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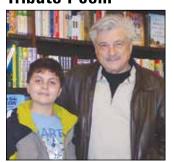
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Citrus Heights Student Wins **Americanism Essay Award**



Alejandra Perez, (second from the left), seventh grader at Kingswood K8 School in Citrus Heights, displays the awards she won for her prizewinning essay on the theme, "How Can I Show that I am Proud to be an American?" From left to right: American Legion Auxiliary member Faynette Stadtman, Alejandra Perez, Cindy Carranza, McKayla Schroeder, ALA members Sheila LaPolla and Elise Spleiss. Photo by Deborah House

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - In a time when being proud to be an American may not seem to be a popular aspiration among today's young people, 27 seventh grade students from Kingswood K8 School in Citrus Heights were recently recognized for tackling and completing a project that proved otherwise.

The students were part of an American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Americanism essay project. They were asked by the Citrus Heights ALA Unit 637 to each write an essay entitled "How Can I Show that I am Proud to be an American?"

The mission statement of the ALA in part is "to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad."

"Mentoring youth and promoting and recognizing patriotism and good citizenship in young people" is the purpose of the Americanism program, which includes the essay project.

Teacher Deborah House led the students throughout the project, encouraging them to think about what they have gained living in this country and how they can show they are proud to be Americans.

Early on the morning of March 24th, three members of the Citrus Heights ALA Unit 637 arrived at House's classroom. Americanism program chair Elise Spleiss and auxiliary members Sheila LaPolla and Faynette Stadtman thanked the class for their thoughtful essays and announced the winners. Three of the students were asked to read their essays that best represented the topic of the contest. Honorable Mention recipients Cindy Carranza and McKayla Schroeder shared their essays followed by first place winner, Alejandra Perez.

For her first-place essay, Perez received a framed copy of her thesis and a first-place certificate. The serious mood of the classroom changed quickly to excitement when Perez was handed a crisp \$50 bill courtesy of the auxiliary. Perez said of the experience, "I put a lot of thought into writing this essay, so when I found out I had won, I

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Annual Senior Health Fair Returns for Eighth Year

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan will serve as honorary chair at the eighth annual Senior Health Fair to be held on Thursday, May 14th at the Citrus Heights Community

The four-hour event will get started with chair exercises with dance instructor Thomas Spencer from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. followed by multiple workshops on how to prevent potentially harmful trips and falls and criminals who target the elderly, a discussion to be led by Sergeant Mike Wells of the Citrus Heights Police Department.

Admission and parking is free for everyone and a special prize will be offered for the oldest member of the community in attendance. Additionally, tests for blood pressure and diabetes screening will be available from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and from noon to 1:00 p.m., a panel of experts will discuss the nutritional needs of older adults.

Some exercise is also planned on the "Health Walk and Roll" where participants will receive a "goodie bag" as they journey from the community center to the Arcade Creek Park Preserve (about 1.35 miles round trip).

Key sponsors include SOAR Neighborhood, Arcade Creed Neighborhood, the Citrus Heights Lions, the City of Citrus Heights, and SMUD. The Community Center is located at 6300 Fountain Square Drive. For more information, call Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa at (916) 599-3647 or via email at vetlaw@ drjayna.com.

Source: Dr. Jayna Karpinski-



Miss Citrus Heights Crowned Miss Northern California



Northern California pageant is Shadi Rezaie of Citrus Heights. Photo by Joy Porter of Winding Road Imagery

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Recently, 34 contestants competed in the Miss Northern

M3 Mall in Grass Valley. The contestants ranged in age from 3 to 60 and included men and women.

The pageant focuses on character and community service. Part of the application process to compete in the Northern California title division is to have won at least two previous titles. This does not include any awarded, elected, or winby-default titles and proof of winning is required.

The three judges of the pageant were all ladies that serve their community extensively with their current Queen titles and who also had daughters as title holders. The judging sheets had questions about goals, community service, and platform. The two-day pageant consisted of private interviews with the three judges individually.

An on-stage introduction

included short- and long-term goals as well as a featured platform. The platform is a charity or nonprofit of a candidate's choosing. The candidate must plan to serve this nonprofit during their reign. Next, the candidates were on stage for a pop question and were wearing a passion outfit. A passion outfit's purpose is to visually describe a contestant's goals, dreams, or passions. The final on-stage appearance was in

The winner of the 2015 Miss Northern California pageant is Shadi Rezaie of Citrus Heights. Rezaie attends San Juan High School and is graduating this year with honors. Her senior project was hosting a pageant. Rezaie said, "The purpose of this pageant is to promote self-esteem, poise, class, and teamwork for young ladies

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Memorial Day Tribute

Story and photo by Sheila LaPolla

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - For Memorial Day, Lance Pyle (pen name Peter Blueberry) has written a poem titled, "The Sacrifice" to honor and remember those who have died in all America's wars, as well as those who are veterans and active military.

Lance is a local Citrus Heights veteran and poet. His pen name is Peter Blueberry and he reads his poetry to the delight of children and adults.

He visits schools in the Sacramento region and recites from the poetry books he's written titled, *It's O.K. To Laugh While you Cry* and *Inside the Mind of a Blueberry*, as well as others. His poems are funny and often teach children how to cope with growing up. He's read his humorous poem "Road Rage" at the bedside of veterans at Mather Veterans Hospital, brightening up their day with laughter.

Lance is a Vietnam Era veteran, Army Specialist 5th Class, 1968-1971. After serving his country, he became an architect but has since retired because of several bouts of cancer that nearly took his life. After years of depression, one day he recited a silly little

poem to his grandson who commented that he should write poetry. That miracle day changed his life. He's been writing and illustrating his own unique brand of poetry ever since

"The Sacrifice" by Lance Pyle

To the Vet I've never met, And to the Soldier I never knew, For the life that you've laid down, And the sacrifice we've asked of you.

You give us life with freedoms ring; No one, nowhere can match, And it's by your sacrifice, That freedom's seed will hatch.

Through your spirit people see
The darkness fade to light;
The outstretched hand you offer up,
To give them back their sight.

Into harm's way you willingly go, Without a second thought, For it's YOU who pays the precious price For the freedom that we've bought. And, it is OF you, the soldier born Of a spirit's gentle might, That the wage is paid, the sacrifice made To change what's wrong to right.

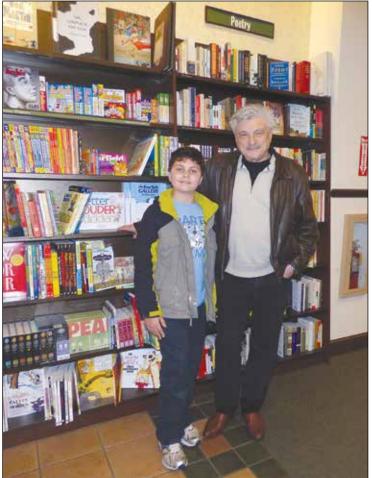
So, we weep for those who bear the scars And morn those who paid full measure. And we salute all you who've earned the right

To be called our Nation's Highest Treasure.

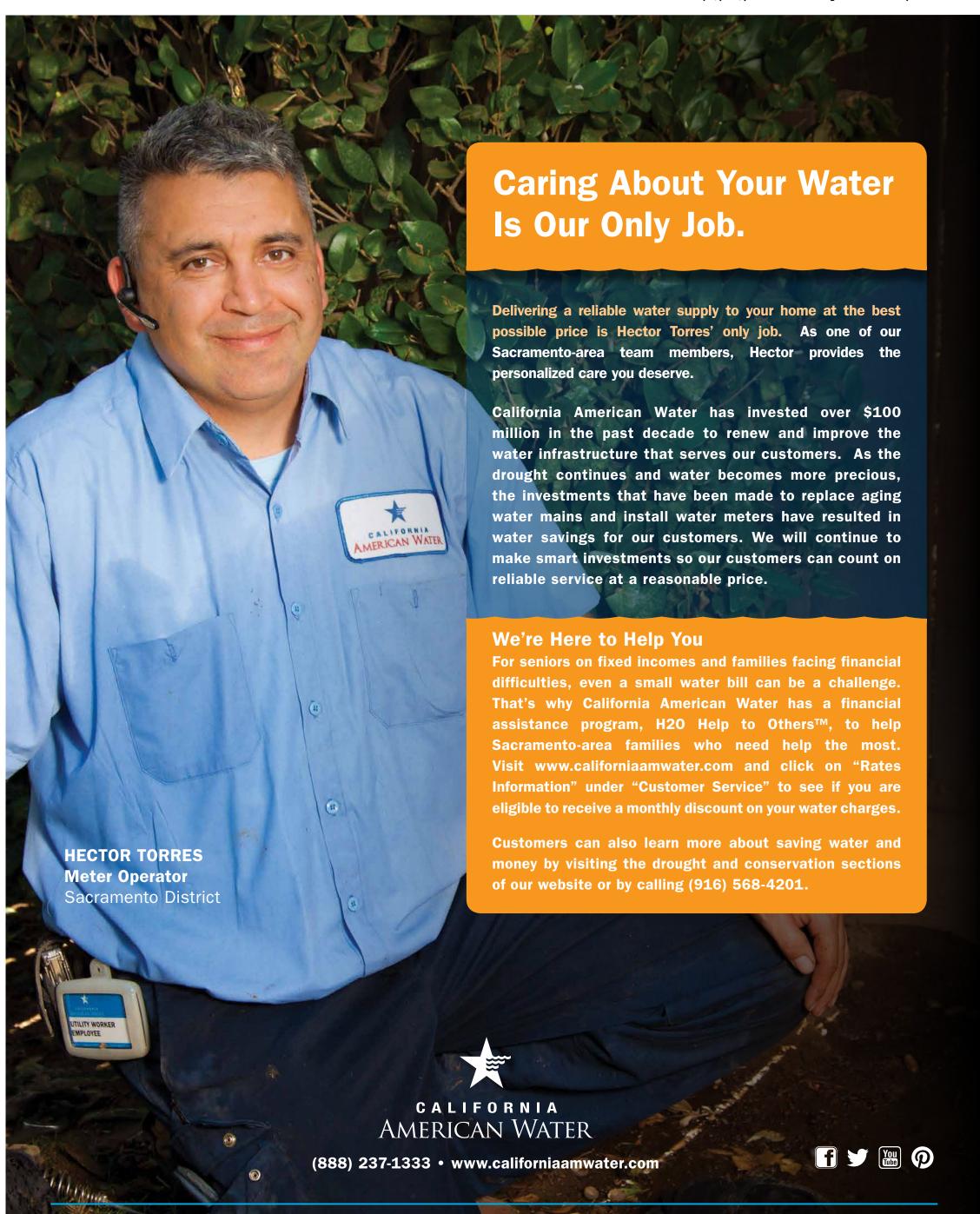
And if your faith should wane a bit From the things we ask of you, Just know the we, The United States, Have not lost our faith in you.

So, keep your eyes clear and keen, And your focus sharp and bright, For your Nation stands by your side As we pray you'll be alright.

A Nation can only renew its soul By the sacrifices made; So we thank you for this precious price, And the sacrifice you gave.



Lance Pyle, poet, pictured next to his grandson Blake Ryan.



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Citrus Heights Student Wins Americanism Essay Award



Surprise and excitement of the winner and other girls at Perez' receiving a \$50 bill in addition to the certificate.

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Honorable Mention certificates were presented to Cindy Carranza and McKayla Schroeder. The entire class also received tickets to Sunrise

Rollerland Skating Rink compli-

ments of the ALA. House said of the experience in an email, "It was a wonderful opportunity for my students to put into words how they show they're proud to be an American. It started a valuable conversation in our classroom about all the blessings we enjoy in this country. Many of my students are from other countries and quickly came to realize why their parents wanted to come her to help assure a better future for them." Alejandra Perez's essay is below:

How Can I Show that I am Proud to be an American?

There are many actions I could take to show I am proud to be an American. For example, I could recite the Pledge of Allegiance whenever I can. Not just reciting it blindly, but fully understanding what I am saying and knowing what it means when

I can show that I am proud to be an American by showing gratitude for having an education. We have to appreciate the fact that we have free education. In many other countries they don't have this opportunity that we have because the children either have to start working at a young age, or they don't have enough money to go to school. This is why we have to take advantage and be thankful that we live in this country

and have an education. We must work really hard while we're at school.

Another way I could show that I am proud to be an American is to acknowledge everything that has happened in the past to lead up to what America is today. For example, Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches about segregation and equality which inspired Americans to end unfair laws and how, because of him and many other brave protesters, bathrooms, schools, stores etc. are no longer segregated by skin color.

America isn't perfect, and neither are the people that live in it, but we have so many things that other countries don't have such as free education and brave leaders that we should be proud to be Americans and be espe*cially thankful we live here.* ★

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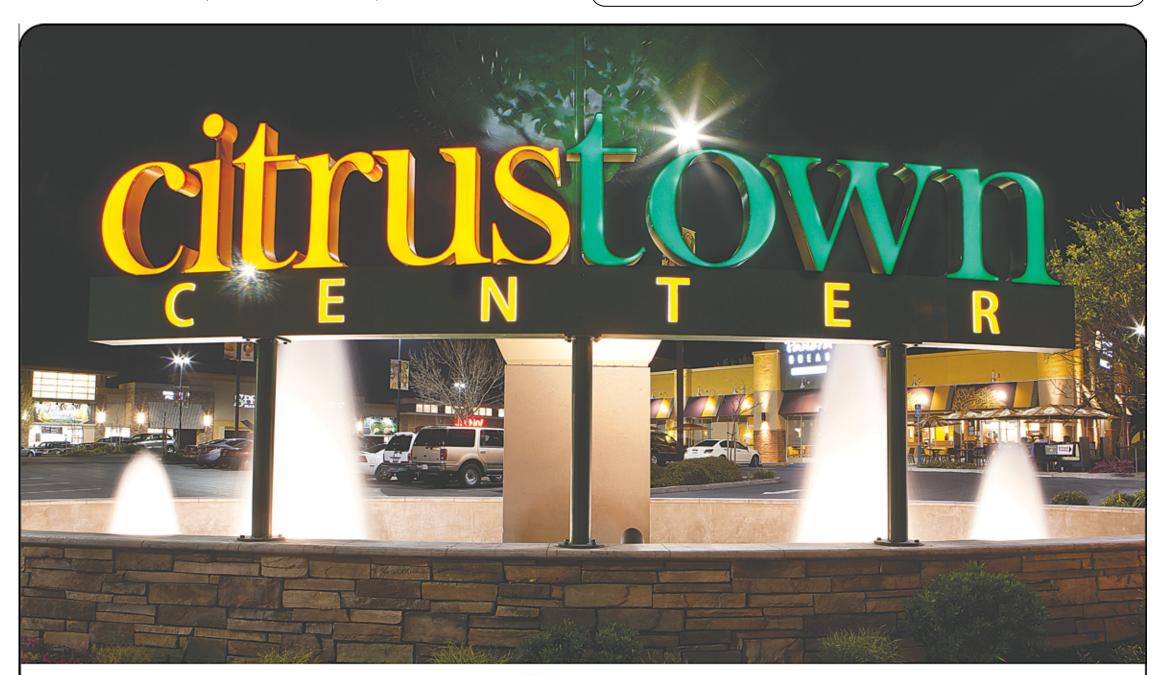
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By Ronnie McBrayer

Recently, on a visit to my hometown. I took the time to drive by the house that had been my childhood home. It was the first time I had seen it in nearly two decades. It was largely unchanged except that it seemed so much smaller. Surely, the house, and what I thought had been a sprawling front yard, had shrunk over the years.

How else could Shane, Michael, Zane, Tammy, Connie, Angie, Sarah, Elvis (yes, there was a kid named Elvis in the neighborhood), Jeff, Cotton, Jamie, Richie and myself have all fit in it to play baseball every summer evening? Now, the front yard looked like a meditation garden it was so small.

Not everything, however, was small and nostalgic. The neighborhood itself had gone to seed. Homes were completely abandoned. Once beautiful yards were overgrown. Everywhere I looked I saw the same thing: Dilapidated, deteriorating, run-down homes.

So what happened? It was a failure of vigilance more than anything else. Everyone moved out or moved on, and homes that aren't lived in break down. The same can be said for our hearts. By "heart," of course I'm not speaking of the cardiovascular system, but the mysterious, inner person.

Almost all ancient languages refer to the heart as the core or essence of a person. Thus, we



You Are Stuck With You

have the admonition from the Hebrew sage: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." The writer wasn't referring to elevated concentrations of LDL cholesterol or high triglycerides (though one should be cautious of these, for

He was addressing the spiritual center of the person, for the heart can become as overrun as an abandoned home, as fallen into disrepair as a forsaken neighborhood if one doesn't stay with it. And I mean exactly that: You have to occupy that space, living at the center of who God has made you.

It's tempting to run away from who you are, moving out and moving on, but at the end of the day (literally and metaphorically) you have to come home to yourself. And home will not be a very pleasant place if you haven't taken care of the space, if you have no center - no core - if you haven't taken care of where you

Put bluntly, you are stuck with you; and if you have let your heart go to seed, how can you ever be happy occupying a place like that? If your heart has been given over to the wilderness, if the dust and mold are a foot deep inside, and if cockroaches, critters, and cobwebs have taken over the joint, why would anyone else want to share that space with

Chris Hurst, a young songwriter from Nashville, asks this

question: "How do you break a heart?" He answers, "You abandon it. Slip out in a moment of weakness and vulnerability; when it has turned its back. Leave it lonely. A heart cannot be crushed. It cannot be pierced. It cannot be gagged. It must be neglected. Then and only then will it break."

I dare say that most of the heartbreak and heartache we suffer is not the result of what others have done to us, but what we have done to ourselves, the result of our own spiritual indifference. Yet, the forgotten and abandoned heart can be revived. It will take some time and hard work, mind you, but time and hard work will get it done.

Trim the hedgerows with prayer or meditation. Cut the grass, that is, keep bitterness and unforgiveness nipped in the bud. Repair those broken places of the past, long ignored. This kind of sweat equity will clear the cobwebs and clean the windows, allowing the light to shine in, and you'll begin to feel safe and sheltered.

Guard your heart and you just might learn to love the person God has made you to be and the life he has given you to live. Give your heart the attention it deserves, and you just might discover a wonderful place to call home.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, blogger, pastor, and author of multiple books. Visit his website at www.ronniemcbrayer.me.



Charlotte L. Weise (Koehn)

3/25/1916 - 4/17/2015

Born on March 25, 1916. in Milwaukee. WI, Charlotte passed away in her sleep just weeks after celebrating her 99th birthday with family and friends. She was living in the home that she, along with her first husband Gerald H. Koehn and two sons, started building back in 1957 when they moved out west from East Troy, WI finally settling in the Citrus Heights area. She is

survived by a twin sister, Connie Sniderwin in Wisconsin; two daughters by marriage, Joann Davis of Rancho Mirage and Barbara Hayes of Las Vegas, NV; and those two sons, Gregory Koehn and Dennis Koehn; along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins spread across the country.

Charlotte worked as a waitress most of those years starting in East Troy, WI, then in Roseville, Citrus Heights, Folsom, Sacramento, Auburn, and Sonoma after their migration to California.

In the first years, her family helped start Messiah Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights while her two boys attended Sylvan Elementary and San Juan High School. In 1974, she moved to Sonoma, CA, with her late husband William "Bill" Weise. While living in Sonoma she was a very active member at the Faith Lutheran Church, the Sonoma Valley Grange #407, Sonoma Valley Garden Club; and the SV Loyal Order of Moose where she and her two sons often

celebrated her birthday at the March dinner.

Charlotte and her late husband loved to travel. They went to Europe twice, took 5 ocean cruises and crossed the US at least 10 times, visiting family and friends along the way.

Coming from the farm country of Wisconsin, Charlotte always had a garden. She loved to cook, bake and she canned just about everything you could imagine. One of the favorites with her family and friends were her pickled beets. They were the hardest to keep on the shelf. Charlotte was extremely outgoing and loved to entertain. She will be greatly missed by all of those who knew her.



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, **Christian Author**

The beauty of belonging to the family of God is never ending. Yesterday a friend shared with me a prayer that was written some years ago by Clair Conniger. It is so beautiful it touched my friends heart and mine. I decided possibly God wanted to bless you as well.

So here goes Dear Child,

Before you open my Word

Prayer As You Read Your Bible

(Bible) this morning, stop and Signed God consider what you are hold-May the words of this little ing in your hands. It is more prayer prove to be an anointing than paper and ink, more than on you as you read the Bible this words and sentences. You are holding in your hands the very Through the years reading essence of who I AM! My word the Bible has been a never-endis my nature, my wisdom, my guidance, my love distilled into letter form. You are holding health and life, truth and healing. Keep My Word before you eyes. Give it permission to roam the rooms of your heart—cleaning, straightening, rearranging; closing doors on some things and opening windows on others. My Word can be for your heart,

a companion, a hearth, and a

intruders. And so, as you open

My Word this day, read with

your eyes, but listen with your

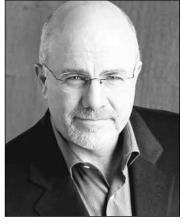
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whole heart.



Difference in debts

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 3 of your plan. We're also saving up to buy a car with cash. We're about \$3,000 away from our goal, but now my wife wants to go ahead and finance the rest. She has started wondering what the difference is in borrowing to buy a car and borrowing to buy a house.

Dear Lex,

This is a good question. It sounds like you guys have made good progress, but now one of you is running out of steam. That's okay. Getting out of debt and staying out of debt can be a tough road.

For one thing, cars go down in value. The second thing is I don't like debt of any kind. I don't really like borrowing for a house even, but I tolerate it as long as you use a 15-year, fixed rate mortgage with payments that are no more than a fourth of your take-home pay. I mean, it's a much larger purchase. You can get a great car for \$15,000 to \$20,000 dollars. Depending on where you live, a good home can

cost you 10 times that or more.

Still, the best way to build wealth and have a high-quality financial life is to not be in debt. You're never going to win with money in the long term if you can't learn to delay pleasure. That's the bottom line. Personal finance is about controlling the person you see when you look in the mirror.

Every one of us has that little four-year-old kid inside, a little kid whose name is Immaturity. and he or she wants what they want right now. What your wife is asking is a normal request, but it's also a sign that we all have to address that little kid that's inside us once in a while — and tell that kid no!

—Dave

Car debt

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have just started getting on track with our money. We have \$2,000 in savings, and the only debt we have is our house and two cars. I work in the oil and gas industry and make about \$180,000 a year, but things are pretty volatile right now. We're upside down on both vehicles, and we owe \$39,000 on one and about \$48,000 on the other. Under the circumstances, should we go ahead and build a fully funded emergency fund or work on paying off the cars?

Kendall

Dave Says

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Hopefully, you'll be able to keep your job. But this car debt is the scariest thing I've heard in a long time, even with your great income. Get rid of those things now!

–Dave

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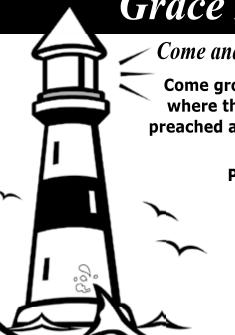
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All Gave Some; Some Gave All

Memorial Day at Sylvan Cemetery

By Jim Monteton

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Every year, Sylvan Cemetery in Citrus Heights honors those that gave their lives in the defense of their county. This year, the Memorial Day service will be held on Monday, May 25th at Sylvan Cemetery located at 7401 Auburn Blvd. in Citrus Heights.

The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. with a march through the historical section of the cemetery, stopping briefly at each flag station to read a prayer and salute the flag. Those marching include members of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of the American Revolution, Boys Scout troop 228, Police Officers of the Citrus Heights Police Department and all others that wish to march.

This march will last about 30 minutes and will conclude at



the gazebo where there will be a one-hour ceremony. Many of those marching will be in uniform—past and present—from the American Revolution to modern day.

History of Memorial Day: Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5th, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans—the Grand Army of the Republic-established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Major General John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30th. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Veterans

Miss Citrus Heights Crowned Miss Northern California

heritage, weight, and looks. I

Rezaie wore the passion outfit of Rosie the Riveter. When passion outfit, she replied: "She provides motivation and proves that you can still be feminine while being tough and strong." Her favorite book is The Great Gatsby and her favorite quote is "Whenever you think about quitting, just remember why you started!" Her platform is Relay for Life because she was the caretaker for her mother and had to witness the heartbreaking events she went through to sur-Rezaie was also asked what makes her unique. Her answer was, "I

respect." Rezaie was crowned in a full-length beaded red gown and wore Motives Cosmetics, provided by M3 Mall. She will complete her senior year at San Juan High School while working full time and will make appearances year-round with her court. Congratulations to Miss Shadi

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Droughts Are Historically Cyclicle and Always Have Been

To Whom it may Conmcern:

And that is all Californians. Droughts are a frequent occurence in California and else where. There are, from historic records, droughts that have occurred in cycles. The cycles are not perfect, in that they are not exctly predictable. When I worked for the U. S. Bureau of reclamation, as a hydrologist, I worked up a prediction in the mid 60's that a drought would occur in the vicinity of 1976-77. I have heard of different cycles that occur simultaneosly, and interact. This is why the cycles are not absolute, but vary by a few years from an exact number of years. And the same cycles may not apply to the whole world.

In 1928-34, a similar drought occurred. I have not checked with DWR, or Corps, or Reclamation to see if this drought is more critical than the previously recorded drought. From a statistical standpoint, there is always a greater event that will occur in weather. There is always the chance for a bigger flood, drought more severe, higher temperatures, colder tenperatures, less rainfall in a month, more rainfall in a day/ hour/week/month/year!

But that aside, California is classed as Semi-arid. That means it is not expected to be very wet, and not all the time. Thus those who live in a wet area, behave differently than those in a desert, and differently in a semi-arid

As the population grows in any area, changes in water use occur or become necessary. Fewer people can live in a desert, than can live in a wet area. Likewise, those who live in a semi-arid area, have to be prepared for the dry periods.

California has been lax in preparing for a longer term drought. Partly due to the limitations

imposed on the planners. We in Reclamation, studied Sites reservoir 30 years or so ago, but were limited to the benefits we could claim, and therefore could not prove it feasible. The benefits we were allowed to use for the water developed was limited to pasture and hay crops that were of low value. Had we been allowed to use Almonds as a benefit, it would now exist, and would help reduce the effects of the current drought. By the way, this drought is not going to last forever, if history can be used to fortell the future. The climate is always in a state of change, and it is not always bad.

California----Californians at this time are being faced with a drought [likely] larger than previously encountered. And because nature [God] has been kind to us, we have hot had to adapt very much. HOWEVER we can now see that our climate is going to require us to do things differently in the future.

The rules that reduce the flows of devices won't save very much, because very few people turn on any flow device to maximum all the time. SO WHAT TO DO? The biggest saver in metropolitan areas would be being prepared to use grey water. Grey Water? That is reusing water that was already used for some other purpose. IF all new homes were equiped with grey water recycling, that is, capturing water from showers, tubs, clothes washers*, dishwashers*, and capturing rinse waters in the kitchen, and reusing it to water trees, shrub, and lawns. New cities or suburbs should have grey water recycling piping installed for municipal reuse. Grey water from apartment houses could be used on golf courses, highway medians etc. The grey water could also be used to irrigate crops/gardens. Retrofitting homes will be expensive, but it would allow for some lawns to exist, or shade trees, ornamental

So these agencies legislating by rules, should look in a more productive direction, plus the populace will need to be educated in the ways this can be done. Saving water is not cheap.

I live in one of the high use areas, Fair Oaks/Citrus Heights. In general in 2014 our water bills showed we had used 40% less than 2013, until the last bill which was back to 2013 level, because I had to water a garden that was feasible several months before normal due to the higher temperatures. To achieve these lower uses, I placed mulch around trees, for about 6 feet, and hand watered trees and flowers and did not water the lawn. I also hand watered the garden where crops were growing and not areas that did not have crops as was normal with sprinklers.

I also only flush the toilet when there is a solid excrement, or five uses. It is already a 1.28 gallon per flush toilet. IF YOU cut back on flushing you need to also add vinegar, about 1/4 cup, or hydrogen peroxide, after each flush. I gargle with hydrogen peroxide, and spit into the toilet to reduce deposits.

When we pool our thoughts there are no doubt more ways to save water but these are some of the more benficial in terms of net

*Soaps/detergents being compatible

-Dale Creasey PE Retired -Hyuddrologist with U/S. Bureau of Reclamation

she was asked why she wore this

Continued from page 1

in my school. For a long time I have been bullied because of my felt alone most of my childhood. My first pageant was the 'Miss Sacramento' pageant; it was the most nerve-racking experience of my life, and although there were more gorgeous girls competing, I had the strength and the tools to win. After that pageant I competed and won the 'Miss Teen California' and 'Miss vive cancer. Capitol City' titles. These titles were from pageants directed by the late Mary Purvis of Citrus

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The Death of America

From Tom Dowdy:

The slow death of America started on April 8, 1913 the day the Seventeenth Amendment was ratified by 3/4 of the states. Since that time the decline of states power has been continual and steady.

John Birch Society, the Eagle way far left organizations they have just about put the last nail in the coffin.

Our country is split into and the only way to save us is through an Article V amending convention to stop the abusive power of this federal government. The Convention of States project has proposed bills in 41 States. So far they have pass This year with the help of the both houses in 3 states. Eight States have failed to pass or have Forum, George Soros and all the tabled their bills. 21 states have passed in one house.

The John Birch Society, and the Eagle Forum have chosen to oppose the last legal means to stop this run a way government. The Constitution only allows for amendments and nothing else. What they do not understand is if we continue to do what they want, which is NOTHING our Constitution will be thrown in the trash in less than 5 years. www.conventionofstates.com All letters to the editor are published as we receive them.

Are You Carrying Bricks In Your Backpack?

Procrastination! Ugh! What a word that is. But, we're all guilty of it - whether it's putting off laundry or doing your taxes - it's usually related to some task or chore we just don't want to do.

The same is true about making final arrangements. Who wants to think about, or talk about, death. And with so many more fun things to spend our money on, who wants to pay for it?

Well, just like taxes, death is something unavoidable, and when it's done - what a relief that is. You can then unload that brick from your backpack and have some peace of mind. If you still need motivation, consider these points:

- You get to arrange what you think is best and not expect family members to know your wishes
- You can know that once your pre-arrangements are made, your wishes will be carried out
- You get to relieve your family from that burden of planning your funeral when they are grieving
- You can minimize disputes between your well-meaning relatives
- You can set up affordable monthly payments so the financial burden does not fall to your surviving family members
- You will show your love in a way your family will never forget

We hope these tips are useful. Call us today for an appointment and let us help you unload some bricks from your backpack!



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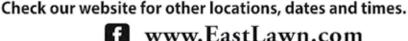
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Mandatory Cut Proposal Concerns Citrus Heights **Water District**

By Chris Gilbert

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Of the 23 Sacramento-area water districts, 13 face the maximum water use cutbacks at a 36% water use reduction per month for June 2015 through February 2016 (compared to 2013 water usage) under the latest recommendations from staff for the State Water Resources Control Board. The Citrus Heights Water District is not among those 13 but would have a mandated reduced water use of 32%.

'We did write a letter of concern about the methodology," said the District's conservation specialist, Rex Meurer. "They're using data that may not reflect the current conditions. It's just a straight across cut for everyone."

The cuts are based on gallons-per-person-per-day for September of last year. For the Citrus Heights District, that was 195 gallons. The statewide average was 124. The conservation rate for June 2014 to February 2015 was 19%, which was close to the Governor's voluntary goal at the time of 20%. If that average were to continue this summer, the district would need to reduce usage by another 13%.

A number of Sacramento-area

not be compared against the cooler coastal cities where less water is needed in the summer and where many residents live in higher-density communities with smaller lots. Many disagree with the implication that watering lawns is an unreasonable use. Some also dispute being included with areas that don't have strong water rights and mostly import their water from

Many people still believe they use more water indoors than outdoors. But, "easily, at least 60% of total use is outdoors," said Meurer, "up to 80% for some of the bigger lots."

The district's water is 100% metered, but many parts of the Sacramento region are not, which is another reason why

Stroke Survivor to Ride 100 Miles for Veterans



Cardoza reminds readers that May is National Stroke Awareness Month. He has shared his story with over 1,200

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On June 1st, 2014, stroke and twotime brain surgery survivor Matt Cardoza celebrated a decade of rehabilitation and recovery by completing his second 100-mile (century) bicycle course around Lake Tahoe. He completed this feat as part of the "America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride."

Today, Cardoza is training to complete his third century course on June 7th of this year. He will be riding to support veterans through two veterans' organizations. Cardoza's team of eight will consist of his wife Kendra and six friends; additional team members are welcome.

Aside from his support of veterans, Cardoza is an advocate of stroke awareness as he survived a stroke in 2008. In 2003, Cardoza survived a biking accident where he was hit by a car. A benign tumor was discovered during an examination following the accident. It was removed. Annual checkups to test for a tumor proved to be negative until 2008. During surgery to remove the second tumor, a blood vessel was accidentally severed. It caused a stroke, leaving Cardoza completely paralyzed on the left side of his body. His 2014 ride was the culmination of over a decade of hard work and healing.

Cardoza reminds readers that May is National Stroke Awareness Month. He has shared his story with over 1,200 students this year. Each year, almost 800,000 strokes occur in the United States. Strokes, sometimes called brain attacks, occur when a blockage stops the flow of blood to the brain or when a blood vessel in or around the brain bursts. Although many people think of a stroke as a condition that affects only older adults, strokes can and do occur in people of all ages. In fact, nearly a quarter of all strokes occur in people younger than

Cardoza thanks his supporters on his company's website, saying "Last year, with the help of my family, friends, clients, and the community, over \$2,000 was raised for the Citrus Heights Veterans Community Center. I am very grateful for all of the support as I had no idea what to expect. In 2015, there are two nonprofits I have decided to raise money for, the C.H. Veteran's Community Center and the Joseph House Foundation."

The Citrus Heights Veteran's Community Center on Sylvan Road continues to provide a safe place for veterans to gather and heal from their military experiences. The Joseph House Foundation provides ongoing respite care for Gold Star Families to help them work through their grief towards becoming empowered survivors.

Personal and private donations toward Cardoza's fundraising effort are accepted any time. To have your name on team jersey or to join the team contact www. yourdonationplease.com or call Matt at (916) 534-3245.

Source: American Heart Association

other regions.

There are still no mandatory watering days in the Citrus Heights District, although two days a week is recommended by the state. "I believe we're headed that way," said Meurer. "That's going to be our biggest opportunity to reduce, is the outdoor watering during the summer months."

consumption is among the highest in the state.

Meurer said the number of

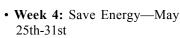
May is Building Safety Month



By Elise Spleiss







warnings has gone up signifi-

cantly, although not a lot of fines

have been issued. "We do our

patrols," he said. "We follow up

on a lot of calls." That includes

for such things as water running

off from lawns onto sidewalks

So what else can be done?

"Lots of public outreach,"

Meurer said. "We're not going

out there to penalize them. We

want to educate them and get

them to change some behaviors.

I think with all the press... that

goes a long way for us, to keep

the drought in the forefront and

let the customer know this isn't

going away. It's going to get

worse this summer and we all

Officials at the State Water

Resources Control Board say

if all districts met their man-

dates, the total savings would

be around 1.3 million acre-feet

of water, or about the current

level at Lake Oroville. Districts

that don't reduce adequately face

fines that would start at \$500 a

And more tweaking of reduc-

tion percentages is still possible

from the Board after considering

all the feedback from districts,

residents, and public officials. ★

need to work together."

and storm drains.

will host two events, a kickoff and send off. The kickoff will be May 4th at 2:00 p.m., while the sendoff will be May 28th at 12:00 p.m. Both events will be held at City Hall and an RSVP is required. For more details, please email Susan McLendon at smclendon@citrusheights.net or call (916) 727-4761.

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families, and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement, and a welltrained, professional workforce

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KICKSTART YOUR RELATIONSHIP

With Mother's Day just around the corner, why not think about some positive ways to beef up your relationship. Dr. Margot Brown a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist for over twenty years suggests laying a foundation of positive so the negative is not ever-present. In her book "Kickstart Your Relationship Now! Move On or Move Out!" she identifies nine ways you can express the positive to your partner.

- 1) I LOVE YOU: Tell your mate "I love you." Sometimes you might not feel that you show it, so say so and be sure to include the words, "I love you." Say it aloud with sincerity.
- 2) COMPLIMENTS: If you never hear anything good or positive from your mate, then it is difficult for you to say something nice or positive back. Give a compliment now
- 3) HUGGING: Hugging, embracing, kissing, holding hands, caressing...all are very gentle, symbolic

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expressions of love and gentle communication. This is very important and necessary to any relationship.

- 4) ROMANTICE GESTURES: Send flowers, a card, jewelry, or a token of appreciation.
- 5) BE POSITIVE: Be positive in what you say to others and yourself. Stop any negative talk...it's unhealthy and unproductive.
- 6) SMILING: Smile...it makes you feel extremely good, confident, and positive. It becomes infectious, and rubs off on others and in how they treat you.
- 7) MAINTAIN INTEREST: Keep time to do things together that you enjoy, such as reading, playing games, taking walks, going to the theatre, playing sports together
- 8) BALANCE: See things from your partner's perspective as to what he or she needs in regards to balancing work, kids time alone or together and chores with entertainment.
- 9) RESPECT: Respect your mate by including them in decision-making issues. Do not speak for your mate when asked to attend a party, dinner, or event without discussing it with that person first.

If your mate is negative, why don't you, through your own positive thinking, try to encourage positive thinking in a gentle manner without putting him or her down. According to Dr. Brown, "You will find that positive thinking has a rippling effect on your entire life...relationships, work, goals, health spirituality, and so on." She added that we should not play games because they can be a barrier to connecting authentically. Do you play any of these

- 1) BREAK UP, MAKE UP: Couples fight and make up. They fight again, break up, and return back with lots of "I'm sorry." It's a vicious cycle that can become habitual. It needs to stop,
- 2) I DON'T KNOW: When your spouse asks why you persistently do something wrong or annoying and you answer "I don't know," it's a cop-out. Look for ways to stop it.
- 3) IT'S YOUR FAULT, NOT MINE: Pointing fingers and laying all the blame on the other person is not productive. Often, the blamer merely reflects their own insecurities and projects them onto the other.
- 4) PICK PICK, NAG NAG: Some partners don't do all they are expected to do. But it's equally important to ask for help rather than fold your arms on your chest and refuse to help the situation. Here comes the implosion or explosion.
- 5) THE SILENT TREATMENT: This is never effective. It turns an argument into a war and leaves built up anger to fester.

Just a few facts. Find more information at www.72hrrule. com. Make a pact this Mother's Day and be HAPPY!

For the Love of Books



Book Review by Amy Shane



YANKEE MAGAZINE'S LOST AND VINTAGE RECIPES

by Amy Traverso and the editors of Yankee Magazine

- ♦ Publisher: Countryman Press
- ♦ Release date: June 03, 2013 ♦ Hardcover, 192 pages
- ♦ Intended audience: All Audiences ♦ Rating: ♥ ♥ ♥

On the Book Jacket: New Englanders know their heirlooms - clocks, quilts, vegetables and more. Now, Yankee Magazine rediscovers and updates their most delectable classic recipes - like chicken and dumplings, Roquefort biscuits, red flannel hash, corn pudding and snow cake - for today's home cooks who appreciate a great heirloom when they see one. Starters and soups, sides and meats and fish, breads and desserts, and more have been retested and updated for today's cooks and today's palates. To enhance the fun, retro sidebars feature excerpts from the magazine dating back to the 1930s, and you'll find the stories and histories behind many of the recipes as well.

No publication better captures the essence of New England than Yankee Magazine. No book better captures the essential recipes of classic New England than Yankee's Lost and Vintage Recipes.

Amy's Review: Delve into the sweet and savory world of lost and forgotten recipes from New England's extensive history. With more than 130 recipes, inspired by Yankee Magazine's archives, where traditional recipes are taken, retested and then adapted to appeal to contemporary cooking style of today. Staying true to the spirit of the dishes, editors of Lost and Vintage Recipes, revitalize, revamp and rekindle, not only delicious heartwarming meals, but also the forgotten tricks and techniques that elevate the depth of their flavor.

The updated recipes lend a chance for new memories to be made at the dinner table. With beautiful dedication to recipes lost in time, explore each chapter as you are taken on a historic journey; from appetizers, to breakfasts, desserts and entrees, to even soups, salads and sides, every culinary experience is explored. The All-star chicken and dumplings was

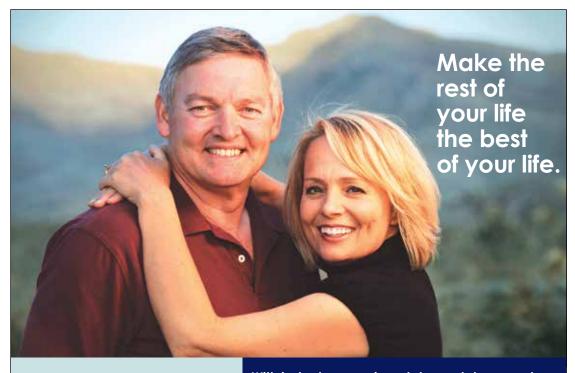
a hearty, yet easy recipe to master, instantly compelling me to continue the cooking exploration. With recipes from Swedish meatballs, to lobster bisque, sticky buns cooked in a cast iron skillet, or waffle iron brownies, the possibilities are endless, reminding readers the joy of indulging in a new savory experience.

From pantry notes, to reference guides, Yankee Magazine's Lost and Vintage Recipes opens the door for today's cooks, by blending skills and techniques of the past for the modern kitchen of today, with everything from cooking basics to candy making.

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A: Absolutely, for one a realtor lives in the area, knows what the history of each community offers and has the very latest information. While online services (like Trulia, Zillow or others) offer a good starting place the information can be out of date, inaccurate or sometimes misleading. Working with a local realtor and individual market listings will yield better data, homes you can actually walk through and a 'real' experience from being in the neighborhood. Realtors are also sensitive to changing values and can save buyers, and sellers, from overvaluing or under-bidding the

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Funeral Insurance Versus Life Insurance



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By Lisa West

People ask me this question all the time, "What's the difference between funeral insurance and life insurance? Won't my life insurance cover the costs of my funeral?"

Yes and no. Here's the scoop: Life insurance won't pay the next of kin immediately after your death; it can take several weeks or months. Some funeral homes may require you pay them in full at the time of need, and then you will have to wait to be reimbursed by the life insurance company.

That is not to say all funeral homes won't accept life insurance; many will, however, there are lots of hoops to jump through and it can drag the funeral arrangement process out longer than need be.

Advance of need funeral insurance on the other hand, pays the funeral home immediately. This ensures you can make the funeral arrangements quickly and choose the date and time of the service that is most convenient for you.

There are some other benefits to funeral insurance; for example, you can be turned down for life insurance but you cannot be turned down for funeral insurance. Funeral costs

are guaranteed when you purchase funeral insurance. Premiums will not increase over time with funeral insurance, and premiums will end after a 3-, 5-, 7- or 10-year term depending on what you choose.

Life insurance is designed to maintain the life style of your family if you die unexpectedly. Funeral insurance pays your funeral expenses so those expenses don't have to be deducted from the life insurance payout.

By purchasing funeral insurance, you relieve your family of significant stress over arrangements at the time of loss and uncertainty because you arrange exactly what you want at the time you purchase your funeral insurance policy.

For more information on the benefits of funeral insurance, please visit www.EastLawn.com and go to the events page to find out when our next free luncheon seminar is available for you to attend.

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