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Police Chief Christopher Boyd (right) said of Lotte Reed (left), "Because of her, a child in need is gifted a quilt, a person in a nursing home gains a lap quilt, a homeless person receives a handbag or hat, and an ill person receives one to ease their journey." Photo courtesy of the Citrus Heights Police

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On February 12, 2015, at the Citrus Heights City Council meeting, Mrs. Lotte Reed, a long time Citrus Heights resident and active member of the Golden Valley Quilt Guild of Citrus Heights was honored in a special ceremony by the Citrus Heights Police Department.

Chief of Police Christopher

sented to Reed for her endless service to her community and the police since 2006 when the department was established.

As the Community Service Coordinator for the Golden Valley Quilt Guild (a group of 100 quilters) for the past 4 years, Reed (84) was instrumental in raising the production of quilts to a total of 788 donated in 2014 alone.

Boyd read from a plaque pre- Recipients of these ladies' quilts in the back of their vehilabors include those from birth, through all stages of life to those nearing the end of their lives. Quilts are distributed through the police department, nursing homes, veteran's hospitals, homeless facilities, Child and Adult Protective Services, and for victims of domestic violence, through A Community

For Peace to name a few. Police officers carry her cles and hand them out to children in need and to those who may become afraid during an incident. She also donates 100 quilts each year to the Citrus Heights Holiday Referral program for each child adopted into the program.

Even though Reed has stepped down from this position she continues to be active in the

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### **Citrus Heights** 'Energy Bags' Mean More Oil, Less Trash

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - A citybacked initiative received national recognition on February 17th as it was revealed that the "Energy Bag Pilot Program" in Citrus Heights successfully produced 512 gallons of synthetic crude oil from typically non-recyclable plastic items.

'We were very proud to be the first community in America to participate in the Energy Bag initiative," said Mayor Sue Frost. "The program demonstrated how communities nationwide can benefit by diverting typically non-recycled plastics from landfills and give them new life as an energy resource."

Sponsored by Dow Chemical, the Flexible Packaging Association, Republic Services, Agilyx, Reynolds Consumer Products and the city of Citrus Heights, the initiative began in 2014 and purple collection bags known as "Energy Bags" were distributed throughout the community.

The items collected for conversion came from approximately 26,000 local families who agreed to take part and ranged from juice pouches, candy wrappers, plastic pet food bags, laundry pouches, and plastic dinnerware.

Rather than disposing of them in the garbage, local residence put these items in their purple bags which were collected with the rest of the households' recyclables.

Upon release of the o cial results of the initiative, Dow Chemical said that some 30 percent of the city's population had participated and approximately 6,000 pounds of normally trashbound plastics were diverted from

Nearly 8,000 purple bags were collected over the course of approximately two months. The plastics now slotted to become fuel were

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# Mylan World TeamTennis Returns to Sacramento



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TeamTennis (WTT) has decided to return to the Sacramento area as a newly formed ownership group will move the Texas Wild franchise from their home in Irving, Texas for the beginning of the 2015 The team will be re-branded as

California Dream and play at Sunrise Mall in the Sunrise MarketPlace Business District of Citrus Heights. The new ownership group includes

long-time franchise owner Jeff Launius who is joined by Harbor Point Tennis Club President Bob Kaliski and Dallasbased investment banker Michael Malone.

Kaliski, who is well-known in Northern California tennis circles for his



successful tennis events, was eager to see professional team tennis return to the Sacramento region.

Kaliski pitched Launius, who has been a WTT team owner since 2001, on bringing the team to the Sacramento area.

Launius was already well aware of the popularity of team tennis in the area.

'For so many years, I hated bringing my team to Sacramento because I knew there would be so many fans there going crazy for their team," said Launius. "I

hope they feel the same way about the Dream and come out to support us. This market certainly has fans that know and love World TeamTennis and they deserve a team."

The Dream will play seven home matches this July on a specially-constructed stadium in the parking lot at Sunrise Mall. Sunrise MarketPlace will be an inaugural sponsor of the California Dream. Launius said the support of Sunrise MarketPlace merchants and the area's fan base was appealing to the Dream's owners.

Sunrise MarketPlace Executive Director Kathilynn Carpenter said, "We welcome the California Dream to Citrus

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# **New Chamber Director** Plans for Business Boom

By John-Michael Kibrick

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Recovery has been slow after nearly two full years of recession from 2007-2009. Jobs were shed at alarming rates and only now, five years after the end of the "Great Recession," are economists openly proclaiming an upswing in business futures.

In Citrus Heights, the encouraging new growth has inspired the local Chamber of Commerce to take on new leadership in a man who plans to utilize his history of taking initiative to push local economic gains to their limits.

Jay Hornbuckle, the chamber's new executive director, grew up in Carmichael and attended Del Campo High School in Fair Oaks before studying finance and economics in Hawaii and London.

But it was only when he returned to the Sacramento area that his entrepreneurial spirit came into full maturity.

"The people I respected in my life that I wanted to emulate were all business owners," said Hornbuckle. "I guess I had whatever it takes to be a risktaker and say, yeah, ok, I'll do that."

Hornbuckle's first opportunity was to open his own advertising company in Citrus Heights where he found a niche in the market as well as several businesses that were ready to pay him for his services.

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Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Hornbuckle. Photo courtesy of Jay Hornbuckle

was known for their efforts in door-to-door marketing and eventually, the new CEO saw another opportunity-one that would make him a local pioneer of internet monetization.

With new, hi-tech partners, Hornbuckle was able to help many local businesses build an online presence—a critical commodity for any business today.

His resume in the world of business, economics, and finance was bolstered even further when he started an 11-year position as a financial planner for Pacific Advisors in 2003. Now Hornbuckle has taken up his duties at the chamber, an institution that has always been an important part of his

business career.

"I've always been a chamber guy," said Hornbuckle. "I love the chamber, love what it stands for, and love what it does for the business community."

He joined the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce as a member in 1996, but became a true business advocate and eventually a representative of local business after his company moved to Rancho Cordova in 1998. In 2007, Hornbuckle became a board member of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce.

The new executive director's successful career got him the job in Citrus Heights and helped shape the approach he growing business opportunities within the city.

"If you guys want to go a direction of growth and movement and really working within the business community, of economic development to see what Citrus Heights can really be, then that's something that I want to be a part of," said Hornbuckle.

Barely three weeks into his new office, Hornbuckle has initiated an aggressive 90-day plan to get his feet wet and identify where he'll have the opportunity to invest, encourage, and promote growth in the community.

"The Board here is looking at, how do we grow this chamber, from membership to the size of companies we're representing, to what we can be doing in Citrus Heights for true economic development," said Hornbuckle.

Hornbuckle cited 3.200 business licenses in the city and said that added up to approximately 2,000 businesses that he hopes to engage more completely using the door-to-door tactics he originally used as a

"One of my goals is within three years to double the membership here. I get to play the middle man a little bit. I think that's always been my strong suit," said Hornbuckle.

But, said Hornbuckle, directing the chamber is mostly about representing the community's businesses, some of whom may others need the backing of a group that can help entrepreneurs connect with one another or lobby City Council on their

"They're so busy trying to run their businesses, how can they also be showing up to City Council meetings and representing themselves? That's what we're there for, I get to be that voice." said Hornbuckle.

The new approach Hornbuckle plans to implement is largely thanks to an improving economy. According to him, current conditions provide fertile territory to take advantage of opportunities along the road in a push for more substantial growth.

"Now is the time to move. People are opening up their purse-strings a little bit."

After a two-decade long career in business, it's the same drive that inspired Hornbuckle to take the risk of becoming an entrepreneur that he hopes will help him succeed in driving development and opportunity in Citrus Heights.

The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce holds monthly breakfast and luncheon mixers where members come together to network and discuss local business. Hornbuckle is already planning a joint mixer in June with the Fair Oaks, Carmichael, and Orangevale Chambers of Commerce where business owners will be able to connect with their peers across city lim-

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separated from other recyclables and sent to a separate plant where Agilyx used their patented thermal pyrolysis technology to produce synthetic crude oil from the contents of the purple bags.

Using this technology, the crude oil can be further refined and made into valuable products for everyday use such as gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, fuel oil, lubricants, and can even be transformed back into plastic.

'We were extremely excited to work with all the partners involved on this first-of-itskind pilot in the U.S.," said Greg Jozwiak, North American Commercial Vice President, Dow Packaging and Specialty Plastics.

"Through the power of this collaboration, we gained significant knowledge regarding an alternative method that complements plastics recycling and shows that non-recycled plastic waste can be diverted from landfills, extracted for its embedded energy and put to good use," said Jozwiak. "There is more work to be done to validate this option and Dow is committed to help drive this concept."

According to Dow, Americans generate over four pounds of waste per person every day, translating to approximately 135 million tons of trash heading to the landfills.

"This is an important milestone toward advancing change in the way we handle waste in the U.S.," said Jeff Wooster, global sustainability leader at Dow Packaging and Specialty Plastics.

"This pilot proved that resource recovery of non-recycled plastics is a viable municipal process. Our collaborative efforts brought us one step closer to reducing plastic waste by converting it to energy," said Wooster.

There are currently four commissioned commercial-scale pyrolysis plants operating in the U.S. and more are planned. There are also numerous plants outside the U.S.

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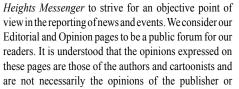
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# Restaurant VIPs Feed Ambition

Culinary Careers Championed at Local Schools

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -Something other than food was cooking when celebrity restaurateurs recently showed up at two Sacramento-area schools. Indeed, inspiration was on the

At Leo A. Palmiter High in Arcade, 30 teenage culinary students heard about how Bobby Covote started out as a soda jerk and now operates his own restaurant chain, how Chris Jarosz washed enough dishes to eventually own several food trucks and three restaurants, and how Mikki Stevens started out as a hostess and now directs operations for the company that runs Johnny Rockets franchises.

Student counterparts at San Juan High in Citrus Heights also got job hunting tips from an insider in the industry that, after the Government, is America's second-greatest employer.

**11** Insight on employee screening was also valuable. "The Warren G. Bender executive said that after interviews, he escorts job applicants to their cars," reported Coulter. "He sees whether they keep it clean, if the interior is trashed. He told the students a car shows a lot about a person.

The visits were part of a new program launched by the California Restaurant Association. Force In Training (FIT) aims to encourage industry recruitment by supplying mentors for culinary students. On the day of the two Sacramento visits, the association sent 70 professionals to dozens of California schools.

Their presentations emphasized "soft skills"—hard to teach but vital habits for employment—like being punctual, being clean, respecting co-workers, and



Above: Visiting restauranteurs Bobby Coyote (left) and Chris Jarosz (center) toured the Leo A. Palmiter High School garden and met with culinary students and instructor Jeff Zahniser. Right: In a Leo A. Palmiter High School kitchen, visiting restaurant executive Mikki Stevens (center) and instructor Jeff Zahniser (right) viewed pasta-prep by culinary student Aaron Namco

minimizing social media use on the job. "It sounds obvious," said Leo A. Palmiter Culinary Arts teacher Jeff Zahniser. "But many employers complain schools are turning out workers who lack social skills. The mentors got through to my kids. They see a successful chef who has tattoos and tells them he didn't do that well at school and that he started off washing dishes. The kids think, well, if he can do well, so can I."

The tattooed chef in question was Sacramento icon of cool Chris Jarosz (46), who owns West Sacramento's Broderick Roadhouse; Capital Dime Restaurant, Trick Pony, and several food trucks extend the culinary entrepreneur's hip empire. He grew up in a Pennsylvania steel mill town but took his first job as a greasy spoon café dishwasher. Jarosz now heads the Sacramento chapter of the California Restaurant Association and regards mentoring wannabe chefs as an after-hours mission. "Not going

to college is not necessarily a terrible thing," he maintains. "Most restaurant owners I've met didn't. Some kids are forced into higher education before they're ready; sometimes having a job helps them figure out what direction they want to take."

He connects easily with kids from disadvantaged backgrounds. "Many of them are told they won't amount to much," says Jarosz. "They see my spiked up hair and tattoos and figure working in a restaurant is somewhere where they don't have to fit a mold. I tell them in this business, if they work hard and walk a straight line, the sky's the limit."

The program also serves its mentors. 'We see young people as the ones who are shaping the industry," explains restaurant executive Mikki Stevens. "They tell us what a new generation of customers want from us. When I first started, who ordered anything gluten-free or

got her through college and she is now the Sacramento operations director for Johnny Rockets restaurant outlets and the Pinkberry Yogurt franchise.

The food industry is generously sprinkled with triumph achieved after shaky starts. VIP mentor Bobby Coyote (real name) earned his first paycheck as a Baskin Robbins ice cream scooper. He now has nine restaurants and shares ownership in several more. "Part of being in this business is teaching kids what you learned on the way up," he says. "If we can get through to a few of them, we feel it's a mission accomplished. To those who have emotional challenges and disadvantages, our message is that there's room in our business for everyone. If you can be taught, if you can work hard, you can be viable."

San Juan High culinary students heard a similar message. Mentors were Ken Le from Oshima Sushi and Fugu Lounge

> and Warren G. Bender executive Roland Guillen. "What industry pros have to share is important," said the school's culinary instructor Sandi Coulter. "My students were impressed by how young some chefs are. Seeing successful people who are near their age makes their goals seem closer."

Insight on employee screening was also valuable. "The Warren G. Bender executive said that after interviews, he escorts job applicants to their cars," reported Coulter. "He sees whether they keep it clean, if the interior is trashed. He told the students a car shows a lot about a person. Some thought miniscule things like that didn't matter, but they do.'

On the receiving end of FIT visitors' advice was Aaron Namoco. "The mentors inspired me," said the 17-year-old Leo A. Palmiter student. "Cooking is my passion. I love to put my heart into meal preparation and to feel I'm part of a team. What (the visiting professionals achieved in their careers) was pretty hard for me to imagine. But when I heard how they went, step by step, now it seems possible. ... You realize that a dishwasher who has a positive attitude can own his own restaurant-someday."



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# **Exceptional Volunteerism**



Lotte Reed ( front row, 4th from left) surrounded by city council members, her 4 children, and extended family following Reed's recognition for her work with the Golden Valley Quilt Guild that provided 788 quilts to the community in 2014. Daughters Elizabeth Suarez (3rd from left, and Mona Laird, 3rd from right) show off two of the quilts. Mayor Sue Frost and Police Chief Christopher Boyd stand in the back row on the right. Photo courtesy of

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guild and creates many items on her own. Throughout the year she continues to sew quilts for Mercy San Juan Hospice and donates afghans for seniors and caps for the homeless. Her large quilted bags are gifted to Loaves and Fishes for shower bags and the smaller ones are given to nursing homes for wheelchair or walker bags.

This past year Reed made and donated 4 large quilts to Sutter Hospital that were auctioned for the Breast Cancer Society. Her

work and that of her guild proves there is no age limit to making a difference in one's community.

At the end of the ceremony Boyd presented the plaque to Reed with the words, "It is my pleasure to recognize Mrs. Lotte Reed for her 'service before self' commitment to the Citrus Heights community. Lotte unselfishly dedicates her time, money and most of all her talent to helping others."

Reed arrived at the city council meeting thinking she was there to see her neighbor, Forrest

Allen honored for his community service. Actually, it was Allen who initiated Reed's recognition. Four of her children were present for the surprise, along with extended family and neighbors.

Daughter Mona Laird said, "We are very proud of all she has done, and we try very hard to keep up with her." Along with her service to the community Reed enjoys her 7 grandchildren. For information on the guild contact: president@goldenvalleyquiltguild.org

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks for the Bipartisanship

From Elizabeth Vallafan, California Resident Dear Editor,

Without a doubt, Rep. Ami Bera is the new face of bipartisanship in Congress. Despite the gridlock, he's actively reaching across the aisle in an effort to improve healthcare and public policy. He's teamed up with Republican lawyer, Andy Barr of Kentucky, on solid forward-thinking, bipartisan healthcare legislation.

The Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act, a joint effort between Rep. Barr and Rep. Bera provides measured, reasonable liability protections to providers who follow that evidence-based medicine.

More so, the legislation gives doctors who practice evidence-based medicine a legal "safe harbor" that reviews the case early on and gives both doctor and plaintiff a greater level of fairness and justice.

Sensible policies in this political environment are rare and it's great to see that Rep. Bera has come this far. His ideas are supported by notable organizations like the Healthcare Leadership Council, and the Center for American Progress, a who's who of Democratic health experts. Rep. Bera and Rep. Barr deserve much credit for their willingness to step forward and demonstrate that both parties can come together and agree on what's best for future generations.

Best,

Liz Villafan

# Police Honor Quilt Maker for Parking Fines Nearly **Doubled By City**

By Julia Baum

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - In an attempt to more closely align Citrus Heights' parking fines with those of surrounding communities, city officials recently chose to significantly raise the cost of tickets for many common violations. The increase also makes the city's fines now more expensive than those issued by Sacramento County.

Many of the violations, such as parking more than 18 inches from a curb and improperly displayed registration tags, will now incur a \$62.50 finean increase of more than 108 percent from its former \$30 standard. Part of the increase includes a state mandated \$12.50 fee for each violation; Citrus Heights' fines are all \$5 more than Sacramento County, which is only required to pay

\$7.50 for state mandates. While significant, the raises are long overdue even for a city without a major parking problem, according to Sgt. David Gutierrez of the Citrus Heights Police Department. The Judicial Council of California makes recommendations for parking penalties usually every three years, something which Gutierrez said Citrus Heights had not done since the city took over police services in 2006.

"The last nine years we've been way lower than the region because we haven't been raising our fees," Gutierrez said. "This the first time we've done that so we're in compliance...now we are similar to all the other agencies."

During a presentation at a February 12th city council meeting, CHPD Support Services Manager Sandy Maraviov said that the increase brings the city, "in alliance," with fines set by



Citrus Heights City Hall, where the decision was made to raise parking

the Sacramento Sheriff's Dept. but also noted that the city lacks its own dedicated parking enforcement to regularly enforce the law.

"How do we handle violators of our parking ordinances?" asked Councilmember Jeannie

Maraviov said that most tickets are driven by complaints from the community, a statement echoed by Gutierrez.

"Nobody is out proactively looking for violators. We are really a complaint-generated agency," Gutierrez said. "If an officer comes across a violation then certainly we would want to enforce those laws, but we don't send people out specifically looking for those types of violations."

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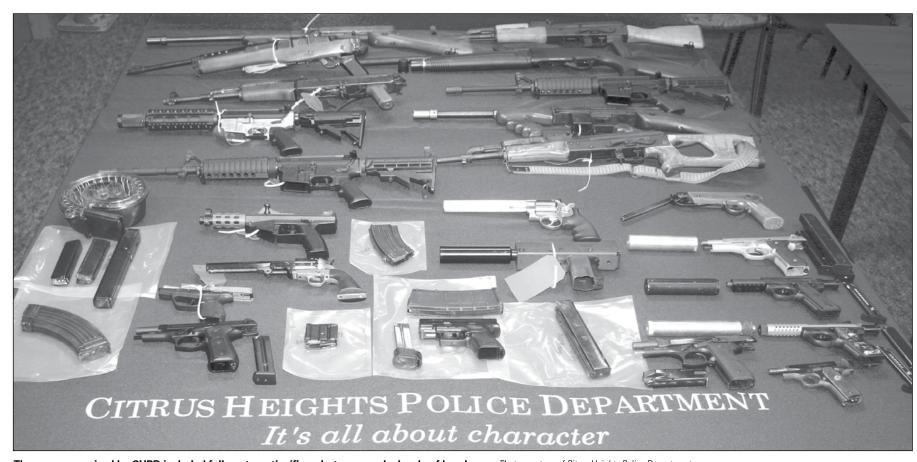
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# City-wide SWAT Raids Lead to 3 Arrests



The weapons seized by CHPD included fully automatic rifles, shotguns, and a horde of hand guns. Photo courtesy of Citrus Heights Police Department

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Citrus Heights, CA (MPG) - The Citrus Heights Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) raided several locations throughout the city recently in connection with suspected illegal weapons

Three suspects were arrested in the raids after duty to serve court ordered search warrants was handed over to SWAT due to the nature of the alleged violations

Firearms, ammunition, narcotics, and cash were recovered at the locations and Alphonso Harris (55), Mohammed Javed (29), and David Smith (67) were all arrested for numerous weapons violations. Smith was also charged with narcotics violations.

The search warrant was obtained by police as part of an on-going investigation and city traffic was briefly impacted by the raids, specifically on Auburn Boulevard between Antelope Road and Old Auburn Road.

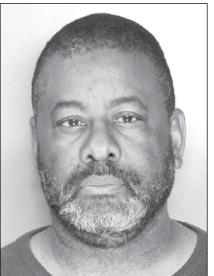
"We are proud of the skill and determination demonstrated by all law enforcement personnel involved in this case," said Investigations Lieutenant Doug Fletcher. "It is because of their hard work we were able to remove these weapons from the streets and make our community a safer place.

Detectives recovered 22 various types of weapons, including three AK-47s, one Mac-10, and one Tec-nine.

In addition to the firearms, detectives located approximately two pounds of methamphetamine, six pounds of marijuana, hundreds of round of ammunition, three weapon suppressors (silencers) and \$93,000.

Police did not release the addresses where SWAT went into action and did not speculate on why the suspects may have been in possession of so many weapons.

Source: Citrus Heights Police Department



Alphonso Harris. Photo courtesy of Citrus Heights



Mohammed Javed. Photo courtesy of Citrus

# Mylan World TeamTennis **Returns to Sacramento**

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World TeamTennis has been popular in the Sacramento area for nearly three decades. The region was previously home to one of the most successful franchises in league history from 1986-2013. According to research by Sunrise MarketPlace during the last tennis season in 2012, 43 percent of attendees spent an average of \$71.45

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2015 marks the 40th season for Mylan World TeamTennis (WTT), the groundbreaking leader in professional team tennis competition. Mylan WTT features many of the world's best players competing annually for the King Trophy, the league's championship trophy named

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Mylan World Source: *TeamTennis* 

# What is Constitutional in the **State of the Union Address?**

By Dr. Harold Pease

In listening to the President's State of the Union Address one might think that he actually has the power to do what he requests. On domestic issues two old requests from last year's State of the Union Address were renewed: a request for raising the minimum wage and, instead of just making the college opportunity available to all middle class Americans, he went further proposing free community college for all. Other requests included advocacy for "a free and open Internet," which, given a recent executive order means control of it, expanded child care tax credits, improved job training, expanded paid leave, and a new tax benefit for twoincome families. All this to be funded by increased taxes on the rich. He threatened a veto to any legislation that altered Obamacare or undermined his recently decreed executive amnesty. He was decidedly unclear on his request for criminal justice reform, certainly a reference to the riots in Ferguson, Mo. More federal involvement always

means more federal control. He defended his positions on Cuba and Iran and threatened presidential vetoes if Congress legislated differently. Constitutionalist had to have cheered when he seemed to lecture, the mostly Republican Congress, on what he called, "rash decisions, reacting to the headlines instead of using our heads; when the first response to a challenge is to send in our military—then we risk getting drawn into unnecessary conflicts, and neglect the broader strategy we need for a safer, more prosperous world." He called it, "a smarter kind of American leadership" and seemed aimed at the so-called military industrial complex of which President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned. He saw rewriting the Authorization of Use of Military Force, which authorized the air campaigns in Iraq and Syria, as a priority but

left few specifics on what that meant. He still refuses to use the term Radical Islamist Terrorists in describing the Islamists involved in the mass killing in Nigeria, Iraq, Syria and France even though while he spoke they were threatening to topple Yemen who has stood with us in opposition to al-Qaida.

The list went on and on as it does for every president Republican or Democrat, but what was different from last year is that he threatened the use of the veto rather than the threat of his bypassing Congress with the use of the "pen" through executive orders. The term executive order is not found in the Constitution and initially was nothing more than inter-departmental communications between the President and his executive branch with him requesting some action on their part. Constitutionally they have no law-making function.

Unfortunately most, if not all, of these things are not in Article II of the Constitution nor have they been added by way of amendment as outlined in Article V of that document, thus they are unconstitutional. It is very probable that, even with the approval of Congress, they would be outside the Constitution but that is a topic for another time. Presidents, in their thirst for power and / or proclaimed expediency, have empowered themselves to the point of "kingship" with their worshipful, unchallenging, party followers (whether Democrat or Republican) quite willing to look the other way as government grows beyond its ability to be constitutional or efficient. At any time he could remind the people of his real constitutional powers but he will not as that would drastically reduce his power that is beginning to look limitless.

We must return to the Constitutional powers of the President as identified in Article II. As we list these powers attempt to match the State of the Union requests wherein he suggests that he might have a role. Under the

Constitution the president has but eleven powers. Let us identify them: 1) "Commander in chief of the army and navy of the United States" including the militia when called into actual service of the United States; 2) supervise departments (cabinet), each presumably established by the Congress (George Washington had but four); 3) grant reprieves and pardons; 4) make treaties with the help of the Senate; 5) with Senate help appoint positions established by law such as ambassadors, ministers and judges; 6) fill vacancies "during recess of the Senate;" 7) make recommendations to Congress on the state of the union; 8) convene both houses on special occasions and handle disputes with respect to convening; 9) receive ambassadors and other public ministers; 10) make certain that "laws be faithfully executed;" and, 11) "commission all the officers of the United

Simply stated the president has two supervisory powers over existing organizations and two shared powers with the Senate, otherwise he pardons, recommends, appoints and entertains. That is it! Notice the absence of power to make any rules and regulations on us. This is the job of Congress alone.

All measures listed in the 2015 State of the Union Address are but suggestions to Congress, which alone, as per Article I, Section I, has all law-making functions—the president has none. That said, he is within his constitutional bounds with his threat of the veto, which is likely to be used liberally.

Dr. Harold Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He has taught history and political science from this perspective for over 25 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org. ★

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#### By Pastor Ray Dare

More than anything else what defines your life are your thoughts. Not your heredity, not your background, not your environment. What you choose to think about has greater impact on your life than anything else. So, changing anything in your life begins with changing the way you think. That's why the Bible says, "... be renewed in the spirit of your mind..." Ephesians 4:23 and "be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Romans 12:2.

The Bible says in Philippians 4:8-9, "...Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you."

Peace is found in perspective; in what I choose to think about. Now I'm not saying you become a Pollyanna, stick your head in the sand and pretend nothings wrong. There are a lot of things wrong in life. Bad things happen. People hurt people. God never promised

# **How to Have More Peace**

you a problem-free life. But God has promised personal peace in spite of your problems when you think on the right things. Here are 3 things that will bring more peace into your mind and heart as you fix your thoughts on them:

**Think About God's Goodness** 

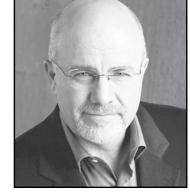
When your situation seems unexplainable. You learn to trust and focus your thoughts on God's goodness even when you don't understand your present situation. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and don't lean on you own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." Where we go wrong is, we try to trust God with our "head" not our "heart". But God says, 'Trust Me with your heart when it doesn't make sense in your mind.' Leaning on your own understanding is one of the biggest reasons why you don't have peace. You don't have to have all of the 'how's' and 'when's' and 'whys' of life figured out in order to have peace.

Think About The Power Of **God** – When your situation seems unchangeable. Jeremiah 32:27 (NLT) "I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?" God has the power to change your situation. But sometimes it's YOU God wants to change. God wants you to grow in faith and trust, so sometimes He will allow adversity to develop you in this way (James 1:2-4). Either way, think about God's power to change your situation or to change you.

Think About The Providence Of God – When your situation seems unmanageable. Providence means three things. First, God knows all about your future. In fact He's already been there; He sees it. "The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book before any of them ever began." Psalm 139:16 (GN) Second, nothing's going to catch God off-guard in terms of your future. Third, He knows the best path to get you where He wants you to go. Psalm 138:8, "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever..." So, think about God's power to fulfill His plan for

What has stolen your peace today? A relationship? No relationship? One of your kids? A problem at work? Your finances? Do what David did... "I sought the Lord, and He answered me. He delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4 Peace isn't found in a pill or a drug or even in your circumstances. Peace is found in the Lord. The more you seek the Lord and get to know Him and understand what He promises to do in your life, the less fear and worry you will have, and the more peace you will have.

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It Shouldn't Take a Year

Dear Dave.

I'm 30 and debt-free. Do you think I should stop making contributions to my 401(k) account for a year in order to save up an emergency fund? - Beth

Dear Beth,

Yes, I do. But it shouldn't take you a year to set aside an emergency fund if you're debtfree and making decent money at your job. Just make it part of your monthlybudget plan, grit your teeth and do it!

I recommend that people put off or stop investing until they are debt-free, except for their home, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses inplace. In some cases, depending on how much debt

they have, it could take three orfour years to do all this. I know it seems like a long time, but it's really not in the grand scheme of things.

Dave Says

Here's the way I look at it. If you have no emergency fund, but you're contributing to your 401(k), there's a good chance you'll end up cashing out your401(k) if a large, unexpected expense comes along. When you cash out a401(k) early, you get hit with a penalty plus your tax rate. That's not a good plan!

That's just one of the reasons I tell people to have an emergency fund in placebefore they start investing!

- Dave

#### A Waste of Money?

Dear Dave,

I have a question about home warranties. Are they a waste of money if you already have a fully-funded emergency fund, with six months of expenses or more set aside?

- Andy Dear Andy,

In my opinion, they're a waste of money even if you don't have that much set aside for emergencies. I recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. This amount of cash, sitting in a good money market account with check writing privileges, will give you easy access in the event of a financial emergency.

I don't do extended warranties of any kind, Andy. They're not a good deal. You'rebetter off to self-insure against things breaking down, and put what would havebeen profit and marketing dollars for the extended warranty company in your ownpocket!

- Dave

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#### By Ronnie McBrayer

A.W. Tozer once wrote, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the less than loving or less than gramost important thing about us." I can hardly disagree. For people of faith, those who believe in God as the pervading force and presence of the universe, and who base their moral and spiritual lives on this belief, Tozer must be correct. And if Tozer is correct, our perception of God shapes our character and actions like little else.

So it's no wonder that some faithful people are the way they are: Loving, helpful, sacrificial, kind, and giving. They think of God this way. But on the other hand, some religious people are angry, suspicious, unforgiving, and even murderous. These folks, in turn, think of God in these terms as well, and it shows.

Personally, this is why Christ is so important to my faith. He offered a revolutionary vision of God, a new way to think about who God is, and how God relates to creation. Jesus showed us a God best described as an affectionate parent. This God really does love, accept, treasure, and cherish us - as a "Father has compassion on his children." This was the driving force behind all Jesus said and did.

It becomes clear, when diving into the words of Christ, that he came not to change God's thinking about us - that is absolutely



### Good All The Time

preposterous - he came to change our thinking about God. In light of Jesus, we must let go of all understandings of God that are entire lives and correct so many of the misguided and misrepresented divine images that have been put before us.

By way of example, I have a friend whose theology - that is, her understanding of God - is a bit, frankly, sadistic. God, for her, is Father, but he wins no "Parent of the Year" awards, for he is always lurking as an unpredictable bogeyman who must be continually appeased. He is enraged, vicious, and eager to rub out a groveling sinner (or an entire city) if it befits him.

Thus, she lives in abject terror of God and inflicts this terror on others; her theological angst splatters on all who get close to her. Recently, however, I connected the dots between her thinking about God and the relationship she had with her own father, when in an unguarded moment she told a forbidding story from her childhood.

She was twelve years old or so and her father had come home drunk, as usual. In his stupor he pulled a revolver from his chair-side table and called his daughter, my friend, over to his lap. He cuddled her in his arms for a few moments and then placed the cold steel of the revolver against the back of her

"Did you know I could blow your brains out right now?" he asked her in a menacing whisper. Then he put the gun aside cious. This will reorient our and held her close again, only to return to the gun and repeat the question again and again over the space of the evening. One moment he was tender and loving, and the next he had a gun barrel pushed against her skull with the hammer pulled back.

This is a horrible story. More so, it is a horrible experience for anyone to live through, and it has caused her all types of emotional disturbances over her lifetime, not the least of which is her thinking about God. For her, and I understand why she feels this way, God is just like her drunken

The moral and spiritual authority for her life is an erratic, cold-hearted bastard whose words of love are nothing more than an invitation to terror. Her God calls out for his children, takes them into his arms, and then threatens them with violence. Such a God is unworthy of worship, incapable of being trusted, and impossible to love. Thankfully, such a God doesn't exist, for Jesus has shown us that God is good, and he's good all the time.

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** 

Symbols have been used since the dawn of primitive societies to convey meanings from one person or group to another. In this age of the computer and new cell phones we have progressed to a point of insanity. Loss of personal contacts and relationships suffer even the connection with loved ones. No phone calls and a voice that says "I love you". Seems the less said appears to be better for a society too busy to care. The alphabet letters is now used to relate a message like LOL and that is supposed

# Beware of Symbols

was funny or laughable. Some years ago the so called PEACE symbol became widely used and little known about its origin. It is an ancient symbol. The circle was not included in ancient drawings of the symbol as they appear in mosaics found from excavated ruins of ancient Rome Palaces.

This symbol appears in the runic alphabet used in northern Europe about 400-500 A.D. It is actually NOT a symbol of peace that surpasses understanding that God provides and given by Him.

When the extended arms of the cross were turned down, the figure became a "symbol of DEATH". Depending on their eternal destination death may or may not bring peace to everyone. Heaven or Hell determines this depending on an important decision they make during their lifetime! During the early Middle Ages, this symbol was called by various names such as: witch's foot, crow's food, Nero's cross, goblin foot, and was used as a "INSIGNIA OF SATAN". (see Koch, Rudolf, The Book of Signs, p 83) Confirmation of this Satanic connotation of the peace symbol appears in various writings of medieval many authors.

So many people have used this symbol thinking they were talking of people or countries living in a peaceful society and now we all know they have been sadly mistaken. Let's keep everyone who does use this sign in our prayers today – especially our young and innocent onesthat they may come to KNOW AND LOVE-THE HEAVENLY FATHER/God of Creation and receive a heavenly gift of inner peace from His Beloved Jesus! "For God so loved the world that He gave His Beloved Son, that through His death and resurrection one might receive eternal life". (John 3:16)!

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Admission to the event is free.

Egg artists from around the world will be teaching seminars and exhibiting and selling artwork created from real eggshells such as ostrich, rhea, emu, goose, and finch. Styles of artwork will include Faberge, pysanka, etched, jeweled, beaded, painted, diorama, jewelry boxes, and wearable art to name a few. The public is also invited to take part in the "Make and Take" projects for \$3 on March 7th and 8th from



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The seminars will take place on March 5th though March 8th; to attend the seminars, preregistration is required. For more information, visit www.

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Are you carrying bricks in your backpack?



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By Lisa West

**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?

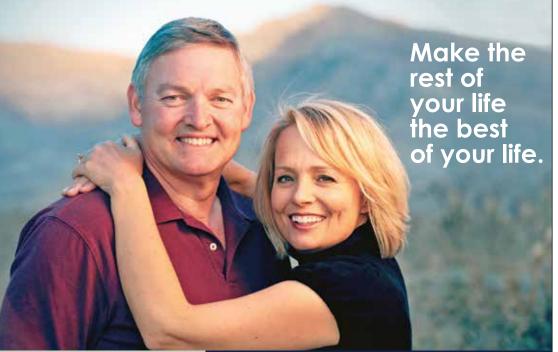
Well, just like taxes, death is something unavoidable. A co-worker of mine is famous for saying, "Aren't you glad that task is done - now you can take that brick out of your backpack" and what a relief that is to quit carrying around undone tasks because when they are completed, you ALWAYS feel better. It's where the phrase "peace of mind" comes from. 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
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#### RESOLUTION REVISITED

So you made that New Year's resolution with all good intentions. You know the one...I will lose weight and get in shape in 2015. Instead, those extra pounds you put on during the holidays are haunting you. Want to feel more in control of your body? According to Dr. Susan Smith-Jones, author of some 27 books including "Walking on Air," your goal should be to boost your metabolism. The control mechanism for obesity (or being overweight) is not diet, it's muscle metabolism. Your basal metabolic rate is the rate at which your body utilizes energy. It's how efficiently your body burns calories. When your metabolism is higher, you burn more fat, and have an easier time losing weight (fat). She has some tips to supercharge your metabolism.

1) INCREASE YOUR MUSCLE MASS THROUGH STRENGTH (WEIGHT) **TRAINING.** For every 10

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additional pounds of muscle you add to your body, you will burn approximately 500 more calories a day. Do strength training 2-3 times weekly 30-40 minutes. It will take about four months to add on 10 additional pounds of muscle, so be patient.

2) INCREASE YOUR AEROBIC EXERCISE. Aerobic exercise, which doesn't make you out of breath, trains muscles to burn fat and increase metabolism. Make aerobic exercise part of your fitness program at least five days a week, if you want to lose fat. Walking is one of the best aerobic exercises.

3) GRAZE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. To boost your metabolism, strive to eat several small healthy meals a day... about every 3-4 hours...instead of eating 2-3 large meals.

4) KEEP YOUR BODY WELL-HYDRATED WITH PURIFIED WATER. Your metabolism abates whenever you're even minimally dehydrated. Drinking 6-8 glasses of water daily supports fat loss. Keep in mind that alcohol, caffeinated teas, and colas all dehydrate the body. They are wet, but they are anti-water.

5) SLEEP YOUR WAY TO A HEALTHIER METABOLISM. Research shows that skimping on sleep interferes with your body's

ability to process carbohydrates, which can lead to elevated blood-sugar levels and an increased tendency to store calories as fat. When you're sleep deprived, your body produces more of the stress hormone cortisol, which sets this chain reaction in motion. Get 7-8 hours nightly.

6) NOURISH YOUR SPIRIT. To maintain a healthy body, first nourish your spirit. Do those things daily that help you relax and feel positive about your body. When you learn to love yourself, love will come to you in forms of health, happiness, success, peace, and prosperity.

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



### **ROGUE WAVE (WATERFIRE SAGA)**

by Jennifer Donnelly

- ♦ Publisher: Disney Hyperion
- ♦ Release date: January 06, 2015 ♦ Hardcover, 320 pages

♦ Intended audience: Young Adult ♦ Rating: ♥ ♥ ♥

On the Book Jacket: Serafina, Neela, Ling, Ava, Becca, and Astrid, six mermaids from realms scattered throughout the seas and freshwaters, were summoned by the leader of the river witches to learn an incredible truth: the mermaids are direct descendants of the Six Who Ruled-powerful mages who once governed the lost empire of Atlantis. The ancient evil that destroyed Atlantis is stirring again, and only the mermaids can defeat it. To do so, they need to find magical talismans that belonged to the Six. Serafina believes her talisman was buried with an old shipwreck. While researching its location, she is almost discovered by a death rider patrol led by someone familiar. . . . The pain of seeing him turned

Neela travels to Matali to warn her parents of the grave threat facing their world. But they find her story outlandish; a sign that she needs to be confined to her chamber for rest and recovery. She escapes and travels to Kandina, where her talisman is in the possession of fearsome razormouth dragons.

As they hunt for their talismans, both Serafina and Neela find reserves of courage and cunning they didn't know they possessed. They face down danger and death, only to endure a game-changing betrayal, as shocking as a rogue wave.

Amv's Review: After the fall of her Kingdom, Serafina must venture out and find the talismans to secure the safety of the sea, however, this adventure isn't everything she expected it to be, Serafina will be tested from head to fin, on who she is, and what she is truly capable of. This time the adventure is not just Serafina's for the telling, Neela also joins the adventure, with her story being told from her side of the ocean.

traitor is devastating.

Neela, once covered her emotions and feelings with bing bangs, kanjaywhoohoos and whatever mer-sweets she could get her hands on, but now she finds herself craving seaweed and greens- the healthy food she needs to carry her on the journey. On the run from her family that doesn't believe her, Neela sets out on an adventure that will test her strength and her fortitude, as she helps the others, by searching for her own talisman.

Now, danger and death lurk around every shipwrecked corner, as the girls face adventures filled with fallen palaces, dragons and knight riders. Yet the greatest feat may

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just be discovering who they can trust and who they will need to save. Nevertheless, just as Serafina thought everything was coming together, her world swims out of control, when she discovers her betrothed as a knight rider, hunting for her. Leaving Serafina not only to discover how to find the talismans, but how to uncover the secrets, the lies and the truth that lies buried underneath it all.

Capture the thrilling continuation of the Waterfire Saga, as the adventure continues from the depths of Mediterranean Sea, to the dragon caves buried deep in the Indian Ocean. Fast paced and full of adventure Rogue Wave fulfills its promise of beautiful mermaids and high sea adventure.

A story that is still beautiful and perfectly appropriate for the younger teens, of the young adult genre, but also entertaining and fast paced with a compelling story plot for the rest. From a gorgeous cover that draws you right in to a captivating storyline, that keeps you reading, Jennifer Donnelly knows how to bring the ocean to life.

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Feel the energy and excitement with cutting-edge special effects, pyrotechnics, aerial stunts, martial arts, motorcycles, and stunning video projections that completely immerse the audience in the epic action and story. Nearly two years in the making, Marvel Universe LIVE! is being hailed as the most technically advanced and innovative live touring shows ever (in the more than 40-year history of Feld Entertainment). Join Marvel fans of all ages for this once-in-a-lifetime, monumental performance... the fate of the Universe depends

Shows will be held at Sleep Train Arena, One Sports Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95834. Show times are Thursday, March 12th at 7 p.m.; Friday, March 13th at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 14th at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 15th at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets start at \$20 for adults with limited VIP and front row premium seating available. Kids (ages 2-12) tickets are priced at just \$15 (only valid for upper bowl seating, Thursday and Friday shows). Opening Night special discount tickets are available for \$15 for select seating (not valid for premium VIP/front row seating). Tickets are available for purchase online at www. Ticketmaster.com, by phone at (800) 745-3000, or in-person at the venue Box Office. (Tickets may be subject to service charges, facility, and handling fees.)

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ATV Review by Tim Riley

Among the cable networks, AMC has had great success with original series in recent years. The recently concluded run of "Breaking Bad" ranks right up there in popularity with "Mad Men." Both shows put AMC on the map for serious television.

Speaking of the Emmy-award winning series "Mad Men," the final seven episodes begin on Sunday, April 5th. There's still time for binge viewing of all the previous seasons. I lost track of the number of seasons, but two months should afford enough time to gain an appreciation for the pending fates of the main characters.

Meanwhile, Vince Gilligan and Peter Gould, the creators of "Breaking Bad," are launching the new drama series "Better Call Saul," which is both a prequel and origin story to their award-winning series set in Albuquerque, New Mexico at a time six years before Bryan Cranston's drug dealer Walter White came in to the picture.

Before Bob Odenkirk's Saul Goodman became the notorious top criminal lawyer in Albuquerque, he was just a bottom-feeding attorney taking public defender cases only because he was struggling to make ends meet. "Better Call Saul" takes us back to when Saul was going by his real name, Jimmy McGill.

When we first glimpse Jimmy/ Saul's legal skills, he's in a courtroom trying vainly to portray three knucklehead teenage

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#### "BREAKING BAD" FANS REJOICE WITH AMC'S ORIGIN STORY "SAUL"

defendants in a vandalism and trespass case as merely unwise and foolishly reckless youth engaged in harmless indiscrete pranks. The prosecutor's videotape evidence demonstrated otherwise.

Always on the prowl for a big payday case, Jimmy may believe he's the underdog fighting the good fight, but his moral compass, such as it is, and his ambition are often at war with each other. Hence, his unfortunate encounter with two skateboarding brothers leads to more bad decisions.

Just like Jimmy McGill walks a fine line between serving justice and doing just the opposite, critics have been requested to not reveal storyline details in advance so as not to ruin the fan's experience of the full impact of plots as they unfold throughout the season.

Speaking to the recent gathering of the nation's TV critics, Peter Gould proclaimed, in the spirit of full disclosure, that Walter White would not appear in Season One, noting that "we don't want to mislead people into expecting something that's not going to happen."

As a result, "Better Call Saul," standing on its own, brings new characters and situations to the fore, though some familiar faces appear in a different light. For instance, Mike Ehrmantraut (Jonathan Banks), before he was Saul's fixer, is currently a parking lot attendant who is amusingly discourteous and combative.

In a manner of fashion, Jimmy is looking after his older brother Chuck (Michael McKean), a name partner in one of New Mexico's most prestigious law firms, who is on leave due to an

unfortunate illness. Though a new character, Chuck lends an air of familiarity to Jimmy's ultimate transformation.

Full of bravado, Jimmy has an explosive scene when he storms uninvited into the boardroom of Chuck's law firm, bellowing accusations at the smug Howard Hamlin (Patrick Fabian), whose good looks, charm and success are a source of great annoyance to a lawyer trapped on the lower

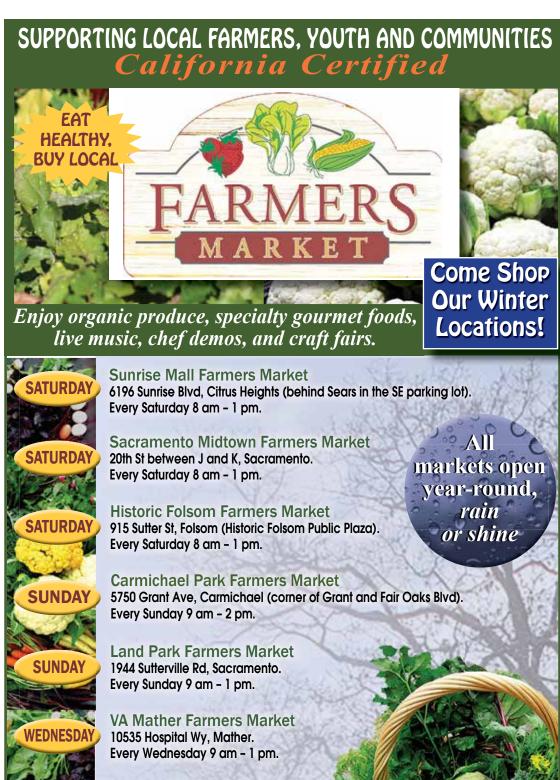
When his efforts to enlist as a client the local County treasurer facing a serious embezzlement indictment fizzle, Jimmy concocts a bizarre scene to use the skateboarding brothers in a staged accident that would result in a tidy settlement. Instead, the scam ends up in a series of unfortunate unintended consequences.

At one point of negotiation with a potential client with dubious intentions, Jimmy avers that he's "an attorney, not a criminal." The point seems to be arguable, given the circumstances of his questionable behavior during the first two episodes that will debut on back-to-back nights.

"Better Call Saul," which was originally conceived to be a comedy series, in deference to Bob Odenkirk's comedic talent, has morphed into a drama series that will explore Jimmy's fairly messy descent to the dark side as he moves toward becoming devoid of ethics as the sleazy defense lawyer Saul Goodman.

The more dramatic tone of "Better Call Saul" nevertheless does not blunt the black humor that Odenkirk so capably delivers when he unleashes his pointed tirades at colleagues, clients and even the officious clerk at the courthouse pay station.

Much like "Breaking Bad," the prequel "Better Call Saul" commands the viewer's attention to details and the nuances of the storyline. Patience may be required to track the shady lawyer's transformation into the man who puts the "criminal" into "criminal attorney." If anyone can make it work, it will be Odenkirk's Saul Goodman.



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# How to Protect Yourself from Osteoporosis Bone Fractures

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can a person in their early 50's have osteoporosis? When I fell and broke my wrist last winter the doctor that treated me told me I might have osteoporosis. What can you tell me? - Worried Ronda

Dear Ronda,

While osteoporosis is much more common in older seniors, it can strike at any age. In fact, the National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates that half of women and up to 25 percent of men in the U.S. over the age of 50 will break a bone due to osteoporosis. Here's what you should know

#### Who's at Risk?

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes the bones to become brittle and weak and more susceptible to fractures. Around 10 million Americans already have osteoporosis (80 percent are women) while another 43 million have "pre-osteoporosis," or osteopenia. But the good news is this disease is both preventable and treatable.

Most people, by the time they reach their late 30's, gradually start losing some of their bone mass, but for women, menopause is the time when this process really accelerates. Bone loss for men occurs much more slowly. However, by age 75, osteoporosis is as common in men as it is in women

Some of the key risk factors of developing osteoporosis include:

being over age 50; being female; menopause; having a family history of the disease; being small and thin; having an eating disorder; not getting enough calcium and vitamin D; getting too much protein, sodium and caffeine; having an inactive lifestyle; smoking; drinking too much alcohol; taking certain medications (see nof.org/articles/6 for a list); and having certain medical conditions (see nof.org/articles/5).

To help you determine your risk of osteoporosis, the National Institutes of Health has a quick, online quiz you can take at bonecheckup.org.

### **Prevention and Treatment**A good first step in prevent-

ing and treating osteoporosis is to get screened. For women, that should start around menopause, especially if you're not taking estrogen, or anyone who has broken a bone after age 50 or who has other risk factors.

All women over 65 and men over 70 should be tested every two years – Medicare covers it. Screening for osteoporosis is a simple, painless, bone density test, which takes about five minutes.

Here's what else you can do to protect your bones.

**Boost your calcium:** The best way to get bone-building calcium is through your diet. Dairy products (low-fat milk, cheeses and yogurt), dark green leafy vegetables (broccoli, kale, collards),

sardines and salmon, cooked dried beans, soy foods, almonds and fortified cereals and juices are all good sources of calcium. Vitamin D is also important to

help you body absorb calcium.

The National Osteoporosis
Foundation recommends 1,000
mg of calcium daily for women
under age 50 and for men under
70, and 1,200 mg for women
51 and older and for men over
71. Note: Recent studies have
found that excess calcium could
increase the risk of heart disease.

They also recommend all adults under age 50 get 400 to 800 IU of vitamin D, or 800 to 1,000 IU if you're over 50. If you're not getting enough vitamin D through sunlight or food, consider taking a supplement. Most daily multivitamins contain at least 400 IU.

Exercise: Weight-bearing exercises like walking, and strength training with weights or resistant bands three or four times a week can also significantly improve your bone health.

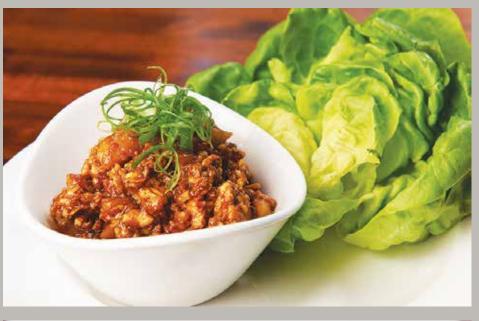
Control these vices: Avoid smoking, limit alcohol to no more than two or three drinks per day, and limit caffeine (coffee, tea or caffeinated soda) to three cups a day.

Consider medications: The most widely prescribed for osteoporosis are bisphosphonates, a class of drugs designed to slow or stop bone loss. Talk to your doctor about these and other medication options, as well as potential side effects. ★

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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