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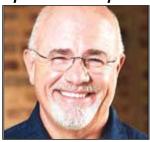
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# San Juan High School Celebrates Teachers with a Car Parade



last two months. After ensuring that and although we're students have computer and Wi-Fi Zooming, emailing, access, teachers at San Juan High texting, and calling School (SJHS) have been helping their students transition to distance learning — which will continue through the end of this school year.

each other and our

students regularly, we've still felt disconnected. The morale has been boost morale for Staff Appreciation a little low for everyone, I'm sure."

Hill was looking for a way to Continued on page 4

# From Homeless to Housed

A Citrus Heights Winter Sanctuary Success Story

By Derek Corea, Citrus Heights HART

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

#### - We first met \*Ernie sleeping in a parking lot. Like many of our homeless neighbors, Ernie was stuck in a cycle. Addiction, an unsteady support system, failed employment

opportunities, an unfavorable housing market, and a string of bad breaks had left Ernie homeless in Citrus Heights for over 10 years. "He was a guest at winter sanctuary for 3 years in a row," said Homeless Outreach Navigator Toni Morgan. "We knew Ernie wasn't ready for housing when we first met in 2017, he was still working on his addiction and trust issues." Toni, who works with our homeless neighbors throughout their transition to a life of permanent housing, is familiar with the struggle of peeling away the barriers and deep-seated distrust of social programs necessary to disrupt the cycle of homelessness.

Since 2016, The Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART), Winter Sanctuary Program has become a place where our homeless neighbors can begin reintegrating back into the community. Here, they are given dinner and breakfast prepared and distributed by community volunteers; main-line resources by Toni and other service providers, medical care, and, most importantly, the option to spend the night, 7 days a week during the coldest months of the year. The Winter Sanctuary is dedicated to providing people like Ernie a community of support - a phone number to call when struggling or a friend to help with a rental application.

It was no surprise when Toni and other HART volunteers were the first to congratulate Ernie in celebrating his 100-day sobriety accomplishment in April, 2020. Once Ernie began and continued down the path of sobriety, "we all knew he was serious about getting off the street," said Toni.

For many, the Winter Sanctuary marks a transition period. A period where the rules of formal living such as having to walk outside to smoke a cigarette become familiar. "After living on the street for so long, it's hard for people to adjust to our normal way of things. Incredibly, many find sleeping on a comfortable mattress to be a difficult adjustment."

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# **Hundreds of Healthcare Workers** Surprised at Mercy San Juan



From left to right: Cecilia Sandoval, Human Resources Director; Kerri Dupray (the community member who coordinated it all); Michael Korpiel, Hospital President; Andrew Blaskovich, Drewski's food truck owner; and Daryn Kumar, VP Chief Operating

#### By Yessenia Anderson, Dignity Health

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Monday, April 27, a large hot rod themed food truck rolled onto the Mercy San Juan Medical Center campus to deliver an unexpected, but much appreciated, gesture of thanks.

Over 800 staff members were treated to lunch catered heroes!" said Kerri.

by Drewski's gourmet food truck. It was all made possible through a collective effort led by Kerri Dupray, a neighbor of the hospital looking to give back to local health workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. "Dr. Lalchandani and your staff saved my father's life 15 years ago! We are so grateful for all of you! You're all our

Kerri rallied family and we're confronted with a comfriends to pitch in to be able to provide lunch for Mercy San Juan staff and worked with Andrew Blaskovich, Drewski's food truck owner, who generously provided the meals at a large discount to support this cause stating, 'It was the right thing to do.'

challenged through the shelter in place order and at work Juan RN.

critical but we would've never expected an outpouring of community support like how we've received and we can't thank everyone enough - it's what keeps us going. "Right now our home life is We do it all for you," said Virginia Owens, Mercy San

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leagues and leaders has been

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# Water Forum Marks 20 Years of Progress on the Lower American River



An aerial image of the recreational and aesthetic value of the lower

American River. Photo: Water Forum By Water Forum Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - When the Water Forum Agreement was officially signed 20 years ago this past month, the occasion marked an unprecedented show of regional cooperation. For years, interests representing business, the environment, water suppliers and others had sparred over the water needs of people vs. the environment of the lower American River.

To address these challenges, the City and County of Sacramento launched the Water Forum negotiations in 1993. Slowly, over the next seven years and thousands of hours of meetings, stakeholders negotiated a plan that would bring cohesion to water management and environmental stewardship on the lower American River.

Ultimately, 40 different agencies – from the City and County of Sacramento to the Friends of the River to the Sacramento Metro Chamber – signed the agreement on April 24, 2000, marking the launch of the Water Forum's real-world test.

Twenty years later, Water Forum members have made significant progress toward meeting the co-equal

Water Forum members have made significant progress toward meeting the goals of providing a safe water supply and preserving the region's wildlife. Photo: Water Forum

the Sacramento region's long-term economic health and preserving the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

They have leveraged funding from local, state and federal agencies to invest more than \$7 million to create 30 acres of spawning beds and 1.2 miles of side channels, which are prime rearing zones for fish.

During California's most recent drought emergency, as water levels in Folsom Reservoir and the lower American River dwindled to historic lows,

Water Forum members worked with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to develop and implement emergency flow strategies to minimize harm to salmon and steelhead trout.

A cornerstone of the Water Forum's work is cuttingedge science that has demonstrated that proper flows and cold water are the foundation to fish survival in the river. To that end, the Water Forum has been studying and refining guidelines for a flow standard for the lower American River that would provide enough cold water to nurture salmon and steelhead while also improving the reliability of water supplies for people.

This year, as the Water Forum celebrates its 20th anniversary, stakeholders are embarking on a new strategic planning process to consider lessons learned over the past two decades and where the Water Forum should go from here, particularly in a future with climate change. The Water Forum Agreement is a living document – envisioned to adapt with changing conditions - yet ever focused on meeting the co-equal goals through collaboration.

Learn more about the Water Forum's work at

## **Keep Green Metal Transformer Boxes Clear of Obstructions**

SMUD Press Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With warm spring weather comes vard work. especially now during the COVID-19 crisis, when some folks might find gardening as a way to get outside and enjoy sunny days – while maintaining safe distancing practices.

Customers with neighborhood high-voltage equipment and transformers in their yards can do a lot to help themselves, their neighbors and SMUD work crews stay safe by maintaining clearance around the green metal utility boxes.

Remember to keep eight feet of space around this equipment, especially in front of any access doors, when planting trees and shrubs, or building fences and other structures. Proper clearance helps SMUD crews restore power more quickly and safely during a power outage. It also helps them perform scheduled maintenance more safely and efficiently. The clearance is a legal requirement, as regulated by the California Code of Regulations.

Remember also during this time of heightened concern over COVID-19, if you see our field personnel out, please greet them from afar with a thumbs up or a wave. "SMUD's guiding principle is safety for our employees and the public" said Frankie trical transformers.

McDermott, SMUD Chief Energy Delivery Officer. "SMUD is grateful to our crews for keeping our community safe and providing vital services during this time. Their health and safety are critical to keeping our power system running reliably."

Also, please remember, before starting to shovel, smart and safe digging means calling 811 or visiting usanorth811.org to request a utility-locate before each ground disturbance job. Using the website for your notification can save time. There is no cost for the customer and all utilities will respond to mark the locations of their underground lines so that there isn't an accidental dig-in, which can be dangerous and result in injury and expensive repairs. The notification is valid for 28 days so if the excavation project goes beyond this timeframe, notify USA North again to renew your ticket. For businesses, or if a homeowner hires someone, it's the law to request a utility-locate a minimum of two full business days before doing any digging. But for do-it yourself homeowners, it's the way to stay safe and avoid financial and legal responsibility for repairs and/or injuries.

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# From Homeless to Housed — Citrus Heights Winter Sanctuary Success Story

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After the winter sanctuary ended in March, Ernie applied and was accepted into the county funded Sacramento Self-Help Housing Scattered Sight Emergency Shelter Program. This program allows individuals to live rent free in a single unit family home until they can qualify for fair market rate housing.

Ernie is now happily housed in the program and preparing to start work fulltime. Like many who broke the cycle, Ernie's heart is set to help others do the same. In his free time, he can be found speaking to his once encampment neighbors on Auburn Boulevard about how Toni and Citrus Heights HART helped him get into housing.

We first met Ernie sleeping in a parking lot, unresponsive to our attempts to help. Now he advocates for the community that has supported him, for the programs that got him off the street.

We are so excited to see Ernie succeed.

\*Last name omitted to



Formerly homeless, Ernie with Homeless Outreach Navigator Toni Morgan. Morgan was instrumental in helping Ernie return to being housed and becoming a productive member of society. Photo courtesy of Corea Consulting

protect client's privacy.

For information on the HART Winter Sanctuary program contact ihronicek@ gmail.com.

The Citrus Heights Navigator can be reached at 916-727-5563 or

navigator@citrusheights.net

HART is also seeking landlords willing to have their rental property serve as transitional housing for their clients. Sacramento Self-Help Housing can be reached at 916-341-0593.★

# San Juan Unified High Schools to **Hold Virtual Graduation Ceremonies**

San Juan Unified School District

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - After spending the last several weeks gathering input and researching options, San Juan Unified high schools have made the decision to move forward with virtual graduation ceremonies for the graduating Class of 2020. Each school's virtual ceremony will be available for streaming via YouTube on the date and time of the schools' graduation (see schedule below). Ceremonies will include student and staff speakers as well as a display for each graduating senior.

Making sure that every graduating senior is recognized for their accomplishment is a top priority for each of our high schools. In light of the COVID-19 situation and current social distancing orders, a virtual option for graduation ceremonies ensures the health and safety of our students, families and school communities. The district will continue to monitor health restrictions and guidelines and schools may consider other in-person events later in the calendar year to honor the class of 2020 if circumstances change.

In order to make this year's virtual ceremonies a success, work must begin soon, including making sure our graduates have items such as caps and gowns, cords, and other items tied to graduation. Each high school will be contacting its seniors in the coming weeks to arrange for item pickup and provide further details about the preparations necessary to participate in this year's graduation events.

We hope that all of our seniors and families will participate to commemorate this important moment in their educational journeys. We also encourage you to share your Class of 2020 photos, videos and memories with us on social media using #SJGrad2020.

Congratulations again to the graduating Class of 2020 - we look forward to celebrating you!

#### **GRADUATION SCHEDULE:**

#### Thursday, June 4

- Bella Vista High School, 10 a.m.
- La Vista, 7 p.m.
- Mira Loma High School, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, June 5

- Casa Roble Fundamental HS, 10 a.m.
- El Camino Fundamental HS, 7:30 p.m.

#### • Encina Preparatory HS, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, June 6

• Del Campo High School, 10 a.m.

#### Monday, June 8

• Mesa Verde High School, 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, June 9

- Meraki High School, 6 p.m.
- El Sereno & La Entrada HS, 7 p.m.
- Laurel Ruff Transition School, 10 a.m. • Rio Americano High School, 6 p.m.
- San Juan High School, 7 p.m.

Visit www.sanjuan.edu/2020 for the latest graduation-related information, including frequently asked questions. \*

# Memorial Day - All Gave Some; Some Gave All

Sylvan Cemetery District

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 25, this year. Memorial Day, not to be confused with Veterans Day, is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day on the other hand celebrates the service of all U. S. Military veterans. Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, originated after the

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American Civil War in 1868 to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. The end of May seemed to be appropriate since many spring flowers are available. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor All Americans who have died in all wars in the past 245 years.

Every year, Sylvan Cemetery in Citrus Heights honors those that gave their lives in the defense of their country. We take time to salute the over 3 million men and women that have died in military service be in attendance and the CHPD will not be defending our country since 1775.

This year, the Memorial Day service is being planned to be held on Monday, May 25, 2020, at 11:00 am at Sylvan Cemetery, 7401 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights.

We are planning on going forward with our Memorial Day ceremony at Sylvan Cemetery. We are not planning on doing the march through the cemetery and only doing about 30 - 40 minutes in the gazebo. The Harmony Express will not required for an honor guard.

Folding chairs will be provided for those who want to sit but there will be no mandatory seating arrangements. We would love to have you here but if you are concerned about your health and do not want to attend-we understand. We are hoping that there will not be a problem with having a ceremony since according to the latest we will be off of our stay in place restrictions on Friday, May 22.

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# San Juan High School Celebrates **Staff with Car Parade**



San Juan High School staff decorate their vehicles to tell students how much they are missed during the school shutdown. Photo provided by San Juan High School.

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Week, and former SJHS principal Vanessa Adolphson (promoted in January to SJUSD Director of Special Education) encouraged her to reach out to community partners for help. Hill immediately thought of Texas Roadhouse: "We've successfully partnered with them before for other school-wide events."

Joseph Sevier, Texas Roadhouse managing partner, suggested a neighborhood car parade that concluded at Texas Roadhouse, where SJHS staff could pick up discounted meals (paid for by the school) for themselves and their families.

On Friday, May 8, teachers and staff, along with many of their family members, met in a parking lot at the school to

followed Mariposa Ave. up to Trillby Crt. and then back to the school. Participants threw candy and spirit gear to students and their families along the route before heading to Texas Roadhouse for curbside take-out of their Staff Appreciation meals. Hill said, "It was a lot of fun and I know it meant a lot to our staff to be able to see their students and families."

At a time when many people in the community are struggling with the isolation of social distancing, this parade created a sense of connection and celebration – lifting the spirits of both staff and students. "I work with an amazing staff who is not only hard working but also deeply caring about our students," said Hill. "I am blessed to be their vice principal, perhaps now more

# Society for the Blind Receives \$25K from Granite Bay Whitmire Foundation

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Comm.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Society for the Blind recently received \$25,000 from M&M Whitmire Family Foundation in Granite Bay to provide classes and training for seniors with vision loss and blindness. The grant will fund the group's Senior IMPACT Project that empowers people age 55 and older with alternative, nonvisual techniques and skills that enable them to perform day-to-day tasks and activities so they can maintain or increase independence.

"Our Senior IMPACT Project is life-changing for the growing number of seniors in the Sacramento region who find themselves losing their vision and are unsure of how to continue living independently," said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. "Increasingly, more seniors are still working and need to learn how to do their jobs using nonvisual techniques. Thanks M&M Whitmire Family Foundation, hundreds of seniors with vision loss can live life to the fullest."

The Senior IMPACT Project includes an eightday retreat offered monthly at Society for the Blind that gives seniors an immersion experience where they learn alternative techniques and skills to travel safely, efficiently and independently. They practice alternative techniques and use adapted tools to perform tasks of daily living including cooking, cleaning, shopping, home maintenance, organization, personal finance and more. They learn how to use



Students in Society for the Blind's Senior IMPACT Project enjoy a meal after learning to cook in the group's new teaching kitchen, one of the skills funded by a grant from M&M Whitmire Family Foundation. Photo: Thébaud Communications

nology to operate computers and mobile devices for home, school and work, and they learn Braille. Participants receive individualized attention from instructors and mentors who are blind or low vision, and they have the opportunity to join in discussion groups with peers on issues around vision loss and participate in community activities. For those unable to attend retreats. Society for the Blind sends instructors to their homes to teach skills and offer resources. to this funding from the The Senior IMPACT Project includes monthly peer support groups for English and Spanish speakers and workshops throughout the year.

> "On behalf of the M&M Whitmire Family Foundation, I would like to thank Society for the Blind for letting our foundation be a part of such a great organization," said Jessika Cano, director of senior outreach at the foundation. "Blindness comes in various degrees and knows no discrimination. It is something that all can experience in some degree, and something we can adapt to and still have productive and great lives. Society for the Blind makes this possible by

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the latest in assistive tech- having amazing programs and a wide range of tools with great employees and volunteers willing to teach. Thanks again to Society for the Blind for continuing their support and care within our community now and in the years to come."

For 66 years, Society for the Blind has created innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of northern California. The nonprofit provides lowvision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for nearly 6,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. For more information or to make a donation, visit SocietyfortheBlind.org.

M&M Whitmire Family Foundation's mission is to assist children in need and senior care within the Sacramento area.





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# New Partnership Provides Innovative Support to Sacramento Filmmakers

Access Sacramento Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 21st annual "A Place Called Sacramento" Film Festival will feature an entirely online Cast and Crew Call experience, thanks to a partnership between Access Sacramento and long-time "A Place Called Sacrament" Film Festival sponsor, Casting Calls

"Given what our nation is dealing with right now, we were extremely worried the actors and crew members who annually volunteer to make these films wouldn't get the chance to be on the big screen," said Gary Martin, Film Festival Director and Access Sacramento Executive Director. "We're thrilled our long-time sponsor Casting Calls America has stepped up to help us with a technology solution."

FilmFestO, a division of Casting Calls America, developed a new website and app, https://pcs.greenlit.app, exclusively for the "A Place Called Sacramento" Film Festival. Through the app, volunteer actors and technicians will be able to interact with the 10 winning filmmakers as they are announced May 20, and to submit their information online, free of charge, just as if they were at the traditional in-person cast and crew call.

According to Brian Jagger, Chief Innovation Officer for Casting Calls America, this means talent and crew will be able to submit directly to the 10 "A Place Called Sacramento" films, online and free of charge.

"Having started in Sacramento with Sacramento Casting (SacCasting.com), we are excited to help Access Sacramento keep this important local film festival moving forward," said Jagger. "Actors and crew will be able to submit their profiles directly to the producers through this innovative app."

The app will also stream the live television show on May 20, 2020 from Access Sacramento's TV studios in real time as 10 new writers turn into producers with the opportunity to have their 10-minute scripts turned into movies on the big screen and on cable television.

"This opportunity to support filmmakers with a virtual event wouldn't have been possible without the support of



Previously an instant audition was recorded at the Live Cast and Crew call, but now performers can upload a short clip to show their interest.

FilmFestO," said Martin. "The Casting Calls America team has been so accommodating in creating an app experience that allows volunteers and filmmakers to get connected so easily."

Volunteer actors and technicians can begin immediately importing their contact information, pictures and even an instant on-camera audition in preparation for learning what this year's filmmakers will need to produce their films.

Another unique aspect of the app, pcs. greenlit.app, is that it is a Progressive Web App (PWA) which means it can be used and accessed through any device, using the devices browser, so there is no app store download required and those using a desktop computer can also use the app.

The announcement of this year's 10

winning writers on May 20th is the culmination of a writing and selection process with three rounds of blind judging to select the top scripts. In 20 previous years, 197 original 10-minute films all about a place called Sacramento have made their world premieres as part of the festival.

This year's "A Place Called Sacramento" Film Festival is scheduled for a oneday red-carpet event on Sat. Oct. 5 at the historic Crest Theatre in downtown Sacramento, subject to change depending on current health guidelines surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic.

About Access Sacramento: Access Sacramento is the 32-year nonprofit local cable broadcaster and community media center serving Sacramento County with two public access cable channels and low-power community radio station KUBU-LP 96.5 FM. Membership provides training classes and access to checkout equipment and TV or radio studio access. As a 501(c3 foundation, Access Sacramento's primary funding is from the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable **Television Commission** 

About Casting Calls America: Casting Calls America is the leading provider of regionally-focused casting websites. Casting Calls America's professional talent listing software websites allow local acting and modeling talent to submit their complete talent profiles through their software to local, regional, and national casting calls posted through the platform. Casting Calls America is bonded in California and is proudly accredited by the Better Business Bureau.

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# **Citrus Heights Police Report**

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05/4/2020 • Time: 11:28 PM • IR Number: 12003606

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Crime: 211 PC: Robbery

Location Type: Grocery Store • Public Address: 69xx Sunrise Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

**05/5/2020** • Time: 5:39 AM • IR Number: 12003619 Crime: 459 PC: Burglary - Commercial

Location Type: Restaurant • Public Address: 77xx Sunrise

05/5/2020 • Time: 11:00 PM • IR Number: 12003621

Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Location Type: Other • Public Address: 74xx Auburn Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

**05/5/2020** • Time: 12:00 PM • IR Number: 12003620 Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft

Location Type: Department Store/Big Box Store • Public Address: 70xx Auburn Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

05/6/2020 • Time: 9:30 PM • IR Number: 12003658

Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft Location Type: Theft from Vehicle • Public Address: 66xx Misty Creek Dr

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department **05/6/2020** • Time: 10:00 AM • IR Number: 12003656

Crime: 451(D) PC: Arson:property

Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 78xx Sayonara Dr Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

05/7/2020 • Time: 6:50 AM • IR Number: 2020-8004365 **Crime: PC 459: Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts** Location Type: Vehicle • Public Address: 61XX Sylvester Way, Agency: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

05/8/2020 • Time: 11:32 AM • IR Number: 12003720 Crime: 459 PC: Burglary - Residential Location Type: Apt/Condo/Duplex • Public Address: 78xx Antelope Rd

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department 05/8/2020 • Time: 12:08 PM • IR Number: 12003694 Crime: 496d(a) PC: Possession of Stolen Veh

Location Type: Street/Highway • Public Address: 77xx Antelope Rd Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

**05/11/2020** • Time: 7:42 AM • IR Number: 12003784 Crime: 487(a) PC: Grnd Thft:prop/Etc \$950+ Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 76xx Greenback Ln Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Find more info at citrusheights.net

# Casual Is Not Always Appropriate

By Rev. James L. Snyder

During this "stay-at-home" phenomenon, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly, have been enjoying our time alone. We certainly have taken advantage of it.

Not too long ago, my wife came up with something to make our time a little more memorable. She called it, casual pajama time.

After breakfast, we would wear our morning casual pajamas. After lunch, it would be our afternoon casual pajamas. And, after supper, it would be our evening casual pajamas.

It was early in the afternoon, and my wife took a nap. It was at that time I remembered something she said earlier that morning. For some reason, she forgot to get milk and eggs at the grocery store yesterday. I thought this would be an opportunity to get one over on her.

I would sneak out, go to the grocery store, get some milk and eggs, sneak back into the house and put them in the refrigerator. Then, when she woke up, I would say, "Honey, I thought you said we didn't have milk or

That would be something I could live with forever

I got at the store, parked, and began walking towards the entrance. There seem to be quite a few people in the parking lot, and for some reason, everybody was looking at me and smiling or even

Going into the store, I walked to where the milk and eggs were, and as I was walking, people stopped, looked at me and some smiled, some pointed a finger, and some even laughed. I thought to myself, what a wonderful world we live in when people are always happy and

Walking up to the cashier, I noticed people were still smiling and laughing, and some were even pointing at me.

The cashier greeted me with a very hesitant smile and rang up my items, and I was to pay with my credit card. I made conversation with the cashier and then stuck my hand in my pocket to pull out my wallet.

The problem was, I could not find my pocket. This has never happened before because I always know where my pockets in my pants are. I chuckled a little bit and then happened to look down and discovered I was wearing my casual afternoon pajamas.

I begin to understand why

people were smiling and laughing and pointing at me. It was not that they were happy so much as it was I looked ridiculous in my afternoon casual pajamas. I have never worn pajamas out in public before, and I promised myself I would never do it again.

I did not know how to pay for those two items. Trying to figure out what to do, someone came up behind me and told the cashier, "Put his items on my card because the entertainment has been worth

Everybody behind me was laughing, and I did not know exactly what to do. I looked at the lady and said, "Thank you for this."

"No," she said, "thank you for the entertainment."

Driving out of the parking lot, I could not help but think of a verse of Scripture, "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

Being generous sometimes is a little act of kindness.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-216-3025 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www. whatafellowship.com.



One of the things we're learning through the COVID-19 shut-down is how to relax. The truth is a lot of people don't know how to relax. We are addicted to adrenaline. We don't know how to slow down. Studies have shown that the average American today is sleep-deprived; that the average American today gets two hours less sleep a night than we did 50 years ago. We don't know how to relax. We don't know how to rest. We love to work. A lot of Americans are like Job 20:18, it says, Message paraphrase, "They are unable to relax and enjoy for." We're so busy try-

we already have. Let me give you a little quiz: Are you always in a hurry? Is your to-do list always unrealistically long? Do you use days off to catch up on unfinished work? Has more than one

### Pastor Ray's **Encouraging Words**

#### **Learning to Relax**

slow down? Do you feel guilty when you relax? If you've answered "Yes" to any of those questions, chances are you are a workaholic.

The fact is God considers rest as important as work. Some people think only God smiles on them when they're working or praying or doing spiritual things. The truth is, God smiles on you when you rest. Have you've ever as a parent gone in and watched your children sleep? It gave you joy just watching that child sleep. God enjoys watching you sleep, watching you rest.

God rests. Is your work more important than Gods? Exodus 31:17: "One day a week," God anything they've worked says, "will always serve as a reminder that I made ing to get more, we don't in the heavens and the have time to enjoy what earth in six days, and then, on the seventh day, I rested and relaxed!' Now, why did God rest and relaxed on the seventh day? He certainly wasn't tired because God doesn't get tired. He was modeling for us, what he wants

person ever told you to us to do; to rest and to relax, to keep a day off, to have balance and to relax in His goodness.

> The goodness of God is seen in Psalm 23. The Shepherd takes care of sheep. He feeds, he leads, he meets their needs, and it says, he makes them lie down in green pastures. He makes His sheep rest. Psalm 23. "The Lord is my Shepherd, so I have everything I need. He makes me lie down in green pastures, and he leads me beside quiet waters." A lot of your worry and hurry and a lot of your restlessness actually comes from not understanding the goodness of God in your life. When you understand what God has done for you and wants to do for you in the future, you can relax, you can learn to rest, you can learn to let down, you can learn to let go. You can live in the goodness of God.

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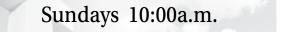
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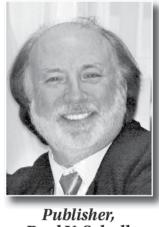
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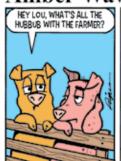


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#### **CLUES**

**ACROSS** 

. A bit cracked 5. Traitor's blow?

9. Cause of Princess' downfall

12. Hawaiian tuber

13. Prospector's mother? 14. Heavy footsteps

16. "Iliad" or "Odvssey 17. Caribbean color

18. Frustration, in print 19. \*Proponent of coloniza

tion of Mars 21. Small island

22. \*Edmond Halley's appari

tion, 2061-2062 23. Expression of disgust

24. \*2007 "Invention of the

Year" 27. Give satisfaction

31. Neither a win nor a loss

32. Having no courage 35. Medicinal houseplant 36. Dodge, as in a tax bill

38. Take the gold 39 Anti-seniors sentiment

40. Immigrate

41. Bold and without shame

43. Take illegal drugs 44. Adverb of steep

46. Tower of London guard 48. \*Legalized in many states 49. Cambodian monetary

51. Gift toppers

53. \*Major spring 2020 occurance

56. \*23andMe unit 57. Baron Munchhausen, e.g.

58. Original thought 60. Not yes or no 61. Nobel Peace Prize home

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4. Late Baroque 5. \*Harvey Weinstein's new home, slangily

6. Part of chef's uniform 7. Sunbaked, archaically speaking

8. Bird's groomer 9. Opposite of knit

10. Competitive advantage 11. Combustion product

14. Boreal forest, in Russia 15. \*Number sign turned metadata

20. Time being

23. Coffin alternative

24. Agenda entries 25. Turning point

5

8

26. Launch or throw

27. \*Millennials' followers, for short

28. One hipbone

29. "Madagascar" predator 30. \*Site of Abdrabbuh Mansur

Hadi/Houthi conflict 33. Best-laid plans often go



41. Sandwich with acronym name 42. Ophthalmologist's prescription quantity 45. Wild West group

47. Os 49. Pay hike 50. All told 51. One of the Bridges

52. December stone 53. Clever tactic 54. Opposite of busy 55. Copper coin

59. Expression of pleasure

56. Greenwich-related acronym



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Citrus Heights Police **Department Press** Release

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- May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and the Citrus Heights Police Department encourages the community to think about the safety of riders on two wheels and look twice for motorcycles.

"While we should be staying at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand people need to get out once in a while and run essential errands," Sergeant Shaun Gualco said. "Don't let safety on the road go by the wayside, whether you are on two wheels or four."

With nearly 900,000 registered motorcycles in the state, many road users are going places without the same protections as drivers. Motorcycle riders are 28 times more likely to die in a crash than vehicle occupants.

**Drivers:** Always check twice for motorcycles. Both your miryour signal when changing lanes; Never follow a motorcycle too closely; Always keep a safe distance; When at an intersection, allow enough



"Don't let safety on the road go by the wayside, whether you are on two wheels or four." Photo courtesy Nicole Geri

space before turning.

#### **Motorcyclists:**

Always wear a DOT compliant helmet and protective gear like gloves and leather clothing; Consider adding reflective tape to your clothrors and blind spots; Use ing to make it easier for other drivers to see you; Keep your lights on at all times, even during the day; Don't assume drivers see you: signal well in advance before changing

lanes and watch for turning vehicles; Lastly, never drive/ride under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Remember, we are all in this together, even if we are told to stay apart.

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#### **Project: Zoning Code Update- Accessory Dwelling Units**

On April 22, 2020, the Planning Commission reviewed updates to Chapter 106.42.015 and 106.80.020 of the city's Zoning Code. The Planning Commission is recommending the City Council to approve the changes. The updates are necessary to bring the city's Zoning Code in conformance with state regulations in regard to accessory dwelling units. A complete list of changes can be obtained from the Planning Division. Environmental Determination: The project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA under Section 15282(h) which exempts ordinances amendments for accessory dwelling units from environmental review. Project Planner: Alison

#### Project: Zoning Code Update- Revisions to Various Sections of the Zoning Code

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#### Cheers to Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman

for crafting a fun way to pass the time inside. NBC's Making It hosts are encouraging folks to post their DIY projects to Instagram with the hashtag #MakingItAtHome for a chance to benefit local food banks in need.

#### Cheers to Disney +

for (Jedi) mastering Star Wars Day. "May the Fourth" was strong with what fans have been missing - Baby Yoda! -thanks to the May 4 debut of Disney Gallery: The Mandalorian, an

Ricky Gervais' After Life?

as of now, Netflix hasn't

renewed the series. And

Carolyn

Question: After Life

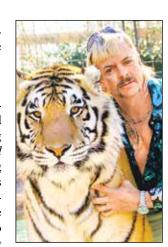
eight-part behind-thescenes look at the galactic hit's first season.

#### Jeers to CBS

for a God-awful decision. Pray tell, why would you cancel an uplifting escape like God Friended *Me,* starring the charming Brandon Micheal Hall as a man guided by a seemingly omnipotent online adviser, after only two seasons? With everything going on in the world, a show like this is needed more than ever.

#### Jeers to a Tiger King – Sized Overload

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an unnecessary "bonus episode" aftershow with Joel McHale, the Netflix docuseries has become a joke. And animal abuse is no laughing matter.

Question: Fargo was scheduled to start on FX April 19. I can't find it. Did something pre-empt it?- John T

Matt Roush: That "something" would be the pandemic, which shut down production on the fourth season before the final episodes could be filmed. With no guarantee of when the series could be completed, thus leaving viewers hanging, FX decided to postpone Fargo until business could resume. I'm expecting the long wait to be worth it, though it's obviously a disappointment not to have it back as a spring treat.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: tvinsider.com

seasons) might suggest this is the best series on telecould be it – although in a vision, but this second recent Q&A on Twitter, he season ended like a series finale. Please tell me there will be more of After Life. Matt Roush: I wish I could, because my fondness for this poignant dramedy is nearly asenthusiastic as yours, but

characters.

Is There More Life For the history of Ricky

expressed a desire to continue with a third season, so let's hope that happens. Even should After Life not have a longer shelf life, I agree with your reaction that the end of the current season ended on a hope-

Gervais comedies (which

generally last only two

ful enough note that I feel good where we left these **10** • CITRUS HEIGHTS **MESSENGER** MAY 15, **2020** 

Tithe On Stimulus Check?

Dear Dave,

Should my wife and I tithe on our stimulus checks? She thinks we should, but I'm not sure. In my mind, we already gave our money to Caesar – so to speak – and now he's just giving it back. What do you think?

-Luke

Dear Luke,

Well, it's your money you're getting back. The government doesn't really create anything, it only takes money from us. And in this case, it gave you back some of what it took. I don't really see that as a tithing circumstance.

The other side of the coin is that you really can't go wrong being generous. The tithe is your baseline for home as soon as possible com and on Twitter at @ generosity. You shouldn't before continuing to save DaveRamsey.

**Dave Ramsey Says** 

tithe or not tithe because of for retirement?

a set of rules, but if you're

having a theological or phil-

osophical discussion about the tithe and how it works,

I think your reasoning is

It's certainly not a salva-

tion issue, but generosity

is a good rhythm to have

in your life. And honestly,

these stimulus checks are

kind of like tax refunds.

You gave it to the gov-

ernment, and now they're

So, in my mind it's okay

either way. I've just always

had an attitude of when in

Go Ahead, Knock

It Out

We make about \$70,000

a year, and we're debt-

free except for our house.

We're following your

plan, and just started sav-

ing for retirement, but we

only have \$15,000 left on

our mortgage. We can have

that paid off in six or seven

months, so would it be okay

doubt, it's better to give.

giving it back.

- Dave

Dear Dave.

- Nate

Dear Nate,

I'm generally pretty hardcore about sticking with the proper order while doing the Baby Steps. But in your case, with such a small amount left to pay on your home, I think I'd go ahead and knock that out.

Most of the people I talk to still have six figures left on their mortgages. There's a big difference between that and the situation you two are in right now. Think about it, you guys could be completely debt-free by Christmas, and you've already started to make a move on retirement planning. I say go for it!

-Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsev Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave to go ahead and pay off our on the web at daveramsey.



# Starting Medicare... Why Is Part B Costing \$578?



Toni King

Toni:

My Medicare begins June 1st and I have received my first bill which is \$578.40 with the premium due by May 25th. I do not see this Medicare cost anywhere on the Medicare site or in any information I received when I came into the Toni Says office for my Medicare consultation. Am I being charged the Medicare Part B penalty? I signed up before I turned 65. What is wrong?

I am not starting my Social Security check until I turn 66 which is my full retirement age, so I must pay this myself to Social Security. Is there a way I can pay the Medicare Part B premium monthly instead of the whole amount? Look forward to what your thoughts are?

~ Edward from Tampa Edward:

Here is a Medicare surprise for you ... You are not being charged EXTRA!! You have been charged for 4 months of Medicare Part B premiums. Since you are not receiving a Social Security check, then all Social Security can do is bill you for your Medicare premiums. Yours

is for a 4-month lump sum of June, July August and September which is \$144.60 times 4 months that equals \$578.40.

Most Americans enrolled in Medicare are paying their Medicare premiums monthly from their Social Security check. Social Security will automatically take the Medicare premiums from a person's Social Security check.

Social Security will send a letter informing the Medicare beneficiary that Social Security is deducting the monthly Medicare Part B premiums from ones Social Security check. Edward this is not your situation.

The average Part B premium for those who income is \$87,000 or less as an individual or \$174,000 or less as a couple is \$144.60, and if you divide your premium of \$578.40 by 4 months will equal \$144.60 per month.

Medicare has a program that can allow one to pay premiums on a monthly basis by either paying via check, bank draft, debit card or credit cards. The program is called "Medicare Easy Pay."

An article in Chapter 7 of the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition, discusses Medicare Easy Pay with a copy of the form with instructions in the "Forms Chapter" on pages 144-146 of the guide. Or you can visit www.medicare.gov website, which discusses how to set up Medicare Easy Pay and access the form to download to pay monthly.

For those who do not have access to a computer, call 1/800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227) and to request the Medicare Easy Pay form mailed to you or make a copy from Toni's Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition.

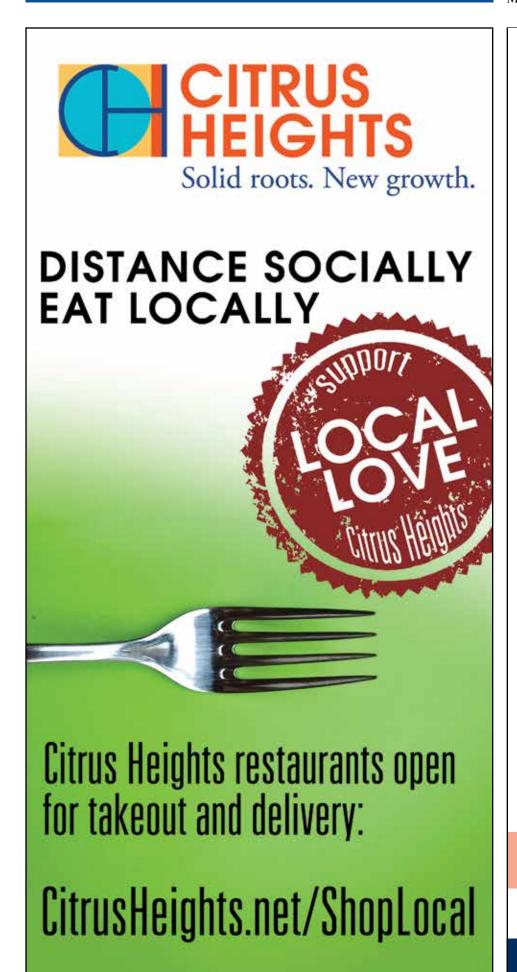
You can also visit www. mymedicare.gov if you would like to pay by a credit card. This option is a one-time payment not one automatic monthly. I turn 65 in May and mailed in a check around April 10th for an April 25 th due date. On April 27th it was not deposited. When I called Medicare, they said it could take up to 30 days to show up in my bank account and to go online to pay or I may lose my Medicare Part B. I went online and paid 1 monthly premium of \$144.60 by credit card for May to be sure I did not lose my Medicare Part B. I am still waiting for the check to clear my bank.

I understand Medicare! What is someone to do that is confused? Keep Medicare premiums current, while waiting for Medicare Easy Pay to be processed.

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition, is having a \$5 Toni Says® readers discount at www.tonisays.com. If you have any questions regarding this article or any Medicare issues reach out to Toni at 832-519-8664 or email at info@tonisays.



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