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Historical Society Has a New Home



Assemblywoman (6th District) Beth Gaines and Zachary Yeates (center), field rep for Congressman Ami Bera, present joint certificates of recognition to Fair Oaks Historical Society president Joe Dobrowolski, (far left), Fair Oaks Honorary Mayor Kathy Jones, and Chamber of Commerce president, Doug Proctor (far right). The Historical Society celebrated the grand opening of their new facility at 10340 Fair Oaks Blvd. on May 8. Photo credit Elise Spleiss.

By Elise Spleiss

FAIR OAKS, CA - (MPG) History is brought to life at the new Fair Oaks Historical Society Museum, located at 10340 Fair Oaks Blvd. On May 8, 2013 members of the Fair Oaks Historical Society (FOHS), the Chamber of Commerce and eager members of the community gathered for the grand opening of the newly refurbished 400 square foot history museum filled with over 100 years of displays, photos and artifacts.

Raised in Fair Oaks in the 1960s, Assemblywoman, 6th District, Beth Gaines attended the event, presenting a certificate of recognition from the state of California to FOHS president Joe Dobrowolski. Gaines reminisced about her days at Del Campo High School, and living near the gravel pits so important to the history of the city. "Fair Oaks is important to me. I'm so proud to be representing it," she said.

Zachary Yeates, field representative for Congressman Ami Bera, and Sacramento County

Supervisor, Susan Peters also attended.

Previously located at the Fair Oaks Recreation Park District building at 7997 California Avenue, the new museum also tells the important part the Sacramento Water District has played in the history of the city. The Water District is renting the building for the museum for \$1 a year.

Society president Dobrowolski, looks forward to newer residents of Fair Oaks having a place to visit to learn about their new home.

Plans are for the museum to be opened Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The intent is to hire community college students to staff the center.

The historical society conducts research, records oral histories, and has published a booklet: "The Early Years of Fair Oaks." Residents of all cities are invited to visit or join the FOHS and attend their quarterly potlucks. Visit www.fairoakshistory.org for FOHS information and application for membership.



FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) – The 20th annual "A Taste of Fair Oaks" sponsored by the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce, is an annual Food Wine and Micro-brew tasting event. This year's event will be held on Friday June 7th from 6:00-9:30pm and will be held again at NorthRidge Country Club located at 7600 Madison Ave. in Fair Oaks.

Area restaurants, wineries, and regional micro-breweries will be in attendance for guests to taste and sample the exhibitors' food and beverages. In addition to sampling wine, beer, food and plentiful desserts,

attendees will enjoy music by Vision Entertainment, a golf putting contest (\$5000 grand prize), and numerous Silent Auction and Raffle items.

The "Taste" is the Chamber's largest fund raising event of the year. The proceeds from the event help the Fair Oaks Chamber support the community of Fair Oaks by offering free events throughout the year. In addition, a portion of the proceeds again this year will benefit VIVA, Volunteers in Victim Assistance, a full service center for victims of violent crimes and trauma.

This year's restaurants will

include some yearly favorites as well as several new and exciting participants.

Fat's Asian Bistro, The Couch Sports Lounge, The Pasta Queen, Truffle Gateau, Fabians Italian Bistro, The Chocolate Architect, Nothing Bundt Cakes, The Melting Pot, Il Forno Classico, Trader Joes, Chocolate Fountains of Sacramento, Source Tapas, Costco Wholesale, Maranellos, Players Pub, Rubios, Chili's, DMS Desserts, Mirabelle Café, Orangevale Meat Shop, Carmelita's, Hafez Restaurant, Dutch Brothers Coffee.

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This is a fun and festive event that is always well attended.

Tickets are \$40 and can be pre-purchased on the Chamber's website@ www.fairoakschamber.com

Tickets are \$45 at the door.

Source: Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce

IRS Apology Not Accepted

From TheTeaParty.net to IRS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)- In response to IRS officials today (May 10th) admitting that its agents actively targeted Tea Party groups for increased scrutiny during the 2012 election, the nation's largest Tea Party group and a subject of IRS inquiries over the past year, issued the following statement:

"What we've long suspected to be the case is now confirmed to be true. The Obama administration has used the IRS as a political weapon. The IRS may claim that it is 'sorry.' But given the damage that has been done, their apology is not accepted," said Niger Innis, Chief Strategist for TheTeaParty.net.

"What would Democrats have done if the Nixon administration ordered the IRS to actively target the National Organization of Women or the American Civil Liberties Union? Nixon had his own enemies list and resigned. These activities are eerily similar, and yet Obama remains in office even in light of Fast and Furious, the Benghazi tragedy, and now the active targeting of his political opposition. We demand a thorough independent investigation into who did what, when, why, and how far up into the administration this scandal goes. We would expect intimidation like this from third-world, tin-pot dictators, not our own US government."

Gas Prices Climbing Again



SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - (MPG) Average retail gasoline prices risen 13.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.95/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 720 gas outlets in Sacramento. This compares with the national average that has increased 6.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.57/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Sacramento during the past week, prices yesterday are 11.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

"Many motorists remain skeptical of the so called reasons that we blame higher prices on: refinery production and maintenance, tightening supply, and the now completed switch over to EPA mandated cleaner summer gasoline. Tight gasoline supply exists especially along the West Coast, and other factors are coming into play in some of the bigger metro areas where more expensive reformulated gasoline has hit pumps," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

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SMUD Invites Public Input on Proposed Rate Actions

SACRAMENTO, CA—(MPG) The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Board of Directors is holding two public workshops and a public hearing to discuss proposed rate changes to begin in January 2014.

In the General Manager’s Report & Recommendation (Report), released by SMUD General Manager & CEO John Di Stasio, staff outlines a proposed two-step rate increase of 2.5 percent in both 2014 and 2015 for all customers to meet projected shortfalls resulting from the higher costs of renewable power required by the state, the increase in the number of participants in the low-income energy assistance program, and debt service obligations. SMUD’s rates remain lower than most other utilities in California. Of the 19 largest electric utilities in the state, SMUD has the third lowest average cost per kWh. The Report also recommends a restructuring of the residential rates that will be phased in gradually over four years to better align rates with SMUD’s cost to serve customers. This restructure will help residential customers make better informed choices about their energy consumption and utilizes new smart technology. SMUD seeks to transition to flat rate pricing with the goal of recommending time-based pricing by 2018.

The Report also addresses the following items:

- A new approach to the Energy Assistance Program Rate (EAPR) for low-income customers to help neutralize bill impacts by increasing the discount but adding a cap to the total discount.
- Modifications to street lighting rates making efficient LED lighting more cost beneficial.
- New Combined Heat and Power (CHP) rate for non-renewable generators.
- Revised late fees for public entity commercial customers.
- Reduce bill impacts to small commercial customers by combining demand and energy criteria for the small commercial rate.

• Revisions and modifications to the Rates, Rules and Regulations to enhance clarity and consistency.

All three meetings will be held at the SMUD Headquarters building, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, 95817.

Public Workshop—Tuesday, May 28—6 p.m.

Public Workshop—Tuesday, June 18—10 a.m.

Public Hearing—Thursday, July 18—9 a.m.

Information on the proposed rate action and a complete copy of the General Manager’s Report and Recommendation can be found on smud.org/rateinfo or at all Sacramento County Public Libraries.

If you have specific rates questions, contact SMUD’s Rates Administrator at rates@smud.org or call (916) 732-6222.

Source: SMUD Newsroom

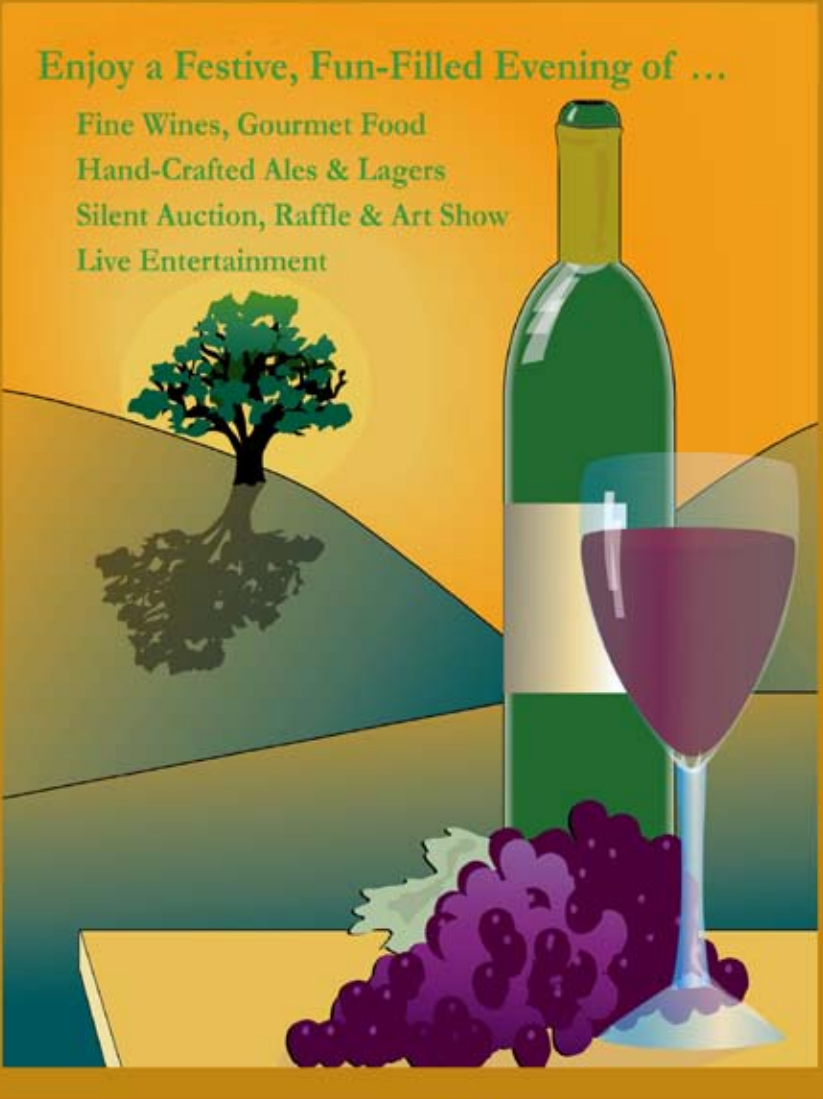
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FAIR OAKS CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY AND AVENUE OF FLAGS CEREMONY

The Fair Oaks Cemetery District and the Memorial Day Ceremony Committee are finalizing plans for one of the most popular and inspiring Memorial Day ceremonies in the area.

The Fifteenth Annual Memorial Day and Avenue of Flags Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 25, at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, located at 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks. The formal ceremonies start at 10 AM.




This year's theme is to honor "Our National Cemeteries", with the emphasis on Hawaii's Punch Bowl. The Punch Bowl is a cemetery located in Honolulu, Hawaii that serves as a memorial to those men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Dedicated on Sept 2, 1949, approximately 53,000 WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam veterans and their dependents have been interred. It is administered by the National Cemetery Administration of the U.S. Department of the Veteran Affairs and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Fair Oaks Cemetery will be decorated with hundreds of flags lining its roadways as "The Avenue of Flags." They will be adding more names to the Veterans Memorial Wall. The Honored Main speaker will be Allen Hearl, Retired Navy Chaplain.

A formal Color Guard and Rifle Salute Team will provide military honors and assist with the laying of the wreath at the memorial in honor of over seventeen hundred veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

Chairman of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District Memorial Day Committee, Tom Askins will be the Master of Ceremonies. The musical program will be provided by the American Veterans Band, conducted by Warren "Bud" Turner.



Rancho Cordova Awards 2 Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA – (MPG)

City Employee \$500 Community PRIDE Scholarship



Kaetyn Chen (right) receives notification of her City Employee Community PRIDE Scholarship from Stacy Delaney, a Cordova High School alumna who works in the Rancho Cordova City Manager's Office. Photo courtesy of City of Rancho Cordova.

Kaetyn Chen is the recipient of this year's \$500 Community PRIDE scholarship that is awarded annually by City employees to show their support of graduating seniors who live in Rancho Cordova. Application requirements include a minimum

3.0 GPA and an essay about student and community activities. This fall, Kaetyn will attend U.C. Berkeley, majoring in biological sciences.

"We want to reward young people who have demonstrated attributes of good citizenship in the community by helping them to achieve their higher education goals," said Lisa Brown of the City's Human Resources Department and a member of the Employees' Activities Team that coordinates the scholarship.

City employees funded this year's scholarship with earnings from their Spaghetti Feed and Talent Show.

City Semester \$1000 Scholarship

Jenzel Arevalo earned the City Semester Scholarship by working five hours a week in several City departments. The internship provides students with real-life experiences of civil service and politics. Jenzel was selected based on his written and oral skills, grade point average, collaborative problem-solving abilities, and maturity. He will attend Folsom Lake College this fall and plans to become a forensic lab technician.




Rancho Cordova Vice Mayor Dan Skoglund (right) presents the 2013 City Semester Scholarship to Jenzel Arevalo. Helen Brewer, Public Information Office City of Rancho Cordova (916) 851-8792. Photo courtesy of City of Rancho Cordova.

For information about next year's City Semester scholarship, contact Cameron Billeci, a government teacher at Cordova High School, at (916) 294-2450. For information about next year's PRIDE scholarship, contact Lisa Brown at (916) 851-8700

Source: City of Rancho Cordova

SMUD Asks Customers to Take Safety Precautions Before Digging



SACRAMENTO REGION, CA – (MPG) Whether planting a tree, building a deck, putting in a pool or putting up a new fence, be sure to include an important safety step prior to starting the job. Call Underground Service Alert (USA) a minimum of two business days before beginning

to dig to find out if there are any dangerous underground utilities such as power lines in the area.

Whether you are doing the job yourself or hiring a professional, smart digging means calling 811 or going online to call811.com before each job.

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District and other

area utilities such as gas and cable television will be contacted to determine whether they have underground facilities at the excavation site.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

There is nothing that comes into your life without God's permission. God doesn't cause evil. God doesn't cause bad things to happen to you, but He will use them if you allow Him to. The Bible says, "To those who love God and are called according to His plan everything that happens fits into a pattern for good. For God chose us to bear the family likeness of His Son." Romans 8:28-29. There is a divine pattern to everything that is happening to you, a divine purpose to everything going on in your life, even the problems.

When problems come our way we tend to wonder, Why is this happening to me? Where are my problems coming from? Did I cause them? Did the devil cause them? Did God cause them? Regardless of where your problems are coming from or why you're having them, God can use them in your life if you'll let Him. So when problems come your way, the wrong question is, "Why, Lord?" The right question is,

Don't Ask "Why?" Ask "What?"

"What, Lord?" What, Lord, do you want to teach me? What, Lord, do you want to produce in me through this difficult time?"

"Everything that happens fits into a pattern for good. For God chose us to bear the family likeness of His Son" God uses every problem to produce in you the character of His Son. If God is going to make you like Jesus, then He's going to allow you to go through some things that Jesus went through.

There were times when Jesus was betrayed. There were times when Jesus suffered. There were times when Jesus was lonely. There were times when Jesus was angry, upset with people, discouraged and confused. God allowed Jesus to go through all these things. Do you think God is going to spare you from these things? What makes any of us think we'll be exempted from suffering, loneliness, betrayal, discouragement or confusion?

God's going to allow you to go through similar circumstances that Jesus went through – count on it, because He wants to perfect you. Hebrews 5:8 says, *"Jesus learned obedience through suffering."* If Jesus learned obedience through suffering, how do you think you're going to learn it? Hebrews 2:10 says, *"Jesus was made perfect through suffering."* How

do you think you're going to be made perfect? God perfects you, first through His word, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, then the Holy Spirit, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 3:18, and then if those two don't work, He uses circumstances. Even if you read the Bible 5 hours a day or follow the Spirit's leading most of the day, how many hours a day do you have circumstances? 24 hours. So God depends on circumstances the most to perfect you.

You cannot choose what is going to happen to you next week, next month or next year. You don't have that choice. But you can choose how you're going to respond, how you're going to react — whether it's going to make you or break you, whether it's going to be a stepping stone to maturity or a stumbling block to failure. What really matters in life the most, is not what happens to you. What happens to you is not the most important thing in your life. What happens *in you* is what matters most. And that's your choice.

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Recent cases of interest

CASE: Tresa Bales-Sterba (05/14/13)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kimberly Macy, DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit
District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that Tresa Bales-Sterba pled no contest to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, felony driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs with injury, and all allegations of personally inflicting great bodily injury and causing bodily injury.
On October 5, 2012, Bales-Sterba was driving near Mariposa and Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights when she sped through a red light causing a crash that critically injured a 6-year-old boy, who died from his injuries three months later. His then 8-year-old brother was also injured, but later released from the hospital. The brothers were walking to school with their mother when the crash occurred. Bales-Sterba faces a maximum possible sentence of 15 years in prison. Sentencing is set for July 15, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 8 of the Sacramento Superior Court.
This case was prosecuted by the DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

CASE: Steven Thompson (05/03/13)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Michelle Becker, Prison Prosecution Unit
District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that the Honorable Maryanne Gilliard sentenced Steven Thompson to 28 years to life in prison. Last month, Thompson was convicted by jury of assault on another inmate, personally inflicting great bodily injury and possession of a weapon at California State Prison, Sacramento.
Thompson is currently serving time in prison for first degree murder and attempted murder. In 1981, he shot at two unarmed high school students from his car after an altercation. Both victims were hit and one died at the scene. Before he was apprehended, Thompson plotted to kill the other victim so he would not be able to identify him.
While incarcerated, Thompson stabbed another inmate on the yard with an inmate manufactured knife. The victim suffered a punctured lung as a result of the assault.
Deputy District Attorney Michelle Becker stated, “The outcome of this case demonstrates how the Three Strikes Law is keeping violent recidivist criminals off the streets.”

CASE: Michael Lynn Love (05/03/13)
CONTACT: Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Marv Stern, 916.874.6612
District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that her office appeared at the Board of Prison Terms hearing where parole was again denied for 51-year-old Michael Lynn Love for a threeyear period.
On August 10, 1979, in a crime that shocked the community, then 17-year-old Love went to his neighbor’s house in Rio Linda armed with a baseball bat and a knife. He encountered 62-year-old Faye Alexander outside the home, beat her over the head with the bat, and stabbed her repeatedly, killing her. He then went inside the home and found 63-year-old Charlie Alexander, an invalid, lying on the couch. He also killed Mr. Alexander by beating him with the bat and repeatedly stabbing him. Love also strangled, stabbed, and killed the Alexander’s three dogs.
Love then dragged Mrs. Alexander’s body into the house. He poured cigarette lighter fluid over her body and elsewhere around the house, and set the house on fire. After his arrest, Love claimed that he had only gone over to the house to commit a robbery, but snapped when Mrs. Alexander started to yell at him.
Love was convicted of two counts of murder in 1981 and is currently housed at the California Men’s Colony in San Luis Obispo. Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Marv Stern appeared at the hearing and later stated, “Our obligation to public safety does not end with the conviction. This office will continue to represent the People of Sacramento County whenever dangerous criminals come up for parole. Love committed a terribly heinous crime, and should never be free again.”

CASE: Marcus Jamal Beavers (05/03/13)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Darren Goodman, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit
District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that the Honorable Maryanne Gilliard sentenced Marcus Jamal Beavers to 16 years and 4 months in prison. Last month, Beavers was convicted by jury of robbery and assault with a firearm.
On May 30, 2012, Beavers was a parolee-at-large with an active arrest warrant when he robbed and pistol-whipped Jeremy Anderson. A coordinated effort by the Sacramento Sheriff’s Department Special Enforcement Detail and the State Parole Apprehension Team led to the capture of Beavers and his eventual conviction.

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The General Manager's Report and Recommendations (Report) includes a proposed two-step rate increase of 2.5 percent in both 2014 and 2015 to meet projected shortfalls resulting from higher costs of renewable power required by the state, the increase in the number of participants in the low-income energy assistance program, and debt service obligations. Even with the proposed rate increase, SMUD rates remain among the lowest in California and would be approximately 24 percent below PG&E.

The Report also recommends a restructuring of the residential rates that will be phased in gradually over four years to better align rates with SMUD's cost to serve customers. This restructure will help residential customers make better informed choices about their energy consumption and utilizes new smart technology. SMUD's goal is to transition from tiered pricing to time-based pricing by 2018.

During the residential rate transition, SMUD proposes a new approach to the Energy Assistance Program Rate (EAPR) for low-income customers to help neutralize bill impacts.

The Report also addresses the following items:

- Modifications to street lighting rates making efficient LED lighting more cost beneficial.
- New Combined Heat and Power (CHP) rate for non-renewable generators.
- Revised late fees for public entity commercial customers.
- Reduce bill impacts to small commercial customers by combining demand and energy criteria for the small commercial rate.
- Revisions and modifications to the Rates, Rules and Regulations to enhance clarity and consistency.

Public Workshop

Tuesday, May 28 - 6 p.m.

Public Workshop

Tuesday, June 18 - 10 a.m.

Public Hearing

Thursday, July 18 - 9 a.m.

All three meetings will be held at:
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Information on the proposed rate action and a copy of the General Manager's Report and Recommendation can be found on smud.org/rates. Copies of the report are also available at all Sacramento County Public Libraries.

Accommodations are available for the disabled individuals. If you need a hearing assistance device or other aid, or have specific rates questions, contact SMUD's Rates Administrator at (916) 732-6222. Written comments can be sent to rates@smud.org or MS A451, SMUD, P.O. Box 15830, Sacramento, CA 95852-0830.



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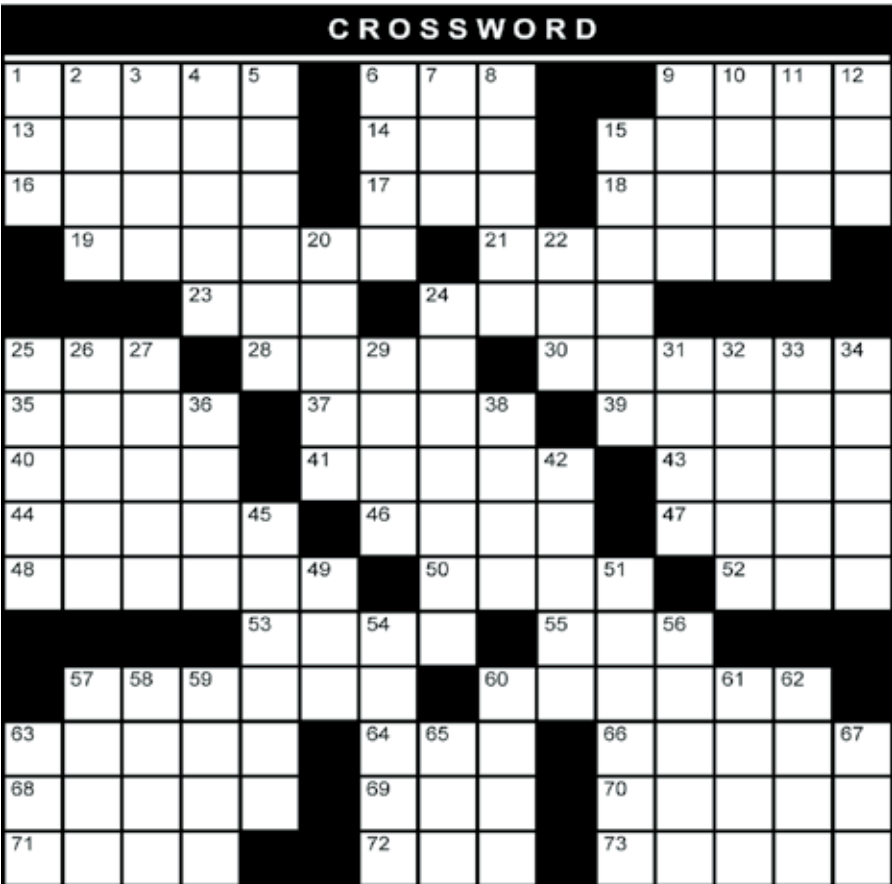
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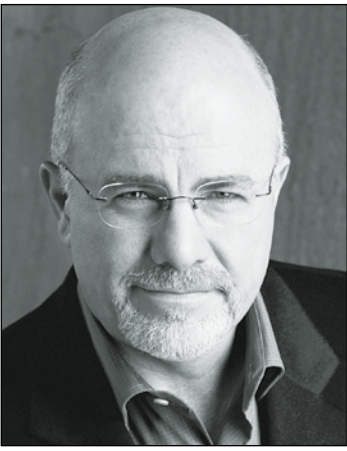
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- ACROSS

 - 1. Done with a knife
 - 6. Pendulum's path
 - 9. Pompous talk or writing
 - 13. Salk's conquest
 - 14. Gunk
 - 15. *Given name of "Dog the Bounty Hunter"
 - 16. Tree in Latin
 - 17. Hold title to
 - 18. Knightly suit
 - 19. *Nickelodeon's conjoined brothers (1998-2005)
 - 21. Dig further
 - 23. Deadeye's forte
 - 24. Good earth
 - 25. Young woman making her debut
 - 28. Le Corbusier's art
 - 30. "The Cat in the Hat wore a striped one
 - 35. Like decorated cake
 - 37. Slime
 - 39. Nary a soul
 - 40. Musical mark
 - 41. Elephant trainer's prod
- 43. Byproduct of muddy roads
 - 44. Mirths
 - 46. "A dog relies on it to interpret the world
 - 47. Speed on water
 - 48. "There Will Be Blood" contraption
 - 50. Mail agency
 - 52. Double helix
 - 53. Well-mannered Emily _____
 - 55. "High" drink
 - 57. "____ Noir" cabaret
 - 60. "Most famous collie?"
 - 63. Best not mentioned
 - 64. Poetic "before"
 - 66. Bridal path
 - 68. Open disrespect
 - 69. Poetic "even"
 - 70. Imposing house
 - 71. One of the Ivies
 - 72. Banned insecticide
 - 73. Larger key on the right
- DOWN

 - 1. R&R hot spot
 - 2. Rigid necklace
 - 3. Actress Jessica
 - 4. Plants and animals
 - 5. Like a dirty affair
 - 6. Bug-eyed
 - 7. Column's counterpart
 - 8. Type of dwelling unit
 - 9. In some cultures, this is a compliment
 - 10. Not cool
 - 11. In a little while, old-fashioned
 - 12. ____ Royal Highness
 - 15. *Cerberus, e.g.
 - 20. Opposite of alpha
 - 22. "Dog ____ dog"
 - 24. Observation post
 - 25. "It ate my baby"
 - 26. Food safety threat
 - 27. Asian pepper
 - 29. a.k.a. CT
 - 31. Politician's barrelful
 - 32. *Baskerville's scare
 - 33. Author ____ Chekhov
- 34. Seed coat
 - 36. Whitetail, e.g.
 - 38. *Boot-wearing cat
 - 42. Anatomical dividers
 - 45. Used to drain gas tank
 - 49. India's smallest state
 - 51. PBS street
 - 54. Knight's mount
 - 56. Of the Orient
 - 57. Pretty undergarment fabric
 - 58. Very dark black
 - 59. Succotash ingredient
 - 60. Fast time
 - 61. "____ that the truth?!"
 - 62. Besides
 - 63. Recipe amount
 - 65. *Color of some setters
 - 67. Poetic "always"

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She Wants to Work

Dear Dave,
I'm a stay-at-home mom now, and my husband brings home \$2,600 a month. We're trying to get out of debt, but we need more money coming in. I want to go back to work, but emotionally part of me feels like I should stay home with our 2-year-old daughter. What do you think?

- Kayla

Dear Kayla,
I understand the feelings involved, especially if you've spent all of your time home with your child. But don't make the mistake of blaming the debt if you simply want to go back to work. You're not a bad person if you have kids and you work outside the home.

I have several ladies on my team who have young children, and they work 40 hours a week. Guess what? They're excellent mothers! Anyone who says a woman can't be a great mom because she works outside the home is full of crap. On the other hand, if anyone says you're not fulfilling yourself as a person or you're stunting your intellectual development because you're a stay-at-home mom, they're full of it too!

I'd advise you and your husband to sit down, talk about this a lot, and pray about the situation.

Dave Says

Don't worry about what anyone else thinks, because it's none of their business. You guys are in charge of your lives and your family. That makes it your job to decide what's best.

If you want to stay at home, and you guys can make it happen financially, that's a great thing. If you can't right now, or you simply want to go back into the workforce, that's fine too. It'll help solve your debt problem. Then after you've got your money under control, you might find you want to come home again. The option will be there.

For now, I think you should go back to work. Why? Because you want to!

- Dave

Financing the College Experience

Dear Dave,
We live in New Jersey, and my wife and I can afford the \$10,000 to send our son to a state college. However, we have a younger child who is heading to college in a couple of years, and I'm having a hard time justifying room and board when he can commute. My wife doesn't have a problem paying for it, even though it would mean taking out a loan. What do you think?

- Andy

Dear Andy,
I'm with you on this one. If you had an extra \$40,000 lying around, this wouldn't be an issue. But if you're talking about borrowing money just for him to live in a dorm, my answer is a resounding no! If your son, or your wife, wants the "college experience" to be part of the equation, then Junior can get a job to pay for the added expense. Anyone can make \$10,000 a year delivering pizza while in school, and it would be a great life experience. You might spot him a little something to get him in there and get things going, but I'd make it contingent on him working to pay the remainder.

There's no reason to take out loans for something like this. It sounds like you guys can cash flow the important stuff, but make sure this kid learns what work is and why it's important. I worked full time while I was in college and still graduated in four years.

Besides, most college dorm rooms look a lot like prison cells; they're tiny, with concrete block walls and maybe a window, if you're lucky. Does this really sound like an "experience" worth going into debt for? I don't think so!

- Dave

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By Ronnie McBrayer

“There is something rotten in the state of Denmark.” That is a centuries old phrase from William Shakespeare’s masterpiece, “Hamlet.” Going back to your high school English class, you might remember that strange things were indeed going on in Hamlet’s world.

His father, the Danish king, had been murdered. His uncle was behind the conspiracy and had taken over the country. Ghosts and apparitions were visiting the castle. One of the characters finally states the obvious: “Something is fishy around here.” Denmark has smelled rotten ever since.

But in reality, Denmark doesn’t stink at all. It’s a wonderful place. In fact, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and the Scandinavian nations of Northern Europe are officially the happiest countries in the world. This seems so counterintuitive to me. No offense to the Scandinavians, but when I think of happy places, the cities of the Nordic north do not quickly come to mind. Nevertheless, the statistics don’t lie.

Every year the Legatum Institute in London publishes its annual Prosperity Index that gauges the happiness level of the world’s countries. Consistently, Denmark, Norway and the sister Scandinavian nations are at the top of the heap. On the other

Choose to be Happy

end of the scale, the countries of Haiti, Afghanistan, the Congo, and the Central African Republic have more than a stench to deal with. These countries are consistently at the bottom of the happiness list, reflecting terrible misery for their populations.

If you are curious, the United States is currently ranked 12th on the Prosperity Index. Not too bad, but we were much happier in the near past. We have been sliding downward for some time now. Our society as a whole is not as happy as it once was, and honestly I don’t think that comes as much of a surprise.

While this survey says a lot about societal happiness, it says hardly anything at all about personal happiness. You can be a healthy, wealthy, free and secure Norwegian and be absolutely miserable. You can be a Haitian child living half-starved on the streets of Port au Prince and be filled with wondrous joy.

You can be a comfortable, successful, suburban, mortgage-paying, SUV-driving husband of one and father of two and be wretchedly unhappy. You can be a poor immigrant, a single mother with four children living in squalor, scraping for every meal, and be as happy as a singing bird in a tree.

Happiness is affected by our environment. That much is true. Happiness is a product of our genetics (scientists say that an elongated 5HTT gene will make you happier on average than most). But ultimately, barring emotional or mental dysfunction, happiness is a choice we make. No, we don’t live in Scandinavia. We have no control over our chromosomal makeup.

We can’t do anything about our age and very little to change our personal economics. There are simply some things we cannot change.

But, there are other things we can do something about. We can opt to live near our friends. We can decide to practice gratitude. We can do work we find fulfilling. We can opt out of the blame game, and quit holding God, life, circumstances, past lovers, ex-wives, former business partners, parents, and reality responsible for doing us in.

We can make choices that will lead us toward becoming happy, joyful people or we can make choices that will result in us becoming chronically unhappy people. Regardless, that choice belongs to each and every one of us.

It was Viktor Frankl, famed Jewish Holocaust survivor and brilliant Austrian psychiatrist, who best articulated the power of choice in personal happiness. Reflecting upon his time in the concentration camps he wrote, “Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of human freedoms – to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances.”

If you want to be happy you don’t have to move to Northern Europe or wait for science to alter your genetics. But you do have to choose to be happy, and no one else can make that choice for you.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at www.ronniemcbrayer.net.

Oh for a Memory Like Dear Old Mom’s

By Rev. James L. Snyder, D. Litt

In growing up one of the outstanding things in my relationship with my mother had to do with her memory. She could remember everything.

All I had to do was ask dear old mom and she knew the answer. She knew everything. No matter the topic, she had an opinion about it, which truly amazed me as a young person.

Before I went to school, my mother was my entire world. From the time I got up in the morning until she tucked me in bed at night, she was the master of my world. Whatever I could do, she was the one who allowed me to do it.

Looking back, I can remember when my father got home from work in the evening he gave my mother a little break from looking after me and my brother and sister. If memory serves me correctly, my father watched us by lying on the couch snoring. I never could figure out how he could do that but it was his way of watching us and helping mom.

As a young person, anything I wanted I had to requisition it from dear old mom. The thing that always amazed me was that she always had what I needed. I have often wondered how she could do that. But then, she was mom.

My weekly allowance came from my mother. It took me a long time to realize the money for my allowance came from my father. I always believe mom had all the money there was.

I remember coming home from the second grade with homework to do that just baffled me. All I had to do was ask mom and she could explain it to me like nobody else could. Mothers are like that.

They know everything and remember everything. What my mother knew only my mother could know. It was as if she could read my mind. It was as if

she had eyes in the back of her head.

It was so bad that I could not get away with anything. Believe me; I tried very hard to get away with something. For some reason my mother knew what I was going to do days before I actually thought about doing it.

I am not sure who is credited with designing the first memory board for computers, but I know who designed the memory board for people. I firmly believe that mothers were the first computer designed and wired by God. Why in the world do you think they call it the “motherboard?” It is no accident that they come up with this term.

My mother had a tremendous memory. This is the difference between mothers and fathers. Mothers cannot forget anything and fathers cannot remember anything. Together they make an invincible team for raising children.

It was not until I became a teenager that a little click developed between my mother and me. I began to realize that my memory did not always harmonize with hers on some issues. As I got older, the harmony was less and less.

For example. My mother would tell me, “You must be home by 10 o’clock.”

At least, that is what she said she told me after the fact. When I came in at 11 o’clock, she reminded me of what she told me. For the life of me, I could not remember her telling me to be home by 10 o’clock.

“I told you to clean up your room.”

Searching my memory board, I could not find any indication that she told me this. I am not saying that she did not; I am just saying that our memories did not coincide on a variety of issues when I became a teenager.

What struck me about my mother was she could remember conversation she had with me three years ago word for word. As I get older, I began to doubt

the accuracy of her memory. The problem with that was, I had no memory of anything and so I had to rely upon her memory.

Now that I am a parent, it is apparent to me that memory is a rather funny thing. I am not sure that my mother was in this category, but my memory is of such a nature that I can remember things that never took place. Not only that, I can describe it in detail.

As a teenager I remember coming into the room and my mother sitting there looking out the window with a little smile on her face.

“What are you thinking about?”

She just looked at me, smiled and said, “Oh, I was just remembering some things.” Then she turned and looked out the window again and I left her to her memories.

In celebrating Mother’s Day, I cannot help but think of the many wonderful memories each mother cherishes. Their children will always be children. No matter how old their children get, they will always be their little babies.

Memory is a delightful thing and sometimes can be very selective. I am sure, when a mother engages in the fine art of memory, they are all good memories.

Solomon was probably thinking about his mother when he wrote, “Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all” (Proverbs 31:28-29 KJV).

You cannot put a price on a good memory.

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By Marlys Norris, Christian Author

According to Webster — **FAITH:** *A belief in a value, truth, or trustworthiness of someone or something; belief and trust in God, the Scriptures, or other religious writings; a system of religious beliefs. SCRIPTURE:* “Prove by the way you live that you have really turned from your sins and turned to God. (Matthew 3:8)

One’s trust in God our Heavenly Father and His beloved Son Jesus Christ represents everything one needs in this life. One is to listen and follow every instruction recorded in the Holy Bible, as evidence of our trusting faith. It is then one truly does

God Honors Faith

enjoy a blessed life, Plus the blessing gift of eternal life. Trust and faith (belief) is a process and uniquely designed for each individual life, planned by the Lord, long before we were born. Everyone is “chosen” to become God’s adopted child gaining all rights of a legitimate heir of His eternal riches.. “*God’s unchanging plan has always been* (before the foundation of our world) *to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.*” (vs. 5 see *Ephesians 1: 1-10*) Adoption indicates how strong and intimate our relationship to God is. See also Galatians 4:1-7.

Yet, many refuse and reject the historical prophecies proving His deity. The enemy of their soul has deceived them into making their own man made god out of their own fleshly ideas and desires, unwilling to be accountable to God Almighty. Yet, God is patient and forgiving waiting and allowing their choices to bring about the end results

drawing them to Himself. At just the right time everyone who does believe will be touched by the merciful hand of God.

Historically many were healed by the hands of Jesus, as God honored their faith. God is the same Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow and through the ages He has continued to do great and mighty things in people’s lives. Unfortunately there are always some who come and doubt. A “spirit of unbelief” always closes the door to God’s intervention and wonderful miracles. Jesus said serious words to those who refuse to believe “*Go your way and as you have believed—so let it be done for you.*” (Matthew 8:13) Sadly, they will reap what they sow in life. Change your mind my friend, He loves you very much.

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By Karen Anderson

There is a statement that says, “Accept your path, with its many twists and turns. The adventure is in the journey, not the arriving.” Once again, Satan is after me because I want to do God’s work, not his.

Since February of this year, life has been exciting watching God work. To keep me balanced and letting “God’s Woman” appear, I am planning events for encouragement for your journey. In the past there have been struggles in all aspects of an event. Worries

“Satan, SCAT!”

set in and I let the enemy (Satan) interfere with what God wants.

When I was planning the 2014 Women’s Retreat, I was shocked how quickly everything came together. In our first planning meeting, all the details, including the facility, were resolved. At first I just couldn’t believe it. Then a thought...”God can do whatever He wants.” I am proud to say that God is the sponsor of this event so I have nothing to worry about....Right?

As time has gone on, I realize that Satan is working super hard to stop the retreat. He tried to create discouragement in my thoughts and words. Since that didn’t work he created symptoms of Bells Palsy (a paralysis on one side of the face). At first this scared me and fear raised its ugly head. The enemy is after me even harder trying to stop me doing God’s work. I said, “Satan, you have no place here, so scat!” God is the love of my life, and

through my weakness, He will show His power. No matter, whether I can speak perfectly or not, I am His instrument and He will be glorified.

When life hits you in the face (excuse my pun), do you stand up strong with God against the storms in your life and say, “I will not be defeated because I am God’s love?” God’s word says, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” Be strong in the hope and power of God and just believe.

PASSAGE: Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Karen Anderson is an accomplished speaker, author, and chaplain. Women’s Retreat planned for March 2014 at www.renewingyourspiritretreat.com. Karen’s website www.doablesteps.com for more encouragement and offerings.

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2) ARROGANCE: Cultivate humility - arrogant leaders tend to think of humility as weak. That’s a false perception. Humility means being realistic about yourself, your abilities, your ideas. It means being honest enough to accept your limitations and admit that you are not perfect. You acknowledge that you can, and do make mistakes. Humility is about truth, and if you want to move forward, you need to be firmly rooted in the truth.

3) INSECURITY: Truly embrace compliments and Value your Worth - instead of leaping to devalue yourself. Grab the opportunity to pat yourself on the back after any success. It may be as simple as allowing yourself to accept a compliment without diminishing the praise. Then fan the spark of positive feedback into a small fire that you learn how to feed. If you can’t do it for yourself, find a career coach or counselor who can help you.

4) CONTROL: Look at yourself - and ask yourself if you truly need to be involved. Does this really require your attention? Before you dive into a new timeline consuming initiative, see if you can delegate instead. And if you are sincere about wanting to change, ask yourself the hardest question...“am I getting in the way?”

5) ANGER: Breathe—when you start to feel yourselfboil over, stop, breath, and think before you do or say anything you might regret. Are you so enraged that it might be a good idea to leave the room?

Fine! Get up and take yourself out of harm’s way. Better than saying or doing something that leaves an indelible. You can always address the issue later, calmer and having thought it through.

6) GUILT: Move on quickly - lingering guilt is the mind’s way of trying to rewrite history and change the outcome which, of course, is impossible. What is done is done. No matter how many times you think about it, or try to resolve it differently, nothing will change. Instead, drop the baggage, hit the pedal, and move forward.

7) PARANOIA: Write it out before you blurt it out - before you explode over a perceived slight to your status. Go back to yourself and ask, “why am I feeling this way?” It is remarkable how sitting quietly with your thoughts and a blank piece of paper or computer screen helps you sort out your emotions. Away from the event, you may find that you are misreading the situation through your own interpretations of fear and doubt.

There you have it. Several of these recommendations seem like common sense, but we do let our emotions run away with that common sense. Want to find out just how much of that head trash is stored in there? Check out this website www.headtrash911.com and take the survey. You might really be surprised. The book is called “Headtrash” cleaning out the junk that stands between you and success. Move on! It’s all up to you! Now Go get ‘em!

Join Mary Jane for the *KAHI Noon News Monday–Friday and then again for POPOFF 10 PM – Midnight.*

HEAD TRASH

Do you find yourself pushing hard to succeed, but you just can’t get traction? Why? Could it be you’re working against yourself? I know it sounds strange, but not after I spoke with **Tish Squillaro**, who co-authored “*Headtrash*” with **Timothy Thomas**, on my POPPOFF RadioShow. Theyrefer to thought patterns and emotional tendencies that hinder our ability to respond to business issues in a productive and professional way. Head trash is the negative voice of your subconscious. With eighteen years of business consulting experience, they have come up with seven traits we need to trash so we can make intelligent, effective decisions in our lives. They are Fear, Arrogance, Insecurity, Control, Anger, Guilt, and Paranoia. But wait just one minute. How do I talk back to my subconscious? I have trouble enough dealing with my conscious self. I think my paranoia is setting in. They call Tish the CEO Whisperer, so I asked her to whisper in my ear some ways to deal with this head trash and turn it into a positive. Here goes. These are the recommendations for:

1) FEAR: Build up the big decisions - if you have been frozen by fear, your decision making muscles have atrophied. Don’t push too much strain on them all at once. Start by making smaller decisions that are less frighten-

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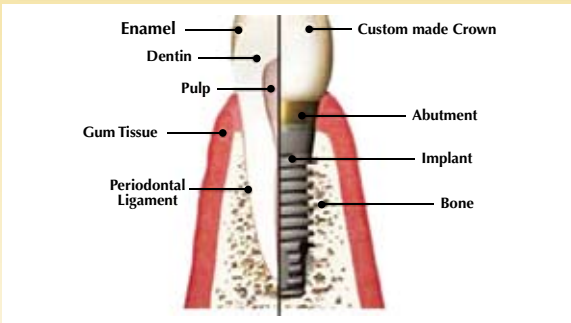
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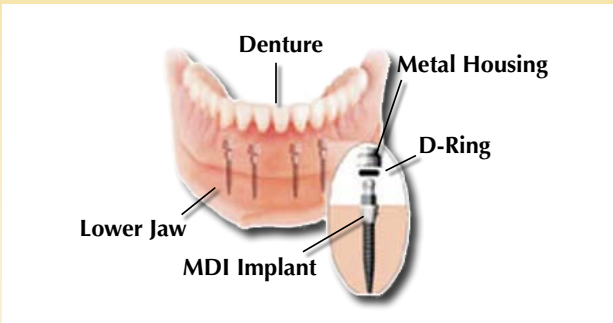
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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA – (MPG) That’s right! Fair Oaks resident Brian Madsen will be a contestant on THE PRICE IS RIGHT as a contestant on FRIDAY, MAY 24 th and everyone can tune in and cheer on your local soon-to-be TV star. We can’t tell you whether

your newly-minted hometown “celebrity” will take home the Showcase, but nobody leaves THE PRICE IS RIGHT without a great prize ... and a really fun chat with host Drew Carey and announcer George Gray. Viewers can tune in and watch the show at 10:00 am on KPIX

(Channel 5). Contestant hopefuls can get complete information and obtain their show tickets online at <http://pricesright.com/tickets>. In addition, viewers can call the CBS Ticket Office at 1-855-44-PRICE (1-855-447-7423) Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM PST. THE PRICE IS RIGHT, the longest-running game show in television history, is hosted by Drew Carey. Produced by FremantleMedia North America, THE PRICE IS RIGHT is broadcast weekdays (11:00 a.m. – noon ET; 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. PT) on the CBS Television Network. The show premiered on CBS on September 4, 1972 and is currently celebrating its 41st season on the air.

Source: FremantleMedia

Metro Fire-Fire Camp

Applications are Now Being Accepted for 11-13 Year Olds

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA – (MPG) It is time to sign up for Metro Fire’s - FIRE CAMP. Fire Camp is a day camp sponsored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District that takes place from July 9-12, 2013. Each day of camp 11, 12, and 13 year olds’ are given a chance to see and learn the varied disciplines of today’s fire service. It is a once in a lifetime experience, which instills self-confidence, teamwork and a basic understanding of the firefighter profession in a fun and exciting atmosphere. The kids are grouped in “strike teams” of eight campers, and each strike team is mentored and supervised by two professional firefighters. Teams learn about the job of a firefighter and experience first hand important life safety skills. To attend FIRE CAMP,



Each day of camp, kids are given a chance to see and learn the varied disciplines of today's fire service. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Metro Fire Dept.

applicants must be 11, 12 or 13 years of age. Preference is given to applicants who live within the Metro Fire District boundaries. Applications and more information can be found

on our website: www.metrofire.ca.gov. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received, so the earlier you apply, the better the chance of securing a position. Sacramento Metro Fire, 10545 Armstrong Ave., Suite 200, Mather, CA 95655 (916) 859-4300 www.metrofire.ca.gov



Kids are grouped in “strike teams” of eight campers. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Metro Fire Dept.

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TAX HELP

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Femoyer Street Improvement Project

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA – (MPG) Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova are working cooperatively on the Femoyer Street Improvement Project, which will improve traffic circulation in the Mather Commerce Center area and Rancho Cordova. The project includes: construction of a new portion of roadway on Femoyer Street to fill in a gap between International Drive and McCuen Boulevard; widening and improving an existing portion of Femoyer Street between McCuen Boulevard and Mather Boulevard; constructing a new portion of Airpark Drive east of Femoyer Street; new landscaped medians, sidewalks, street lights and drainage facilities. Information about the construction startup event is listed below:

- Date/Time Monday, May 20 @ 10:00 A.M.
- Location Airpark Drive off International Drive, Rancho Cordova.
- Speakers Board of Supervisors Member Don Nottoli (District 5). Mayor Linda Budge, City of Rancho Cordova.

This project continues Sacramento County’s long-term efforts and investments in the conversion of military bases to civilian uses. Many infrastructure projects have been completed at McClellan and Mather to connect these facilities to local communities and improve roadways to foster new business development and new investments.

What Should I Do If I am Missing My W-2?

If you are missing your w-2 you could call the IRS and inform them that you are missing your w-2. Before calling them make sure you contact your employer. If they don’t respond then make the call to the IRS. Have your information available such as your Social Security number to verify your identity. They may ask you about your previous filing status. Even if you don’t know it that would not stop the conversation. At least you should provide them with Social Security, your address and possibly your birth date.

Can I Use Pay Stub Information If I don’t Have MY W-2?

If you are about to file and you still don’t have your w-2 you may file a substitute for w-2 form 4852. Basically you will be filling out the information that is normally on the w-2 which is your gross wages and your tax withholdings. The IRS

may be able to give you the information possibly after mid-February. But let us assume that they don’t have this information recorded yet because sometimes they don’t have it until May of each year, then you can to the best of your knowledge estimate your YTD income and your withholdings. Your last pay stub may have this cumulative information.

File Substitute for W-2

File the tax return with this information on form 4852 which is the substitute for the w-2. Suppose that you discovered that your information is substantially inaccurate. You may then file an amended tax return form 1040 X. Amended returns are a nuisance. I would suggest that if the information that you submitted originally needs just a minor correction that you don’t worry about it. Just when you receive an IRS notice telling you that

your information is not correct agree to whatever information they have if theirs is accurate. Thus you can save the expensive amended return fees.

File an Extension of Time

Alternatively you can file an extension of time on April 15 until the IRS has the accurate information available to you. Make sure to send the IRS any payments that you may know that you are going to owe. Extension of filing is not an extension of payments. You have six months from April 15 to meet the final filing deadline of October 15 for the year.

Summary: If you cannot get your w-2 you can file a substitute for w-2 form 4852.

Dean has 30 years experience as a CPA and tax consultant and he is currently on two radio shows. He is the managing director of National Financial Advisors (NFA Tax Help), a national firm headquartered in Houston. He is also a Chartered Financial Consultant and Chartered Life Underwriter. He consults exclusively on tax matters particularly tax audits and tax collections at both the federal and the state levels.

Reunion for Del Campo Class of 1973

From Mary Howard

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA - (MPG)

Attire: Put on your bell bottom hip huggers, peace symbols and get your groove on. Or, you could just come California Casual--peace symbols and McGovern presidential buttons optional. Don’t be surprised if there is a prize for “grooviest”.

Date: August 3, 2013

Location: Embassy Suites-Riverfront Promenade (Old Sac)

Time: 6:30-7:30: No-host cocktails; 7:30: Buffet dinner, followed by dancing, mingling and reminiscing

Cost/Ticket Information: \$65 (through June 3); \$75 (after June 3); final deadline to purchase is July 15; no tickets at the door; no refunds after June 10.

Tickets are now available through the reunion website at <http://delcampo1973.reunion-manager.com/>

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Gala to Aid Cherished Gem



Effie Yeaw’s June 8 gala and art auction will include canvases by celebrity artists and scores of paintings with wildlife or river themes. The Nature Center’s resident owl Echo (right), will be among animal ambassadors on hand to greet guests at the Carmichael event. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO, CA – (MPG) If art imitates life, art is also helping sustain the life of

one of Sacramento County’s most cherished institutions -- the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Following the success of three previous “Painting

Where the Wild Things Are” fundraisers, the center will host its fourth annual art gala on June 8. An evening gala will provide

wining, dining and animal encounters of the closest kind. Celebrities will include a red shouldered hawk called Skye

and a magnificent great tufted owl called Echo. Both rescue birds, they are among the Nature Center’s resident ambassadors.

As a star turn, a live auction will offer work by A-list professionals such as Jian Wang, Terry Pappas, Maria Winkler, Gregory Kondos and other painters. For \$50, gala admission includes the catered meal, wine, music and free parking. The setting is Effie Yeaw’s picturesque front yard nature area.

But best news for supporters is the event’s endorsement by Sacramento philanthropist and Parkway lover Marcy Friedman. Having raised a family near the American River and enjoyed the Parkway for 40 years, the Carmichael resident presents an authoritative voice: “I marvel at the foresight of those who fought to set aside land to provide access to an urban wilderness in the heart of a large metropolitan area,” said Friedman.

“The entire Parkway is a unique treasure that brings Sacramento to the doorstep of nature. If the American River is the heart of this experience, then the Effie Yeaw Nature Center is its soul. The Center is an invaluable resource that connects students and adults to nature, teaching them to appreciate and protect the fragility of

their heritage.” Friedman also commended stalwart donors, volunteers and staff who keep the Center ticking. “It is largely through them that this 80-acre classroom continues offering a rich educational experience,” she said.

June 8 Proceeds will fund learning programs and maintain Effie Yeaw’s 77-acre wildlife sanctuary. Dissecting the American River plain, preserve trails and their inhabitants draw over 100,000 visitors a year. Though previously supported by Sacramento County, the popular attraction lost all public funding after budget cuts in 2010. Effie Yeaw is now administered by the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA) and depends wholly on community support.

Gala partners are artists from the Sacramento Fine Arts Centre, many of whom compete for awards at the banquet. Their “Wild Things” paintings can be previewed now at the Fine Arts Center (Gibbons Drive), Carmichael. Sponsors of the gala include: ARNHA, Western Health Advantage, David Sobon Auctions and the Bank of Sacramento.

For information on the gala fundraiser, call (916) 489-4918 or visit www.sacnaturecenter.net.



A Film Review by Tim Riley

STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS

Never attracted to the dozen or so “Star Trek” television shows and about equal number of films with original TV cast members, I would never be mistaken for a Trekkie. Until George Lucas mucked up his franchise with inane “pre-quels” of increasingly dubious merit, “Star Wars” was terrific, namely for interesting characters, good humor and exciting action. On the other hand, the

Riley Reviews

BOLDLY ASSERTIVE ACTION PUMPS UP REVAMPED “STAR TREK”

original “Star Trek,” at least to my untrained eye, appeared more cerebral and weighed down by too much mystical philosophy. That’s not a bad thing, but the action was usually paced by gradualism. As unlikely as it is that I would ever become a Trekkie, I have been won over by director J.J. Abrams’ new vision of a rebooted “Star Trek” pulsating with high-octane action and plenty of humor. “Star Trek Into Darkness” even improves upon Abrams’ maiden voyage with the 2009 “Star Trek,” which introduced the young generation of Starfleet leaders, including the brash

James T. Kirk (Chris Pine) trying to live up to his father’s legacy. The action picks up soon after where things left off four years ago. Captain Kirk’s command of the USS Enterprise is tested when he and his crew attempt to save a primitive society from a volcano poised to erupt. Spock (Zachary Quinto), the half-human, half-Vulcan first officer trapped in harm’s way on the volcano’s edge, is rescued by Captain Kirk in direct violation of a prime directive from the Federation. Returning his ship safely to Earth, Kirk is demoted to First Officer by Admiral Pike (Bruce Greenwood). We know from the first film that the swaggering Kirk is impulsive and willing to bend the rules, and here he is no different. While punished for insubordination and writing false reports, Kirk is soon pressed back into service when a terrorist attack destroys the Federation underground headquarters in 23rd Century London. On top of that, rogue Starfleet officer John Harrison (Benedict

Cumberbatch) also conducts an above-ground aerial assault on a Federation conclave, killing some key members and thus necessitating Kirk’s return to command of the Enterprise. The motivations of the dastardly terrorist are not immediately known, though later revelations prove that he’s a recognizable foe with an agenda more fully explained by mysterious torpedo tubes placed aboard the Enterprise. On a mission to exterminate Harrison with extreme prejudice, the Enterprise is sent to the planet Kronos by a belligerent Admiral Marcus (Peter Weller) to seek the hiding place of the renegade. Capturing Harrison is fraught with great risk and danger, since Kronos is an outpost for the hostile Klingons, who view any incursion on their planet as an act of war. Turning the Enterprise into a warship creates onboard conflicts between Kirk and Spock, as they argue over the moral issues of an order to assassinate Harrison rather than to bring him back to

stand trial. As unlikely as it may seem, Spock, the pensive, logical Vulcan who can never tell a lie, is in the middle of a rocky romantic entanglement with Zoe Saldana’s tough-minded, yet sexy Uhura. The Enterprise is populated with other familiar, lovable characters, from Simon Pegg’s funny and frantic Scotty to Karl Urban’s sardonic yet urgently attentive medical officer Bones. As expected, John Cho’s Sulu is aloof and confident at the controls, while Anton Yelchin plays Chekov with youthful, untested resolve. New to the Enterprise crew is a stowaway, the uninvited science officer Carol Marcus (Alice Eve) with suspect motives, an attractive blonde who most certainly will get Kirk’s attention. Creating some wariness for the crew is the fact that she’s the daughter of Admiral Marcus. The action sequences in “Star Trek Into Darkness” are cranked up to an impressive magnitude, from the violent confrontation with the Klingons

to an intergalactic battle in space that nearly destroys the Enterprise, causing Kirk to improvise to bring the ship back to San Francisco. The return to the City by the Bay results in a massive amount of destruction to the skyscraper buildings, resulting in a stunningly visual representation of wholesale destruction of property and human lives. Though this may be presumptuous on my part, I feel there are many segments of this film that evoke memories of the past, perhaps to breed familiarity or to render homage. Some may point to the need to revisit some of the early “Star Trek” films. Whatever the case may be, the thrilling “Star Trek Into Darkness” delivers genuine excitement that allows this venerable franchise to continue to go boldly forward and to live long and prosper. I hope the hardcore “Star Trek” fans may find this new direction appealing, but I do not feel qualified to speak for that constituency.

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