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Relay For Life Takes Victory Lap



Participants in the recent Relay For Life included a mother and her baby (left) and Dorothy and Glenda as they walk down the Yellow Brick Road. The Relay for Life (Fair Oaks Chapter) raised in excess of \$25,000 for the cause that was held at the Waldorf campus.

Story and photos
by Richard Perez

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Warriors young and old gathered over the May 17th weekend at the picturesque Waldorf School in Fair Oaks, California to do battle with the dreaded enemy—Cancer. Participants ranging in age from 8 months to 82 years of age joined for a 24 hour non-stop campaign

of relay track walking and running in the hopes of impeding the adversary's march on our society.

Relay for Life (Fair Oaks Chapter) did just that, raising in excess of \$25,000 for the cause. "We were blessed with a beautiful setting at the Waldorf campus, wonderful spring weather and a tremendous outpouring of support from the Fair Oaks community and outlying areas. I was

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California Senate Passes Bill to Raise Minimum Wage to \$13 per Hour

LOS ANGELES, CA- On Thursday May 29th, California State Senate voted 21-12 to raise the state's minimum wage to at least \$13 per hour by 2017. The bill would also require the minimum wage to be automatically adjusted for inflation annually beginning in 2018. The adjustments would be calculated using the California Consumer Price Index and reductions in the minimum wage would be prohibited if inflation is negative in any given period.

California Partnership (CAP) Director Vanessa Aramayo said "an increase in California's minimum wage is long overdue as it is lower than it was in 1965 when adjusted for inflation. SB 935 will reduce the number of Californians living in poverty, reduce the number of people going hungry, and increase economic activity in our communities that have been hardest hit by the economic recession and stagnation of wages."

A recent report by Human Impact Partners cites a study that predicts a minimum wage of \$13 would help reduce the record high income gap that exists in California today. The study predicts that the income of 7.6 million Californians in families in the lowest quarter of income distribution would rise while the net income of the top 75% of households would not change[1].

California Partnership is a proud co-sponsor of this bill with the Women's Foundation, the Western Center on Law and Poverty, United Food and Commercial Workers Union and the California State Council of Service Employees

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New Sheriff Center Opens

Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - Sacramento's unincorporated north area now has a new Sheriff Service Center.

Located in the Safeway Shopping Center at Dewey Drive and Madison Avenue, it is staffed part time by Sergeant Dean Pai and 16 Volunteers In Partnership with the Sheriff (V.I.P.S.). The storefront is a long-awaited replacement for the office at Carmichael's Bel Air Center, closed during 2008 budget cuts. Sheriff Scott Jones pledged to restore the resource if free office space could be found. Owners of the Safeway Shopping Center recently came up to scratch with the Dewey location.

Bel Air Center veterans are among volunteers now answering phones and filing reports three days per week. "We'd love to be open five days," said administrative Sergeant Dean Pai. "If we get more volunteers, this could happen."

The north area office joins Sheriff's satellites in Arcade, Rancho Cordova, Florin, Rancho Murieta, Walnut Grove and Wilton. In these mini stations,

uniformed volunteers file non-emergency reports for incidents such as theft, fraud, restraining order violations and vandalism. "Without these centers," explains Sergeant Pai, "Many people would not bother to report incidents. This information is important to the Sheriff's Department. It allows us to establish patterns and allocate manpower to solve and prevent crimes."

Example: multiple tire slashings occurred locally in 2013. Compiled reports generated more patrols for certain neighborhoods. "We didn't catch the criminals" says Sergeant Pai. "But our heightened presence stopped the slashings."

"Our volunteers also free



V.I.P.S. Dennis Bruns, Charlie McKenzie and Lloyd Sellers join Sergeant Dean Pai (in uniform) at the North Area Sheriff Service Center. Opened this month, the office serves Carmichael, Fair Oaks and Orangevale.

up officers for 911 responses," explains Pai. "They allow us more time to be proactive; to make arrests and to keep people safe."

The Carmichael/Fair Oaks/Orangevale Sheriff Service

Center is located at 5484 Dewey Drive, suite 234. Current open hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Telephone: (916) 903-7480.

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Carmichael Environmentalist Remembered

Jack Hiehle’s Family Hosts Memorial

Story and photos
by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - A memorial celebrating the life of Jack Hiehle recently reunited more than 80 of his students and admirers at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael.

One of California’s most respected naturalists and a lifelong champion for ecology, Hiehle died in February at the age of 93. His passing came soon after the death of his beloved wife, actress Zilpha. The Hiehles were stalwarts of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, whose facility hosted the memorial event.

His son Torgen recalled a father who enjoyed sharing his love of nature with children and adults. “My father felt the stewardship of the environment was something everyone could play a part in,” said his son. “He tried to make people see it was not just an environmentalist’s job to restore habitat. It was everyone’s job. To acquire that love for nature, you must learn about

it. And he wanted to help people learn.”

Jack Hiehle was mentor to thousands, including this reporter. I recall many interviews on the subjects of deer, turkey and otters in the Carmichael community. I dogged his footsteps on wildlife counts and shared my first photographs of what I thought to be beaver kits near Harrington Park. After some cogitation, he called me and suggested that I had presented commendable portraits of muskrats. Any easy mistake, he assured me.

In consolation, he led me to the real McCoy: a Labrador-sized beaver, beating around the sloughs near William Pond Park. Jack was unerring in his ability to find even the most elusive critters. He just seemed to know their addresses.

He grew up in Southern California. He was a surveyor in British Columbian and Yukon wildernesses. In WW II, he served as a US Army rifle instructor and later headed for U.C. Berkeley to study

forestry. During a long career with the State, he worked with the Departments of Fish and Game and Parks and Recreation where he was appointed the first wildlife ecologist for California.

An avid sportsman in his spare time, he joined actress wife Zilpha as a National Ski Patrol volunteer and saved many skiers from off-piste refrigeration. A skiing accident near the age of 90 curtailed his rugged educational rambles on the American River flood plain.

Before this decline, the volunteer was a treasured resource for the American River Natural History Association. His passion resulted in the removal of thousands of non-native plants from the Effie Yeaw Nature preserve. Hiehle’s aim was to see American oaks sustained and protected. To this end, he launched a campaign to cage oak saplings before grazing deer nipped them in the bud.

Fabled London architect Christopher Wren was eulogized in granite with the advice “If you seek his monument, look around



Torgen (right) and Diaone Hiehle and Effie Yeaw director Paul Tebbel display portraits of Jack and Zilpha Hiehle.

you.” Those who require a monument for ecologist Hiehle might simply walk the Effie Yeaw preserve trails and regard many youthful trees reaching skyward

to eventually replace dying oaks. These—the future of our vulnerable parkway and symbols of hope for the thousands of animals living here—are Jack

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Fair Oaks Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony



Above: Veterans of War Commander (VFW) Bill Hielmann, Post 6158 Fair Oaks, and American Legion Commander Ben LaPolla, Post 383 Fair Oaks, laying the wreath at the memorial in honor of the veterans who are buried in the Fair Oaks Cemetery. Photo courtesy Nick LaPolla

By Sheila LaPolla

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - The Sixteenth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held Saturday, May 24th at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, 7780 Olive Street in Fair Oaks.

Hundreds of flags lined the roadways of the cemetery deemed “The Avenue of Flags.” A parade of bagpipers and American Legion Riders Post 383, Fair Oaks, motorcycled in to the delight of participants.

This year’s theme was to honor “Families of Fallen Heroes”. Families give of their hearts and souls sacrificing along with their loved heroes. On this Memorial Day, the Fair Oaks community and dignitaries gave thanks and recognition of their sacrifices.

Commanders of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars laid the wreath at the memorial in honor of over seventeen hundred veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

Memorial Day ceremonies touch our hearts in a way that reminds us freedom is not free; it takes sacrifice, love and devotion to our country.

Let us always remember to thank and honor the sacrifices of our veterans, active military, and their families. ★



Clockwise: The ceremony included a parade of bagpipers and American Legion Riders from Post 383, Fair Oaks. Photo courtesy Nick LaPolla. American flags along the “Avenue of Flags”, and the back of a helmet of one of the American Legion Riders Post 383, Fair Oaks, motorcycling with his group of motorcyclists (all of whom are veterans) along the “Avenue of Flags” with the cemetery in the background. Photo courtesy Sheila LaPolla

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.

Please Practice Water Safety

The warm weather is here and the Department of Regional Parks is anticipating an active summer on the American River. To help insure youngsters enjoy the water safely, the American River Parkway Foundation is again funding loaner life jackets available at 7 sites along the American River for the 2014 Kids Don’t Float Program. This is the fourth year the foundation is providing life jackets.

The Foundation is also providing new signage at the life jacket distribution sites. Each sign features the message that kids don’t float and if they are under age 13 they must wear a life vest per the Sacramento County Ordinance

and are invited to borrow a jacket and return it.

For more information about the program, please visit regionalparks.saccounty.net.

New Sheriff Service Center

Volunteers In Partnership with the Sheriff – VIPS—are ready to assist residents of the unincorporated area in need of help at the new Sheriff’s Service Center located in the Safeway Shopping Center at Dewey Drive and Madison Avenue.

VIPS are trained, dedicated and trusted volunteers who perform a variety of assignments for the Sheriff’s Department. In addition to having completed the required orientation and training, each VIP possess a clear criminal history and has passed a required background investigation as well as demonstrated good moral character and reputation. Since 1993, the Sheriff’s Department has relied on these helpers.

The new Service center is open for business three days a week: 10 am to 5 pm Mondays and Fridays and 10 am to 7 pm on Wednesdays. The office telephone number is 903-7480.

For more information, please visit sacsheriff.com.

Targeting Potholes

Sacramento County’s Department of Transportation

recently conducted its Spring 2014 Pothole Sweep which is an intensified effort to identify and repair potholes -- and is part of continuous efforts to improve preventative maintenance for roadways in the unincorporated area.

Pothole sweeps are performed twice each year: in late spring to repair potholes cause by inclement winter weather and in the fall to ready road surfaces for the storm season. The most recent effort identified and filled 3,250 potholes in District 3.

There are over 5,400 lane miles of paved roadway in the unincorporated area. Annually, 970 potholes are reported to Sacramento County. Besides those reports, SACDOT has an on-going program that checks road conditions resulting in 41,000 potholes on average being repaired each year.

If you know about a pothole, there is a simple way to report it by calling one number -- 311. Call center representatives are ready Monday through Friday, 7 am to 6 pm to answer questions, route calls, and manage cases for verification and resolution. ★

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



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I can't tell you how many times my mother said to me, "You are just like your father" with a strong hint of sarcasm in her voice. I took it as a badge of honor. Dad passed away many years ago, but the strength he left behind is instilled in me. His story is what the greatest generation movies are made of. Born in the U.S. his parents took him back to Romania at age two. At age fourteen, he had to declare his citizenship there or here. Dad was proud to be an American, and so this kid began a journey all on his own. His father was a brilliant and spoiled alcoholic interpreter in Detroit. Not at all a family man. So when Dad asked his father to help him get a job, his father told him, "I gave you wings, now fly." That's why I think dad was so devoted

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with Mary Jane Popp

to his family. He never wanted my brother and I to face what he had. He loved to travel with my brother and I when we would perform and beamed with pride. After a terrible accident, and only one week out of the hospital, he insisted on driving me to the Indiana State competition so I could compete singing and playing violin. It was an historic snow storm, but that did not deter him. No one else was going to take his family on this trip.

Getting back to his early years, my dad did fly. He lied about his age and got a job. And his father's brilliance was passed on to dad. He went from manual laborer to designing fur coats for Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios in Los Angeles. He never backed down from a challenge. He went from putting blasting caps on TNT in an ordinance plant for the war effort to furrier to management in an aircraft plant to full-fledged Ironworker. He even got a little acting in there too. And how can I forget race car driver, and dare I say early on, a little bootlegging too during the prohibition era? Dad's will to succeed for himself and

his family was in his DNA, and I would like to think he passed it on to me. We were so much alike. When we argued, it was a stalemate. It was like arguing with your mirror image. Was dad perfect? No. He had a terrible temper, and periodically, it got out of hand. I guess I got that DNA too, but it has softened some with age. He died rather young, but I can tell you, he lived life to the fullest!

I miss dad, but I still talk with him...especially when I am driving. He enjoyed being behind the wheel, and he loved to travel, family in tow, all over the country. Sometimes the driving went on for long periods, but that was dad too...goal oriented. But I am grateful for what dad passed on to me, both in philosophy and his drive to be the best you can be. I will always remember his story about making mistakes. "Remember," he would tell us, "You are not learning if you do not make mistakes." Of course, I'm sure he hoped we would not repeat them after the lesson was learned. Dad, you are loved now and always! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! ★



By Pastor Ray Dare

There have been times in my life where I've been confused, worried, and anxious about the future. If you'll be honest about it, there have been times in your life when you felt these same things. You've been anxious, you've been concerned, you've been worried. Maybe today you're facing some of these same things.

God says in Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." God renews you spiritually when you accept Christ in your life, when you're born again, but your mind isn't born again. Your mind isn't renewed automatically. There's something that you have to do. This is so important. Never underestimate the important role that your mind plays in your walk of faith.

I found in my own life that every time I get worried, confused, concerned or overly concerned, anxious about the future, you know what's happened? I've taken my mind off the things of God and I've

Peace Under Pressure

started looking at the circumstances all around me. I'm going against what God says and I start dwelling on, "How am I going to overcome these challenges?" "How am I going to overcome these obstacles? How am I going to overcome all these things that are coming against me?" Do you know what happens when you meditate on those things? They get bigger and bigger and bigger. Then all of a sudden you're feeling doubt and fear and unbelief.

You have to keep our mind stayed on Christ. You may think, "But I'm too busy. I've got a career and I'm working and I've got all this stuff going on." But friend, you're not going to experience God's perfect peace automatically. You have to get into God's Word and get His Word into you. That's why it's so important to meditate on and memorize Scripture. That's why it's so important to stay in church where you can hear the Word of God.

Turn your worries into prayers. Philippians 4:6 said, "Don't worry about anything; pray about everything." Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. Listen, I'm going to challenge you. The next time you have the opportunity to worry, choose not to worry – choose to pray. Every time you have a negative thought, just turn that thought into a prayer and ask God to

help you. Think about and claim a promise of God. You know what you're doing? You're saying, "God, I know the situation looks bad, but I choose to believe You're still in control. I choose to believe You will see me through this." When you do that; you're going to experience God's perfect peace.

What's stolen your peace today? A relationship? A health issue? A problem at work? Your finances? Do what David did... "I sought the Lord, and He answered me. He delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4. Peace isn't found in a pill, peace is found in a person – Jesus Christ. Fear comes from not understanding what God is like, how much He loves you and how much He cares about you. The more you seek the Lord and get to know Him and understand what He promises to do in your life, the less fear and worry you will have and the more peace you will have, regardless of the circumstances around you.

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Future Ford Lincoln Raises Funds for Casa Roble High School



Future Ford Lincoln conducted a Ford Drive 4UR School event at Casa Roble HS March 15th in conjunction with a classic car show at the school. \$5640 was raised during the one day event, salespeople from Future Ford Lincoln donated their time, the dealership supplied the test drive vehicles and refreshments and Ford Motor company supplied the money!

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Future Ford Lincoln conducted a Ford Drive 4UR School event at Casa Roble HS March 15th in conjunction with a classic car show at the school. Proceeds went to the Automotive Technology Department taught by Mitch Crowden, far right. \$5640 was raised during the one day event, salespeople from Future Ford Lincoln donated their time, the

dealership supplied the test drive vehicles and refreshments and Ford Motor company supplied the money! In 2007, Ford Motor Company developed a program to help raise funds for local high schools called Drive 4 UR School. This created an opportunity for schools and their clubs, groups and extracurricular activities to raise money to continue or

expand their operations. With the help of a local Ford dealership, schools organize, promote and hold a one day Ford test drive event for the surrounding community. For every qualified test drive that's completed at the event, Ford donates \$20 to the school, with a goal of raising up to \$6,000 total. **Source:** www.FSBCoreStrategies.com

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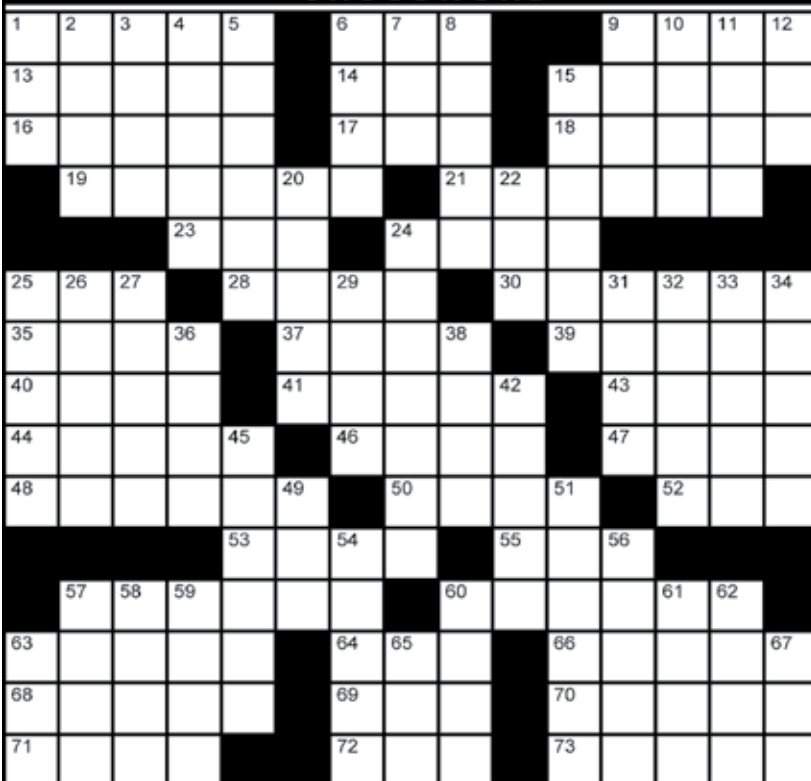
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By Ronnie McBrayer

There are some two million adopted children living in United States’ households today. These children arrive in their homes in a myriad of ways. Some are abandoned or surrendered to children’s services. Some have biological parents who are children themselves, and are in no condition to parent. Some have been conceived under horrific conditions: Incest, rape, or some other impossible situation. Some are from the States; some from overseas; some come out of foster care; some come from an adoption agency; and some come from out of nowhere, it seems. But most all have this in common: They are loved. The adoptive parents who receive these children want them, and they want to provide a loving home for them. I have some experience with this. Two of those two million adopted children live under my own roof. They are teenagers now, and have always lived with the knowledge of their adoption. When they were younger, and I suppose they need to hear it even more as they move toward adulthood, I would tell them, “Everyone is born, you know. But not everyone is chosen. Not everyone has the honor of being selected; but you were.” Granted, this doesn’t settle

Not Slaves, But Sons and Daughters

all of their anxieties, and now in adolescence, they have all the existential anxieties of their peers, all the questions everyone struggles with – “Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I in the world? How do I fit in? What is my identity?” – but those who are adopted often have these questions on steroids. Some questions, I tell my growing young men, will be answered now. Some answers will come in adulthood. But some questions, I caution them, may never be answered. Yet, they cannot let all the unanswerable questions of their existence rob them of these essential facts: They are loved. They are chosen. They are cherished – and they were cherished long before they were even conscious of such emotion. One of the New Testament’s more powerful images, as it describes God’s concern for humanity, is, fittingly, adoption. The Apostle Paul is the champion of such language. “By his great love,” Paul said, “we were chosen for adoption into God’s family.” In Paul’s day, the most common form of adoption originated in the workplace. Orphaned children, in ancient times, were often forced into slavery. For a predetermined number of years, the child would give himself or herself to a tradesman – brick masons, farmers, artisans, and other trades that involved hard manual labor. The child’s hope was to make it to adulthood, and having learned a trade, he or she would then have a livable skill set. But

sadly, the tradesmen would often wring the literal life from the child, and he or she would die from exhaustion or neglect, only to be replaced by another slave from the auction block. Thankfully, not all tradesmen were traffickers. Some became mothers or fathers. A person could adopt a child-laborer. This released the child from slavery and granted to the adoptee all the rights and privileges of family. This was a revolution of status, a radical change in one’s identity. He or she was no longer an orphan, but became a son or daughter. As Paul wrote to the Galatians, “God’s love should make it plain; you are not his slaves. You are his children.” To recognize that you are loved and chosen by God might not squelch all of your anxieties or address all of your identity issues, but it is a good place to start. For if you know that God loves you, then you can make allowance for the things that you don’t know; if you understand that you belong to him, then you can live with those things that can’t be understood; and when you are certain of your acceptance, then you can accept all other uncertainties. I pray that these facts will serve as a grounding force for my sons as they grow into the lives that will become theirs. And yes, I pray the same for all of us. ★ *Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, pastor, and author. His newest book is “The Gospel According to Waffle House.” You can read more at www.ronniemcbrayer.me.*

Just Don’t Call Me on Monday!

Dr. James L. Snyder

Those who know me would agree that I am cool, calm, and collected, although not in that order. It takes quite a bit to rattle me and get me out of sync with my inner harmony. I must confess that, while that is mostly true, I did have an incident this past week that threw all of that out of the window. That is what I get for leaving my window down! After a full weekend of preparation and ministry, I need one day to really chill out and get my wits about me re-collected. On Mondays, I do not wish to do anything or see anybody or go anywhere. My motto for Monday is simply, just don’t call me! On this particular Monday when I finally awakened, the first thing I noticed was that my wife had already left the house. Out in the kitchen the coffee had been brewed and waiting for my consumption. There was a nice bowl of oatmeal ready just for me. I fixed my coffee, got my oatmeal ready and proceeded into the living room where I could set in my easy chair and watch a little bit of television for as long as I could stay awake. Nothing is quite as nice as a Monday with

nothing to do and nobody to bother you while you are doing it. I got situated and took a nice sip of delicious coffee and then proceeded to turn on the television. That is when my Monday exploded. I could not turn the TV on; something was wrong with the service. I distinctly remember one occasion when my wife had to face such a situation and she would call the TV service. She would speak to some people there and in a few moments (after some rather angry screeching), the problem was solved. So I decided to do the same thing, minus the screeching. I called the number associated with our TV and Internet service and that is when the games began. After punching 2,743 numbers on my phone, I finally got somebody. Actually, it was not really somebody; it was a recording telling me that I was 47th in line waiting for the technician. According to my calculation, it would take me 29 Mondays to get to talk to a live, breathing technician. By the time I was connected to a live technician, I had completely lost my cool and was close to not being collected.

Each minute on the phone with this technician caused me to lose more of my cool until I was absolutely hot under the collar. He knew almost as much about my problem as some stray cat in the backyard. After I hung up and cooled down a little bit I thought of something. Why don’t I just unplug the whole mess and then restart everything. It worked and I did not have to say it with some strange accent. In my devotions that morning, I read from Psalms 33:4 where David says, “For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.” Sometimes the best course of action is to do it yourself. Not being a do-it-yourself guru, it does not come naturally to me. If you blame someone else for your problems, you are pointing the finger in the wrong direction. ★ *Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, P.O. Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 866-552-2543 or e-mail jamesnsnyder2@att.net. His website is www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.*



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

Intimacy with God provides faith that can move mountains and deliver one from discouragement and pain when the struggles of life seem too much! When God is invited into one’s life, one is never alone! God promised He would never leave or forsake one who accepts Jesus as their Savior and Lord. When a person makes a decision to follow His divine guidelines—one will be taking a journey into His

A Divine Path

perfect will for their life. The path ahead is guided by His light and an adventure into His blessings. And it is amazing that the Creator of all becomes closer than a brother. Before this happens one does not know about or ever experience the highest kind of love God gives to His own, which is called AGAPE. It is a love that even loves the unloving. This kind of love characterizes God’s consistent nature. (1 John 4:8) It is His divine love expressed and demonstrated through His Son. (1 John 4:10; John 3:16) It is also a love that is birthed within us as we return his love (1 John 4:19) And it is a love we are to have for one another—because of His character and love birthed within us (1 John 4:11) It is the love of I Corinthians 13 and Ephesians 4:15. Agape love is expressed even to those with whom we may disagree or possibly do not even like! Read Romans 5:8. Those who have invited Jesus into their heart and life ARE Christian brothers and sisters. The Greek word for “brother” is “adelphos”. Two children out of the same life-form womb are automatically brothers and/or sisters. Our source of life is God IN CHRIST, therefore we are Christian brothers and sisters! We are to love our brothers and sisters in Christ and demonstrate the fruit of a loving spirit regardless of our differences. It matters little what church or denomination one chooses, a BIBLICAL FACT. ★ *Marlys Johnsen Norris Christian Author of 7 books Read my story in “God Moves Mountains” Marlysjn@gmail.com*

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Pow Wow Days Lights Up The Sky

Story and photo
by Richard Perez

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) - Groups from all over the Sacramento metroplex gathered up and down Main Avenue in Orangevale, California on Saturday May 17th awaiting their cue to turn onto Greenback Lane . The Casa Robla High School ROTC Color Guard had the honor of opening the 51st Annual Pow Wow Days Parade, followed by the Citrus Heights Community Marching band playing all the stepping favorites. An assortment of children and young adults, parents, little cowboys, dance groups from Rocklin, and of course the always popular Shriners on go-carts (courtesy of Ben Ali Shriners) followed in perfect parade precision. The mile long cavalcade merged onto Greenback Lane ready to strut their stuff.

This is the kickoff event officially starting the four day country fair held at the 36 acre Orangevale community park, and hosted by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. Leading the procession was The Honorary Mayor Leonard Reyes riding shotgun on the Wells Fargo Stage. The newly crowned Miss Orangevale, Laura Baryak and Wee Miss Orangevale Gracie Thorns accompanied by the Princess Court smiled for the

crowds riding atop the Miss Orangevale Float. Sacramento County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan also was part of the festivities waving from her parade chariot. Of course, no parade is complete without horses. The Pee Wee Rodeo Kids and the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Posse Drill Team entertained everyone riding high atop their steeds performing fancy equine maneuvers. Even Chase the Dog sporting his orange bandana and sunglasses, accompanied by his family and Winkie his dog pal got into the act, riding in the back of dad’s pickup. Square Dancers, Swans on Wheels, vintage Model T’s, National Girl’s Champs and the like, would proceed the length of the parade route and converge at Divine Savior Catholic Church for a good old fashion pancake breakfast. The fun was just beginning.

Back at fairground headquarters in Orangevale Park, the show was about to get re-started. Thursday and Friday events saw name groups such as Juke Box Band, Category 4, Riff Raff and Mumbo Gumbo provide an array of musical styles to please one and all. Saturday’s concert venue included Boomer and the winner of NBC’s The Voice 2013 Danielle Bradbery, a beautiful girl with an angelic voice, which filled the cool evening with



Chase and Winkie the dogs are ready to parade down Greenback Lane during the recent Pow Wow Days Festivities.

country favorites. Sunday would start early as Pow Wow Days presented its newest edition to the fair, Fiesta Days. Groups such as Mariachi America, Tamborazo del Valle and Autenticos de Sacramento put a little salsa into the day, singing canciones’ de Mexico. Ah! Que Bueno....In keeping with the western style entertainment, The Pee Wee Rodeo (sponsored by Well Fargo) went on without a hitch, as little cowboys performed their lasso and roundup techniques riding on their wooden

horses. All was made ready for the big showcase evening concert of the four day event. Thompson Square, featuring McKenna Faith were busy warming up their vocal cords for the heralded show. “We had a great turnout for all our events” stated Lisa Montes, Events Chairwoman. “Pow Wow Days helps to fund 15 non-profit groups in the area” she added. Next year promised to be even more exciting than ever, as we await Pow Wow Days 2015. ★

Governor Brown Signs Legislation Allowing Metro Fire to Provide Additional Tax Refunds to Property Owners

Sac Metro Fire
Special Report

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire) announced May 29th Governor Brown’s approval of AB 1053, an urgency bill which gives Metro Fire the legal authority to refund taxes to residents who were billed in error prior to 2009. The legislation was authored by Assemblyman Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) and sponsored by Metro Fire.

With the passage of Assembly Bill 1053, Metro Fire can now legally refund four additional years of the Sloughhouse/Rancho Murieta Special Fire Tax. This supplemental special tax helps pay for fire suppression services in the Sloughhouse/Rancho Murieta area. The tax was approved by area property owners in 2000, but improperly levied on 3,841 additional, neighboring parcels from tax year 2005/2006 to 2012/2013, primarily affecting property owners in the Anatolia community. The error was discovered through an internal audit. Metro Fire worked with the County to remove the special fire tax from current year tax bills and notified all affected property owners in December that they were eligible for refunds. Until now, homeowners have

only been eligible for refunds for 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 tax years. Under Revenue and Taxation Code §5097(a), all claims for tax refunds must be presented no later than four years after the date that the taxes are paid. Although Metro Fire’s Board of Directors acted to correct the error to the maximum extent possible, this statutory language and California court decisions prohibits local agencies from providing tax refunds for claims older than four years, even for improperly levied taxes.

“With Governor Brown’s signature, a barrier prohibiting Metro Fire from being able to return all of the money to those who paid the fire tax is removed,” said Cooley. “Now that state law has been changed, justice can be served.”

Metro Fire’s Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the authorization of four additional years of tax refunds now enabled by AB 1053 at its regular meeting on June 12.

Metro Fire Chief Kurt Henke stated, “We are thankful for Assemblyman Cooley’s dedication to helping find a solution and accomplish our goal of correcting this unfair outcome and making homeowners whole for this error.” ★



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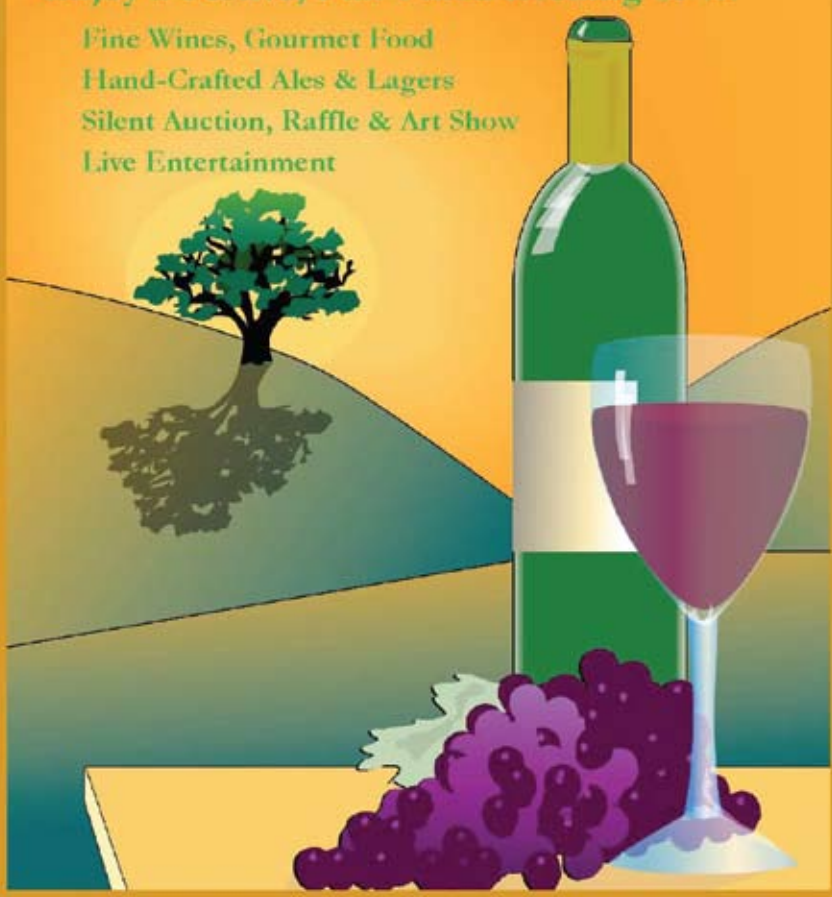
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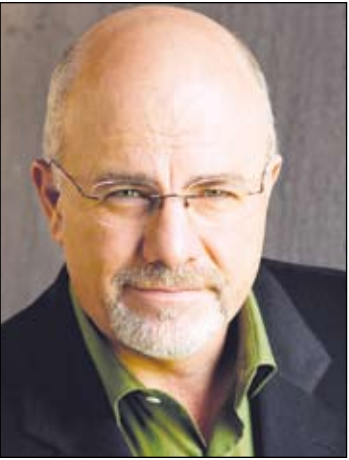
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Millionaire Widow Needs a Prenup

Dear Dave,
My husband died several years ago. He always worked very hard, and we did very well financially. I am now 48 and have \$3.8 million in assets. I've found a wonderful man who is very stable and loving with a good job, and we're considering getting married. Do you think I need a prenuptial agreement?
- Heather

Dave Says Relay For Life Takes Victory Lap

Dear Heather,
For years I told people never to do prenuptial agreements. I always said if you love your money more than you love your spouse, then you're too immature and selfish to be married.

However, I've changed my tune on this subject a little bit recently. When one or two wealthy people get married, the problems that can arise usually have nothing to do with those two people. The problem is that it can invite a lot of crazy into your lives from the outside. Whether it's a parent, cousin or child, sometimes people start feeling a sense of entitlement when wealth is suddenly thrust into the picture.

You both sound like mature, functional people with good values. In most cases, that's a pretty good indication that crazy isn't in the immediate vicinity. Still, there's a lot on the line. So while I would advise a prenup, you might keep an open mind to revisions somewhere down the road. Make it pretty solid and protective for the first five or 10 years. But then, after you guys have built a life together, you'll hopefully reach a point where you'll feel safe looking at it as all ours.

So, the only reason I'd ever suggest a prenup is when two parties are bringing really unequal amounts to the table. Yours is an extreme situation, Heather, so I'd give it some serious thought. Let

him know you want to do this to protect the relationship, so that there's never any hint that the money is a problem or will create problems. If he's as kind and thoughtful as you say, I think he'll understand.
- Dave

AAA or self-insure?

Dear Dave,
What do you think about auto club memberships like AAA?
- Jeremy

Dear Jeremy,
I've got nothing against AAA. But honestly, I tend to self-insure through savings for these kinds of things. I've probably used, or had need of, a tow truck twice in the last 20 years. When it comes to this kind of product, I always look at it from the perspective of, "Where does it leave me if I don't sign up for their service?"

Again, I don't think AAA is a big rip-off or anything like that. It's just a type of insurance, if you will, for which I have no need. I guess it could be a handy thing to have if you were in a situation where you were using their services a lot. But if their average customer were like that, they'd probably end up losing money on you.
- Dave

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most touched by the participants, performers and speakers who gave us their time and talents to make this an unforgettable gathering," said Patricia Poremba, Relay for Life Chairperson/Organizer.

Although the actual relay walk/run is the main focus of the event, it was just part of the fun filled social weekend. Families, pets, businesses, social groups and young people from various schools including Waldorf, Del Campo, Bella Vista and Mira Loma High schools all came out to spend a night under the stars, sharing stories and experiences in their quest to help find a cure.

Dorothy's Ruby Rebels, a team made up of characters from the Wizard of Oz, provided a non-stop blitz on the track. Even the flying monkey contributed, lapping the track on all fours. They not only proved that walking can be fun and good for you, but also entertaining as well. The fundraising team Sarcoma Smackdown topped all other event teams by logging an astounding 290 miles over the 24 hour relay. Team member

Michael tallied over 42 miles himself, taking top honors for individual distance performers. To get a true 21st century airborne perspective of the event, go to the Fair Oaks Relay for Life Facebook page and click on the drone picture. You will be taken on a fascinating two minute flight aboard the Phantom 2 Vision, high above the Relay for Life encampment. This is courtesy of LoveSacramento blog.

As the sun sets on the day's activities, twilight heralds the beginning of the solemn and inspirational Luminaria Ceremony. During this meditative proceeding, loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer are honored with a lit votive candle placed in a small paper bag. Each luminaria is individually decorated by the family members honoring a life which will not be forgotten. Lights are dimmed as the participants walk the candle lit track in silence, with only the sounds of nature audible in the distance. The only lights visible are the glow stick caption signs attached to the wrought iron fence encircling the track. The powerful

words illuminate: REMEMBER ~ HOPE ~ CELEBRATE ~ FIGHT ON. They glimmer in the darkness, bringing everyone closer together as one family united in the cause. One more event remains before bedtime, the midnight showing Frozen complete with popcorn and hot cocoa is readied for the main stage. After the movie, participants retire to their tents for slumber and possible stargazing with quiet conversations. Tomorrow's conclusion will arrive early.

A hot breakfast is prepared compliments of the Orangevale Grange starting at 7 a.m. Final laps by hardy participants, as well as other last minute details such as camp breakdown and event awards are also on the schedule. With a teary eye, Events Chairperson Pat Poremba relays last minute thanks and kudos. Plans for next year are already being discussed. Team Captain Jeannie Merrill of the Where Family Matters team, conveys what Relay for Life is all about. "Relay gave my family a healing element, one that I could have never done alone. Seeing the sea of purple shirts reminds us there is hope." ★

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California Senate Passes Bill to Raise Minimum Wage to \$13 per Hour

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DA Jan Scully Honored With Top Leadership Award

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) announced that retiring Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully has been selected for the 2014 Edwin L. Miller Leadership Award.* This award is the highest honor paid to an elected district attorney in California.

In the nomination letter signed by 11 elected district attorneys throughout the state, Scully's colleagues asserted, "Jan's tenure as District Attorney has been marked by her leadership in a wide variety of areas – creating new programs and initiatives with respect to victims, underserved neighborhoods, and disadvantaged groups, addressing old problems in new ways, confronting emerging problems, and building within the law enforcement agencies and the justice system to ensure effective prosecution following the highest ethical standards." The nomination letter inventories a variety of Scully's accomplishments, concluding that she "has exemplified integrity, devotion and leadership in the criminal justice arena for two decades as the Sacramento County District Attorney."

It goes on to state "...in constructing collaborative partnerships, in building bridges and reaching out to a wide range of ethnic and cultural groups, and



in doing so with a commitment to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, she has been a leader and example for all prosecutors." Scully was elected president of CDAA in 2005, the first woman to hold that position.

Scully's nomination package includes a letter from the Sacramento County Superior Court signed by an unprecedented 25 Superior Court judges. The letter concludes, "In two decades, Jan Scully has served as a leader with a unique ability to recognize needs, envision programs, and foster collaborations to the benefit of a wide range of parties, and to all citizens served by the criminal justice system. She is well deserving of CDAA's highest award."

Also included is a letter from National District Attorneys

Association (NDAA) President Henry Garza who stated, "Jan's career as an elected District Attorney and leader among prosecutors on both the state and national stages make her especially deserving of this award." Scully was elected as the first woman president of NDAA in 2011.

"It is an incredible honor to receive this award and I am truly grateful for the support and recognition of my peers and colleagues," said District Attorney Jan Scully. "With my retirement drawing nearer, I look back on my tenure with great pride and will continue working to ensure a safe, violence-free community through the final months of my term."

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"The Brain From Planet X" will be directed by **Bob Irvin** and featuring the **Fair Oaks Theater Festival** award winner cast.

The play is from a book written by **David Wechter** and **Bruce Kimmel**, with music and lyrics by **Bruce Kimmel**.



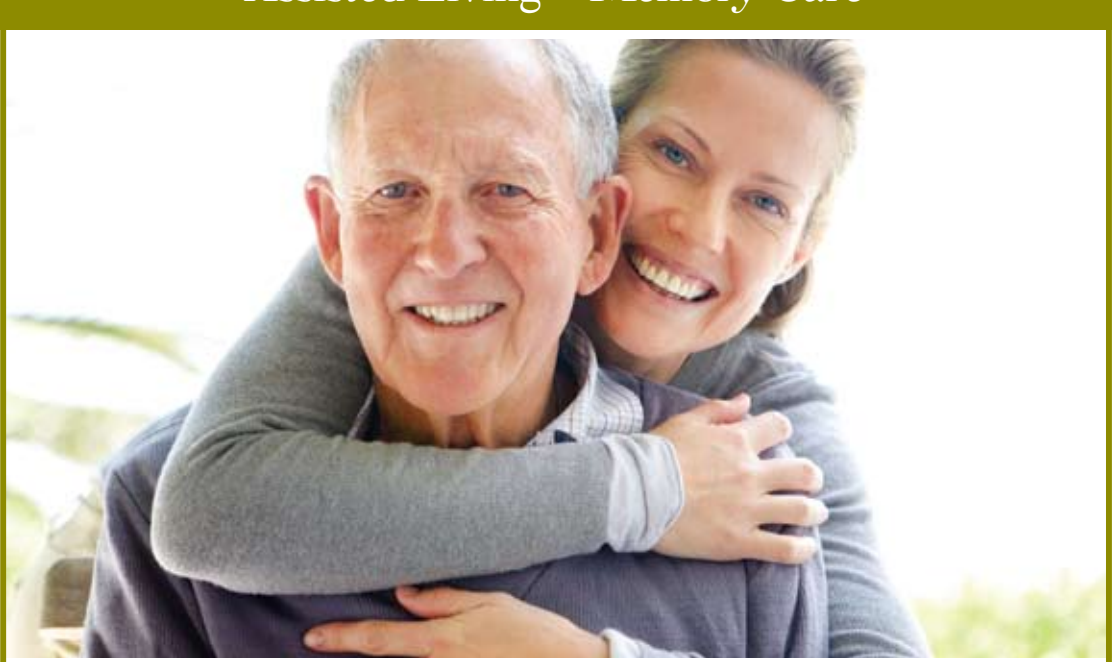
The play premiered in Los Angeles to rave reviews. The Los Angeles Times call "The Brain From Planet X", "Wildly funny... wittily staged, sharply cast and graced with some catchy numbers." The Beverly Hills Outlook called "The Brain, "Fun theatre! Silly, spoofy, and goofy!"

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