



**Covid Testing
Available at
Sac International
Airport**

PAGE 10

**Remember
the Reason
for the Season**



Citrus Heights Messenger

VOLUME 10 • ISSUE 52 Serving the City of Citrus Heights & Sacramento County DECEMBER 25, 2020

**SEE
INSIDE**



**Walmart
ISSUES \$45.5M
IN QUARTERLY
BONUSES**

PAGE 6

**CALIFORNIA MAY
BE LOSING ITS
BUSINESS MOJO**



PAGE 6

Ask Toni



PAGE 9



Scan our QR Code for a
direct link to our online edition!

PRESORTED STD.
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT 350
Carmichael, CA
Change Service Requested

Merry Christmas



City Council Approves Final Documents on Traffic-Safety Programs

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - As part of the City's goal to improve streets and infrastructure, the Citrus Heights City Council unanimously voted to adopt new policy documents for two traffic-safety-related programs. Both the Multi-Modal Transportation Safety Program and the Carriage Drive/Lauppe Lane Safe Schools Corridor Plan have been in the works for a while now, and the final plans were presented to Council for approval at the December 10 meeting.

The Multi-Modal Transportation Safety Program (MMTSP) was created in response to the high number of resident requests for traffic calming measures such as crosswalks, speed humps, and traffic enforcement in local neighborhoods throughout Citrus Heights. The new MMTSP system – scheduled to launch in the spring of 2021 – will prioritize requests and increase the transparency of the process.

The development of the program was funded by a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant totaling \$180,000. But those funds only covered the development of the project; the costs of maintaining the MMTSP system and implementing the countermeasures will require additional funding.

Mary Poole of the General Services Department explained that adopting the program gives the City the opportunity to access more funding sources, as the City will now meet more eligibility requirements for state, regional, and local grant programs. The costs can also be included in future City budgets.

The Carriage Drive/Lauppe Lane Safe School Corridor Plan was developed to address the many safety concerns along the one-mile-long stretch of roadway that connects Antelope Dr. and Auburn Blvd. There are three schools along the Carriage Drive and Lauppe Lane corridor – Carriage Drive Elementary School, Sylvan Middle School, and Mesa Verde High School – as well as various adjacent residential neighborhoods. Traffic congestion during peak hours (school drop off and pick up) has only gotten worse over the years as school enrollment has increased and the majority of students arrive by car.

Although minor improvements have been attempted, including staggered bell

Continued on page 3

Brighten Your Holiday!

Miracle on Fountain Square Drive Brightens Hundreds of Lives

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - While parents, grandparents and others have been working hard for months to help their students with online school, keeping them entertained during COVID lockdowns, working at home, shopping, cooking, cleaning et cetera, the city of Citrus Heights has come through again to help lighten the load.

In a joint effort between the City of Citrus Heights and the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHDP) two holiday events were created to make this season brighter and easier for all to continue to maneuver through these unusual times.

During the first event on December 5, over 300 vehicles brought more than 800 children through



The City of Citrus Heights and the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHDP) joined to make this season brighter. Photo: City of Citrus Heights

Santa's Magic Trail at the Citrus Town Center in a drive-thru magical Christmas holiday experience. The kids became part of a 'reverse' car parade

surrounded themselves by all the wonders of a parade including huge balloons, lights, music, fairies, Santa and a 'spare change' donation to help support the Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART).

That magic carried over to the parking lots of the CHPD and City Hall on December 10, as Miracle on Fountain Square Drive transformed those areas into even more magic for many of the same families.

The Citrus Heights Youth and Family Services Division of the CHPD sponsored the shining, flashing lights, noisy Christmas tree lane created by those who showed up at 3 p.m. to decorate 30 uniquely themed Christmas trees, dressed up by police teams, Metro Fire, city staff,

Continued on page 3

Merry Christmas Everyone!



Above, the staff of KP International Market gather to wish you a happy holiday season. Right, KP makes it their mission to support local charities throughout the year. Photo above courtesy MPG. Photo at right courtesy KP Market

From the staff and management at KP International,
We want to extend our warmest greetings and best wishes
hoping you and your loved ones enjoy a wonderful holiday season.
We are committed to continue to provide you with the best
shopping experience possible with every visit you make to our store.
We at KP offer the largest variety of high-quality
products at fantastic prices.
We are grateful for your loyalty and support.

Sincerely,
KP International Market



KP

**International
MARKET**

10971 Olson Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
916.853.8000

Market: 7 Days 8am - 10pm
Food Court: 7 Days 11am - 10pm
(Chinese: 11:30am - 8:30pm)

To Our Valued Customers.

We will continue to offer the best prices possible during these challenging times. Our KP team is working very hard and have your families and our communities in mind. Please honor "social distancing" and be patient in your shopping experience and courteous to all in the store.

THANK YOU for shopping at KP International Market.

FRESH PRODUCE

SALES FOR PRODUCE WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAYS @ 12:00PM

Jalapeno Peppers 2lbs/\$1	White Potatoes 10 lb Bag 3.49	American Cucumber 4/\$1	Limes 10/\$1
Yukon Potatoes 59¢	Ginger 2.49	Sweet Tamarind 1 lb 3.99	Red Yams 69¢
			Mini King Oyster Mushrooms 300 g 3.99

AMERICAN/HISPANIC GROCERY

Mandarin Corn Oil 1 Gallon \$11.99	Milo \$17.99	Nestle Milk Malt Beverage Mix 3.3 lb \$2.99	Garden of Eatin' Saladitos 147 oz \$3.49	Delmonte Chunk Light Tuna in Water 10 oz \$2.99	Taxi + Crv Marinelli Sparkling Apple Cider 25.4 fl oz \$2.99
---------------------------------------	-----------------	--	---	--	---

ASIAN GROCERY

Three Ladies Brand \$7.99	Sweet Rice 5 lb Bag \$1.99	Mini Water Beans 7 oz \$4.39	Japanese Thai Tea Mix 14.7 oz \$5.99	Superior Soy Beans 0.475 Gallon \$2.79	Bibb Lettuce 16 oz \$2.79
------------------------------	-------------------------------	---------------------------------	---	---	------------------------------

EUROPEAN GROCERY

Sofal Mediterranean Grape Seed Oil 2 Liter \$4.99	Moroccan Polino Sauce 5 Kinds 650 gr \$3.79	Moroccan Polino Tomatoes 600 gr \$1.99	Moroccan Polino Organic Walnuts - 3 Kinds 250 gr \$2.99	Jersey's Elite Cheddar Dreams 132 gr \$2.69
--	--	---	--	--

KOREAN/JAPANESE GROCERY

HOUSEWARES

Rice Cooker 8.99	Electric Kettle 12.99	Electric Kettle 24.99	Electric Kettle 19.99	Electric Kettle 20.99	Electric Kettle 24.99
Electric Kettle 14.99	Electric Kettle 2.49	Electric Kettle 9.99	Electric Kettle 12.99	Electric Kettle 21.99	Electric Kettle 11.99

WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Beef Ribeye Roast - Boneless Chuletas de Ternero Asado \$6.79	Beef Ribeye Steak - Boneless 1 lb Filet de Chuletas de Ternero \$6.99	Beef Cross Rib/Shoulder Roast Asado de Costillas Cruzadas de Carne y Asado de Hombro \$3.49
Boneless & Skinless Chicken Thigh Meat Carne de Muslo de Pollo sin Hueso y sin Piel \$1.29	Pork Loin Chops Boneless Chuletas de Cerdo sin Hueso \$1.99	Pork Tenderloin Lomo de Cerdo \$2.99

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

EUROPEAN DELI

Cooked Abalone w/Shell 41/50 • 6 Pieces \$12.99	Tempeh Mushrooms \$10.99	Elite Deli Milk Bologna \$3.59	Belmont Zywiec Sausage \$5.59
---	--------------------------------	-----------------------------------	----------------------------------

Advised items good at KP International Market - Rancho Cordova location ONLY. We reserve the right to LIMIT QUANTITIES. Not responsible for TYPOGRAPHICAL OR PICTORIAL ERRORS. All advertised items are SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. Sorry NO RAINCHECKS. PRICES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 29, 2020.

Brighten Your Holiday! Council Approves Final Documents on Traffic-Safety Programs



Santa greets kids from his chair wishing everyone Happy Holidays. Photo: City of Citrus Heights

Continued from page 1

small businesses, service organizations, high schools and other members of the community. As families drove through two golden arches beneath palm trees and greeted by a 20-foot Mickey Mouse they entered a new dimension. According to Master Sergeant Janet Schaefer, "approximately 255 vehicles visited the event (at the police parking lot), with approximately 800-1,000 passengers that enjoyed the festivities".

Across the street at City Hall several stations offered goodies for the young ones sponsored by City Hall staff. The kids got cookies and fancy goodie bags, and a second Santa Claus in his cozy home gave a wave and accepted letters written to him. Photos were taken of the children in their cars.

Just prior to the Miracle on Fountain Square Drive event, outgoing Mayor

Jeff Slowey performed his final official act as mayor as, along with Santa, they pulled a virtual switch to light the 22-foot Christmas tree in front of City Hall. The 10-minute virtual ceremony was shown live on Facebook and can be viewed now on YouTube.

To sum up the evening, Lieutenant Kris Frey with the Special Services Division of the CHPD ‘said it all’ in an email, “This festive event was an amazing collaborative effort between our Police Department staff as well as the staff at City Hall. With the challenges that 2020 has caused for many families in our community, it was a true pleasure to be able to give families the opportunity to spend quality time together this holiday season in order to enjoy the lights, activities, and the true “miracle” that took place on Fountain Square Drive. ★

The current location of the Carriage Drive Elementary School Entrance results in significant traffic congestion during peak hours. The Carriage Drive/Lauppe Lane Safe Schools Corridor Plan recommends relocating the entrance to align with the Pratt Ave. Intersection. Photo: City of Citrus Heights

Continued from page 1

schedules, the high traffic congestion and associated safety concerns still discourage families from walking or biking to school. The congestion also affects nearby residents, who have difficulty getting in or out of their driveways during peak hours.

After a thorough review of traffic patterns, crash data, and roadway conditions – as well as an extensive public outreach campaign – the Safe School Corridor Plan was developed. To address the major concerns of pedestrian safety, residential access, and school parking lot access, the plan recommends the following general improvements along the Carriage/Lauppe corridor: speed humps, curb extensions, vertical curbs, high-visibility crosswalks, and green conflict markings at intersections.

Strategic improvements are also recommended for some specific areas of concern: a pedestrian crossing with a rapid-flashing signal light at Carriage Dr. and Midnight Way; a wider sidewalk on Auburn Blvd. between Carriage Dr. and Sylvan Middle School; and a wide shared-use path for pedestrians and bicycles on the west side of Lauppe Ln. between Antelope Rd. and Pratt Ave.

A raised roadway – essentially a large, raised crosswalk that requires drivers to slow down to drive up and over – is proposed on the portion of Lauppe that bends to the east at the rear entrance to Mesa Verde High School. Circular intersections are recommended at both the Carriage/Kanai and Carriage/Pratt intersections to regulate traffic, reduce vehicle speeds, allow for safe and predictable U-turns, and reduce crashes. The plan also suggests widening the bike lanes

and narrowing the drive lanes along Carriage Dr. from Kanai Ave. to Auburn Blvd. in order to reduce vehicle speeds and increase bicycle safety while maintaining parking on both sides of the road.

This plan was developed in partnership with the school district, so it also includes recommendations for some improvements on the school properties. The Carriage Drive Elementary School entrance is currently just south of the Pratt Ave. intersection, which results in traffic congestion in front of the school and left-turn conflicts as vehicles try to enter the school from the south. To address these issues, the plan recommends relocating the entrance to align with Pratt Ave.

The plan also recommends closing the northern driveway into the Mesa Verde parking lot to all vehicles except for busses. Vehicles would instead enter the campus at Kanai Ave. at a one-way entrance and circle around the parking lot to a one-way exit. This would reduce traffic congestion by getting vehicles off the roadway and onto the campus, where they can queue on the school site instead of on Carriage Dr.

Development of the plan, which involved a feasibility study and conceptual designs for the improvements, was primarily funded by a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant totaling \$196,000. Additional studies are required to analyze the potential construction impacts, and the actual costs of implementation—including engineering design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction—is estimated at \$9,000,000. Adoption of the plan increases the City's eligibility for state and federal funding opportunities to fund the construction. ★



MPG
Advertise your
Garage Sale
in the
Local Classified
Section
Call
916-773-1111



My decisions now keep the holidays safer.

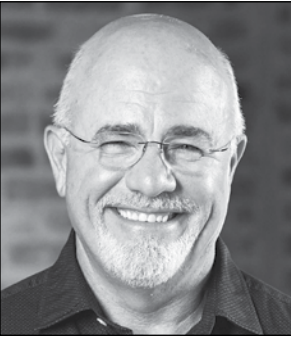
Taking action today protects all of us tomorrow.

Give the gift of a healthier, safer holiday season. As cold weather gets closer, keep your loved ones safe by getting tested for COVID-19, wearing a mask, physical

distancing and avoiding large gatherings. Practice good habits and take care of each other.

Visit [SacCountyCOVID.com](https://www.sacountyCOVID.com) to learn
how you can make a difference.





Dave Ramsey Says

fix things in your life. If you're waiting for someone or something else to make things better, you're going to be disappointed.

When it comes to setting and achieving goals, be specific about what you want to achieve. Vague, unspecified ideas will only cause you to feel overwhelmed, and this will likely lead to you giving up. Also, make your goals measurable. If you want to lose weight, don't simply write down "lose weight" as a goal. How much weight do you want to lose? How many pounds would you have to lose per week in order to see the desired result in a specified amount of time?

This one may sound silly, but are the goals you have in mind your goals? If a spouse or friend sets goals for you, you're probably not going to succeed. Creating a goal, and taking ownership of it, will give you more incentive to meet your goal. Setting a time frame will help you develop more realistic

goals, too. And last, always put your goals in writing. Write them down, and review them often. This will provide you with added motivation to make your goals a reality.

Successful people examine and reassess their lives on a regular basis. When they realize changes need to be made, they start living intentionally, in writing, on paper, and on purpose!

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Only You Can Make It Happen

Dear Dave, I've got so many things I want to address and change about my life, both personally and professionally, in the coming year. Do you have any advice or practices for helping people be successful and achieve their goals?

-Tim Dear Tim,

Goals are dreams, but you can't stop with just dreaming. Examining your goals inside and out, and by thoughtfully constructing small, achievable steps toward them is the key to creating change in your life. Remember, too, that it's your responsibility - not someone else's - to

Social Security Matters Should a Working Widow Claim Now or Wait?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My husband died 13 years ago at age 50. I am now 64, never remarried, and work full time making a healthy income. I have never claimed any of his benefits. What are my best options? Signed: Working Widow

Dear Working Widow: You have several options available as both a widow and a worker entitled to your own Social Security benefit.

- 1. You could collect a reduced survivor benefit (only) from your deceased husband and allow your own SS benefit to grow to a larger amount. At age 70, your own benefit will be about 29% more than it will be at your full retirement age, or FRA, which is 66 years and 4 months (your own benefit stops growing at age 70). If you take your survivor benefit now, since you are claiming it before you reach your FRA it will be reduced by about 11% from the amount your husband was eligible to receive at his death. But at your FRA your survivor benefit would reach the maximum of 100% of what your husband was eligible for at his death.
- 2. If your survivor benefit from your husband at your FRA will be more than your own benefit will be at age 70, you should strive to maximize your survivor benefit by waiting until your FRA to claim it.



You can find out what your survivor benefit will be by contacting Social Security. They can also tell you what your age 70 benefit will be, but you can get that too by creating your "My Social Security" account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

- 3. If your own benefit at age 70 will be your highest benefit, you should strive to maximize your personal benefit by claiming your survivor benefit (only) first, as described in 1. above, and delaying the claim for your own benefits until age 70.

But here's a big red flag: since you still work full time at a "healthy income," be aware that if you claim any SS benefit before you have reached your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The earnings limit for 2021 will be \$18,960 (changes annually) and if you are collecting early SS benefits of any type and exceed that limit, they will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). The earnings test is in effect until you reach your full retirement age, after which there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn while collecting benefits.

So, what is your best option, considering the above? Well, if your earnings from work are substantially more than the annual earnings limit, you

may find that you will not receive any benefits, even if you were to claim. That's because they will "take back" benefits by withholding your future Social Security payments until they recover what you owe. For example, if your annual earnings are \$60,000, you would exceed the limit by about \$41,000, which would mean you would need to repay them \$20,500. If your monthly SS benefit was about \$1500 (about average), they would withhold benefits for about 14 months to recover what you owe, meaning you wouldn't be getting any SS benefits while you were earning that much money. Thus, you may find your best option right now is to wait until your FRA to claim any Social Security benefits.

In the interest of full disclosure, there are some nuances related to the earnings limit. The limit is higher, and the penalty less punitive, in the year you reach your FRA (during the months before you reach your FRA). And while you may gradually recover withheld SS retirement benefits starting at your FRA, survivor benefits withheld before your FRA may not be fully recovered, depending upon how long after your FRA you collect them.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

LeafFilter GUTTER PROTECTION CLOG-FREE GUTTERS OR YOUR MONEY BACK GUARANTEED!

BEFORE LeafFilter AFTER LeafFilter

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE 1-844-957-0822

Promo Code: 285 Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 2pm-8pm EST

15% OFF YOUR ENTIRE LEAFFILTER PURCHASE* Exclusive Offer - Redeem By Phone Today!

ADDITIONALLY 10% OFF SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS

MADE IN THE USA

PLUS! THE FIRST 50 CALLERS WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 5% OFF** YOUR ENTIRE INSTALL! **Offer valid at estimate only

FINANCING THAT FITS YOUR BUDGET! 1Subject to credit approval. Call for details.

*The leading consumer reporting agency conducted a 16 month outdoor test of gutter guards in 2010 and recognized LeafFilter as the "#1 rated professionally installed gutter guard system in America." CSLB# 1035795 DOPL #10783658-5501 License# 7656 License# 50145 License# 41354 License# 99338 License# 128344 License# 218294 License# 603 233 977 License# 2102212986 License# 2106212946 License# 2705132153A License# LEAFFNW822JZ License# WV056512 License# WC-29998-H17 Nassau HIC License# H01067000 Registration# 176447 Registration# HIC.0649905 Registration# C127229 Registration# C127230 Registration# 366920918 Registration# PC6475 Registration# IR731804 Registration# 13VH09553900 Registration# PA069383 Suffolk HIC License# 52229-H

GENERAC

Prepare for power outages with a Generac home standby generator

SCHEDULE YOUR FREE IN-HOME ASSESSMENT TODAY! 877-297-3873

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty* A \$695 Value!

Offer valid August 24, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Special Financing Available Subject to Credit Approval

*Terms & Conditions Apply. Offer not available through retail, wholesale, .com or dealer partners.

NEED STORAGE? ARMOR MINI STORAGE

Since 1980 Computer Gate Access 6am-9pm 365 Days A Year

Award Winning Customer Service Digital Video Camera System Competitive Rates Daily / Monthly Annual Rentals Easy Drive-Up Access Professional Resident Managers

Office Hours: Mon-Sat 9-6 • Sun Closed

Conveniently Located on Auburn Blvd. Between Manzanita & Garfield

5714 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento. 95841 916.332.6455 www.armorministorage.com

LEGAL ADS FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY? We Can Do That! Call to place your legal advertising 916-773-1111 All Legal Ads Published by Messenger Publishing

Christmas Is More Than Jingle, Jingle

By Rev. James L. Snyder

I have been trying lately to remember my first Christmas. I know my memory isn't perfect, but I thought maybe I could bring up some old memories of my first Christmas.

Unfortunately, I couldn't think of a thing about that first Christmas of mine. Of course, it might be that I was only five months old at the time.

Down through the years, I have celebrated more Christmases than I want to let on. It's not that I'm old; I just haven't died yet.

The thing about Christmas was all the stuff I was getting. I thought Christmas was all about me and all I wanted for Christmas and all that would make me happy.

I remember my parents taking me downtown to sit on Santa's lap and tell what I wanted for Christmas. That's what I thought Christmas was all about.

I was a little disturbed when my siblings came on the scene, and Christmas was no longer all about "me." For some reason, they thought they were part of Christmas. Being the terrific brother that I am, I allowed them to have some of the Christmas time around the tree.

Then I was introduced to the fact that not only was I not the focus of Christmas but now I needed to purchase

Christmas presents for my siblings.

Things went along nicely, and then another thing changed everything in my Christmas activity.

Going to a Bible school up in New York, I happened to meet a young lady. Before I could process everything, I found myself married.

That Christmas we spent with my wife's family. At first, I thought the whole neighborhood had come to celebrate Christmas with us. Then, much to my chagrin, I realized these were siblings to my wife. I don't remember how many there were; I couldn't count them; they were running around too fast.

Then other things began to happen. One by one, children came into our family. Fortunately, we only had three children, unlike my wife's parents, who had somewhere near 100, at least by my calculation.

It wasn't long before I realized that a Christmas song with the word "jingle" in it meant that I was supposed to spend a lot of my coin for Christmas.

Now, Christmas was not about me, or was it? It was about me paying for Christmas, and the recipients seem to be growing without stop.

It took a while for me to come to the right conclusion

that Christmas is more than "jingle, jingle." I came to that conclusion when one Christmas we were celebrating at our home, and our children and grandchildren were all around the Christmas tree opening up presents.

I sat back and just watched. Sure, I got a couple of Christmas presents. But that wasn't what Christmas was for me. I saw my family around that tree and realized that that's what Christmas was all about. Family coming together and enjoying one another.

Then I thought about what the Bible said. "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:6-7).

Christmas is all about family. God's family comes into the family through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-216-3025 or e-mail jamesnsnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com. ★



By Pastor Ray Dare

As somebody who cares about you, as a friend, as a pastor, if I could give you any gift this Christmas, my wish would be that you would discover the one thing that matters most. And it isn't getting more money. It isn't becoming famous. It isn't even having fun. It's getting to know The Creator who made you and it's building a relationship so you can live a large, full life here on earth and go be with him forever in eternity when this life is over.

You know what I've discovered? You can do lots of good things but still not build a relationship with Jesus in your life. I've discovered if Satan can't make you bad, he'll just make you busy. He doesn't care what distracts you. It doesn't have to be evil a long as you stay disconnected from God. It could be all kinds of good things; they could even be gifts from God. But they are not God.

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

Christmas Reveals What Matters Most

The problem is, when you live disconnected from God, you live in a small, shallow way and you miss God's purpose for your life. Jesus said in John 10:10b, "...I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness." GNV. Your life is not small, but often the way we live is small.

I read a story this week about a very well-known business leader who said, "In the eyes of everyone around me I am a great success, but inside I feel so insignificant and so small." Basically, he's asking "Why am I so unfulfilled? Why do I feel this void on the inside? Why do I feel like something is missing?" Because there is something missing. You were made for more. You were made for meaning, not money. You were made to live a large and full life. Not a small, shallow life. You were made by God and for God and until you understand that, life isn't going to make sense to you.

Do you know how significant you are? You are so significant that God cared

enough about you to come to earth at Christmas, live a perfect life and then die on the cross for your sins. With is arms outstretched, Jesus said, "This is how much you matter to me. You matter so much I'd rather die that live without you."

Your life is extremely significant, but you may be living it in a small, insignificant way because you have stuffed your life with other things, instead of the most important thing. A relationship with Jesus is the whole purpose of Christmas.

Invite Jesus into your life this Christmas. That is where true purpose, significance and meaning is found. That is how you break out of smallness and live the full life Jesus promised. Jesus fills that void inside that you've been trying to stuff with other things. What's missing is God, a relationship with Him. Open up your heart to Him this Christmas and be amazed how much that decision matters!

Pastor Ray New Beginnings Church www.NBC4u.org ★



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

The enemy of God has many ways to cripple our lives in meaningless ways. Some are called forms of "bondages" that take away our ability to be "free". "Bondages" are the result of a "sin" that has taken hold in our lives. We become slaves to it. It is a hold on our lives that make us feel helpless to ever escape! Overeating, Alcoholism, Gambling, Sexual Activity, anything done to the extreme that cannot be considered good or honorable.

In our life journey to know and love God He desires us to enjoy having victory and freedom in our lives. It is after we have begun to really walk with God, His Spirit

"Bondage and Deliverance!"

reveals that our problem is "bondage"! At first we do not understand or know what to do. Once we are aware of it, God will teach us to have the ability and knowledge how to rid our lives of those crippling bondage issues.

Possibly this is the very day that you will choose to trust and believe in a mighty miraculous and powerful God who loves you. In our own intellect and power we can do nothing! It is only through prayer talk with God. When God's answers He will show us how we need to have faith and believe. Then, to do it!

In Old Testament times the Jewish people would take a lamb and sacrifice it, then take its blood and sprinkle it on the altar for their prayers to be answered. When God

miraculously birthed His Son, Jesus He lived and taught us "He was the Way, the Truth and the Life". Then, Jesus sacrificially died shedding every ounce of His Blood to purchase Salvation for everyone of us who accept His death and resurrection.

Therefore we can find "victory and freedom" from every sin we every committed or are presently doing! Pray and plead the Precious Blood of Jesus over the "Bondage" that is enslaving you. Almighty Father/God will answer your prayer. Wait patiently but expectantly to find the happiness you desire from God.

Marlys Johnsen Norris Christian Author of 7 Books, Columnist since 2006 for American River Messenger Marlysjn@gmail.com ★

YOU'RE INVITED! Sundays 10:00a.m. A Purpose Driven Church "We do Church Differently" www.nbc4u.org | (916) 992-1997

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH Come and Experience God's Amazing Grace

Come grow with us at Grace Baptist Church where the Old Time Gospel Message is still preached and God-Honoring music is still sung. Grace Baptist still stands on the Principles, Doctrines and Separation, found and taught in The Bible.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

Sunday Schools (All Ages)....	9:45 am
Sunday Worship.....	11:00 am
Sunday Evening.....	6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening.....	7:00 pm

6724 Palm Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (Located one block South of Madison; just East of Dewey)

PASTOR CHARLES CARTER

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION (916) 967-3915 WWW.GBCFAIROAKS.NET

Seasonal Affective Disorder

By Evelyn Hill, The Jason Foundation

HENDERSONVILLE, TN (MPG) - Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is characterized as a type of depression that is related to changes in seasons, typically tied to the start of fall and persisting into the winter months. We know that depressive disorders don't take holidays and this time of year can be stressful. For individuals who suffer from or are at risk for depression, though, the impact of holiday stresses and pressures can be much more severe than the momentary frustrations that almost everyone experiences. Typical symptoms of SAD, sometimes referred to as winter depression, may include the following (Mayo Clinic): Feeling depressed most of the day, nearly every day; A lack of energy; Losing interest in activities you once enjoyed; Feeling sluggish or agitated; Oversleeping or having problems with sleeping; Social withdrawal; Feeling hopeless, worthless or guilty; Substance abuse.

Recently, more people are willing to engage in more meaningful conversations regarding mental health, but that has not always been the case. Many of the same symptoms listed above are commonly associated with

warning signs of suicidal thoughts or behavior, the second leading cause of death for ages 10 - 24 in California. The Jason Foundation, a nationally recognized leader in youth suicide awareness and prevention, has developed a program designed to help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues and suicide. #IWONTBESILENT is an awareness campaign to raise the conversation on suicide prevention and mental illness, allowing open conversation regarding these serious subjects. Visit www.iwontbesilent.com to learn how you can become involved and make a difference within your community. Creating an environment where people of all ages feel comfortable to talk about their struggles is an important step in preventing unnecessary tragedies.

Contrary to a prevalent myth, suicide rates do not peak during the holiday season. However, depressed individuals are hardly immune from either depressive episodes or suicidal ideation during this time. If you or someone you love is struggling with depression and/or thinking about suicide, get help now. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), is a free resource that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for anyone who is in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. ★

Citrus Heights Messenger

Serving Citrus Heights and Sacramento County Since 2006

It is the intent of the Citrus Heights Messenger to strive for an objective point of view in the reporting of news and events. It is understood that the opinions expressed on these pages are those of the authors and cartoonists and are not necessarily the opinions of the publisher or our contributors.

The Citrus Heights Messenger is not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts or materials. The entire contents of the Citrus Heights Messenger are copyrighted. Ownership of all advertising created and/or composed by the Citrus Heights Messenger is with the publishing company and written permission to reproduce the same must be obtained from the publisher.

Subscriptions should be mailed to: Citrus Heights Messenger, 7405 Greenback Lane, #129, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Subscription rate is \$42 per year in Citrus Heights. Citrus Heights Messenger is published weekly. Call (916) 773-1111 for more information.

We are proud members of these newspaper associations.

Walmart Issues \$45.5M in Quarterly and Special Cash Bonuses

California May be Losing its Business Mojo

By Kimberly Ericksen,
Elevate Public Affairs

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Walmart announced an additional \$700 million in cash bonuses to its U.S.-based associates bringing its total 2020 quarterly and special cash bonuses for its U.S.-based associates to more than \$2.8 billion.

The company's latest bonus announcement includes \$22,500,000 in quarterly bonuses paid to California associates in their Nov. 25 paychecks following strong third-quarter business performance and an estimated \$23,000,000 in special cash bonuses to be paid to California associates on Dec. 24 in recognition of associates' sustained commitment to customers during the pandemic. Full and part-time associates are eligible for both bonuses.

"As we come to a close on this historic year, I'm filled with gratitude for how our associates have led through one of the most trying periods for our company and country," said John Furner, President and CEO – Walmart U.S. "Our associates have stepped up to

serve our customers, communities and each other when it was truly needed most, and we're pleased to recognize their efforts with a quarterly bonus for strong store performance and a fourth special cash bonus."

Approximately 1.5 million full- and part-time Walmart and Sam's Club associates working in the company's stores, clubs, distribution centers and fulfillment centers will receive the special cash bonus on Dec. 24. It will be Walmart's fourth special cash bonus paid to U.S. associates since the start of the pandemic.

"This has been an extraordinary year and we're so proud of how our associates have continued to make a meaningful difference in our communities," said Kath McLay, President and CEO – Sam's Club. "Today's bonus reflects our appreciation for our associates, who show up to work each day to serve and provide relief for millions of members across the country."

All U.S.-based hourly associates are eligible for the latest special cash bonus. The bonus amounts

will be similar to the previous three special cash bonuses Walmart has provided its associates during the pandemic; part-time and temporary hourly associates will receive \$150 and full-time hourly associates will receive \$300. More than 60% of Walmart's hourly associates are full-time. Drivers, Managers and Assistant Managers will also receive a special cash bonus.

Extension of Walmart's COVID-19 Leave Policy

Earlier this year, Walmart announced a first-of-its-kind COVID-19 Emergency Leave policy for part-time and full-time associates, which provides associates with up to two weeks of pay should they need to stay home for COVID-related reasons, including mandated quarantines, symptoms or illness. If they're not able to return to work after that time, additional pay replacement may be provided for up to 26 weeks. Absences associated with an approved COVID-19 leave will not be counted against associates. Given the ongoing pandemic, the company is extending the leave policy through July 5, 2021. ★



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

The timing could not have been more ironic.

As veteran Democratic operative Dee Dee Myers – she was Bill Clinton's press secretary at one point in her lengthy career – became Gov. Gavin Newsom's new ambassador to business this month, three of California's biggest and best-known corporate entities announced moves to arch-rival Texas.

The splashiest émigré is Elon Musk, founder of the Tesla electric car company and other high-technology firms, who had already chosen Texas for expansions of his automobile and space businesses.

Musk revealed his personal move at a business conference and compared California to a sports team with a long winning streak, saying, "they do tend to get a little complacent, a little entitled, and then they don't win the championship anymore." California, he said, "has been winning for a long time. And I think they're taking them for granted a little bit."

Very quickly, two other stalwarts of the San Francisco Bay Area's high-tech community also announced departures to Texas, Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Co. and software giant Oracle.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise is building a "state-of-the-art" campus near Houston for 2,600 workers and said, "HPE's largest U.S. employment hub, Houston, is an attractive market to recruit and retain future diverse talent."

Oracle, which is moving its headquarters to Austin, said, "We believe these moves best position Oracle for growth and provide our personnel with more flexibility about where and how they work."

The three announcements – and Musk's comments especially – renew a question that has hovered over California for several years: Do the state's high taxes, high operating and living costs and a political drift to the left make it hostile to business? And, parenthetically, does Texas, which has no personal income tax and is a reliably conservative, pro-business state, benefit from that perceived hostility?

"Anyone who doesn't believe that this latest departure isn't a threat to California's economy is a business climate denier," Jim Wunderman, president and CEO of the Bay Area Council, said in a statement. "We are watching the unraveling on one of the world's mightiest economies and the consequences will be devastating. California for too long has willfully ignored our awful business climate, even as we've enjoyed incredible success and prosperity."

Wunderman added, "We can't afford to dither any longer or California will permanently lose hundreds of thousands if not millions of jobs to states like Texas that place value on business and investment."

Clearly the COVID-19 pandemic has had an effect on corporate attitudes. Many employers are now embracing work-at-home arrangements that make physical location less important and the Bay Area has been seeing an outward migration to communities, such as Sacramento, with less congestion and lower housing costs as a result. In that sense, moving headquarters staff to low-cost Texas buys more bang for the buck and makes perfect sense.

But there are other recent developments that may have a cumulative effect. They include state legislators' calls for higher personal and corporate taxes, political efforts to help unions organize workers in the high-tech sector, legislation to dictate corporate board memberships, and direct slaps such as San Francisco's new tax on corporations whose chief executives are paid over 100 times more than their rank-and-file workers.

We may have reached a tipping point in which the disadvantages of doing business in California outweigh the advantages. We should remember what happened to Detroit, which was the Silicon Valley of its day a century ago, but took its prosperity for granted and paid a heavy financial and social price for its complacency.

Good luck, Dee Dee. You'll need it.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

CLG NEWS UPDATES

Provided by Citizens for Legitimate Government (CLG) See legitgov.org

Forensic audit finds that security log files were deleted from all Dominion machines to hide vote-switching | 15 Dec 2020 | After election officials identified "glitches" that switched 6,000 Trump votes to Biden, the courts in Antrim County Michigan ordered an audit of Dominion voting machines. The forensic audit was carried out by the Allied Security Operations Group (ASOG). This group conducted a forensic duplication on the county's election management server. They investigated compact flash cards used by local precincts in their Dominion ImageCast system, and they audited the memory sticks used by Dominion Voter Assist Terminals and the memory sticks used for the poll book. This forensic audit found blatant evidence of a coordinated attack on the 2020 Presidential election. The Federal Election Commission allows an error rate of .0008 percent for all voting machines used in US elections. The Dominion machines in Antrim county had an error rate of 68.05 percent! Even more shocking: The ballot-adjudication logs and the security logs for the November 3 general election were removed. All log files for previous elections were still contained on the machines, but someone on the inside was able to erase the all-important log files for the 2020 election.

Mitch McConnell received donations from Dominion Voting Systems and shut down two election integrity bills in 2020 | 18 Dec 2020 | The Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell (R-KY) (who Trump should have jettisoned day one along w. Paul Ryan), is urging Senate Republicans to accept the Biden electors without objection when they are presented to Congress on January 6... A closer examination of Mitch McConnell finds he took donations from lobbyists who work for Dominion Voting Systems. Dominion lobbyists, David Cohen and Brian Wild both donated to the McConnell campaign funds in March of 2020. McConnell also received thousands of dollars from Emily Kirlin and Jen Olson, lobbyists for ES&S, another voting system company. Both Dominion and ES&S represent about 80 percent of all voting machines in the country. Both systems rely on a software developed by Microsoft called "Election Guard." McConnell also helped suppress election integrity efforts earlier in 2020. In July, McConnell blocked two bills that would "bolster election security." One of the bills would have required a physical paper trail of every single ballot cast in the country.

Money From Facebook's Zuckerberg Used to Undermine Election, Violate Law - Report | 16 Dec 2020 | Hundreds of millions of dollars from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg was used to violate election laws, according to a new report. The Amistad Project of the Thomas More Society, a national constitutional litigation organization, released the 39-page report, alleging that Zuckerberg's \$500 million given to election officials was used to treat voters unequally and improperly influence the election for Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden. The bulk of the funds went to the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL), a nonprofit started by former managers and staff at the New Organizing Institute, a progressive nonprofit. According to the report, the nonprofit earlier this year "began sending agents into states to recruit certain Democrat strongholds to prepare grants requesting monies from" it. ★

Windows and Patio Doors!

BUY ONE GET ONE AND 40% OFF¹

\$0 Money Down, \$0 Interest, \$0 Monthly Payments for 12 months¹

★★★★★ 4.7 OUT OF 5 BASED ON 95,000+ REVIEWS

"My overall experience was great. I love the window, and from sales to scheduling, the experience was very good. The installers are highly skilled professionals and I would recommend Renewal by Andersen to all my contacts."

LYNN F. | RENEWAL BY ANDERSEN CUSTOMER

KEEP THE HEAT OUT AND THE COOL IN!

Solving your window problems and having a comfortable home is easy and enjoyable when you choose Renewal by Andersen. With this great offer, you save money on your window project – and you'll also save on high energy bills for years to come!

ENERGY STAR PARTNER OF THE YEAR Sustained Excellence

ACCREDITED BUSINESS BBB

Offer Ends December 31

Call for your FREE in-home consultation.

855-386-1552

Renewal by Andersen

WINDOW REPLACEMENT an Andersen Company

The Better Way to a Better Window®

70% MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT IN SUMMER!

SmartSun glass

Helps keep the heat out and the cool in.

CUSTOM BUILT IN THE USA

Imagine The Difference You Can Make

DONATE YOUR CAR

1-888-534-1146

FREE TOWING TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Heritage for the Blind

Help Prevent Blindness Get A Vision Screening Annually

Ask About A FREE 3 Day Vacation Voucher To Over 20 Destinations!!!

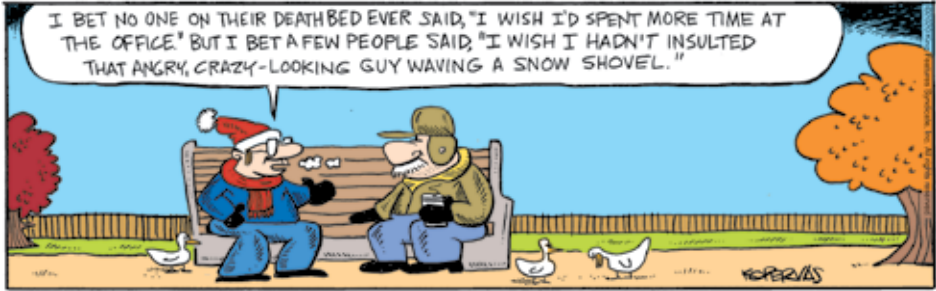
¹DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 12/31/2020. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window or patio door, get one (1) window or patio door 40% off, and 12 months \$0 money down, \$0 monthly payments. \$0 interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 7/1/2020 and 12/31/2020. 40% off windows and patio doors are less than or equal to lowest cost window or patio door in the order. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License MN#3039933/WI#268951. Excludes MN insurance work per MSA 325E.08. Licenses License #992285, Orange County License #99046, MHIC #121441, VA License #270515584, DC License #4202900015. All other license numbers available upon request. *Values are based on comparison of Renewal by Andersen® double-hung window u-factor to the u-factor for clear dual-pane glass non-metal frame default values from the 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, and 2018 International Energy Conservation Code "Glazed Fenestration" Default Tables. "ENERGY STAR" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. © 2020 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. RBA12288

WEEKLY COMICS

Amber Waves

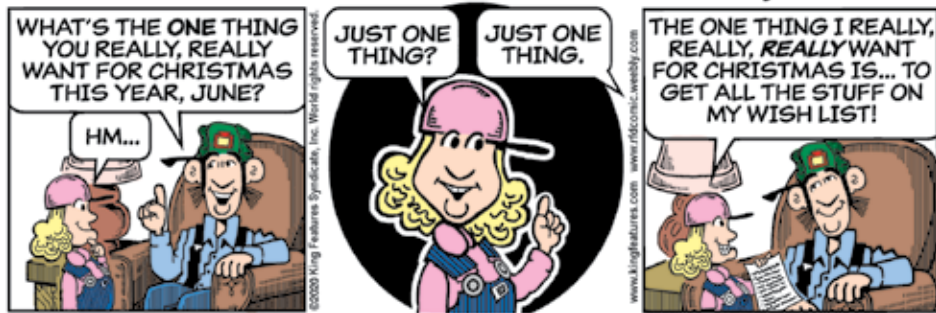


Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.



"Wait a minute! You're not my husband!"

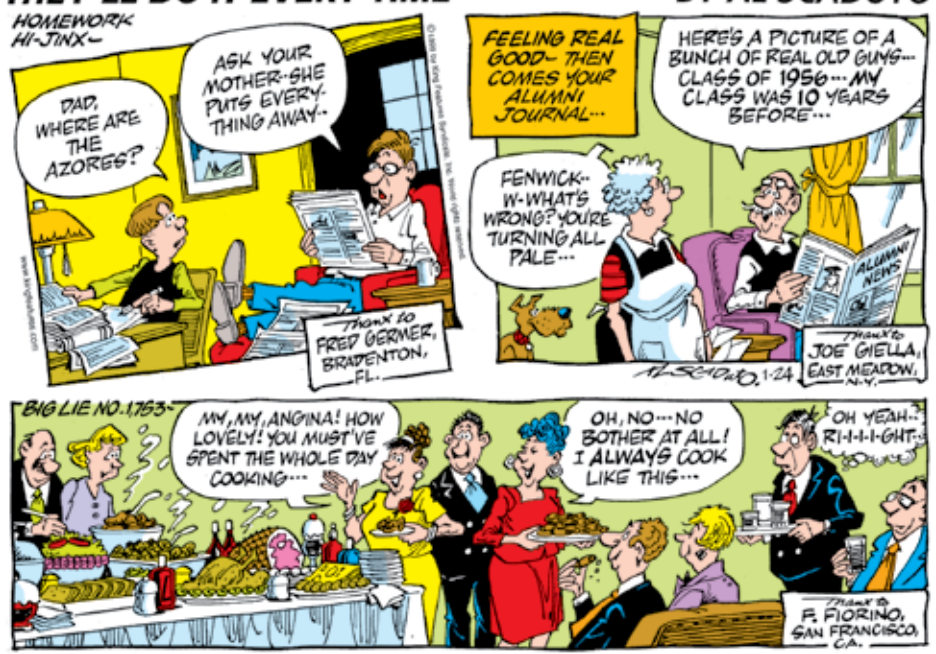
"If there's one thing I can't stand it's opinionated people!"

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Crossword Puzzle on Page 7

M	A	S	K			R	B	G			A	M	E	N										
E	C	H	O			M	E	O	W		H	B	O	M	B									
W	H	U	P			A	B	L	Y		A	S	P	I	C									
						E	L	E	C	T	I	O	N											
						C	A	R	D	S		E	O	N										
G	I	N	K	G	O						U	N	C	T	I	O	N							
A	N	A				E	N	D	I	V	E			E	R	G	O							
S	L	I	P	S						U	S	E			R	E	A	L	S					
P	A	R	A							K	A	M	A	L	A		T	E	E					
S	W	A	R	M	E	D									I	M	B	E	D	S				
						A	U	G				R	A	D	I	O								
						V	A	S	T						P	A	N	D	E	M	I	C		
A	E	R	I	E											E	D	G	E			B	O	O	M
S	T	A	T	S											N	A	R	D			E	W	E	R
K	O	B	E												D	R	Y				R	A	D	S

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • YEAR IN REVIEW

CLUES

ACROSS

- *New wardrobe accessory
- *RIP, ____
- Flock's echo
- Reply from a tunnel?
- Feline noise
- Edward Teller's "baby"
- Beat
- Competently
- Savory jelly
- *Blue vs. red competition
- One third of a three-piece suit
- Mailed greetings
- Long time
- ____ biloba
- Anointing oil
- Nurses' org.
- Leafy vegetable
- *Cogito, ____ sum
- Mooring spots
- Bring into play
- Old Brazilian coins
- Prefix with 'graph'
- *Joe's running mate
- PGA peg
- What bees did
- Fixes firmly
- Summer mo.
- R in NPR
- Widespread
- *WHO's March announcement
- Cliffside dwelling
- Drop-off spot
- Sonic sound
- Sports figures, e.g.
- Persian backgammon
- Water carrier
- *Late basketball legend
- *____ lightning, cause of California wildfires
- X-ray units

DOWN

- Copy cats
- Flu symptom
- Synagogue
- 1/100th of a ruble
- Bid again
- Western neckwear, pl.
- Gwyneth, to friends
- *Like a vote during lockdown
- What Joy Mangano does on TV
- Do like exhaust pipe
- *"Transplant" network
- ____ of honor
- It's often wreaked
- Zoo enclosures
- Compass dir.
- Labored breaths
- *Jared Kushner to Donald Trump
- Nigerian money
- Part of an eye
- About to explode
- Looked at, amorously
- Smelling organs
- Two of the same
- Philosopher's study
- *Best Picture Oscar-winner
- China grass
- Party barrel
- Having a cover
- *What Zoom host does to guests, sometimes
- Type of jacket
- *"M*A*S*H" character
- Ticked off
- *President Trump used this power in 2020
- United ____ Emirates
- Be undecided

53. *Caucus state

54. Like most universities

55. Pose a question

58. Robinson or Doubtfire

Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 7

AMERICAN STANDARD WALK-IN BATHTUB SALE! SAVE \$1,500

Backed by American Standard's 140 years of experience

Ultra low entry for easy entering & exiting

Patented Quick Drain® Technology

Lifetime Warranty on the tub AND installation, INCLUDING labor backed by American Standard

44 Hydrotherapy jets for an invigorating massage

Limited Time Offer! Call Today!

866-612-7490

Or visit: www.walkintubinfo.com/spm

Classified Advertising

Sell Your Stuff! Reach 1000's of Readers Every Week!

MPG

916-773-1111

Sudoku Puzzle on Page 7

8	9	5	2	6	4	3	1	7
2	3	1	7	9	8	4	5	6
4	6	7	3	5	1	9	8	2
7	4	8	1	2	6	5	9	3
3	5	6	4	7	9	8	2	1
1	2	9	8	3	5	6	7	4
9	1	3	5	4	2	7	6	8
6	8	4	9	1	7	2	3	5
5	7	2	6	8	3	1	4	9

LEGAL ADS FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY?

We Can Do That!

Call to place your legal advertising

916-773-1111

All Legal Ads Published by Messenger Publishing

MPG

SUDOKU

AMERICAN STANDARD WALK-IN BATHTUB SALE! SAVE \$1,500

Backed by American Standard's 140 years of experience

Ultra low entry for easy entering & exiting

Patented Quick Drain® Technology

Lifetime Warranty on the tub AND installation, INCLUDING labor backed by American Standard

44 Hydrotherapy jets for an invigorating massage

Limited Time Offer! Call Today!

866-612-7490

Or visit: www.walkintubinfo.com/spm

Solutions on Page 7

LANDSCAPE SERVICES

(916) 728-5812 • Cell (916) 761-0999
Dave Cochran *Owner* • **dave.SLS@surewest.net**

Contact me for a Complimentary Facial

**We'd love to help
your business
connect with
our readers.
Call 916 773-1111**

Some jobs are just too big to do-it-yourself! Whatever it is that you need done, **Call A Professional!** Check out the advertisers on this page. They are waiting to hear from you!

DETOX (916) 965-3386 SOBER LIVING (916) 961-2691

HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPERS DELIVER
More info: Call (916) 288-6011; email cecilia@cnpa.com

39 ACRE SELF SUFFICIENCY HOMESTEAD - \$182 MONTH - Outstanding buy on quiet - secluded off grid northern Arizona homestead at cool clear 5,800' elev. Entirely useable grassy meadowland with sweeping views of surrounding red rock ridges. Situated within a secluded valley location surrounded by thousands of acres of uninhabited wilderness. Bordered by 1,280 acres of uninhabited State Trust land. Free well water access, rich loam garden soil, and ideal year-round climate. No urban noise and dark sky nights. Zoned for livestock. Camping and RV use ok. Maintained road access. On special at \$19,900, \$1,990 dn. with no qualifying seller financing. Free brochure with similar property descriptions, photos/terrain maps/ weather data/ nearby pioneer town info. 1st United Realty 1-800-966-6690. (Cal-SCAN)

Messenger Publishing Group

DONATE YOUR CAR OR TRUCK TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-888-534-1146

12011 San Vicente Blvd, Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Messenger Publishing Group
Call to Advertise Here 916 773-1111

Covid-19 Testing Available at Sacramento International Airport

By Samantha Mott,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento International Airport has partnered with City Health Urgent Care to offer on-site COVID-19 testing beginning Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Testing is by appointment only and will be conducted in the parking lot between AMPM and the East Economy Lot (formerly the taxi waiting area). Participants must make an appointment 48 hours in advance and anyone with a valid travel itinerary will receive priority booking. Testing appointments can be made via the City Health website. Passengers can book appointments through the passenger portal. Non-traveling community



Sacramento International Airport has partnered with City Health Urgent Care to offer on-site COVID-19 testing beginning December 16. Photo credit Sacramento County

members wishing to be tested can book appointments through the community portal. Proof of identity is required as well as the appointment confirmation.

“Partnering with City

Health to provide convenient no-cost COVID-19 testing for passengers, airport employees and community members is another layer of health safety for those traveling through SMF and the Sacramento

community,” says Airport Director Cindy Nichol.

City Health Urgent Care will conduct PCR testing, which has a projected turnaround time for results of 48-72 hours after the sample has been received by

the lab. There is no out-of-pocket cost for testing. Those being tested for travel to Hawaii will be required to pay an administration fee of \$20 as part of Hawaii’s pre-travel testing program.

Hawaii’s pre-travel testing program requires passengers five and older to take a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) from a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified laboratory within 72 hours from the final leg of departure and produce a negative result in order to avoid the state’s 14-day mandatory quarantine. A trained professional must observe all tests. Only test results from trusted testing partners approved by the Hawaii State Department of Health, such as City Health, will be accepted. The full details of the program along with answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found on the State of Hawaii’s COVID-19 website. ★

RECYCLE CRV BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

REGIONAL RECYCLING GROUP

www.HolidayRecycling.com

We Beat Almost All Online Prices on Premium Brand Pet Foods

Including Blue Buffalo, Chicken Soup, Earth Born, Diamond Naturals, Pinnacle, Taste of the Wild, & Royal Canin.

EVERY OTHER WEEK WE HAVE THE LOWEST PRICES ON FRISKIES (5.5oz) OR FANCY FEAST (3oz)

*Compared to All Chain and Local Stores. Regular Prices Only.

PET CLUB

FOOD AND SUPPLIES

EVERYDAY LOW PRICES
Super Discount Prices • Hot Specials & Coupons
(Not valid on promotions from vendors. No Membership Fees)

We Only Accept ATM, Cash, & Checks M-F 9-8, SAT 9-7, SUN 10-7 Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20

2344 Sunrise Blvd. 318 N Sunrise Blvd.
Rancho Cordova, CA Roseville, CA
916-635-5008 916-781-8500

318 N Sunrise Blvd.
Roseville, CA
916-781-8500

COUPON

1 FREE PEDIGREE DOG FOOD
22 Oz Tin All Varieties
With Any Purchase of Pet, Fish Food, or Supply PLU 321
Limit: 1 Coupon Per Family CHM
Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20

COUPON

\$150 OFF
ANY PURCHASE OF PET OR FISH SUPPLY
(Excluding Pet Food or Litter)
Cannot be used in conjunction with advertised sale items or similar percentage or dollar off coupons. Limit 1. PLU 324
Limit: 1 Coupon Per Family CHM
Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20

<h4>TASTE OF THE WILD</h4> <p>GRAIN FREE DRY DOG FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Wetlands •Sierra Mountains •Pacific Salmon •High Prairie •Southwest Canyon <p>28 Lb Bag \$39.99</p> <p>Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>	<h4>CANIDAE</h4> <p>DRY DOG FOOD FOR ALL LIFE STAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Multi-Protein •Chicken Meal & Rice •Large Breed 44 Lb <p>As Marked \$10 OFF</p> <p>Our Regular Low Prices! Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>	<h4>BLUE BUFFALO</h4> <p>WILDERNESS DRY DOG FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Chicken (\$9 off reg price) •Salmon •Duck •Large Breed Adult •Healthy Weight <p>24 Lb Bag 100% Grain Free Limit 2 Bags \$8 OFF</p> <p>Our Regular Low Prices! Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>	<h4>FRISKIES</h4> <p>DRY CAT FOOD</p> <p>16 Lb Bag •Seafood •Indoor •Surfing & Turfing</p> <p>Limit 2 Bags per Family \$9.99</p> <p>Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>
<h4>9 LIVES</h4> <p>CANNED CAT FOOD</p> <p>5.5 Oz All Varieties</p> <p>Limit 1 Case Per Family 37¢</p> <p>Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>	<h4>FANCY FEAST</h4> <p>GOURMET CANNED CAT FOOD</p> <p>All Varieties except Elegant Medley 3 Oz</p> <p>Limit 2 Cases Per Family ON SALE Everyday</p> <p>Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>	<h4>JONNY CAT</h4> <p>PREMIUM CAT LITTER</p> <p>20 Lb Bag •Regular •Multiple Cat Formula</p> <p>Limit 2 Bags Per Family \$37.99</p> <p>Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>	<h4>FRESH STEP</h4> <p>SCOOPABLE CAT LITTER</p> <p>42 Lb Bag</p> <p>Limit 2 Bags Per Family \$13.99</p> <p>Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20</p>

<h4>WELLNESS</h4> <p>CANNED CAT FOOD</p> <p>Full Case •Pate •Gravy •Selected Varieties •Also •Signature Select •Core 5.3 Oz Limit 1 Case 20% OFF</p> <p>REGULAR LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>NUTRO</h4> <p>CANNED DOG FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Kitchen Classics •Hearty Stews •Puppy 12.5 Oz Can All Varieties except Limited Ingredients Grain Free IAMS Canned Dog Food 13 oz. \$1.09 Limit 2 Cases <p>\$1.69</p>	<h4>PURINA PRO-PAN</h4> <p>CANNED CAT FOOD</p> <p>3 Selected Varieties 3 Oz Can 89¢</p>
<h4>SCIENCE DIET</h4> <p>SMALL BITES DRY DOG FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Adult •Light •Mature (Lamb & Rice Small Bites \$30.99) (Puppy Small Bites \$24.99) 15 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags <p>\$23.99</p>	<h4>FELINE PINE</h4> <p>HEALTHY CAT LITTER</p> <p>20 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags \$7.99</p>	<h4>CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL</h4> <p>DRY DOG FOOD As Marked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Adult •Large Breed •Mature •Weight Care •Puppy (Reg & Lrg Breed) 28 Lb Bag <p>20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>
<h4>SWHEAT SCOOP</h4> <p>NATURAL WHEAT LITTER</p> <p>(12 Lb Bag - Original \$10.99 Multi Cat \$11.99)</p> <p>36 Lb Limit 2 Bags Original \$29.99 Multi-Cat \$31.99</p>	<h4>CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL</h4> <p>CANNED DOG FOOD As Marked</p> <p>Dog Cans 13 Oz (Reg & Grain Free) All Varieties Cat Cans (3 Oz & 5.5 Oz) Limit 1 Case 20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>PRECIOUS CAT</h4> <p>CAT LITTER</p> <p>20 Lb Box Limit 2 Boxes Cat Attract \$12.99 Touch of Outdoors \$7.99</p>
<h4>WELLNESS</h4> <p>DRY DOG FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">24-30 Lb Bag •Chicken •Senior •Healthy Weight •Grain Free Adult \$53.99 •Grain Free Lamb •Grain Free White Fish \$56.99	<h4>CAREFRESH</h4> <p>PET BEDDING</p> <p>60 Liter (Ultra Not Included) \$16.49</p>	<h4>MERRICK'S</h4> <p>WHOLE EARTH FARMS DRY DOG FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Grain Free Chicken/Turkey •Grain Free Pork, Beef & Lamb 25 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags per Family <p>\$7 OFF OUR REGULAR LOW PRICES</p>

<h4>ADVANTAGE FLEA CONTROL & TREATMENT</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dog Small (Green) Dog Extra Large (Blue)Dog Medium (Teal) Cat Small (Orange)Dog Large (Red) Cat Large (Purple) <p>Limit 2 Per Family. Cannot be combined with any other offer. \$4 OFF OUR REGULAR LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>DINGO DOG SNACKS</h4> <p>Made with Real Chicken (Mini-Small-Medium) Bones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Dental Sticks •Chip Twist •Tenders •Twist Sticks •Dynostix •Skewers <p>20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>SPOT PET TOYS</h4> <p>All Varieties 20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>BOODA DOME</h4> <p>CLEAN-UP STEP COVERED LITTER BOX \$22.99</p>	<h4>FLUVAL FILTER SALE</h4> <table><tr><th>MODEL</th><th>TANK</th><th>PET CLUB SALE</th><th>PET CLUB SALE</th></tr><tr><td>107</td><td>25 GAL</td><td>\$87.99</td><td>307 70 GAL \$132.99</td></tr><tr><td>207</td><td>40 GAL</td><td>\$99.99</td><td>407 100 GAL \$169.99</td></tr></table>	MODEL	TANK	PET CLUB SALE	PET CLUB SALE	107	25 GAL	\$87.99	307 70 GAL \$132.99	207	40 GAL	\$99.99	407 100 GAL \$169.99
MODEL	TANK	PET CLUB SALE	PET CLUB SALE													
107	25 GAL	\$87.99	307 70 GAL \$132.99													
207	40 GAL	\$99.99	407 100 GAL \$169.99													
<h4>QUIET TIME PET BEDS</h4> <p>All Sizes - Assorted Colors 20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>AQUEON BOXED 10 GALLON TANK</h4> <p>With Economy Kit Just add Heater For Tropical Fish \$36.99 Limit 1 Per Family</p>	<h4>KORDON WATER CONDITIONERS</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amquel 16 Oz \$6.49Amquel Plus 16 Oz \$6.49Novaqu Plus 16 Oz \$6.49	<h4>KORDON CORAL SEA</h4> <p>50 GAL SALT MIX WITH AMQUEL \$12.99</p>													

<h4>FRISKIES BUFFET</h4> <p>CANNED CAT FOOD</p> <p>5.5 Oz All Varieties Limit 1 Case With Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20 CHM PLU 367</p> <p>ON SALE Everyday</p>	<h4>WHISKAS</h4> <p>TEMPTATIONS CAT TREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Selected Varieties - 3 Oz Limit 2 Pkgs with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20 <p>\$1.39 CHM PLU 569</p>	<h4>JONNY CAT</h4> <p>CAT LINERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jumbo Drawstring - 5 Ct Limit 1 Box with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 12/23/20 - 12/29/20 CHM PLU 449 <p>\$2.09</p>
--	--	--