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Love and Satire on Center Stage

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Love of many kinds is running rampant at The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival this summer! Love for their beloved former Artistic Director Bob Irvin...love of satire and music.... and love of the dreaded 'reefer,' a humble pig, and Shakespeare's iconic Kate from "Taming of the Shrew." All this love comes in the form of a summer theatre season that was inspired and driven by Irvin. The season's show reflect his vision: "Reefer Madness," "Charlotte's Web," and "SHREW!" an original musical mapped out by Irvin before his untimely passing. Irvin's 30-year legacy is in good hands with Beth Duggan (the new Artistic Director), and Karen Bombardier, the director of the season's opening production of "Reefer Madness" (June 19 - July 23, 2017).

"Reefer Madness," is an outrageous tongue-in-cheek musical comedy and a satirical sendup of the 1936

low-budget film on the menace of marijuana. It is laced with heady ballads, spectacular choreography (by Jacob Montoya) and hilarious musical commentary on the nature of government propaganda.

The musical tells the tale of the Harper Affair, in which young Jimmy Harper finds his life of promise turned into a life of debauchery and murder thanks to the new drug menace marijuana. Along the way he receives help from his girlfriend Mary Lane and even Jesus himself, but always finds himself in the arms of the Reefer Man and the rest of the denizens of the Reefer Den. Winner of seven awards, including Best Production: L.A. Drama Critics Circle Award, and Best Production: Backstage West Garland Award.

A sort of twilight-zone-meets-horror-film-meets-musical-comedy, this shows provides both thrills and chills that just



Members of the Reefer Madness cast: (Front row, left to right): Melissa Brausch, Elio Gutierrez, Jonathan Blum. (Back row, left to right): Brianne Hidden-Wise, William Schmidt, Leah Fraizer, Michael Bowles. Photo by Brian Williams

may inspire a cult following! "Reefer" runs at 8:30pm Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 29. Tickets range from \$12 (on Retro Sundays) to \$18 general. "Reefer Madness," an R-rated show.

Opening July 1 is "Charlotte's Web," a fun and faithful adaptation of E.B. White's classic story of a gentle pig and his unlikely friend, a spider. The one-hour show features all of the novel's favorite characters, including Fern, Homer Zuckerman and Templeton the Rat, and is followed by an opportunity for photos and autographs in the adjacent park. Tickets to all shows (Saturdays, July 1-22, 11am) are \$5

The final show of the season is "SHREW!," an original musical set in 1930s Paris. This swinging little musical takes Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" as a launching off point, but brings the audience a feisty couple that's evenly matched in strength and wit. Written by published author Jennifer Longo ("Six Feet Over It," "Up to this Point"), "SHREW!" is filled with high fashion fun and music reminiscent of Cole Porter and Noel Coward. Musical Directors Lucy D'Mot, Kirt Shearer and Jonathan Blum set the perfect tone in this 'jazz age' musical comedy! Shows will run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 8pm from August 11 through

September 17. Tickets range from \$12 (on Retro Sundays) to \$18 general.

In addition to theatre, the Fair Oaks Theatre Festival offers a full season of music this summer as well! Concerts include the popular folk music group "The New Christy Minstrels" (July 29 and 30), a New Orleans Jazz Night (James Pace & the Switch Blade Trio with Jessie Malone, August 5), and a Blues/Rock Night (Jeff Watson Band, September 30).

For more information on all productions and concerts, call (916) 966-3683 or visit FairOaksTheatreFestival.com.

Submitted by Fair Oaks Theatre Company ★

Gibson Ranch Management to Stay Under Ose

**Story and Photo
by Jacqueline Fox**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved a management contract for former Congressman Doug Ose to continue overseeing Gibson Ranch, ending months of negotiations over the fate of the 325-acre nature preserve.

Ose said Tuesday he is very pleased with the board's decision, which essentially gives his company, GRP 211, LLC (GRP) a year-to-year contract to manage the park. The agreement will stay in place for four years and carry an option for annual extensions of up to four additional one-year terms, with a 90-day notification to terminate.

The new agreement with Ose shifts a significant portion of operational costs to the county, a win for Ose, who was granted a five-year renewable lease to manage the park in 2011, but announced plans earlier this year to pull out unless the county could renegotiate an agreement to offset what he said was amounting to out-of-pocket losses of roughly \$20,000 a month due to rising labor costs.

Under the terms of the agreement, the county will take over roughly \$110,500 in annual operating costs for Gibson Ranch, including an estimated \$53,000 for utilities, including sewer and water quality certification; between \$5,000 and \$7,000 to maintain and repair the wells on the property, and provide Ose with a \$50,000 annual contribution toward reimbursements for capital improvements and deferred maintenance.

An original request by Ose to raise additional revenue through a hike in the park's entry fee from \$5 to \$8 was not something the entire board would support. The hike was removed from Ose's proposal and the entry fee will not be raised, Ose said.

County Supervisor Sue Frost, who was among those opposing the entry fee hike, called the agreement a "rare win for everyone involved."

"The county gets to have a jewel of a park for a smaller price than everything comparable in the county, and the residents of the community get to continue enjoying the park for the same fee as they are used to paying," Frost said. "I'm extremely pleased with how this worked out."

The new agreement also calls for the county to install an automatic pay station in the park, which could net the county additional revenue of between \$7,000 and \$10,000 annually. ★



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Masters Lead in Ceremony Celebrating Achievements

By Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Family Tae Kwon Do Plus held special event on June 10, celebrating both the new, larger facility, and to honor its family of teachers, staff and students as they celebrated another year of student achievement with their annual Belt Ceremony. Just one week following the grand opening celebration of the move to a new 5,400 square foot at the corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Antelope Road, friends and family along with five much honored and respected Grand Masters of various martial arts systems: Joe Souza Grand Master- Kensujitsu; Grand Master Vinton Koklich - Parker's Kenpo; Grand Master Harry Green - Bladed Weapons Specialist; Professor

The night before the ceremony, the testing panel of the grand masters met and tested 100 color belt students and six high ranking black belts. On the panel were Grand Masters of various martial arts systems: Joe Souza Grand Master- Kensujitsu; Grand Master Vinton Koklich - Parker's Kenpo; Grand Master Harry Green - Bladed Weapons Specialist; Professor



Students about to receive their new colored belts with the staff for Family Tai Know Do Plus and grand masters who will present the belts. Photo courtesy Family Tae Kwon Do

Andre Sims - Taechi & Kenpo Karate, and K.C. McFarland, Grand Master of Kajukenbo. Dozens of pupils, beginning with the Kinder Kick class, ages 3-6 years, came forward, one by one to receive their new belt from Professor Dominic Cirincione, Kateena Cirincione,

teacher Miss Kasea, 20, and several of the Grand Masters assembled to share and celebrate knowledge. Family Tae Kwon Do Plus is located at 7831 Sunrise Blvd. at the corner of Sunrise Blvd. and Antelope Road in Citrus Heights. ★

PaintCare: An Historic Milestone for a Unique Organization

Special Release
from PRWeb

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - When Congressman Jared Huffman began sponsoring a product stewardship law for architectural paint in California in May 2009, even he couldn't envision the level of success that was to come in a few short years after the state's paint stewardship program began in 2012.

"Congratulations to PaintCare on its five year anniversary and for recycling more than 10 million gallons of paint in California," said Rep. Huffman the Second District Representative. "To go from no California product stewardship presence to 10,000,000 gallons in California alone in so short a period of time is an incredible achievement. When I authored this legislation in the California Assembly, my main goal was to make leftover paint recycling more convenient for Californians, reduce the burden of disposal on local governments, and to protect the environment. I'm glad to see that PaintCare has reached these goals with flying colors within just five years. It's a testament to a lot of hard work on the part of many different people."

What has legislators so excited about PaintCare and Product Stewardship though, is not just the success PaintCare has had in collecting a combined 20,000,000 gallons of paint for recycling in those states and jurisdictions with paint stewardship laws (with California accounting for a little more than half and the seven other states and the District of Columbia accounting for the remainder) Ken Pereira, Waste Management Specialist for Sacramento County, highlights the cost savings to municipalities:

"Sacramento County's Department of Waste Management



PaintCare works with corporations to recycle the paint they produce rather than relying on public taxes to pay for clean-up. Photo courtesy PaintCare

and Recycling (DWMR) is committed to excellent environmental stewardship. Historically, DWMR has spent approximately \$150,000 annually in order to divert leftover or unwanted paint products from the landfill, and ensure that they are reused or recycled. Thanks to our successful relationship with the PaintCare organization, DWMR has reduced those annual costs to less than \$8,000 per year. These cost savings directly impact our rate payers and also allow DWMR to expand and improve the county's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program."

PaintCare is the flagship organization under the growing header of Product Stewardship, an environmental strategy in which product manufacturers

have the primary responsibility to establish, fund, and manage programs that minimize the environmental impact of products across the entire product life cycle, including end-of-life management. Government agencies help set performance goals for the programs and ensure accountability and transparency. This means that PaintCare is a unique non-profit operator, at once a partnership between private business and public agencies, and yet its own independent body. California Product Stewardship Council Executive Director Heidi Sanborn on PaintCare's role in the evolution of the general public's understanding of product stewardship.

"PaintCare has demonstrated

that a producer designed and operated system can provide a much more convenient collection system than the government can because they have more locations where people normally go to shop. It's called "take-back" because the retailers are taking back what they once sold making it convenient for their customers. We know if recycling is convenient and free at end of life and the public is informed how to use it and it has a sustainable funding source, the programs work very well. A great benefit of the paint stewardship program in California is that it has freed up millions of dollars of public money to be used on other hazardous waste collection."

PaintCare Executive Director, Marjaneh Zarrehparvar, has earned a reputation over the past five years as being an effective mitigator in the sometimes-tricky relationship between private business and public sector waste and environmental agencies. Kelly Moore CEO, Steve DeVoe, on PaintCare's leader:

"I have had the pleasure of working with Marjaneh now for a number of years both as a paint manufacturer and retailer, and I'll tell you, I think the secret to PaintCare's success is a lot simpler than it might seem. All too often with product stewardship, it seems that businesses, governments and nonprofits can start out as adversaries. But Marjaneh and her PaintCare team have collaborated effectively with everyone and created a program that has processed 20,000,000 gallons of unwanted, leftover paint. I think we are on the right track to process millions of gallons more. PaintCare is a great model of product stewardship and shows what can be done."

For more information on PaintCare, visit <http://www.paintcare.org>

Highway Patrol Offering Free "Start Smart" Classes

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The leading cause of death for Americans 15-20 years old is motor vehicle collisions. In an effort to inform and to reduce motor vehicle collisions in California, California Highway Patrol (CHP) North Sacramento area will offer a free Start Smart class. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers.

Recent collisions involving teenagers in our area demonstrate the importance of these types of classes. The classes are used to promote traffic safety to both parents and teens. We encourage both parent/caregivers and teens to attend the class.

The CHP's Start Smart program is a driver safety education class which targets new and future licensed teenage drivers between the age of 15 -19 and their parents/guardians.

The Start Smart class will cover collision avoidance techniques, driver responsibility, collision trends, distracted driving laws, alcohol related driving laws and the provisional license

process. The program also offers an opportunity for new drivers and parents/guardians to ask CHP Officers clarifying questions. The class incorporates videos and classroom discussion.

North Sacramento CHP will be offering this free class on Tuesday, June 13th, and Tuesday, June 27th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The class will be held at the Sacramento Water and Sewer Treatment Plant at 5026 Don Julio Blvd, in the conference room. This building is located on the northeast corner of Elkhorn Blvd. and Don Julio Blvd.

Persons interested in signing up for the class will need to register for the class by emailing Officer Chad Hertzell at chertzell@chp.ca.gov or by sending a private message to our Facebook account at [Facebook.com/chp-northsac](https://www.facebook.com/chp-northsac). It is highly encouraged that at least one parent/guardian attend the class with their teen driver. Funding for CHP's Start Smart programs is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through NHTSA.

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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.

Kids Don't Float
and Neither do Adults

Visiting Sacramento County's public waterways and rivers is a traditional way to cool off and enjoy the outdoors . . . but before you take the plunge remember Life Looks Good on You and so does a life vest. Drowning Doesn't.

Putting a life vest on before going into the river is the smart and safe thing to do. And remember it's the law for children under 13 to wear a life vest because kids don't float. Wearing one could help save a life – including your own.

There are several life vest borrowing sites in the Sacramento area including at area fire stations and on the American River Parkway at Discovery Park (2 sites -- kids and adults), Ancil Hoffman Park (kids only), Howe Avenue river access (kids only), Watt Avenue river access (kids only), River Bend Park (kids only), and Sunrise river access (kids only).

For more information,

FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Alcohol Ban Keeps
Parkway Family Friendly

If you are planning to enjoy the American River Parkway over the week-end leading into the Fourth of July holiday, please note there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession both on land and in the water between Hazel and Watt avenues (an exception exists for Ancil Hoffman Golf Course).

In past years summer holiday weekends had become major problems along the American River due to excessive alcohol consumption making the parkway less of a family friendly outing because of fights, public nudity, profanity and littering.

Besides the Independence Day weekend, the restriction is also applicable for the holiday weekends of Memorial Day as well as Labor Day.

Free Concerts
in Fair Oaks

The annual free summer Thursday night concert series in Fair Oaks Village continues during July and into August.

The popular program is held in Village Park and the first performance for this month, July 6, features Jim Anderson and the Rebels, an Elvis tribute band. The concert series continues through August 17 with each show beginning at 6:30 pm.

The concerts are presented by the Fair Oaks

Chamber of Commerce, Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District, and the Fair Oaks Foundation for Leisure and the Arts. For a complete listing of all the bands, please visit fairoaks-chamber.com.

Eppie's Great Race

Eppie's Great Race (otherwise known as the world's oldest no swim triathlon) will be celebrating its 44th year on Saturday, July 15.

Founded in 1974 by the late Sacramento-area restaurateur/entrepreneur Eppie Johnson, the race has become an annual summertime tradition for elite athletes, fitness enthusiasts and families. The race features a 5.82-mile run, a 12.5-mile bike route and a 6.35-mile kayak paddle held along the scenic American River Parkway. It starts and finishes at the William B. Pond Recreation Area located at the end of Arden Way.

The race is organized by the Eppie's Great Race Foundation and the primary beneficiary is the Therapeutic Recreation Services Division within the Department of Regional Parks which provides therapeutic recreation opportunities for individuals with disabilities residing in Sacramento County.

For more information, go online and visit eppiesgreat-race.org.

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

Join Team Hope Walk

Genetic Disaster or Uncertainty in Your Genes-Huntington's Disease?

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Individually, they battled ALS, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Huntington's. They all lost. ALS beat baseball great Lou Gehrig; Parkinson's knocked down Muhammad Ali; Alzheimer's erased rock music legend AC/DC founder Malcolm Young; and Huntington's disease silenced Singer/Songwriter Woody Guthrie.

Called 'the cruelest disease' Huntington's is like having ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's at the same time. Imagine! And many are unaware the HD is in their family history.

Neurological degeneration becomes the life of people impacted by the genetic disaster called Huntington's disease or HD. Caused by a genetic mismatch many won't know they carry within their makeup.

Local families are uniting to provide help for today and hope for tomorrow at the Team Hope Walk, William Land Park Saturday, June 24, 2017. The ninth annual walk in this beautiful setting helps raise awareness of HD, support for local families and funds for ongoing research to find treatment and a cure.

Often unknown before symptoms, Therese Crucher-Marin of Auburn and Dawn Doster of Fair Oaks have lived with Huntington's disease dedicating their lives to helping others understand the fate, learn about testing and help support local families thru the HDSA Sacramento Chapter. They



are just two regional families talking about how Huntington's changed their lives.

To learn more about HD, visit the chapter Website at <http://northernca.hdsa.org/>.

Registration costs are: Adults \$25, Children \$10. You receive a T- shirt when you register online. You can get information, register or donate at Sacramento, CA Team Hope Walk at <https://hdsa.donordrive.com>.

Source: Rick Reed PR

Automobile Museum Celebrates Dads!

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Complete with free museum admission and free rides in classic cars for dads and grandpas, the California Automobile Museum is getting revved up to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 18! In addition to a number of eye-catching exhibits – including the limited time To the Rescue: The Fire Trucks and People that Saved Our Cities – a number of classic cars will be on special display for this one-day-only. As a highlight, friendly volunteer drivers are offering FREE rides to the marina and back for interested fathers and grandfathers as well as their families. Donations

are welcome to support the Museum's education program. Take a ride and plan a stop with dad on Father's Day at the California Automobile Museum!

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Automobile Museum , 2200
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When: Sunday, June 18, 2017.

Museum open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE rides for fathers/grandfathers & families 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FREE Museum admission for fathers/grandfathers 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Costs: Museum admission: \$10 for adults, \$9 for vintage (ages 65+), \$5 students (ages 6-17), FREE for children under 5 years

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The first day of school for 2017-2018 will be August 9, 2017. Please go to our website for specifics on this date and the 2017-18 student school calendar at <http://www.buckeyeusd.org>. Please email any questions you may have to cschwieter@buckeyeusd.org



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Defendant Convicted for Multiple Sexual Assaults

DATE: June 7, 2017
CASE: Steven Anthony McCarter (Case #16FE002313)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Tate Davis, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

Steven Anthony McCarter was convicted by a jury of two counts of rape by force with personal use of a deadly weapon, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and assault with the intent to commit rape against two separate women.

On November 21, 2015, a homeless victim was sitting on a street curb near Sacramento State. McCarter offered to drive her to get food, which she accepted. McCarter then provided her with alcohol and asked her to stay in his motel room. The victim agreed to stay in his room with the understanding there would be no sex. The victim later awoke to find McCarter naked with his arms around her neck. McCarter punched and elbowed the victim in the face several times, choked her until she couldn't breathe, and wrapped his belt around her throat in an attempt to suffocate her. When the belt broke, the victim begged McCarter to stop beating her. McCarter proceeded to rape the victim twice. The victim escaped the next morning and was taken to a hospital for her injuries and a sexual assault exam. The District Attorney's Crime Lab analyzed DNA collected from the exam, which was later matched to McCarter's DNA.

On January 23, 2016, a second victim was walking and carrying grocery bags in south Sacramento. McCarter offered to give her a ride, which she accepted. The two talked about meeting again later that night. When the victim became stranded at a light rail station, she called McCarter and asked for a ride home. McCarter picked her up and drove to a liquor store. He then stated he was too drunk to drive and asked if they could stay in a motel for the night. The victim agreed with the understanding there would be no sex. When the victim was in bed, McCarter demanded she remove her clothing. When she refused, McCarter punched her in the face and hit her in the eye with a liquor bottle. The victim was able to fight McCarter off and escape. The next day,

the victim went to a hospital and reported the attempted rape. She later identified McCarter in a photo lineup.

Allegations that McCarter suffered four prior convictions will be determined at sentencing. Sentencing is set for July 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Department 17 before the Honorable Bunmi Awoniyi.

Defendant Sentenced for Attempted Murder of His Children

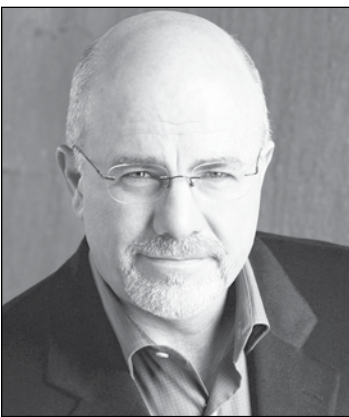
DATE: June 7, 2017
CASE: Charles Ewers (Case #15F02083)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Quirina Orozco, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

The Honorable Jaime Roman sentenced Charles Ewers to 18 years to life in prison. On May 4, 2017, Ewers pled guilty to two counts of attempted murder and admitted to two enhancements for causing great bodily injury and using a deadly weapon.

On April 4, 2015, sheriff's deputies responded to Ewers home after receiving a call from his estranged wife, who was concerned about her children after Ewers failed to return them at the agreed upon time. Deputies heard the sound of a running car motor from the garage. They forced entry into the garage, where they found two children in the car, ages 8 and 10, with bloodied heads and faces. Yellow hoses were connected from the exhaust pipe to a small opening through the rear passenger window. Deputies immediately removed the children from the vehicle. Ewers remained in the driver's seat with a replica airsoft gun on his seat before he was later removed.

Ewers admitted to deputies that he had given his children Ambien to make them drowsy and had planned to suffocate his children by carbon monoxide poisoning. When they failed to get drowsy, he used a mallet to strike them each repeatedly on their heads, causing extensive injuries to their head and bodies. After physically assaulting them, he then forced the children into his running car and told them they were all "going to Heaven."

When questioned by law enforcement, Ewers stated, "I am in control. I am not in a rage. I am in control and I am sad that it didn't work out. If I could try again, I would." He later explained that he had planned the act for several months and was looking for the right time to do it. ★



Dave Says

it has been fully depreciated.

In the first three to five years of starting your business, you should lease. After that, you can choose to lease with an option to buy or, in the right situation, buy a building — debt-free, of course. —Dave

Buy leased building?

Dear Dave,
I've operated my own small business for a couple of years. In that time, I've been leasing the building that houses my company. How do you know when the time is right to buy a place and stop leasing?
- Chris

Dear James,
I'm a big fan of leasing the first few years after starting your own business. It's even better if you can work out of your home, but I understand that's not always practical.

In my mind, you should only buy a building when you have a good idea what your building needs will be from a solid track record. Growth is a good thing, but in some cases you may want to hold off buying a building if you're growing too rapidly. Don't make the mistake of focusing too much on real estate and not enough on generating revenue and managing your growth intelligently. You would also want to make sure you're going to be in anything you buy for a while, because you don't want to be stuck with a residual value. A residual value is the remaining value of an asset after

What's your priority?

Dear Dave,
I work weekends while attending college full-time. My parents have been generous enough to pay for most of my school expenses, and they let me live at home while I complete my degree. Still, I'm trying to figure out how to move out and continue working, while continuing my studies full-time and attending career-related events. We live in an area where the cost of living is high, so I'm not sure how to handle all the facets of this situation.
- Joel

Dear Joel,
I think out of three things — school, work, and where you live — you need to decide which is your number one priority. If it were me, school would come first. In order to go to school without borrowing money, you're going to have to work. Getting out of school on time, and attending some of the events that will take you toward your career, will pre-empt work. You'll have to work enough to pay for things, but if you can finish school and hit your academic

and graduation goals while staying at home a little bit longer, that's a pretty good deal. It's a nice thing your parents are offering, but I can understand your desire to be out on your own.

I want you to be out on your own as soon as you can, too. But if you do that right now, you're going to have extra bills and be forced to work even more. That's going to disturb your entire school process. Guess what your number one priority was in that scenario? Moving out! If it's the tail that's wagging the dog, it has become the number one priority. If it's disrupting work, and thereby disrupting your academics, then you've put your priorities on the wrong thing.

In my mind, the number priority should be finishing school on time, and attending as many connected events as possible. Meanwhile, you're working so much that you're able to continue doing all this debt-free. If that means you're staying at home a little bit longer to pull it off — do it!
—Dave

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My Advice: Twice Is Just As Nice

Dr. James L. Snyder

Nothing is more important to a blissful marriage than finding a point of agreement. Every veteran husband knows if he wants to change his wife's mind about anything, just agree with her. It is amazing how this works. The technical name for this is "re-wife psychology."

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have been married since 1971 and have not had a serious argument or disagreement. (She does not allow me to talk back.) We have had rough times, but not with each other.

We have survived nine congregations, 19 homes, three children with nine grandchildren and all without compromising our relationship. My sanity is another issue.

Throughout our marriage, we have always held to the advice not to go to bed angry. Of course, there have been a few sleepless nights. I have a simple rule: do not close your eyes if there is an angry woman in the vicinity.

I honestly can say our marital relationship through the years has been most amicable. Since our marriage, my wife and I spend a lot of time working together and we never seem to get bored with one another.

We are a great team. She puts up with me and I let her. It works wonderfully and we have been able to accomplish a good deal together.

Only one area where we disagree and there may not be much of a remedy for this departure in company.

Never fear. Our marital dissolution is not near.

We have just learned to live with this dissent and, I might add, have survived quite happily.

I suppose no relationship is absolutely perfect this side of the Pearly Gates. Not to boast, but I have my wife beat in this one area. I do not often get the upper hand with her; in fact, I cannot

remember any other occasion where this has occurred.

Nevertheless, we have come to a meeting of the minds on this subject. Really, if you don't mind, the meeting doesn't matter.

Where my wife and I disagree concerns reruns. She hates reruns and I love them. If I enjoy a book or a movie or a television program, I like seeing it again and again. Not my wife. "There are too many things I haven't seen yet," she argues, "to watch something the second time."

Of course, there is something to what she says. Nevertheless, I still enjoy seeing or reading something I like the second time or more.

Like a classic, something you can enjoy over and over and it never loses its fascination or charm. In fact, each new exposure reveals some level you did not notice before.

The reason they are classics is the quality about them that bears repeating. A good book, especially the Good Book, all warrants multiple readings in my opinion. I must confess that some things I enjoy more the second time around.

Around Thanksgiving time, everyone seems to enjoy the turkey the second and third day just as well, if not more than the first day. In fact, you can tell a really good meal by how many times you can reheat it and enjoy it.

Thank God for microwave ovens. What did those Pilgrim mothers do without them?

My favorite movie of all times is "Old Yeller." Thanks to the invention of video, I own my own copy of this classic and never tire of watching it.

My wife, on the other hand, tires of me watching it. There is nothing quite like curling up in my favorite chair with a soda and a mountain of popcorn watching "Old Yeller" on a winter's eve.

If you have seen the movie, you know the closing scene is the real tearjerker. I do not want Old

Yeller to die. Every time I watch, I cross my fingers and hope this might be the time Old Yeller makes it.

I do not like to be negative. I want to be optimistic about things and put a positive spin on everything. One day, I am sure, I will watch it and to my happy surprise, Old Yeller will make it.

I have seen it 973 times so far and it has not changed. Nevertheless, you never know. Stranger things have happened.

My experience has taught me that the really good things in life, only improve the more they are repeated. The quality of some things increases with age.

I know the older I get, the better I become. (I absolutely refuse to qualify that statement.)

Although the Bible is more than a classic, it does bear much repeating. I have found that the more I read the Bible the more I get out of it. A passage that I have read 20 times before becomes new and fresh the next time I read it.

I cannot explain this wonderful phenomena, but it has happened to me many times.

King David understood this as no other person in the Bible. In one passage, he testifies to the importance of God's Word in his own life. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalms 119:11).

The Apostle Paul said this about the Bible, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;" (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Bible is a marvelous book that bears repeating. The more I read it, the more I enjoy it.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

There are two kinds of people in the world - those who know they're broken, and those who are broken but don't know it yet. God wants us to know and admit that we're broken. That's why church is a no-shame zone; a place for broken people to come when they hurt, a place where they find love, acceptance, hope and healing. We have a saying at New Beginnings, "*No perfect people allowed*". The truth is we're all imperfect, we're all broken.

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Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

A Place for Broken People

a place for those whose lives don't work out as they should, where they can find compassion, kindness, gentleness and love.

The church shouldn't just "accept" hurting people. We should want hurting people in our midst so they can find love, acceptance and healing. This is at the core of what Jesus calls the church to do and to be. We realize that every sinner has a future and every saint has a past. We've all got hurts, habits and hang-ups that we need God to transform. God wants to use the church to do that.

That means that, since you're the church, He wants to use you. God wants us to be people of the second chance and the 7th and 70th. But we can't be second-chance people until we realize how much of a second chance we've been given. Too many Christians don't *feel forgiven* — so they don't let anyone else feel forgiven either. This is one of the problems that people who judge others have.

When we realize how much grace God has shown to us and shows to us each and every day, sharing that kind of grace with others comes naturally. The

Bible says in Ephesians 4:32, "*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as God forgave you through Christ.*"

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Have you ever picked up the Bible and tried to read it and wonder why some people considered it so important? I remember doing this many years ago and I found that I just did not understand what I was reading and it left me totally confused.

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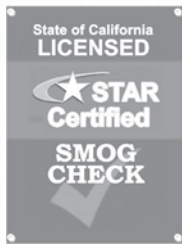
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Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado)
Commentary
by Senator Ted Gaines

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Are you ready for California to double your taxes? What about triple or quadruple them? A bill currently making its way through the state Legislature could push tax rates up beyond imagination, making us tax serfs to the state, and driving hundreds of thousands of jobs out of California.

Senate Bill 562 (SB 562), the “California Healthcare for All Act,” proposes to ban private insurance coverage and force every citizen in the state into the equivalent of the Medi-Cal system we provide for the poor and disabled, where state-provided healthcare would be the only option. The costs would be staggering.

A recent analysis by the California Senate Appropriations Committee estimated that implementing SB 562 would set back California taxpayers \$400 Billion. This year’s general fund spending – including roads, schools, universities, prisons and more

– is estimated around \$124 billion. In a highly-taxed state that just recovered from years of massive deficits and still teeters on the edge of fiscal ruin, where is this additional taxpayer money supposed to come from? Four hundred billion is more than \$10,000 a year from every man, woman and child in the state. Do most California families have that kind of money laying around?

That extraordinary cost is consistent with estimates from other states and is the major reason that single-payer schemes have been voted down or abandoned before implementation. New York state is currently proposing its own SB 562. In 2019, when New York’s plan would be active, the state expects to collect \$82 billion in taxes, but would need another \$91 billion to pay for its single-payer scheme. New York, as is the case with California, will more than double its overall revenue. See a trend?

And that \$91 billion number might be charitable. An analysis by healthcare expert Avik Roy concluded that New York’s plan could cost \$226 billion a year, nearly quadrupling the state’s current tax collections, just to pay for healthcare, not government’s other responsibilities. Roy estimates that the plan would jettison 175,000 jobs from the state, as “high-wage, high-value industries move to neighboring states” as a result. California, a much larger state, could shed hundreds of thousands of jobs under SB 562’s crushing fiscal mandate.

California’s plan also proposes to pay for all care for all residents, regardless of whether they are in the state

illegally, or whether they are here legally but just moved here to take advantage of the state’s “free” medical care. California, already the king of the tax dollar giveaway, would become the hot new destination for immigrants and indigents seeking care, driving the costs even higher.

And, even if the costs were not fantastically, impossibly high, SB 562 presents other problems for California healthcare. Our state suffers from a shortage of healthcare providers, particularly in rural and inner-city areas, a condition that would only be intensified by the provider rate caps in the bill.

Single-payer systems are also prone to deadly wait times since they ration care to reduce costs.

The United States is a medical innovator and California is the nation’s bioscience hub. That will disappear in the price-controlled, socialized system California legislators are trying to dump on the people. Price caps, a key component of single payer plans, spell doom to medical innovation.

Remaking the entire healthcare system is a terrible idea if the reform is going to make healthcare slower, less innovative, and wildly more expensive.

SB 562 is an ill-advised plan with unpayable costs that would make California taxpayers sick.

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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