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New Care Home Will Serve Local Seniors in Citrus Heights



The Citrus Heights Planning Commission recently approved plans for Carefield Living Citrus Heights, a 74,000-square-foot senior care facility on Sunrise Blvd. Image courtesy of Carefield Living.

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On Planning Commission unaniity 80-unit assisted living facility. A reserved for residents experiencing Alzheimer's, dementia, or similar illnesses. The memory care wing will be secured 24 hours a day to ensure the well-being of the residents. The facility will be State licensed and provide meals, medication, housekeeping, entertainment, transportation, and daily living assistance.

natural amenities of the 4.55-acre amenities, including an art studio, site, which fronts Sunrise Blvd. to media room, activity/game room, the west, with Twin Oaks Ave. to the family and TV rooms, library, pool, February 26, the Citrus Heights north and Antelope Rd. to the south. An existing tributary to Cripple Creek mously approved a proposal for along the northern side of the propa 74,000-square-foot senior care erty will be protected by a 45-foot facility at 8220 Sunrise Blvd. The setback. There are numerous trees on experience. "We don't build projapplicant — LRS Paul Boundy the property, and LRS will preserve ects just to build," said Steve Barklis, Architects, based in Portland, Oregon as many as possible. When trees must - intends to operate a high-qual- be removed for the construction of Citrus Heights. "We try to be proacthe facility or other property improve-20-unit memory care wing would be ments, LRS will follow mitigation measures such as replanting new trees on the site.

The plans for Carefield Living Citrus Heights show Tuscan-style architecture, with large arched windows, tiled roofs, stucco, wood accents, and stone veneers. The building will have a two-story profile in the front, dropping to one story in the LRS is focused on preserving the back. Residents will enjoy various

exercise studios, dining area, and landscaped courtyards.

LRS has experience in the hotel field, so their focus is on the customer managing partner for Carefield Living tive and anticipate the real needs of the clients." Barklis said they "have a brand standard" for Carefield and are "very hands on" in the management, with a focus on both resident and staff experience.

Normally, they don't want residents staying isolated in their rooms, so they create facilities that invite interaction in beautiful common spaces and outdoor areas: "We want Continued on page 3

Sacramento **Fire Agencies Deploying Mobile** Integrated **Healthcare Units**

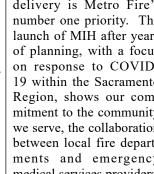
By Chris Vestal, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

MATHER, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire or the District) will deploy the first Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit in the Sacramento region as part of a collaborative effort to combat COVID-19 in our community. Up to six units are planned for the area with Metro Fire, the Sacramento Fire Department (SFD), and Cosumnes Fire Department (CSD Fire) each facilitating two units. This partnership includes the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California and Sacramento County Public Health in additional to the regional fire agencies.

This first unit placed in service by Metro Fire will be staffed by a Fire Captain who is also a licensed Physician Assistant (PA) and a Firefighter/ Paramedic. It will serve as an extension of the department of public health to assist in the broader response to the COVID 19 pandemic. With a focus on identifying at risk individuals and communities it will provide resources, testing, and provide basic medical support to citizens who might not otherwise be able to access appropriate healthcare.

Although MIH units will look no different than a regular fire service ambulance, it will also include additional medical equipment to meet the advanced level of care a PA is able to provide in the community. The MIH program is designed to integrate within the 9-1-1 system and broader healthcare community to provide post-discharge follow up for patients following their hospitalization and to address the needs of our at risk citizens who lack access to resources.

Emergency service delivery is Metro Fire's number one priority. The launch of MIH after years of planning, with a focus on response to COVID-19 within the Sacramento Region, shows our commitment to the community we serve, the collaboration between local fire departments and emergency medical services providers, and public health agencies in Sacramento County. *



Citrus Heights Residents "Love Local"

By Nichole Baxter, City of Citrus Heights

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -

The City of Citrus Heights launched a campaign last week to help support local "Essential Businesses" (as defined by the County) that are still open for business. The City's efforts encourage residents to "Love Local" with a custom Google Map and directorystyle list of open Citrus Heights businesses.

"By shopping and buying local, our residents are ensuring the economic impact of their purchase is supporting their own community," said Meghan Huber, the City's Economic Development and Communications Manager. "From supporting jobs to generating sales tax to ensuring neighborhood vitality, there are so many benefits when we give love to our local businesses."

The City's Love Local campaign has already reached over 84,200 local impressions (across social media, web, and print promotion) and generated over 5,000 visits to the custom Google Map.

You can find the Google Map and list at CitrusHeights.net/ ShopLocal. The information provided on the City's list is subject to change and is updated frequently. If you own a Citrus Heights business that is open, please email HReid@ CitrusHeights.net to be added to the Love Local list and Google Map.

In another effort to help Essential Businesses that remain open, the City announced that it will not be enforcing temporary signage standards during this emergency period. "The City of Citrus Heights took a proactive step to help our businesses advertise to the community, by relaxing temporary signage restrictions and encouraging businesses to use temporary banners and a-frames," said



campaign list. Photo: City of Citrus Heights

port, long-time community champion Bill Van Duker, owner of All Star Printing, has offered free banners to Citrus Heights businesses." Those looking to order a banner should contact All Star Printing directly at (916) 726-3311.

In addition to promoting the Love Local campaign, and temporarily suspending signage standards, the City's Economic Development Division has created a landing page with a list of COVID-19 Business Resources

Huber. "Adding to the sup- available to help support business owners during this time. "City leadership understands that many of our local businesses are facing unforeseen issues with the recent COVID-19 situation," said Huber. "We have created a page of resources in an effort to streamline the most current information, and we are committed to being available to help answer questions." Businesses can find the list of resources at CitrusHeights.net/1035/

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The CARES Act: How to Get Your \$1,200 and More!



Commentary by Kimberly Foss

In response to the worldwide crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress has just enacted the largest relief package in history: The Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Almost 94% of Americans will benefit directly from the \$2.2 trillion in aid included with this bill, which includes a direct payment to most taxpayers and their families. Here's what you need to know about how much you'll receive in your stimulus check and how to make sure you get it.

1. Who gets a check?

About 94% of American taxpayers are eligible to receive a stimulus check from the federal government. These are the criteria you

Be a US citizen or legal resident; Have a work-eligible Social Security number (including those who are currently receiving Social Security benefits and on disability); Not be a dependent or eligible to be a dependent of any other taxpayer

2. How much will my check be?

Checks to eligible individuals will be \$1,200 or less, depending on your adjusted gross income (AGI) as reported on your tax return for either 2018 or 2019. Couples filing joint returns will be eligible to receive \$1,200 each, for a total of \$2,400. Families with children age 17 or younger will receive \$500 for each child.

• If you are a single filer

with AGI of \$75,000 or less, you will receive check?

- If you are married filing jointly with AGI of \$150,000 or less, you will both receive \$1,200.
- If you are single and head of household with AGI of \$112,500 or less, you will receive \$1,200.
- The amount of your check will decrease by \$5 for every \$100 by which your AGI exceeds the threshold for your tax filing status.

The following chart will help you estimate the size of your check, based on your AGI. To see your calculation, find the colored bar that matches the tax filing status on your most recently filed return.

If you think that your check would be bigger based on your filing status in 2018, you may wish to delay filing your 2019 return until after you've received your check. Remember, for 2020, you do not have to file your return until July 15.

As long as you filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019, you probably don't have to do anything. The IRS will send the payments via direct deposit or on a paper check if you are not set up on direct deposit (the checks will be mailed to the address shown on your tax return). If you haven't filed a tax return in either 2018 or 2019, you will need to file at least a simplified return for 2019 in order to qualify for a check. The IRS has information on free assistance with filing your return.

4. When will my check arrive?

The CARES Act stipulates that the IRS must process the checks as fast as possible. Checks will probably start going out in about three weeks.

5. What should I do with the money?

These direct payments are intended to provide direct allocate some or all of your Distance, and Wash Your assistance to American stimulus check to a friend,

wages, jobs, or opportunities because of COVID-19. Priorities for the best ways to use your stimulus check include:

Paying for necessities (food, shelter, transportation, medicine); Making minimum payments on credit cards or other debt. Staying current will prevent having to dig out of a deeper hole when life returns to normal: Paying off high-interest debt if possible. The less debt you carry, the more flexible you can be in good times and bad; Starting or adding to your emergency fund. You should try to keep six months' worth of expenses in your emergency fund; Saving for retirement. If you have extra money left over, consider opening or adding to an IRA or other retirement plan; Helping others in need. If your employment has been less affected by the pandemic, you may wish to

3. How do I get my taxpayers who have lost family member, or neighbor who needs extra assistance.

We are going through a tough time in our country and all over the world right now. It's more important than ever to stay informed, stay alert, and practice good public health habits. If we all do our part and help each other when we can, we'll be stronger, better people as a

Stay tuned for more articles breaking down the CARES Act over the next few days! If you have questions about the stimulus package, your benefits, or any other financial matter,

please email me at kimberly@empyrionwealth. com. I also encourage you to share our content with friends, family, and co-work-

ers — you can also sign up to receive our blog via our website here.

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IRS: Employee Retention Credit Available for Many Businesses Financially Impacted by COVID-19

By David A. Tucker II,

Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service launched the Employee Retention Credit, designed to encourage businesses to keep employees on their payroll. The refundable tax credit is 50% of up to \$10,000 in wages paid by an eligible employer whose business has been financially impacted by COVID-19.

Does my business qualify to receive the Employee Retention Credit?

The credit is available to all employers regardless of size, including tax-exempt organizations. There are only two exceptions: State and local governments and their instrumentalities and small businesses who take small business

Qualifying employers must fall into one of two categories:

The employer's business is fully or partially suspended by government order due to COVID-19 during the calendar quarter;

The employer's gross receipts are below 50% of the comparable quarter in 2019. Once the employer's gross receipts go above 80% of a comparable quarter in 2019, they no longer qualify after the end of that

These measures are calculated each calendar quarter.

How is the credit calculated?

The amount of the credit is 50% of qualifying wages paid up to \$10,000

in total. Wages paid after March 12, 2020, and before Jan. 1, 2021, are eligible for the credit. Wages taken into account are not limited to cash payments, but also include a portion of the cost of employer provided health care.

How do I know which wages qualify?

Qualifying wages are based on the average number of a business's employees in 2019.

Employers with less than 100 employees: If the employer had 100 or fewer employees on average in 2019, the credit is based on wages paid to all employees, regardless if they worked or not. If the employees worked full time and were paid for full time work, the employer still receives the credit.

Employers with more than 100 If the employer's employment tax employees: If the employer had more than 100 employees on average in 2019, then the credit is allowed only for wages paid to employees who did not work during the calendar quarter.

I am an eligible employer. How do I receive my credit?

Employers can be immediately reimbursed for the credit by reducing their required deposits of payroll taxes that have been withheld from employees' wages by the amount of the credit.

Eligible employers will report their total qualified wages and the related health insurance costs for each quarter on their quarterly employment tax returns or Form 941 beginning with the second quarter. deposits are not sufficient to cover the credit, the employer may receive an advance payment from the IRS by submitting Form 7200, Advance Payment of Employer Credits Due to COVID-19.

Eligible employers can also request an advance of the Employee Retention Credit by submitting Form

Where can I find more information on the Employer Retention Credit and other COVID-19 economic relief efforts?

Updates on the implementation of this credit, Frequently Asked Questions on Tax Credits for Required Paid Leave and other information can be found on the Coronavirus page of IRS.gov.

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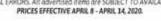
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Governor Newsom Grants Additional Relief for Business Taxpayers



California Department of Tax and Fee **Administration Press** Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In accordance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom to expand tax relief for small business taxpayers, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) announced today that all small businesses will have an additional three months to file returns

and pay taxes administered by the department. Additionally, all businesses will have an extra 60 days to file claims for refund from CDTFA or to appeal a CDTFA decision to the Office of Tax Appeals.

CDTFA is providing a three-month extension for a tax return or tax payment to any businesses filing a return for less than \$1 million in tax. For the approximate 99.5% of business taxpayers below the \$1 million threshold for their current California sales and use tax obligation, returns for the 1st Quarter 2020 will now be due on July 31, 2020. The same provisions apply to the other tax and fee programs administered by CDTFA. Qualifying taxpayers are not required to file a request for extension

or request relief from additional help or have penalty or interest. This automatic extension will remain in effect through the reporting of taxes and fees due on or before July 31, 2020.

"This expands on the relief previously granted to small businesses, giving them an extra 90 Pacific Daylight Time, days to file and pay any except state holidays); business taxes and fees Calling or emailing a local administered by CDTFA without incurring any penalties or interest," said Director Nick Maduros. "By including the \$1 million threshold, we're able to offer much-needed relief to small businesses across the state while still maintaining the integrity of our local finance system. Approximately 55% of the sales and use tax collected goes back to our cities and counties, which count on this revenue to provide essential public services."

In addition to the threemonth extension of time to file and pay taxes, the Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom Department of Tax and Fee last night also provides Administration (CDTFA) business taxpayers with additional time to file claims for refund and appeals to the Office of Tax Appeals. Taxpayers looking to make refund claims with CDTFA during this period will have an additional 60 days to file. Similarly, taxpayers seeking an appeal of a CDTFA tax determination to the Office of Tax Appeals will have 60 additional days to file the appropriate request.

Additional information on the relief offered can be found at www.cdtfa. ca.gov/services/covid19. htm. Taxpayers who need communities.

questions are encouraged to contact CDTFA by:

Visiting the CDTFA website to find answers on specific topics; Phoning the Customer Support Center at 1-800-400-7115 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CDTFA office; Emailing or chatting with the CDTFA regarding their general, non-confidential tax questions; Following CDTFA on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram for the latest information; Watching "How To Videos" and other online instructional resources; or Writing a letter by mail.

To find the latest information on CDTFA's COVID-19 efforts, visit www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/ covid19.htm. For information about California's COVID-19 efforts, visit covid19.ca.gov.

California administers California's sales and use, fuel, tobacco, alcohol, and cannabis taxes, as well as a variety of other taxes and fees that fund specific state programs. CDTFAadministered programs account for more than \$70 billion annually which in turn supports local essential services such as transportation, public safety and health, libraries, schools, social services, and natural resource management programs through the distribution of tax dollars going directly to local

Mercy San Juan Medical Center Certified as One of America's Healing Hospitals™

Erie Chapman **Foundation Press** Release

NASHVILLE, TN (MPG) - Erie Chapman Foundation, Nashville, Tennessee, has announced that Mercy San Juan Medical Center, Sacramento (part of the Dignity Health network) has been awarded Healing Hospital Certification™ (Bronze) for 2019. The recognition was announced January 31, 2020 at a special ceremony at the hospital and will be published in the Journal of Sacred Work (https://journalofsacredwork.typepad.com/) this

"According Foundation President Erie Chapman, "Mercy San Juan has been recognized for successfully creating a culture of Radical Loving Care[™] that emphasizes high competence and deep compassion by every caregiver. This medical center has made major improvements in three areas: clinical quality, patient satisfaction and continuing improvements in budget performance. This is a challenging trifecta. Congratulations to every caregiver on this wonderful accomplishment."

Michael Korpiel, President of Mercy San Juan Medical Center said, "As part of a faith-based system we are thrilled by this recognition. Every one of our employees is a caregiver and thus credit goes to each team mem-



In the image: Michael Korpiel (left), Mercy San Juan Medical Center President and Cecilia Sholer (right), Mercy San Juan Medical Center Director, Cardiopulmonary Services. Photo Erie

care into the culture of this organization. As a team, we believe loving care is an essential part of the healing process."

Laurie Harting, CEO of Dignity Health's Sacramento Division, said, "Our entire system is about mission excellence and we are grateful that Mercy San Juan Medical Center has received this national recognition. Congratulations to Michael and his team."

Erie Chapman Foundation is a charitable trust that supports Radical Loving Care[™] in hospitals, hospices and in the arts. ber for integrating loving Hospitals are evaluated

on a wide range of criteria including whether each caregiver can pass what the Foundation calls The Mother Test™. To pass, leaders must show that caregivers are delivering the loving support they would want for their mother.

Healing Hospital recognition has gone to a diverse range of hospitals including, The Cleveland Clinic, Parrish Medical Center, Bingham Memorial, Boston's Beth Israel, Mercy Gilbert, Baylor, Scott & White (Grapevine), Baptist-Saint Thomas Hospital & The Mayo Clinic.





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interactive experiences," said Barklis. Of course, with the current social distancing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barklis said they are following that order in their current care homes.

The timeline for the Carefield Living Citrus Heights project is up in the air right now since no one knows how the COVID-19 crisis will play out. But Barklis said it would be about "two years before we're open for business, under normal circumstances." He said, "We don't know what the impact [of COVID-19] will be ... We'll see where the dust settles.'

LRS is moving forward with finalizing the plan details and securing the required building permits. Barklis said, "We love the site," and they are looking forward to creating all the outdoor spaces that make Carefield such a desirable place for seniors to live. "We try to make it something great

- something better than they could experience in their own homes."

Barklis said, "Senior living is a needbased demand" ... "It is not an elective." They fill the need for care that families aren't equipped to handle, helping seniors live in comfort and security when they can no longer live on their own. LRS chose to build in Citrus Heights because "there is a demand there," said Barklis. He explained that senior care homes generally serve clients who live within 5-10 miles of the site because people like to stay in the area they know, where they are most comfortable.

Colleen McDuffee, Community Development Director for the City of Citrus Heights, said, "We know there is a demand for facilities like this in our community. Senior facilities such as this allow our residents to stay in their neighborhood and their community as they age."

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Trump Impeachment Now a Distant Memory

On Jan. 20, the United States confirmed its first case of the coronavirus. The nation's political and media elite obsessed over Mitch McConnell's just-announced resolution governing the impeachment trial of Donald Trump.

On Jan. 23, China locked down the city of Wuhan. Cable news in America lit up with praise for the epic, nay historic, performance by House impeachment manager Adam Schiff in the trial's opening arguments.

On Jan. 30, the World Health Organization declared a world health emergency. The U.S. Senate prepared to vote on impeachment witnesses.

On Feb. 5, the cruise ship Diamond Princess quarantined thousands of passengers after a major outbreak on board. Mitt Romney announced that he'd vote to convict Trump on one of the two counts against him, and the Senate voted to acquit on both.

Trump closed off travel from China while the trial was still ongoing, the day questions of the impeachment managers and the White House defense team. Only requested \$1.25 billion in elections. emergency coronavirus funding from Congress.

If the trial hadn't ended expeditiously, the Senate easily could have been still seeking the testimony of, say, former White House counsel Don McGahn about the details of the non-firing of special counsel Robert Mueller -- at the same time everyone expected the administration to be shifting into wartime footing against the virus.

In that circumstance, the impeachment trial obviously would have been immediately shelved, because a discretionary national crisis can't compete with a real, unavoidable one. Political melodrama must give way to a potential public-health catastrophe.

For more than three years, American national politics has been constantly on a crisis footing over presidential tweets, two-day controversies, dubious storylines whipped up by the media and Trump's genuine outrages. Little of it has been enduring, or nearly as important as the intense, wallto-wall attention suggested.

After all the energy devoted remembered. to inflating the Russians into a clear-and-present danger to the workings of America here on our shores, that threat has

after senators asked their final instead proved to be China, which loosed a virus on the world that has temporarily crashed the American econtwo and a half weeks after omy and shut down much the trial, the White House of American life, including

After we spent months pretending that Trump would somehow be ousted from the presidency by his own party in the Senate, not only is he still the president, all people of good will are rooting for him to perform as ably as he can in this crisis.

After acting as though we had endless time and energy to waste on nonsense because the stakes were so small in what was until the day before yesterday a time of peace and prosperity, we have been jolted into a period when our national decisions really matter, and time and resources are of the essence.

In short, the epidemic has put in stark relief the pettiness and absurdity of much what has transpired in our national life since Trump won the presidency. This crisis is the unmistakable punctuation mark on that post-2016 era and the beginning of something new.

How Trump performs now - finally without Mueller or impeachment, artifacts of another time, dogging him - will determine how it's

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Crime Reports

Citrus Heights Police Report

03/30/2020 • Time: 4:00 AM • IR Number: 12002802 Crime: 487(a) PC: Grnd Thft:prop/Etc \$950+ Location Type: Theft from Vehicle • Public Address: 79XX Dogwood Wy

03/30/2020 • Time: 3:00 PM • IR Number: 2020-8003378

Crime: PC 484: All Other Larceny

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Location Type: Construction site • Public Address: 51XX Garfield Ave Agency: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

03/30/2020 • Time: 1:45 AM • IR Number: 12002886

Crime: 10852 VC: Tamper With Vehicle

Location Type: House (includes driveway) • Public Address: 72XX Gardenvine Av Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

03/30/2020 • Time: 10:00 PM • IR Number: 2020-8003341 Crime: PC 459: Theft from Motor Vehicle

Location Type: Vehicle • Public Address:85XX Oak Ave. Agency: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

03/31/2020 • Time: 8:40 PM • IR Number: 12002876

Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft

Location Type: House (includes driveway) • Public Address: 5XX Chipmunk Wy. Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

03/31/2020 • Time: 10:05 AM • IR Number: 12002880

Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft Location Type: Theft from Vehicle • Public Address: 769XX Grand Tree Ln

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

03/31/2020 • Time: 5:00 AM • IR Number: 12002877 Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft

Location Type: Restaurant • 84XX Auburn Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

03/31/2020 • Time: 6:15 AM • IR Number: 12002822

Crime: 10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft

Location Type: Street/Highway • 60XX Shupe Dr

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

04/01/2020 • Time: 2:07 AM • IR Number: 2020-0109629 Crime: PC 496D(A): Poss Stolen Veh/Ves/Etc

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley • Public Address: Madison Blvd & Sunrise Ave Agency: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

04/01/2020 • Time: 1:00 PM • IR Number: 12002865 Crime: 485 PC: Appropr Lost Prop -\$950

Location Type: Apt/Condo/Duplex • Public Address:63XX Denton Wy

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

04/02/2020 • Time:11:10 PM • IR Number: 12002887

Crime: 664/459 PC: Attempt Commercial Burg Location Type: Street/Highway • Public Address:84XX Auburn Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

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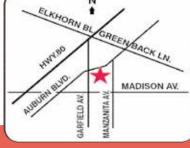
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The Constitution is Designed to Deal with the Coronavirus



Commentary by Harold Pease Ph. D.

I taught the U.S. Constitution and Current Events simultaneous at the college level for forty years using the Constitution as written in solving controversies or problems—so well designed was it. Students quickly discovered that there were no issues that could not be resolved. So how should the Coronavirus crisis be resolved under the Constitution? States would be taking the lead.

The overall principle of free government and the Constitution as written is to never elevate to a higher level that which can be resolved at a lesser level. Problem solving should begin with the individual and proceed in sequence from him to the family, city, county, and state and elevated only if a lower level of government could not do it. Outside the family all are elected, can tax for its needs, and each is reasonably accessible to the individual. Who says government further away and less accessible performs better or is freer?

Notice in the problem solving sequence the federal government was not included. In the Constitution this was purposeful. States were sovereign outside foreign (Article IV, Section 4) and federal government except for the powers given it listed in Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1-18; essentially the power to tax, pay the debts, and provide for the general welfare and common defense—the last two limited by eight clauses each. All other authority not specifically identified by amendment was left to the states as per Amendment 10. "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

We live under two political systems: one (federal) power, neither subserriage, a team. This is why President Donald Trump has been encouraging more state involvement. Federal involvement in our lives is supposed to be minimal.

The advantages of federalism are enormous. States serve as laboratories of experimentation. States look to sister states for models and borrow from them in refining their own programs. These places of experimentation benefit everyone.

In the case of the Wahun China Virus (coronavirus), the federal government. led by Trump, controls the border under common defense—those coming in. Trump is not constitutionally empowered to mandate national behavior. Constitutionally states have borders and manage themselves. Taxing powers enable them to fund anything they wish and governors have broad powers to experiment, or not, on different solutions.

Nevada governor threatened doctors using hydroxy-chloroquine in the treatment of the virus, others encouraged its use. The virus apexes in different places at different times more especially in crowded areas and summer (getting outdoors) comes earlier in southern states. Each state would decide what measures were best suited for them regarding "shelter in place" or when to return to work. Trump, or Congress, would have little to do with these decisions.

As of March 25, 2020, policy. The states were New York had 10 times many countries and have required to be republics the number infected com- their own tax base and pared to the next in line authority. Fumbling this were independent of the state New Jersey, and 15 times the number of third in line California. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo quickly developed a plan of action to slow the virus and simultaneously ramp up the beds, staff, and equipment. He initiated "mandatory playground social density," and no close contact sports. He also sought dormitories and former nursing homes to facilitate more hospital

> Moreover, he expressed some unique ideas as well, such as splitting ventilators (for two beds instead of one) and developed a "surge healthcare force" of retired nurses and doc-

the other (states) primar- tired healthcare workily domestic. It's called ers. He created a Mental Federalism, the two share Health Professionals Sign up Program together with vient or above the other a Hot-Line. He suggested and each with separate a "rolling deployment" duties; like a good mar- of equipment and practitioners serving New York first then "rolling" to different hot spots as each state enters its apex. Federalism was exercised as 49 other governors did similarly rather than dump all responsibility on Trump.

> Under Federalism states have the responsibility to be prepared for emergencies and have in place their own programs of assistance and funding. But Governor Cuomo, although commendably now doing something, should have planned for this predicted emergency his first term in office rather than his third. Ventilators, masks, and reserve funding for emergencies, plus a plan for reserve medical staff, should have already been in place. They weren't! In emergencies when states do not perform their responsibilities they force power to the next level of government as was such in this case. Trump had to provide ventilators, a medical ship, and build three makeshift hospitals in Central Park at federal

> Although Constitution is designed to deal with the Coronavirus, states have allowed themselves to become subservient and wards of the federal government. They now hold "alms bowl in hand" begging the federal government to do things for them. They allow whomever is president to have power over them. Many states have larger populations than responsibility should never happen. Constitutionally, once the borders are secure, under Federalism 50 governors should be on the front lines ahead of Donald Trump.

expense.

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Ask Joni

Enroll in Medicare Past 65 and Losing Your Job During Current Hard-Economic Times



Reader Alert: Tuesday March 17, 2020 all local Social Security offices nationwide were closed to in-person visits and have asked those who need assistance to call your local Social Security office or Social Security's 800 number at 1/800-772-1213 for assistance by phone. There is not a specified reopen date for local Social Security offices currently.

Toni:

I worked for a major oil service company in Fort Bend County and recently I was part of the oil industry and Coronavirus lay-offs. I turned 65 last June and enrolled in Medicare Part A and delayed Part B since

I was "still working." HR said nothing regarding how I should enroll in Medicare's Part B. I've been told from friends that there is a Part B penalty and really want to avoid that disaster. Please advise what the Medicare Part B enrollment forms I will need ~ Mike from Tulsa, OK

Mike:

The Toni Says Medicare office has been receiving calls by concerned Americans on how to enroll in Medicare if one is past 65 and lost their job or want to

be prepared because they may lose their job because of what is happening due to the Coronavirus lockdown, crashing oil prices and serious falling stock market.

Those past 65 and 90 days should know what paperwork they should have in their desk drawer or briefcase, just in case they get laid off and take to their HR or upper management and have these forms signed for yourself and also your spouse if they are also on your company benefits before you leave out the door. If one has already been laid off, then this is the process to keep from receiving the famous "Medicare Part B penalty" for both you and your spouse.

The process to enroll in Part B past 65 whether laid off or retiring is the

There are 2 forms Social Security will need and on the top of each form hand write in bold italics letters is Special Enrollment **Period** for the Social Security agent that is processing them to know that you are signing up at the right time and keep from giving you a penalty. You are applying for a SEP (Special Enrollment **Period).** (These forms are also available at the Toni Says office by emailing info@tonisays.com or calling 832/519-8664.)

1) Form #1 Request for Employment Information (CMS-**L564)** for proof of group health care coverage based on current employment. This information

is needed to process your Medicare enrollment application. If you have had 2 or more jobs since turning 65, then each company will have to sign this form. Be sure to have forms signed for both you and your covered spouse.

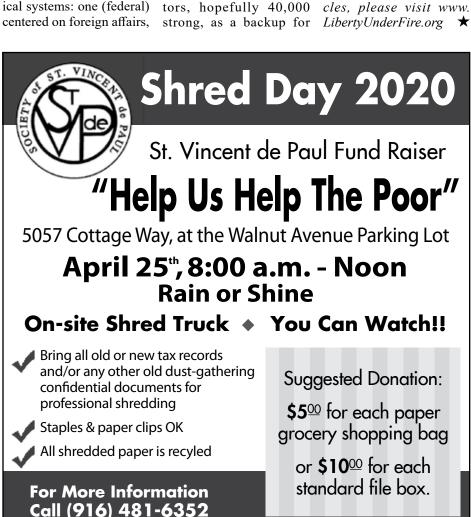
2) Form #2 Application for Enrollment in Medicare Part B (CMS-40B): t Social Security fills out this form.

Social Security has closed all local offices and to process these forms properly, you will want to call your local office or Social Security 800# at 1/800-772-1213 and discuss turning in these forms directly to the Social Security office. When mailing forms directly, then please make copies, mail priority or next day with signature requested.

When applying for Medicare if your yearly income for an individual was over \$87,000 or married is over \$174,000; your Parts B and D premiums will be more, and you can appeal your additional Medicare Part B and D premiums by filing CMS form SSA-44 "Medicare Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount-Life -Changing Event" if you income has lowered one range due to a specific life-changing event.

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® is giving a \$5 discount on the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced book at www.tonisays.com. Have a Medicare question? Email Toni at info@tonisays.com.





Time Alone Is Time Invested

By Rev. James L. Snyder

During the past week, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly have been spending quite a bit of time together. I cannot recall any time that we together.

The exception would be when we first got married. Even then, both of us worked during the day and were going to a Bible Institute at night. Occasionally our schedule collided, but rarely.

It was not long before the babies came knocking on our door, and we graciously invited them in. From then on, time alone was a thing of the past.

Life can sometimes get so busy we forget the important things. My wife and I were thinking about this, this past week. If I live until August, my wife and celebrates our 49th wedding anniversary. How quickly time flies! My only problem is, will I have enough energy to celebrate it then?

Why is it that the older you get, the faster time goes, and the less energy you have to keep up?

This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I had some time to spend together. Everything seemed to shut down, and we had no

appointments that we had to forgotten what a marvelous get to.

Usually, our conversations revolve around church work and what needs to be done and how we are going to do

Since nothing is going on, have spent this much time we had an excellent opportunity to spend time together talking about things not involving work. That is quite a rarity.

> We were talking about things that happened years ago, things I had forgotten.

"Do you," my wife said, "remember..."

Then she tells a story about something that happened decades ago. To be honest, I did not remember several of the stories she was talking about. I smiled and shook my head because she is probably right, and I probably have forgotten something.

This staying at home really does have some good benefits to it. I did not really figure it out until just the other day when we were having lunch together.

Many times our schedule is so busy that we have to grab a bite here and a bite there. Now that we are at home all day, there are some benefits.

I was doing some reading leading up to lunchtime, not thinking about lunch at all. Then the table was set and net. Web site is www.jameslunch was prepared. I had snyderministries.com.

cook she was.

Then there it was on my plate several homemade meatballs surrounded by a pile of homemade Mac & Cheese. The meatballs were exactly the way I like them, and what can I say about the Mac & Cheese?

Everything smelled so delicious and looked so wonderful, I almost forgot to pray for the meal.

When I finished my third serving, I leaned back in my chair and just smiled.

"You know, my dear," I said with the biggest smile I have ever had, "we should eat at home more often. You simply outdid yourself today."

the apostle Paul said once, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

I thought about what

The value of any relationship is determined by the amount I am willing to invest

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We need a healing in our nation, in the world, in our schools, our businesses, our government, communities, families and in our personal lives. We have the greatest promise on healing in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins, and I will heal their land.'

"If my people will humble themselves." Humility is the first step towards healing. Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less. Why would anybody live that way. He promises that He will begin to heal our land and there are four other promises:

He will guide you. In the middle of this virus crisis, you may think, "I don't know what to do. I don't know what step I

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

What God Promises When I'm Humble

should take. I don't know what's going to happen." When you don't know which way to turn and you're confused, humble yourself. God's will isn't given to prideful, arrogant, self-sufficient people. The humbler you are, the more God will guide you, and the fewer mistakes you'll make in life.

He will bless you. Isaiah 66:2, "I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts." God doesn't bless prideful people. God doesn't bless people who secretly think they're better than everybody else. No, God says, "I'll bless those who have humble and contrite hearts."

He will give you power to change. Grace is the power to change. You need grace to make changes do that? Because of what in your life. There's stuff God promises when you in your life you'd like to change but you can't; you've tried. You won't. The only way you'll ever get changed is with the grace of God. How do you get the grace of God in your life? James 4:6, "God opposes the proud, but God gives grace to the humble."

He will reduce your stress. When I am humble, my stress goes down. When I'm prideful, my stress goes up. It's true. Jesus says in Matthew 11:29, "Take the yoke that I give you... and learn from me. For I am gentle and I'm humble." And he says, "I will restore deep rest for your soul." Rest for your soul. Wouldn't you like that? How do you find rest for your soul?

Only one place. You learn it from Jesus. You turn to Jesus; you give up control and you learn to trust Him and that takes

God promises all these things when we're humble. And humility is the first step towards healing. Our nation needs healing, our world needs healing, our communities, family and our very lives need healing. Take the first step, humble yourself and ask God to heal our land.

Ask God to help us find a cure to COVID-19.

Pastor Ray **New Beginnings Church** www.NBC4u.org You're invited!



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

God's infinite personal love for us never changes! We may ignore His urgings or leave Him completely out the same today, yesterday and tomorrow! He never changes and He loves every one of us!

absence in our lives and we desire a change – all we need to do is just whisper His name and He will hear us. His heart is always open our heart and His presence for us to receive His love that flows eternally from the Cross to us. Ask His Holy Spirit to search your heart and you will know His amazing love just for you.

"For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world He created – that He (even) gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts, clings to, relies on) Him may not perish come to destruction, be lost but have eternal (everlasting) life. For God did not send the Son into the

Jesus is Calling You

world in order to judge to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on the world, but that the world might find salvation on the world; but that the world might find salvation and be made save and sound through Him". (Romans 2:16-17)

The reality is, people throughout the whole world are held accountable to God. They love or ignore or hate Him. They do not understand that breaking or dishonoring the laws of God require punishment according to the Old Testament. "Now we know that whatever the Law says it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that (the Once we recognize His murmurs and excuses of) every mouth may be hushed and the entire world may be held accountable to God." (Romans 3:19 Amplified) There is no room for excuses before God; one will be found "guilty."

Hearts and eyes need to be opened to understand "The wrath of God is being revealed already against all the godlessness" in the world today. (Romans1:18) Another Scripture that speaks to mankind is: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Sin means missing the mark! It all happened at the beginning of time when Adam disobeyed (sinned) the instructions of Almighty God. We then,

became children of Adam and his sinful act fell on all of us. We then all received a sinful nature because we are descendants of Adam. "Sin" is always the fruit of a sinful heart. (Jeremiah 17:9)

When any evil act is revealed people tend to flee away on their own accord and often never wait to hear the Good News about God's Love for them. All Christians have once failed meeting perfect standards God ordained for living their life. But we are forgiven!!

Yes, the Wages of Sin is death but our Heavenly Father has designed a plan to bring peace and freedom and a brand new beginning to those who will yield to His love for them. Listen and then apply these words to your life! "For the wages which sin pays is death; but the (bountiful) free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) **GOD LOVES YOU!**

Did you understand those words? God's Son gave up His earthly life so we all might receive God's Gift of Eternal Life in Heaven with them one day.

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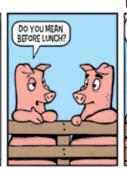


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by Mike Marland

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The Spats I STILL HAVE THE FIRST DOLLAR I EVER MADE.





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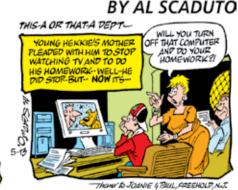
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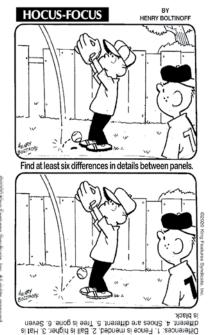


"Whoever said there was nothing new under the sun never checked your deductions."

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps MY BACK AND KNEES ACHE AND I THINK I'VE GOT ARTHRITIS. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT





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pleasure left to us," he wrote

59. Goodbye to amiga

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19. Exit plus s

23. Oozes

25. Romanov's edict

27. Prowl around

28. Embryo cradles 29. Green pasta sauce

32. One on the list 33. Faux one 36. *Equal parts espresso and warm

38. Fauna's partner 40. Hudson's Bay Company original

41. Experts

44. Nose channels

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5. Parents org. 8. Slang for microwave

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16. Knowing about

18. *Usually served on ice,

20. Barber's sound

22. Took a load off

26. Excites passions, 2 words

31. Rude or sarcastic

34. Chips, perhaps

37. Chinese "way"

38. Ice floaters

40. Merry

42. Table scrap

45. *Double shot of espresso

50. Nickname for Putin?

55. *"Tea is the only simple

56. Research facil.

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64. Pay close attention

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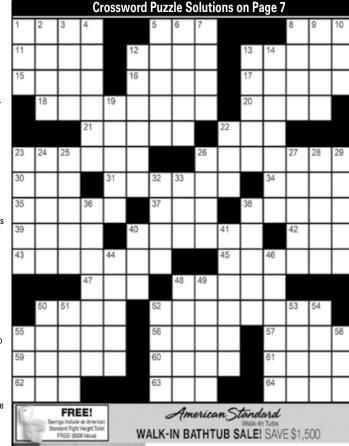
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San Juan Unified Campuses to Remain **Closed through End of School Year**



San Juan Unified schools are providing students with Chromebooks for their distance learning **program.** Photo: SJUSD

San Juan Unified School District

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Based on guidance from both state officials and local health officials, and in coordination with other local school districts, San Juan Unified is extending the closure of our school facilities through the end of the school year.

This does not mean the 2019-2020 academic year is finished. While we will continue to stay physically apart, teachers and staff are quickly working to shift to a new model for delivering instruction. After spring break, teachers and students will engage in new lessons via distance learning which can take many forms.

We recognize this difficult but necessary decision may cause disappointment and understand the hardship that distance learning creates for our students, families and staff. Superintendent Kern will be assembling a group of students to generate and review ideas on how we can best celebrate our graduating seniors' achievements and support their post-secondary goals. More information on these efforts will be shared as they become available.

There are still many questions that need to be answered. Please know that we are working hard to address your concerns and will be in touch as we have updates. In the meantime, please see below for details about distance learning and what to expect as we return from spring break.

Distance Learning Timeline

This week, our teachers and staff members have engaged in a variety of professional learning opportunities to help them prepare.

Here are the key dates for the implementation of distance learning:

April 6-10: Spring break - no virtual office hours or assignments this week; By April 15: Distance learning will begin for grades 6 -12 at K-8 schools, middle and high schools; By April 20: Distance learning will begin for

are in front of a computer for an entire school day. Instead, students will have a blend of experiences that offer instruction and learning that occurs at the same time, and other learning opportunities when instruction and learning occur at different times:

Instruction and learning that occur at the same time (also called synchronous learning) might include live class meetings, chats, student conferences, etc. These events will be scheduled by teachers. For ECE and elementary students, these activities may be scheduled anytime during the school day. To avoid conflicts for scheduling for middle and high school students, these shared learning times will be held during a class's scheduled period;

Instruction and learning that occur at different times (also called asynchronous learning) may include journal writes, assessments, collaborative student group work, etc. For example, a teacher might post or distribute the instructions to an assignment and allow students to work on the task independently or as part of a student group.

Teachers will reach out to their students with specific plans for their class after returning from spring break.

Delivering Special Education Services

Teachers and our special education staff have been working to identify the supports needed by individual learners to help them be successful with distance learning. If your student receives special education services, accommodations will be made to the extent possible. Alternative devices are being identified for those students who cannot use a traditional laptop-style computer. If your student requires services that cannot be met with a distance learning model, an IEP meeting will be held to discuss the impacts on your student and determine whether compensatory education would be appropriate.

Technology to Support Distance Learning



Teachers and staff are quickly working to shift to a new model for delivering instruction. San Juan Unified schools are providing students with Chromebooks. Photo: SJUSD

early childhood education and elementary grades (TK-5/6) (The April 20 date allows time for the distribution of devices to students in need at our 33 elementary schools as well as additional practice time in the use of devices and technology services for both our teachers and our youngest learners who are likely to be less accustomed to its use.)

Distance learning will continue through our last day of school on June 9.

What is Distance Learning?

Distance learning is instruction in which the student and teacher are in different locations. Class content and activities can be engaged in a variety of formats including the use of computers or other instructional methods or materials depending on the teacher, the assignment and students' needs.

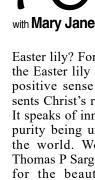
In a distance learning format, students will not experience a traditional school day schedule. There is not an expectation that students

Distribution events have been held at each of our K-8, middle and high schools to provide any student who needs a computing device with a Chromebook. If you are a K-8, middle or high school student and missed your school's distribution event you may pick up a device from any elementary school during their scheduled pickup times.

Elementary schools will hold distribution events April 13 - 17. A full schedule will be posted to the district and school websites as soon as it becomes available and families will also receive mass notification messages from their school at least two days prior to their

Additionally, technology support is available should students have difficulty with their Chromebook or accessing learning resources. If your family needs help accessing the Internet, visit https://www.sanjuan. edu/domain/8864.

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Isn't that enough?

EASTER HOPE

Easter is almost here. Normally we would be getting ready with Easter baskets and all the goodies that go into it. And off the kids go for the Easter egg hunt. This year will be very different! But now is the time to think even bigger than the fun part of Easter. We are facing a pandemic that we have never experienced before, and it is frightening to see that people do some of the strangest things like hoarding toilet paper and paper products among other items. We need to slow down and take a closer look at what it all means.

Easter is a time for resurrection and new birth. We color eggs at Easter, right? In Christian times, the egg was the symbol of new life

the Easter lily is used in a positive sense and represents Christ's resurrection. It speaks of innocence and purity being untainted by the world. We have Ms Thomas P Sargent to thank for the beautiful white Bermuda lily that blooms in the springtime. The bunny? Well, it's cute and cuddly!

So much for the stuff that makes Easter what it has been, a party. Maybe it's time to get back to the roots of Easter and the passion. We bring on the sadness of Good Friday and look to the resurrection on Sunday. Why can't we use that template for what is happening today. We are in a time of fear and anxiety and sadness over the CoVid19, better known as the coronavirus. Yes, we have to be careful taking all the precautions we hear from those in the know. But that does not mean we separate ourselves from the spirit inside us. We may have to stay six feet away as a chick might hatch from from each other, but our the egg. What about the hearts still beat as one with

Easter lily? For Christians, compassion for all those who are suffering. And yes, there will come a day when this too shall pass and so the resurrection of life. So take this time to reflect on what life is all about. Take time to laugh and smell the flowers literally and figuratively.

Since we have to spend more time at home, reach out to someone you haven't spoken to for a while. Let them know you are thinking about them and care. And yes, pick up a phone or cell phone to do it. A text is just not the same. A friendly voice can make such a big difference in calming the fear we face. When you are out and about (limited of course), you can still smile from six feet away. That smile can go a long way to realize we are all in this together. We will overcome this virus. But please, let's not be so isolated that we forget we are still one. Think love and a new beginning. Prayers and Blessings to you all.

HAPPY EASTER!!! ★

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CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Planning Commission of the City of Citrus Heights will hold a Public Hearing for the consideration of the projects listed below.

Project Name: Lords Grace Church Expansion

Applicant is requesting approval of a Use Permit and Design Review Permit Modification to allow for the placement of two modular classrooms onto an existing church property located at 7227 Canelo Hills Drive, Citrus Heights. Project Planner: Eric Singer Environmental Determination: the project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA per Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

Project: Zoning Code Update- Accessory Dwelling Units

The Planning Commission will review updates to Chapter 106.42.015 and 106.80.020 of the city's Zoning Code and forward a recommendation to the City Council. 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

The Planning Commission will review a variety of updates to Articles 1 through 4 and Article 8 of the city's Zoning Code and forward a recommendation to the City Council. The updates include revisions to commercial recreation land uses, small recycling centers, and restricted product sales as well as a variety of other amendments. A complete list of changes can be obtained from the Planning Division. Environmental Determination: The project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines. Project Planner: Alison Bermudez

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If you wish to make a public comment, please submit your comment via email to planning@citrusheights.net or by completion of an online Speaker Card at https://www.citrusheights.net/FormCenter/City-Council-Meetings-Speaker Card-30. Each comment will be read aloud by the Planning Commission Secretary for up to five minutes.

Following the Public Hearing, the Planning Commission may take such action on the project as it deems appropriate. If the matter is continued for any reason to a later date, written comments and public testimony will be accepted until the close of the final Public Hearing. All comments will be considered by the Approving Authority.

If you challenge the action of the Planning Commission on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department at, or prior to the Public Hearing.

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Dated: April 2. 2020 Publish: April 10, 2020

Citrus Heights Messenger 4-10-2020



Metro Fire Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

By Chris Vestal, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

MATHER, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire or the District) was notified that a member tested positive for COVID-19. This employee was a member of a team that provided care to a patient who had called 911 and was transported to a local emergency department for further treatment.

Metro Fire was notified a few days after the request for service that the patient tested positive for COVID-19. Subsequently our employee who had

already been placed off work due to developing symptoms was tested, leading to the positive test result received. This chain of events occurred within the last week.

Once aware, Metro Fire notified all other personnel who worked with the employee. We are following all guidelines issued by Sacramento County Public Health, including monitoring all potentially exposed employees for symptoms and maintaining facility cleanliness.

We remain committed to our mission of providing emergency service delivery throughout our jurisdiction. Our most valuable resource are our employees, including our first responders in the field and the professional staff who supports them with logistical, financial, fleet maintenance, and other essential services critical to emergency response. It is imperative that our entire staff remains healthy. To reduce exposures we have established procedures to maintain social distancing when feasible in the work environment, alternative work locations and hours, and increased cleaning at all our facilities.

Currently, even with the recent positive COVID-19 test, we remain fully staffed and all essential services are uninterrupted. Our Community Risk Reduction

Division (commonly known as fire prevention) is operational for new construction inspections and plan review services. Fire Inspectors will continue to work via phone, email, or through teleconference. If you have any questions, please contact our main office at (916) 859-4300.

The most up to date information about COVID-19 is available on our website at www.metrofire.ca.gov/covid-19 by following the links to the Sacramento County COVID-19 webpage.

For further information and details, please contact Captain Chris Vestal at (916) 616-2430.



Is it an Emergency?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I just completed Baby Step 3, and we have six months of expenses saved for an emergency fund. How should we determine when something is actually an emergency?

-Riley

Dear Riley,

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There's no shame in using your emergency fund if you really need to. That's what it's there for. Just remember to ask yourself a few questions anytime

Dave Ramsey Says

sure you've got a real reason to use it.

Is the expense really unexpected? Christmas happens on December 25th every single year. You know your semi-annual car insurance payment is coming, too. Make sure things like this are part of your regular, monthly budgets. Some examples of unexpected expenses might be a job loss or pay cut. Emergency medical expenses and car accident repairs might fall into this category, as well.

Is it absolutely necessary? Most people say they know the difference between a want and a need, but that's not always the case. Replacing your only mode of transportation would be a need. Upgrading to a newer, fancier car is not. If your car goes down for the count, you need transportation. Use your emergency fund to buy something affordable and reliable you can pay cash for. But don't dip decent car for one with a DaveRamsey.

something pops up to make million bells and whistles.

Is it urgent? Practice the art of patience whenever possible. If your home's air conditioning unit goes out in the middle of summer, that's probably an urgent fix. But hearing about the "sale of the century" at your favorite retail store? Grabbing the newest, hottest cell phone when yours works just fine? Nope!

Your emergency fund is all about long-term security, not instant gratification. Don't blow it impulsively, but don't be afraid to use it when it's really needed. Be wise, and ask those three questions. Check yourself so you don't wreck your-

self—or your budget! Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey. into it just to upgrade your com and on Twitter at @

Are Locked-Down Small Business Owners Committing Financial Suicide?

Commentary from SaveCalifornia.com

Small business owners, will you defend your Godgiven rights?

If the always-paid government bureaucracy wanted to kill off capitalism, they're not wasting this opportunity. For every day, small businesses fail because they "aren't open." Yet if you stay closed like the government wants, you might be committing financial suicide. Ask yourself how long can you go without income?

Small business owners shouldn't be overly-afraid of the government. Have you heard of a single business owner in America being fined for staying fully open during the virus scare? I haven't. And so what if you're fined? Wouldn't a couple hundred dollars be a small price to pay compared to all the value you'll receive by staying open?

And consider the vari- ing immunity." Source ous "bugs" that can be on whether it's coronavirus, the flu, stomach flu, strep throat, pink eye, or the common cold. Which is why small business owners who are "open for business" should exercise (and require from their customers) an improved level of booming economy? good hygiene.

"cure" for COVID-19 than the disease. As R.

On Sunday, the FDA approved the anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine sulfate and chloroquine phosphate. Millions of doses are being donated to the nation's hospitals right

Is the COVID-19 lockdown overkill? One decade ago, America had another epidemic. But the 2009-2010 swine flu occurred when there was a Democrat in the White House, who the Big Media protected, and the opposition party Republicans did not politicize the virus.

Yet the death toll was higher than (or some might argue, similar to) COVID-19. "According to the CDC from April 2009 to April 2010 there were about 60.8 million cases of the swine flu with 12,469 deaths in the United States. Unlike COVID-19, swine flu targeted the younger population, who health officials said had little to no exist-

Yet now we have a every public door handle Republican president, who the Big Media hates, and who the opposition party Democrats seem to blame for everything. They unsuccessfully tried to oust him twice. Is it the Big Media's turn to defeat Trump by eliminating his

We are now at a point What's more, the where the cure is worse

might already be here. Emmett Tyrrell Jr. wrote a week ago: "... we need not destroy our economy over this pandemic ... The state we had arrived at by last weekend was explained cogently by Bob Luddy, the CEO and founder of CaptiveAire, in The American Spectator on Monday. He wrote: "Our leaders are creating an economic crisis and a major national security risk with limited data. The cure is far worse than any perceived impact by COVID-19."

> For small business owners, and workers who've been laid off without pay, the big question is how much more financial bleeding can you stand? Consider that big stores like Wal-Mart and Target haven't closed. So why must you?

> For the sake of your constitutional rights, your God-given ownership rights, your family, and your in-born need to succeed, I encourage you to be "open for business," along with taking wise steps of good hygiene. Don't let the establishment destroy your livelihood!

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