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## The incredible, artistical egg

Egg artists Diana Macias, Alice Cameron, and BJ Gothmann recently met in Land Park to show and create more egg art -- and, yes, they use real eggs. Members of the International Egg Artist Guild will be teaching showing and selling all things related to this delicate art form at the group's annual gathering, this year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds will benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children. For more about creating art from ostrich, emu, goose and duck eggs, see page 19.



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Eva Clayton, beloved Crocker kindergarten teacher, was passionate in her hunt for wildflowers and high country hikes.

## A natural story of true friendship All about Land Park's dogwoods

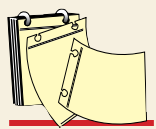
By Earl Rogers  
THE LAND PARK NEWS

How did three dogwood trees come to be planted in William Land Park as a memorial to Eva Clayton? Who was Eva Clayton, and what can we learn about her? The Crocker Riverside Elementary School, the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Midtown Sacramento, and Daisy Mah, are all strands of the story.

Let us begin with Daisy Mah, a soft-spoken, diminutive, dark-haired woman who

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## Community project

Workmen put the finishing touches on brickwork for California Middle School's new sign at 1600 Vallejo Way -- a project that brought the school and Land Park Community Association together. 'We wanted to maintain the traditional look of the neighborhood,' explained Principal Elizabeth Vigil, 'to tie the marquee into the look of the building.' The project was spearheaded by parent John Wheeler and the school's PTSA, with much-appreciated design and architecture advice, and a donation, from the community association -- and further funds donated by Councilman Rob Fong. 'We love the addition,' said Vigil, noting that the community can now stay informed of school activities with a sign that respects the neighborhood's ambiance.



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# Camp Fire land acquired

In a continuing mission to preserve open space and create new outdoor recreational opportunities, the Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks recently acquired 10 acres of natural habitat within River Bend Park.

The private property was purchased in September from the Camp Fire U.S.A. youth organization. A January 2009 Board of Supervisors resolution proclaimed that the site will be known as the "Camp Fire Day Camp Site"

to recognize the exemplary service of Camp Fire USA Sacramento Sierra Council, the staff and many volunteers who enhanced the lives of youth in the greater Sacramento area.

As part of the purchase agreement, the property will be used to provide organized, natural outdoor experiences for youths and families. The county will seek grants to improve the facilities for use by Parks, 4-H, and other youth organizations.

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Egg artists from all over will gather their creations the weekend of March 7 and 8 at the Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, just north of Cal Expo, for the Northern California Egg Artists 2009 Show and Sale. Proceeds benefit the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Sacramento.

Local and international egg artists will be attending, teaching seminars, selling egg art and supplies. For a \$5 admission, guests will be able to participate in hands on projects, meet artists, purchase decorated eggs and supplies.

At a recent art session in Land Park, experienced egg artists Diana Macias, Alice Cameron, and B.J. Gothmann demonstrated the process. It's exacting, delicate work, and the shell lends itself to painting, pencil, decoupage, beading, wiring, sculpting, jewelling and carving. Expect the unexpected when an experienced "egger" creates. Some eggs are outfitted with lights and moving parts, appealing to the ear with music boxes, bells and waterfalls.

Northern California Egg Artists meet each month on second Wednesdays, alternating meetings between Benicia and Sacramento, where they meet at 10 a.m. at the Crossroads Christian Church, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks.

For more information, see the website [www.norcaleggart.org](http://www.norcaleggart.org).

PHOTOS BY

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Eggs created by Diana Macias, Alice Cameron, and BJ Gothmann, members of the International Egg Artist Guild.



(left) Diana Macias used an ostrich egg to create a jeweled crown. (right) An egg chess set.

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# Dogwoods

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works for the City Parks Department.

An unobtrusive and behind-the-scenes-kind of person, Mah has guided the planting of trees and flowers and shrubs in portions of William Land Park for the past 25 years. She studied art at Sacramento City College and horticulture at American River College. An example of her work that combines those two personal interests is showcased in a rock garden of drought-tolerant plants and shrubs adjacent to the Land Park amphitheater.

### Seminal thoughts

In the back of her mind, Mah envisioned a small grove of dogwood trees flowering somewhere in Land Park, but dogwoods grow better in the foothills than in the valley and besides her budget was lean and money was scarce for these projects.

Not far from William Land Park where Mah's ideas take root is the Crocker Elementary School on Riverside Boulevard. This is the school where Eva Clayton taught kindergarten for three decades to several generations of children.

"They loved her" says Nora Meadows, Clayton's niece. "When the children grew up and became parents they wanted to send their own kids to Eva's kindergarten class."

She made visors and other items from pieces of felt for handouts in her class and kept a bag of Tootsie Rolls for rewarding the kids who could swing the farthest on the playground rings. Around her Midtown apartment she had a well deserved reputation for sweeping sidewalks and planting flowers. Daisy Mah lived in the same neighborhood, and with a common interest in flowers she and Clayton struck up a friendship.

### Living naturally

Eva Clayton was not only a well loved kindergarten teacher and planter of neighborhood flowers, but also an intrepid backpacker and hiker in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains and a self-taught expert on wildflowers.

During the summer months she would disappear into the

mountains with friends whose company she enjoyed on those high country excursions. Clayton was a woman of medium stature, 5-foot, 6-inches at the most, but lean and hardy with a surprising amount of endurance. She carried easily her 40-pound backpack stuffed with a tent, a sleeping bag, food and clothing for a week and, not incidentally, a four-pound encyclopedia of wildflowers.

Hunting wildflowers became her passion. Searching in the forested lowlands and wind swept granite outcroppings in the thin atmosphere above timberline, she knew where to find the rarest of plants -- like the pale lavender polemonium, commonly called Sky Pilot, which grows on rocky ledg-



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A memorial service for Eva Clayton took place last fall near the young dogwood trees. Daisy Mah, the city Parks Department employee who created her memorial, is the shortest woman in center of this photo, but her friendship looms large, still, in the grove.



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# Mayor takes city to task for its previous 'wild spending,' current deficit

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Property tax revenue has plummeted. Sales tax revenue is on a downward spiral, down from a projected \$53 million to \$47 million. A 23 percent decline in new vehicle sales has slashed the city's take of the license fee by a similar figure.

Making matters worse is the protracted impasse between the state's leaders on the state budget. Top that off with our region being the epicenter of the national foreclosure crisis, and you can begin to understand why the city is grappling with its

worst budget deficit challenge in a generation. Services to the East Sacramento neighborhood are on the chopping block.

### Budget disappointments

It didn't have to be this way. Many other cities in California aren't facing the same struggles. Just a couple hours south, Fresno -- a city with similar population in our same valley -- has a budget surplus.

The reason: Fresno took its budget bull by the horns before the economy went south. It put aside a reserve. It prioritized what mattered to its citizens. As I write this, Fresno's mayor and council are debating what to do



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with a budget surplus. The likely result will be greater efforts to keep the community's streets safe, and a cushion to protect against a continued downturn in the economy.

That's exactly the type of discussion I would like to have with the council in Sacramento. But, unfortunately, the debate we're having is entirely different.

In January, I proposed an outside review by the nation's top municipal finance firm of our city government. The initial diagnosis was offered for free -- an amazing opportunity. Then, if efficiencies would be found, the city would pay the firm half of the realized savings. For example, if they found \$500,000 in savings that were realized by the city, then they would get half. In other words, there would be zero net cost to the city.

Unfortunately, that proposal was voted down. The major-

ity on the council have delayed action, meaning no savings from an audit could be realized for this fiscal year. I am hopeful that this proposal will be resurrected.

### 'Wildly overspending'

As we head into the heat of the budget debate, some say they want a "full-service" city. In good times, they'd be right: our city should be able to provide a full-range of services to all our residents, particularly those who need them most.

And, unfortunately, the absence of urgency on their part has led to our city wildly overspending. In the last few months, we've spent more than \$250,000 to count the city's trees and hundreds of thousands for what the city's own press release called "state of the art" cat housing.

I'm not against either of those projects -- in good times.

But these are extraordinary times. Sacramento families are losing their jobs, their homes, and their savings.

That's why we have to make difficult decisions. And those who tout wanting a "full-service" city know that simply means deep cuts across the board, particularly in public safety.

### Safety priority

My priority is simple: I believe the core function of city government is to keep our citizens safe. That means more police on the streets, not less. It means fire stations that are open are ready to save lives and property instead of being idled one or two days a week. It means having a city with a fully engaged economic development team instead of a skeletal crew that won't be able to compete with our neighbors.

During the next few months, I will be fighting for these priorities.

We face some extremely challenging days ahead. In the coming months, we will need to develop a plan to balance the fiscal year 2010 budget. That will require a series of painful cuts to our programs and services, as well as layoffs that may run as high as 400 to 500 city workers.

I do not look forward to the difficult choices ahead. However, I am committed to providing the leadership required to navigate this crisis.

### Mayoral access

That begins by listening to you. Each month, I hold office hours across the city so you don't need to trudge to City Hall. I also appear online on News 10 every Wednesday, either at 11 a.m. or 5 p.m., to take your questions online; I also take questions on KFBK radio every Wednesday at 3 p.m..

We are all in this together, however. All of us, every citizen and every city worker, will be asked to make sacrifices. That's why your creativity and ingenuity are essential. (Have an idea to make our government work better? E-mail me at mayor@cityofsacramento.org.)

As a third generation Sacramentan, I know our city has faced difficult times before. As we have done in the past, we will emerge from this crisis stronger than ever.



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es between 10,000 and 14,000 foot elevation.

She carried a camera and sketch pad on those excursions into the back country. She would sketch the surrounding peaks and lakes and snowfields or maybe she would make a rough drawing of her companions crossing a divide. She brought those sketches home and turned them into surprisingly fine water color paintings.

### A stroke, a friend

A native of Sacramento, Clayton grew up in Oak Park, the third youngest of 10 siblings. Her father was an attorney and state law librarian. She attended Humboldt State College and eventually returned to Sacramento to follow her career in teaching, but never married.

A number of years ago she suffered a stroke that required her to enter an assisted living facility. Her friend Daisy Mah adopted her cat and often went to visit her. Over the years, Clayton had accumulated a great knowledge of California's flora and fauna. It was fitting when Clayton died in April 2008 at the age of 85 that Mah's thoughts would return to dogwood trees as a memorial.

Two things were needed: trees adapted to Sacramento and money to pay for them.

One phone call netted a sponsor, Bill Bethell, who for years had been a Clayton friend and hiking companion. He agreed to donate funds for the trees to Gifts to Share, a local group supporting Sacramento Parks. This non-profit organization located a strain of dogwoods for Mah that grows well in the Sacramento valley climate and elevation.

Her mission was accomplished.

### Spring remembrance

The trees were planted in a shady place adjacent to the sidewalk on the south side of a lake in Land Park with an island at the east end. There is space there for a bench to be donated by the family. When they bloom this spring and for countless springs in the future, the dogwood trees will show their white flowers as a kind of gift to kindergarten children of all generations.

A memorial service was held on a Saturday afternoon last November with sunshine highlighting the young dogwood trees and a small display of Clayton's art work. A prayer was delivered by Rev. Kelly Love, Clayton's grandniece, while mountaineering friends from the old days gathered there to reflect on her world of mountain trails and granite peaks and vast fields of wild flowers.

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Inside environments

## Making your home 'green' can be done without exotic expenses

Environmentally-friendly design, also known as "green design," is gaining popularity. Builders, architects, designers and other residential professionals recognize this trend and the fact it's growing more quickly than ever.

While the concept of going green or green design often entails methods of home design that can be costly, do know that not all "green" home improvement options are that extensive or expensive. Many eco-friendly, low cost strategies can be easily incorporated into a home's design.

### What 'green' means

Green design is about the environment ... our environ-

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Why not select renewable materials that are grown and harvested for use due to their ability for continued growth such as bamboo (25 percent harder than oak) and cork?

ment: Minimizing our impact (carbon footprint) and preserving natural resources that have limited renewable capabilities.

Unfortunately, many of the materials that we favor in our homes are from non-renewable resources such as stone (marble, granite) and wood materials. Quarries are slowly being exhausted and many species of wood are being cut when the tree is smaller in order to meet the demand.

Why not select renewable materials that are grown and harvested for use due to their ability for continued growth such as bamboo (25 percent harder than oak) and cork? Additionally, cotton, silk and

wool are renewable materials that continue to grow after harvesting.

### Inside tips

To reduce the use of water, replace old faucets with faucets that have economizing features that utilize the same water pressure while using less water. Don't forget to check the showerheads. Purchase CFL (compact fluorescent light bulbs) that are longer lasting and reduce "urban glow." Purchase new appliances that reduce noise pollution. Make certain that you unplug your appliances when not in use or use a "smart" power strip that cuts power when it senses they are not in use.

To improve the air quality and reduce the air pollution, use paint and finishes that are water-based instead of oil-based. If possible, avoid products that contain more glues and adhesives than other ingredients.

Try making your own non-toxic cleaning products. By using a few simple ingredients, you not only save money, you improve your indoor air quality.

### More alternatives

Consider alternative energies such as solar lighting and heating. Make certain the heat and cool air loss is kept to a minimum by the use of proper insulation methods. You will be amazed at the difference just weather-proofing your home will make. Weather-proof around your doors and windows, the attic and exterior walls. Save energy and save money by setting your thermostat a few degrees lower in winter and higher in the summer months.

Since vehicles are a major cause of air pollution, choose locally made products to reduce the impact traffic has on the environment.

By making a few conscious eco-friendly choices about the improvement of the inside and outside of our home, we will have made a positive impact on our global environment.

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Laws, bills and props

## Keeping tabs on the newest laws—local and beyond—concerning real estate

### New rules.

This article summarizes many of the new federal and state laws affecting the real estate industry this year, as well as 2008 emergency legislation that went into effect immediately.



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### Eminent Domain

(From Proposition 99, passed June 3, 2008)

Responding to *Kelo vs. City of New London* -- where private property taken by eminent domain was turned over to another private person for a development project -- Californians passed Proposition 99. Under this new law, government agencies cannot take owner-occupied residences by eminent domain to transfer to a private person except for certain very limited exceptions.

These exceptions include protecting public health and safety; preventing serious, repeated criminal activity; and responding to an emergency.

### Landlord/Tenant

(AB 2052 effective Sept. 27, 2008 to Jan. 2, 2012)

### Victim of Domestic Violence and Termination of Tenancy

This law authorizes a tenant to notify the landlord in writing that he/she or a household

member was a victim of an act of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and intends to terminate the tenancy. It requires the tenant to attach a copy of a specified report to the notice.

The tenant is not responsible for any rent following 30 days from the date of the notice. The notice to terminate the tenancy must be given within 60 days of date the order was issued or the report was made, or as specified.

### Identity Theft

### The 'Red Flag Rule' Final Rule

### Identity Theft Transactions Act of 2008

(effective Nov. 11, 2008 for compliance)

Under the Red Flags Rule, financial institutions and creditors (includes mortgage loan brokers) must develop a written program that identifies, detects and responds to the relevant warning signs -- or "red flags" -- of identity

theft. Examples include unusual account activity, fraud alerts on a consumer report, or attempted use of suspicious account application documents.

### Public Pools and Spas

S. 1771 effective Dec. 19, 2008

This new federal law requires new and existing public pools and spas to be equipped with anti-entrapment drain devices. The law applies to multi-family apartment complexes and not individual homes. A willful violation of the drain cover standard could result in signifi-

cant criminal penalties, including fines or imprisonment.

California rules for single family homes: New or remodel pool or spa permits require similar anti entrapment grates and two suction drains. Check with your city building department for details

### Fire "safe zone"

SB 1595 (effective Jan. 1, 2009)

### Revised Owner/Tenant Responsibilities in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones/State Responsibility Areas

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## Woodall

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structure in a forest, brush or grass-covered area within a very high fire hazard severity zone or state responsibility area must maintain a defensible space no greater than 100 feet from each side of the structure, but not beyond the property line unless required by state or local regulation, or under certain circumstances an insurance company.

### Home Owners' Associations Solar Energy

**AB 1892, 2180; (effective Jan. 1, 2009)**

Any governing document of a homeowners association that effectively prohibits or restricts the installation or use of a solar energy system is void and unenforceable. Reasonable restrictions are permissible.

### Notification of a Notice of Default (SB 1511 effective Jan. 1, 2009)

This law permits a homeowner's association to request that it be notified of the recording of a notice of default and to receive a copy of any

trustee's deed after the trustee's sale for property it has an interest in.

### Amended Written Notice Re: Assessments and Foreclosure (AB 2846 effective Jan. 1, 2009)

This law amends existing HOA's notice provisions to also include a statement notifying members that an owner may pay under protest any disputed charge owed to the association and by doing so specifically reserve the right to contest the disputed sum in court or otherwise.

The owner may also pay the disputed amount and other costs levied under protest and file an action in small claims court to recover them. Nothing in the section added by this law impedes an association's ability to collect delinquent assessments.

### Landlord/Tenant AB 2949 (effective Jan. 1, 2009)

Landlords/REO Lenders and Abandoned Animals: This law requires a person or private entity that discovers an abandoned animal in or about the premises of real property that

has been vacated due to a lease termination or foreclosure of the property to immediately contact animal control for the purpose of retrieval and care. (Note: This law impacts banks with REO properties and their real estate agents.)

### Real Estate Agent Advertising (SB 1461; effective July 1, 2009)

This law requires a real estate licensee to disclose his or her DRE license number on solicitation materials such as business cards, stationery and advertising fliers when acting as an agent. It excludes advertising in print or electronic media, for sale signs, and certain rental advertisements.

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## Drain after every rain

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District reminds the public to “drain after every rain” to prevent mosquitoes.

Wet weather followed by warm temperatures creates an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, so it becomes necessary to have good water management practices around the house.

“We’re starting to see many mosquitoes now,” said David Brown, District Manager. “Mosquitoes that have been resting all winter are coming out ready to bite and begin their cycle.”

With the recent rains, the district urges all residents to inspect their homes and drain any standing water from household containers such as buckets, cans, flower pots and old tires that might be in their back yard.

“Swimming pools and common backyard sources such as piles of garbage or old tires pose major problems for us,” Brown said. He encourages anyone who knows of a vacant home that has been neglected to contact the district.

To report a neglected swimming pool or other mosquito breeding problems, call 1-800-429-1022 or fill out a service request online at [www.FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://www.FIGHTtheBITE.net)

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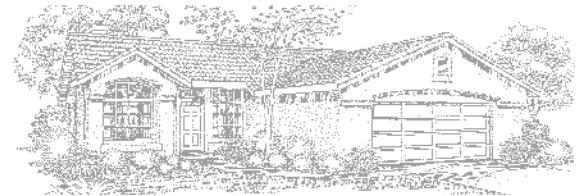
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South Beach Dr .Riverlake..... SOLD  
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## FEB. 27

### Youth Symphony performs

Join the Sacramento Youth Symphony's Premier Orchestra for an afternoon of peace, passion and tranquility, featuring the works of Brahms, Borodin, and the world premiere of Greek composer George Roumanis' "Symphonic Meditations," 7:30 p.m., Mondavi Center, UC Davis. Tickets, \$35 adults, \$20 children, seniors, students, available at [www.mondaviarts.org](http://www.mondaviarts.org). Information at [www.sacys.org](http://www.sacys.org).

## FEB. 28

### Lawn alternatives

UC Cooperative Extension information on planting edibles or ornamentals in place of a lawn, 9 a.m., Fair Oaks Horticulture Center, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. Free. Information at UC Cooperative Extension, 875-6913. In case of rain, call 875-6818 to hear a recorded message.

### Sac High athletics crab feed

Sacramento High School Athletic Boosters Club crab feed, 3 to 7 p.m., school commons area, 2315 34th St. All you can eat crab, salad, pasta and rolls; silent auction and desserts. Tickets, \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, from Michele Woodson, 813-1850 or Coach Gatling, 275-9570.

### Button Bazaar 2009

Sacramento Button Club's annual Button Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Carmichael Park Community Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave. Cost, \$2. Vintage buttons are smaller antiques and collectibles; contemporary collectible and studio art buttons also available. Information on the website: <http://home.comcast.net/~ButtonBazaar/Show.html>.

### Pancakes and car wash

All you can eat pancake breakfast and carwash, Didion Elementary School, 6490 Harmon Drive. Pancakes from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Carwash from 8 a.m. to noon is a fund-raiser for the 2010 eighth grade Catalina trip. Cost, \$5. Information from the school at 433-5039 or Tay Ducey, 428-5392.

### E-waste fund-raiser for Waldorf

John Morse Waldorf Methods School collects electronic waste, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1901 60th Ave. Items accepted are TVs, monitors, computers, microwaves, audio and video equipments, cell phones, telephone equipment and more. Information at 866-335-3373 or see the website: [www.NoEwaste.com](http://www.NoEwaste.com).

## FEB. 28, MARCH 1

### Camellia Show turns 85

The 85th Annual Camellia Show opens today from 3 to 6 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 16th and J

streets. Blooms may be entered from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Free, open to the public. Information from Don Emitter, 967-8420, or Gary Shan, 447-1969.

### Plant sales benefit charities

Robert Hamm, garden columnist, sells a wide range of hardy perennials for the area, many that are new, rare or hard to find here, with more than 200 varieties of perennials from starters to gallons, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., behind The Gifted Gardener, 18th and J streets. Sales benefit local AIDS charities such as Sunburst Projects. For more information, contact Hamm at 923-3745.

## MARCH 3

### Wine social at the Casa

Wine social, Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, raises funds for Sacramento Children's Home and features hors d'oeuvres, entrée choices of chicken in filo and Thai noodle salad with shrimp, and dessert, 11:30 a.m. Tickets, \$16, include tax and tip. Prepayment and reservations are required at 452-2809.

## MARCH 4

### Living with Loss

Mercy General Hospital begins a free, five-week workshop on Living with Loss -- of a loved one, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through April 8. Registration required at 453-4552.

## MARCH 5 TO 8

### Sac Synchs host tourney

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## MARCH 7

### Crab feed for El Camino

El Camino Booster Club's sixth annual Crab Feed Fund-raiser, 6:30 p.m., Mnsgr. Higgins Hall at Presentation School, 3100 Norris Ave. Raffle and live and silent auctions. Ticket, \$45, includes food with crab or chicken, beverages and entertainment; proceeds go to fund major upgrades to the gymnasium. Phone 971-7444 for more information.

### Family photos needed

Fairytale Town celebrates 50 years with "Faces & Places of Sacramento" photo collection. Sacramentans invited to bring family photos and souvenir items from throughout the 50-year history of Fairytale Town; photos will be copied, preserved and archived. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive. Admission free for those bringing materials for the archive. Contact the Center for Sacramento History, 264-7072, for a reservation time; walk-ins are welcome. For more information see [www.sacramentoarchives.org](http://www.sacramentoarchives.org).

### Jensen Garden workday

Volunteer Friends of Jensen Botanical Garden workday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Charles C. Jensen Botanic Garden, 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch or beverage. More information from Tracy Kerth at 485-5322 x 23 or e-mail: [tracy@carichaelpark.com](mailto:tracy@carichaelpark.com).

### East Sac pancake breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 8, East Sacramento, hosts a pancake breakfast fund-raiser to pay for troop equipment and summer camp, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., River Life Church, 4401 A St. Tickets, \$5, buy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee ad juice. Buy tickets at the

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Free workshop to learn about the many ways to light your home while improving its look, feel and energy efficiency, 6 to 8:30 p.m., SMUD Customer Service Center, 6301 S St., Rubicon Meeting Room. Class size is limited, pre-registration required online at [smud.org](http://smud.org), e-mail [etcmail@smud.org](mailto:etcmail@smud.org), or call 732-6738.

## MARCH 13

### All about geranium care

Carmichael Geranium Society meets, 10 a.m., Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., for a geranium workshop featuring "ABC's of Geranium Care." Visitors welcome. More information at the website: [www.thegeraniumpage.com](http://www.thegeraniumpage.com).

## MARCH 14

### Teachers Fight the Bite

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District workshop for local educators to learn more about mosquitoes and West Nile virus, then transition this knowledge into fun classroom

activities, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Esquire IMAX Theatre, 1211 K St. Free. Register at [www.fightthebite.net](http://www.fightthebite.net).

## MARCH 14, 15

### Master Singers turn 25

Sacramento Master Singers celebrate their 25th anniversary with "Sing On 'Till I Am Filled With Joy"-- works that highlight the choir's past, rejoice in the present, and look toward the future, 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, First United Methodist Church, 21st and J streets. Tickets, \$18, available online at [www.mastersingers.org](http://www.mastersingers.org), by phone at 788-7464, or 30 minutes before each concert at the door.

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# Inside and Outside Land Park

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The Spring Food Festival returns Sunday, March 15, to the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd.

Hosted by the Adult Buddhist Association and Buddhist Women's Association, the festival means sampling Japanese dishes such as maki, inari and chirashi sushi, udon, salads and sandwiches, and pastries.

The church brags it has the best teriyaki chicken in town – though notes it's a claim that is disputed by every other Japanese church in Sacramento and the Bay Area. Teriyaki chicken is the soy-ginger flavored barbecue chicken that is served in all Japanese restaurants.

"Nonetheless," according to a church press release, "our grilled chicken is cooked in a traditional yakitori

(grilled chicken) fashion over a charcoal grill and is marinated while cooking. It does not have that dark caramel glaze that is often added afterwards at most Japanese restaurants."

They stand behind their udon, however. The udon is for the "purist" who wants to sample authentic Japanese country-style cooking, they say. "Only a few churches challenge us when we say that ours is best. That's because our udon is basically what you will find when traveling throughout Japan."

The festival begins at 10:30 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m., or until the food runs out.

All proceeds fund the Adult Buddhist Association and the Buddhist Women's Association.

For more information, phone 446-0121.

## Christian Bros. raising funds

"Set Sail for Asia" is the theme as Christian Brothers High School hosts its annual charity auction at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 21.

Food and silent and live auctions are planned to raise funds for the school's tuition assistance program. Tickets are \$75 per person if purchased before March 3, \$90 per person if purchased after March 3, or \$700 for a table of 10.

Tickets may be purchased in the school's main office, or online. "Golden Raffle" tickets are on sale for \$100 per ticket (limited to 200 tickets). The winner will have his/her choice of any live auction item.

Visit the auction website at <http://cbhs-sacramento.maestroweb.com> to preview live and silent auction items, purchase "Golden Raffle" tickets, place absentee bids, purchase event tickets, and make donations.

For more information, please contact Sally Sylvania or Elizabeth Belme at 733-3605.

## Sam Brannan gathers e-waste

Sam Brannan Middle School's drummers and musicians are organizing an e-waste drive and parking lot sale as a fund-raiser for the orchestra and band's journey in May to the Southern California Forum Music Festival.

Electronic devices will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the school, 5301 Elmer Way. E-waste and other items that can be recycled include computer monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook PCs, VCRs, stereos, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDSs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, video game consoles, printers/copiers, lasers, scanners, fax machines and small kitchen appliances such as blenders, mixers and toasters.

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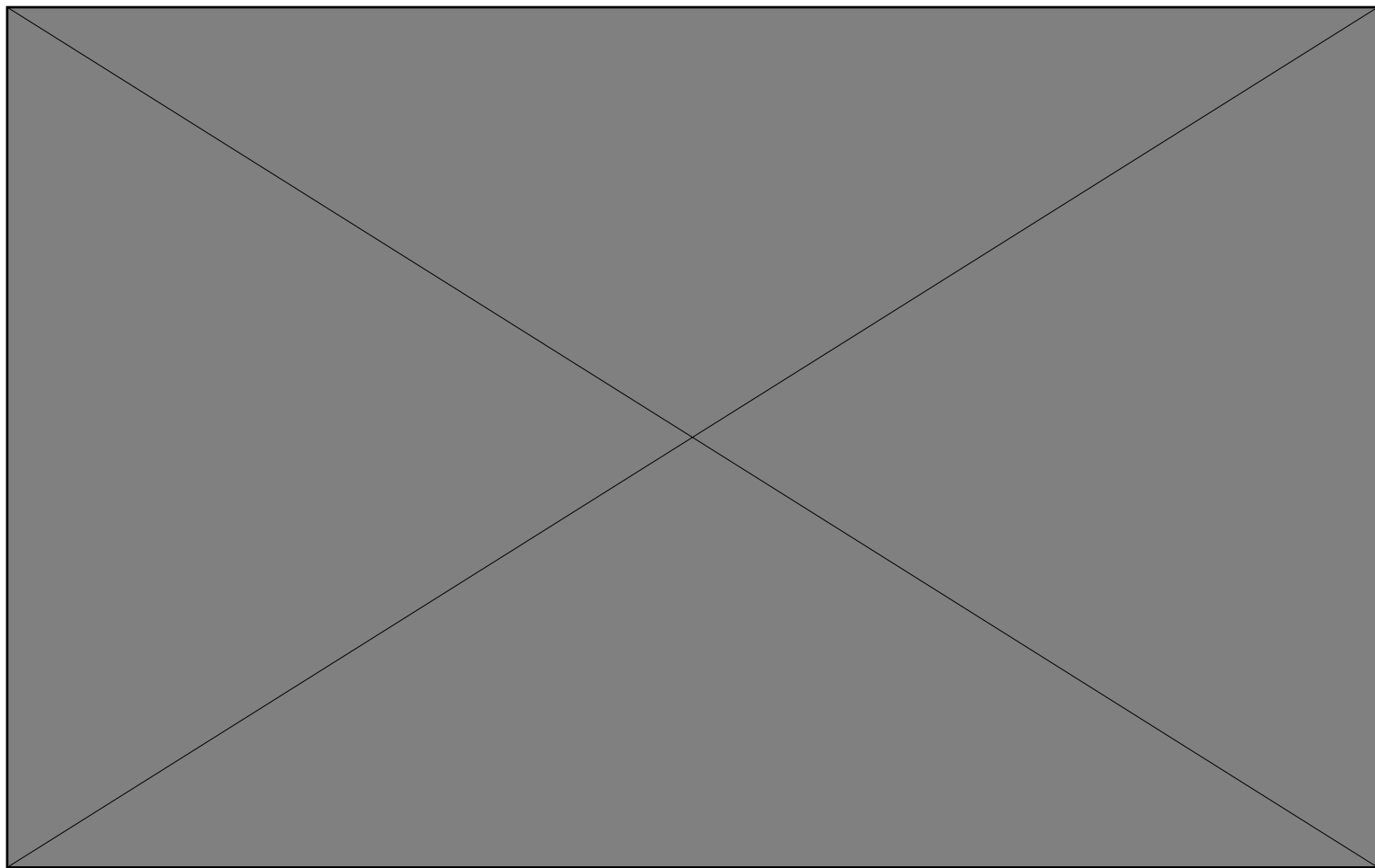


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# Bring a book, get in free Fairytale Town to launch 50th year with a big Dr. Seuss reading weekend

By Steffi Broski  
THE LAND PARK NEWS

At the end of the event, parents might feel tempted to quote Dr. Seuss to their kids as they leave the park: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

Fairytale Town at 3901 Land Park Drive will kick off its golden anniversary season on Monday, March 2, with "Read around Fairytale Town," an event in honor of Dr. Seuss' 105th birthday.

"This event is going to be fun, fun, fun," said John Lee, theater arts educator and community relations coordinator at Fairytale Town.

The park has planned a season full of family events for its 50th year. But on the first Monday of March, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., everything will revolve around Dr. Seuss, with readings of Seuss stories on stage and a variety of arts and crafts activities throughout the park.

"Kids can make their own Cat in the Hat or Thing 1 & Thing 2 hats and plenty of other surprises are waiting for them at the craft stations," said Lee.

For the event, The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is partnering with the park. Authors and illustrators will read Dr. Seuss books to little listeners.

"Since this event takes place while older children are at school, we picked only books that are especially popular with the younger kids," said Sharlene Lal, education and program coordinator at Fairytale Town.

### Playing, learning

The park also teamed up with Read Across America, a project of the National Education Association with the goal of encouraging young people to read more. Each year on March 2, the nationwide reading celebration takes place. Lal said the park had Dr. Seuss events before, but this year wanted to have it on his birthday when the nation celebrates Read Across America.

"We pride ourselves on being an educational park," said Lee.

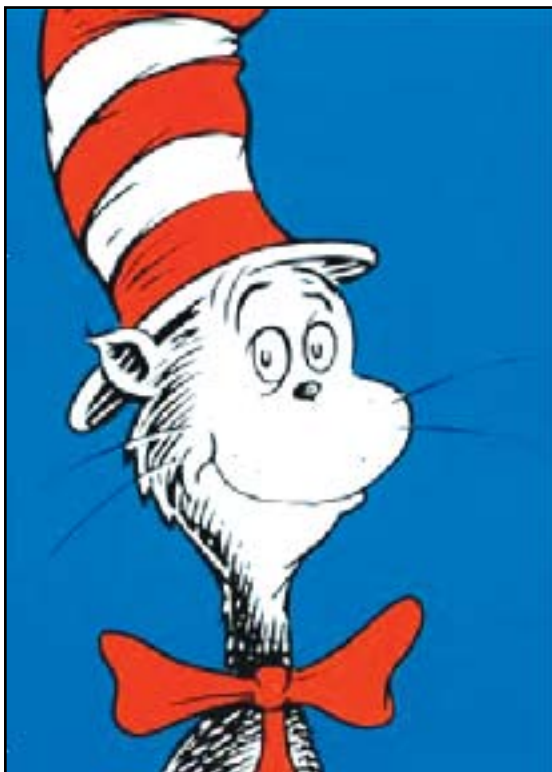
When the staff realized awhile back that many parents and children did not know a lot of the original nursery rhymes anymore, the park quickly adapted. Lee said that now families playfully read the rhymes together as kids turn a wheel or lift a box in order to see the text at the various different stations.

"Children here play and learn at the same time," Lal said.

It's only fitting that a two-week book drive will be initiated on the day of the event, too. Families that bring a new book to donate will receive one free child admission with a paid adult admission. All books will be "given to needy schools," said Lee.

With many different books being read out loud, an opportunity for arts and crafts and the chance for parents to donate books, the event promises a good time for its little and big visitors. And it gets better: At past Dr. Seuss events, Lal hinted, the Cat in the Hat usually made an appearance.

No doubt that the literacy promoting event would have



made Dr. Seuss very happy, who famously said: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

*Admission to "Read Around Fairytale Town" is \$4.50; children will take place March 2, 2009 at 3901 Landpark Drive in Sacramento from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$4.50. It is free to children 2 years and under and children with disabilities with one attending person. Guests that bring a new book to donate to the Book Drive will receive one free child admission with a paid adult admission. Call 808-8886 for more information or visit [www.fairytale-town.org](http://www.fairytale-town.org).*

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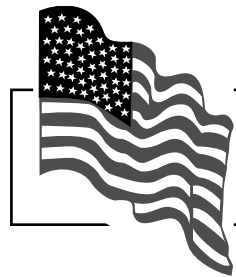
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Participation by the armed forces included musical units, marching bands, color guards, salute batteries, and honor cordons.

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a not-for-profit, partisan organization representing the president-elect, and the Joint Congressional Committee on Inauguration Ceremonies.

Hill is a health services administration officer with three years of military service. She is regularly assigned to the 579th Medical Group, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

Her grandmother, Eura Lawson, resides on Noonan Drive in Land Park. She is the daughter of Floris and Theodora F. Hill of Calle del Sol Way, Rancho Cordova.

The captain graduated in 1996 from Mira Loma High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2001 from California State University. She earned a master's degree in 2004 from Capella University, Minneapolis, Minn.

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