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Their BID is a Win



Community leaders show their support for the BID renewal by cheering on Travis Kimball, Chairman of the Board, as he points toward the future of the economic center of Citrus Heights. Photo by Paul Scholl

By Paul Scholl

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Sunrise Marketplace has become a destination shopping area over the years, but it hasn't been without a lot of hard work and diligent leadership. With many anchor stores, a clean environment, plenty of parking and inviting signage, shoppers can get pretty much anything they want in Citrus Heights. On December 11, Kathilynn Carpenter, Executive Director, and the board of directors held an open house to invite local businesses within the district to stop by Sunrise Mall to kick-off their campaign for a renewal of the property-based business improvement district. The current term ends December 31, 2021.

The timeline for the renewal was outlined at the event. It includes the Draft Management District Plan which happened in November, the petition campaign, which starts in January, and then a city council hearing in May of 2020. The petition must obtain signed petitions from supporting property owners totaling more than 50% of the proposed total assessment. A ballot and notice of public hearing will be mailed in May. The BID must receive more Yes ballots than No ballots, and the ballots are weighed by the assessment amount. If the renewal campaign succeeds, adoption of the resolution for formation will be heard by the city council in June or July and will

renew for an additional 10 year term. Some of the community investments made by the district are the Firefighters Burn Institute Fill the Boot Drive raising over \$2 million, collecting over 131,000 toys and 20,000 coats for families in need, 1,100 backpacks and school supplies for underprivileged children, and the donation of almost \$1 million in gift cards, cash, clothing and other donations. They have held over 500 events. The current SMP BID has had a long history of successes for the community. You can read all about them at Sunrisemarketplace.com. Also see shopsmp.com to find out more about the district stores. ★

Angel Lover's Collection Spreads Joy Throughout the World



Members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Messiah Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights stand at tables with over 100 angels collected over 40 years by their friend, Marion Galbraith. Pastor Morris Stephen on the right. Photo provided by Elise Spleiss

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Believers from many faiths are looking forward to being surrounded by angels

upon their death. However, Citrus Heights resident Marion Galbraith did not wait for that day. She surrounded herself with angels in life, and upon her death in 2018 left a

legacy of nearly 300 angels of all kinds to her family and friends. Marion began seriously collecting angels in her early fifties, upon her

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Adoption Event Shares Joy, But More Youth Need Families

By Brenda Bongiorno,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Superior Court and Sacramento County collaborated to host a National Adoption Day event at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019. By the end of this special day, 54 children from foster care finalized their adoptions into 42 families – each finding their forever home.

"This has been a joyous event for every child and family. However, right now, roughly 350 foster children still need forever homes," said, Michelle Callejas, director of the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services. "This day is a great reminder to community members that they can become a resource or adoptive parent and open their homes and hearts to foster youth in need."

On the day of the event, the courthouse, normally serious, instead buzzed with excitement and jubilation of children excited to embrace their new families. Suzzanne Goldwire, a Resource Parent many times, who after fostering Jessi and Tianna for 10 months, celebrated at the Adoption Day event with hugs and poignant tears as she took the final step to welcome Jessi and Tianna into their forever family with the rest of her family and grandchildren present in support.

"Today is the day I adopted Tianna and Jessi. I've been fostering them for 10 months... and now we just made it official and they fit right in with my nine grandkids. It's important that the kids know that they can be loved even though they are not your biological child," said Suzzanne. When asked about the upcoming holidays, Suzzanne said, "I'm excited about expanding the family and having everybody get together... this Thanksgiving will be extra special because I've added two kids to our family - and now they are official with us - I'm thankful for that."

At the event when asked about the process to foster/adopt, Suzzanne shared that the process was easy and the agency will walk people through the process. Data shows that outcomes for foster youth improve

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New NASA Hubble Exhibit Launches at the Aerospace Museum

By Emily Meyers,
Aerospace Museum of California

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The air is cool and still. Lights from illuminated panels give off an unearthly glow as the soft whine of computers suspend the passing of time. Hushed voices can be heard discussing stardust and light waves and the edge of charted space. Have you stumbled upon a secret governmental lab? A starship pulled from science-fiction? No, you're at the Aerospace Museum of California, in the midst of the official NASA Hubble Space Telescope Traveling Exhibit!

Blast off to the Aerospace Museum this holiday season and be a part of history as the NASA Hubble Space Telescope Traveling Exhibit debuts for the first time in California! Experience the magnificence and mystery of the Hubble Space Telescope and its unique mission through interactive stations, guided tours and engaging activities for explorers of all ages! Visitors are invited to explore the vast reaches of space through Hubble's iconic images, learn the history and purpose of this technological marvel in a space station environment, and look to the future of space exploration with the James Webb Telescope.

The Exhibit features a 1:15 scale model of the Hubble Space Telescope, a real-time GeoSphere that displays earthly phenomena and a collection of tools that have actually flown into space to serve one of five servicing missions Hubble has required since its launch in 1990. Visitors will experience a deeper appreciation for Hubble's mission and a sense of child-like wonder at the sheer size



Carina Nebula's 'Mystic Mountain' Within the tempestuous Carina Nebula. This three-light-year-tall cosmic pinnacle, imaged by the Hubble Space Telescope's Wide Field Camera 3. Image Credit by NASA, ESA, M. Livio and the Hubble 20th Anniversary Team (STScI)

and beauty of space.

To promote STEM Education in the local community, the Aerospace Museum has partnered with SMUD to contribute \$25,000 in sponsorships, transportation funding, teacher memberships and educational resources for local students in underserved communities to experience this once-in-a-lifetime STEM education opportunity.

The Aerospace Museum of California is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation located in McClellan, CA. Visitors experience aviation history and aerospace science in an interactive setting. With a 4-acre airpark and rotating exhibits, families engage with STEM activities for all ages and let their imaginations soar. The Aerospace Museum is a Smithsonian Museum Affiliate and a North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) member. For more information, visit their website at AerospaceCA.org ★

Baby Baskets Needed for New Moms at Sacramento Life Center

Donations Needed for Sacramento Life Center's Baskets4Babies Drive Through Dec. 31

By Kristin Thébaud,
Kristin Thébaud Communications

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Local residents can help low-income new moms in Sacramento this holiday season through the Sacramento Life Center's annual Baskets4Babies drive running through Dec. 31. The drive stocks the Sacramento Life Center's baby needs closet so the nonprofit can provide a basket of needed items to every patient who gives birth in 2020.

Donations can be made in any increment, but \$50 guarantees a new mother has everything she needs to bring her baby home from the hospital, including diapers, clothing, bottles, formula, homemade blankets, bibs, bathing supplies and more. A pledge of \$50 per month guarantees a mother can return each month for additional necessities as her baby grows. Donations can be made online at www.saclife.org or by texting saclife to 56651.

"One of the most overwhelming feelings is learning that you're pregnant and fearing you won't have the resources to care for your vulnerable baby," said Marie Leatherby, executive director, Sacramento Life Center. "Sometimes something as simple as a gift of diapers and newborn clothes can give expecting mothers the confidence that they have a support system to help raise their child. Baskets4Babies gives expecting mothers proof that they will always have a family



A Sacramento Life Center patient receives a baby basket in November. The center is running its annual Baskets4Babies drive through December. Photo courtesy Kristin Thébaud Communications

here at the Sacramento Life Center and supporters out in the community rooting for their family."

For more information about the Sacramento Life Center's Sac Valley Pregnancy Clinic, visit www.svpclinic.com. For more information about the Sacramento Life Center or to make a donation, visit www.saclife.org. ★

Board Approves Inspector General Candidate

By Kim Nava,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the selection of a new Inspector General for Sacramento County and for the County Executive to begin contract negotiations for Mark Evenson to serve in that position.

"Following a nationwide search,

I'm pleased to say that we have identified a qualified candidate," said Board Chair and District Two Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. "We look forward to welcoming Mark Evenson in his role as Inspector General and his work in providing good oversight and accountability."

The Office of Inspector General was created to facilitate the Board of Supervisors' responsibility to oversee without interfering with the Sheriff's investigative or personnel

deployment functions.

The Inspector General ensures the integrity of the citizen complaint process and the thoroughness and fairness of related Sheriff's Department investigations, while fostering positive relations with the community. The Inspector General works independently on items detailed in the scope of services. In addition, the Inspector General may investigate other non-personnel matters as requested by the County

Executive or a majority of the Board of Supervisors. The Inspector General will present recommendations relating to these examinations to the Board of Supervisors, County Executive and the Sheriff.

Evenson is an experienced police executive with 32 years of law enforcement experience. Of those years, 20 were in middle and senior management levels, and 10 years were as Chief of Police for the City of Brentwood.

Additionally, Evenson has extensive experience as an Internal Affairs investigator, a commander and has demonstrated leadership success in police accountability, citizen complaint investigations and community/police relations.

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greatly with the permanency of a family. Resource parents and their families make a vital and positive difference in the lives of foster children by providing love, parental care, guidance and stability to children until they can either return to their parents or provide a permanent home through adoption or legal guardianship. Anyone able to provide a loving and affirming home can become a resource parent – and there is a tremendous need for resource families for teens, LGBTQ youth, African-American children, sibling sets, children with medical needs, and emergency, short-term placements and homes.

While reuniting children with their

biological families is the primary goal, when reunification is not possible, Sacramento County staff can help resource parents to adopt or to provide legal guardianship. Sacramento County supports, trains and offers guidance, resources and assistance to resource families to make sure the journey is a positive transition.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a resource family for local foster children or an adoptive parent, please attend the next Resource Family/Adoptive Parent Orientation or call (916) 875-5543 and visit the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services Resource Family web page. ★

Honoring the Son of One of Our Nation's Founders



The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution honored William S. Hamilton at his grave in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery. Pictured, left to right: Ginger DeGregory, Janet Fulton, Jane Russell, Andrea Dietze. Photo DAR

Daughters of the American Revolution Press Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution laid a wreath on the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery grave of William S. Hamilton, son of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, on December 9, 2019. William S. Hamilton came to California for the Gold Rush and died in 1850 of cholera.

"It isn't commonly known that the son of one of our Founding Fathers is buried in Sacramento," stated Emily

Browne, Chapter Regent, of Carmichael. "The musical, Hamilton, introduced a new generation to Alexander Hamilton. We hope that introduction creates interest in learning more about the men and women who sacrificed everything for the promise offered by the United States of America," she continued. Janet Fulton, Sacramento Chapter Historic Preservation Committee Chair, of Davis, added, "The Sacramento Chapter has maintained William S. Hamilton's grave for almost 100 years. It is located in a beautiful cemetery, surrounded by the graves of

California and Sacramento pioneers. A visit to honor William S. Hamilton can be a fascinating adventure."

The grave of William S. Hamilton is found in Hamilton Square within the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With nearly 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org ★



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Marion Galbraith. Photo provided by Galbraith family

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husband Art's retirement from Western Union where he was a civil defense contractor working as a cryptography communicator for the Strategic Air Command during the Cold War.

After many job-related moves throughout the United States, retirement took Art and Marion, with their son Alan to Placerville and Corning.

The couple's final move was to Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park in 2004. When Marion's family recently sold her home, they discovered hundreds of angels of all shapes and sizes and materials. Besides those she bought new or found gently used, many of the angels came to her as gifts all year, many from all over the country.

Besides Marion's love of her family and her angels, she was devoted to her church, Messiah Lutheran in Citrus Heights and its ladies mission organization, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. It was her wish that some of her collection be donated to the church for the craft group and the LWML to use to raise funds for their mission projects throughout the region, state and world.

To honor her wishes,

a display of over 100 of Marion's unique, elegant and beautiful angel items was set up and offered for donations on Sunday, December 15, following the church service. These mementos include books, stationary, crystal plates, bowls, vases and candle holders, coasters, dozens of figurines, wall hangings, Christmas and other ornaments, vintage items, and much more.

Items came in porcelain, crystal, glass, wood, plaster, brass, sea shells, lace, rattan and straw.

Marion's presence was felt on that day, her 'fellow grandma' and good friend, Linda Logue said Marion would have been honored and pleased that the angels she loved in life would do so much to make life better for recipients of the donations after her death. ★

Community Gets a Big Thanks for Holiday Referral Program Response



Officer Spencer, Officer Mitchell, and Sergeant Garing at Sunrise Mall with gifts donated by the community for the 2019 Holiday Referral program. Photo courtesy of CHPD

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Thursday, December 19th saw the culmination of the six-week 2019 Citrus Heights Holiday Referral Program, as dozens of eager families descended on a room at the Sunrise Mall to 'shop' for their children's Christmas toys, stuffed animals and other presents. For many these gifts will be the only they receive for Christmas.

It was also the day several specially chosen families living in low-income neighborhoods including Sayonara Drive received a welcomed visit from the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD), who came bearing gifts and other needed household items on the family's holiday wish list. Police staff, city officials and members of the community joined in the fun, greeting the families and sharing in their joy, often



Dozens of colorful, cuddly stuffed animals collected by residents of Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park found forever homes with families participating in the Holiday Referral Program. Photo courtesy of CHPD

accompanying tears.

The Holiday Referral program has grown rapidly since the police department became responsible for its organization and supervision. It now runs like a well-oiled machine. This year the ever-growing list of businesses, non-profits, schools, churches, restaurants and individuals who have stepped forward to help others is so long it can only be described as "almost endless". It is all these people

coming together that makes it happen each year.

Larissa Wasilevsky with the CHPD said in an email, "we so appreciate the outpouring of support from the entire community!" She indicated that special thanks go to the partners who have worked so hard this year including the CHPD, Sunrise Marketplace, Sunrise Mall, City of Citrus Heights and its many departments, CH Chamber of Commerce, CH Rotary and CH Soroptimist. ★



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*It All Starts
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“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”
— Albert Einstein

When you are planning your next vacation, will you imagine where you want to go and what you would like to do there? Can you see yourself at your dream destination? Are you able to imagine how nice your trip will be? Do you find your desire to start your vacation grows as you imagine how great it will be to get away?

Everything you do, and everything you have, begins with imagination. Imagination creates desire which then motivates you to take action. It’s what you imagine which creates your path through life.

We are all born with the ability to imagine. Just watch kids using their imagination while playing. Or think back on you own childhood experiences. Children are constantly imagining various scenarios and roles for themselves. They can entertain themselves with simple toys; even just some sticks, string, or empty boxes will feed their imagination. Children also imagine what they want to be when they grow up.

You can imagine virtually anything. Imagination frees you from limitations. Vivid imagination causes your brain to experience virtually the same sensations as if it were real. Imagination programs your mind to transform your imagination to reality.

You imagine, and mentally test, numerous solutions. Various what-if scenarios can be explored. Using your imagination gets you thinking about what you should do next. It prevents impulsive decision making which tends to worsen situations.

Imagination is a powerful achievement tool which directs your mind toward success. In your imagination you create a mental movie with whatever plot and ending you desire. This script becomes a source for motivation and action. Your mind will only achieve what you believe.

As you repeatedly view your mental success movie, your brain becomes primed to take the necessary action required. This action step is essential for converting your imagination into reality.

Harness the power of your imagination. Free your imagination to picture whatever life you want. Don’t impose any constraints. There are no limitations. Your age doesn’t matter. All that’s important is where you want to go from where you are now.

It all starts with imagination but must be followed by action. Create a step by step plan to reach your objective. Any roadblocks you encounter can be overcome. If you stumble and fall, get back up. Success requires imagination.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

One of the fastest growing crimes in the world today is Identify theft. The truth is we’ve all had our identity stolen. Who you were made to be - gone. Sometimes your identity is stolen by your parents, they want you to be someone you’re not. Sometimes your identity can be stolen by friends, co-workers, peers or employers. Sometimes your identity is stolen by problems or hurts. Sometimes your identity is stolen by society, by culture, by the media that says you’re supposed to act and think a certain way. You end up being pressured to conform to culture rather than being who God made you to be.

In 2020 everyone is supposed to get a *REAL ID* from DMV. But your Real ID, you get from the one who made you and thought you up in the first place. You get it from God. The Bible says – 2 Corinthians 5 “When

Pastor Ray's
Encouraging Words

Your REAL ID

someone accepts Christ he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!” Jesus called it being born again. It’s like not turning over a new leaf – you get a whole new life. You get a whole new ID.

What does that mean? Does that mean that now you’re perfect? That now you never sin? Of course not! It just means you’re not identified by your sin. You’re not identified by your past. You have a new identity. You are a child of God. It’s new, it’s true and it’s permanent.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is they let their failures define them. They let their fears define them. They let their faults define them. They let their sins and their struggles define them. But that verse says, “*He is not the same anymore.*” The old has passed away, the new has come. You are not identified by sins. You are not identified by past hurts. You are not identified by your weakness. Your illness is not your identity. You are a child of God. That’s your new true identity. That is your *Real ID*.

All growing up you heard lies, people saying, “You’re never going to amount to anything. Who do you think you are? Why can’t you be like your brother? You’re worthless. You’re too old. You’re too young. You’re too fat. You’re too ugly. Not good enough.” And on and on and on. You’ve heard these voices over and over and over. Don’t you believe them!

The starting point to your new identity is this: You’ve got to stop seeing yourself the way everybody else sees you. And you’ve got to start seeing yourself the way God sees you. You’ve got to stop listening to the lies of the world and you’ve got to start listening to the truth of the Word, what God says about you. He knows what he made you to be. You’ve got to stop listening to the lies and start listening to the Truth; God’s word, the Bible.

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By Marlys Johnsen
Norris, Christian Author

The Holy Word of God is our guidebook to help us learn and know our Creator/God and begin our lifetime journey to know and to live in His Perfect Will for our Life. The Bible is not a book one can pick up occasionally because there is just too much to learn. God’s design for life may appear to be one of a simple faith but the more one learns and grasps the depth of its words, one realizes the magnificent magnanimous loving plan God has designed for everyone’s life to know His intimate and personal love for them.

There are certain things that will never change about living our lives because God is our Creator and His instructions never change. There is a Biblical based conviction that comes in knowing right from wrong. Living by those convictions create right living that God will always honor. They help us just like a rudder on a ship helps the movement of the ship go the right way.

Men and women throughout the Bible lived by their convictions and they were blessed of God. One should never compromise those valuable convictions! All right and wrong beliefs will be tested! One needs to stand by their good convictions making a decision to follow Biblical

The Majesty Of God –
Merry Christmas 2019!!!

absolutes which is God’s positive design for living the abundant life He promises. Disregarding them always results in tragic consequences.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

One of the beginnings of faith is to surrender one’s life completely into the hand of God and make a decision to know and love Him. One can be “born-again” by accepting His Beloved Son, Jesus as Savior and Lord of their life. Savior means one recognizes that they have made many poor decisions in their lives and sinned. Jesus came and died paying the supreme sacrifice of His life to purchase and redeem everyone of us from our sinful acts and the wrath of God.

Therefore, Let us present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. *Be not conformed to this world’s ways; but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, so that we may prove - what is the good and acceptable perfect will of God!* Through the loving grace and mercy of God available unto every man, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (Ref. Romans 12:1-3) Some may think so, --- but No one is smarter than God!

Just about the time we do think we have learned all - we find out that we are beginning a new era of maturity to learn even more in our walk with God. He knows that we can only retain so much at a time and we aren’t even smart enough to realize that! Haven’t we all observed people who have professed their faith and challenged us on our journey to know God? Often it comes through a pastor’s message in church at a time we sincerely believe we have matured in our journey – then, another big surprise as new insight comes to us. God is patient and non judgmental. He knows just the right time when our hearing is at a peak and we are ready to learn more!

Everyone needs to project their thoughts and actions on their eventual death and living in eternity. Where will we end up? One day every one will give an account to God our Father of the decisions and events our lives have made. “*That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment.*” (Matthew 11:36) Realistically thinking about eternity now, will bring about the right resolve regardless of the trials and circumstances one faces at the end of a lifetime. “*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*” (Hebrews 11:1) This is what the ancients were commended in Old Testament times. We must realize that Jehovah God is much much more than any of us have realized. Thank Him as you celebrate the birth of God’s Beloved Son, Jesus!

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Where Does Santa Get His Naughty or Nice List?

Dr. James L. Snyder

This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage approached me with a serious question.

As far as I am concerned, life is full of questions, but coming from her, I need to be very careful. I have found out that a question with her is not merely a question. It can be a whole lot more than that with multiple layers.

If I do not understand her question, my answer is going to get me into trouble. Believe me; I know what trouble is all about.

However, the question posed to me by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was, “Are you on Santa’s naughty or nice list this year?”

Precisely, what does it mean to be naughty from Santa’s point of view?

For a moment, the temptation danced in my mind to ask my wife about this, but I was sure if I did, she would tell me and tell me more than I actually wanted to know.

I tried reflecting over the year to see if there was any indication that I crossed the line somewhere into the naughty area. I could not think of any, but I am sure I was overlooking something.

The thing I try to figure out is, how do I get on his nice list? Is there something I can do to get off the naughty list? I am open to all kinds of suggestions here.

I must confess there are times when I lean toward the naughty. I hope Santa never sees me in that stage of my life. More importantly, I hope my wife never sees me at that stage.

Naughty, for me, is doing something behind my wife’s back. For instance: eating an Apple Fritter is best done behind my wife’s back. If she sees me eating an Apple Fritter, she will remind me that it is not on my diet.

When she says, “my diet,” she is referring to her diet imposed upon me. If you look at my diet, it includes Apple Fritters and a whole lot more not on hers.

Personally, I do not consider it naughty to eat according to my diet. I do not know of anything nicer than sitting down with a nice hot cup of coffee and a fresh Apple Fritter. Then, it is a lot nicer when I am not caught.

As to the question, am I on Santa’s naughty or nice list, I am not quite sure. All year long, I tried to stay out of the naughty and focus on the nice. I must confess it is difficult trying to focus on being nice when naughty comes so much easier.

So, to answer my wife’s question, I simply said, “I believe I’m on his nice list this year.”

She simply looked at me with one of “those looks” and I knew that her belief and my belief were on different pages.

I thought about what I read in the Bible a couple of days ago. Something King Solomon said. “That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous” (Proverbs 2:20).

The important thing is not if I’m naughty or nice or if I’m on Santa’s list. The important thing is to surround myself with “good men.” The companions I keep are the ones that will help me walk in the path of righteousness.

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13. Indian metropolis

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15. E-cigarette output

16. Galsworthy's "The Forsyte _____" pl.

17. Bovine hangout

18. UV light absorber

19. *Scrooge's late partner

21. *December 26th, a.k.a. _____ Day

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28. "_____ Las Vegas," Presley song

30. 1/100th of a ruble

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41. Chose between competitors

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3. Aquarium organism

4. Navigational aid

5. *Hanukkah month

6. Competently

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10. Second word in fairytale

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24. Telephone part

25. *Ralphie's wish

26. Trial's partner

27. Late Princess of Wales

29. IV+IV

31. Type of cotton fiber

32. Exit plus s

33. Around

34. *Macaulay's famous character

36. Takes to court

38. *Hanukkah gift

42. *Magnolia" ware

45. Not in its original form

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51. TV variety show classic

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56. Yogurt-based dip

57. *Manger's glow

58. Dish of stewed meat

59. "_____ if you..." on a bumper sticker

60. Small songbird

61. Trampled

62. In custody

63. Coca Cola's first diet drink

65. *What Whos did to roast beast?

67. Silvester Stallone's nickname

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ACROSS

1. Taken where? **AT THE STORE**

6. Vegas bandit's body part **ARM**

9. Tritian's Venus or Collier's Godiva **WREATH**

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15. E-cigarette output **VAPOR**

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50. _____ a-Sketch **SKETCH**

52. Summer color **RED**

53. Cuckoo **COCK**

55. "_____ the ramparts..." **ON THE**

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69. Beehive State native **BEEHIVE**

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26. Trial's partner **PROSECUTOR**

27. Late Princess of Wales **DIANA**

29. IV+IV **8**

31. Type of cotton fiber **COTTON**

32. Exit plus s **EXIT**

33. Around **ABOUT**

34. *Macaulay's famous character **MACAULAY**

36. Takes to court **GOES**

38. *Hanukkah gift **NOEL**

42. *Magnolia" ware **MAGNOLIA**

45. Not in its original form **NOT**

49. Pep rally syllable **PEP**

51. TV variety show classic **THE PRICE IS RIGHT**

54. Concentrate **CONCENTRATE**

56. Yogurt-based dip **SAUCE**

57. *Manger's glow **STAR**

58. Dish of stewed meat **STEW**

59. "_____ if you..." on a bumper sticker **IF YOU**

60. Small songbird **SPRING**

61. Trampled **TRAMPLED**

62. In custody **IN CUSTODY**

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65. *What Whos did to roast beast? **WHO**

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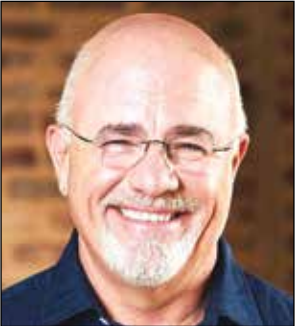
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Why Not Budget and Save?

Dear Dave,

I've never heard you talk about store layaway programs. With Christmas coming, I wanted to ask your opinion of using layaway for buying gifts.

– Meg

Dear Meg,

If you know me, you probably have a good idea what's coming next. I'm not a huge fan of layaway programs, because they're not the answer to a problem. I mean, *Christmas* comes at the same time every year. It's not like it

Dave Ramsey Says

snuck up on you. What's wrong with just saving up money for Christmas ahead of time?

Here's a good rule of thumb: if you don't have the money on hand, you can't afford it. Now, sometimes there are instances when certain popular items are on sale, and you can take advantage of them through layaway if you don't have enough cash at that very moment. I don't have a huge problem with this sort of thing, as long as it's not habitual behavior, and you're already saving money and living on a budget. Still, I would never, ever recommend using a layaway plan with fees attached.

It may be too late to budget for this Christmas, but I want you to make plans to start living on a written, monthly budget in January. Make it a resolution! Give every dollar a

name, on paper, before the upcoming month begins. You can include Christmas spending in those monthly budgets, too. If you set aside a little bit each month from January until next December, you won't have to worry about layaways or Christmas *debt*.

Remember, Christmas is about God and it's about love. There are many, many ways to bless people and make them happy without overextending yourself financially!

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.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

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Citrus Heights Police Department
Press Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Citrus Heights Police Department encourages everyone attending holiday parties and gatherings where alcohol may be involved to use a designated sober driver.

This holiday season, from Dec. 13 to New Year's, the Citrus Heights Police Department will have more officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

In addition, the Citrus Heights Police Department will hold a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on Friday, December 20th, 2019 from 8 p.m. to approximately 3 a.m. at an undisclosed location in the city of Citrus Heights.

"Unfortunately, this time of year is when

we see more people driving impaired," Sergeant Shaun Gualco said. "There is no excuse for driving after drinking or using drugs that impair. There are many ways to get home safely without driving."

The Citrus Heights Police reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

So if you are hosting a holiday party, offer non-alcoholic drinks for designated sober drivers and monitor how people are getting home. If someone has been drinking and tries to leave, offer to have them stay the night or take ride-share home.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

United Way to Provide Free Healthy Meals Over Holiday Break

By Kristin Thébaud, Kristin Thébaud
Communications

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Over holiday break, kids who rely on United Way's Healthy Meals after-school supper program can still receive free meals at six locations across Sacramento through United Way's partnership with Sacramento Public Library and Mack Road Partnership.

"One in five kids in our region is food insecure," said Stephanie Bray, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "While schools are closed over the holiday break, we want to make sure kids continue to have access to healthy food. United Way is helping to fill in the gaps. We are committed to providing year-round support so kids can succeed in school. They need that support even when school isn't in session over the holidays and during the summer."

Five Sacramento Public Libraries will be providing meals over the holidays. The North-Highlands Antelope Library and North Sacramento Library will serve meals at 4 p.m. on Dec. 26, Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

The Del Paso Heights Library will serve meals at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31 and Jan. 2. The Sylvan Oaks Library in Citrus Heights will serve meals at 4 p.m. on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. The Southgate Library will serve meals at 5 p.m. on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Mack Road Partnership also will provide meals at 7833 Center Parkway in Sacramento at 3 p.m. on Dec. 23, Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Dec. 30, Jan. 2 and Jan. 3, as well as at noon on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4. For more information, visit YourLocalUnitedWay.org.

United Way expanded its Healthy Meals program this fall through its partnership with the Sacramento Public Library's eight branches, which served 183 meals in the first two days of the school year.

"At the library, we see kids who are hungry every day," said Christie Hamm, youth services manager, Sacramento Public Library. "They can't focus on homework or reading when they are hungry. This provides a way to give kids something nutritious to eat, and while they're at the library, our resources are available to them such as books, computers and homework help." ★

Ask Toni What!! My Medicare Part B or D Penalty Is Forever?



Hello Toni:

I am a 67-year-old female who never enrolled in Medicare Part B or D because I believe in holistic medicine and only take vitamins. I was under the impression that if I didn't go to the doctor, I didn't need to apply for Medicare and could later. Now, I have found a lump in my breast and know I need additional healthcare.

I went to Social Security to help me enroll in Medicare in December and was informed that I must wait until after January 1 to enroll in Medicare because I missed my "window of opportunity".

What "window of opportunity" did I miss? I have never received any information about this. Thanks, Julie from Memphis

Julie:

The "window of opportunity" that you missed was when you turned 65 and had a 7- month window, which is 3 months before turning 65, the month that you turned 65 and 3 months after turning 65. This special time is called your "Initial Enrollment Period."

Beginning January 1st, you are in the "General Enrollment Period" that is the special time for those that

never enrolled in Medicare and begins every year from January 1 st and ends March 31st . Your Medicare Parts A and/or B will begin July 1 st and your Medicare Part B penalty starts July 1st and lasts as long as you are enrolled in Medicare.

Since you are 67, you will receive a Part B penalty which is a 10% penalty for each 12- month period; yours will be 20% (2 years x 12-month period or 2 years times 10%) since you failed to enroll. This 20% penalty will never go away and remains in effect for the life of the Medicare beneficiary's Medicare coverage.

The 2020 Medicare Part B standard premium is \$144.60; a beneficiary's premium would increase by \$14.46 for each full year one failed to enroll in Part B. Your penalty will be 14.46 X 2 = \$28.92 monthly. This amount changes as Part B premium changes.

Currently, there are over 700,000 Medicare beneficiaries who are receiving a Medicare Part B penalty costing on average \$5,000 in Medicare lifetime penalties because they did not understand Medicare enrollment periods.

Medicare enrollment periods are listed below:

- **Medicare Initial Enrollment Period:** Begins 3 months before turning 65, the month one turns 65 and 3 months after one turns 65. Once this special time has passed, then Part B and/or Part D penalties can begin


when one enrolls later.

- **Special Enrollment Period:** Enroll after 65 when delaying Medicare Part B due to working full time with company benefits. This is an 8-month window of signing up for Part B without receiving a Part B penalty. "Special Enrollment Period" should be written in red on forms acquired from Social Security.
- **General Enrollment Period:** January 1-March 31 when one who has not previously enrolled in Part B can enroll in Medicare Part B but **WILL** receive a Part B penalty.

You never did enroll in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan and will have to wait until the next Medicare Annual Enrollment period which begins October 15 th and ends December 7th every year. You will receive the Medicare Part D penalty which is 1% or .34 penalty for each month that you have been without Medicare's Part D Prescription Drug plan. The Part D penalty can be very costly! Do Not Wait to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug plan. Enroll at the right time! Call the Toni Says® office at 832/519-8664 to schedule a Medicare consultation to avoid mistakes.

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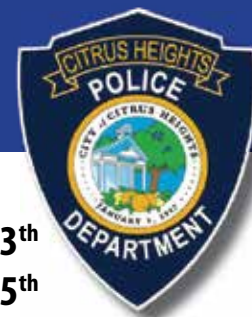


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December 15th**

Date: 12/13/2019 • **Time:** 1:56 PM • **IR Number:** 11909977

Crime: 459 PC: Burglary - Residential

Location Type: House (includes driveway) • **Public Address:** 62XX LOUTH WY
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/13/2019 • **Time:** 4:00 PM • **IR Number:** 11910010

Crime: 487(a) PC: Grnd Thft:prop/Etc \$950+

Location Type: Street/Highway • **Public Address:** 78XX WOODDALE WY
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/13/2019 • **Time:** 6:50 PM • **IR Number:** 11909987

Crime: 10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft

Location Type: Parking Lot • **Public Address:** 73XX GREENBACK LN
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/13/2019 • **Time:** 9:48 PM • **IR Number:** 11909999

Crime: 10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft

Location Type: Street/Highway • **Public Address:** 65XX OUTLOOK DR
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/14/2019 • **Time:** 2:00 PM • **IR Number:** 11910039

Crime: 10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft

Location Type: Parking Lot • **Public Address:** 79XX MADISON AV
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/14/2019 • **Time:** 5:08 PM • **IR Number:** 11910018

Crime: Property Destruction: Property for destruction

Location Type: Parking Lot • **Public Address:** 61XX SAN JUAN AV
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/14/2019 • **Time:** 5:53 PM • **IR Number:** 2019-0443538

Crime: PC 273.5(A): Inflict Corporal Injury On Spouse/Cohabitant

Location Type: Retail/dept/discount store
Public Address: 58XX Antelope Rd, Sacramento, CA 95842
Agency: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (CA)

Date: 12/15/2019 • **Time:** 9:58 AM • **IR Number:** 11910034

Crime: 594(A)(2) PC: Vandalism: damage Property

Location Type: Parking Lot • **Public Address:** 77XX SUN HILL DR
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/15/2019 • **Time:** 4:00 PM • **IR Number:** 2019-0444375

Crime: PC 487: All Other Larceny

Location Type: Parking lot/garage • **Public Address:** 76XX Madison Ave, Citrus Heights, CA 95628
Agency: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (CA)

Date: 12/15/2019 • **Time:** 5:45 PM • **IR Number:** 11910042

Crime: 10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft

Location Type: Parking Lot • **Public Address:** 84XX AUBURN
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

Date: 12/15/2019 • **Time:** 5:40 PM • **IR Number:** 11910041

Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft

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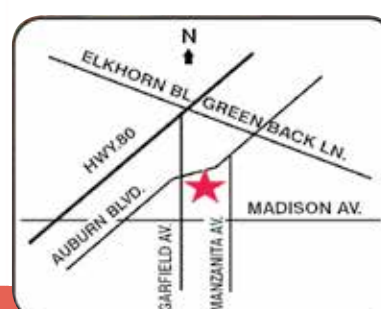
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New Mayor and Vice Mayor Chosen



Jeff Slowey, new Mayor of Citrus Heights.
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Steve Miller, new Vice Mayor of Citrus Heights.
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Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Each December, the Citrus Heights City Council selects the members who will serve as the new mayor and vice mayor for the next calendar year.

At the meeting on December 12, Mayor Bruins thanked all the Councilmembers for their support over the last year. She then nominated Vice Mayor Jeff Slowey to take on the role of mayor for the 2020 term and Councilmember Steve Miller to serve as vice mayor. Both appointments were passed unanimously by the Council, and Councilmember Bruins officially passed the gavel to Mayor Slowey.

The Council also heard a presentation regarding proposed updates to the City’s user fees and the establishment of the first citywide Master Fee Schedule.

The City of Citrus Heights receives tax revenue that benefits citizens by supporting city services such as public safety, streets and infrastructure, and general administration. The City also receives user fees, which are defined as discretionary and benefitting a specific citizen rather than the community as a whole. For these services, the City’s General Fund subsidizes any amount not covered by the user fee.

The last time the City reviewed and updated the user fees was in 2005, so the City contracted with Matrix Consulting Group in April 2019 to analyze user fees and identify the actual cost of providing these services based on staff time and service volume. Based on the analysis, the recommendation was to adjust some fees to reflect current costs and several new fees were also recommended.

The Police Department collects various fees for services such as police reports, subpoenas, towing and traffic services, fingerprint and alarm services, and animal services. User fees currently cover just 48% of the actual costs of service, with an estimated \$300,000 subsidized by the General Fund. Staff recommended increases to administrative, vehicle release, unruly gathering, and animal impound fees. No changes were recommended for alarm fees or animal licensing fees. Some new fees were recommended for the Police Department: ticket sign-off fee (\$16), vehicle tow hearing fee (\$83), Office of

Personnel Management background check fee (\$25), non-home animal quarantine fee (actual cost), registration fee for vicious/dangerous animals (no more than \$300), fee for appeal of decision to destroy a vicious animal (\$75), and a refundable deposit for use of traps.

Permit fees through the Building Department are currently paid at about 49% by the user fees, with an estimated \$1.2 million subsidized by the General Fund. The proposed adjustments will increase the flat rate permit fees to 75% of the actual cost of service with a gradual increase to 90% of actual cost over the next three years.

The Planning Division currently collects user fees at 67% of actual cost for services such as use permits, maps, design and environmental review, and business licenses. The recommendation was to increase the fees to a rate comparable to other agencies while trying to minimize the impact on residents and small businesses. For the issuance of business licenses, the recommendation was to adjust the fee to the actual cost of service.

The Engineering Division is already recovering most of its costs through user fees, so the proposed changes in this department focus on simplifying and streamlining operations.

In the Facilities Department, no changes were recommended for the Community Center use fee, but staff asked for authority to approve annual inflationary adjustments starting in January 2021.

The Finance Department fee for multiple returned checks by the same issuer is recommended to increase from \$25 to \$32.

No changes were recommended for fees charged by the City Clerk’s Office.

The new user fees would become effective on January 1, 2020, adding an estimated \$600,000 to the General Fund each year.

Mayor Slowey opened the public hearing, and one resident said that the user fee increases come as “quite a shock.” He said mandatory permits such as those

for replacing a broken hot water heater or other necessary home repairs shouldn’t even be subject to fees because the City should be encouraging citizens to comply with safety regulations. He also said that rather than increasing fees to recover costs, the City should instead be looking at ways to cut costs within their own departments. His statement was followed by a burst of applause from the audience.

Councilmember Bruins agreed that replacing a broken hot water heater isn’t discretionary and that homeowners shouldn’t be “unduly burdened.” She said, “In a time of crisis, there’s no discretionary decision about whether or not to replace your water heater. You have to do it.” Councilmember Bruins assured the audience that the increase for that permit fee was cut from the proposal, so the fee will remain unchanged in the Master Fee Schedule.

The new fee schedule will not recoup 100% of the City’s costs, but to increase fees any further would be “burdensome,” said Councilmember Bruins. “It’s a fine balance. To the extent that we do subsidize it with the General Fund, that just means that that money is not available to us as a City to put into other projects that service our community. So those are the things that we have to grapple with.”

Mayor Slowey said the Council has been remiss in letting the fees remain unchanged for so long, stating that the fee schedule should have been reviewed every few years so that increases could have been introduced gradually. He doesn’t like that taxpayers (through General Fund monies) must subsidize improvements that do not benefit the entire community, but he agreed that trying to recover 100% of the user fee costs would be too burdensome on residents. He said that the proposed increases reflect “a happy medium.”

The Council unanimously voted to approve the proposed adjustments to the user fees and established the Master Fee Schedule. ★



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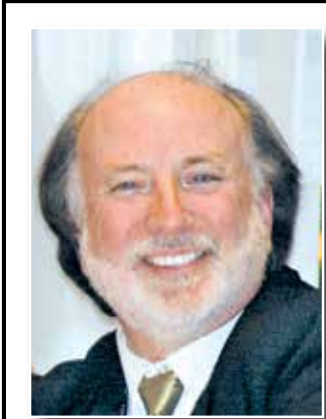
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Lichen Students Plant 21 Trees On Campus

San Juan Unified School District Press Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Students at Lichen K-8 in Citrus Heights received a lesson about the environment and were able to beautify their school at the same time during a recent tree-planting event.

San Juan Unified's Maintenance and Operations staff prepared holes and dirt for 21 trees that were donated by SMUD and the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Eighteen of the 21 trees were strategically planted around the perimeter of the playfields to create a quarter-mile track.

"This started off as an idea as a beautification project with shade. We didn't want to do large shade structures and we



Principal Elizabeth Wahl with Lichen K-8 school students who helped plant trees for shade and beautification. Photo Courtesy SJUSD

Wahl said she has hopes for a new soccer field inside the perimeter of trees, which will serve as shade for spectators.

At the tree-planting event, students took turns shoveling dirt and mulch to keep the tree upright. Maintenance and Operations will be installing stakes to ensure normal growth, and each Lichen classroom will be in charge of making sure a tree is being taken care of.

"I feel happy and kind of excited that we get to plant our tree," Student Jaxon Workman said, noting that trees provide oxygen, shade and some provide food. ★



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