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**Derby Madness Takes Over at** Sacramento State University

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sac City Rollers teamed up with Sacramento State University's Women's Resource Center and UNIQUE Programs on the evening of Thursday, March 12th, bringing their hard-hitting style of entertainment to campus. The free event featured the Capitol Punishers and Folsom Prison Bruisers competing against each other in an expo-

Story and photos by Anne Stokes

sition match in celebration of March's Women's HerStory month. "The reason we brought [Derby Madness] here in the first place was to expose Sac State students to these kind of events, because it's not some-

thing usually on college campuses," explained LaPorte, Zenia Sacramento State University Assistant Director for Programs

and Marketing "It's definitely a fun, action-packed event, and the crowd definitely gets into it. It's a good time."

Second-year communications student Andrea Arango, who attended Thursday night with her friends, had never seen a roller derby match before but quickly caught on to the game's rules. "I've never seen something like this! I was like, a roller derby? Are we going to go and see people roller skate in circles? But it's more than that," she said. "I would say if you're open to learning and seeing new things, you should definitely go. Have an open mind. I decided to go this year just to see what it's about and I'm glad I came."

"It's always fun playing here at Sac State," said Aleitha Burns, who has skated under the moniker "Aleithal Weapon" for the past seven years. "We get a lot of new fans, a lot of volunteers. It's an opportunity for us to just play roller derby without the high pressure of sanctioning and rankings and the competitive nature. But of course we're all athletes, so our competitiveness comes out."

The game itself is a fast-paced, full-contact team sport in which 10 athletes at a time compete to out maneuver each other and score the most points. "There are two



Capitol Punisher jammer Blue Crush (#11, right in star helmet) attempts to pass Folsom Prison Bruiser blocker Annie Reksic (#10) during the exposition roller derby match at Sacramento State.

basic positions in women's roller derby," explained Burns. "There are the blockers, they make up the pack, and then the other position is the jammer. Essentially, the goal is for the jammer to get through the pack. The jammers score every time they successfully make it through the pack. So the pack is simultaneously playing offense to help their jammer through and defense to stop the opposing jammer. Jammers score points for every blocker from the opposing team they pass."

Founded in 2006, the Sac City Rollers was Sacramento's first women's flat track roller derby team. The team is comprised of two interleague teams, the Capitol Punishers and the Folsom Prison Bruisers, who compete together on an international level. "We play against our local teams

here in California; we also have played against teams from Canada, we've played against teams from Scotland, [and] we've played against teams from Michigan," explained Burns. "In two weeks we have our first tournament [of the season]; it's called the Dust Devil in Tucson, Arizona, where we'll be playing against a team from New Hampshire. Tournaments give us an opportunity to play teams from a larger range.'

The team is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, raising hundreds of dollars each bout for local charities, culminating in their annual Red Red Holiday Invitational tournament each December, the proceeds of which benefit the Sacramento Food Bank. "We have raised thousands of

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# Building **Activity** Strongest in **Last Decade**

By Chris Gilbert

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - As one of our worst recessions in history slowly recedes, developers and residents have gotten a lot busier with construction projects. The number of building permits recently issued in Citrus Heights is the highest in about a decade.

In Citrus Heights, 2,030 building permits have been issued at this point of the fiscal year. However, the vast majority of the permits (1,770) are residential, with a relatively small amount (260) issued for commercial development.

However, Chief Building Official Greg Anderson says that of the 1,770 residential building permits, just 20 permits have been issues for the construction of new homes. Most of the projects are for improvements to existing homes.

But he points out that the valuation of the improvement projects has more than doubled in the last three years. "People are spending money doing larger renovations and remodels," said Anderson. "Instead of a bathroom or kitchen remodel, now they may be doing an interior remodel and an addition to the house."

Anderson says Citrus Heights is pretty much built out when it comes to new commercial structures. But the value of the 260 commercial building permits—mostly for such things as facade improvements and new paint jobs, among other upgrades—is around \$11.6 million, compared to \$5.4 million in 2012.

'We've always noticed in the past, when times are tough, it seems that commercial property owners hold onto their money," said Anderson. "They don't do renovations that aren't absolutely necessary."

It's also an indication that more businesses are staying open, with more property owners having confidence in the stability of the economic recovery.

# **Anti-Domestic Violence Activist Named Woman of the Year**



From left to right: Citrus Heights Police Chief Chris Boyd, A Community for Peace Executive Director Elaine Whitefeather, State Assemblyman Ken Cooley, and Citrus Heights Mayor Sue Frost in front of the wall where domestic violence victims have completed the sentence, "Imagine a woman who..." Photo courtesy of the office of

By John-Michael Kibrick

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -

"Imagine a woman who..." That's the unfinished sentence on the wall at the headquarters for A Community for Peace, led by Executive Director Elaine Whitefeather who was named Woman of the Year on March 9th by State Assemblyman Ken Cooley.

The rest of the wall is filled with the writing of domestic violence victims who completed a series of workshops at A Community for Peace and completed the sentence with notions like, "Knows who she is and owns who she is," or, "Chooses to be a survivor instead of a victim."

The symbolic wall of words speaks volumes to the reasons

Whitefeather was honored at the State Capitol for her work as a voice and helping hand for victims of domestic violence in the greater Sacramento area. The wall, she says, is representative of victims being able to break the rules and think outside the

"Domestic Violence is a learnt behavior," Whitefeather told the Citrus Heights Messenger. "Once you live in abuse and terror, you don't always have to live there.'

On March 13th, Whitefeather was honored again at a small reception attended by Cooley, Citrus Heights Mayor Sue Frost, and Citrus Heights Police Chief Chris Boyd. All attested to the difference Elaine's work has made in the community.

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# **How Citrus Heights will Get** 20 New Libraries in One Day

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -On April 11th, 20 Little Free Libraries will be installed at various locations throughout the city of Citrus Heights.

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" gathering place for neighbors of all ages to borrow books and to share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share.

Citrus Heights Little Libraries are a partnership between the History & Arts Commission, Citrus Heights Rotary, San Juan High School students, and Lowe's and Home Depot, who have donated all the materials for construction. Sunrise Recreation and Park District and the City of Citrus Heights are each donating 10 sites. Sylvan Library along with residents will donate the books. The San Juan High School football team will help with installation.

The purpose of this project is to promote awareness of the City's historical buildings while at the same time encouraging literacy and a love of reading.

Each library will be situated near a sitting area for more comfortable reading. The libraries are a replica of the Sylvan



Sunrise Recreation and Park District and the City of Citrus Heights are each donating 10 sites for placement of the libraries.

Schoolhouse, the historic building depicted on the city seal. The building is slowly being renovated after becoming a veteran's community center in 2013.

Each library will include a plaque saying, "Little Free Library" on it. Another plaque will display a sponsor's name and business logo. In addition, each library will have one unique feature, such as a butterfly, bird or perhaps a cat painted on the schoolhouse window so visitors can keep track of which libraries they have visited.

The first Little Free Library appeared in 2009. Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin built a model of a one-room schoolhouse as a tribute to his mother, a former schoolteacher who loved reading. Bol put his model on a post, filled it with books and installed it in his front yard. It was an immediate hit with neighbors and friends. Bol gave other libraries away to friends and family members with a sign attached saying, "Free Books." Today Bol and a friend, Rick Brooks maintain the Little Free Library website as coordinators growing a network of global libraries.

Today there are 30 officially registered libraries in the Sacramento area, and over 15,000 worldwide. the libraries will be officially registered online and added to the official map.

The Citrus Heights Rotary Club as part of International Rotary At Work Day will install all the Libraries with help from volunteers, and the San Juan High School football. The initial installation will be at 9 a.m. behind the Wal-Mart and Costco on Old Auburn Rd. in the Stock Ranch Nature Preserve.

Sponsorships are still available for businesses, organizations or individuals for \$500. For information on sponsoring a Little Free Library contact Jessica Mang at JessicaEMang@gmail.com or Katherine Cooley at KCooley@ citrusheights.net.

Source: Citrus Heights History and Art Commission ★

## MEMORIAM



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Jaquelin Ree Hanson was born to Earl and Ree on October 19, 1942 in Lompoc, California. Her father was working with the CCC boys on the restoration of La Parisma Mission. She was the youngest of three, joining Phillip Wayne and Barbara Louise.

In her early days the Hanson family lived in the Redwood forest near Wyatt California where Earl worked as a park ranger. Her love of nature was born out of her father's experiences as a ranger and family camping trips all through the West. It seems this was when camping and rain storms became a common occurrence for Jackie. Just before starting Kindergarten, the family relocated to 2600 Verna way in Sacramento where she attended Del Paso Manor Elementary. Jackie was introduced to Girl Scouts in grammar school which became a passion for her lifetime. She attended El Camino High School becoming a member of the Girl's Athletic Association participating in sports prior to the inception of title 9. She was also actively involved in the youth group Cya Sigma at Carmichael Presbyterian where she met her future husband Kenneth Vernon Friedman.

Married August 19, 1961 at Carmichael Presbyterian, Ken and Jackie started their 53 year commitment to marriage. Jackie's first job was working as a telephone information operator for the phone company. They welcomed their first child Deborah Ree Friedman (Cocola) into the world on May 23, 1964. Not long after her birth they relocated to Stockton California



where Douglas Vernon Friedman was born on October 28, 1965. Ken and Jackie joined a Mariner ship with Lincoln Presbyterian Church where they met some lifelong friends. During this time Jackie watched children for friends while they worked or continued their education. Ken got a job working for Champion Spark Plug Company which meant a move for the family to Thousand Oaks California. Jackie did the move herself with two kids and a dog while being pregnant. Duane Earl Friedman was born September 17, 1969 soon after they settled on Fargo Street. Jackie's children became the focus of her life, becoming actively involved in every organization her kids were involved in. She became a part of the PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, home room

mom, and all sorts of youth sports. Eventually Jackie re-entered the workforce first as a noon duty aid for Wildwood elementary, later delivering flowers for a local florist company then working at the Calvary Community

Church in Westlake California. In 1990 Ken and Jackie relocated again giving them a chance to return to Sacramento. Jackie continued working first at Benetech and then for San Juan Unified School District as a teachers aid working with Special Ed children both elementary and high school aged. Concurrently the family was growing. Debbie married Paul adding the first grandchildren Michael and Briana. Duane followed marrying Amanda and having Jonas and Julia. Doug married Rebecca, blessing the family with three more grandchildren Jillian, Collin and James. Following Ken's retirement they both became devoted members of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church. Never wanting to give up her desire to help children, Jackie volunteered to help with the afterschool program at Sayonara. And we can't forget Girl Scouts, even though she had no children involved, Jackie continued to volunteer both as a treasurer and as a member of the Almond Service Unit. Ken's passion for Upward Basketball meant that it also became a passion for Jackie, driving kids to practices and cheering them on at the games. She went on several mission trips with the church

Jackie fought a battle with both brain and colon cancer, never letting it distract her from the activities of her grandchildren and church. Ultimately she succumbed to infection complications following surgery, returning home to her Father in the early hours of February 27, 2015 at the age of 72.

including one trip to Mexico and

two trips to Romania (her favorite).

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## **Derby Madness Takes Over at Sacramento State University**



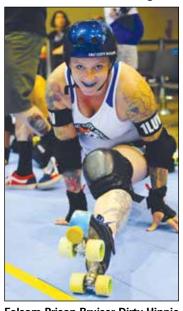
Capitol Punisher blocker Foxy Knoxy (#777, inside right) blocks Folsom Prison Bruiser jammer Bird Dog (#415, in the star helmet) as she attempts to pass the pack and score during the exposition match at Sacramento State. Jammers score points for every opposing blocker they pass while blockers simultaneously obstruct opposing jammers while clearing the way for their own team's jammer.

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dollars over the last nine seasons for the Sacramento Food Bank," said Burns, adding that "every game that we have, we pick a local charity to raise money for. All the proceeds from our raffle prizes all goes directly to a charity. At each bout we raise a couple hundred dollars for various charities."

Burns, who is a middle school science teacher, is one of over

come from a variety of backgrounds, from stay-at-home mothers to laboratory scientists, and range in age from as young as 18 to women in their mid-40s, who commit to working out at least three to four days a week for two to three hours at a time. According to Burns, however, the benefits reach well beyond just staying in shape: "I've



at Derby Madness, the exposition match at Sacramento State's

gotten a whole group of friends that I know will always have my back no matter what happens."

The Sac City Roller's next match against the Auburn Outlaws is slated for March 21st at The Rink in Sacramento. If you think you may have what it takes to be a Capitol Punisher or Folsom Prison Bruiser, tryouts will be held on Sunday, June 7th. For more information, visit www.saccityrollers.com.

## Folsom Prison Bruiser Dirty Hippie (#1LUV) stretches out pre-game University Union Ballroom. 100 women and girls who make up the Sac City Rollers. Athletes

# **MacGlashan Slights Sac City Council** on Illegal Alien's Health Care

Story and Photo by John-Michael Kibrick

NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA (MPG)

- County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan (District 4) voiced subdued frustration with members of City Council at a North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on March 19th, suggesting that they were playing politics with an important issue.

MacGlashan referenced a board of supervisors workshop which had occurred the day before on the possibility of funding health care for illegal aliens in the area. "Many members of city council spoke (in favor of funding)," she said. "None of them offered to help pay for this care."

Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson and City Councilmembers Steve Hansen and Jay Schenirer all commented during the public workshop, highlighting the moral and possible financial benefits of funding the health care program.

The county had offered health care to undocumented immigrants until 2009 when a struggling economy forced the board to make severe cutbacks.

We have limited resources, just like everyone else," MacGlashan told the Citrus Heights. "It's easy to advocate for something when you're not paying for it."

MacGlashan addressed members of the North Sacramento Chamber saying that at least three supervisors were leaning toward adopting a budget plan that would allot some \$5-6 million in providing coverage to an the population of illegal immigrants in Sacramento County. Only citizens are currently covered under President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

The financial estimate given by MacGlashan suggests that the



Chamber of Commerce on the issue of health care for undocumented

five-member board may be leaning toward a health care option to mirror that adopted by Fresno County. During a presentation at the workshop, it was stated this plan would come with an estimated price tag of \$6 million during the first fiscal year while focusing on providing contracted health services rather than coverage.

MacGlashan said that while the county had once provided health services to illegals, there is currently no obvious means by which officials could fund the project. This, said MacGlashan, is due to a recession and lowlevel of funding that is only now beginning to bounce back. She also cited the needed to fund solutions for homelessness and mental illness, both issues that will be discussed by the board in upcoming workshops.

"There's a lot of need out there," said MacGlashan. "We have limited resources. We welcome any outside funding sources "

The supervisor's criticism extended beyond city councilmembers however, as she suggested that the entire issue of immigrant health care was a case for the state legislature.

Addressing the hundreds of pro-health care advocates who had been present at the county workshop, MacGlashan said, "They need to be focusing their efforts in the State."

A bill is currently moving through the State Senate and if passed would largely solve the financial and moral conundrum faced by the County Board of supervisors. State Assemblyman Kevin McCarty spoke at the workshop and said that the bill was likely to pass, saying that it was a, "High priority."

Former Assemblyman Roger Dickinson also spoke however, calling the State Legislature, "Unpredictable," and pushing for the county to take action.

If held up by the political process, the bill at the State could take months if not years to be decided upon and MacGlashan conceded Dickinson's argument saying that the legislative process is, "Always an unknown."

# **Job Forecast Bright for** Sacramento's HIREvent

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** around the region, with a vari-

- The region may not have a great forecast for rain, but experts predict a 100% chance of jobs at Sacramento's HIREvent on Tuesday, April 7th from noon to 4 p.m. at The Grand, 1215 J Street. This exceptional employment event will feature private organizations and public agencies from

ety of immediate staffing needs ranging from entry-level to management positions.

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resumes can consult with employment experts offering free one-on-one evaluations.

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Source: Job Journal

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# **Easter Craft Fair to Benefit Children's Charity**

By Kathy Hedicke and Connie Hall

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Its springtime and along with the beautiful flowers blooming, glorious California weather, and love in the air, it's also time for Easter. Images of the white, fluffy Easter Bunny, brightlycolored Easter eggs, chocolate treats, special dinners, and many other family traditions create wonderful childhood memories. An up-coming local event will allow folks to create those wonderful Easter memories, while also supporting a well-deserving children's charity at the same

On Saturday, April 4th, 1st Choice Realty of Citrus Heights, along with Alpine Mortgage Planning, will be co-hosting a special Easter Craft Fair from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1st Choice Realty. 1st Choice Realty is conveniently located at 7622 Auburn

Blvd. in Citrus Heights. Tanya Bridges; Broker, Co-Owner, Licensed Realtor, and Event Organizer said, "We are all so excited about this Easter event. In addition to Easter crafts, we will also have music, food, plus free photographs of the kids with the Easter Bunny, and much more."

1st Choice Realty has been very active in the community since they opened their doors to their newest Citrus Heights location. They have brought many free family events to the local area. According to Jim Seibert, Senior Mortgage Adviser for Alpine Mortgage and event cohost, "This wonderful Easter event is the first, of what we hope will be many events we co-sponsor with 1st Choice Realty. We are excited about the event and excited to be aligned with another stellar and highlyrespected professional firm in the local Real Estate industry."

continually seeking ways to improve.

This years' Easter Event benefits Lilliput Children's Services. Event hosts will be gratefully accepting any monetary donations, and/or a new beach towel donation for the children receiving supervision and assistance by Lilliput Children's Services. The non-profit organization of Lilliput Children's Services was started by former Social Worker, Bob Fuser. Mr. Fuser saw a real need to increase the quality of care delivered to foster children through a combined effort between the private and public sector and set about to make this a reality. Lilliput Children's Services has now placed over 6,000 children into caring, loving, and supportive adoptive families. Lilliput doesn't just stop there either. They also continue to offer a variety of services long after the legal adoption process, to insure success for both the adopted child and the family.

## 'Beer and Bras' Raises Awareness for Human Trafficking

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

Dozens of fancy, colorful bras were hung and draped throughout the Couch Sports Lounge in Citrus Heights on March 16th. The cause, which brought 40 supporters bearing even more bras to help women trapped in domestic violence and human trafficking situations, was called "Beer and Bras."

"Beer and Bras" is a new fundraising event being repeated during the year by General Federation of Women Club (GFWC) clubs at different venues throughout the Sacramento area. This event, sponsored by the GFWC Citrus Heights Women's Club (CHWC) showed how it's possible to have fun while raising funds for a serious cause.

Other fundraising activities at the Couch on this night were 'Bra Pong', enjoying the color-



Members of the GFWC Citrus Heights Women's Club, friends and family sport some of the colorful bras donated at the 'Beer & Bras' fundraiser which was held at the Couch in Citrus Heights on March 16 to help fight domestic abuse and human trafficking. Photo by Valeria Lujan-Sunduko

made by members to raise additional funds, and bidding for the sizeable St. Patrick's raffle prize. Curious regular patrons got in on the fun and donated to the cause; even children joined in from a special family area.

Educating people and organizations about human trafficking worldwide is the second goal of Free the Girls. To this end, the CHWC and other clubs in the district are collecting 1,760 bras to form a mile long chain around

to the attention of Sacramento County

Couch staff noted "it was a great Monday night" and they are looking forward to doing it again. They liked being a part of an event where everyone was pitching in for a good cause.

If you are a business owner and have a facility suitable to hold a 'Beer and Bras' event to help raise funds for this cause, please call 916-751-1918.

Source: Free the Girls



## Youth Mission Visits León, Nicaragua



Sacramento Region, CA (MPG) - Disaster Response Ministries, a new worshipping community in association with Eventide Communities, led a mission trip to Nicaragua on behalf of the Presbytery of Sacramento on February 14th through the 22nd The Nicaragua mission team included 16 individuals from Eventide, Northminster, Grace, Placerville Federated, Davis, and Auburn Presbyterian Churches. The team of five adults and 11 children partnered with CEPAD, the Protestant Council of Churches of Nicaragua and a partner with the Presbyterian Church since 1972. Together, they painted a school, volunteered in classrooms, and helped with an agrarian project outside the city of León. The mission was led by the Reverend Jeanie Shaw, pastor at Eventide Community Presbyterian Church in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Reverend Jeanie Shaw Source: Black Lion Marketing

## Sayonara Center to Host Luau Benefit

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The like Kaulumele's Polynesian Sayonara Center will be celebrating their 10th anniversary April 17th from 6:30 p.m. to

The event will be held at the Citrus Heights Community Center at 6300 Fountain Square Dancer, the River City Ukulele

styled dinner for all to enjoy.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at www.

sayonarayouthcenter.org, and the center is also looking for sponsors. Donations of anywhere from \$175 to \$1,000 grant donators access to the event, special recognition, additional special tickets, and an ever-increasing number of raffle tickets to win

Source: Sayonara Center

# **Local Crime Beat**

## Murder, Assault, DUIs and Notifications

## **Suspect Jailed** for Rocky Point **Court Murder**

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Allen Bocteemus Franks, 48, was taken into custody on March 17th, charged with the murder of Kimberly Chittenden the day before

Police had arrived on Rocky Point Court to find Chittenden unconscious and injured. Medical teams rushed to the scene while officers attempted to save the victims life, but Chittenden was declared deceased after arrival at the hospital.

Initial investigations spurred CHPD to alert the public of the incident and request assistance in locating the victim's vehicle that they believed had been taken by the perpetrator.

Officers found the vehicle with Franks behind the wheel the next day near Marysville Boulevard. Franks was questioned by investigators and booked into County Jail. CHPD said that Franks and Chittenden seem to have been acquaintances.

## 70-Year-Old Man Assaulted Downtown

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - A 70-year-old male victim was the target of abuse and robbery on March 16th near the

corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Greenback Lane.

Calls reached dispatch and officers responded at approximately 4:34 p.m. to find one of the two suspects described by witnesses attempting to flee the

Garett Wallace, 24, was chased down on foot by officers who finally made the arrest in a patio area of an apartment. A helicopter also aided in the chase. The second suspect, Briardy Duran, 20, remained at the scene and was detained by police. Both were booked in the County Jail on charges of robbery, elder abuse, and battery with great bodily injury.

Police described the victim's injuries at non-life threatening however, and was expected to make a full recovery at the hospital.

## 'At Risk' Missing **Person Found** Thanks to **Notification System**

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Officers arrived at a care home at 2:45 p.m. on March 14th after receiving calls claiming that a 58-year-old who required daily medication for dementia, schizophrenia, and bi-polar disorder

had left the facility.

A search ensued but police

were unable to find the "at risk" man after about one hour. CHPD then utilized the Everbridge notification system to alert the public and request that they inform police if they saw a man

fitting the description. A citizen located the man and informed police as requested. Officers then returned the man safely to the home without harm

or injury. The Everbridge system allows the police to send non-emergency alerts to the community, though citizens have to sign up for the program online. A missing 69-year-old female was also located thanks to the system in January.

## **DUI Checkpoint Nets Two Arrests**

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -CHPD made two DUI arrests on March 13th at a roadblock near Greenback Lane and Birdcage Street from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Police said that 920 vehicles were stopped and the two arrests were out of five conducted tests for the legal limit of alcohol consumption. Additionally, eight drivers were ticketed for driving without their licenses.

CHPD maintains that roadblocks are an important tool in DUI enforcement, being effective both financially and in physical results.

Source: Citrus Heights Police Department

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## **Mayor Frost Joins Meals on Wheels Initiative** CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) senior meal programs for frail

Mayor Sue Frost took part in A Community of Caring's (ACC) Meals on Wheels efforts on March 18th when she delivered and served meals in the community from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event was part of the March for Meals public awareness campaign to, "Draw attention to the importance of homebound seniors" according to a press release.

Meals on Wheels by ACC participates yearly in this national campaign to bring awareness to the needs of the frail seniors in our communities. Meals on Wheels by ACC delivers 2,000 meals each weekday to seniors, sick, and disabled throughout the

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Source: Volunteer Services Coordinator Jannette Wells ★





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- 17. \*" Mv Children"
- 18. Gossipmonger's information
- debuted in Japan in '79
- of Vietnam War
- 23. Snakelike reef dweller
- eat it too? 25. Business school reward
- 30. #20 Down, to
- Shakespeare 35. Miner's bounty, pl.
- 39. Dictation taker
- 40. Signal receiver
- 44. Kindle content lamp
- 47. \*Travolta and Newton-
- 48. Historically, they were sent to colonies
- 52. \*Martial artist
- 53. Ambience
- 57. Like a bikini? 60. \*Type of men's suit
- 64. The present
- 68. Arabian chieftain
- 69. "But I heard him exclaim, \_ drove out of sight..." 70. Plug-in
- 71. Something necessary but lacking
- 73. Film director Sergio DOWN

72. Hi-

- 2. Countess of Grantham.
- "Downton Abbey" 3. Seed coat
- 6. \*First clinical CT- or Cat-\_
- 7. \*Subject of 1970s crisis 8. Model-building wood 9. Like a bug in a rug
- 10. Stretched ride 11. Clickable picture 12. For every

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- 24. You can't have this and
- 28. Tibetan teacher
- 37. Measles symptom
- 41. \*Punk rock, e.g. 43. "I'm \_\_\_\_ you!"
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- 50. Sacred Hindu writings
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61. Backward arrow command

House

33. Undo laces

58. Capped joint

54. Actress Winona

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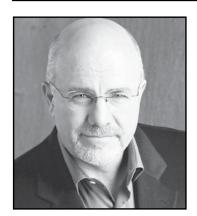
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Pay for Grades?

Dear Dave.

What's your opinion on rewarding kids with money for getting good grades in school? - Joe

Dear Joe,

Honestly, I don't have a strong opinion about it one way or the other. We didn't pay our kids for good grades, but I can't really think of a strong argument not to pay them for success in school. You could say you shouldn't pay them because it's something they're expected to do anyway, and that's somewhat valid. But you could also make the same point where chores around the house are concerned, too.

We paid our kids to do some chores, but really the point is not about the economic value. It's the fact that you want your kids to associate work with money. I still meet people my age and older who haven't made that connection. Work creates money, and that's an important thing to teach your kids. Once they've created some money by working, then you want to use those moments to teach them to save, spend and give wisely.

You can do this around the

# Dave Says

subject of grades if you want. There's probably a valid case to be made that getting an "A" takes a lot more work than getting a "C." You're certainly not obligated to pay them for work or grades, but if you don't do some of this – and teach them the proper ways to handle the money they earn — you'll miss out on a lot a fantastic teachable moments.

- Dave

#### Making Grown-Up Choices

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan. We've got our starter emergency fund of \$1,000 in the bank, and we're busy paying off credit cards and unpaid taxes from previous years. He thinks it's okay to take trips and save up for other fun things while we're doing this, but I disagree. I want to cut out all extra spending and pay off our debt as fast as possible. What's your opinion?

#### Dear Laura,

t's okay to do those things in the general philosophy of life. Unfortunately, that's not what I teach when it comes to getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances. The reason people are successful following my plan is because I teach common sense combined with an unbridled, scorched-earth kind

of intensity.

Let's take a closer look at this. You have unpaid taxes, not to mention credit card debt hanging over your heads, and he's talking about going on a trip and saving up for toys? I'm sorry, but that's completely irresponsible. Remember when we were kids, and Mommy and Daddy wouldn't let us go outside and play until we had cleaned up our mess? That's the kind of thing I

There's a process here. There's an idea and a concept behind what I teach, and when you plug into it, you're going to start moving in a positive direction. In short, behaviors have to change, Laura. The more dramatically they change, the better results you get and the faster you fix things. But if you don't plug into it — if he doesn't plug into it — you guys are going to keep getting the same results you've been getting, which basically

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#### By Pastor Ray Dare

On April 5th, we will celebrate the focal point in history, the greatest event that ever happened – Easter. It split history in two: A.D. and B.C. Do you realize that every time you write down the date you're referring to the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Why is Easter such a big deal? Because it proved who Jesus was. When Jesus was on earth He made some amazing, outrageous statements. He said things like "I am God... I am the Savior of the world... I am the Messiah... I am the only way to heaven." Incredible challenges and claims and then He said "I'm going to prove it: After they kill me, three days later, I'll come back to life." And He did! Hundreds of people saw Him, walked with Him, ate with Him, touched Him.

Easter is all about God's power. God took the worst

# The Power of Easter

possible situation, the death of His son and He turned it around and used it prove His power to the world. The resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrated how powerful God is and how that same power is available to you today. There's nothing too difficult for God. If God can raise Jesus Christ from the dead, He can handle any problem you give Him. "How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God. That power is the same divine energy which was demonstrated in Christ when He was raised from the dead." Ephesians 1:20 (Ph)

going through today. I don't know how dark and hopeless things may seem to you. But I want you to be assured of one thing. All things are possible when God is in your life. God is aware of what you're going through right now. He sees your struggle. He sees every tear you've shed. He sees every sleepless night you've had. He knows exactly what you're going through. He's heard every single prayer that you've prayed. And you know what? He loves you, He cares for you and He has the power to help you.

I don't know what you're

The Bible says in Hebrews 4:15 that "God can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities." Jesus was here. He lived on this earth for 33 years. He knows what it's like to face the trials and struggles and the hardships of life. He himself has been down. He knows what it is to feel sorrow and pain. Easter is proof of that. That's why the Bible says, you've got to "boldly come to the throne of grace so that you may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

I would like to personally invite you to be my guest this Easter Sunday at New Beginnings Church on April 5th. Easter Service begins at 11:00 am. I'll be sharing a message of hope that will encourage you and those you bring with you. New Beginnings is a place where people find hope and love, not critical or judgmental attitudes. For directions or more information visit our website at www.NBC4U.org, or call (916) 992-1997.

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## By Ronnie McBrayer

A desperate executive sought the counsel of an old guru who lived in a mountain cave. The frustrated, his prayers were powerless, and his soul was tired. The holy man listened to his guest for a while, then retreated deep into his cave, returning shortly with a

He scooped water from the muddy little stream passing by the mouth of the cave and offered it to the executive to drink. Of course, the executive rejected it, even though he was very thirsty from his journey. The water was far too dirty.

After a while he offered the water again, but this time, all the silt had settled to the bottom of the basin and the water was clear and pristine. The man readily drank it. The wise man then asked, "What did you do to make the water clean?" The man answered, "I didn't do anything."

"Exactly!" said the old monk. "Your life is dark and troubled; it is disturbed and muddy because you are always allowing the water to become agitated. Only when it is calm will you have peace. So do nothing. Be still and let the water settle."

Be still. That's harder than it sounds, no doubt, but it is one of the best things for the health of our souls. Learn to turn down the noise (and stop contributing to the noise). Learn to cultivate some distance from this



## The Fewer the Words The Better

clamorous world, because distance is a good thing when it comes to things and people who are harmful. Learn, by healthy boundaries to keep the raucous executive was living a har- environment that is contemporied and hurried life. He was rary society at arm and ear's length, and you might begin to let the water of your own soul peacefully settle.

> I don't have to work very hard to convince you that this world is a noisy place, do I? Talking heads, radio and viewpoint shows, 24-hour news, analysis on every hand, opinions like armpits: Court is always being held, comments are always being made, and there is a constant eagerness to share the oh-so-correct perspective. There's always someone babbling about something, and the air becomes so saturated with pandemonium, it seeps into our souls.

Jesus understood this. He once instructed his disciples, "When you pray, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen...do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them." What a stark and necessary correction. Even in prayer, the "fewer the words the better," it seems.

"Do not be like them," Jesus says. That is, "Don't be like this ear-splitting world that thinks loud opinions will actually be heard. Don't put on a show with your yammering, bloviated prattle. Shut up. Be still. Get quiet." It's good for you, not to mention

how everyone else will appreciate is as well.

It's not unlike the familiar story from Lyndon B. Johnson's administration as told by Skip Heitzig. Once, at a special dinner, Johnson was hosting a few members of his staff, and he called upon one of the men to say grace. The man, named Jim, began to pray and President Johnson, in his brash, demanding way interrupted. He said, "Speak up, Jim, I can't hear you." Jim answered, "With all due respect, Mr. President, I wasn't talking to you."

Oh, that's exactly what Jesus is teaching his disciples. Too often, far too often, public prayer (much of religious instruction, actually) is not an invitation to stillness and humility before God. It is an invitation to commotion. It is "babble," or "vain repetition" as the King James Version translates Jesus' instructions. It is foolish rambling, tedious chattering, words that continue to stack up, but never really mean anything.

I have a friend who noted recently the the words ""listen" and "silent" are spelled with exactly the same letters and mean the same thing. And I think stillness is the quickest way to hear God, to "let the water settle," and find true peace.

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



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, **Christian Author** 

Your voice activates or creates positive or negative mountains in your life! The words you speak are full of power therefore; take care of what you speak and how you say it.

Scripture tells us that out of the heart the mouth speaks therefore what you say is either a curse or a blessing! Get rid of the mixture! Be thankful and bless everything and everyone in one way or another. (Psalm 100:4-5) "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise: give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his

## Move That Mountain Powerful Message astray, out-of-God's will- and

faithfulness continues through all generations"

Take authority over your life using the rule of sowing and reaping. In operation your words therefore always need to sow positive words. Sow them to bring health and happiness into your life. Sow them to bring the same into others lives. Sow them to honor the God you claim to honor and worship. Sow them as a "testimony of your faith in a mighty powerful loving creator who works miracles"! You will be amazed as God moves mightily in your life because you listen, then speak positive words of affirmation and act on this

When you think you are hearing God's voice, take care of what you hear and discern

exactly whose voice you hearing! Satan will attempt to disguise his words so they sound good so you will follow him. His words will lead you into the pit of hell. Stay away from becoming a carnal believer because you are listening to the wrong voice. Overturn the enemy's words by truly listening to the Words of Scripture and the voice of the One True God.

Whatever is a mountain in life you praying for. it will be removed with these words "In Jesus name tell the mountain to "go". It is important to "speak to the mountain" to leave you, asking our Heavenly Father using the name of Jesus. If you have a mountain to be removed, it will be activated by the shed blood and power of Jesus as vou speak His name. Remember Jesus said, "I and the Father are One". Finish with Praise to God for the forthcoming answer!

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# **Citrus Heights Contestants Run in Nor-Cal Pageant**

candidates from Citrus Heights are due to compete in the Nevada County Spring Pageant on March 28th, giving them an opportunity to promote awareness of a non-profit and how they plan to contribute to the community.

The title of "Capitol City" will be awarded to contestants from Citrus Heights and Surrounding areas. The titles were purchased in 2014 from the state with the blessings of the late Mary Purvis' family. Mary Purvis, of Citrus Heights, held the titles of Capitol City for many decades and ran many pageants in Citrus Heights.

Over 30 contestants, ages 3-60 will compete in the inaugural Nevada County Spring Pageant which is 100% volunteer run. Each contestant must provide details about their nonprofit platform and how they plan to provide service hours to their charity. These contestants are coming from all over Northern California to compete.

There are optional categories for talent and swimsuit but the candidates will be judged on interview skills, speaking on stage and answering pop questions and the clarity of their plan to help their communities. Five weeks of training are included in the \$25 application fee.

Trainings are provided by 25 year pageant coach, Sheryl Casper of Lake of the Pines. A majority of the contestants are from Nevada County and pageant producers expect to see another surge in serving as a result of the pageant. The pageant is run under the direction of M3 Malls owner, Melisa Mistler-Yates.

A pageant winner herself, with titles of Ms. Greater Sacramento 2009, Mrs. Northern California, 2011 and West Coast Humanitarian 2014. Mistler states, "It is because of pageant systems that her awareness to helping charities was raised". She continued by saying, "Her excitement about the education and



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training provided to the contestants of all ages is something she wants Nevada County to offer."

The Cornish Christmas pageant had 21 contestants, and all were crowned Queen, Ambassador or Princess. Within the first 3 weeks of December this court of 21 individuals provided over 80 public service appearances. The additional 30 being added to the spring court will combine efforts with the Cornish Court and continue serving year round.

Former Miss Capitol City, Lanette Sipes is currently running for Diamond Capitol City and several of the title holders from Mary's pageants will be serving as visiting queens at the Nor Cal Pageant. This pageant is directed by one of Mary's former Queens, Melisa Mistler-Yates.

Her business, M3 Mall, sponsored several "Capitol City" title holders over the past 7 years and they are expected to serve at the event by crowning the new

contestants. In addition to Lanette Sipes running for a Capitol City Title, and her daughter, Kaitlyn, running for a Teen Miss Nor Cal, those running for Capitol City Titles include: Phylicia and Jasmine for Teen Miss Capitol City, Kadija for Miss Capitol City, Crystal Schmitt for Jr Ms Capitol City and Shadi Rezaie who attends San Juan High School is running for Miss Northern California.

The entire community is invited to attend the pageant on Saturday, March 28th at the Holiday Inn Express at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or may be purchased at a discount from any of the competing individuals. This event also serves as a fundraiser for NEO. Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the pageant, with 100% of the proceeds going to

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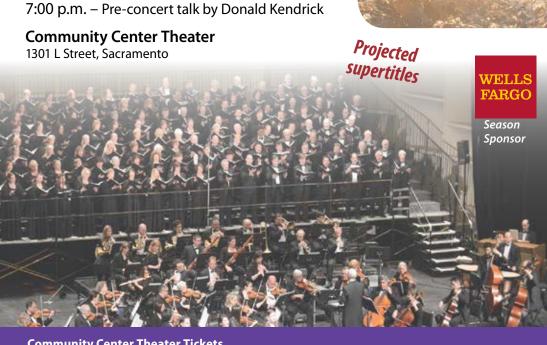


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## **RESET YOUR** LIFE

Are we facing an epidemic? And no, it's not a virus. It's diabetes. Would you believe nearly 26 million Americans have Diabetes? And, there's a threat to an additional 80 million adults and children. The World Health Organization has tagged diabetes as the health hazard of the 21st Century. There are two types. Type 1 usually occurs during childhood. Type 2, the most common form of the disease, occurs in adults. Imagine controlling, avoiding, and reversing diabetes. Now you can. So what do we do? **Dr. George King** has come up with 8 strategies that are simple yet dramatically life changing. He has pulled together research conducted by the world's most respected and largest group of diabetes researchers from Harvard's Joslin Diabetes Center. He told me on my POPPOFF Radio Show that implement just one of the strategies and your Diabetes will

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improve. Go for all eight, and your body will reset its glucose metabolism. So comes his book "The Diabetes Reset." Let's get to those simple strategies that can change your life.

1) CUT YOUR FAT IN HALF, DOUBLE YOUR FIBER. Switch to a high-fiber diet of 70% complex carbohydrates, 15% fat, and 15% protein. He disentangles the myths and confusion surrounding carbs, fats, proteins, and fiber, and shows why all carbs are not bad and sugar is not the root of all evil.

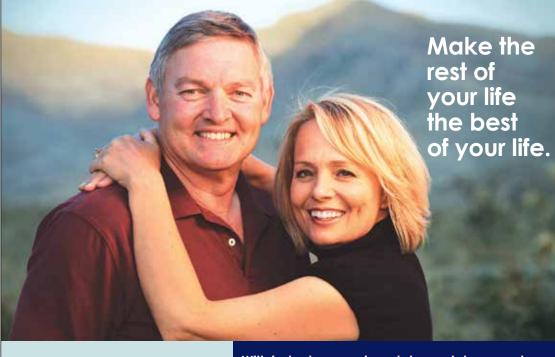
2) INCREASE YOUR MUSCLES' GLUCOSE-ABSORBING ABILITY THROUGH AEROBIC EXERCISE AND STRENGTH **TRAINING.** 80% of the glucose circulating after a meal is handled by the skeletal muscles. Fat deposits in Muscles trigger harmful inflammation, which can be corrected with a balance of strength and aerobic training...and in turn increase glucose sensitivity.

3) ACTIVATE **BROWN FAT (WHY NOT** ALL FAT IS BAD FOR YOU). Brown fat is activated in the cold, and helps you burn up to 15% more calories. Brown fat activity is boosted fifteen-fold at 65 degrees F during exercise, when exposed skin meets the cold air.

4)BECOME AN INFLAM-MATION FIGHTER. Chronic, low-grade inflammation is a major contributor to a host of issues including type 2 diabetes. Inflammation can be measured by C-reactive protein levels (CRP), easily checked in your annual blood test, and is crucial to interpreting your risk of Diabetes, and cardiac arrest.

I will get to the last four strategies in my next column, but keep in mind that, within each chapter of "The Diabetes Reset," **Dr. King** provides evidence to support the strategy and advice on adopting it into a daily routine. It also busts the myths that keep Americans from changing their habits, and outlines a clear twelve-week implementation plan with a tool to track your progress. Dr. King M.D. is research Director and Chief Scientific Officer at the Joslin Diabetes Center. He is one of the most sought-after speakers on diabetes and diabetes-related issues. Dr. King explains why preventive care is important for everyone regardless of current health or family history—including the surprising role of dental care and hygiene in Diabetes prevention. We'll get to the rest of the story in my next POPPOFF column. I don't want you to become a statistic!





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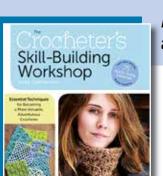
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Book Review by Amy Shane amy-shane@att.net



## CROCHETER'S SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOP

by Paige McKenzie

- ♦ Publisher: Storey Publishing
- ♦ Release date: December 2, 2014 ♦ hardcover, 256 pages
- ♦ Intended audience: Adult/Crafts ♦ Rating: ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

On the Book Jacket: This fresh, fun guide from expert Dora Ohrenstein covers all of the basic crochet techniques and so much more, from choosing yarns to finishing! It includes more than 70 stitch-along swatches that each teach a particular technique, as well as five projects (a hat, shawl, neck warmer, bag, and scarf) that put those techniques to use. The swatches offer not just a variety of stitch patterns but also a variety of shapes and can serve as the building blocks for sophisticated and creative projects of your own design.

Amy's Review: Emerging from history and gaining speed, crocheting is everywhere, from the everyday crafter, to the runway. This book, provides the knowledge to go past the traditional granny squares, to the sophisticated, elevating crocheters to the possibility of fascinating, with inventive new ways to crochet.

Inspired to write this book, due to the information gaps on particular aspects. Dora Ohrenstein, addresses problem topics such as: tension control, shaping with complex stitch patterns, choosing yarn and advanced skills. Patterns for 77 swatches are included to effectively learn a particular technique, along with five everyday projects, using skill sets from the previous patterns. The Crocheter's Skill-Building Workshop, is filled from beginning to end with every resource you need to be successful, including pictures with every skill to help explain each technique in its entirety, leaving no room for error, making this book and even more of a valuable resource. Each project is beautifully highlighted, with description, photo and how to advice designed for every level of crocheter. Chapter highlights include: fundamental techniques, how to choose yarn, your crochet tool box, as well as skill chapters on shaping and construction, crocheting in the round, advanced shaping and color changing.

An all in one resource guide, *The* Crocheter's Skill-Building Workshop, encourages readers to experiment and try new techniques, while giving them confidence to tackle any project. I was pleasantly surprised with exquisite attention to detail, not only with the informative guidelines, but with the detailed photos throughout, showing each step. Beautifully put together, with literally everything you need in one book, including a glossary of basic terms, and an informative key stitch guide, making this book invaluable for anyone who loves the craft.



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## **Anti-Domestic Violence Activist Named Woman of the Year**

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"It's overwhelming what you've done," Frost told the group of A Community for Peace Volunteers, all of whom are past victims of abuse in one form or another. "You treated the mind, the body, and spirit. On behalf of Citrus Heights I want to thank you for everything you've done for our city."

Whitefeather is also a survivor of domestic violence that was prevalent in home as a child. Her struggle with abuse extended into her adult life when she faced racial violence and sexual assault. Her experiences inspired an awakening and a drive to inspire others to break free of oppression.

"I just knew there had to be another way," said Whitefeather. "I don't think we want to live in a world where people hurt other

Her facilities are strategically planned to welcome victims into a safe environment. The operation even extends to an area specifically for child victims of abuse and a wide open room where staff teach self-defense.

But perhaps Whitefeather's most significant accomplishment is her work with the Citrus Heights Police Department. Referred to as DVRT (Domestic Violence Response Team), the program pairs trained volunteers from A Community for Peace with police officers responding to domestic violence calls.

Police Chief Boyd cited a national average of 5 percent of victims who seek organized help and said, "When we have advocates in the car, we're seeing 55-60 percent entering services. Domestic violence really plagues

our community. It continues to be a top priority for the police department."

Sacramento Police Department has also contacted the group to consider expanding the DVRT program to the city as a result of its success in the periphery.

"There is no one more worthy or more deserving for Woman of the Year," said Boyd. "She has been a pathfinder. She has been very innovative in her collaboration with the police."

A Community for Peace maintains a 24/7 presence at their offices to respond to any crisis that may emerge. Victims can also calls the police who regularly contact A Community for Peace in cases of domestic vio-

# Meet Sacramento's Volunteers of the Year

Story and Photos By John-Michael Kibrick

#### **SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- Two local volunteers, Susan Ramsden and Maggie Oys, were recognized on March 12th with the Volunteer Coordinator of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year awards at a reception hosted by DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies).

Held at Shriners Hospitals for Children, the event was attended by California State Assemblymember Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) as well as representatives from the offices of State Senator Dr. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento) and Sacramento City Councilmember Jay Schenirer (District 5), who handed out certificates to each of the nominees.

"Everyone is such a great volunteer who was nominated," said Oys humbly after being announced Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Ramsden commented along similar lines, saying that being nominated and winning Volunteer Coordinator of the year had come as a surprise. "There are so many people who do so much more," she said.

Seventeen-year-old Oys was nominated by the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services for her work in jump-starting the Core Service Program, which has brought in some 40 of her fellow students as volunteers. Winning the award also granted Oys a \$500 scholarship from the Margaret Einspahr Memorial Fund.

Ramsden was nominated and recognized for helping a struggling Habitat for Humanity Restore who needed additional volunteers to function in the community. Ramsden reached out to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and brought in enthusiastic volunteers who have since contributed thousands of hours with Habitat for Humanity.

Maggie Oys (left) with Robin Simpson of the Sacramento Food Bank

(middle) and DOVIA Awards Chair Cole Fostedt (right). Maggie was named

Youth Volunteer of the Year and received a \$500 scholarship for bringing

her fellow high school students to donate time and energy at the Food

Oys and Ramsden were selected as winners by a panel of two judges with expertise in the field of non-profits. Serving this vear were Dr. Bill Wittich and Tricia Rosenbaum.

Also nominated for Coordinator of the Year by various local organizations were Veronica Smith, Jane Hindmarch, Cecilia Jacquez, and Maria Vides-Medal. Oys was joined in her category of Youth Volunteer of the Year by Ardith Chavez, Olivia Brophy, Bianca Pelletti, Lauren Montee, Daniel Mao, Javier Eres, Helen Veazey, Bailey Robinson-Burmester, and Nick Soliz.

"Volunteers are precious and great volunteers are invaluable," DOVIA Chair Les Plaschek told those present before the awards were handed out. "Volunteering is a way to find yourself."

Indeed, celebration of volunteerism was the over-arching theme of the entire ceremony. As Assemblyman Cooley put it to the nominees, volunteering is, "Looking for need that you may be able to reach into the well of you to provide."

The event also marked an increasing amount of success for DOVIA's Sacramento branch as noted by Awards Chair Cole Fostedt who said in an interview, "We're really thrilled we have such a large number of nominees this year."

The increase in nominees from 2014 suggests an equally increased capacity to reach out to the community and organize cooperation between the region's volunteer effortsone of DOVIA's biggest jobs. The non-profit supports volunteer programs in additional ways which include the hosting of training seminars, and acting as a forum for NGO leaders to collaborate, network, and offer advice to peers.



Lisa West Community Outreach Director

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## **Funeral** and Cemetery **Etiquette**



Memorial Parks Mortuaries & Crematory

By Lisa West

Have you ever asked yourself what the proper etiquette is for attending a funeral or visiting a cemetery?

In California, things can be pretty casual, especially in relation to our attire. I will not tell you what to wear to a funeral because I believe that the most important thing is that you go to the funeral, and it doesn't really matter what you wear.

On the other hand, I would make a few suggestions, because they may make you feel more comfortable, and it's hard to feel comfortable at a funeral. As people have evolved, so have funerals, and it is not considered necessary in most cultures to wear black. However, culture is one of the things you should consider most when attending a funeral. If you aren't sure, call the funeral home and ask them what is considered customary or appropriate to wear if you are unfamiliar with the culture or religion of the deceased.

For the most part, a funeral is still considered a solemn occasion, and you can never go wrong by dressing up instead of being too casual.

The very best advice for attending a funeral is this: please silence your cell phone. If possible, turn it all the way off so the vibrating isn't heard and it isn't lighting up. This can be disturbing to grieving family and friends.

A few other tidbits: Get directions; you would be surprised how many people go to the wrong funeral home. Arrive early so you can get inside and sign the guest book before the service starts.

Also, don't monopolize the immediate families' time. Giving them a quick hug and offering condolences is enough because they are overwhelmed at that time. Check in with them a day or two later to talk at length and see how they are doing. If there is a visitation prior to the service, it is a time when you can spend a few extra moments with the family.

In the cemetery, keep noise (such as your car radio) down because many people are there visiting and grieving over their loved ones.

It is okay to walk on graves. It is almost impossible not to. But be considerate of headstones (markers). Do not walk or stand on them. Do not sit on them. It is disrespectful, and they could fall over or break.

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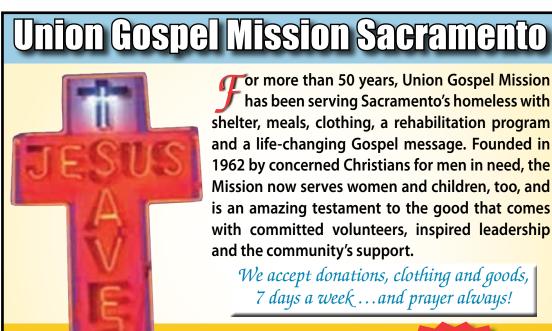
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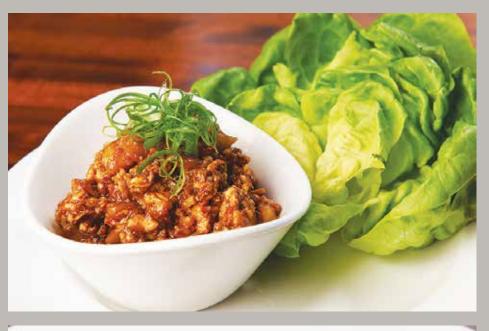
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