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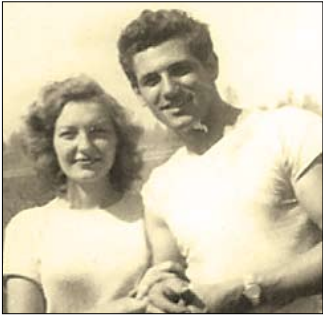
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Hash Oil Explosions on the Rise in County



The most popular production method is BHO, or Butane Hash Oil, which utilizes the highly volatile solvent butane. The butane vapors evaporate during the process, but are heavier than air and often congregate in a low lying explosive cloud. Stock photo

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Homemade manufacturing of hash oil is widespread in Sacramento County. It causes explosions and fires in our neighborhoods and puts the safety of our residents at risk. Also known as wax, shatter, honey oil, hash, BHO, earwax, oil, concentrated cannabis, and dabs, hash oil is a highly concentrated form of THC, the psychoactive substance in marijuana. It is highly popular among both recreational and medical marijuana users.

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vapors evaporate during the process, but are heavier than air and often congregate in a low lying explosive cloud. A pilot light, static electricity, overhead light switch, or an automatic switch such as that found in a refrigerator or air conditioning unit is enough to ignite the cloud. The result is a sudden, powerful explosion and ensuing fire.

There are several telltale indicators of hash oil manufacturing. Marijuana shake—the stems and leaves left over from trimming the mature buds of the plant—is often utilized in the process. PVC tubing, glass tubes, coffee filters, butane canisters, and hose clamps are also used.

The resulting product is a brown, oily substance that hardens into a wax-like substance when the butane fully evaporates.

The recent BHO phenomenon is sweeping the United States, especially in states where marijuana is completely legal or partially legal due to medical marijuana laws. BHO production is relatively cheap and simple, and the resulting product is more valuable by weight than marijuana. In Sacramento County, the District Attorney's Office has prosecuted more than a dozen manufacturing cases in 2014. The year has seen multiple explosions and fires

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Walmart Hiring Again

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Walmart will hire approximately 300 associates to work at the new Walmart slated to open this fall in Roseville. A temporary hiring center has opened at 106 N. Sunrise Ave., Suite C3, Roseville.

Applications for both full- and part-time associates will be accepted Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interested applicants may also apply online at <http://careers.walmart.com>.

Through Walmart's Veterans Welcome Home Commitment, the company will offer a job to any qualified veteran who has been honorably discharged within the past 12 months. (Veterans must be within 12 months of active duty and meet Walmart's standard hiring criteria.) Interested veterans may find out more at <http://walmartcareerswithamission.com>.

Store Manager Heidi Harman started her career with Walmart more than three years ago as a market asset protection manager. Eager to join the operations side of the business, she accepted the position of store manager for this location.

"I look forward to serving the community of Roseville and helping bring jobs to the area that will lead to people saving money so they can live better," said Harman.

Walmart provides a benefits program to eligible full- and part-time associates. For example, it provides a variety of affordable health and well-being benefits including health-care coverage with no lifetime maximum. Walmart also offers eligible associates matching 401(k) contributions of up to 6 percent of pay, discounts on general merchandise, an associate stock purchase program and company-paid life insurance. Additionally, eligible associates receive a quarterly incentive based on store performance.

The majority of new associates will begin work this September to help prepare the store for its grand opening. ★

Source: Mitchell Communications Group

California Institute of Jewelry Training

By Sarah Banks

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The atmosphere of excitement is palpable at the California Institute of Jewelry Training (CIJT). Students lean over benches, busily wielding torches as the murmur of happy chatter hums along with the sound of Freedom drills as they learn to become Master Jewelers. Part of the growing excitement comes not only from their recent move from Carmichael to Fair Oaks, but the school's new business model and fresh focus.

Touted as the first jewelry school west of Chicago, CIJT recently celebrated its 35th anniversary with an open house that showed off their new location. At the celebration, CIJT's talented staff and students displayed off their skills with artisan demonstrations like gem stone carving and wax carving. Alumni and friends came to help celebrate, and representatives from both the Fair Oaks and Carmichael chambers were there to commemorate the occasion with a ribbon cutting.

Always an advocate for their

students, CIJT is continuing their focus on teaching usable and marketable skills for jewelry students today. Some of those skills include design, repair, manufacturing, business management, gemology, and appraisals. Students are counseled on career choices, as well as on how to promote themselves after they complete their training. CIJT takes great care in placing their graduating students and they maintain close relationships with national and local employers in order to ensure that graduates end up in a quality location with opportunities to advance their careers.

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Recent Master Valuer™ graduates Gonzalo Forero of Arkansas and Larry Pegden of Washington DC, display some examples of rare jade with jade specialist Cici Yim (center), director and founder of CIJT Dee Rouse Huth, and instructor Mel Huth.



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Brake Masters Breaks through the Stereotype



Brake Masters is honored and appreciative about the way they have been welcomed by the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Citrus Heights Police Department. Dionne Russel (above) is the Brake Masters Store Manager.

Story and photo by Bill Martin

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Brake Masters is a spotlessly clean, state-of-the-art, full service complete car care center that can handle whatever your car throws at you. They can do it all, from your basic keep-me-on-the-road service call to some very exacting repairs that are not for the backyard mechanic.

So what is so different about Brake Masters of Citrus Heights that they break through a stereotype? The Citrus Heights location has something one doesn't normally see in the day-to-day operation of a service and automotive repair business. Their secret weapon is called Ms. Dionna Russel. Dionna is the manager of the newest location of Brake Masters which is located at 8000 Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights. Yes, Brake Masters has changed the face of automotive repair, and that's a good thing. "Dionna was an easy choice," says Brake Masters Area Manager James Estep. "All you have to do is select the most qualified person with a lot of experience in a wide variety of automobiles. They must love what they do with a passion, enjoy working with the public, and of course, not mind getting a little dirty," Estep noted with a grin. "Dionna was absolutely that person." Estep added.

Dionna Russel started her

career in Nebraska working alongside her father in his auto repair shop. Even though mom was not too thrilled that her young daughter was working around all those power tools, she knew Dionna would be safe with dad around. Plus, her mother knew that Dionna had a natural aptitude for repairing cars. According to Russel, "I was hooked on automotive repair from a very young age, and I always knew that's what I wanted to do for my career."

While on a visit to Sacramento from her native state, Dionna fell in love with the area and decided to see if she could put her ten-plus years of experience in automotive repairs to use here. She was almost immediately offered a position with Brake Masters where she ultimately shined. Russel was then promoted to Store Manager of the new Citrus Heights location of Brake Masters in October 2013.

When asked what her goals as Manager are for her Brake Masters store, she replied, "To make my store a huge success and to do a great job at fixing cars!"

Carrie Robinson, a returning Brake Masters' customer, walked in while this reporter was there. Ms. Robinson's car was just arriving on the back of tow truck. When Ms. Robinson approached the counter, she said, "I want her!" pointing through the window into the shop where Dionna was dismantling a belt

in a car. Ms. Robinson went on to tell me her story about before she found Brake Masters and Ms. Russel. She indicated that she felt she had previously been treated poorly, unfairly and unethically by other automotive repair shops in town. She believed that many were attempting to extort additional money out of her for repairs that were not needed and claiming to have made repairs to her vehicle when she knew that they hadn't been made. Dionna was able to diagnose Ms. Robinson's automotive problem quickly and promised Ms. Robinson to have her back in her vehicle and on the road in no time at all. Ms. Robinson paid what she said was a very "fair price," and left as a satisfied Brake Masters and Dionna Russel customer.

The exemplary skill, integrity and service of Ms. Russel and the Citrus Heights Brake Masters location does not detract from other Brake Masters locations or their experienced, knowledgeable and ethical repair staff. All employees are held to the highest standards in the industry, and Brake Masters stands behind their employees, male or female, and their work.

You can schedule an appointment online for your automobile at www.BrakeMasters.com, call (916) 723-8000, or just stop by Brake Masters' newest location at 8000 Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights. ★

Man Pleads Guilty To Sex Trafficking with Underage Girl in Sacramento Area

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Marquist Piere Bradford, 28, of Chicago, pleaded guilty on Thursday, July 24, 2014 to sex trafficking of children by force, United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner announced.

According to court documents, in early 2012 Bradford recruited a 15-year-old girl to travel from Fresno to Sacramento where she was used by Bradford as part of a prostitution business from January 19 through February 5, 2012. According to court documents, Bradford maintained an apartment in Rancho Cordova, which he used as a base of

operations for a prostitution business that spanned the Sacramento and Bay areas, as well as cities outside California. At least two of Bradford's victims were under the age of 18. Bradford fled from Sacramento to the Chicago area after law enforcement recovered the victim in this case.

This case was the product of an investigation by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and the Sacramento FBI Innocence Lost Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Matthew G. Morris is prosecuting the case.

Bradford has remained in custody since his arrest in

Springfield, Ill. in April 2012. He is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. on October 23, 2014. Bradford faces a maximum statutory penalty of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. ★

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Fair Oaks Village Welcomes Sierra Vista Bank



"In spite of the 102 degree heat, everyone was all smiles at the Sierra Vista Bank and Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony."

Story and Photo by Bill Martin

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - July 30th marked the day that a different kind of bank came to town. On this day, Fair Oaks Village and the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce welcomed the newest branch of Sierra Vista Bank with a gala Grand Opening celebration. There was great local response at their beautiful Old Fair Oaks location.

So, what's so different about another bank coming to town? As it turns out, there's quite a bit of difference. The difference starts with how the bank was originally founded. In 2006, a group of local business people got together to formulate a plan to bring Community Banking back to eager customers. The group came up with a plan to open their first bank, Commerce Bank of Folsom. They opened their doors to the public in 2007 with the first location of the Commerce Bank on Prairie City Road in Folsom.

In 2008, the Executive

Committee met and decided to expand the bank's ventures throughout the Highway 50 corridor. It was also during this time that they decided to change the name of the bank to reflect the new direction and continued growth. Sierra Vista Bank was launched, and in 2008 they opened their 2nd branch in Cameron Park.

Sierra Vista Bank really shines when it comes to its corporate structure. They have created a wonderful atmosphere at each branch. Each location is designed to make your banking experience enjoyable, and yes, even fun. One immediately notices the laughter in the air upon entering the newest Fair Oaks branch. The atmosphere is one of community and neighbors talking with a sense of fun and enjoyment. These are attributes one doesn't usually associate with banking. Sierra Vista Bank has shown it is possible for a bank to be professional and knowledgeable, while still being neighborly to the point of knowing customers by name.

Sierra Vista Bank prides itself on not being anything like the big chain banks. No cookie-cutter approach here where one is just an account number and a bank balance. Every customer at Sierra Vista Bank is treated like the unique individual they are, regardless of what their bank statement indicates.

When was the last time your bank branch invited you to sit in on a Texas Hold 'Em tournament for charity? Never, of course. Sierra Vista Bank does.

If a good community-minded bank with a sense of pride and professionalism that also has employees with a great sense of humor sounds like your kind of bank, then there is only one place to go. Stop by the newest location of Sierra Vista Bank for a visit and see for yourself. Sierra Vista Bank is located at 10123 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Old Fair Oaks. For more information, please call the main branch number (916) 293-4910 or visit them online at www.SierraVistaBank.com. ★

Sacramento County Board of Education Elects Brian Rivas as President

Trustee Eleanor Brown Chosen as Vice President

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - New officers were elected at the July 15, 2014, meeting of the Sacramento County Board of Education.

The Board elected Brian M. Rivas, Area 2, to serve as Board President. He currently serves as Director of Policy and Government Relations for The Education Trust - West. Mr. Rivas has a B.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley and an M.P.P. (Master's in Public Policy) also from UC Berkeley.

Area 2 represents the communities of Antelope, Del Paso Heights, Elverta, Gardenland, Hagginwood, North and South Natomas, North Sacramento, Rio Linda, and Robla. The area also includes the following school districts: Center Joint Unified, Elverta Joint, Natomas Unified, Robla, and Twin Rivers Unified.

President Rivas succeeds outgoing 2013-14 Board President Jacquelyn Levy, who represents Area 3.



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Eleanor L. Brown, Ed.D., was selected to serve as Sacramento County Board of Education Board Vice President.

Trustee Eleanor L. Brown, Ed.D., was selected to serve as Board Vice President. Dr. Brown represents Area 4, which is comprised of the following communities: Orangevale, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, and portions of Carmichael, Folsom, and Foothill Farms. The area also represents a major portion of the San Juan Unified School District and a small portion of Twin Rivers Unified School District.

Dr. Brown is a former teacher, vice principal, principal and assistant superintendent for the San Juan Unified School District, where she served for 35 years. In addition, she has served on the State Curriculum Developmental and Supplemental Materials Commission. She earned a B.A. from UCLA and an Ed.D. in Policy/Curriculum from the University of Southern California.

Taking the oath of office for terms that will expire in 2018 were President Rivas and Trustees Levy and Greg Geeting, Area 1. Trustee Thomaysa Glover, Area 5, took the oath of office for a term that will expire in 2016.

The Board of Education postponed action on the adoption of its 2014-2015 meeting schedule and referred the matter to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

The Sacramento County Board of Education works with the County Superintendent to provide numerous instructional programs, teacher/administrator training and administrative services through the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). The Board holds student expulsion and student inter-district transfer appeals and serves as the County Committee on School District Organization to hear transfers of territory and election issues. ★

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By Pastor Ray Dare

The way to find it is to lose it. The way to gain it is to give it away. “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” Mark 8:35 (NLT) You’re going to give your life away to something. Some people give their life away for a career and then get a gold watch at the end -- big deal! Some people give their life away to get a big bank account, but that’s only temporary. Some people give their whole life to get some kind of thrill, pleasure, status, fame or to accomplish some kind of human achievement. You’re going to give your life for something. The question is, are you going to give your life for the right thing?

Ephesians 2:10, “It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus and long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.” Notice God has a plan and a purpose for your life and that

How to Make Life More Meaningful

plan involves ministry, helping others.

There is a benefit of helping others. When people live for themselves, they eventually get bored and the feel unfulfilled. On the other hand, when you know part of God’s plan for your life is serving and you start saying, “God, I don’t know it all yet, but I’m going to start serving You in simple ways, by helping others, helping my church, by just giving back in some way” it brings fulfillment, satisfaction and significance.

When you try to live in a way that God didn’t intend for you to live, it brings enormous stress, problems, difficulties, failures and all kinds of things. Have you ever tried to use something for a purpose which it was not intended for? Like trying to use a knife when you needed a screwdriver? You know how lousy that works. What happens when you try to use something for a purpose it wasn’t created for? Frustration! It just doesn’t work as well. That’s true in your life. When you try to live a life for a purpose that you weren’t created for there’s frustration. It’s inevitable. It’s going to happen.

You can always know when somebody’s trying to ‘find themselves’, trying to find significance because they use the phrase, “Right now I’m into this...exercising, yoga,

underwater basket weaving, sports, stock market, collecting certain things.” We look for all kinds of things to give ourselves meaning, satisfaction and fulfillment. We look to hobbies. We look to sports. We look to careers. We look to collecting things. As if those are going to give us lasting significance. But they don’t.

ulfillment does not come from self-gratification. It comes from serving others. It comes from giving your life away. Fulfillment is not a goal of life. It is a by-product of being what God made you to be in the first place. When you focus on being what God made you to be you’re going to be fulfilled. You’re going to be happier than you ever thought possible. The happiest place to be is directly in the center of God’s will for your life, being who God made you to be.

Look for opportunities to serve others, to help out in your church, to volunteer in some way and you will discover more significance that you ever thought possible. The way to find your life is to give it away. ★

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FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY UPDATE



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 Fair Oaks.

Parks Director to Speak

Please join me 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, August 20, at my Fair Oaks Community Coffee Meeting featuring Jeff Leatherman, Sacramento County’s Director of Regional Parks.

This meeting will be held at the Fair Oaks Water District’s conference room, 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd. near Winding Way. The meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. and I will give a brief update on what is going on with Sacramento County then

introduce our guest speaker followed by questions and answers.

Cyber Awareness Fair for Youth

The environment facing young people today is far different than when I was a youngster growing up in Sacramento County. Today’s youth are exposed to issues like Cyber Bullying, Cyber Security and Technology Addiction.

The Sacramento County Youth Commission recognizes today’s challenges and is holding an informational “Cyber Awareness Fair 2014” on Saturday, August 9 from 2-6 pm at Carmichael Park’s Community Clubhouse. There will be information booths and guest speakers from organization and the FBI.

Also on display will be an Art Show by young artists between the ages of 12 to 18 featuring original artwork related to cyber issues.

After the fair, young and old alike can enjoy the summer concert that evening in Carmichael Park starting at 6:30 pm featuring the sounds of “The Count” featuring 60s-90s classic rock. And there will be food trucks, too!

For more information about the fair, please visit youthcommission.saccounty.net. To learn

more about the concert, feel free to call the Carmichael Recreation and Park District at 485-5322.

Support Neighborhood Watch

The Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department is sponsoring “Learn How to Start Up a Neighborhood Watch” Meeting specifically designed for residents living in the unincorporated area. This meeting will be held on Monday, August 18 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Sheriff’s Marconi Stationhouse, 2500 Marconi Avenue (near the corner of Fulton Avenue and Marconi), in the Stationhouse’s Community Room.

If you are interested in making your street more secure, becoming better acquainted with your neighbors and want to build that “sense of community” on your block, Neighborhood Watch offers that opportunity. If you have questions or need more information about the upcoming meeting, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Sherrie Carhart at scarhart@sacsheriff.com. ★

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hobby Lobby, Another Point of View

Dear Editor,

I was somewhat amazed to read the letter to the Editor in the July 10th edition where the writer made a request for diverse viewpoints. Looking all around us, there are many opportunities for an opposing viewpoint, including the major Sacramento newspaper which does not take the time to investigate or tell the complete story

and local TV stations which are in the same camp. At least with the Carmichael Times we have an opportunity to hear a different point of view.

For the writer's information, Hobby Lobby has for years included contraception in its medical plan; it is only when HHS added 4 medications which are designed to remove a fertilized egg, that Hobby

Lobby decided to object. For many people fertilization is considered the beginning of life and the 4 drugs mandated by HHS destroy that. How curious to talk about "rights"; where was the hue and cry about personal rights when an entire nation was forced to buy a health care plan they don't want and don't need?

Carole M., Carmichael

Hash Oil Explosions

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caused by the manufacturing process. In January, an explosion inside a Rancho Cordova apartment complex resulted in the lengthy hospitalization of two people and the displacement of over 140 others, including many children, for two days. In March, an explosion inside an Arden Arcade home resulted in major fire damage to the structure. Two children ages six and two were lucky to escape the fire, although their pet dog perished. In May, a south area home was completely destroyed after an explosion and fire gutted the inside; a firefighter suffered burn injuries while battling that blaze. Earlier this month, a Wilton area home was burned after an explosion led to a fire in the kitchen area. Two children ages three and five were fortunately not home at

the time, but they too lost their pet dog as a result of the fire.

Each of these fires was completely preventable as each was directly caused by people manufacturing hash oil. The explosions and fires that commonly result cause enormous property damage; severe burns; and permanent disfigurement to those engaged in making the hash oil, innocent bystanders, and first responders.

The manufacture of Butane Hash Oil is illegal in California. There is no defense under either Proposition 215 (the Compassionate Use Act of 1996) or the Medical Marijuana Program of 2003. Manufacturing hash oil is a felony and is punishable by up to seven years in a county jail. If a fire is caused, arson related charges may be brought which can result in a state prison commitment. If someone

is seriously injured as a result, an additional three years in prison is possible. If children are present, child endangerment charges are likely. If someone dies as a result, homicide charges can be brought.

Those contemplating making hash oil should be aware of the extreme danger involved, that it remains highly illegal, and that it is unaffected by the state’s medical marijuana laws. Those suspecting someone of making hash oil should contact law enforcement and evacuate the area immediately.

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9. "That was close!"

13. ____-la

14. *He confronted Jafar in Disney's "Aladdin"

15. This one should beware

16. Asteraceae flower

17. Presidential election month

18. State indirectly

19. *Cuckoo's nest guardian

21. Open-mouthed

23. Fa follower

24. December stone

25. Fitting

28. Embarkation location

30. *"The Exorcist" possessor

35. Brooding

37. Last word in radio transmission

39. Flax plant fabric

40. Calcium oxide

41. *He's evil in "the Jungle Book"

43. Penpoints

44. Hipbone-related

46. Like the White Rabbit

47. ____ Crawley, The Countess of Grantham

48. The enlightened one

50. Post-deductions amount

52. "Uh-uh"

53. To a remarkable degree, in U.K.

55. ____ or decaf

57. Right-hand page

59. *"Seven" sadist

63. Floorboard sound

65. ____ Beta Kappa

67. Spacious

68. Ancient

69. Bro or sis

70. Amnion, pl.

71. " ____ all work out"

72. *All about her

73. Egg holders

DOWN

1. "The first ____ I see tonight"

2. "Major" animal

3. "He played a sociopath in "The Talented Mr. Ripley"

4. Smart ____, pl.

5. Drive-in employee

6. Sometimes used for timing

7. U.N. labor agency

8. Parlor piece

9. Shoe option

10. Sensational promotion

11. Moray ____

12. Kind of humor

15. With two axes

20. Poet T.S.

22. To swindle or cheat

24. Kitchen herb

25. Wing it

26. WWI French soldier

27. Abnormally distended, especially by fluids

29. *Funny and a Dr.

31. Dietary mineral

32. "For better or worse?"

33. Camouflaged equine

34. Take back what one said

36. Decode letters

38. Network of nerves

42. Old but in

45. *No ordinary doll

49. Aardvark's meal morsel

51. Ali Khamenei's capital

54. Bush thicket

56. Lawn ornament

57. Bona fide

58. *Voice of Darth Vader, James ____ Jones

59. Be compatible

60. Cheadle and Rickles

61. Bypass

62. Unfledged or nestling hawk

63. Fraternity letter

64. Process of decay

66. It destroys helper T cells

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By Ronnie McBrayer

This coming week marks the birthday of a man who Bing Crosby called, “the beginning and the end of music in America.” Born in the sweltering heat of a New Orleans’ August, the grandson of former slaves, and suffering abject poverty, that man was Louis Armstrong.

It was starvation that drove young Louis to the streets where he learned to sing, scat, and play trumpet, all to earn a few pennies each day to feed his hunger and stay alive. From those hardened streets he rose by the sheer weight of his talent, charisma, and personality to play for presidents, popes, and kings. A unifying force in chaotic, divisive times, he was a master.

Most people, even those who could not recognize Armstrong’s face or his contribution to Americana, can still sing along to his most iconic song. Barely two minutes long, a song that fails to showcase his greatest gifts, and recorded long after his musical heyday, it will last for decades, if not centuries to come.

The lyrics go: “I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom, for me and you...I see skies of blue, and clouds of white. The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night. And I think to myself, ‘What a wonderful world.’”

Louis recorded and released

What a Wonderful World

“What a Wonderful World” in 1967. Certainly, he looked out at the utopia of that year and time period and concluded that, “Yes, it was indeed a wonderful world.” Do you know what was going on in 1967? The southern states were fighting desegregation, and the U.S. Army was fighting in Southeast Asia. The Apollo 1 spacecraft was burning on the Launchpad, and the Cold War was burning in Eastern Europe.

The Israelis were at war with their Arab neighbors, and police departments were at war with African Americans in Detroit, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, and DC. JFK was already dead, and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. would both be assassinated the following year. Yes, that was such a jolly good time for everyone, wasn’t it?

How could Louis Armstrong sing this song about rainbows and unicorns when the world looked like it was going to hell in a hand basket; when the world looked so un-wonderful (as it still does today)? Armstrong answers that question. He said, “It seems to me it ain’t the world that’s so bad, but what we’re doing to it. All I’m saying is: See what a wonderful world it would be, if only we’d give it a chance.”

That conclusion hints of Scripture. God created this wonderful world and called it “good.” That word gets extensive use, not only in English, but in the Hebrew language of the Old Testament. It can mean “attractive” or “pleasing.” It can mean what is “honest” or

“right.” But the use of the word in the creation accounts means that everything is exactly as it should be. It is whole, it is wonderfully complete. “Good” is a state of excellence.

So what went wrong? We did. As crowning achievements of his creative project, humanity was to serve as the steward and curator of God’s world. It was – it is – and it will always remain – humanity’s role to be creation’s executor and protector; to maintain the goodness of God’s world. We have largely shirked that responsibility.

Yet, this blue ball hanging in the vast expanse of space that miraculously incubates all that is, must mean something to God, because God wants it to be wonderfully “good.” And he has given us a meaningful, leading role in his artistic masterpiece, so we are compelled, as people of faith, to participate in the stewardship of creation.

We throw ourselves into the fray of this fractured world – healing the sick, making peace among enemies, feeding the hungry, working for justice, protecting and sustaining resources, creating harmony – because we believe “it ain’t the world that’s so bad, but what we’re doing to it.” God’s intent and Armstrong’s words are tuned to the same melody: Let’s give the Wonderful World a chance. ★

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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

It appears that these are new words of others placed on our lives today. Compared to how they omit RESPECT from the yesterdays society these words hold little meaning as they leave out an important equation. . Respect for grandparents and others is something every good parent taught their children and that same respect traditionally carried on into each generation? This created a more peaceful world to live in contrast to the disrespect and hatred we see everywhere in our world today.

Ordinary people with different opinions held their hateful words to themselves and certainly did not carry a gun to shoot someone because they disagreed with

Boundaries and Limitations

them. It breaks my heart to see young children “exposed to fear for their lives” while attending school or college. People today are so entrenched in themselves (me, myself and I) they do not see a child/person who is in pain. What is right about experiencing such hatred that one seeks to murder others? Such actions can never make anything right but bring on more pain to all concerned.!

Today we are living among intellectuals with more education, computers and cell phones everywhere in our world. Yet, failing to care enough to be able to catch, correct and change the course and outcome of many people’s lives remains undone. Helping to find a better life filled with peace and love needs to be corrected soon. What is wrong? Who can change it?

When the values and guidelines of God’s Holy World are omitted from daily life, should tell us one will reap what they sow. It is not surprising to me how the enemy

of God uses such ignorance! When those things God desires for us to learn are omitted from and not taught at home, school or our society is it any wonder the state our homes, country and the world are in right now?

The only reason God is left out of anyone’s life is because they love sin and hate having to be accountable. Yet, one day everyone will be accountable! It is a huge mistake to leave God out of the events of our life, home, country and world! ! ! Change must begin with RESPECT OF EVERYONE! After all isn’t it truly also a form of LOVE?

There is a promise in God’s word and every problem we have can and will be solved when God is involved in them! “*All things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*” (Romans 8:28) ★

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Things I Have Learned in my Lifetime

Dr. James L. Snyder

In celebrating my recent birthday, I found myself caught up in a case of nostalgia. I never imagined I would really get this old. Not that I am old, mind you, but I have reached the point in life I never thought I would when I was younger. Had I known I would get this old, I would have saved some of the energy I wasted during my teenage years.

How was I to know that as you got older your supply of energy began diminishing?

When I was younger, I could not sit still for long and no matter where I went, I ran. It was impossible for me just to walk. Often my mother chided me by saying, “Slow down, young man.” But I never could. I have finally come to the point where I am in harmony with my mother’s desire. The only problem is, I am not a young man anymore.

Today, I can sit in my easy chair for hours and not even move. I keep a little mirror on the stand next to my chair so my wife can periodically check to see if I am still breathing. Often, the only indication of life is the occasional snoring.

One thing I have learned in growing older is that my eyes are not quite what they used to be. For example, the mailbox used to be rather close to the front door of our house. Now, I can barely see it from the front door and it takes over an hour to reach it by walking. To be truthful, halfway to the mailbox I have to pause and catch my breath.

And, when I look at my checkbook, I can barely see to the end of the month. When I was young, I used to hear the saying, “A penny saved is a penny earned.” Now, my eyes are so bad, I cannot see anything to buy for a penny.

Not only are my eyes going, but my hearing is not quite what

it used to be when I was young. It is not as bad as it might seem. There is a good side to diminished hearing. When I am in a crowd with people talking, I can sit back, smile, nod my head occasionally and not have to be bored with what everybody is saying.

Experience has taught me that people are not really interested in hearing what I have to say. Rather, they want me listening to what they have to say. Usually, people have a lot to say and all they require are two ears. It does not have to be ears that hear, just ears that appear.

Most things heard in such circumstances are not worth hearing. Perhaps that is the genius of our ears. In aging, they develop a little bit of wisdom and after a while, they just give up, not hearing anything really worth hearing. I cannot remember the last time I heard something under such circumstances worth hearing the first time, let alone remembering.

This brings me to my memory. The best thing about memory is, you can remember things the way you want to remember them. After all, it is your memory and it should be up to you to remember what you want. My memory has a way of bringing out the positive to the absolute exclusion of the negative. And who wants to dwell on the negative?

Whoever said you cannot live in the past is probably not old enough to have any past worth remembering. And the marvelous thing about remembering things in the past is that you can remember them as you like. It is your version of the past. Some people write journals, I like to trust my memory.

As my memory has aged, it has become better, just like a fine wine. In fact, my memory is so good I can distinctly remember things that never happened. And the details I remember are

simply astounding. Each time I recount a memory I remember new details.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has quite a different take on all of this. She remembers everything that actually happened. She has a photographic memory, whereas I have, according to her, a problematic memory. At her discretion, she can marshal all of the facts of the incident in the order in which it happened. Usually her memory throws my memory in a different light.

No matter how I recount my memory, she always has some correction to it. More than once, she has claimed I stretched the truth. But I believe, if the truth cannot handle some stretching what good is it in the first place? If it is so fragile and cannot handle a little bit of stretching, I am not sure it is worth remembering.

As my body gets weaker, my memory gets stronger.

In the Old Testament, David spoke often of the importance of memory. “I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands” (Psalms 143:5 KJV). For David, in his old age his memory brought him a great deal of comfort. “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread” (Psalms 37:25 KJV).

My goal is to live each day in such a way that years down the road I will have a good memory. ★

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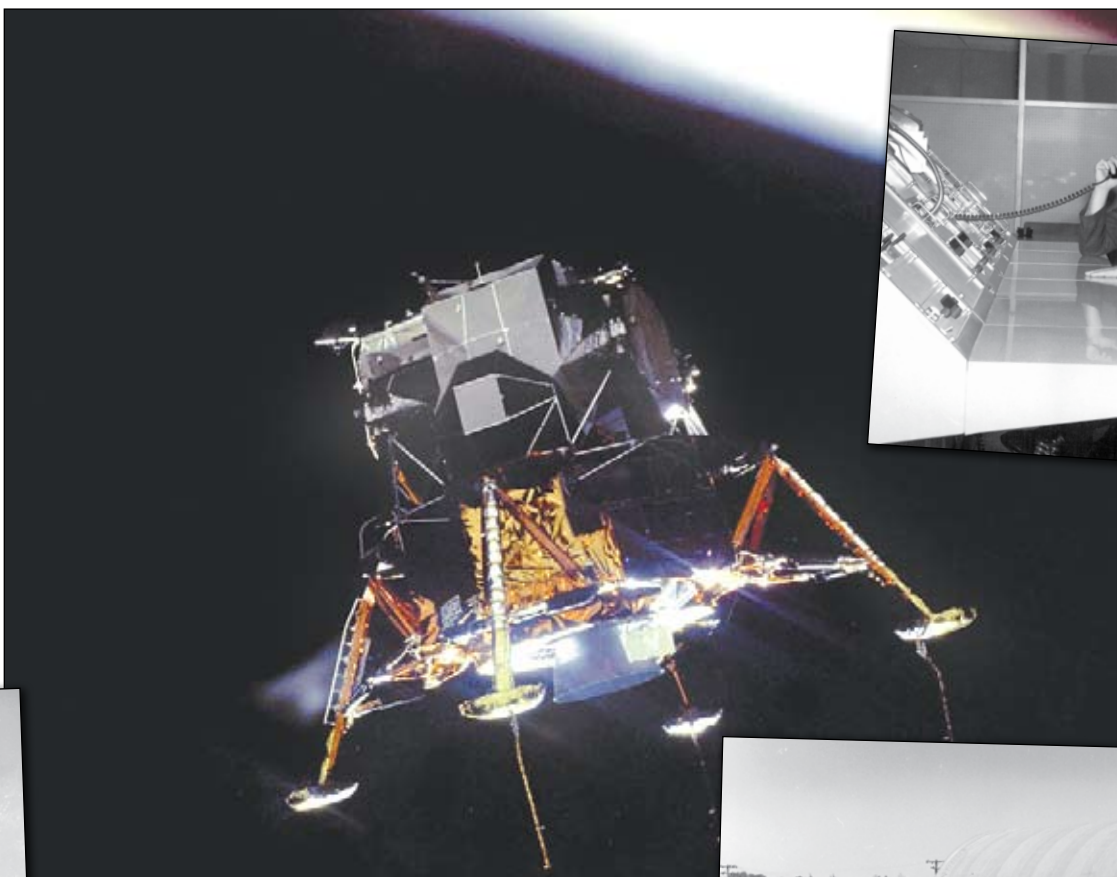
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Our Connection to the Moon Landing, 1969

By Patricia Johnson,
Harvey Williams,
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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - July 20th marked the 45th anniversary of the United States landing on the moon; it is important to remember the role Sacramento County played in that historic event. A part of the Saturn V Rocket that NASA launched in 1969, sending astronaut Neil Armstrong on his journey, was initially tested in Sacramento, California before being sent to Florida for launch into space. The Douglas Aircraft Company tested the third stage of the rocket known as S-IVB at its test site, the Douglas Aircraft Sacramento Test Facility, in

what is now Rancho Cordova at Sunrise Boulevard and Douglas Road. Testing of the S-IVB began in 1963 and was a significant component of the Saturn V Rocket in the future moon missions. NASA awarded the Douglas Aircraft Company the contract for the Saturn S-IVB lunar vehicle in 1963. This vehicle was needed to support the Saturn 1 program development of the Saturn V Launch Vehicle. The S-IVB was 21 feet in diameter and 59 feet in length, and would be the third stage of the giant Saturn 1B vehicle with a payload capacity of 37,000 pounds. The Saturn 1 vehicle's primary objective was to develop a large two-stage vehicle for use in earth



Wernher Von Braun (center), a leading rocket engineer and space architect in WWII Germany and then the U.S., was the chief architect of the Saturn V launch vehicle. Von Braun visited the Sacramento Test Facility on multiple occasions. Photo courtesy of Center for Sacramento History, Douglas Aircraft Company/NASA Employee Collection, 2014/015.



Once the stage arrived at the test site, the stage was lifted from the flatbed truck and onto the test stand. The Douglas Aircraft Company tested the third stage of the rocket known as S-IVB at its test site, the Douglas Aircraft Sacramento Test Facility in what is now Rancho. Testing of the S-IVB began in 1963 and was a significant component of the Saturn V Rocket in the future moon missions. Photo courtesy of Center for Sacramento History, Douglas Aircraft Company/NASA Employee Collection, 2014/015.

The Eagle Prepares to Land

The Apollo 11 Lunar Module Eagle, in a landing configuration was photographed in lunar orbit from the Command and Service Module Columbia. Inside the module were Commander Neil A. Armstrong and Lunar Module Pilot Buzz Aldrin. The long rod-like protrusions under the landing pods are lunar surface sensing probes. Upon contact with the lunar surface, the probes sent a signal to the crew to shut down the descent engine. Photo courtesy: NASA

orbit operations. The S-IVB was a single stage liquid propellant (liquid oxygen and hydrogen) vehicle with a Rocketdyne 233,000 pound thrust engine capable of restarting in outer space.

The S-IVB was manufactured at the Douglas Aircraft facility in Huntington Beach, California and shipped to the Sacramento Test facility by barge up the Sacramento River to a dock at Hood and then transported by back roads to the test facility. Wernher Von Braun, the chief architect of the Saturn V launch vehicle, visited the Sacramento Test Facility on multiple occasions.

The S-IVB stages travelled from the Bay Area up the Sacramento River on barges. Once they arrived at the specially built dock in Hood, they were transferred to flatbed trailers for the trip to the test site traveling at seven miles per hour on narrow county roadways and bridges. Workmen along the route had to lift telephone wires and trim trees to enable the stage to make the journey to the test center. Douglas tested nineteen S-IVBs at the test site between 1964 and 1971.

Once the stage arrived at the test site, the stage was lifted from the flatbed truck and onto the test stand. Upon testing completion, the stage was initially transported by barge back to the Bay



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Area where it was loaded onto another barge headed for Florida. However, this process was too lengthy, and a modified C-97 aircraft called the "Pregnant" or "Super Guppy" was later used to transport the stages to Florida.

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California Institute of Jewelry Training

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The student diversity is immediately apparent. Teens study alongside retirees, and each has their own reason for attending school at CIJT, however, the most common is students who have always been drawn to the trade but haven’t had a chance to learn and explore those desires. Current student Cindy Kramer is thrilled to be finally realizing her dream of becoming a jeweler. At 39, she enrolled in classes at the California Institute of Jewelry Training and she couldn’t be happier with her decision. Kramer currently works as a dental assistant while taking classes at CIJT, and while she still finds her career rewarding, she did not consider it her passion. She found she couldn’t stop thinking of her dream of becoming a jeweler. One day, finally unwilling to put off her dream any longer, she began training as a Master Jeweler in February of this year and hasn’t looked back. Kramer said she was inspired by a family member, well-known jewelry designer, Sam Kramer, to go into the trade and is excited to carry on the family tradition. “This has always been my dream since I was a little girl. I love it and I think to myself all the time, ‘Why didn’t I do this before?’ It’s exciting to find your passion, finally. I’ve waited a long time. It means a lot to me.”

Besides helping students to realize their dream of becoming Master Jewelers, CIJT is a resource for budding artisans in the community, with some coming as far the bay area to take classes and practice their craft. Their weekend community classes offer a perfect setting for beginners who are curious about the trade but don’t want the commitment of a formal long-term program. The response for the weekend classes has been overwhelmingly positive. Offering classes like precious metal clay, enameling, silversmithing and



Graduate Larry Pegden and director and founder of CIJT Dee Rouse Huth, and instructor Mel Huth.

wax carving, students with little to no experience can learn the skills needed to design and create their own jewelry.

Joe Knowles was drawn to the school because he had a longtime interest in making and designing his own jewelry. “One of the coolest things anyone can do is to take an image from your head and make it real.” he said. Often, after working with a project for a few hours and mastering skills such a soldering, bezel setting and polishing, new students leave the classes with a newfound love for the art and a deeper appreciation and respect for the jewelry trade. To the students and artisans at CJIT, this new knowledge and respect is invaluable.

CIJT has grown to become a resource for the local artisan community and those interested in the trade. School founder and director Dee Huth is thrilled to see the growing need to provide a place for them gather to work on their projects. “This is a community within a community. This is a place where

people just show up. They get to meet people with like interests and get to work in an environment with others to share ideas and encourage each other.” said Huth. That growing need for a place for artists to gather to support one another or to simply work in a fully stocked studio and laboratory has prompted a new round of growth at the school. The school is in the process of expanding their space to provide more private studio space for jewelers as well as bench rentals for those who lack the private space to work.

Former CIJT student and current part-time instructor, Laynee Campbell of Datura Modified Designs, attributes the success of the school and its classes to that same sense of community. She explained, “This is a place where you can really open up as an artist.” and judging the from the low hum of happy chatter between the students and the constant hustle and bustle coming in and out of the school, she’s right. ★

CDPH Warns Not to Use Certain Tattoo Products

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Dr. Ron Chapman, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and state health officer, warned consumers not to use White & Blue Lion tattoo products because testing has found microbial bacterial contamination in both the inks and needles. Use of the contaminated inks or needles may result in bacterial infection and can lead to sepsis, a potentially life-threatening complication of an infection. One illness has been linked to the affected products at this time.

White & Blue Lion, Inc. of City of Industry, California, is voluntarily recalling the following varieties of tattoo products: Tattoo Ink, Tattoo Needles, and Tattoo Kits incorporating tattoo ink and needles. These products were distributed by White & Blue

Lion and sold separately by 8Decades and White & Blue Lion, Inc. online. Product labeling on the Inks indicate a “Best if used by date” of “16/12/16” (December 16, 2016). The recalled products were sold separately and in kits by 8Decades and White & Blue Lion, Inc. through www.amazon.com.

Consumers in possession of the recalled products should discard the products following acceptable biohazard and sharps disposal methods.

Consumers who observe the product being offered for sale are encouraged to report the activity to the CDPH toll-free complaint line at (800) 495-3232. ★

Source: California Department of Public Health



Consumers are warned not to use White & Blue Lion tattoo products because testing has found microbial bacterial contamination in both the inks and needles. Photos courtesy of www.fda.gov.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

By Richard H. Will, Attorney at Law

For years people have asked me questions about Trusts. And because of the overwhelming response to my recent article “Why a Revocable Trust?”, I am sharing those questions and my answers below:

1. QUESTION: What can a trust do that a will cannot?

A: A trust can provide for someone to be legally authorized to handle all of your financial affairs related to your support and care in the event that you become disabled or incompetent; a will has no effect until you die. A Trust, along with appropriate Powers of Attorney and Powers of Attorney for Health Care can prevent the need for a Court appointed Conservator to run your life if you become incapacitated.

2. Q: Can I provide a trust for my grandchildren in a Revocable Living Trust?

A: This is a very frequent question and it can easily be accomplished. A trust for the benefit of grandchildren can be set up within a Revocable Living Trust if you want to be certain that they receive a part of your Trust Estate. Assets do not have to be distributed outright to the beneficiaries of a trust. They can be held in trust for educational purposes of for a gradual distribution over a period of time or in many other ways other than as an out-right

distribution.

3. Q: Can I leave part of my estate to take care of someone who is an alcoholic or who might just waste it if given to them all at once?

A: Yes, you can create a trust within your trust to care for such a person. Disbursement of funds can be at the discretion of your successor trustee or in increments that you specify or in any other manner which you think appropriate for the beneficiary involved.

4. Q: I have a disabled adult child who receives Medi-cal benefits and SSI. Can I leave him something in my Trust so that he will not lose his government benefits?

A: Yes. Absolutely- you can set up a Special Needs Trust for the child providing that it can be used only for the Special Needs that are not provided for by government programs but which will improve quality of life. These items can include: incidental spending money, travel funds, personal items such as radios and televisions, paid companions, training programs and special equipment not available through government programs and all kinds of goods and services not provided by government benefits.

5. Q: Can anyone else change the terms of my trust?

A: Generally speaking only

you can change the terms of your trust. If you are married, you and your spouse can change the terms of the trust. But it is possible, but not common, for a person, in writing, to authorize a successor Trustee to change the terms of a Trust and in some cases it is legally possible to authorize an agent under a power or attorney to modify a trust. These are unusual situations however, and most trust do not authorized others to modify the trust except under very specific conditions usually related to obtaining long term care government benefits.

6. Q: Will my assets held in a trust help me to qualify for the Medi-Cal benefits of long term care (convalescent hospital) if I need it?

A: Your trust does not help you qualify for Medi-Cal Long Term Care Benefits. Remember the trust is revocable so the assets are still yours and will be counted when you apply for Medi-Cal Benefits. A Revocable Living Trust does not help you qualify for Medi-Cal Benefits.

Keep the questions coming and I’ll try to answer them.

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DOVIA Celebrates Sacramento's Volunteers

By Jennifer Trovato

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Representatives of Sacramento's volunteer community gathered Thursday, July 18th to acknowledge the dedication, hard work and value of Sacramento's volunteers. This marked the Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) annual awards reception, which was held at the Wellspring Women's Center in Sacramento.

Youth volunteers and volunteer coordinators were nominated for the Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year Award and Outstanding Volunteer Coordinator of the Year Award. All present this evening were either active in the volunteer community or there to support those who were, and the positive energy was a palpable presence in the room.



Alex Stamas, winner of the Outstanding Youth Volunteer award and the Margaret Einspahr \$500 scholarship. Alex volunteers with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

Cole Forstedt, director of volunteerism and community engagement for the United Way Capital Region, was the awards presenter. Assemblyman Roger Dickinson spoke, and Steven Stenzler represented Assemblyman Ken Cooley. Forstedt honored all of the nominees for their dedication and special talents, and by the end of the evening, the winners were announced.

The winner of the Outstanding Volunteer Coordinator of the Year was Suzi Lawton of Project R.I.D.E. Inc. Being recognized for her dedication to and passion for the work she loves and excels at was a moving experience for Lawton. A \$100 donation will be awarded to Project R.I.D.E. on her behalf.

Also nominated for Outstanding Volunteer Coordinator of the Year was



The Outstanding Youth Colunteer and Volunteer Coordinator nominees at DOVIA's awards reception: (left to right) Casey McCommell, Tara Cormier, Meisha Jackson, Sierra Bird, Suzi Lawton, Mia Bersola-Isaguirre, Nicolas Barry, Gloria Torres (accepting on behalf of Alex Stamas). Photo by Jennifer Trovato.

Nicolas Barry, volunteer coordinator for the office of Senate pro Tem Darrell Steinberg.

The winner of the Youth award was Alex Stamas, who volunteers with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Gloria Torres, an LLS volunteer and outreach and education coordinator at La Familia Counseling Center, Inc., accepted the award on Alex's behalf as he could not be present at the awards ceremony. Among Alex's accomplishments was that he won the LLS Man of the Year award by raising over \$125,000 on his own, more funds than any other team in the competition. As the winner of the Outstanding Youth Volunteer award, Alex will

receive the Margaret Einspahr \$500 scholarship.

The other youth volunteers, all impressive in their own right, were: Syndee Bender (American Cancer Society), Mia Bersola-Isaguirre (Ronald McDonald House) Sierra Bird (Effie Yeaw Nature Center), Walker Durant (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society), Kloey Helms (Habitat for Humanity), Alyssa Hinds (Girl Scouts), Meisha Jackson (Folsom Cordova Community Partnership), and Casey McConnell (Ronald McDonald House).

They and their families should be proud of their accomplishments and of the caring,

dedication and effort given by each of these impressive young people.

The winners were selected by a panel of three judges: Tina Reynolds, founder, principle and owner of Uptown Studios; Tricia Rosenbaum, executive director of the Nonprofit Resource Center; and Dr. Bill Wittich, speaker, author, coach and consultant.

This was a gathering of people who strive daily to make the world a better place. For information on how to join or support DOVIA, visit www.doviasacramento.org. Other volunteer and support opportunities are available with many local organizations, including: City of

Sacramento, www.sacvolunteers.org; United Way, www.yourlocalunitedway.org; Project R.I.D.E., www.projectride.org; First Call Hospice, www.fchosp.com; and Ronald McDonald House Charities, www.rmhcnc.org. ★

Source: DOVIA

These awards began with the support and efforts of Margaret Einspahr, one of the founders of DOVIA. In her honor, DOVIA created the Margaret Einspahr Memorial Fund which is the source of the scholarship awarded to the youth recipient.



61st Wedding Anniversary Celebration for John and Elsie Maniaci

As our nation celebrated its Independence on July 4, 2014, John and Elsie Maniaci celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. They were married in 1953 at the Justice of the Peace in Reno, Nevada with only a few dollars in their pockets and lots of love in their heart for each other.

John worked in many vocations, but most of his work was in outside sales. John fought in the Korean War and is active with the Korean War Veterans today. Elsie is a homemaker and was an active participant with their children in their school years throughout their marriage. She is a survivor of Breast and Colon cancer, and she has ministered to others who have gone through

similar diseases. After raising their own children, John and Elsie became foster parents for 10+ years, investing in other children's lives.

John and Elsie have a close relationship with their 5 children, 15 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren all living in Northern California. Every year they host a Christmas party at their home which helps the family stay connected.

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Putting on the Dog

Bow-Wow Beauties SSPCA Fundraiser



Sonny Boy Burton. Photo courtesy Kay Burton.

By Kay Burton

GOLD RIVER, CA (MPG) - Kay Burton's Bow-Wow Beauties will hit the doggie runway on Saturday, September 6th at

11:00 a.m. in Gold River next to Hallmarks.

Dave Bender of KOVR Channel 13 will be a guest emcee for the event. Anything can happen when dogs dressed in canine

fashions model their fancy duds.

Bel Air's Store Director, Karen Brodovsky, will again sponsor a Hot Dog stand at a discount. Big Valley's CEO, Linda Sweet, will also sponsor this event.

Western Feed of Gold River is in partnership with Alpha K9, service dogs for people with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). There have been 250 dogs placed with disabled Vets so far. Western Feed will have samples of Pet Food for the public.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults; children are admitted free.

Kay Burton originated the pet show and fundraiser eighteen years ago. For more details, please call 635-5590. ★

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