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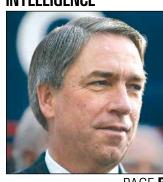
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# No Vet Left Behind Veterans' Stand Down Calls for Donations

Story by Jacqueline Fox

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - If you've vowed to serve local area veterans in some way but have not figured out how, the Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Recourse Team (HART), in partnership with HART of Carmichael are going to make that vow very easy for you to hold to.

The nonprofit organizations are calling for donations, volunteers and event sponsorships for the annual Citrus Heights Veterans Stand Down, set for Tuesday, April 3 at Holy Family Church.

The Stand Down, says Citrus Heights HART board member Darlene Lyons, founder and owner of EZ Events in Auburn, is focused 100% on delivering food, clothing and other necessities to veterans in need, as well as their families, and, even their pets.

The original Stand Down concept is inextricably linked to veterans. Its origins, says Lyons, are tied to the services and support offered to enlisted soldiers returning to their infantry camps after combat during the Vietnam War. Secure "base camps" were set up where troops were offered access to personal hygiene products, medical and dental services, mail pick up, and a quiet, safe respite from combat where they could spend a day or so recovering from the trauma of font-line battle and reenergize their spirits, as well as their health. The Citrus Heights model is held annually for veterans to check in with local service providers and obtain critical VA services, obtain food, clothing and donated hygiene products and enjoy meals prepared by volunteer organizations-all under one roof.



### CHWD Board Issues Resolution Opposing SB 623 By Citrus Heights

By Citrus Heigh Water District

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The Citrus Heights Water District Board of Directors passed a resolution opposing Senate Bill 623 at its February 21st Board meeting. SB 623, authored by State Senator Bill Monning of Carmel, proposes the first-ever statewide water tax as a way to address a lack of access to safe drinking water for some people who live in rural, disadvantaged communities.

"CHWD agrees that there is a need for a sensible long-term funding solution to assist disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water, but a tax on our customers' water bill is not the appropriate solution," stated Ray Riehle, CHWD Board president.

If passed by the State legislature, this tax could hamper CHWD efforts to maintain safe and reliable water infrastructure for its customers. It would also compromise local decision making and redirect local rate payer dollars to water projects outside of the Citrus Heights service area.

CHWD takes the position that assessing a public goods charge would unfairly penalize local water agencies that

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The Stand Down, which is expected to serve some 200 veterans and accompanying family members, goes well beyond delivering the basics. Stock photo

range of support services, enjoy a great breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus, have lunch and snacks, obtain referrals for critical services and replenish toiletry supplies, get clothing and socks and much more." The Way Ministries of Citrus Heights will be cooking lunch for all attendees, while the Retired Marines will oversee traffic and security for the Stand Down, Lyons said. HART was formed to support the local homeless population with a centralized support network of services. But, says Lyons, it was revealed that among that contingency was a *Continued on page 10*  have already made, and continue to make, investments in water management programs and infrastructure and would make it more difficult and costly for local water agencies to fund critical local water efficiency and supply projects.

The CHWD Board of Directors believes that local control of District resources is vital to continue meeting the needs of their customers; and the District, not the State, should determine how to spend locally generated revenues to benefit CHWD customers.

CHWD has joined with its local partners, the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and *Continued on page 3* 

# City Gets \$190,000 Grant for Old Auburn Rd. Improvements

Story and photo by Jacqueline Fox

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA** (MPG) - The City of Citrus Heights has been awarded a \$190,000 grant from Caltrans Complete Streets Program to support the costs of performing significant upgrades to Old Auburn Road.

The Old Auburn Road Complete Streets Plan, according to documentation provided by the city's Community Services Director, Rhonda Sherman, will address what city documents refer to as "challenging transportation conditions" along a roughly two-mile stretch of Old Auburn Road.

Those conditions include excessive speeds, inadequate bicycle and pedestrian lanes, missing sidewalks and what are being called "skewed" intersections that are reported to be creating safety hazards along the road, which supports some 18,000 vehicles per day.

The city is ponying up \$40,000 of its own funds in the form of "Staff Time" to complete the plan, which will launch this spring with an evaluation of existing conditions and the collection of traffic accident data and other "deficiencies" to develop complete streets solutions that aim to mitigate concerns and increase safety for users.

There will be a period of community engagement tied to the plan to help drill down on specific concerns from nearby residents, business owners and others as part of the process of transforming Old Auburn Road into a "Complete *Continued on page 3* 

Old Auburn Road currently cuts a diagonal swath through Citrus Heights and much of the road, according to documents, lacks sidewalks and adequate infrastructure, creating safety hazards for residents, which are being exacerbated by the existence of diagonal intersections at Fair Oaks Blvd, Sunrise Blvd and Mariposa Ave.



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# **Junior Tennis Fund Seeks a Match** "Bringing Tennis to Underserved Kids"

By Rich Peters, MPG Editor

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Established at the end of 2014, the Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento has donated over \$16,000 to the greater Sacramento Region over the years. Mainly donating to parks and recs, the goal of the organization is to bring tennis to kids who may not have ever had a chance to set foot on the court otherwise.

The JTFS is a collective giving organization that supports public youth tennis in the greater Sacramento area. They harness the power of collective giving to support community philanthropy and help create new tennis opportunities for all kids, especially the underserved, at public facilities, parks and schools.

Among the years of contributions, they have donated to the Carmichael Recreation and Park, South Gate Recreation and Park District, Rio Linda Recreation and Park District and the Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District. Most recently they donated \$1,800 to Woodland Park.

"We are a youth development program that helps with social skills and gets kids out of the house," said Carol Rose, Founder and Director of JTFS. "Kids like tennis and enjoy getting out there and chasing the ball." Rose explained the beauty of tennis entering these children's lives. "Tennis is a sport that instills core values, teaches life skills and helps to develop productive citizens. It's a sport that can be played for a lifetime."



JTFS members Joyce Williams (third from right) and Jolene Stinemetz (third from left) present the board members of Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District with a donation.

Expanding on that point, some kids pick up the sport and truly run with it, which led to the newest idea of JTFS. Beginning last year, the program, with the help of various coaches around the community, identify the kids that are working hard, taking the sport seriously and have the ability to take their skills to the next level. They award these kids scholarships for private lessons and then they automatically get signed up for an upcoming tournament through the Sacramento Area Tennis Association. SATA runs a series of tournaments throughout the year for all different age groups.

Upcoming for JTFS is one of the biggest fundraising days of the year, as they will once again be participating in the Big Day of Giving, the Sacramento Region's annual 24-hour fundraising event and year-long capacity building program. The event takes place on Thursday, May 3 and this year JTFS will join powers with the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and The Wish List Project at The Patriot Restaurant located in the Milagro Centre in Carmichael.

These organizations are inviting friends and donors to stop by, say hello and enjoy some great food and drinks – all in the spirit of giving. Donors for any of the non-profits will be given a discount for dinner that evening at The Patriot. Last year the region raised nearly \$7.2 million from tens of thousands of donors, according to the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. For more information on becoming a JTFS member or sponsor, visit www. juniortennisfund.org, e-mail juniortennisfund@gmail.com or call 916-359-3667.

# **Capitol Pops Concert Band Enters 21st** Year with New Energy and New Director



Concert Band founding members Georgia and Ray Latimer with new band director, Judith Steinle (center).

Story and photo by Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- The Capitol Pops Concert Band (CPCB) will return to the 2018 Sacramento area music scene with a new director, Judith Steinle. The band kicks off its 21st season on March 23. Steinle, 61, is CPCB's first female music director. For over four decades she has worked in many musical venues working with students as an accompanist and music director in the San Jose area.

The band's 50 all-volunteer musicians include high school students, senior citizens and all ages in between. Concerts are fun and fast moving with popular (thus the 'pops') music, including Broadway shows, movies, popular marches, patriotic pieces and new offerings.

The CPCB was formed in February of 1997, just one month after Citrus Heights was incorporated as a city. A committee of musicians led by Citrus Heights residents Ray and Georgia Latimer along with Alice Jacobs

and Jerry Lopes decided the new city needed a band and invited 50 musicians to create one that featured pops music. Jerry Lopes was director until 2014. Kurt Pearsall served until 2017.

Since 1997 the band has performed hundreds of concerts for thousands of people throughout the Sacramento area. Besides concerts sponsored by local park and recreation districts and at other community events, CPCB performs privately sponsored shows at venues including senior living facilities and schools. School students are especially encouraged to join.

Home base for the band is the Fellowship Hall at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5811 Walnut Avenue in Orangevale. Practice is on Thursdays from 7:00p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For information contact Band Manager Linda Glover at 916-725-5214.

For more information on concerts, visit their Facebook page and their website at http://www. capitolpops.org.

Concerts to date: All concerts blankets.

are free and open to the public. Friday Mar 23: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the California Automobile Museum, 2200 Front Street, Sacramento. Doors to the car museum open at 6 p.m. for free tours.

Saturday April 21: Capitol Pops Concert Band celebrates its 21st anniversary.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rusch Park gym, 7801 Auburn Blvd.

Saturday May 12: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Outdoor venue. The Band will perform a free, open to the public joint concert with the Antelope High School Band. Bring your chairs and blankets.

Sunday, July 1: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Outdoor concert in honor of America's birthday. The Celebrate America Concert will be held at Fair Oaks Village, 4238 Main Street (known as the chicken park). Bring your chairs and blankets.

Wednesday, July 4: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. following the Roseville 4th of July parade. This concert is part of the annual July 4th Festival in Royer Park, Douglas Blvd. Bring your chairs and





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### **Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting** Held at Blondie's Pizzeria



By Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce

Blondie's Pizzeria held their grand opening ribbon cutting on February 20. They are located at 6916 Sunrise Blvd., Suite H, in Citrus Heights. Owner Lori Wojdan, surrounded by her family and staff, cuts the ribbon. Attendees include City of Citrus Heights Mayor Steve Miller, City of Citrus Heights Manager Chris Boyd, City of Citrus Heights Economic Development Manager Devon Rodriguez, City of Citrus Heights Community Services Director Rhonda Sherman, Vance Jarrard of Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost's office, Jonathan Glatz of Assemblyman Ken Cooley's office, Citrus Heights Chamber Executive Director Cendrinne DeMattei, Citrus Heights Chamber Board Members Paul Buchanan and ilene Martzen, Citrus Heights Chamber Ambassadors and Chamber Members.

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Street" as defined by Caltrans, according to the documents.

Old Auburn Road currently cuts a diagonal swath through Citrus Heights and much of the road, according to documents, lacks sidewalks and adequate infrastructure, creating safety hazards for residents, which are being exacerbated by the existence of diagonal intersections at Fair Oaks Blvd, Sunrise Blvd and Mariposa Ave.

Old Auburn Road was identified in the City's Pedestrian

Master Plan as a Focus Area Plan, which essentially means it is within the city's current transportation network and pedestrian study efforts and open to receive the county funding. The grant, say the documents, will help the city craft a snapshot of what Old Auburn Road should look like in the future, using a Complete Streets model in the process as well as pay for those improvements.

The city's Pedestrian Master Plan will be used as a model for extending out a strategy for redevelopment of Old Auburn Road.

"We have a history of using a Complete Streets approach for our roads to ensure that our roadways serve all users including bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users," the city documents say. "This money is the only way we can fund a plan to accommodate these users and plan the future of Old Auburn Road. Ultimately the plan will be community based and translate into future roadway improvements along this important corridor." \*





**Executive Director** 

support economic development and to enhance opportunities for our businesses to thrive. In 2017, we intro-

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Seminars which better reflects our desire to offer educational information.

Identifying topics that will be important and relevant this year and selecting experts in these fields was the goal. Plans are underway for 2019 to continue and expand on some of these subjects

The Chamber is actively developing the City and business communities' future leaders with another robust Leadership class. Class participants selected a Chamber Non-Profit Member and their project is to design a fundraising event. This exercise helps develop team building, project management and presentation skills. The class graduates in June with a bus tour of the City and celebration reception.

The Annual Business Walk continues to provide us with insights to how we can assist the business community. The Chamber responded directly to those businesses who expressed an interest or concern. New this year, was a follow-up letter with specific action items that were taken as a direct result of the feedback received. We want the participants to know that we value their input and concerns to any obstacles they may be experiencing and that the City and Chamber will work together on common issues.

Our Economic Development Committee recently met with Comcast to review the Broadband Improvement Plans for Citrus Heights. We can now respond to questions from the community.

In addition, we heard concerns about homelessness around our community. The Chamber has invited HART and CHPD Navigator to present at our next Monthly Luncheon on March 13. Providing updates to what's being done to manage this challenge is another way to show the community that we heard them and that we care.

Finally, the Chamber recently selected Economic Development Committee Chair, Wes Ervin, to sit on the Citrus Height's Water District's Customer Advisory Committee for their new Project 2030 Meter and Main Water Replacement study.

#### • Upcoming Meetings and Events •

#### **Chamber Monthly Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 13th – 11:30 am to 1:00 p.m. Northridge Country Club "Solutions and Strategies for Citrus Heights Homeless" HART and CHPD Navigator

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For More Information or to Join the Chamber, Contact us at (916) 722-4545 or Visit our Website www.chchamber.com

# A funeral service should be about memories,

**CHWD Board Issues Resolution Opposing SB 623** 

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the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) in supporting alternative solutions to fund needed assistance to disadvantaged communities. Those solutions include making use of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), issuing a General

Obligation Bond, drawing from an agriculture fund that is proposed to be set up by imposing a fee on nitrate related products, or drawing

from the State's general fund. CHWD agrees that everyone in California should have access to safe drinking water.

CHWD believes that local

elected officials know best how to spend locally-generated rate payer dollars. An additional tax on water bills that is sent to Sacramento, where a portion will be carved out to fund another layer of administration, is not efficient and is not an appropriate solution or sound policy. \*

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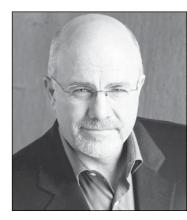


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#### Debt and income crisis

Dear Dave,

I received a call the other day from a company saying it could negotiate the balance on my credit cards to a lesser amount. The caller also said they could get me a zero-percent interest rate until the debts were paid off, and then the accounts would be closed. I'm kind of starting over again financially, because I sold a company I had run for almost 15 years, then got into real estate and lost almost everything. I'm making just enough to squeeze by, and my credit card debt totals \$40,000. Would this be a good idea? -Bill

#### Dear Bill.

No, this is not a good idea. You're looking at two major problems with a company such as this one. One, they will absolutely destroy whatever credit you may have. Their plan is to take your cash, and spend some time beating down the credit card companies until they agree to accept a lesser amount. Then,



they use your cash to settle that in a few months. Would it loans you will have — by that time —defaulted on. This will put you in a situation very similar to if you had filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy. Stay away from these people.

You have an income crisis, in addition to a debt crisis, at this point. For starters, I want you to start living on a tight, written, monthly budget. I'm talking rice and beans, no vacations, and no eating out until you pay off this debt. Where your income is concerned. maybe you should consider getting back into the kind of business you ran previously for a while. Look for a managerial or supervisory position in that area, at least until you're able to get back on your feet and save some cash.

Finally, cut up the credit cards, close the accounts, and put as much money as you can spare toward paying off that debt using the debt snowball system. Never go back into debt again!

—Dave

#### Pay off house first? Dear Dave.

My husband and I are in our forties. We have no children, and we bring home \$95,000 a year combined. We're also debt-free except for our home. We owe just \$10,000 on the house, and can take care of

be okay to rearrange the Baby Steps a bit, and pay off our home before getting serious about saving for retirement? - Nan

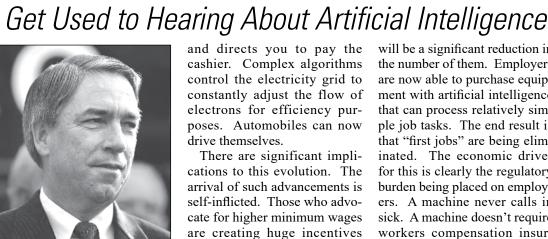
#### Dear Nan,

I don't usually give folks any wiggle room when it comes to sticking with the proper order of the Baby Steps. But if you're that close to being completely debt-free, I don't see anything wrong with paying off the house first.

Most people I talk to still have anywhere from \$100,000 to \$300,000 left on their mortgages. This is a little bit different story, however, and you two are obviously managing your money well.

Knock out that mortgage, and start pouring at least 15 percent of your income into retirement. You're going to love the feeling — and the freedom — that comes with being completely debt-free! —Dave

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 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.



#### Commentary by Doug Ose

Have you noticed how evident AI is now in our everyday life? It started with coordinating traffic signals along major streets in an effort to expedite the flow of traffic. Home Depot now has the personal checkout line where one employee oversees four pay stations. Bel Air has the same thing. At McDonald's you will see at least one electronic ordering station that is connected directly to the preparation line that issues you a receipt

and directs you to pay the cashier. Complex algorithms control the electricity grid to constantly adjust the flow of electrons for efficiency purposes. Automobiles can now

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working for a living.

As near as I can tell, the horse is out of the barn on "first job" opportunities. While those first jobs won't all disappear, there will be a significant reduction in the number of them. Employers are now able to purchase equipment with artificial intelligence that can process relatively simple job tasks. The end result is that "first jobs" are being eliminated. The economic driver for this is clearly the regulatory burden being placed on employers. A machine never calls in sick. A machine doesn't require workers compensation insurance. A machine doesn't fill out a time card with all the potential private attorneys general actions that come with an inaccurately completed time card. A machine doesn't enroll in Obamacare. You get the point.

In my opinion, artificial intelligence is a positive development for our economy, enhancing productivity up and down the economic chain. I wonder about how far AI will progress over the next few years. For a number of reasons, I worry about the demise of "first jobs" for our young people. So should vou.

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drive themselves. There are significant impli-

cations to this evolution. The arrival of such advancements is self-inflicted. Those who advocate for higher minimum wages are creating huge incentives for business to invest in physical capital rather than human capital. Think back to when we were kids: our first job was scooping ice cream at Baskin Robbins at \$1.65 per hour, or being a carry out person at the local grocery store for \$2.10 per hour, or whatever. Those were learning situations. We were learning work ethics and consumer relations, getting exposed to the real world of





By Marlys Johnsen Norris, **Christian Author** 

There come times in every life when we just do not think life is fair. Times when we have expectations and nothing happens the way we want them to. It just does not happen and with it comes a sense of heartbreak and hurt feelings. Dealing with them often is hard to deal with, but there is no alternative, we have to do it. No one can do it for us! No one! This is reality and the process does happen. It causes and helps us mature into

#### **Expectations, Disappointment** And Heartbreak

adulthood thoughout our lives. Age itself does not guarantee that maturity happens overnight, even though some do mature early in life! It may not seem fair, but for others it takes a lifetime! We are all different and uniquely designed by the Master Creator. God knows when we are ready.

Man was created to be dependent on God because within one's self he is inadequate. Many find God as a partner through life and when they do, the journey though life becomes a continuous blessing, as they learn to cope with issues of their hearts. They learn that feelings are not facts and rely on the Master Creator to help them live through them when things do happen that are painful. They tell God everything through the avenue of prayer. (Talking to God) Those who have a personal relationship are guided into the perfect plan God ordained the day they were created and conceived. They believe and seek His perfect will for their lives daily.

God miraculous supernatural power can transform every pain into a blessing. He heals and brings renewal with foresight into one's heart that is walking with Him. God's Son Jesus was invited into their heart and soul though the Holy Spirit. He abides in every heart that has sought and found Jesus as their Savior and Lord of their life. Along with God comes a sustaining power to live the Christian life with healing and deliverance of sin and the haunting past. IS TODAY THE DAY OF SALVATION FOR YOU? Don't put it off another day! A Holy Loving Lord and Savior of your soul awaits your decision to NOW Go God's Way and find Hope again!

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#### By Pastor Ray Dare

Either you have just got out of trouble, or you're in it right now, or you're headed into it. Trouble is a part of life. You will have difficulties. You show what kind of Christian you are by the way you respond to problems. If you cop out, complain, gripe, and run from difficulty, you're not a very mature person either spiritually or emotionally. But if you learn from difficulty you keep growing.

In Acts 27 Paul was headed into a storm. He was being taken as a prisoner to Rome and he warned the captain, "Don't sail out of this harbor, because God has told me there's going to be a storm." In this story we learn three keys to dealing with difficulty.

Confess my part. If you brought it on yourself, admit it. Stop blaming other people.

# Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words How to Get Through a Storm

Stop making excuses. Face the problem and say, I brought this on myself. The truth is most of our problems we bring upon ourselves. The Bible says, "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." God will give you another chance.

Confront it. You don't run from it. You can't go under it, over it, around it. You go right into it. The only way to face a storm is head on. If you turn sideways, you're going to capsize. God says "Face the storm, don't fear it. Go straight on into it." God didn't say when you go through the storm it would be easy. He said "I will be with you." God didn't say it will be easy getting through what you're going through right now. But He did say, "I will be with you." And you are going to make it.

Claim a promise. There are over 7000 promises in the book that you can claim when you're going through tough times. Vs. 25 "Therefore keep up your courage, men, for I believe God

that it will turn out exactly as I have been told." God will keep His promises. God did not say the ship will make it. God say you will make it.

You may be in a storm right now and have no idea how you're going to make it safely to shore. You may have to get there on a broken piece of the ship, you may have to dog paddle, but you're going to make it. None of us have completely whole lives. We are all broken individuals. You may have a broken heart but you'll make it. You may have a broken home, but you'll make it. God says "I will be with you." Do you feel battered and bashed around? Don't throw away your convictions, your relationship with God, going to church, reading your Bible and praying. You don't give up hope. Confess your part, Confront the storm and Claim a promise and He will see you through.

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### Anti-Alzheimers

Alzheimer's is not a word anyone wants to hear because it is a heartbreaking decline of memory and faculties. So could there be a solution...not a magic pill...but one that can forestall, even reverse many symptoms? Doctors Dean and Avesha Sherzai, Co-Directors of the Brain Health and Alzheimer's Prevention Program at Loma Linda University Medical Center tell me that Alzheimer's disease, Dementia, and other neurodegenerative diseases are 90% preventable through the choices we make every day.

First of all, let's check the Top 10 foods to avoid like Processed foods (cookies, frozen dinners, and white bread, sugar and saturated fats). Add Processed meats, Red meat, Chicken, Butter and Margarine, Fried and Fast foods, Cheese, Pastries and Sweets, Sugary Drinks, and Excessive alcohol to the list.

So what's left? Some of the top Brain-nourishing foods are Avocado, Beans, Blueberries, Broccoli, Coffee, Dark Chocolate, Extra Virgin Olive oil, Flax seed, Herbal Tea, Herbs, Leafy greens, Mushrooms, Nuts, Omega 3 Fatty Acids, Quinoa, Chia and Sunflower seeds, Spices, Sweet potatoes, Turmeric, and Whole grains.

And here are some activities that build cognitive reserve.

1) LEARNING A NEW

LANGUAGE. Main functions involved: language processing (new words and expressions), memory centers (memorizing, calling upon old memories to understand new material), frontal lobe (understanding the language in context), and problem solving (forming a written or verbal response).

2) LEARNING A MUSICAL **INSTRUMENT.** Motor skills, Memory Centers, Processing, and Mood (understanding the emotional subtleties of the music.

COMPUTER (3)**PROGRAMMING.** Memorizing new codes and knowing how the codes work together, selecting new codes and typing...motor skills.

4) WRITING A BOOK. Attention 11) JEWELRY, CRAFTS, and focus with typing passages, recalling research stories and ideas, organizing and structuring and recreating emotions on the page.

5) KARAOKE. Reading and performing lyrics, interpretation of the song, modulating your voice, and recalling a particular song.

6) PERFORMING STAND-UP COMEDY. Memorizing your set, reading the audience, creating material and physical appearance on the stage.

7) LEARNING TO DANCE. Physical coordination, fine motor movements, responding to music, memorizing choreography, and understanding different dance techniques.

8) CHESS CLUB OR GROUP CARD GAMES. Remembering your cards and the rules for each game, step-by-step strategy concentration on the game, and planning how you will win.

9) MENTORING OTHERS IN YOUR FIELD. Remembering and drawing from your experience, focusing on the mentoring activity, reading another person's emotions and motivations, coming up with options and solutions.

**10) VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH.** Remembering the subject matter, focusing on the teaching, responding to student needs, examining and explaining multistep solutions.

MODELS OR ART. Understanding complex designs, memorizing techniques and patterns, concentrating on the activity, and the physical act of assembly.

12) TAKING COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES. Memorizing new words and concepts, understanding multistep thinking, applying new theories to find solutions.

The good docs told me even daily brisk walks result in a 40% lower risk of developing Alzheimer's later in life. Social support and engagement influence our brain and how it ages too. Check out their book "The Alzheimer's Solution" and www.teamSherzai.com. KEEP **ON KEEPIN' ON!** 







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### **NorCal Auto Racing to Hold Hall** of Fame Fundraiser Dinner

Gary Gerould to MC "Dinner with the Champions" event with Racing's Stars



Rick Scribner poses with his #15. Photo courtesy NCAR

#### By Roy Wilhite, NCAR

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rick Scribner, NCAR's Vicepresident, has been involved in Auto Racing for most of his life. He even met his wife, Janet, in turn #4 at West Capital Raceway. Rick has raced Sprint Cars,

Super Modified and Cup Cars on asphalt and dirt. He has a passion for auto racing (like most race car owners and drivers). His son Chris currently races the family owned #5 Late Model.

Rick is on the founding Board of Directors of Northern California Auto Racing, Inc., (NCAR). Rick and his company Scribner Plastics, Inc. is a strong supporter of NCAR's drive to acquire a "Hall of Fame and Museum" for Northern California Auto racing's large following of enthusiasts.

Like most racing individual's, Rick is looking forward to the NCAR'S "Dinner with Champions" with Gary Gerould as Master of Ceremonies interviewing

Super Stars Rico Abreu and Jack Hewitt on March 18th at the Dante Club in Sacramento.

The Dante Club is located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, California 95825.

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#### By County Supervisor Sue Frost

Through the generosity of the Citrus Heights Messenger, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the community of Citrus Heights.

Helping those caught in homelessness is an act of compassion — part of our duty as human beings. But handing out free stuff doesn't really solve the problem or provide a path out of homelessness — but a job might.

Homelessness is increasing in Sacramento County every year, and the community is demanding action to reverse this worrying trend. Last year, Sacramento County introduced four new homeless initiatives geared primarily towards increasing access to homeless shelters and free/affordable housing, which is in critically low supply compared to the enormous demand. But while these programs are important, I can't help but feel that we are neglecting to adequately address the issue of helping them get a job, which is the biggest thing that can be done to ensure people experiencing homelessness break the cycle and become self-sufficient.

When I am in Citrus Heights talking with my constituents, many people tell me we need to make more services available to people experiencing homeless. But an equally large number of people tell me that

### **Citrus Heights Community Update**

### A Working Approach to Homelessness

the more services we provide, to drive to areas frequented by the more homeless are attracted to the area, and the more we are making them dependent on government handouts.

This was especially evident to me during my most recent survey of Citrus Heights residents, where over 65% of respondents told me that they think we need to have a mix of "compassion" and "tough love" when trying to decrease the explosion of homelessness. I believe helping connect people to a job allows them to regain their sense of self-worth, establish a level of trust with their local government so they can be connected to available services, and eventually become productive members of society again (and potentially even give back). This is a concept that everyone should be able to agree with.

Many of the people experiencing homelessness have simply lost hope and given up; they do not remember what it is like to work for a paycheck and they lack self-confidence. By getting paid for doing work, they can help to restore their sense of self-worth, and also begin to establish a level of trust with their local government so they can be connected to available services designed to help them get back on their feet.

To that end, earlier this year I began working with staff to create a program to connect homeless individuals with jobs and training. We do not have to reinvent the wheel, there are programs across the country that have seen great success that we can use as a models. I'm not predisposed to one model over another — as long as we create something that works for Sacramento County.

One program that has been utilized now in 15 cities is where a local non-profit is contracted

panhandlers and offer them day labor, such as landscape beautification and garbage removal - or even homeless camp cleanup. This reminds them of the dignity and pride of what it is like to earn a paycheck, and has proven to be a catalyst for real change (in one city alone, this program has directly contributed to over 70 full time jobs and dramatically reduced panhandling). Another program in a nearby California city works with specific businesses to offer incentives to hire people experiencing homelessness.

As the plan is drafted, I will be inviting the Citrus Heights community to give me feedback so the best possible plan can be put forward for possible funding. I want to hear from everyone, so that it isn't just political leaders and staff who have a say in the process. If you want to stay up to date, please sign up for my e-newsletter by going to www.saccounty. net/suefrost and click on the link that says "E-Newsletters".

Finally, I want to invite everyone to my next Citrus Heights community meeting on March 15th at 6:00pm at City Hall in the conference room (6360 Fountain Square Drive). This is an opportunity for you to get an update from me and to ask me any questions you may have. Thank you for reading – and as always, if you want to contact me, call me at 916-874-5491 or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@ saccounty.net.

Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes all or part of the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, Rio Linda, Elverta, Gold River, Rancho Murieta, North Highlands, Carmichael, Foothill Farms, and Fair Oaks. ★

# **No Vet Left Behind**



The Stand Down will offer veterans access to employment counseling, CalVet Benefit referrals, medical, vision and dental services, flu shots, eyeglasses, pet care, including microchipping, nail clipping and more.

Continued from page 1 growing number of veterans who were struggling with figuring out the often complicated process to accessing VA services and benefit programs, not to mention they needed food, clothing and other essentials.

"We started out of course by forming the HART team to deal with homeless needs, but when we got more deeply involved in the community, we found out that there was a growing number of veterans among that group and we felt we had to do more," Lyons said.

The Stand Down, which is expected to serve some 200 veterans and accompanying family members, goes well beyond delivering the basics. Through the help of donations and support from community and corporate sponsors, the Stand Down will also offer veterans access to employment counseling, CalVet Benefit referrals, medical, vision and dental services, flu shots, eyeglasses, pet care, including microchipping, nail clipping and more, and even haircuts and supplies to keep healthy.

Many homeless and housed veterans alike are struggling with substance abuse. For them, representatives from treatment

facilities will be on hand to connect them with appropriate recover services if they want them. If someone needs to renew their driver's license or obtain a bus pass, there will be help on hand for that, too. There will even be representative providing legal aid support to veterans who have legal issues to sort out but need help getting started.

"Essentially this is a day for veterans to join under one roof to get the help they need to live lives of dignity," said Lyons. "We have amazing volunteers, but we always need more of them. And, we have wonderful community and corporate sponsors who support this event, as well.

Current corporate sponsors include Target, Quick Quack Car Wash, Dignity Health, Chase Bank and Stones Gambling Hall. The Stand Down is also supported by a vast number of Citrus Heights-based organizations including Sunrise Marketplace, Inc., the Auburn Boulevard Business Association, Sylvan Ranch Community Garden, Sunrise Food Ministry and Francis House, and through key partnerships with the Citrus Heights Police Department and Sacramento elected officials, among others.

Socks, boots, T-shirts, warm jackets, shampoo, toothpaste, backpacks and pet food are at the top of the list of items needed for the veterans, said Lyons. Volunteers are needed, as well, to help sort through donations and serve food.

"It takes an army," said Lyons. 'We need supporters and volunteers to help us make this day of service for our veterans a successful one."

Lyons said shuttle service to and from the Stand Down will also be available for those who do not have transportation.  $\star$ 

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