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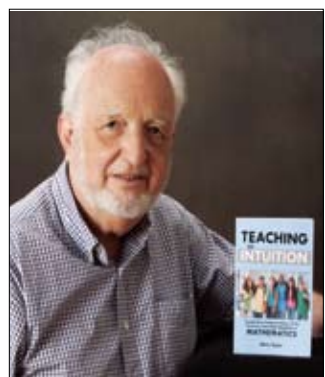
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## Linking Parks Gets Go-ahead



Carmichael Park District chief Jack Harrison surveys the future Sutter Jensen Community Park. Supporters of the project include Anne Berner (left), Sandy Helland, Kathy Hellersen, Sharon Doughty and Priscilla Lots. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA – (MPG) Four recently approved projects are checks on the bucket list for Carmichael Recreation and Park District Administrator Jack Harrison. After seven years, Harrison (70) retires this month.

In his tenure, Harrison oversaw development of Patriots, O'Donnell and Jan Parks. His parting victory is achieving the okay for other pressing community needs:

- Trails linking Sutter and Jensen Parks.
- Improvements to dog facilities in Carmichael Park.
- New park landscaping at the Grant Ave and Fair Oaks Blvd corner.
- A junior soccer area in place of Carmichael's demolished swimming pool.

Included in the new district budget is a meandering path

linking Jensen Gardens (Fair Oaks Blvd) to park land at Sutter Ave. The walkway, a footbridge, improved street access and parking has a \$100,000 price tag. In the tradition of recent park developments, half of the cost – in cash or services – will be contributed by neighbors and project supporters. Their fundraising has so far realized \$43,000.

While the concept of joining Sutter and Jensen reserves was long ago conceived, earlier visions required subdivision for funding. Pared down designs and cost-sharing mean current plans require no land sacrifice. Breaking ground next spring, the project's initial phase establishes 1000 feet of wheelchair-friendly trails. These will cross gentle slopes shaded by mature trees and provide access to Jensen's botanical displays. The two parks combine over 18 halcyon acres (plus communal plots for

green-thumbers at the Sutter Ave entrance).

Costlier additions such as playgrounds and picnic areas await flusher times. Says Jack Harrison: "We always wanted to keep the properties intact but we lacked finances to develop them. Carmichael is blessed by mature sites with lots of trees; we needn't do much more than make these areas accessible and safe. Upkeep is minimal. Partnering with neighbors increases community appreciation for a park."

Harrison was equally pleased that the 2013-14 park budget allows upgrades for Carmichael's main street reserve. In tune with ongoing Fair Oaks Blvd beautification, the "Great Wall of Carmichael" frontage of Carmichael Park will be tarted up with new landscaping and a water feature.

The sad specter of the Grant Ave's disused swimming pool is now gone. Grassed over, the

area will soon be reemployed for children's soccer. Improvements to the off-leash dog park near North Avenue are in train. "It's a heavily-used area that needs new drainage, irrigation and turf," said Harrison. "Once again, partnering (with the Carmichael canine Corral Association) makes the project feasible."

"It's a delight to have projects completed – or funded – before I retire," said Harrison. "We've had great board directors, dedicated staff and helpful neighbors. My family has been part of Carmichael for 40 years. Parks will be part of my retirement. My granddaughters enjoy Jan and O'Donnell. And before this year is out, I'll probably take an allotment at Sutter Community and start growing vegetables."

To assist the Sutter/Jensen fundraising project, visit [www.preservesutterjensen.org](http://www.preservesutterjensen.org)

## What Makes Carmichael Tick

CARMICHAEL, CA – (MPG) The Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, along with the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce will be conducting a Business Walk on Thursday, May 16 from 10 am – 12:30 pm.

Political, civic, and business leaders will take part in a walking tour that will include Fair Oaks Boulevard, El Camino Avenue, and Marconi Avenue.

The business walk helps to initiate contacts with businesses in the Carmichael community and is the start of an ongoing conversation to help businesses get the resources they need to succeed. Information gathered will help to implement initiatives that enhance the success of local businesses.

Volunteer walkers will be asking business owners and managers three questions: How's business? What do you like about doing business in Carmichael? How can business be improved?

As a thank you for taking part, each business owner will be given a bag with valuable information. For more information about the Business Walk, please contact the Carmichael Chamber at 916-481-1002.

## Letter Carriers Collect for Local Food Banks

Carmichael Letter Carriers

CARMICHAEL, CA – (MPG) This Saturday, May 11th, the Letter carriers nationwide will be collecting food and sending the food to our local food banks. Every office in every town across the nation supports this effort to keep those less fortunate from going hungry.

The letter carriers from Br. 4494 in Carmichael are very proud to support this effort. In recent years we have been taking an extra step by giving awards to those carriers that bring in the most weight in food. And our total weight for collections has been on the rise. 3 years ago we were at about 7000 lbs., last years, we collected 28,000 lbs.

This week, paper bags will be distributed to make it easier for residents to either clean out their cupboards or go to the store and buy for the cause!!

The Union at a national level rewards the offices that collect the most food. Last year, an office that was similar in size (60 to 100 carriers) collected nearly 60,000 lbs for the food banks. So, we have a goal!!! We must get from 28,000 to 60,000!

## These Kids Are Not Throw-aways



Greg Scott: "What really set me on the journey was listening to Deepak Chopra and Wayne Dyer." Photo by Julie Parker

By Julie Parker

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA- (MPG) Twenty-one years clean and sober, Greg Scott, Founder/CEO of Juveniles at Risk (JAR), tells kids, "If I can do it, so can you."

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Scott spent a few of his early years in Washington, D.C., where his father was involved in riots after Martin Luther King's assassination. "He came home with three pin-striped suits. It was my first experience of feeling

ashamed of my father. It was looting because he was angry, but he still stole. As a child, I never felt right about that."

The family relocated to Oakland when he was ten. "I had my first experience with white people, not knowing how to integrate and process it. When I had my first joint at age 13, I thought, 'This is the solution to life.'"

In high school, he snorted cocaine, smoked weed, and took acid. "But, my grades were good, and I played sports."

He spent two years at Alameda Junior College in the era of social civil unrest. "How's an African-American make it in our society? A lot hasn't changed – it's about money."

"I got hold of rock cocaine, and for the next six years, I was off and running, ending up homeless on the streets of Los Angeles, 5th and Main, which is as low as you can get. I was in 'cardboard city,' right next to the junkie who was shooting up

cocaine, while I was smoking it. The best I could do was panhandle on the streets."

Through support, he pulled himself up, and worked through the addictions. During the first ten years of sobriety, he worked various jobs, but felt something was missing. "I didn't feel like I had any value. What really set me on the journey was listening to Deepak Chopra and Wayne Dyer."

While working as Director of Sales at the Sacramento Observer, he learned that 32% of children were failing in the Sacramento area. "I did a little investigation, and discovered it was closer to 55%." He knew intuitively he could help, but wasn't sure how to go about it. When he learned that the percentage was actually 90%, he knew he had to act.

He approached the Sacramento Unified School District about creating a recovery program, who advised it would require a GED program inclusion. He

presented his idea during a meeting at which he was the only African-American present. He suggested twenty kids to try the program.

"Their response was, 'I think we can find twenty of our throwaways.'"

JAR, a non-profit organization, began in 2002 at Lemon Hill. "The District put the kids program into an adult school."

The plan was for Scott to lecture the kids, motivate them to learn, and send them into the classroom. Unfortunately, the two union teachers assigned for the educational aspect of the program wanted no part of it, and immediately suspended six kids.

"I was able to convince those teachers to supervise me, so I could be the teacher and the program."

That meant he needed to refresh his knowledge on all basic subjects.

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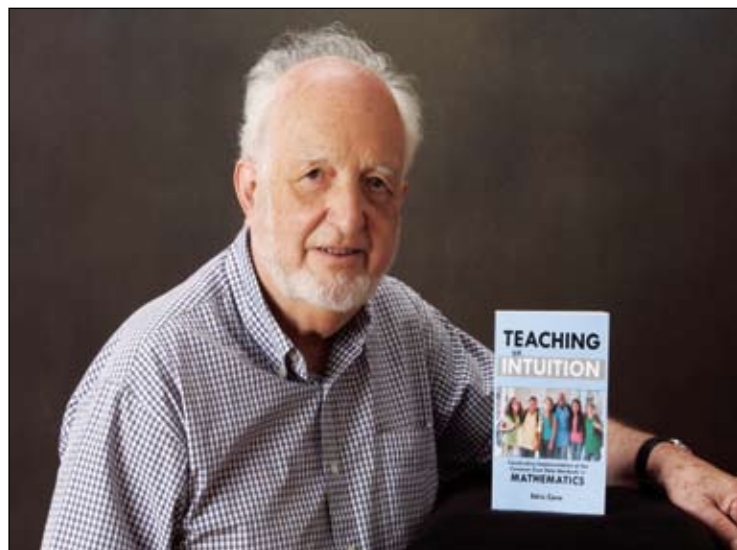
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## New Book by Edric Cane Seeks to Redefine what it Means to Know Math



Author Edric Cane. Photo courtesy of Dog Ear Publishing.

CARMICHAEL, CA – (MPG) Leaders in all fields of life in the United States see in our deficiencies in math education an existential threat to the economic well-being and international standing of the nation. Typically, most community colleges spend valuable resources teaching remedial classes on elementary and middle school topics. It is with those topics, in the early grades, that the gaps begin, where children fail to connect with mathematics, where too many children lose ground and lose hope.

Basing teaching strategies on intuition allows students to give their full acquiescence to the truths of mathematics and accept mathematics as an emanation of their own thinking processes and mental patterns. So the approach presented in Teaching to Intuition, and the quite original strategies that implement it, make for more knowledge, not less, more understanding, and

a greater ability to recognize in the outside world circumstances that can be analyzed and enlightened by the tool of mathematics. It makes for students who willingly accept that mathematics is an integral part of their mental make up, just because it makes sense. The hope is that it dramatically increases the pool of students willing and able to fully participate in a world shaped by science and technology.

The book is addressed to all educators who teach those elementary and middle school topics, either because they teach in those grades or because they teach the topics as remedial material in high schools and colleges. It is addressed to educators and policy makers concerned about the vast gap between the needs of our nation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (the STEM disciplines) and the significant proportion of those who have no chance of entering

those fields because they have never learned to connect with the tool of mathematics. Readers may also include parents actively involved and concerned with the education of their children.

Teaching to Intuition is written in a down to earth, conversational style, using examples taken from topics of mathematics that all citizens should want to master. It is however an ambitious book, as it takes an issue that most agree upon—the significant gap in mathematical competence between the needs and the reality --- and proposes solutions that go to the heart of the problem, not by doing what we have always done a little bit better, but by doing it differently.

Teaching to Intuition comes at a time when, nationwide, Common Core Standards seek to put significantly greater emphasis on the constant interaction between mathematical knowledge and the real world it helps us understand and influence. Edric Cane's new book hopes to be part of the discussions and changes that those Standards will generate.

*Author Edric Cane has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and spent two years as a Besse Scholar at Oxford University, England. He taught math at a school with 95 percent minorities in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Other teaching posts were in Europe, Africa, Oberlin College in Ohio and Occidental College in Los Angeles. He also wrote the book "Making Friends with Numbers."*

## Public Safety Forum Rallies Community



Senator Jim Nielson (center) sponsored a public safety forum in Carmichael. Fellow speakers were County Supervisor Susan Peters (left), District Attorney Jan Scully, Sheriff Scott Jones, and Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA – (MPG) Community leaders and citizens attacked Governor Jerry Brown's "realignment" bill (AB 109) at a recent public forum.

A former Chairman of the State Parole Board, Senator Jim Nielson sponsored the meeting. The 2011 bill, he said, "Turned the criminal justice system upside down. I doubt any worse legislation has been passed in California history."

Governor's Brown's scheme is the state's response to Federal Court oversight to reduce prison overcrowding and fix inmate health services. Realignment allows some State felons to serve in County facilities that are ill-designed for lengthy incarceration. "The Governor dumped the problem on counties," contended Nielson. "The Supreme Court did not order Realignment. Californians are not benefiting;

not only is crime up, so are taxes."

Nearly 120 Arden/Carmichael/Fair Oaks residents packed the Carmichael Park Club House to hear Neilson urge a public campaign for AB 109 repeal.

"Realignment provisions changed penalties and parole supervision for tens of thousands of felons," said Nielson. "We are all in danger."

Cash-strapped counties have become responsible for prisoner health. Fresno and Riverside now face inmate law suits for inadequate services.

Nielson warned that the law can result in early release and decreased parole supervision for such felons as drug dealers, murderers and child predators. "Due to jail overcrowding, some counties have not incarcerated parole violators," he said. "Some (violators) have committed horrific crimes."

Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones, District Attorney Jan Scully,

Supervisors Susan Peters and Roberta MacGlashan joined the discussion.

Explained D.A. Scully: "Shifting responsibility to the county means that what was already deficient is now overwhelmed. "We used to provide a revolving door to prison for dirt bags. We are now hand cuffed. Offenders should be given consequences that scare them. With a maximum of 90 days (allowed for County jail incarceration) consequences aren't there. The bill never took the safety of citizens or crime victims into account. It has made life easier for offenders."

*The impact of criminal justice realignment is among likely issues for Supervisor Susan Peter's Community meeting on May 15. Sheriff Scott Jones will join the 7:30 a.m. forum at Fair Oaks Water District (10326 Fair Oaks Blvd). Anyone may attend.*



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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.

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## International Association Honors Local Resident Ted Jones Earns Award of Merit for commitment to quality water treatment



Edward (Ted) Jones IV, CWS-VI, Kinetic Incorporated, Carmichael, California. Photo courtesy of Water Quality Association.

Lisle, Illinois USA — The Water Quality Association presented Edward (Ted) Jones IV, CWS-VI, Kinetic Incorporated, Carmichael, California, the Award of Merit at its annual convention and trade show in Indianapolis, Indiana, this month. WQA has more than 2,500

members consisting of individuals and companies in the water treatment industry. Awards were presented at WQA Aquatech USA, an annual event that attracts thousands of participants from around the world. The Award of Merit is given for "exceptional service to the water

quality improvement industry." In presenting the award, WQA stated: "When thinking of exceptional service to the industry, anyone who knows him will think of Ted Jones. Ted's grandfather started as a dealer in Ohio back in 1945. Ted is the third generation in our industry. And, his successes keep adding up. Recognizing his value, Kinetic Incorporated has asked Ted to take on more and more responsibility. He is now Vice President of North American Sales. Yet through it all, he has always made time to help our whole industry. And, he's been a lynchpin in the Pacific WQA. Ted chaired his first key committee in the eighties. And, he continues today in leadership roles. Ted is one of those untiring leaders who makes WQA a living reality."

*The Water Quality Association is a not-for-profit international trade organization representing the residential, commercial, and industrial water treatment industry. Its membership consists of both manufacturers/suppliers as well as dealers/distributors of equipment and services. WQA is a resource and information source, a voice for the industry, laboratory for product testing, and a communicator to the public.*

## Reunion for Del Campo Class of 1973

From Mary Howard

SACRAMENTO REGION, 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, 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.reunionmanager.com/>*

## Coolley Bill Restoring Class Size Reduction Passes First Committee

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA – (MPG) Assemblyman Ken Cooley passes AB 558 out of Assembly Education Committee May 1st with a bi-partisan vote. This bill will create a workable track to restore class size reduction in California K-3 classrooms. "Many Californians see overcrowded classrooms as one of the biggest problems the current economic downturn has unleashed in our schools," said Cooley. "AB 558 helps soften the blow on school districts now at risk of losing funding overnight that they've depended on. The bill asks districts to transition methodically to the smaller class sizes necessary for productive learning environments." The class size reduction

program originated in 1996, and was updated to a formula system in 2004. Classrooms lost a portion of the state-provided incentive if they had more than 20 students. Classes were also "capped" at 22 students; if a classroom had 22 or more children they weren't eligible for any incentive. Legislation passed in 2008 relaxed classroom size standards because districts faced layoffs due to the recession. These adjusted standards expire in 2014; no provision is made in current law for what comes next, so districts immediately revert to the older and more stringent levels. AB 558 will enable districts a period of less disruptive management phase-in of class size reductions

by transitioning back to stricter incentive standards over 4 years. By taking this measured approach, AB 558 recognizes the continued fiscal stress on districts, and the many continued organizational challenges, while still restoring smaller class sizes. Assemblyman Ken Cooley represents the 8th Assembly District which includes the communities of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murieta, Rosemont, Wilton and other portions of unincorporated Sacramento County. *For more information, please visit <http://asmcd.org/members/a08/h>*

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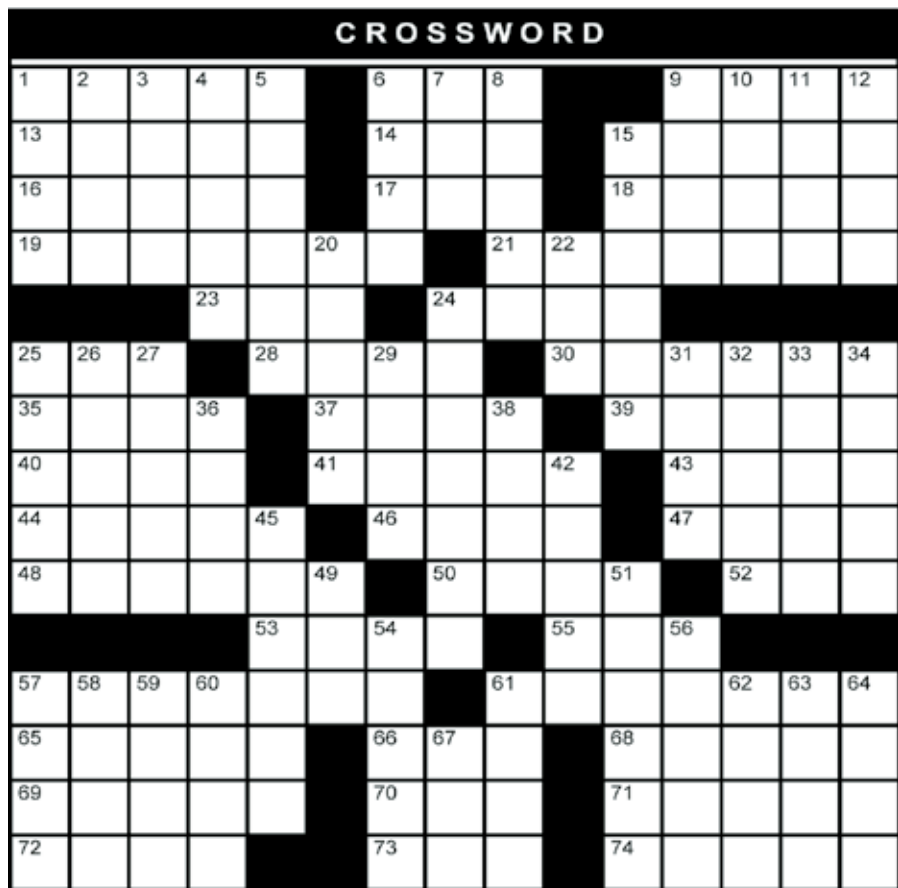
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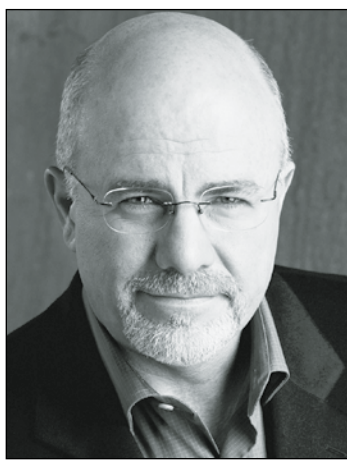
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- ACROSS**
- Between streets
  - Acorn producer
  - Dwelling choice
  - Garlicky mayonnaise
  - Club
  - Henry, Mary or Elizabeth
  - \*Amsterdam's Anne Frank House is where she hid from them
  - Pilot's announcement, acr.
  - Do penance
  - \*Red Square attraction
  - \*Lady
  - Always, in verse
  - Greek personification of Earth
  - Body, slang
  - Medicine bottle
  - Enter uninvited
  - Augments or increases, often precedes "out"
  - Pig trough contents
  - 1/100 of a rial
  - \*Italy's Mount Vesuvius is scarred by it
  - Equestrian's attire
  - Eye affliction
  - Wars between China and England
  - Con
  - Capital of Ukraine
  - Gary Coleman: "What you talking 'bout \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - Mary had a little one
  - "Big Island" flower necklace
  - Calcium oxide
  - Napoleon of "Animal Farm"
  - \*\_\_\_\_\_Chapel
  - Trendy
  - Accustom
  - Female gametes
  - All plant and animal life of a region
  - Farewell remark in France
  - \*Fort Sumter, where the Civil one began
  - To impede or bar
  - Tiny piece of anything
  - Home for #55 Across
  - Kind of tides
- DOWN**
- shot in basketball
  - Yarn spinner
  - Exude
  - Frigid, torrid or temperate one
  - Hanukkah month
  - Inviting sign
  - \*The Louvre in Paris has a lot of it
  - Bear Down Under
  - Mandolin's cousin
  - Carbon monoxide lacks this
  - Arial, e.g.
  - 3-pointer in basketball
  - Over-armor tunic
  - \*Like Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle
  - Junior's junior
  - A small round drop
  - Under
  - Giraffe-like African animal
  - Prince of Darkness
  - Winglike
  - Classic board game
  - Justin Timberlake's
  - \_\_\_\_\_the End of Time"
  - The one who the check is made out to
  - \*"Three Coins in the Fountain" fountain
  - First king of Israelites
  - \*Site of Leaning Tower
  - Allegro or lento
  - Environers
  - Break a commandment
  - \*Big clock
  - Cat sounds
  - Sheep's clothing to wolf
  - Thailand, once
  - \_\_\_\_\_European language
  - Executive, slang
  - Tire swing prop
  - Deviate
  - I, to a Greek
  - Octagonal sign
  - Chance occurrences

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### Essential Expenses

Dear Dave,  
 I'm following your plan, and currently I have \$14,000 in my emergency fund. What are essentials for three to six months of expenses?  
 - Brian

Dear Brian,  
 Basically, you should ask yourself this question: *What would it take to operate my household for a month?* There are several different things that could be classified as "essentials," but if you take those things and multiply the number by three, four, five or six, you'll see how much money you need to have a fully loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. This is Baby Step 3 in my plan.

Some people get really technical about exactly how many months of expenses they need to save in this range. And that's okay. You can take a little time to evaluate things before moving on to Baby Step 4, which is investing 15 percent of your household income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans.

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# Dave Says

of your life, but after a point you shouldn't be too concerned whether you have three months or six months of expenses—or somewhere in between—saved just for emergencies.

Having a nice emergency fund, along with no debt, creates a wonderful sense of financial peace!

- Dave

### She Stole His Identity

Dear Dave,  
 If a wife takes out a credit card in her husband's name without his knowledge, and they get divorced, can the husband claim identity theft?

- Nancy

Dear Nancy,  
 Absolutely! Unless they have power of attorney, anytime someone opens an account in a name other than their own, they have stolen an identity. Being married to someone doesn't give you the right to sign their name to a document.

I knew a guy in the real estate business years ago who was doing a lot of property deals under his own name.

Occasionally, the title company would require his wife's signature, and he would sign her name on the papers himself. Sometimes he signed her name after calling her up and explaining what was happening, and she was okay with the situation. Then, he signed some papers she didn't know about, and it came back to bite him. He was charged with criminal fraud!

You cannot legally sign your spouse's name without first having power of attorney privileges. If you do, it's called identity theft. It's a crime anytime you lie to get money.

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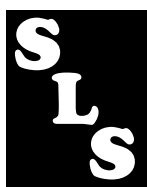
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-03054. Karen Pinnegar, 3335 Hunter Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Treasure Valley Engraving CA" at 3335 Hunter Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 11, 2013. Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2013. JAKSER 130403 5-8-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-02775. Jamshid Kamaliddinov, 3874 Auburn Blvd. #1, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "JAK Service" at 3874 Auburn Blvd. #1, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 3, 2013. Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2013. JAKSER 130403 5-8-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-02452. Jon Roj Inc., 8590 Banton Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Realty World-Flam and Associates" at 8590 Banton Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 25, 2013. Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2013. REAWOR 130403 5-8-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-02390. Kanda Pormtosapon and Vichit Pormtosapon, both of 8630 Aspen Ridge Court, Antelope, CA 95843 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "KP Enterprises" at 5443 Dudley Blvd., McClellan, CA 95652. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 20, 2013. Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2013. KPENTE 130403 5-8-13

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE #FBNF2012-06312

The following person(s) has abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of L L Realty Services, located at 3840 Rosin Court #220, Sacramento, CA 95834: Fusion Real Estate Network, 3840 Rosin Court #220, Sacramento, CA 95834.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on July 27, 2012 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento April 11, 2013. Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2013. LLREAL 130403 5-8-13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00135425

WHEREAS, Ian Knox has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Ian Knox to Hannah Alexandria Knox. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on May 22, 2013 in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: April 10, 2013. Raymond M. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2013. KNOX 130403 5-8-13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00130964

WHEREAS, Jessica Vera Katz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Jessica Vera Katz to Jessica Vera Katz-Amey. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2013 in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the

decease changing name of Keana Alexis Garcia to Keana Alexis Maxwell. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on June 6, 2013 in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: April 24, 2013. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013. TRIPP 130404 5-15-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-03271. Stephen Runkle and Samuel Runkle, both of 7729 Guenivere Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Master Care Property Maintenance" at 7729 Guenivere Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 18, 2013. Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013. MASTER 130501 5-22-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-03414. Otilla Mehedinti, 8223 Twin Oaks Ave., Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Grandma's House" at 8223 Twin Oaks Ave., Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 24, 2013. Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013. GRANDM 130501 5-22-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-03323. Armando Sacalot, 1875 Calloway Circle, Auburn, CA 95603 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Immigration Options" at 8880 Cal Center Drive #400, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 23, 2013. Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013. IMMIGR 130501 5-22-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-02089. Karen B. Saetes and Nicholas M. Saetes, both of 4020 Hillcrest Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Saetes & Saetes" at 914 29th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 12, 2013. Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013. SAETES 130501 5-22-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-02369. Nicole Sengsouvanh, 12998 W. Stockton Blvd., Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Avante Salon" at 9477 Greenback Lane #506, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 21, 2013. Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013. AVANTE 130501 5-22-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-02917. Pawel Pachniewski, 4200 Manzanita Ave. #49, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Imaginnii" at 4200 Manzanita Ave. #49, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 8, 2013. Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013. IMAGIN 130501 5-22-13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00142094

WHEREAS, Danice Marie Garrison has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Danice Marie Garrison to Danice Marie Radich. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 2013 in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00142445

WHEREAS, Alonzo Jerome Maxwell Sr. and Elvira Garcia have filed a petition with this court for a

decease changing name of Keana Alexis Garcia to Keana Alexis Maxwell. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on June 6, 2013 in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00142178

WHEREAS, Leah J. Kraus has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Nakao Naem Odums to Nakao Harrison Kraus. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on June 4, 2013 in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00142337

WHEREAS, April Marie Kretschman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of April Marie Kretschman to April Marie Moline. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on June 4, 2013 in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00142465

WHEREAS, David Vollstedt has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of David Alan Vollstedt to Heather Elaine Vollstedt. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on June 10, 2013 in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-03266. Evelin Oprea and Dumitru Onoc, both of 7759 Reno Lane, Citrus Heights,

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# CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY UPDATE



**By County Supervisor Susan Peters**

Through the generosity of *The Carmichael Times* this column serves to provide an update periodically about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Carmichael.

### KIDS DON'T FLOAT

The warm weather is here and the Department of Regional Parks is anticipating a great summer of recreation on the American River. To help insure youngsters enjoy the water safely, the American River Parkway Foundation is generously supporting the Department again by funding the life vests which are available at 7 sites along the American River for the 2013 Kids Don't Float Program.

County ordinance makes it unlawful for parents or guardians to allow a child under the age of thirteen to enter the river in the unincorporated area as well as other public waterways without wearing a life jacket.

Visit [regionalparks.saccounty.net](http://regionalparks.saccounty.net) or call 875-6961 for more information about this program and vest locations.

### FAMILY FUN AT THE COUNTY FAIR

The 2013 Sacramento County Fair will be held May 23-27 at Cal Expo. Activities include a carnival, food, barn animals, music, and shopping.

General Admission is only \$5. Children age 12 and under are admitted free.

Separate special entertainment includes a demolition derby on Friday night, May 24, and the Stars and Stripes Invitational Bull Riding Event on Saturday night, May 25.

For more information, please visit [sacfair.com](http://sacfair.com).

### PARKWAY ALCOHOL BAN

This Memorial Day weekend there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession both on land and in the water within the American River Parkway between Hazel and Watt avenues. An exception exists for Ancil Hoffman Golf Course.

In past years holiday weekends had become major problems along the American River making the parkway less of a family friendly outing because of fights, public nudity, profanity and littering. The problem was very apparent Fourth of July in 2006 when hundreds of rafters and partygoers consuming excessive amounts of alcohol created what one observer called a "chaotic scene" along a portion of the parkway — one person filmed the goings-on and posted a video on [myspace.com](http://myspace.com) depicting half naked women and men wrestling in the mud.

The Board of Supervisors restored decorum beginning with the 2006 Labor Day weekend and the ban is also applicable for the holiday weekends of Independence Day as well as Memorial Day.

Since the restriction has taken effect, families I have talked to have expressed appreciation for making these holiday weekends once again a time for everyone to enjoy the American River Parkway.

*Susan Peters represents the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. She can be reached at [susanpeters@saccounty.net](mailto:susanpeters@saccounty.net).*

## Sacramento Based Beatle Band Among the Best...



CARMICHAEL, CA – (MPG) Beyond the original Beatles, names like Rain or Fab Four may come to mind when it comes to tribute bands.

What you may not realize is that Sacramento has Because, a tribute to The Beatles that has been playing for a few years now. "Because has grown by leaps and bounds and now is as good musically as just about any Beatles band out there and we are fortunate to have them in

the Sacramento area" according to John Zurflueh of Starbright Entertainment. "I have produced concerts for these fine young guys and the reaction is always extremely positive and filled with compliments as to their musical abilities including incredible vocals. Beyond that, Jeremy (John Lennon), Scott (Paul McCartney), Zack (George Harrison) and Adrian (Ringo) have a real stage presence and entertainment value,

including period outfit changes, all of which makes each performance authentic to the original Beatles."

Founded almost a decade ago by Jeremy O'Dell, like most bands, have gone through some personnel changes, but with the addition of Scott Rodell, who plays Paul McCartney and has a real likeness to the original base player, along with Zack Sawchuck (George Harrison) and Adrian Bourgeois (Ringo) the band is very solid with talent. Rodell learned to play the guitar left handed for the McCartney role he took on about a year ago.

Because will play a concert at the Carmichael Elks Lodge on Friday May 17th. Doors open at 6pm with the two hour show beginning at 7pm. Tickets are at Bella Fiore Florist – 10135 Fair Oaks Blvd. or easily online at [www.starbrightshows.com](http://www.starbrightshows.com) or at the Door beginning at 6pm. The Carmichael Elks Lodge is located at 5631 Cypress Avenue.

## Kids are not Throw-aways



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"Some of my kids couldn't read, and some of my kids were gifted. Some of them were getting beaten, all of them were smoking weed, and some had mental health issues."

He obtained county funding to hire professional counselors.

JAR now operates in the Pocket area, but will be relocating to Power Inn Road.

The program works with ages 11 to 26. The kids are usually referred from schools.

"It's scary, because some 12-year-olds look like perfect backpack kids, and they're smoking more weed than some of my 19-year-olds."

"They are with us during suspension time, so they aren't sitting at home, doing absolutely nothing. We perform some one-on-one counseling, and then help them with their homework. When suspension ends, we offer an after-school program to help get their grades back up, and off

alcohol and drugs, if they're using.

"It can be a challenge living in our community. You go down four or five different streets, and you're looking at four or five different gangs. Around the 22nd or 23rd of each month, they're running out of food. Every Friday, I provide a breakfast. I hope one day to be able to provide breakfast and lunch every day of the week. How do you study if you're hungry?"

"I could have 60 kids in a classroom, all different gangs, and could do a lecture, and no problem." When City Hall informed him security was required, "I had fights every day, because I was telling them now that they were bad."

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Once-a-month, his kids will participate in Mayor Kevin Johnson's Indivisible Group, where they can meet with professionals in the community.

"I gone too far to stop now."

### Scott's wish list:

- "I want to become a charter school. Nobody wants these kids. The charter needs to be written by a professional."
  - Two 12-passenger vans which could be driven by one of the kids (after receiving a commercial B license), providing the kids gainful employment.
  - A tutoring program staffed by volunteers, such as retired teachers.
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  - New furniture, instead of used, for the new location. "I want them to feel they're worthy."
  - Instructors for art and music classes, and possibly a recording studio, which would be motivating. "You can't go into the studio until you do your work."
  - Financial donations. Limited county funding only covers counselors and the facility. The rest comes out of Scott's pocket, such as the \$45 GED fee for each student.
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# POPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

1) **Freeze edible flowers in ice cube trays.** Fill each cube half-way with water, place flowers and freeze. Then fill each to the top and freeze. It'll warm her heart.  
 2) **Plant your favorite bedding plant in a small basket.** Tie on a gift tag with a checkered ribbon.  
 3) **Bake bread in flower-shaped tubes.**  
 4) **Surprise Mom with a quiet retreat in her own bathroom.** Make sure it's clean first. Bring in scented candle, flowers, new magazine or book, a cold drink, and a portable stereo with soothing music. The most important part would be a sign on the door reading "JUST FOR MOM... PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB!"

Then I turned to Casey Kellar for some wonderful tips to complete the picture from one of her books "The Good Earth Bath, Beauty, And Health Book" with more than 75 easy-to-make formulas for self-pampering and gift-giving like:

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Remember, the best gift you can give your Mother is love. Spend time with Mom. Let her know you care. There will come a day when she is gone, and you don't want to be saying...if only! I know. My mom is gone now, but her memories will always be in my heart. I know they will be in yours too. Happy mother's Day in the sweetest way...giving of yourself!

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

## MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

How can you show **MOM** you really care on her special day? You can do the usual...flowers, candy, brunch etc. Wait a minute! What did Mom do for you when you were growing up? Remember the time she held your hand when you missed that home run pitch? And the time she kissed that boo-boo after you toppled off your bike? Or the time she stayed up all night to help mend that broken heart?

It's not how much you spend for Mom on any day. It's more like doing something from hand and heart that will leave an impression she'll long remember. Easier said than done? Not really. I checked out a couple of sources and jotted down a few ideas that will make you her kid hero all year 'round!

From **Susan Stone's** Book "Memories In Moments"...cherished ideas for every holiday and season including Mother's Day come:

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# A Mother's Love Raises One Big Happy Family

By Paul V. Scholl

Nick, Tom, David, Dennis, Gerry, Regina, Lorna, Mary, Paul, Maggie and Don. Eleven children. Forty-plus grandchildren, and more great grandchildren I am still trying to count. Yes, Catholic.

Margaret G. Scholl was born in 1923.

Her mother died when she was 11, and her father passed the following year, of a broken heart. She was adopted within the family around Vallejo. The home she grew up in is now seen by passers by on I-80. That home still stands and serves as a mini-museum and office, having been recently restored by the new owners.

She had plans on becoming a nun. Then she met my dad!

Her brother "Uncle Jimmy" and sister "Aunt Lorraine" were such a big part of our family lives. Every year we rotated hosting our holiday dinners together. One would host Thanksgiving, the next Christmas. The following year someone else would take their turn. We shared big tables, kid's tables, "performances" and lots of jokes and laughs.

We were raised at 445 Jefferson Street on the corner of Delaware. Built somewhere in the early 1880's, my dad and mom bought it for around \$10,000. We lived there for 47 years.

Everybody came to our house. My mom made it so inviting and enjoyable, other kids wanted to come and stay over. There were times my dad thought she had adopted four or five kids when he wasn't looking.

Our yard was surrounded by nearly a dozen fruit trees. Plum, cherry, apricot, lemon, pomegranate, walnut, and almond. Our team challenge was picking, cleaning and canning that fruit each summer. Later, the realization came it was for our survival.

Peanut butter and jelly, meatloaf, powdered milk, kool-aid, tuna casserole, chicken and dumplings, fruit pies, stew in the crock pot. Nobody was starving.

All homework had to be done at the kitchen table right after school, before any games were played or TV watched.

Our back yard was about the size of a small baseball diamond, with the two-story house in left field serving as our "Monster". Anything hit off the house was a fair ball; over the house was a homerun. A family of pull-hitters. We played until mom yelled "dinner's ready". The next words were always "game over!"

Praying before every meal, we learned to appreciate the food, but more so my mom and dad's hard work to make it possible.

No meat on Fridays? Those were the days. "But mom, can we still have your meatloaf? There's hardly any meat in it!"

And then, there was the fine art of sneaking cookies from the cookie jar.

Mom wrote our chores on the black board in the kitchen. It was a long list, shared by everyone taking up a bed. She didn't send us a text hoping someone would notice.

Every week we said the rosary together, on our knees, around the living room floor. It taught us prayer, discipline, and the understanding of pain and patience. It also taught us that prayer matters.

We learned things the right way. Everybody worked. "You don't work, you don't eat". Respect. You DO NOT talk back to your parents. Take care of what you have. "Fix what you have before buying something new". And, of course the one I heard often, "Wait until your father gets home!"

Getting kicked out of kindergarten, (I still say I was innocent) meant the long walk home holding my mom's hand,



In 1965 we all gathered for our first, and only for twenty-one years, family photograph. We were never able to gather again all at the same time, although we did on some occasions, gather on the same day. This photograph has hung in our parent's home all those years as a great reminder of who's team we are on.

not knowing the discipline coming my way. Homeschooling the rest of the year meant a lot more chores as well.

We had the same yellow kitchen clock for over 35 years, hanging in exactly the same spot. I think it was the last thing to come down when the final moving was done.

We had one rotary dial telephone on the wall in the kitchen, and only a three foot cord. Privacy? Yeah, right.

Hand-me-downs included not only clothes, but cars for the older siblings and toys for the younger ones. I often wondered why so many parts or pieces were missing. I blamed China.

Shower calls daily were yelled; "Who's using all the hot water!" I used to love turning on

as good as the pancakes, scrambled eggs and hot chocolate.

My mom had a great strategy for our visit to Disneyland – plaid shirts, all the same color. She figured were there were four or five kids all wearing the exact same outfit it would be easier to keep an eye on them. I think I wore those plaid shirts to school for about five years!

Halloween was always safe back then. We could go out for hours, collecting enough candy for a three month stupor. I am sure now that it helped keep us pre-occupied while mom and dad tried to figure out just what they were going to do for Christmas. How and where did they hide all of those presents?

I remember this thing they were having on TV, something

home safely. I remember as children sitting out on our street corner late into the night looking up at the moon and really wanting them home safe. I remember my dad going out to the backyard to cry when the news came over that President Kennedy was shot and killed. I remember all of us watching man's first step on the moon. I remember watching Hank Aaron's 715th home run to pass Babe Ruth. One black and white TV, kids huddled together watching it for our limit of two hours a night.

As the years went by, my mom asked my dad for one thing, a color TV so she could watch the Rose Parade in color and not black and white. I still remember the day he brought it home to surprise her. She was in heaven

front half of the house, shoulder-high bushes surrounding the outside of our lot, the large lawn, many roses, lilies, gladiolas, and it brought a peacefulness when you could sit outside under a tree and enjoy it all.

I remember our long talks when I was a teenager on religion, spirit, and right and wrong. My selfish detours, being what they were; those long talks gave me the way and the desire to come back to a deep and abiding faith.

My mom had some great friends; Alice Lambro, Mary Young, Rose Wright, Lily Theissen to name a few. Long-time family friends included the O'Briens, Gaynors, Kazinecs, Donahues, Ramirez's, Muscovichs and the Lockwoods

written some of the guidelines. They wrote back admitting she was correct.

Mom was chosen the Grand Marshall years ago for the hometown Fourth of July parade. Dozens of family members showed up and took up a good part of the stands, giving her a standing ovation. All she wanted was something cold to drink.

My mom went to church everyday. She took Holy Communion to the sick parishioners who could not attend mass. Now, others are bringing it to her in her final days of comfort.

Some of the lessons we learned from our parents were about holding it together and trusting the Lord in tough times. We learned about caring for others when they really need you. We learned what "You'll find a way" really meant. I learned how lucky I am for having the parents and family I was blessed with in this life.

I remember what it was like to be in her arms as a very small child.

Years ago I revisited that two-story house. It was abandoned, the door was ajar. I went in and surveyed what was once home. It is amazing how small all the rooms had grown. It was even more amazing how all that fantastic energy had long since vanished.

As we all aged over the years, still gathering for holidays or when one of the siblings who had moved away came back for a visit, the best of times were the embellishing on old times – often at the expense of the absent – because you could no longer be sent to your room for past deeds. The "Statue of Limitations", no religious pun intended, has expired.

As Mom's care needs became greater over these last few years, my brothers all stepped up to do whatever needed to be done. It has been an honor to watch how our family has come together for her.

She asked me recently during a visit to her bedside what it would be like when she dies. She hasn't long to go on this life's journey.

"All I can say Mom, is when the light gets really, really bright run as fast as you can to it, like a little girl runs to her Daddy's open arms, with out fear, but full of love and joy. That's when you leap into the arms of the Lord."

Rest, Our Mother Dear. May your last days be full of love. God is smiling.



Twenty-plus years later, in 1986, we all gathered again for my youngest brother's wedding, just a short time before my father passed away. As we all stood in position, we commented on how weird, but good it felt to all come together again.

the hot water in the kitchen sink whenever a sister was taking a shower. Payback.

The annual Fourth of July parade used to come right down our street. We would all sit out on the second story balcony and enjoy the best seats on the whole street.

We would take camping trips as a family when my dad had his annual two-week vacation. We played games at the campsite, mostly cards, and nobody ever "let you win" just to make you feel better. The competition was good for us, but not nearly

new called a "Super Bowl".

We didn't have ESPN. We had the Saturday baseball "Game of the Week" with Joe Garigiola and Tony Kubek.

As a family we shared my mom's favourite show, The Lawrence Welk Show. We enjoyed The Ed Sullivan show, but the best was getting to stay up as you got older to watch the Johnny Carson show until one parent or the other yelled to us downstairs "turn that down". Must be bedtime.

I remember as a family praying for the astronauts to come

that New Year's morning.

Some years we had flooding in our neighborhood. One year the plumbing broke under the house during a bad rain storm. But what are you going to do, go under the house and fix it or let the water come back up into the house? I think that was my first "hero" experience. My mom really appreciated it. I appreciated being able to take a much longer hot shower afterward.

My main job as a teenager and as the oldest male still living at home was the yard. The ivy that grew to cover the entire

and Ramirez's. We always seemed to have such great family friends.

We even had a neighborhood grandma, Annie Erickson, who lived directly behind us. I didn't know for years that she wasn't one of our real grandmas. She traded watching out for us for the joy of having lots of kids around.

My mom was in the Legion of Mary at Holy Spirit church for so long we often thought she had started it. One time she actually wrote the Vatican to let them know they had incorrectly

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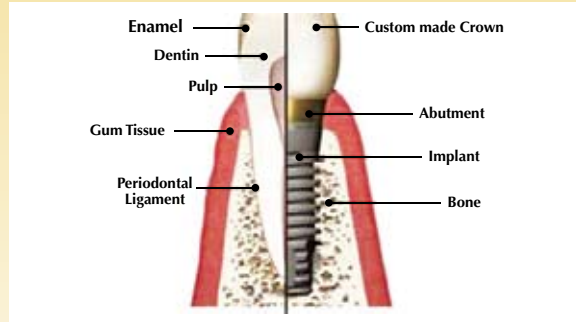
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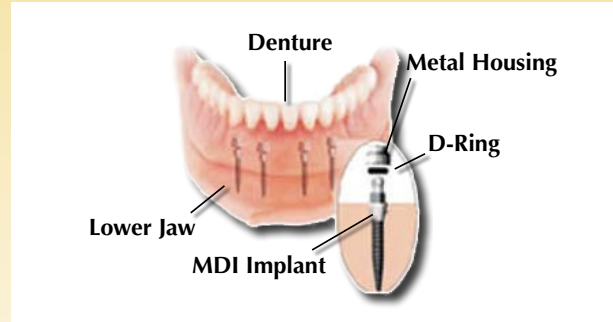
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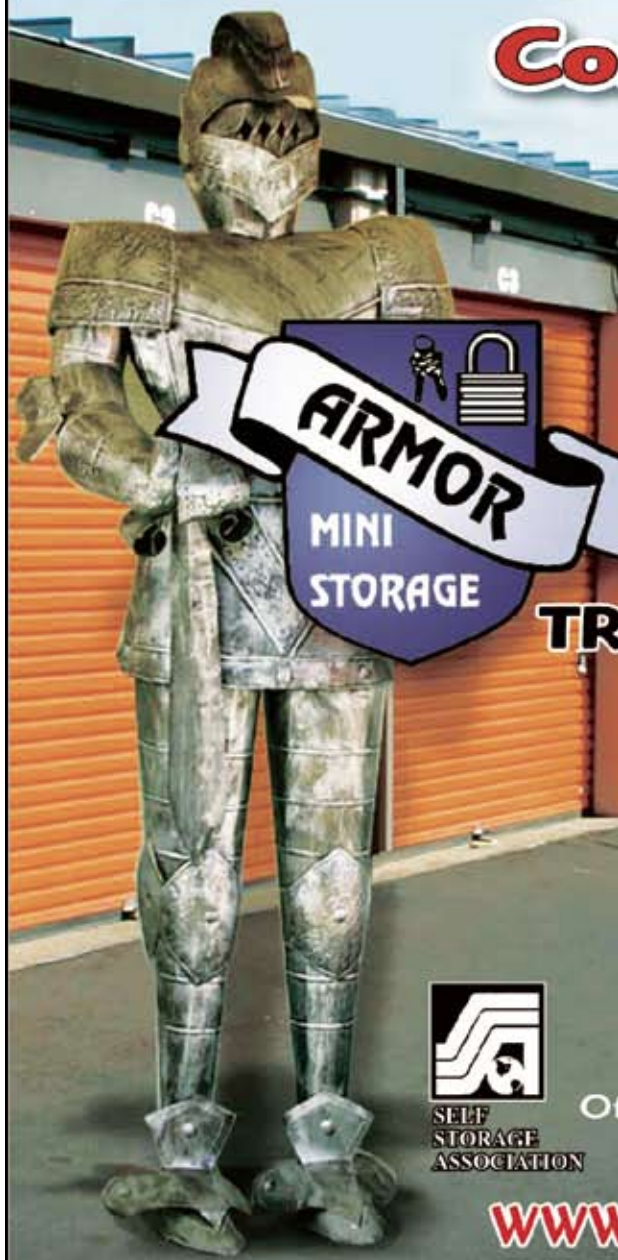


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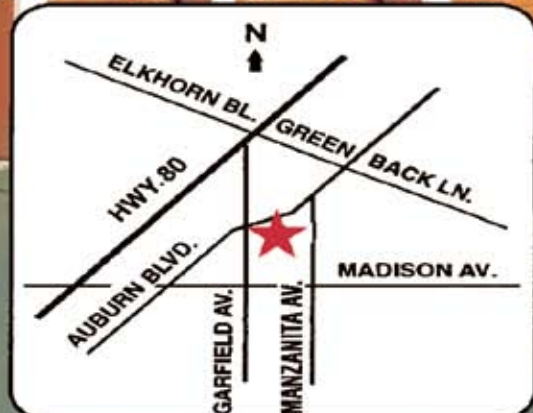
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