner of the award, Kate-Boylston Publications, which publishes *American Cemetery*, released the following statement: "From its beginnings in 1904 as a small country farm, East Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries has grown to become an integral part of its Sacramento, Calif. community. At the heart of it all is East Lawn Memorial Park, adorned with majestic redwoods, beautiful architecture and lush greenery at every turn. Its 40 acres offer serenity and solitude away from the hectic city life, just minutes away. Yet East Lawn is more than just a pretty place - it's a place where history comes alive, community involvement is celebrated and high standards of performance, integrity and compassion are practiced day in and day out. It's easy to understand why East Lawn

was the perfect choice for the 2012 ACE Award."

Thomas A. Parmalee, executive director of Kate-Boylston Publications, described some of the notable features of East Lawn in relation to the award.

"There are so many cemeteries that are doing great things to serve their communities, and East Lawn is certainly among them," Parmalee said. "We were very impressed by its work in honoring those who have died from Alzheimer's, its numerous outreach efforts and the support it gives and draws from the community. We were not surprised to learn that most of East Lawn's employees make a career out of working there, because the cemetery has relied on some great staff to accomplish so much."

When considering that California is alone home to hundreds of cemeteries, one can perhaps better put into perspective how great of an honor it is to receive a national cemetery award.

Alan Fisher, president of East Lawn Memorial Park, focused on the topic of "working as a team" after being asked to comment about the selection of East Lawn as the winner of the award.

"We are all very honored by this award," Fisher said. "It is truly a team accomplishment and each of my teammates, regardless of position in the company,

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## Cemetery: Fisher, an integral part of East Lawn's success

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has contributed in special ways to our accomplishments. It's wonderful for all of us to have received this recognition."

Certainly, as its president, Fisher is an integral part of East Lawn Memorial Park and its success.

Fisher's employment history at East Lawn began in 1989. However, his connection to the cemetery dates back to his childhood in the mid-1960s.

One of his two childhood memories of this cemetery that he recalls relates to when he delivered copies of the city's daily morning newspaper, *The Sacramento Union* with his longtime best friend, Mark Fox.

"I had a friend (Mark) whose dad owned Fox Camper Sales at 65th (Street) and 4th Avenue and he and I have been buddies since diapers," Fisher said. "I remember he had a *Union* paper route. I can still remember getting up at the crack of dawn, because that was the morning edition. His paper route was here in East Sac. I would sleep overnight at his house and I would go on the paper route with him. We were about 10 years old at the time and we would ride our bikes. I remember delivering the newspaper to East Lawn and sticking it through the gate. It was kind of dark and we were kind of looking through the gate. Yeah, that's a memory I have is coming down Folsom (Boulevard) and putting (papers) through the gate (at East Lawn)."

And in sharing his second early memory of this East Sacramento cemetery, Fisher said, "I remember the (cemetery's iconic, neon) clock as a little boy. I remember my parents (Albert and Evelyn Fisher) taking me to lunch at the Rosemount Grill (at 3145 Folsom Blvd.). So, we'd drive down Folsom Boulevard (past the cemetery and its clock)."

While growing up in south Sacramento, Fisher was involved in Cubs Scouts and Boy Scouts and he finished one rank away from the Boy



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Shown left to right are East Lawn Memorial Park's Alan Fisher, president, Claudia Hernandez Taylor, family service counselor, and Craig Peterson, park manager.

Scouts' highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Fisher said that his father, who worked as a mechanical engineer at McClellan Air Force Base from about 1950 to about 1980, served as a great inspiration for him in his life.

"There are a few different ways that my dad's life influenced me," Fisher said. "He always wanted to be a pilot. He loved airplanes, but he ended up with rheumatoid arthritis, so he was not able to fly. He wanted to fly commercially. His life took a turn, but flying has always been in his heart. I guess it's just a matter of my

And with a group of Peter Lassen students, he sang at different places around the city, including at the state Capitol. On one special oc-

caison, the group performed in Hawaii.


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# Cemetery: Fisher has worked at East Lawn for 23 years

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dad just blooming where you're planted and just being able to make the best out of an unpleasant situation."

And with that example, Fisher became inspired to make the most of his life no matter what obstacles stand in the way.

As for his own work history, after graduating with a degree in accounting at Sacramento State University in 1983, he began working as an auditor for Crocker National Bank.

He was later employed by Capitol Bank of Commerce (later known as Capitol Bank, Sacramento) in its accounting department. The bank eventually hired him as its chief financial officer.

Fisher said that it was through his business connection with Carl Hansen of the Crystal Cream and Butter Co. that he began working at East Lawn.

"(Hansen) came to work here at East Lawn as the human resources director and he and I kept in touch," Fisher said. "He called me and he said, 'Hey, Alan, East Lawn is looking for

a controller. You might want to come and talk to them."

In recognizing that he was ready for a change in employment, Fisher contacted East Lawn and was soon afterward interviewed and hired for the position.

In 1993, four years after he began working for East Lawn, Fisher became involved in marketing, business development and advanced planning for the cemetery.

And in about 2002, Fisher became involved in operations for the business, and he continued working in this role until replacing Ed Johnson as East Lawn's president in 2005.

Today, Fisher balances his time between his work at East Lawn and his family life with his responsibilities as the stake president of eight local Mormon church congregations and keeping fit with a regular exercise program, which he said led him to a very notable accomplishment.

"I climbed Half Dome not that long ago," Fisher said. "I'm afraid of heights, so overcoming my (fear) of heights



Photo by Lance Armstrong  
Sacramento native Alan Fisher has served as the president of East Lawn Memorial Park since 2005. Altogether, he has been working at the cemetery for 23 years.

and getting my body in the shape that I could participate in something like that was really a good thing."

And adding to his already very active life, Fisher, who along with

his wife, Liz, has four children and nine grandchildren, recently agreed to serve on the local board of directors for the Boys Scouts of America.

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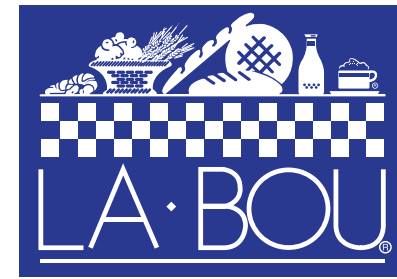
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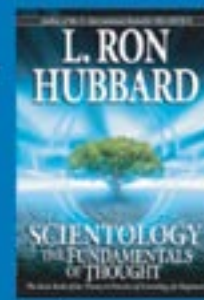
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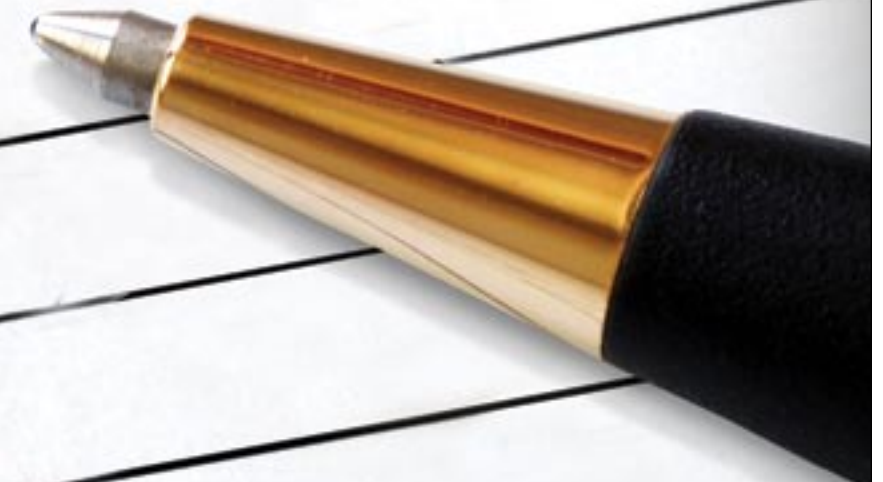
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# Another Janey Way Christmas to Remember

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Back in 1955, Walt Disney aired a series of prime time television shows chronicling the life and times of Davy Crockett, the famous American frontiersman, Indian fighter, U.S. Congressman and adventurer. During his lifetime Crockett helped push the American frontier from Tennessee where he was born to Texas where he ultimately died in the Battle of the Alamo.

These shows, featuring Fess Parker as Davy, were so popular that the Disney Company decided to capitalize on them by marketing Davy Crockett themed products like raccoon skin caps, musket rifles, coats and toy knives. This gear proved immensely popular. Every kid had to have it.

So, on Christmas day, that year, when my brother Terry and I opened our Christmas presents we each found a Davy Crockett raccoon skin cap with tail hanging off the

back side and an authentic toy musket. Wow! We couldn't wait to go out and show our friends. So off we went out the door dressed in our new regalia.

However, much to our surprise, virtually every boy on the block received the same presents we did. Some of them even had authentic Davy Crockett buck-skin jackets. Our parents must have did their Christmas shopping together that year. No matter, off we went into the pit (the vacated sand and

gravel site behind the houses on the east side of Janey Way) to fight Indians, build forts and engage in epic battles against the infamous Mexican General Santa Ana whose forces killed Davy Crockett and others at the Battle of the Alamo. Mom and dad could hardly get us to come home for Christmas dinner. But eventually, we came home and piled into the car to go to Grandma Petta's house for dinner.

Later that week, we wore our Davy Crockett caps and carried our muskets with us when we went to our Christmas tree fort in the vacant lot, just down the street from our house, in the event of a skirmish with the O Street boys. Nothing ever materialized, but our toy muskets gave us a sense of security. Just like Davy Crockett, we were ready for a "fight" no matter what happened. We were "kings of the wild frontier."



Eventually, though, the Davy Crockett fad came to an end. Then, our precious caps and muskets found their way to a place somewhere in the back of our closet, and we went on to other pursuits like building wooden scooters, playing roller derby in the halls of Phoebe Hurst School, or shooting hoops on the court behind St. Mary's Church. Now, the Christmas when we played at being American hero Davy Crockett, is just another exciting and somewhat whimsical Janey Way memory.

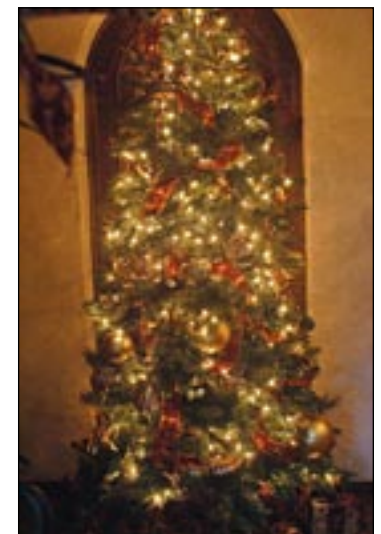
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Brian has more than 25 years experience as an auctioneer and appraiser. He has also been a guest appraiser on the PBS TV program, "Antiques Roadshow" for the past 16 years. Cost is \$10 per item or 3 items for \$25. (You may bring up to three items/photos per person.) All proceeds go toward the restoration of the Clunie Community Center. To reserve a time slot, email friendsfeastsac@aol.com

The following is a quick Q and A The East Sacramento News did with Witherell.

### Tell me about your love for antiques, how it became your profession and why you are participating in the East Sac Appraisal Day?

I was fortunate to have been raised in a family business that I happened to enjoy. The hunt and discovery of lost treasure has always been the overwhelming draw for me. So, in addition to raising money for a worthy cause, we are hoping to discover something rare and exceptional at the East Sacramento Appraisal Day.

### Is East Sac Appraisal Day an annual event or is this the first time it's been held?

We jumped at the opportunity to participate in this inaugural event and hope to be involved for years to come. While our business is located in midtown our personal lives are invested in East Sacramento. Our children attend school in East Sac and we are regular visitors to the McKinley Park Library and run in the park.

### Tell me about people's reactions you get to antiques you've appraised.

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### What has it been like being on "Antiques Roadshow"?

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**ONGOING:**  
**Iron Steaks to donate to Society for the Blind**

Now to Jan. 15: Iron Steaks will be donating a portion of their profits to the Sacramento Society for the Blind. This donation will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Iron's live music Saturdays. Bill Taylor, the owner of Iron Restaurant, is excited to be expanding their upstairs for live music events. The plan is to have a "Cotton Club" atmosphere, with dinner and live music every other Saturday. The kick-off for these events will be on New Year's Eve with the Sacramento favorite classic rock band Cin-

ema 7. Iron Steaks is located at 2422 13th St., 13th and Broadway. For more information, call 737-5115.

**Need An End-of-Year Write Off?**  
The Casa Garden Restaurant was established in 1974 to provide financial support to the children of the Sacramento Children's Home. Today they're fulfilling the same mission, and in the same place! But, 38 years later, they are in need of capital improvements such as painting, new carpets, and kitchen fixtures. Consider making a charitable donation to the Casa Garden Restaurant before the end of the year and help them with improvements and help with your taxes. Please note "capital improvements" on your check so your donation is applied correctly. Checks should be sent to: Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd. Sacramento, 95820

**The Camellia Symphony now accepts vehicle donations**

If you have a vehicle you'd like to donate to support CSO, call 320-0476 to get the process started. Not only is a vehicle donation a great way to support classical music in your community, but it may also provide you with a tax deduction. http://www.camelliasymphony.org/sponsor/vehicle-donation/

**Old Sacramento Theatre of Lights**  
Theatre of Lights continues through the holiday season with two 20-minute light shows at 6:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 23 with special Monday shows at 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Christmas Eve show will only be at 6:15 p.m. New Year's Eve will feature Theatre of Lights as an important piece of the overall fireworks spectacular with shows running later in the evening at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**Chautauqua Children's Theatre presents its Christmas production 'Reindeer Revolution'**  
Playing every Saturday at noon and 2 p.m. Now through Dec. 22. Tickets are \$7 all ages and can be purchased by calling 489-7529 or by emailing: tickets@cplayhouse.org 5235 Engle Rd. Ste. 110. Carmichael.

## DECEMBER

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
Dec. 20: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**East Sac Rotary**  
Dec. 19: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacroty.com.

**Low-cost pet spay/neuter appointments available**  
Jan. 19: Pet owners in Sacramento and Yolo Counties can request an appointment to have their pets spayed or neutered at a deep discount thanks to the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition. Spay Day Sacramento 2013 kicks off at 7 a.m. as appointment application opens. Pet owners can request an appointment online at www.sacanimal.org. Families in Sacramento and Yolo Counties with an annual household income of \$35,000 per year or less are eligible. Applicants can have up to two cats or dogs spayed or neutered on Spay Day, Sunday March 3, 2013, for just \$15 per cat and \$20 per

dog. Each animal receives approximately \$250 worth of services, including microchip identification, vaccinations and flea preventive. Cash payment is required at time of appointment. Spay/neuter surgeries will take place on or around March 3 at participating veterinary clinics and animal shelters in Sacramento and Yolo Counties. SAAC volunteers will call applicants beginning the week of February 2 to schedule appointments. Appointments are required and can be requested starting on January 19 by filling out an application at www.sacanimal.org.

**Teen game fun planned Dec. 20 at Arcade Library**  
Dec. 20: The Sacramento Public Library is challenging teens for an afternoon of gaming fun at 4 p.m., Thursday, December 20, at its Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. New games are available each month, with occasional tournaments for prizes. Grab a controller for free play, fight to the top of the leaderboard, or just grab a snack and watch the action. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

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## Depression Glass and Pottery Collecting program at Sacramento's Central Library

Dec. 20: Don't throw out your grandmother's wine glasses — begin collecting today! Continue the tradition, or develop your own style in glassware, china or pottery at the Sacramento Public Library's Depression Glass and Pottery Collecting program, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. International Depression Glass Club members will share their expertise about Depression glass and pottery collecting. Attendees are encouraged to bring their collectibles to the library event for identification. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

Dec. 21: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

## Animal shelter highlighted at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Dec. 21: Gina Knepp, Sacramento's Front Street Shelter director will explain what an animal shelter is and why we need shelters at a special program at 3:30 p.m., 7335 Gloria Dr. Each child attending will receive an activity book related to the class to take home. The program is for kids, ages 6 to 10, and parents are also encouraged to join the fun. Registration is required by telephoning the Sacramento Public Library at 264-2920 or visiting www.saclibrary.org.

## Decorated bike ride starting at the Coffee Garden

Dec. 22: Cruise through Curtis Park with the Christmas Season Bicycle Ride Cruise. Decorate your bike and wear a holiday costume for a chance to win prizes. Cruise through Curtis Park and enjoy the holiday lights, two stops for hot apple cider or chocolate, come early to enjoy the party! Celebrate the holiday, raise funds and bring toys to benefit the Tubman House. Starts at The Coffee Garden, located at 2904 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento. Contest for the following categories: Best Decorated (Peoples Choice), Most Lights, Best Overall Costume and Decorated Bike, Best Kids Bike. Prizes, food and entertainment. Take your picture with Santa

Clause and Snoopy. Bring an unwrapped toy for donation. Party starts at 2 p.m., ride goes from 6 to 8 p.m. 457-5507.

## Free admission day at Fairytale Town

Dec. 24: On Christmas Eve, Fairytale Town gives the gift of free admission to visiting guests from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Dec. 25: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

## East Sac Rotary

Dec. 26: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 27: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## All Saints Concerts

Jan. 27: There will be an organ recital by Dr. Ryan Enright at 4 p.m. at 2076 Sutterville Rd. Childcare will be provided and overflow parking is available across from Sutterville Road at City College. Reception to follow.

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

Dec. 28: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

## Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders

Dec. 28: Kwanzaa performance at Crocker at 2 p.m. Big Dreams Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960.) Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

## Congregation B'Nai Israel's sustainability committee sponsors e-waste collection

Dec. 30: Free public collection event to dispose of your electronic waste, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. E-waste will be safely and properly recycled and some of the proceeds will benefit the Downtown Food Closet. Examples of accepted items: Computers, monitors, printer, TV, VCR, ink and toner cartridge. Not Accepted: All types of lighting, household batteries, car batteries, paint, mercury containing devices, appliances, universal waste, non-electronic waste. Attention Businesses-- For a special pick up, call 310-734-6700, www.neuwaste.com

## Book, CD, and DVD 'swap meet' at Sacramento's Central Library

Dec. 30: The Sacramento Public Library is inviting the public to trade their books, CDs and DVDs and meet other reading, music and movie lovers during a free social gathering from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular

Dec. 31: Come one, come all to the 13th annual New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular in Old Sacramento between 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. With two stunning -- and free -- fireworks shows at 9 p.m. and midnight, guests will enjoy twists, turns and heart pounding visual inspiration choreographed to music. Free. 808-7777 or www.nyesacramento.com

## JANUARY

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## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

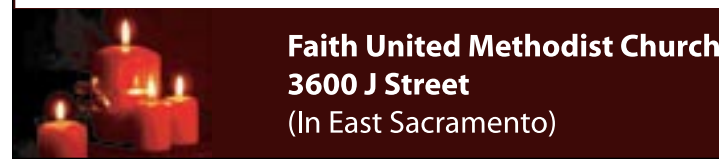
Jan. 1: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

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