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SPCA Comes to the Rescue



By Sarah Varanini, SPCA

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -Hurricane Michael recently displaced more than just families. It also displaced many pets in need of immediate care. On Friday, October 19, the Sacramento SPCA received fifteen dogs transferred from shelters in Florida impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Employees from the Sacramento SPCA drove their new animal transfer vehicle, which was purchased through a grant from PetSmart Charities, to Kettleman City on Friday morning to meet staff from San Diego Humane Society. In collaboration with the Humane Society of the United States, the San Diego Humane Society arranged for a transfer of 93 dogs from three shelters located in Florida to create space for animals displaced by Hurricane Michael.

The shelter transport arrived back at

the Sacramento SPCA Friday evening. "After the dog's arrival, our priority was getting them comfortable and settled into their new housing," said Sacramento SPCA Animal Services Practice Manager, Karalyn Aronow. "Medical assessments and close observation of the animals will continue over the next week to determine when they will be available for adoption".

The dogs are medium to large-sized mixed breeds, primarily consisting of lab, pit bull, and hound mixes under five years of age. Ten of the fifteen dogs are Heartworm positive and will undergo Heartworm treatment.

The incoming pets are not direct victims of Hurricane Michael. They are adoptable dogs who have been in animal shelters in the Florida Panhandle area. They were transported out of the area to create room for pets who have been lost, strayed or abandoned due to the hurricane.

The category 4 storm that recently devastated the Florida Panhandle and the record-setting wildfire season in California are harsh reminders of how important disaster preparedness is for us and our pets," said Sacramento SPCA CEO, Kenn Altine. "I witnessed, first-hand, the devastation and displacement of families and

pets impacted by natural disasters

while helping with Hurricane Katrina

relief efforts in 2005, and even closer

to home this August, while assisting

Haven Humane Society with relief

efforts during the Carr Fire". Continued on page 12

the Business of Registering **Voters** From the Office of Senator Nielsen

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Given the fiasco of botched voter registrations at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) will introduce legislation to get the DMV out of the voter registration business so it can focus on issuing licenses and car registrations.

"Voter registration is the cornerstone of our democracy," said Senator Nielsen (R-Tehama). "It must be done correctly by people who understand its importance to our republic."

In recent months, the DMV has mishandled thousands of California voter registrations. The following are some news reports detailing its mistakes: 100,000 registration errors, as reported by CalMatters; 23,000 erroneous voter registrations transmitted, as reported in the Sacramento Bee; Another 1,500 people wrongly registered to vote by the DMV, as reported by the Los Angeles Times; The State's top elections official unable to confirm whether or not non-citizens voted in the June primary, according to the

Associated Press. "These are not small mistakes that can be ignored; legislators must fix this egregious error," Senator Nielsen continued. "Registering voters and handling sworn affidavits are not the proper functions of the DMV."

DMV officials are struggling to perform their key responsibilities. Californians are waiting in hours-long lines to register vehicles or renew licenses. Some have spent an entire day waiting in line, often having to take vacation time or unpaid days off from their jobs simply to comply with California's laws.

Senator Nielsen added, "Reaching out to potential voters and registering them to vote is the job of California's Secretary of State and local elections officials. Therefore, this responsibility must be returned to election experts."

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) represents the Fourth Senate District. ★



Flood Preparedness is Your Duty



It is important for you to know the flood risk to your home or business. MPG Stock Photo

Special Sacramento County Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - This is the time when you should look at reducing the risk from flooding in your area.

It is important for you to know the flood risk to your home or business. After five years of drought, the floods of 2017 reminded

us that threat can become real in the right conditions. The Department of Water Resources has information to help you understand the threat flooding may pose to your property.

If you live in a flood zone, you can reduce the potential for damage by being proactive. Clear storm drains of leaves and debris to ensure the water freely flows away

from your home. Clogs can cause localized flooding to streets that could eventually back up to your doorway. If you come across street flooding, call 3-1-1 to have County crews come out and clear the clogs. Also, don't drive through flooded streets. If you see items dumped into nearby creaks, call 3-1-1 and report it. It's important to clear those

areas before the rain to avoid

problems. In Sacramento County, nearly 20 percent of flood insurance claims come from moderate to low-risk areas. You can still obtain flood insurance if your home or business is not in the mapped floodplain. If unchecked, localized flooding can cause a lot of

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The Soldiers Project

Providing Service to Those Who Have Served

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -Founded in 2004 by Dr. Judith Broder, The Soldiers Project was created to help a new generation of service members reintegrate into the community. The Soldiers Project offers free, confidential, and unlimited mental health services for post-9/11 veterans and active duty service members all across California. Since its inception, The Soldiers Project has provided treatment and assistance to thousands of military service members and their families.

The Soldiers Project originally began as a sponsored project of the Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Studies Trauma Center and was operated by volunteers. In 2010, The Soldiers Project became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Funding for the project comes from grants and donations, which cover the program's operating costs. All the mental health services are offered pro bono by licensed therapists and social workers.

The organization is unique because they will provide treatment to any service member, regardless of their branch of service, combat experience, or discharge status. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs only offers benefits to those who are discharged under honorable conditions, but that leaves those who were discharged under other conditions in a vulnerable and potentially untenable position. So The Soldiers Project steps in to assist those who might otherwise fall through the cracks in the system.

The Soldiers Project helps service members deal with an array of mental health issues, such as PTSD, survivors guilt because they are alive while their friend isn't, substance abuse, marital issues, and reintegrating into civilian life. Shing Long, the Northern California Chapter director of The Soldiers Project, said, "Transitioning can be hard. Some are on the verge of homelessness. So we help them become self-sufficient. During intake, we find out what kind of help they need, and then we can direct them to the appropriate agencies" for job placement, housing assistance, and pursuing veterans benefits.

The pro bono therapists who donate their time to The Soldiers Project come from a variety of backgrounds and have diverse specialties. "We allow them to use their own tools, so treatment is not cookie cutter. They are able to choose what works best for each client," said Long.

Long joined The Soldiers Project three years ago. She is a military spouse, and her husband, Daniel Long, was an E6 and Linguist in the Navy for 12 years. During that time, they were stationed in Hawaii, Japan, and Fort Meade in Maryland. After spending so many years among military families, Long realized "this is my passion. Vets are so important to me, and especially helping those who don't have the right paperwork... Because of my husband's experience, and seeing the people he worked with, helped me want to get involved."

Veterans Day on November 11 is a reminder to honor those who have served, but Long explained that for some veterans the day is a painful reminder of some of their worst experiences. Some don't feel worthy of the day, and a day designed to celebrate them can make them feel even more alone.

"There's such a stigma behind seeking services. They feel like they're alone. And they feel like they have to be strong, [especially if] they are male, and because they are service members. I want them to feel like they can reach out for help," said Long.

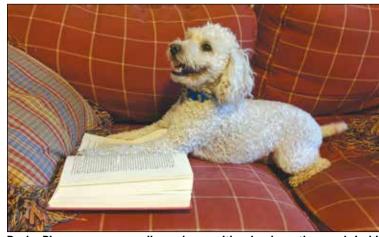
In 2016, Long said that there were five veteran suicides in a matter of weeks, between October and November, just in the Sacramento area. With the holiday season fast approaching, Long stated that there is an even greater need for mental health services among the veteran population. The holidays are a wonderful time for families to spend together, but it can also cause additional stress, which can in turn increase the risk of suicides.

There are approximately 95,000 veterans in the Sacramento area, and in addition to providing mental health services, The Soldiers Project also offers education and training opportunities to the community so they can learn how to interact with members of the military and recognize signs that someone may be in need of assistance. "As with any special population one has to serve, cultural competence can go a long way in being more effective. So, we offer free trainings to the community as well as mental health professionals who are interested in learning more. Topics include Military Culture, Moral Injury, [and] Suicide Prevention in the Military Population," said Long.

The community can help The Soldiers Project by volunteering at community events or donating to the organization. If you know licensed social workers or therapists who would like to volunteer as counselors for The Soldiers Project, "we are always looking to recruit more therapists," said Long. If you know any service members or their loved ones who could benefit from these programs, please refer them to The Soldiers Project. For more information, visit www.TheSoldiersProject.

Curl Up with a Good Book

Proceeds from Fall Book Sale to Benefit Sacramento SPCA



Dashy Piper, a rescue poodle, curls up with a book on the couch in his forever home.

Story and photo by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) is holding their annual Fall Book Sale fundraiser at Sunrise Mall. The sale begins on Thursday, November 8 and runs through Sunday, November 11.

"Sunrise Mall is a big charitable partner for us for this sale," said Kristi Maryman, special events manager for Sacramento SPCA. Sunrise Mall donates an open store front so that Sacramento SPCA doesn't have to rent space for the sale. This year the sale location will be inside Sunrise Mall next to Macy's North, Men's & Home. The sale will run from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM each day.

Sacramento SPCA has been hosting Book Sale fundraisers twice each year, in the spring and the fall, for more than 20 years. The Book Sale is one of Sacramento SPCA's top fundraisers, bringing in much-needed revenue to enable the organization's core mission: "To foster a loving and compassionate community for animals and people by providing assistance, creating lifelong relationships, and saving lives."

Sacramento SPCA is an openadmission shelter, so they accept surrendered animals regardless of their age, breed, and health or behavioral issues. Sacramento SPCA strives to save as many animals as possible by providing medical care and facilitating adoptions. They also work hard to develop community partnerships and coordinate with rescue groups.

All the books available at the sale have been donated to Sacramento SPCA, and 100% of the proceeds from the sale go the shelter's general fund. Maryman said the proceeds help "fund low-cost spay and neuter clinics, low-cost vaccinations, basic animal care in the shelter, and other community programs."

Maryman said that the first and last days of the sale are usually the biggest, and the last day all the books are 50% off. Many categories of books will be available, including history, mystery, fiction, science fiction, adventure, romance, biographies, cookbooks, and books for the kids. Adoptable animals will also be on-site each day during the sale to mingle with the book lovers and help sniff out the best deals.

If you would like to donate books to the Sacramento SPCA Fall Book Sale, you can drop off gently used books at the Adoptions Building (located at 6201 Florin-Perkins Road), which is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00 AM through 6:00 PM.

For additional information about Sacramento SPCA, visit www.sspca.org.

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2015 Fall Photo Contest Winner from Sacramento County.

By Rick Reed

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - One picture. That's all it takes to be a winner. Take your mobile or camera outside and give us your best shot of a bird or birds in your backyard, local park or other wild location! It's easy.

Submit your picture on the Wildlife Care Association Facebook page as a message with photo attachment. Contest is open through December 31, 2018. Entries can be made in two categories-Under 12 years old you can enter FREE! Those over 12 are asked to include a minimum \$5.00 donation to WCA on the Facebook donate link for each entry. (Under 18 years old? Ask your parents to help!)

your parents to help!)
Each photo may be entered once, but individuals may submit more than one. Enter often and donate to help the WCA heroes of nature save thousands of injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife every year.



2017 Fall Photo Contest Winner from El Dorado County.

The non-profit wildlife rehabilitation volunteers depend on the community for their support giving wildlife a second chance to live.

The WCA Photo Contest winner will be awarded a special prize including a guided tour of the Dome at McClellan Park, their photo featured in the newsletter, posted at the rescue facility and on Facebook/Instagram as a hero of nature!

Submissions should include your email, the location photo was taken,

and your best guess what type of bird this might be. Enter @wildlifecareassociation on Facebook.

One picture will be chosen from submissions to determine a winner. WCA staff reserves the right to select a winner from content and other factors including artistic merit. All photos submitted become the property of WCA for its use in outreach, education and fundraising.

Snap some shots, submit them and let's see if they fly! For more information call 916-965-WILD

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By County Supervisor Susan Peters

Through the generosity of the American River Messenger, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Carmichael.

Carmichael Wall of Honor Ceremony

On Saturday, November 3, at 10 am the Carmichael Recreation and Park District will sponsor a special ceremony recognizing 13 local heroes currently listed on the Wall of Honor at Patriots Parks. This year, sadly, another name will be added of that of Sheriff Deputy Robert French who lost his life in the line of duty last year in a shootout with a suspected auto thief in nearby Arden Arcade that also resulted in injuries to two CHP officers. Deputy French was a 21-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department and was assigned to the North Division serving the area north of the American River including Carmichael

FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY UPDATE

and Fair Oaks.

The public is welcome to attend and I hope you can join me that morning at the park located at 6827 Palm Avenue. The Wall of Honor is a special place to reflect upon and never forget the special meaning of sacrifice made by those who served us wearing different uniforms - the U.S. Armed Services, law enforcement, and fire protection. Each honoree has a connection to the area and the memorial provides a source of pride and remembrance for their families, loved ones and friends.

Community Coffee Meeting on Code Enforcement

At my community coffee meeting this month on Wednesday, November 14, the guest speaker will be Barry Chamberlain, Chief of Sacramento County's Code Enforcement Division, to teach us all about "Code Enforcement 101" describing how Sacramento County works with residents to address issues like accumulation of junk and rubbish, compliance with the zoning code, businesses being operated in residential areas, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles and much more.

The meeting will be held in the Fair Oaks Water District Conference Room in Old Fair Oaks (10326 Fair Oaks Blvd) at 7:30 am. As usual, I'll provide a brief update on County issues and then we'll have our guest speaker followed by Questions and Answers.

It should be an interesting discussion –and coffee, of course, will be provided.

Survey on Age-Friendly Community Needs

The Area 4 Agency on Aging is charged to create and support opportunities that enhance the lives of older adults and their families to be safe, healthy and independent.

The Agency wants to encourage you to think about your community in ways you may not have considered before. Accordingly, they have prepared an online survey asking how to make communities great places to live, work and play as we grow older. All responses are anonymous and will be used to promote age-friendly and livable communities for everyone. To take the survey, please go online to agencyonaging4.org.

Susan Peters represents the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. She can be reached at susanpeters@saccounty.net. ★

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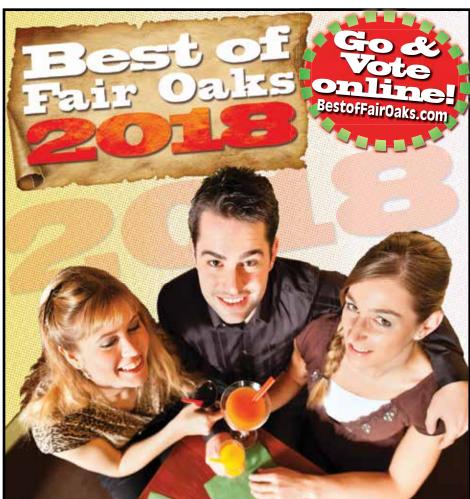
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Tickets will sell out fast so don't miss your chance to attend the "Best of Fair Oaks" event.

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VOTE NOW! Contest Rules

Business must be located in Fair Oaks or be a Chamber of Commerce Member.

All votes must be received no later than December 31, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the office of Messenger Publishing Group.

Only one vote per category per person. All voting entries must have complete information or the votes will not be counted.

Best of Fair Oaks winners will be presented at this year's "Best of Fair Oaks" event.

A Bipartisan Way to Reduce Healthcare Costs



Commentary by Sally C. Pipes

In one fell swoop, incumbent members of Congress could save consumers money, drive down healthcare costs, and burnish their bipartisan credentials before the midterm elections.

How? By scrapping a provision within Obamacare that prohibits 3 million people from opening health savings accounts, which can save patients hundreds or even thousands of dollars a

Expanding access to HSAs should be one of Congress's top priorities.

HSAs are "triple taxadvantaged." Savers don't pay tax on money they deposit into the accounts. If they invest that money, they pay no tax on capital gains or dividends. Withdrawals are tax-free, too, as long as they're spent on qualified medical expenses. This year, individuals and families can contribute up to \$3,450 and \$6,900, respectively, to HSAs.

But only certain people can open them. This year, individuals must be enrolled in a health plan with a minimum deductible of \$1,350 and an out-of-pocket maximum of no more than \$6,650. For family plans, those

figures double.

People have an incentive to spend HSA funds wisely. It's their money, after all. This thriftiness forces providers to compete for patients' business. Costs decline as a result. Families who switched to HSA-eligible plans spent 21 percent less in their first year covered by the plans than families who remained in traditional plans with lower deductibles.

A 2015 National Bureau of Economic Research paper found that workers who switched to HSAeligible plans spent 15 percent less on health care in each of the next three years. They didn't use additional emergency or inpatient care, which suggests they cut spending without endangering their health.

It's no wonder, then, that HSAs have become increasingly popular. In 2017, more than 22 million Americans had HSAs -- an 11 percent increase from the previous year.

This growth may soon slow. Many Obamacarecompliant plans aren't HSA-eligible. The average 2018 individual "bronze"-level plan features an out-of-pocket maximum of nearly \$7,000. That's more than the \$6,650 cut-off for HSAs.

That makes little sense. Patients with the highest out-of-pocket spending would benefit most from HSAs.

The Health Savings Act, formally known as H.R. 6314, would allow bronze plan enrollees to open HSAs. The bill should be a lay-up for lawmakers looking for a quick win

before the midterms. Congress shouldn't sallypipes.

stop there. The Senate has a Health Savings Act of its own, S. 403. The bill would expand access to HSAs to those on Medicare. Beneficiaries don't have to pay premiums for hospital or skilled nursing coverage. But they are responsible for a \$1,340 deductible and a co-insurance payment of at least \$335 per day for hospital stays longer than 60 days.

Allowing seniors to put money away in HSAs would help them afford future hospitalizations. The bill would also raise HSA contribution limits to the sum of a plan's deductible and the level of out-of-pocket expense legally permitted for a high-deductible health plan. And it would allow all people to pay insurance premiums with HSA funds.

Expanding access to HSAs would inject consumerism into the healthcare marketplace -- and thus drive down healthcare costs. If half of the 150 million Americans with employer-sponsored coverage switched to HSA-eligible plans, annual healthcare spending would drop by \$57 billion, according to a RAND study.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle say they want to slash healthcare costs. Expanding access to HSAs would do just

Sally C. Pipes is president, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is The False Promise of Single-Payer Health Care (Encounter). Follow her on Twitter @,



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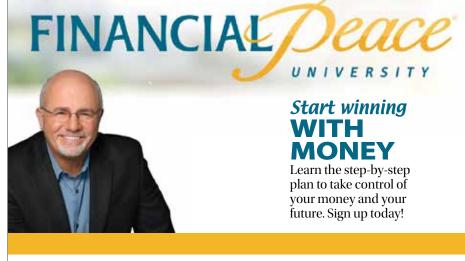
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With this week's issues nearly impossible to find produced by Messenger a printer with the proper presses to print the larger format.

Just a few weeks ago our printer of many years informed us that they would be closing down their presses. We have had to completely redesign our products in the last ten days to convert to the new size with all six of our newspapers to try standard and it is accommodate our new

printer's requirements. We appreciate all of

our readers and hope you understand that we work hard to bring you a quality local newspaper that is interesting, informative, fun to read and represents the community that it serves.

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Paul V. Scholl, Publisher ★

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Welcome Home Housing needs your help. Not money! We want your shoes. Yes! Your shoes! The ones you bought and never wore, or wore a couple of times and didn't like, or wore a lot but are still in good condition.

And why are we collecting gently used shoes? We're collecting them for Welcome Home Housing, a non-profit which provides permanent housing for 24 individuals with

welcomehomehousing.org This fundraiser is in collaboration with Funds2orgs. For every 2500 pairs of shoes we collect, Welcome Home Housing will receive

serious mental illness. See

\$1,000 to use toward the maintenance and administration of our housing properties.

The shoes will be sent to developing countries to help local entrepreneurs set up small businesses selling shoes. Selling? Yes! Selling shoes to support their families. These are areas where walking is the main form of transportation.

So, clean out your closets! Drop your unused or gently used shoes off at any of the addresses listed below. Just put them on the front porch. Or if you can collect 25 or more pairs, we'll pick them up. Call Lynn for pick- up.530-666-0202.

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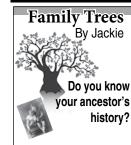
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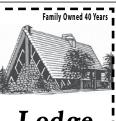
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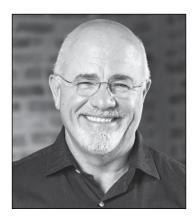
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Dave

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- Will

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Your Summer of 2018

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In the course of your **Summer** of 2018 there have been wonderful events, people and situations that have taken place. Take a few minutes and see how many highlights you can come up with.

The wonderful thing about doing a mental exercise like this is that it'll lift your spirit. This kind of exercise is as important as any exercising you do at the gym to strengthen your body. Your mind is such an incredible gift and you have control over it. But just like getting in shape physically takes repetitive exercises, so does exercising your mind.

When you ask your mind for a happy thought from your summer highlight file it'll mind you. When you sit with the thoughts that it comes up with you'll create a mental atmosphere around you and you'll open yourself up to have more highlights flow to you right now and into September and beyond.

At the end of every day, my husband and I talk about the highlights of our day and we can usually each come up with three or four and sometimes five. It's so fun for us to scan the day we've done and revisit the best parts of it. That got me to thinking about what the best

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parts of our summer were.

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As Abraham Hicks says, "A happy life is just a string of happy moments. But most people don't allow the happy moment, because they're so busy trying to get a happy life." Enjoy the happy moment!

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Ir is miraculous in the beginning God's creation of all kinds of life began with each one having the ability to plant their "tiny little seed" to recreate their likeness! Each one uniquely different given special abilities with purpose to take care of all their personal needs! From a tiny ant or bird, to a huge bull or hippopotamus and also human beings designed by the Master Creator of all that is!

The beginning of our personal faith in God – it begins with a tiny seed. Even as tiny as it is, we are given the ability to "move mountains" when we offer the prayer of faith to do it. (Read my book titled "God Moves Mountains, It was a Miracle" and you will understand even more. At one time in my life that's all I had and God miraculous moved to answer my prayers.))

God's Holy Spirit is always available to help us! Often times we just are not ready to grasp the truth we need. He waits patiently for the perfect time when we are sincerely ready. He knows when we have a willing spirit. He is always so patient. He's

about anything! He is a Jehovah God magnificent and He knows everything about every single one of us. Possibly that's why it takes mankind a lifetime to learn, accept and respond to the ways of God in our lives! When we learn to be obedient to God's Holy Words of Truth - is when His abundant blessings of His love truly do fall on our lives.

Just "Talk" to Him! Pray and listen to His still small voice! He is waiting "just for you!" Once you yield to His Will for your life, He will never leave of forget you, no matter what you do. A local Christian church will give you a Bible. Sunrise Community on Greenback is always ready to welcome you! Talk to someone there. Visit several churches and find the one where you really feel you can learn the words of the Bible. You will never be sorry and will begin a brand new life God has planned for you even before the foundations of the earth!

In His Matchless Love Marlys Johnsen Norris Christian Author of 7

"Messages in the Dust for the Searching Soul"



By Pastor Ray Dare

God always answers prayer. But not in the way we always want Him to answer. God has not said, "I will answer your prayers any way you want Me to answer them." God answers prayer in three ways; sometimes God says "Yes", sometimes God says "No" and sometimes God says "Wait, I have a bigger plan".

In the Old Testament, in the book of Daniel, there's the story of three guys who are going to be thrown into a fiery furnace. I'm sure they prayed not to be put in that fire, yet God allowed them to go through the fire. And while in that fire a fourth man was seen with them (Jesus) and the ropes that were binding them were burned off. God is bigger than your problem and He wants to burn off the ropes that may be binding

God wants us to focus on

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

Your Prayers Are Always Answered

our character while we want to focus on comfort. What is God's purpose in your problems? He has many of them. But one of them is this next verse... 1 Peter 1:7 "The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is more precious than gold." God wants to test your faith. So sometimes He delays an answer to prayer and says, "Will you trust Me? I know more than you. I love you and I want what's best for you. So, you need to trust me." We, as imperfect parents do that as well. Certainly, we can trust a perfect heavenly Father who says that.

You may be discouraged about something in your life and God is saying, "Will you trust Me? Will you trust My timing? My love? My purpose? My plan? My perspective? Will you trust Me?" The antidote to discouragement is to look past your problems and realize that God is bigger than the problems. Realize that He has a bigger purpose and plan in it all.

If you want to be happy

in life and you really want to have less stress and more peace vou're going to have to come to grips with two fundamental truths. First, some things in life you're never going to understand. You just need to accept it. There are some things you're never going to understand until you get to heaven. Second, there are some things in your life that are never going to change no matter how much you pray because God has bigger perspective and a greater plan.

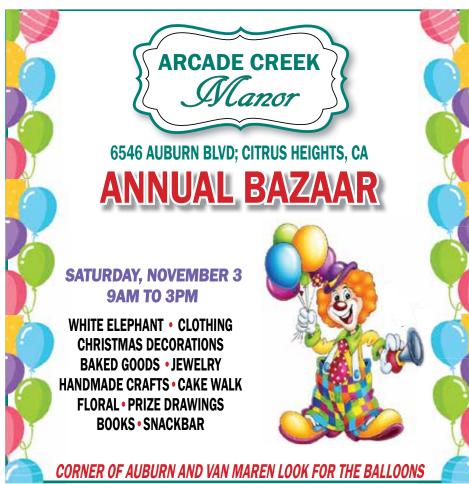
So, what do you do? Just give up praying? Of course not. You keep on praying but you live day by day saying, "God, I'm going to pray for this but if You choose not to give it I'm going to still trust You and I'm going to still love You. You are bigger than my problems and You have a bigger plan and purpose in it for me."

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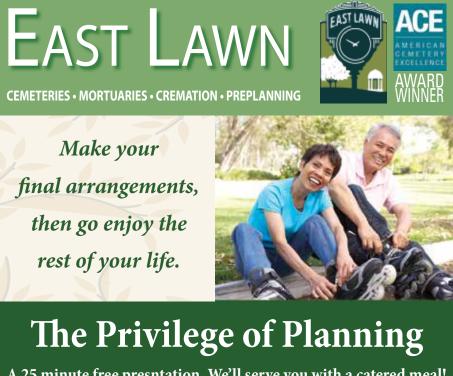








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Skilled Workers Still a Mystery

Job demand and hiring trends for the 4th Quarter

By Rick Reed

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento employers have slowed hiring with shortages of skills and applicants. However, they continue to seek expansion of workforces in the final Ouarter of 2018. Down from sixty-six percent (66%) hiring in the previous three months, Pacific Staffing discovered in direct contacts with top regional employer's fifty-seven percent (57%) will hire in October, November and December. Twenty percent (20%) of all companies report a lack of applicants as a major challenge.

While top regional employers, contacted by phone between August 23rd and September 21, will cut overall marketplace demand, those seeking workers are still motivated by expansion or growth needs in the workforce. Forty-one percent (41%) will hire for growth in the next three months with replacements within existing workforces accounting for thirty-two percent (32%) of employer demand in the

Quarter ahead. Six percent (6%) of Sacramento companies also report some increased hiring for seasonal needs thru the next three months. Only one company polled reports plans to reduce workers with layoffs in Fourth Quarter (Q4) due to market slowdowns.

Seasonal shopping is going to be a gamble as Sacramento retailers polled were split 50/50 on hiring or not in October, November and December. Twenty percent of employers surveyed say simply finding applicants is a major challenge in meeting demands in the Sacramento market. Retention is another challenge. Signing bonuses and incentives like additional vacation or Flex time are being offered in the efforts to keep current skilled, experienced workers at the job and attract talent from outside the area.

One trend in employment and management appears to have lost some of the luster enjoyed in the past decade. When asked in the current booming economy with shortages of skills and applicants if 'outsourcing' work overseas is IN or OUT, fifty-eight percent (58%) of all Sacramento companies reported no interest in using it. While some regional employers have 'outsourced' and others have not, some are unable to and some forbidden to, outsourcing issues cited included 'challenges' in cost, management and additional paperwork in compliance with government rules.

Twenty-four (24%) of Sacramento companies report finding some specific success in utilizing out of market and international resources for printing, design, office or management functions and customer service needs. Skills in top demand for Q4 include drivers, sales, tech, warehouse, shipping and manufacturing. Employers also cite needs for specialized skills including escrow/mortgage, accounting/finance and construction trade workers.

For more information, employment blogs and market surveys go to www. pacificstaffing.com.

Call If You Can - Text If You Can't

Special Release from Sac Metro Fire

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County 9-1-1 Centers representing all law enforcement and fire agencies in the region are excited to announce Text-to-9-1-1 service is available countywide. This means all 9-1-1 Public Safety Dispatch Centers are now equipped to receive and respond to mobile phone Text-to-9-1-1 messages from our citizens.

Individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing members of the community, or those in a situation where it is too dangerous to dial 9-1-1, will have another option to call for help in an emergency, Text-to-9-1-1. The benefits to our citizens are significant, especially in cases when the caller cannot communicate verbally. Examples include not only the hard of hearing, but also when a crime is in progress, the caller is facing domestic abuse, the caller is injured and cannot speak, or

other scenarios.

In anticipation of providing this service, we wanted to share some information with you.

Even where text-to-9-1-1 is available, if you can make a voice call to 9-1-1, please call instead of texting

Here are some guidelines for how to contact 9-1-1. If you use a wireless phone or other type of mobile device, make sure to do the following in an emergency:

- If you can, always contact 9-1-1 by making a voice call, "Call if you can text if you can't."
 If you are deaf and hard
- of hearing and Text-to-9-1-1 is not available, use a TTY or telecommunications relay service, if available.
- If you text 9-1-1 and text is not available at that time or in your area, you will receive a bounce back message advising "text is not available please make a voice call to 9-1-1."
- Location accuracy varies by carrier and should not be relied upon. Be prepared to give your location.
- •Text-to-9-1-1 service will not be available if the wireless carrier cannot ascertain a

location of the device sending the message.

- •Text-to-9-1-1 is not available if you are
- roaming.
 •A text or data plan is required to place a text to 9-1-1.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 9-11. They cannot be received at the 9-1-1 center currently.
- •Text messages should be sent in plain language and not contain popular abbreviations (SMH, LOL, ICYMI) or emojis, which will not be recognized.
- Text-to- 9-1-1 cannot be sent to more than one person. Do not send your emergency text to anyone other than 9-1-1.
- •Texts must be in English only. There currently is no language interpretation for text available. This is still in development.

This is exciting news for our region and we are looking forward to providing this service to our community. ★

Move America Forward Named Top Recipient of National Halloween Candy Buy Back Program

Turning Extra Candy into Cash for Schools and Sweet Treats for Troops Overseas

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Move America Forward has been named as the primary resource for a national effort which brings together Dentists, Orthodontists, and other Oral healthcare professionals from around the country, partnering with local schools for an innovative Halloween Candy Buy Back Program that benefits schools as well as our troops overseas

"Move America Forward impressed us with their transparency and mission after their first 2 years participating in the Halloween Candy Buyback. We

are proud to make them our primary resource in this great event, and glad to send candy to our troops who deserve the support." said Dr. Chris Kammer, D.D.S, who is Founder of the official Halloween Candy Buyback. "At a time when childhood obesity is not improving in our country, programs like the Halloween Candy Buyback are needed more than ever."

Halloween is a holiday known for overconsumption of sweet treats which can cause damage to braces and result in tooth decay. The Halloween Candy Buyback encourages families to turn in their excess candy to a local participating school or oral health professional's office. Some offices will make cash donations to local schools for the candy which will be used in Move America Forward care packages to the troops.

Hundreds of brave soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen will benefit from receiving a care package from home with a little Halloween spirit inside. Move America Forward sends thousands of care packages a year to troops in war zones and wherever

our troops are in need. The Halloween candy from participants of the Halloween Candy Buyback Program will increase the number of packages Move America Forward is able to ship this year.

Parents can find a list of participating dentist offices by visiting www.halloweencandybuyback. com and entering your zip code. Contact one of the listed offices to find out when you can drop off your candy for donation. Families are encouraged to bring their extra

candy into one of these locations

or encourage your local dentist

office to contact the Halloween Buyback Program to sign up as a participant.

Move America Forward, a registered 501(c)(3) charity, based in Sacramento, supports our troops and their missions in the war on terror. Move America Forward is supported by hundreds of thousands of pro-troop activists, veterans and military families across the nation. To date, they have shipped over 388 tons of care packages to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Source: Moveamericaforward.
org ★







CHEERS&JEERS

Cheers to Supergirl

for getting more grounded. As fun as last season was, all the space witches and Worldkillers kept Kara (Melissa Benoist, pictured) stuck in sci-fi stories. Now that she's back at work as a reporter and fighting anti-alien Earthlings, the show feels as if it has found its groove-and very human heart—again.

Jeers to The Alec Baldwin Show

for playing it safe. For a guy (pictured) who's never been afraid to speak (or tweet!) his mind, Baldwin's eponymous interview show is frustratingly restrained. More Jack Donaghy, less Dick Cavett, please.

Jeers to Blindspot

for missing the point of having Patterson around. Listen, if Ashley Johnson's character (pictured) can mix booze into a cryogenic potion perfect for cracking open a bar's safe, she can surely secure an antidote for this ZIP poison that's killing Jane (Jaimie Alexander). The girl is a genius... ignoring that fact isn't.



Ashley Johnson's character (pictured) in Blindspot.

Cheers to Netflix's Super Monsters

for being super! Sure they're the spawn of classic horror's A-listers, but the only things Drac and his supernatural squad are conjuring in this cheeky, colorful series are life lessons about honesty and acceptance, aimed squarely at pre-schoolers. Nothing scary about that at all!

BY MATT ROUSH

WHAT'S YOUR CALL ON FOX'S 9-1-1?

Question: 9-1-1 is amazing with its wonderful special effects. I surely hope it lasts a long while. Opinion? — Unsigned

Matt Roush: My opinion on whether Fox will keep 9-1-1 around for a while? Yes, it's a keeper. My opinion on the show? When it focuses on the crisis of the week, it can be riveting, especially in the recent earthquake two-parter, which was

very impressively produced. When the story shifts to the characters' personal interactions, it's a lot less inspired, but no more or less than others in the current surplus of medical/firefighter/ police melodramas.

Question: This is just a note of thanks for your review of Poldark. We love this show, and I especially enjoyed seeing the original Poldark, Robin Ellis, in this new version. The acting,

cinematography and music are all excellent. Gwen

Matt Roush: You're welcome. That show is such a treat, and there's one more season before it's over! This gives me a chance to plug the delightful The Durrells in Corfu as well, now in its third season and another great addition to PBS's Sunday lineup of British imports. (Keeley Hawes, who plays the Durrell mother, can be seen in a much more serious role on Netflix's gripping Bodyguard. Consider that a recommendation.)

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: tvinsider.com



Senior Safety

Are you a senior? Do you care for a senior? Remember, we're all gonna' get there one day. I mean, the alternative is not pretty. What the worry is all about with seniors are accidents. Seniors are involved in millions of home accidents each year, but most homes don't help keep them safe. Did you know that nearly one-third of the senior population falls each year, and some 70% of those falls occur at home? So now what? That's when Jennifer Fitzpatrick comes into the picture. She is a generations expert, gerontologist and author of "Cruising Through Caregiving" reducing the stress of caring for your loved one. So I asked Jennifer on my POPPOFF Radio Show if she could share some tips to help insure the safety of seniors...whether you are one or know one.

Here are ten tips that are easy to implement. No rocket science here.

1) TAKE THE AARP **SMART DRIVER** COURSE (www.

aarp.org/auto/driversafety). Not only might you get an auto insurance discount, you will learn valuable skills to

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enhance your driving and reduce the risk of accidents.

2) CHOOSE A FINANCIAL AND **HEALTHCARE** POWER OF **ATTORNEY IN** CASE YOU ARE **EVER UNABLE TO** MAKE DECISIONS. Selecting the right person who will represent your wishes is crucial.

3) MAKE YOUR **HOME AS SLIP-PROOF AS POSSIBLE.** Consider grab bars and removing hazardous throw rugs.

4) JOIN OR START A VILLAGE. Villages are grass-roots community based organizations that help support members who wish to age in place safely. To find out if there is one in your community or how to start one, check out

www.vtvnetwork.org.

5) EMBRACE **TECHNOLOGY.** Life alert systems are quite effective in detecting falls, especially the ones that are waterproof and can be worn in the bathtub or shower.

HOMECARE OPTIONS BEFORE YOU NEED THEM. You may not need help with the chores or taking a shower right

6) LOOK INTO

today, but someday you might. Get to know the homecare options in your community early—before you need home care services.

7) DON'T ANSWER THE PHONE OR **DOOR UNLESS YOU** KNOW WHO IT IS. Older adults are very

much at risk for scam-

mers that call or go

door-to-door.

8) TELL YOUR **FINANCIAL** PLANNER THAT YOU WANT TO NAME A TRUSTED

CONTACT PERSON. This helps prevent financial problems if your financial professional ever becomes concerned about your capacity to make decisions.

9) FIGURE OUT A SYSTEM FOR **MANAGING YOUR MEDICATION.** There are apps, timers or cell phones, pill boxes or the old-fashioned paper and pencil system. Choose the option that works best for you.

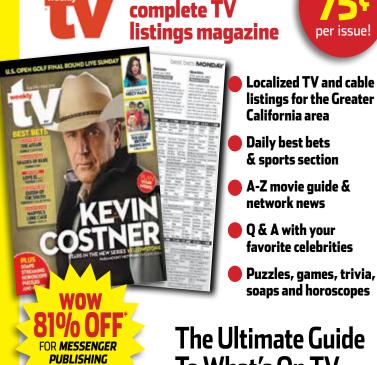
10) EVACUATE. If your area is experiencing a state of emergency like a hurricane or wildfire, don't hesitate to leave.

Being aware and taking advice from the experts is the way to go. Being a senior myself, I am checking in on some of these tips too. If you want to know more about Jennifer Fitzpatrick, just go to www.cruisingthroughcaregiving.com. Remember, BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY! Don't forget to VOTE! You vote does count! ★

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Hawaiian Chieftain Returns to Sacramento



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By Zachary Stocks

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - History will come alive in Sacramento this October as the tall ship Hawaiian Chieftain makes her return trip to town. The tall ship, part of the Aberdeen-based nonprofit Grays Harbor Historical Seaport, sails the waters of the Pacific each year along with its companion vessel Lady Washington, offering educational programs, free deck tours, and sailing trips.

From November 1st through the 24th, Hawaiian Chieftain will be docked at Old Sacramento, (1210 Front St.). On weekdays schools can reserve a trip aboard the tall ship for the Historical Seaport's one-of-a-kind maritime heritage field trip Voyage of Explorers. On weekday evenings and weekends the tall ship is open to the general public for stationary dockside Vessel Tours for a \$5 suggested donation. Hawaiian Chieftain can also be Chartered for

private events including weddings and workplace team builders.

The steel hulled Hawaiian Chieftain was launched in 1988 in Lahaina, Hawaii. Together with Lady Washington, the tall ships are among the most active educational boats in America, visiting approximately 40 ports each year. The tall ships offer a glimpse into our historic past, introducing people of all ages to the sights and sounds of 18th and 19th century maritime life.

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport is an educational non-profit based in Aberdeen, Washington. In addition to school programs and public sailing, the tall ships are also active sail training vessels. Anyone over age 16 is eligible to join the crew through the Two Weeks Before the Mast volunteer sailing program. Those pursuing a career in the commercial maritime industry can also consider enrolling in the Historical Seaport's Sea

School Northwest, a job training program to provide knowledge and mentorship for professional maritime fields.

If you're ready to run away to sea, or want to know more about the tall ships and their programs, please visit www.historicalseaport.org.

Sacramento Schedule:

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Sacramento County DA Reports



Defendant Sentenced for Armed Robberies, Carjacking

DATE: October 15, 2018

CASE: Alexis Castaneda (Case #17FE023607)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney James Wax, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Steve White sentenced Alexis Castaneda to 20 years and 8 months in state prison. On August 28, 2018, a jury convicted Castaneda of robbery and carjacking with findings that Castaneda used a firearm during both offenses. The jury also convicted Castaneda of illegal possession of a firearm. Before trial began, Castaneda pled to an unrelated robbery while armed with a firearm and illegal possession of a firearm.

On September 23, 2017, the first victim was arriving home and pulled his vehicle into the driveway. Castaneda jumped out of a car that was parked near the driveway and robbed the victim while armed with a gun. There were four suspects involved in the robbery. Castaneda was identified by surveillance video and fingerprints taken from the crime scene matched Castaneda's known prints.

On September 24, 2017, a father and son were arriving home and parked along the curb when Castaneda and three other suspects surrounded their vehicle. One of the suspects pointed a gun at the father, forced him to exit the vehicle and struck him with the gun. Castaneda also had a gun and pointed it at the son, who had exited the vehicle. One of the unidentified suspects drove away in the vehicle. The stolen vehicle was found about an hour later. A latent print taken from the vehicle matched Castaneda.

Castaneda has a prior 2017 conviction for possession of controlled substance for sale.

Defendant Pleads to Child Sexual Assault Charges

DATE: October 19, 2018

CASE: Johnathan Nesmon (Case #18FE008225)

PROSECUTOR: Supervising Deputy District Attorney Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Animal Cruelty Unit

Johnathan Nesmon pled no contest to committing a sex act with a child under the age of 10 and lewd and lascivious touching of a child under the age of 14.

On April 10, 2018, a citizen called the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department to report that she saw images of Nesmon sexually abusing a 7-year-old girl on Nesmon's cell phone. When the Sheriff's Department contacted the victim, she reported that Nesmon had been sexually assaulting her for several years. Nesmon assaulted the victim at a number of locations, including a toy store parking lot, a store dressing room and a motel. The Sacramento County Sheriff's High-Tech Crimes and Child Abuse Unit recovered thousands of child pornography digital images on Nesmon's devices.

Nesmon faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for January 10, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 61 before the Honorable Michael Sweet.

Defendant Convicted for Child Sexual Assault, Pornography

DATE: October 15, 2018

CASE: David Rivera (Case

#16FE021142)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Patrick Foster, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

David Rivera was convicted by a jury of 10 counts of committing a lewd act upon a child and one count of possessing or controlling child pornography.

The victim was 8 years old at the time and the daughter of one of Rivera's friends. Rivera would often spend the night at the friend's house. Two secured digital cards were found showing video and pictures of Rivera sexually assaulting the victim and another girl. Rivera later admitted that it was him in the

An allegation that Rivera has a prior 2003 residential burglary strike conviction will be determined at sentencing.

Rivera faces a maximum sentence of 500 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for November 30, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 13 before the Honorable Matthew Gary.Career Criminal Sentenced for Attempted Murder of Officers.

SPCA Comes to the Rescue

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These reminders come just as the California Department of Water Resources encourages communities to participate in Flood Preparedness Week. Local preparedness events and exercises are being held throughout the state to educate communities on what to do during extreme weather events.

A Flood Preparedness Funfair will be held in Sacramento at the Miller Regional Park on Saturday,

October 27 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. In partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), event attendees will learn how keep their family and pets safe during an emergency, fill sandbags, find evacuation routes, sign up for emergency alerts, and watch rescuers in action as they perform water

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More Information: www. sspca.org

Flood Preparedness is Your Duty

Continued from page 1 damage. If you live in an area prone to flooding, consider talking to a qualified insurance agent about flood insurance.

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Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that helps reduce the cost of flood insurance. Through FEMA, if you live a designated Special Flood Hazard Area you will be saving about \$446.00 per year on

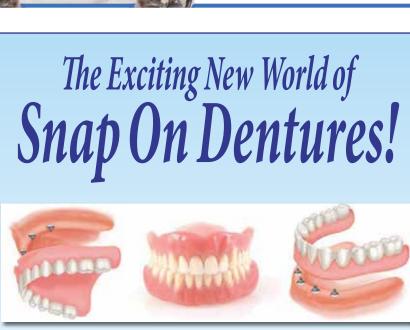
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