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## Death, Taxes and Broken Promises



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*Ray Young of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District has been waiting a long time for an answer.*

By Perry Hartline

The Fair Oaks Cemetery may be dying. Unless promises are kept, the 108-year old landmark faces slow enervation and has possibly ten years left, probably less. For we, the living, ten years is plenty of time to solve a problem, but based on government lust for tax revenues, indifference toward the district and a cruel economy, expectations are low.

In 1981 the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors annexed lands and neighborhoods, nearly tripling the Fair Oaks Cemetery District's area of responsibility. The supervisors promised to protect and preserve the district's historic sacred grounds, and its mission to provide low-cost interment for the people of the community. The district now included Arden, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, Orangevale and parts of Rancho Cordova up to Folsom. With the new population base, and the expected standard 1% tax, the cemetery district would continue its mission.

But the funding didn't come and the original Fair Oaks Cemetery District's residents were carrying the debt alone with no help from the newly annexed neighborhoods. Through the years the Supervisors acknowledged the problem, waved at it, nodded sympathetically, then overlooked, ignored and finally dismissed their responsibility to the bin of good intentions and un-kept promises.

As inflation bit down and gnawed away at operating costs the cemetery's prime directive, based on a state mandate requiring cemetery

districts to provide affordable 'low-cost' interment, began to collapse. That was before Proposition 13 turned taxation upside down and, as with everything, over time costs crept up. Without guidance, help, or even acknowledgement from the Board of Supervisors, today Fair Oaks Cemetery is one of the West's most expensive memorial grounds.

### *An Apparent Indifference*

It appears the Board of Supervisors' mindset toward the FOCD is this: FOCD funding is so low and their needs so minor they can get by on what they've got. This amounts to the board slapping a low-priority label on the cemetery district making it easy to avoid until it started yelling for help. Five years ago the yelling turned to screams, but it appears they aren't loud enough to overcome the apparent carelessness of the Supervisors. Mix in Sacramento County's history of over-spending in good economic times, and rosy yearly but baseless income projections that continually fall short, suddenly the county slams head-on into the reality of an economic collapse, then hits the brakes – with no money set aside in a rainy-day fund – and the Supervisors squealing they didn't see the crash coming.

### *The FOCD Directors Meet the Supervisors*

The FOCD has three stalwart protectors, District Manager Ray Young, board president Bob Clouse, and attorney Robert Hunt who has taken on the fight to get the board's attention by way of a suit filed

January 19 asking that the 1% tax trickle from the areas annexed in 1981 be diverted in the proper direction, and that the near twenty-year withholding of funds be addressed.

FOCD is the purview of Supervisors McGlashan, Nottoli and Peters. Compared to the monstrous and mounting budget crush and the revenue projections now arcing steeply downward, nobody on the board enjoys being reminded of the commitment to FOCD, no matter how small the amount may be. The Board of Supervisor's most forward-looking and astute problem-solver, the ever-pragmatic Roberta McGlashan, inexplicably swerves around the cemetery district every time it's put in front of her, and at the same time races away from a personal promise made to FOCD District Manager Ray Young.

"The day Roberta took office she told me, "'Ray, if you ever need anything, please call me!'" states Young. "Well, I have. I've called; I've tried to talk to her at community meetings, and written letters. She won't respond, and after meetings she hits the door like an offensive lineman heading for the car."

Don Nottoli, McGlashan's conscientious and thoughtful equal, is following McGlashan so closely he swerves around the other side of the problem to avoid rear-ending her. Supervisor Susan Peters is still trying to wrap her mind around problems and appears to have a problem getting started. She can't be troubled with this right now. Yet all three knew at least four years ago FOCD and

other mandated districts were struggling in the muck of budget confusion – well before the State of California and its municipalities began financially imploding. **A Chronology of FOCD Facts:**

- The State Legislature mandates Public Cemetery Districts provide low cost interments to the residents of each cemetery district in California.

- Prior to the passage of Proposition 13 community cemeteries were taxing districts. In 1978, under the requirements of Proposition 13, the taxation system resets and funding becomes a county responsibility.

- In 1981 Sacramento County annexed area property and FOCD's responsibility triples instantly.

- After annexation the county denies the FOCD its 1% share of the newly annexed neighborhoods, though the new neighborhoods pay the same amount in taxes as the original district service area none goes to FOCD upkeep or expansion.

- The County of Sacramento expects FOCD's mission to keep interment affordable to stay intact without funding for a far larger number of families.

- Costs are higher and FOCD interment and service costs become more expensive than many private interment grounds. FOCD begs the county for funds or guidance.

- After four years of costly studies and reviews financed by FOCD the district approaches the board on multiple occasions and is either denied a place on the agenda or removed from the agenda, and

## Daffodil Days Expected to Raise \$250,000 Locally

*Sacramento Region* - One of the American Cancer Society's most beloved campaigns, Daffodil Days, celebrates its 37th anniversary in 2010. Organizers expect to raise \$250,000 locally through the sale of daffodils – the first flower of spring and the American Cancer Society's symbol of hope for a world free from cancer.

"Right now we are looking for coordinators to promote Daffodil Days in their company, school, neighborhood or place of worship", said Vita Sarginson, corporate relations manager with the American Cancer Society. "Volunteers begin taking orders in February, and the daffodils are delivered in mid-March. A simple how-to guide will lead them straight to success", added Sarginson.

A bouquet of 10 daffodils can be ordered for \$10. Additional items include a bouquet of daffodils and a glass vase that can be ordered for \$20 and two bouquets of daffodils in a clear glass vase that can be ordered for \$35. This year also marks the addition of Birthdays R. Hope, the fifth edition in a special Boyd's Bear collection designed exclusively for the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days. The bear with a bouquet of 10 daffodils can be purchased for \$25.

A unique component of Daffodil Days is the Gift of



Hope. Donations to the Gift of Hope program will allow the American Cancer Society to anonymously deliver daffodils to cancer patients at medical centers in the greater Sacramento area. "Cancer treatment is tough and when patients receive a bouquet of beautiful daffodils it let's them know they're not in this fight alone", said Sarginson.

Funds raised through Daffodil Days support the American Cancer Society's research, education and patient service programs. Those interested in participating in Daffodil Days are encouraged to visit the website at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) for their sales kit or email us at [SacramentoDaffodils@cancer.org](mailto:SacramentoDaffodils@cancer.org). Orders over \$150 will be delivered on Tuesday, March 23 by FedEx, orders under \$150 can be picked up at various locations in the county.

In addition to raising \$285,000 locally, organizers also hope to raise awareness of the American Cancer Society and its mission to eliminate cancer.

*(Cemetery story continued)*

prevented from showing their findings or make their plea.

- In the meantime the FOCD's maintenance costs increase and space is at a premium, and running out. With no money to expand the FOCD's is now facing a population bomb.

- On January 19 this year, FOCD attorney Robert Hunt files suit for the revenue withheld when the county increased the district's area of responsibility in 1981, and for their percentage of funds from the annexed areas.

For 20 years the trickle of 1% of taxes per parcel from the annexed areas has been diverted to the County General Fund, and from there it flows to high-use, high-visibility districts (i.e. Metro-Fire, Parks-and-Recreation) and sympathetic programs citizens can quantify or expect to use regularly. Not so for the Fair Oaks Cemetery, though it keeps its promise to the living and the dead, and is a regional historic site.

"The FOCD board members never formally or informally agreed to the 1981 annexation without tax sharing," says attorney Robert Hunt. "But no matter, the annexation went forward. Why would the Fair Oaks Cemetery District agree to take on more responsibility for citizens and families, and all the added costs, without some way to support it?"

With the need for expansion, and projected plot availability due to end in less than 10 years, who indeed?

"We're running out of space," says Ray Hunt. "In less than 10 years we'll have to lock the gates, hand the keys to the county and they'll go into the cemetery business." He pauses, "I expect their care will be on the same level they've given it so far. Imagine how it'll look then."

In modern America, a family's history is lost in about two generations. In fewer than ten years we'll lose the Fair Oaks Cemetery District.









# God Bless Charlie A. Williams, Soldier

Fair Oaks, California -- Pfc. Charles A. Williams was killed February 7th, 2010 of a non-combat injury in Kandahar at Camp Nathan Smith, Afghanistan, according to officials at Fort Riley, Kansas. Williams was stationed at Fort Riley before being deployed last year. Williams was an automation technician with the 97th Military Police Battalion, United States



Mrs. Mary Martinez and Mr. Daniel Martinez, Charlie's parents, are escorted by Brigadier General Jeff Foley.

Army Garrison, 1st Infantry Division, 18th Military Police Brigade, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Williams was 29 years old.

Charlie is survived by his mother, Mary Martinez and his stepfather, Daniel Martinez, of Fair Oaks, California.

A memorial mass was performed February 18th at Holy Family Catholic Church in Citrus Heights. A private family vigil was held the night previous. The Celebrants of the mass were Father Ruel Mesa and Deacon Mark Holt. Offered throughout the mass were a reading from the Book of Wisdom, a reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians, and music of both hope and healing.

The guest speaker was Commanding Officer Lt. Clint Davis. Brigadier General Jeff Foley presented the awards to Mary and Daniel Martinez on behalf of the United States Army.

Lt. Davis spoke of the relationships Charlie had

developed since joining the Army. He spoke of Charlie's expertise in his duties managing the tactical command centers, of which 670 soldiers relied for technical support. He spoke of how Charlie was the "Go to Guy" in their command with technical issues. He spoke of how the many soldiers of his company respected and admired Charlie for his talents and his leadership.



Pfc. Charles A. Williams

and he was always willing to help. They said that Charlie had a great sense of humor, that he was the very best at his trade, and that he was the epitome of Army values. Of Charlie, they said, he may have been an only child, but in the Army he had

standing honor guard of over two dozen American flags, honoring their fallen fellow countryman. Their show of support was overwhelming. Williams was interned with full military honors. He was the first to be interned at the Fair Oaks



Charlie is carried to his final resting place in the Fair Oaks Cemetery.

Charlie had many attributes as a soldier. His commanding officers had said he had great dedication, a passion for his work, that he was a great teacher, that he valued his friendships,

many brothers and sisters. Charlie decided to enlist at age 27, and was very influenced by his grandfather, now deceased, in his decision to serve our country by joining the Army. He was serving his first deployment when he died at Camp Nathan Smith in Afghanistan. "Charlie loved God and his country. He was doing what he loved to do," offered his mother Mary. "We are both very proud of him," The Patriot Guards, a local group of retired military, served at the memorial mass and the graveside ceremonies by offering a

Cemetery in the new military memorial garden. Funeral services were performed by Reichert's Funeral Chapel of Citrus Heights. "There are so many people to thank, so many who supported us" said Mary Martinez. Special "Thank You's" from the Martinez family include; The CAO Sgt. Stuart Elliott, the staff of the Fair Oaks Cemetery, especially Ray Young, for all their caring support, Brigadeir General Jeff Foley, Lt. Clint Davis, the Sacramento chapter of the Blue Star Moms, the California National Guard, the Citrus Heights Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, all the military support staff who brought Charlie home, and all those men and women who served with him. Additional thanks from the Martinez family also go to those of Holy Family Catholic Church of Citrus Heights for all their love and support, including; Father Ruel Mesa, Deacon Mark Holt, performing members of the choir who served at the memorial mass, and the many church members who offered their love and support at this difficult time.

We, as a nation, owe Charlie A. Williams, and the "Charlies" of all the Armed Forces our gratitude and respect. These brave men and women give of themselves to do what is asked of them to secure our nation and to forward freedom throughout the world. When one "Charlie" gives his life in the line of duty, we should all take a moment, no many moments, to pray for their safe arrival in heaven. We should offer our prayers and condolences to their families and loved ones, where-ever we or they may be. We should offer these prayers from a soulful look inside, that place where real grief resides, and feel the loss as every soldier's mother feels her loss. It is through grieving another's loss that we understand true sacrifice.



Charlie is honored by "Taps".

Mrs. Martinez called me a few days prior to the ceremony and asked if I would come out to take a few pictures and to write a short story on Charlie for the local community. I have never been so honored to perform such a task for our military. This is especially for Charlie. Mrs. and Mr. Martinez displayed the grace and honor throughout that is nothing short of amazing to those of us who have never lost a child to the battle for freedom. If only through this one article, this newspaper, our readers, and this community we can offer any form of healing and prayer for their loss, so may it be. I ask that you take a few moments in prayer and honor the sacrifice of the Martinez family.

God Bless Charlie A. Williams, Soldier.

By Paul V. Scholl, Publisher  
Photos by Paul V. Scholl, MPG



Three volleys are fired for Charlie.



Mary and Daniel are presented with the American Flag by Brigadier General Foley.





# POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

your boss leaving town for good.

2) Using a mental imagery technique to think of better ways to carry out assigned tasks. Now don't get any ideas like hiring an assistant either.

3) Forming a mutual support group if other employees are in a similar situation. I guess misery loves company.

4) Looking to family members, friends, and significant others as a support group, and share your stories with them. But be sure you put away the dishes before you spin out of control during the narration.

5) Keeping a private office score card for each crazy thing that your boss asks you to do and rewarding yourself with a treat after a particularly difficult day or week. Do you think there's enough chocolate in the world to make it all better?

Perhaps your boss is just clueless, disorganized, a bad communicator or otherwise just a big fat problem, then there are other techniques.

But just how bad is your boss? Dr. Scott has a "How Bad Is Your Boss Assessment Quiz" on her site to give you some guidelines. The Quiz goes into eleven areas of boss behavior like: Aggressiveness, Control, Decisiveness, Communication, Gamesmanship, Sex in the Office, It's a Crime, Trust and Keeping Promises, Fairness and Flexibility, In Search of Perfection, and A Lack of Training. Your boss fit into any one or more of these areas? You'll find out when you take the Quiz. You'll find out if your boss is the dream come true boss or Mayday! Mayday! Get ready to crash!

After you take the Quiz, there are lots of techniques at Dr Scott's website at [www.badbosses.net](http://www.badbosses.net). Of course, the book will give you lots of tips to make your life easier. It's enough that we have to work our hearts. I don't think we mind working hard if we are appreciated, but when you have to deal with a hell situation everyday, it can become unbearable. By the way, you can send in your stories of the boss from hell and they will be featured on the site (with names changed to protect the innocent as well as the guilty) along with tips on what to do. Hey, they might even be considered for her next book. Good luck surviving!

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

### BAD BOSSES

Do you have a nightmare from hell boss? Maybe he or she is like the Meryl Streep character in the hit movie "The Devil Wears Prada" type. Take heart, you are not the only one. **Dr Gini Graham Scott** is an expert on workplace relationships and has authored "*A Survival Guide For Working With Bad Bosses*" that can help you find your way. According to the Dr. Scott, there are techniques you can learn to make the job more bearable, and even rewarding, even if you can't sit down with the boss to seek changes and don't want to leave because you desperately need the job or see it as the next step up a career ladder.

For example, some techniques include:

1) Using a relaxation technique to calm yourself down. And no, that does not include dreaming about

### GENEALOGY SEMINAR

**Root Cellar - Sacramento Genealogical Society**—will hold its Spring Seminar Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, California, 9am to 3:45pm. Guest speaker Daniel M. Lynch, author of "Google Your Family Tree", will present four sessions: Introduction to Google for Genealogists; Using Google for Genealogy Research; Google News Archive, News Timelines and Google Alerts; Google Images, Video and other Tools for Genealogy.

**Fee: \$22/members; \$27/non-members; \$32 after March 12 or at the door as space permits. Optional lunch \$7. Raffle prizes. Registration form at [www.rootcellar.org](http://www.rootcellar.org) or contact Sammie Hudgens, (916) 481-4930.**


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### CITRUS HEIGHTS

**Air Force Airman Haurilio A. Solorio** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Christine Carpintero of Crosswoods Circle, Citrus Heights, Calif. Solorio is a 2009 graduate of San Juan High School, Citrus Heights.



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The pricing for the evening is \$30 per person for dinner & game, or \$50 for a couple. If you are not able to join us for the dinner, maybe you can come for just the game for a \$5 per person.

For more details, please contact Tom at (916)718-4929 or visit the website at <http://sjhsboostersclub.tripod.com/>. This event is sponsored by the San Juan Boosters Club and the San Juan Alumni Association.

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by Marlys Johnsen Norris

Looking at a range of mountains, the only mountain we can see is the one closest to us. However, we know that there are other mountains and hills beyond what we can actually see. We know they are there, because maps and other knowledge have advised us. The Bible is the book that also gives us important information – our roadmap for life. Knowing “about” Jesus life and ministry is much like only seeing that first mountain. If we do not travel further back into the mountains of his ministry

# Be Connected - “Know” Him!!

and life, we do not see or really “know” Him Many people only know about Him but knowing “about” Him is only religion and leaves a lot to be desired and still unknown. Only knowing “about” Jesus is not Christianity, One is still unconnected! When one begins to actually “know” Jesus - one accepts all He did for mankind. He becomes a best friend who is closer than a brother. One will honor Him by following His teaching and precepts to be reconciled back to the Father-God. He IS God’s beloved Son. When one travels into the Words of the Bible, one gets a clearer glimpse of the character and love of God. He is there in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life through whom one learns to

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by Pastor Ray Dare

1 Peter 1:6-7 talks about difficult seasons in life. Life is not the same. You have good times, bad times, ups, downs, times of poverty, and times of wealth. Life changes. There are springs, summers, falls and winters. All sunshine and no rain makes a desert. All rain and no sunshine and you need an ark. God allows seasons in our lives. We need the seasons to season us. To prepare us and make us what God wants us to be. However, I’ve discovered you can take two people in put them in the same set of difficult circumstances and one person is blown away by the situation, they become depressed and discouraged while the other person stays positive, doesn’t get down or depressed or discouraged. What makes the difference? How do you stay positive under pressure? Look for the good in your

# How to Stay Positive

situation. Not everything’s good, but look for the good in the situation. Romans 8:28, “For those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good.” God specializes in bringing good out of bad. He’s saying you can be realistic and optimistic at the same time. I’m not talking about being a Pollyanna. I’m not talking about psychology, self-help, or psyching yourself up with a phony pep talk. I am talking about affirming the truth. I think Christians of all people ought to be the most positive, optimistic people there are. We have so much to hope for. See, there are really only two basic approaches to life. You can live by optimism or you can live by pessimism. You can go through life looking at all the bad things, what’s wrong with the market, what’s wrong with your job, what’s wrong with other people, what’s wrong with your present situation and circumstances or you can look for the best your situation and circumstances. God has established the law of expectation. That law is we tend to get what we expect out of life.

We see what we expect to see. We feel what we expect to feel. We achieve what we expect to achieve. Studies indicate that people who are optimistic and people who are positive live longer, have better health, are happier and accomplish more than people who are not optimistic or positive. One study revealed that sales-people who are optimistic have 37% more sales than ones who are not optimistic. When Thomas Edison was sixty-seven years old, a great fire burned down his famous laboratories in New Jersey. Not only did he lose several million dollars in his equipment, he also lost the records to most of his life work. The next morning, he walked out among the charred embers and he said this: “There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew.” He turned a stumbling block into a stepping stone. I’ve discovered that the things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out. That’s your choice. See you Sunday, Pastor Ray

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# CHPD Seek Information on Recent Teen Homicide

## From Citrus Heights Police Reports

On 2/12/2010, at approximately 0130 hours, CHPD dispatch received a call from a parent who reported their 17-year-old daughter missing. Officers initiated an At Risk Missing Persons (MP) investigation. During the investigation, officers received information that the MP was last seen at Van Maren Park, located at Fountain Square Drive and Stock Ranch Road. The MP was reported hanging out at the park with friends. At approximately 0600 hours, officers began to search the park. At approximately 0715 hours, officers located a female subject deceased in a portion of the park that is heavily wooded. The female subject resembled the MP from the earlier call. CHPD conducted the investigation due to the suspicious nature of the scene. The Sacramento Coroner's Office confirmed the deceased body found in Van Maren Park was the same as the Missing Person CHPD had been investigating earlier in the day. The victim is described as a 17-year-old female living in Citrus Heights. Initial investigation revealed the victim may have died due to trauma to the body. Anton Adolf Johnson, AKA "Tony," has been arrested by the CHPD. Information was developed by detectives that Johnson was seen at an acquaintances house in Carmichael. CHPD, with the assistance of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, located Johnson at the residence and took him into custody without incident. CHPD is continuing to investigate this crime. Persons with information regarding this crime are requested to contact the Citrus Heights Police Department at 916-727-5500.

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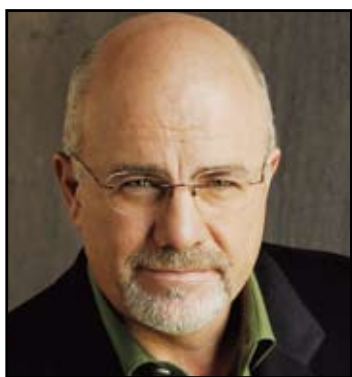
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### Can't Pay For Her Wedding

Dear Dave,

Our daughter is 24, engaged to be married, and we can't afford to pay for the kind of wedding she wants. My husband and I have had some financial difficulty over the last few years, and we are finally beginning to slowly dig our way out. On top of this, we're still paying on her student loan from college. Should we let her know the situation up front, and how can we keep from feeling guilty about things?

- Gina

Dear Gina,

The big thing is that first you and your husband should be on the same page. You need to come to a decision about exactly what you're willing and able to do. It doesn't sound like it will be much, though. Especially if you're trying to get your own finances in order and still paying on her student loan.

Now, how do you not feel guilty about all this? I think that's a personal journey you'll both have to take. A wedding is a wonderful thing, but it's not any less wonderful when it doesn't cost an arm and a leg. It also doesn't make you child abusers or bad parents just because you're not willing to go \$20,000 into debt to throw a fancy wedding!

I think, too, that you owe this kid some straightforward and honest communication. Most 24-year-olds don't have a firm grasp on reality. Even at that age, they don't think about where the money's coming from. They're just bopping along and assuming Mom and Dad will pull thousands of dollars out of the air for a big Barbie and Ken wedding. She needs to know that things just aren't like that in the real world.

Let her know that you love her and want to help, but you're going to be very limited on what you can do financially. Besides, you can have a great wedding without throwing around lots of cash. A marriage is about love, not dollar signs. And when it comes to the money, a wedding is like anything else you'd buy. My rule of thumb is pay cash or don't do it!

- Dave

### Drop Coverage?

Dear Dave,

I recently heard someone on television say it was a good idea to cancel the collision and comprehensive portions of your auto insurance coverage if you want to save money. What do you think about this? My husband and I are trying to follow your plan. We have \$1,000 in our emergency fund, and we drive a couple of old, used cars. Would this idea work for us?

- Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Obviously you'll save money if you're not paying out as much to the insurance company. But I don't think dropping that coverage is a good idea. Let's say you don't have much money saved up, and then you total your car. How're you going to get to work or to the grocery store? It would leave you in a bad situation, wouldn't it?

If you're driving a couple of beaters, the insurance doesn't cost that much. Cheap cars mean cheap insurance. Self-insuring is a good idea sometimes with some things, but I don't believe in it when you're talking about your cars and you're broke! In my case, I've got enough money to just write a check and buy another car if something happens to mine. But when I added up what the car costs versus what they charge me for insurance, it looks like a decent deal to me. I'm just not willing to take the risk with that much money.

The purpose of insurance is to protect you from risks that you are unwilling or unable to take yourself. That's why I still have full coverage on my car. The cost benefit analysis told me it was a good idea. I suggest you keep it, too!

- Dave

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# Jody Wilson from Citrus Heights Named MG CARES ACE ALL STAR Award Winner



Jody Wilson with Sondra Roberts, GM (left) and Collette Valentine, VPO (right))

Citrus Heights -- Merrill Gardens of Citrus Heights pleased to announce that Jody Wilson has been named the Merrill Gardens ACE All Star Award winner for 2009. Jody will be honored at an upcoming Garden Court event in Palm Springs next month.

Jody was chosen from an impressive group of ACE award winners from all the Merrill Gardens communities this year. She started with the company one year ago as the concierge and she had made a big impact with her creativity and commitment. Jody has built the concierge program at Citrus Heights from the ground up and she has impressed everyone with her commitment and creativity. She embraces the "Try it, Fix it, Do it" motto.

Residents at the community consistently recognize Jody for her positive attitude saying: "She's better than anyone can imagine, better at everything!" One of the resident's family members even refers to Jody as her father's other daughter because of her special relationship with him. Jody's enthusiasm is contagious and she accommodates all resident requests with a smile on her face. Team members appreciate her sincerity in the way she interacts with everyone at the community. She does an excellent job communicating with residents and their families as well.

Jody has an amazing ability to make everything special and residents have embraced the special events and programs she offers from the concierge desk.

Jody is the second MGCARES ACE All Star Award recipient. Stanwood's Active Living Director Amy (Schei) Fierke received the award last year.

# Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church to Hold Auction and Dinner

By Ken Friedman

Fair Oaks -- Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church is having an auction/dinner to raise support for trips around the world as well as supporting our local community. Fair Oaks Presbyterian sends teams out to work with nationals and missionaries using their various talents, skills, and interests to meet the needs of others in these cross-cultural environments.

Our teams go to repair facilities, build accommodations or just assist in helping those in need. This year teams are going to Mississippi (our final Hurricane Katrina rebuilding project), Czech Republic to work with Roma children, Russia to help small churches and their members as well as holding a retreat for women from several communities and to two sites in Mexico to work with children of migrant workers and orphans and special needs kids. In Malawi Africa, we have adopted a village where we are currently building a center that will provide food, education and



medical care to its community. Tickets can be purchased in the church office. This is a really fun event for a worthwhile cause.

We are also looking for donations that can be used in the auction. With over 500 people in attendance, donating is a great way to advertise your business while helping others serve around the globe. Fair Oaks Presbyterian is located at 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd. If you have any questions or would like to donate some new items, please call us at 967-4784 ext. 836

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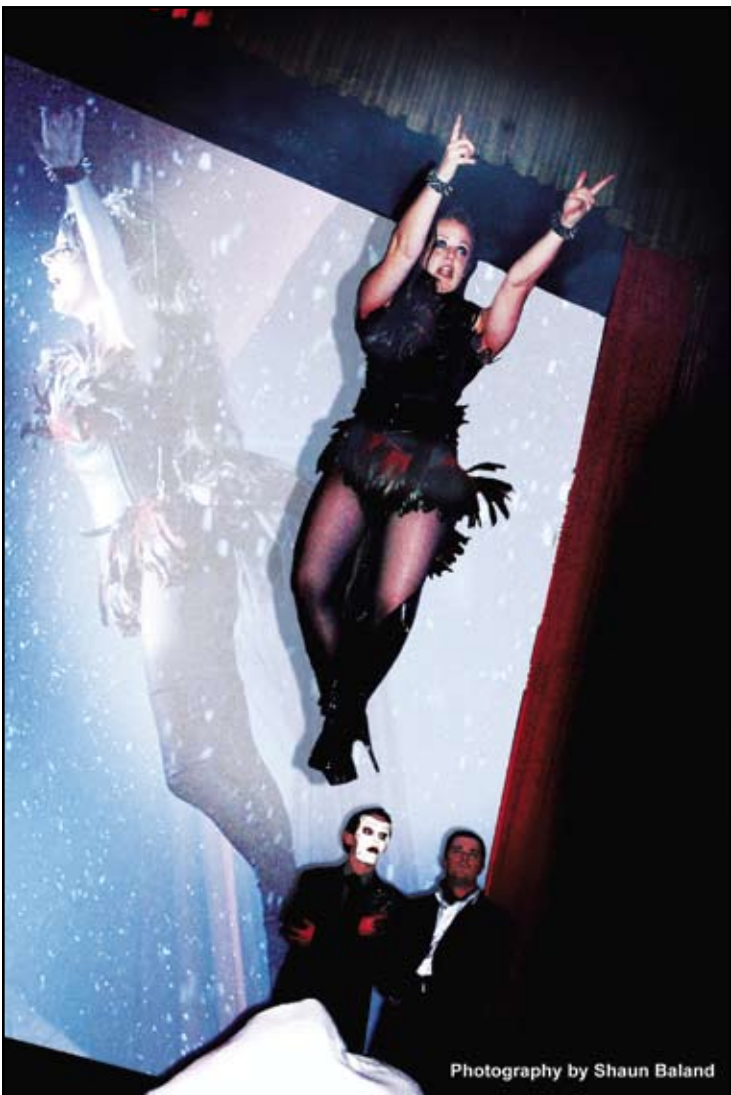
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## Repo! The Genetic Opera Comes Live to Sacramento

Sacramento - Amber's Sweets, will perform its theatre production of Repo! The Genetic Opera on Saturday, February 27th at 8:00 PM at the Historic Colonial Theatre at 3522 Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento. Repo! Live is a stunning combination of live film, theatre, aerial acrobatics and special effects that form what has been called "the best cast to date" and "a fantastic time". Noted horror activist Spooky Dan Walker enthusiastically stated "Ambers Sweets got everything right" and actress Alisa Burket from the original Repo! film was "BLOWN AWAY by how amazing they were!" The story is set in the not so distant future after an epidemic of organ failures has devastated the planet. Out of the tragedy, a savior emerges: GeneCo, a biotech company that offers organ transplants, for a price. Those who miss their payments are scheduled for repossession and hunted by villainous Repo Men. In a world where surgery addicts are hooked on painkilling drugs and murder is sanctioned by law, a sheltered young girl searches for the cure to her own rare disease as well as information about her family's mysterious history. After being sucked into the haunting world of GeneCo, she is unable to turn back, as all of her questions will be answered at



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the wildly anticipated spectacular event: The Genetic Opera. The performance is sponsored by Townsend Raimundo Besler & Usher and The Neillo Company's Rick & Terry Neillo. Tickets are available online at www.amberssweets.com or at R5 RecordsindowntownSacramento. Amber's Sweets is a grassroots

troupe made up of theatre professionals, students and horror lovers. Producer Tim Meunier, founder of the Sacramento Horror Film Festival and director Ashley Porciuncula, a native to Bay Area theatre have come together to create this thrilling production that leaves audiences feeling like part of the action.

## Citrus Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month



Sean Gudith of Mesa Verde High School (second from right) receiving his award

Citrus Heights - Sean Gudith, a junior at Mesa Verde High School was recognized as the Student of the Month at the Citrus Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce’s

February Luncheon. Karla Branen, lead teacher of the Mesa Verde Business Academy says, “Not only is Sean a great student but he also leads by example and

involvement in many extra curricular activities. He was president of the Sophomore Business Academy, this year’s Business and Finance Club and achieved a 4.0 on his most recent report card.” Sean spoke briefly to the attendees and noted that his plans are to continue in his family’s tradition of medicine (his mother is a nurse) by enrolling at UC Davis and ultimately becoming a general physician. Every month, along with the Chamber, Assemblyman Roger Niello, Congressman Dan Lungren and Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan’s office present the student of the month with certificates of recognition.

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