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# Joint Effort by Churches Provides 10,000 Meal Bags



The two churches held a joint service project, aided by Rise Against Hunger, to send the meals to hungry people overseas. (At right) Amelia, 7, and other children helped out by running completed packages to the shipping table. Here she has just pounded the gong to signal another 1,000 packages finished. Amelia volunteered along with her father Jason Utter, and grandma Judy Utter of St. Francis Episcopal Church. Photos by Gary McFadyen

By Margaret Snider

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - St. Francis Episcopal Church and Valley Redemptive Church worked together on Sunday, February 25 to prepare 10,000 meal bags. Each bag held a meal for six people to be shipped out to feed the hungry throughout the world.

St. Francis Episcopal is closing after 60 years at their Fair Oaks campus. Facing declining membership, the church has been leasing out parts of their facility to other organizations in an effort to keep up with costs. Mary Lee Pennington, a member of the St. Francis vestry, quoted Reverend Joe Duggan as saying, "When you announce you're closing the church, the people get together and feed the hungry."

Two and a half years ago Valley Redemptive Church became one of the lessees. "The significant story, really, is how

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Answers

to that question from Fair Oaks

and Orangevale residents will

determine what community

service projects hundreds of

volunteers will pursue during a

"Big Day of Service" later this

What began as a casual social

media chat a few months ago

has blossomed into plans for

the "Big Day of Service" on

May 5, a grass-roots event that

organizers hope will benefit

both recipients of services and

volunteers who will enjoy the

satisfaction of personally help-

ing improve their communities.

Big Day of Service

If You Had \$500 and 20 Volunteers,

How Would You Improve the Community?

Preparations are under way

for at least 25 teams, each with

10-50 volunteers, to pursue

projects that residents of the two

munity around the idea that we

can all make things better by

working together," said County

Supervisor Sue Frost, one of the

The event has garnered

significant financial and in-

kind support from Frost, the

Community Foundation of

Orangevale and Fair Oaks,

local residents, businesses,

schools, churches and civic

event's sponsors.

"We hope to unite the com-

communities help identify.

an African American and a white congregation are working together . . . in the context of significant nationwide mistrust," Duggan said. "What we've been able to accomplish over the last 2 ½ years is pretty extraordinary." The two pastors have worked as a team on such missions as hurricane and flood relief and the "heifer project," a nonprofit providing livestock to struggling communities around the world.

Valley Redemptive Church moved to Fair Oaks as a central point for its members, who come from many areas of Greater Continued on page 10

# **Senator Gaines** Introduces Bill to Help Families Save for College

By Betsey Hodges

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado) today announced Senate Bill 1218, legislation that will help families save money for college by making contributions to 529 plans tax deductible in California.

"The cost to send kids to college has skyrocketed over the past several decades. Students who work, receive scholarships and/or financial aid, and get help from their parents still manage to graduate with tens of thousands of dollars racked up in student loans," said Senator Gaines. "My hope is that by allowing the ability to deduct 529 contributions, it will increase savings and decrease the amount needed in student loans."

A 529 savings plan is an investment account meant for college tuition and other higher-education costs. The plans are usually sponsored by states and offer various benefits. Many states give the account owner full or partial state income tax deductions for their contributions to the state's 529 plans. California is currently one of only nine states that do not offer a state income tax deduction or tax credit for contributions to the state's 529 college savings plan.

Senate Bill 1218 will make contributions to 529 plans of up to \$20,000 per year tax deductible in California. This limit will be adjusted each year for inflation.

For reference, tuition and related costs (books, living expenses, etc.) at both the University of California and California State University systems have tripled over the last 15 years. The average cost for one year at a California State University is approximately \$25,000. The average cost for one year at a University of California is nearly \$35,000.

To attend the private University of Southern California, tuition alone will cost more than \$50,000 per year. Data from The Institute for College Access & Success shows that the average borrower from California has \$22,191 worth of student loan debt that still needs to be paid.

Senator Ted Gaines represents the 1st Senate District, which includes all or parts of Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra and Siskiyou counties.

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The Big Day of Service will begin Saturday, May 5, with a pancake breakfast and kick-off rally

organizations.

Event organizers are accepting project ideas

through a website (www. BigDayofService.com) or email at info@bigdayofservice.com. Continued on page 3

# **Junior Tennis Fund** Seeks a Match

"Bringing Tennis to Underserved Kids"

By Rich Peters, MPG Editor

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Established at the end of 2014, the Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento has donated over \$16,000 to the greater Sacramento Region over the years. Mainly donating to parks and recs, the goal of the organization is to bring tennis to kids who may not have ever had a chance to set foot on the court

The JTFS is a collective giving organization that supports public youth tennis in the greater Sacramento area. They harness the power of collective giving to support community philanthropy and help create new tennis opportunities for all kids, especially the underserved, at public facilities, parks and schools.

Among the years of contributions, they have donated to the Carmichael Recreation and Park, South Gate Recreation and Park District, Rio Linda Recreation and Park District and the Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District. Most recently they donated \$1,800 to Woodland Park.

"We are a youth development program that helps with social skills and gets kids out of the house," said Carol Rose, Founder and Director of JTFS. "Kids like tennis and enjoy getting out there and chasing the ball." Rose explained the beauty of tennis entering these children's lives. "Tennis is a sport that instills core values, teaches life skills and helps to develop productive citizens. It's a sport that can be played for a lifetime."



JTFS members Joyce Williams (third from right) and Jolene Stinemetz (third from left) present the board members of Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District with a donation.

Expanding on that point, some kids pick up the sport and truly run with it, which led to the newest idea of JTFS. Beginning last year, the program, with the help of various coaches around the community, identify the kids that are working hard, taking the sport seriously and have the ability to take their skills to the next level. They award these kids scholarships for private lessons and then they automatically get signed up for an upcoming tournament through the Sacramento Area Tennis Association. SATA runs a series of tournaments throughout the year for all different age groups.

Upcoming for JTFS is one of the biggest fundraising days of the year, as they will once again be participating in the Big Day of Giving, the Sacramento Region's annual 24-hour fundraising event and year-long

capacity building program. The event takes place on Thursday, May 3 and this year JTFS will join powers with the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and The Wish List Project at The Patriot Restaurant located in the Milagro Centre in Carmichael.

These organizations are inviting friends and donors to stop by, say hello and enjoy some great food and drinks – all in the spirit of giving. Donors for any of the non-profits will be given a discount for dinner that evening at The Patriot. Last year the region raised nearly \$7.2 million from tens of thousands of donors, according to the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

For more information on becoming a JTFS member or sponsor, visit www. juniortennisfund.org, e-mail juniortennisfund@gmail.com or call 916-359-3667.

# **Capitol Pops Concert Band Enters 21st** Year with New Energy and New Director



Concert Band founding members Georgia and Ray Latimer with new band director, Judith Steinle (center).

#### Story and photo by Elise Spleiss

#### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- The Capitol Pops Concert Band (CPCB) will return to the 2018 Sacramento area music scene with a new director, Judith Steinle. The band kicks off its 21st season on March 23. Steinle, 61, is CPCB's first female music director. For over four decades she has worked in many musical venues working with students as an accompanist and music director in the San Jose area.

The band's 50 all-volunteer musicians include high school students, senior citizens and all ages in between. Concerts are fun and fast moving with popular (thus the 'pops') music, including Broadway shows, movies, popular marches, patriotic pieces and new offerings.

The CPCB was formed in February of 1997, just one month after Citrus Heights was incorporated as a city. A committee of musicians led by Citrus Heights residents Ray and Georgia Latimer along with Alice Jacobs

and Jerry Lopes decided the new city needed a band and invited 50 musicians to create one that featured pops music. Jerry Lopes was director until 2014. Kurt Pearsall served until 2017.

Since 1997 the band has performed hundreds of concerts for thousands of people throughout the Sacramento area. Besides concerts sponsored by local park and recreation districts and at other community events, CPCB performs privately sponsored shows at venues including senior living facilities and schools. School students are especially encouraged to join.

Home base for the band is the Fellowship Hall at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5811 Walnut Avenue in Orangevale. Practice is on Thursdays from 7:00p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For information contact Band Manager Linda Glover at 916-725-5214.

For more information on concerts, visit their Facebook page and their website at http://www. capitolpops.org.

Concerts to date: All concerts

are free and open to the public.

Friday Mar 23: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the California Automobile Museum, 2200 Front Street, Sacramento. Doors to the car museum open at 6 p.m. for free tours.

Saturday April 21: Capitol Pops Concert Band celebrates its 21st anniversary.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rusch Park gym, 7801 Auburn Blvd.

Saturday May 12: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Outdoor venue. The Band will perform a free, open to the public joint concert with the Antelope High School Band. Bring your chairs and blankets.

Sunday, July 1: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Outdoor concert in honor of America's birthday. The *Celebrate* America Concert will be held at Fair Oaks Village, 4238 Main Street (known as the chicken park). Bring your chairs and blankets.

Wednesday, July 4: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. following the Roseville 4th of July parade. This concert is part of the annual July 4th Festival in Royer Park, Douglas Blvd. Bring your chairs and blankets.



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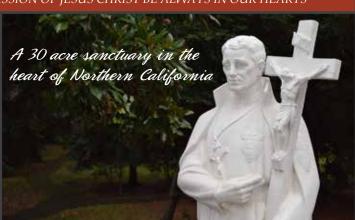


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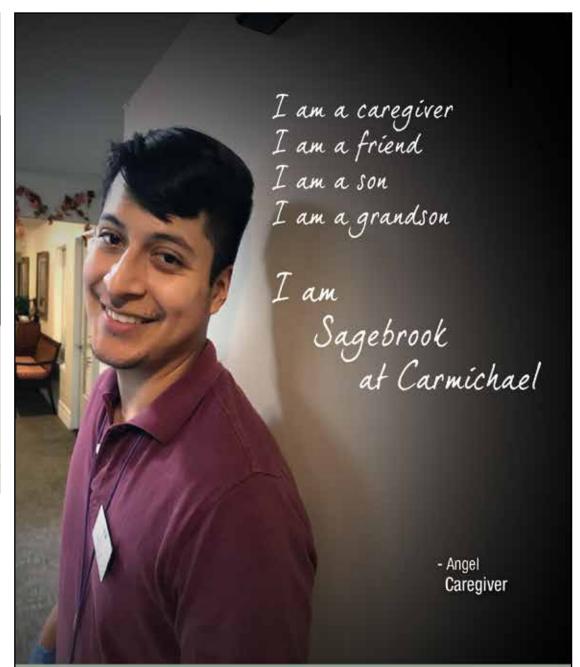
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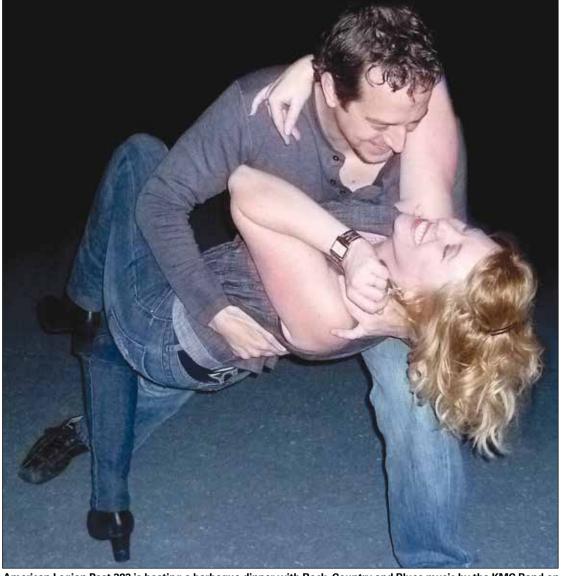
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# American Legion BBQ Blues Dinner and Dance



American Legion Post 383 is hosting a barbeque dinner with Rock, Country and Blues music by the KMC Band on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Advance ticket donations are Adults \$20 – Children \$10. Tickets also available at the door.

#### By Sheila LaPolla

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - American Legion Post 383 is hosting a barbeque dinner with Rock, Country and Blues music by the KMC Band on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Location: Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6158, 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks (off Hazel Ave, in center of Phoenix Park).

Time: Doors open at 5:00

pm – dinner at 6:00 pm with a no host bar – KICK UP YOUR HEELS to live music starting at 7:00 pm!

There will be drawings throughout the evening. Super Prize drawing at 9pm!

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Tickets also available at the door. Donations are to support our local Veterans and their families

in need, Active duty Military, as well as the Junior ROTC, California Boys State, Local Boys Scouts of America and other veteran programs supporting Americanism.

For more information please contact Mark Rice at (916) 204-8151 or Pete DePalma at (916) 678-9446. (Tickets available at the VFW Hall starting March 4th). ★

# California State Old Time Fiddlers to Visit Orangevale



The public is invited to attend the Fiddlers Jam and stage performances on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Orangevale Grange Hall located at 5807 Walnut Avenue near Madison Avenue. Photo courtesy California State Old

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) - The public is invited to attend the Fiddlers Jam and stage performances on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Orangevale Grange Hall located at 5807 Walnut Avenue near Madison

Free Admission, Refreshments and Parking The Fiddle Kids go on stage at 2:00 p.m. which is always one of the highlights of the

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# Big Day of Service

## If You Had \$500 and 20 Volunteers, How Would You Improve the Community?

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Thus far, possible project ideas range from planting trees to preparing care packages for overseas troops; room makeovers for terminally ill children: repainting fire hydrants; youth groups visiting nursing or memory care home residents; cleaning up litter; distribution of toiletries and other necessities to the homeless; and creating community gardens.

"There are so many needs and opportunities to improve our community. Imagine what we can accomplish with hundreds of neighbors coming together in service with many families serving together," said Brad Squires, the community foundation's chairman. "Communities get better when they serve together. We hope to create a ripple of kindness and a wave of good deeds throughout our community."

The Big Day of Service will begin Saturday, May 5, with a pancake breakfast and kick-off

rally where volunteers can meet community as well," said Jadie others and get together with their teams to receive instructions before leaving to begin their neighborhood projects. At the end of the day, a group celebration is also being planned.

The rally's location has not yet been determined, but throughout the day it will be the site of a Community Service Fair offering some on-the-spot services along with some onthe-spot opportunities to give back to the community in some way. For example, a family receiving services such as free haircuts, food, clothing or eye exams might want to give blood or write encouragement cards for military families and food bank recipients; or volunteer to work with one of the many local community service organizations represented at the fair.

"We're adapting the concept of 'take what you need, give what you can' to give those receiving services the opportunity to give back to the

Huegel, the event's marketing coordinator.

In a few months' time, the core group of event planners has expanded from a handful to over 30 community leaders and supporters pledging their services. Attendance at two recent community information meetings bolstered event planners' hopes of attracting 500 or more volunteers.

"I honestly believe the Big Day of Service will be the largest and most unifying event to ever take place in Fair Oaks and Orangevale," said Jeff Pitnikoff, who helped envision the event and is the executive director of AboutKidz, a community service organization. "Unity is something that improves and enriches community. Now more than ever before we need to elevate and celebrate the things that unify us."

For more information: www. BigDayofService.com or email: info@BigDayofService.com ★

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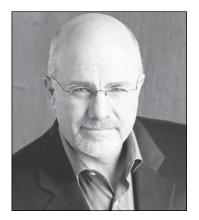
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-Bill

Dear Bill,

No, this is not a good idea. You're looking at two major problems with a company such as this one. One, they will absolutely destroy whatever credit you may have. Their plan is to take your cash, and spend some time beating down the credit card companies until they agree to accept a lesser amount. Then,

# Dave Says

loans you will have — by that time —defaulted on. This will put you in a situation very similar to if you had filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy. Stay away from these people.

You have an income crisis, in addition to a debt crisis, at this point. For starters, I want you to start living on a tight, written, monthly budget. I'm talking rice and beans, no vacations, and no eating out until you pay off this debt. Where your income is concerned, maybe you should consider getting back into the kind of business you ran previously for a while. Look for a managerial or supervisory position in that area, at least until you're able to get back on your feet and save some cash.

Finally, cut up the credit cards, close the accounts, and put as much money as you can spare toward paying off that debt using the debt snowball system. Never go back into debt again!

—Dave

#### Pay off house first? Dear Dave,

My husband and I are in our forties. We have no children, and we bring home \$95,000 a year combined. We're also debt-free except for our home. We owe just \$10,000 on the house, and can take care of

they use your cash to settle that in a few months. Would it be okay to rearrange the Baby Steps a bit, and pay off our home before getting serious about saving for retirement?

- Nan

Dear Nan,

I don't usually give folks any wiggle room when it comes to sticking with the proper order of the Baby Steps. But if you're that close to being completely debt-free, I don't see anything wrong with paying off the house first.

Most people I talk to still have anywhere from \$100,000 to \$300,000 left on their mortgages. This is a little bit different story, however, and you two are obviously managing your money well.

Knock out that mortgage, and start pouring at least 15 percent of your income into retirement. You're going to love the feeling — and the freedom — that comes with being completely debt-free!

–Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

# The Evolution is Here

Get Used to Hearing About Artificial Intelligence



Commentary by Doug Ose

Have you noticed how evident AI is now in our everyday life? It started with coordinating traffic signals along major streets in an effort to expedite the flow of traffic. Home Depot now has the personal checkout line where one employee oversees four pay stations. Bel Air has the same thing. At McDonald's you will see at least one electronic ordering station that is connected directly to the preparation line that issues you a receipt and directs you to pay the will be a significant reduction in cashier. Complex algorithms control the electricity grid to constantly adjust the flow of electrons for efficiency purposes. Automobiles can now drive themselves.

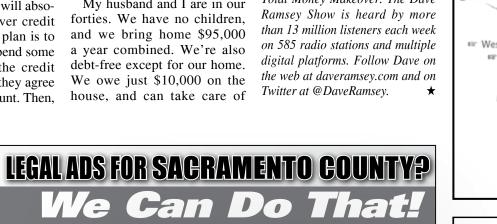
There are significant implications to this evolution. The arrival of such advancements is self-inflicted. Those who advocate for higher minimum wages are creating huge incentives for business to invest in physical capital rather than human capital. Think back to when we were kids: our first job was scooping ice cream at Baskin Robbins at \$1.65 per hour, or being a carry out person at the local grocery store for \$2.10 per hour, or whatever. Those were learning situations. We were learning work ethics and consumer relations, getting exposed to the real world of working for a living.

As near as I can tell, the horse is out of the barn on "first job" opportunities. While those first jobs won't all disappear, there the number of them. Employers are now able to purchase equipment with artificial intelligence that can process relatively simple job tasks. The end result is that "first jobs" are being eliminated. The economic driver for this is clearly the regulatory burden being placed on employers. A machine never calls in sick. A machine doesn't require workers compensation insurance. A machine doesn't fill out a time card with all the potential private attorneys general actions that come with an inaccurately completed time card. A machine doesn't enroll in Obamacare. You get the point.

In my opinion, artificial intelligence is a positive development for our economy, enhancing productivity up and down the economic chain. I wonder about how far AI will progress over the next few years. For a number of reasons, I worry about the demise of "first jobs" for our young people. So should

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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

There come times in every life when we just do not think life is fair. Times when we have expectations and nothing happens the way we want them to. It just does not happen and with it comes a sense of heartbreak and hurt feelings. Dealing with them often is hard to deal with, but there is no alternative, we have to do it. No one can do it for us! No one! This is reality and the process does happen. It causes and helps us mature into

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Man was created to be dependent on God because within one's self he is inadequate. Many find God as a partner through life and when they do, the journey though life becomes a continuous blessing, as they learn to cope with issues of their hearts. They learn that feelings are not facts and rely on the Master Creator to help them live through them when things do happen that are painful. They tell God everything through the avenue of prayer. (Talking to God) Those who have a personal relationship are guided into the perfect plan God ordained the day they

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By Pastor Ray Dare

Either you have just got out of trouble, or you're in it right now, or you're headed into it. Trouble is a part of life. You will have difficulties. You show what kind of Christian you are by the way you respond to problems. If you cop out, complain, gripe, and run from difficulty, you're not a very mature person either spiritually or emotionally. But if you learn from difficulty you keep growing.

In Acts 27 Paul was headed into a storm. He was being taken as a prisoner to Rome and he warned the captain, "Don't sail out of this harbor, because God has told me there's going to be a storm." In this story we learn three keys to dealing with difficulty.

Confess my part. If you brought it on yourself, admit it. Stop blaming other people.

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#### **How to Get Through a Storm**

Stop making excuses. Face the problem and say, I brought this on myself. The truth is most of our problems we bring upon ourselves. The Bible says, "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." God will give you another chance.

Confront it. You don't run from it. You can't go under it, over it, around it. You go right into it. The only way to face a storm is head on. If you turn sideways, you're going to capsize. God says "Face the storm, don't fear it. Go straight on into it." God didn't say when you go through the storm it would be easy. He said "I will be with you." God didn't say it will be easy getting through what you're going through right now. But He did say, "I will be with you." And you are going to make it.

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that it will turn out exactly as I have been told." God will keep His promises. God did not say the ship will make it. God say you will make it.

You may be in a storm right now and have no idea how you're going to make it safely to shore. You may have to get there on a broken piece of the ship, you may have to dog paddle, but you're going to make it. None of us have completely whole lives. We are all broken individuals. You may have a broken heart but you'll make it. You may have a broken home, but you'll make it. God says "I will be with you." Do you feel battered and bashed around? Don't throw away your convictions, your relationship with God, going to church, reading your Bible and praying. You don't give up hope. Confess your part, Confront the storm and Claim a promise and He will see you through.

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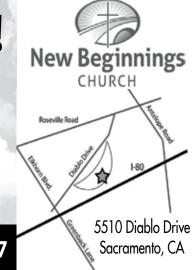
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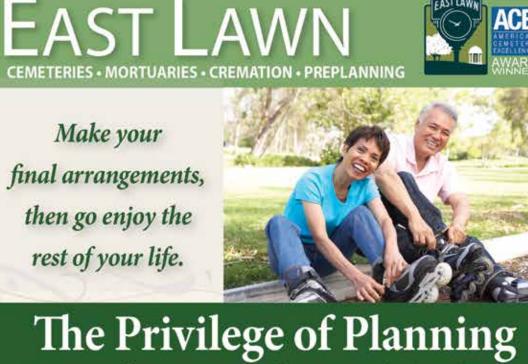
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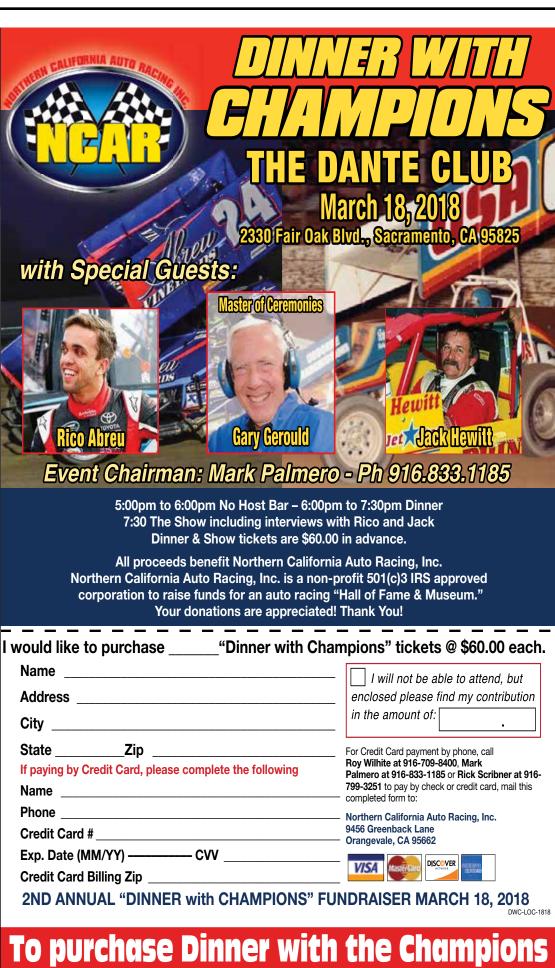
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First of all, let's check the Top 10 foods to avoid like Processed foods (cookies, frozen dinners, and white bread, sugar and saturated fats). Add Processed meats, Red meat, Chicken, Butter and Margarine, Fried and Fast foods, Cheese, Pastries and Sweets, Sugary Drinks, and Excessive alcohol to the list.

So what's left? Some of the top Brain-nourishing foods are Avocado, Beans, Blueberries, Broccoli, Coffee, Dark Chocolate, Extra Virgin Olive oil, Flax seed, Herbal Tea, Herbs, Leafy greens, Mushrooms, Nuts, Omega 3 Fatty Acids, Quinoa, Chia and Sunflower seeds, Spices, Sweet potatoes, Turmeric, and Whole grains.

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2) LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. Motor skills, Memory Centers, Processing, and Mood (understanding the emotional subtleties of the music.

3) COMPUTER PROGRAMMING. Memorizing new codes and knowing how the codes work together, selecting new codes and typing...motor skills.

4) WRITING A BOOK. Attention and focus with typing passages, recalling research stories and ideas, organizing and structuring and recreating emotions on the page.

**5) KARAOKE.** Reading and performing lyrics, interpretation of the song, modulating your voice, and recalling a particular song.

6) PERFORMING STAND-UP COMEDY. Memorizing your set, reading the audience, creating material and physical appearance on the stage.

7) LEARNING TO DANCE. Physical coordination, fine motor movements, responding to music, memorizing choreography, and understanding different dance techniques.

8) CHESS CLUB OR GROUP CARD GAMES. Remembering your cards and the rules for each game, step-by-step strategy concentration on the game, and planning how you will win.

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# **NorCal Auto Racing to Hold Hall** of Fame Fundraiser Dinner

Gary Gerould to MC "Dinner with the Champions" event with Racing's Stars



Rick Scribner poses with his #15. Photo courtesy NCAR

By Roy Wilhite, NCAR

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rick Scribner, NCAR's Vicepresident, has been involved in Auto Racing for most of his life. He even met his wife, Janet, in turn #4 at West Capital Raceway.

Rick has raced Sprint Cars, Super Modified and Cup Cars on asphalt and dirt. He has a passion for auto racing (like most race car owners and drivers). His son Chris currently races the family owned #5 Late Model.

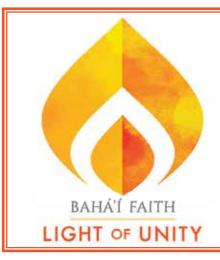
Rick is on the founding Board of Directors of Northern California Auto Racing, Inc., (NCAR). Rick and his company Scribner Plastics, Inc. is a strong supporter of NCAR's drive to acquire a "Hall of Fame and Museum" for Northern California Auto racing's large following of enthusiasts.

Like most racing individual's, Rick is looking forward to the NCAR'S "Dinner with Champions" with Gary Gerould as Master of Ceremonies interviewing Super Stars Rico Abreu and Jack Hewitt on March 18th at the Dante Club in Sacramento.

The Dante Club is located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, California 95825.

To purchase tickets online go to www.ncar825.com.

You can also purchase your tickets by mail. Make your check payable to NCAR and send it to 9456 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, California 95662. For more information call 1-916-709-8400.



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# Joint Effort by Churches Provides 10,000 Meal Bags



(Above) Mood was light and the work quickly done at the joint Rise Against Hunger service project carried out by St. Francis Episcopal Church and Valley Redemptive Church in Fair Oaks. (At right; L-R) Reverend Joe Duggan, St. Francis Episcopal Church; Courtney Hudson, Rise Against Hunger ambassador; Pastor Donnie Bryant, Valley Redemptive Church; and Jim Quinney, Rise Against Hunger Ambassador. Behind them is the truck with boxes of completed meals ready to be shipped. Photos by

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Sacramento. "Most of our congregation traditionally is Baptist, including myself," said Pastor Donnie Bryant. Bryant said that the relationship between Valley Redemptive and St. Francis has turned out to be a friendship. "If we want to see a better world, it's got to start in the church in a joint effort to do things in the community," Bryant said. "It was just cool."

The two groups have conducted monthly joint services and still meet together often. Individual member cross over to each other's services occurs both ways, and the pastors often visit each other's services, since the congregations meet at different times.

"One of the most segregated times in the United States is Sunday morning," said Valley Redemptive minister of music



Karen Massie Withrow. "We are here together; we might as well practice what we preach. We're all taught that, but to really put it into action – that's the thing that's so great about working with St. Francis."

For the Rise Against Hunger project, both churches provided funding for food, boxing and shipping costs, which ran to about \$1,500 for each congregation. The churches also provided the volunteers to put together the meal packages. Rise Against Hunger ambassador Jim Quinney, a St. Francis layman, and Rise Against Hunger representative Courtney Hudson were on site to organize and run the event. They arranged for the food to get to the project and the packed cases of meals to be taken to the shipping point.

Nearly a hundred people of all ages worked together to fill, seal and pack more than 10,000 bags, meeting their goal an hour and a half before the scheduled ending. After the completion of each thousand, the gong rang out to mark the accomplishment. Each bag contained vitamin packet, soy protein, dehydrated vegetables and rice - enough to feed six

Withrow said she hopes the two churches can work on projects together as long as possible. St. Francis is scheduled to close on Saturday, April 14, when there will be a combined service with joint choirs.

For more information about Rise Against Hunger contact Jim Quinney at 916-257-1635 or jquinney@stophungernow.org.★

## The Rogue Music Project with Pioneer Congregational **Church Presents Kevin Doherty & Jennifer Reason in Concert**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -**Rogue Music Project's Jennifer Reason and Kevin Doherty will present their concert, "Unfinished Business" Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m. at the historic Pioneer Congregational Church, 2700 L Street.

Kevin Doherty and Jennifer Reason will perform their concert, "Unfinished Business", with piano music by C.P.E. Bach and Mozart; famous scenes from two of opera's greatest composers, Puccini and Britten; a transcendent movement from Philip Glass's METAMORPHOSES; and the song cycle SONGS OF TRAVEL by Vaughan Williams. Artists Liisa Davila and Sarah Fitch will also perform.

Baritone Doherty is the Morning Classical Host on Capital Public Radio. In concert, he has appeared as a baritone soloist with orchestras across the United States. Pianist Jennifer Reason is Music Director of the Rogue Music Project, (RMP) a collective that cultivates adventurous music and theater experiences. She is also the Artistic Director for the Reconciliation Singers



Rogue Music Project's Jennifer Reason and Kevin Doherty will present their concert, "Unfinished Business" Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m. at the historic Pioneer Congregational Church, 2700 L Street. Photo courtesy Rogue

Voices of Peace, a 16-voice a capella ensemble who donates 100% of their proceeds to underfunded charities nationwide. (www.rsvpchoir.org).

Tickets are available at the door for \$20. This is the third concert of the historic Pioneer Congregational Church's 2018 concert series.

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