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# Remembering Pearl Harbor 73 Years Later



Above: The decommissioned Iowa-class battleship, Missouri, is docked at Pearl Harbor as a memorial. At right: Army Private George Marks (left) and Airman Jerld Hackney share their memories of Pearl Harbor Day. Photo by Roxana Rhodes, daughter of George Marks

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - While local veterans George Marks (93) and Jerld Hackney (92) were a bit too young to be serving during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941, they both had experiences made them want to serve their country.

Both remember where they were and what they were doing on December 7th, 1941 when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. There was no telephone or Internet to spread the news. Depending on where you were, it may have been days or longer before you heard of the attack.

George Marks was 20 years old in 1941. He only knew about the war

from movie theatre newsreels and the radio. It was 1 p.m. on a Sunday when he found out. Marks lived in Newcastle, PA. His family had just returned from church and had the radio on when the attack was announced. His immediate thought was, "Well here

Following the war, Marks learned from a friend, who had been stationed at Hickam Field located above Pearl Harbor, that all the ammunition had been locked up and they could not gain access to it. The Japanese hit the airport there, destroying some of the planes and hangers and killing many people on the field, the U.S.S. Arizona,

and other American ships. Radar was new at the time; the blips picked up on radar were mistaken for American B-17s being ferried to Hickam Field.

Other people took even longer to learn what had happened. Marks's wife, Sharon, lived in Oakland and was in fourth grade at the time. She learned about it the next day at a school assembly. People feared the California coast would be bombed, and Sharon's mother sent her to live at her grandmother's dairy farm in Escalon.

Marks went on to use his selftaught knowledge of Morse code to get accepted as a radio operator intercepting German transmissions in the G2 Intelligence Signal Core. He served in the Army for 32 months in

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## Jan Scully's Retirement Celebration and Regional Family Justice Center Serves as Fundraiser

- Jan Scully began her career as a deputy district attorney in the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office in 1979, and she was first elected district attorney in 1994. Her fifth and final term as Sacramento County's district attorney will come to an end on December 31st, 2014.

To mark this momentous occasion, a retirement celebration will be held to honor Scully's 20-year tenure as the elected DA, and near 36-year career dedicated to serving justice and public safety.

The event will also serve as the first inaugural fundraiser for the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center (SRFJC), a collaborative agency partnership benefiting local victims of domestic, family, and interpersonal violence. This inaugural event will set the foundation for what will become an annual fundraiser to continue garnering

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) support for the SRFJC, raising awareness, and sharing the vision of "A Family Free of Violence is a Community Free of Violence." For more information about the SRFJC and to view the "I'm In" video, visit www. HopeThrivesHere.org.

Attendees will enjoy wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live music, special program presentations, video tributes from Scully's friends and colleagues, a "Made at Sac State" alumni

profile video, and a display of memorabilia collected throughout her administration.

The celebration and fundraiser will be held on Friday, December 12th, 2014, at Sacramento State University Ballroom, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To sponsor and/or purchase tickets or tables, please contact Toni Roberts at (916) 995-1530 or toni@moneystrategists.com by Friday, December 5th, 2014.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the SRFJC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, of which Jan Scully serves as chair.

Source: Sacramento County District Attorney's Office







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## **Church Fair Offers a Crafty Christmas**



Pat Holbus (center) has organized the Holiday Show of hands fair at St John the Evangelist School for 36 years. Her volunteers include (kneeling left and seated far right) daughters Christine Bagley and Amy Swanson, school principal Tosha Tillotson (left) and Carole Czimskey.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - St John the Evangelist School's annual blowout, A Holiday Show of Hands, will ensure a crafty Christmas to more than 10,000 shoppers.

Holiday and entrepreneurial spirits annually soar as crafters install wares for the first December weekend at the Carmichael campus. In its 36th year, the three-day fundraiser jams Locust Avenue and surrounding streets with shoppers'

Wares are too diverse to list. Suffice to say that whether handknitted, jeweled, hammered, or turned from a potter's wheel, if it is tooled with artistry and love, St John's is the place to find it. The fundraiser began when organizer Pat Holbus had seven children at St Johns and supported the school's struggle to keep costs down for working families. That tuition fees are still among the lowest of Sacramento Catholic schools speaks to the event's continuing success. The 1976 debut event hosted 20 vendors. Booths now sell out at 150 spaces and

prospective crafters are juried so merchandise is not duplicated.

"Every year, we want a good variety of goods and new vendors to keep the show fresh," explains Holbus. Folsom's Noelle Lask, for example, tools steam-punk trinkets. Placerville's Dianne Newman will offer unique scarves and hats. From Roseville, Catherine Davin markets repurposed glass and ceramic items. Sallie Gereg (The Mad Tatter) brings handwork from Fair Oaks. Dawn Trew produces hand-painted glass in her Orangevale studio. Mary Donnis is a Christmas crafter from Granite Bay, and Diana Boud annually sells out her much sought Maus Haus line of hand-stitched critters. Contributing vendors also journey from Loomis, Lincoln, Eldorado Hills, Elk Grove, and Citrus Heights to make the fair a holiday treasure trove.

Holbus now has 12 grandchildren, most of whom have attended St John's. Three daughters and friend Carole Czimskey help with year-round fair preparations. Old fashioned goods aside, keeping the Show of Hands in tune with the times is the organizers' mission. ATMs are available on fair days, and when temperatures dip, sophisticated hot toddies revive the weary. Because hungry customers are not happy customers, volunteer cooks offer homemade lasagnas and tamales as winter warm-ups.

The fair's own hubble-bubble of industry is heartwarming, too. Knitters' needles click in tempo with Andy Williamsit's the most wonderful time of the year for hat and mitten purchases. "Even if it's cold or raining, customers are determined to enjoy themselves," says Holbus. "They come from all over Northern California; some even drive from out of state. For many, our Holiday Show of Hands is part of a tradition for friends to shop together. It's a weekend that says: hey, it really is Christmastime."

The fair is held at St John the Evangelist School, 5701 Locust Avenue, Carmichael. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Doors open on the evening of Friday December 5th, allowing preview shopping for a \$3 donation. For further information, call (916) 481-8845 x 216.

## Citrus Heights' 18th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Tonight, December 4th, the annual Tree Lighting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Citrus Heights City Hall parking lot (6237 Fountain Square Drive). This free event will feature music performed by the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band, Christmas Carols led by Jingle Julie, special holiday messages from the Mayor, and a dance performance by O'Sullivan

Academy of Irish Dance sponsored by the Citrus Heights History and Arts Commission.

Share in the festivities after the ceremony in the Citrus Heights Community Center across the street from City Hall. The Citrus Heights Community Marching Band will provide holiday music and additional dance performances by O'Sullivan Academy of Irish Dance. There will be free hot cocoa, free cookies and

cookie decorating, and balloon twisting. Most importantly, bring your camera! Santa will be on hand to take pictures and listen to all of those Christmas wish lists. Donation bins will be on hand for new unwrapped toys. The event is sponsored by Sunrise Mall, Sunrise Marketplace, and Republic Services.

Source: www.citrusheights.

## Donate Toys for the Troops' Kids

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Toys Panera Bread. for the Troops' Kids is seeking toys, gifts, and monetary donations for holiday gifts to be distributed to children of military personnel deployed overseas during this holiday season. The collection drive will run from Saturday, December 6th through Sunday, December 21st from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily in the parking lot at Citrus Town Center at the corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights. The location site will be located between Sprouts Farmers Market and

In November of 2003, a group of veterans in Sacramento acknowledged the dedication and service of our troops serving in uniform overseas and those killed since 9/11. Many of these military personnel sacrifice everything while being separated from their families during the holidays.

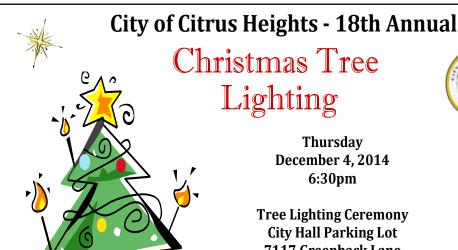
In succeeding years, the toy drive has expanded to cover Southern California and Nevada. As many as 25,000 toys have been distributed in a single year, and over 150,000

toys have been distributed since the beginning of this very worthwhile effort.

Citrus Town Center is proud to partner each year with Toys for the Troops' Kids and encourages all those who can, to stop by with a new, unopened toy, gift, or monetary donation.

For more information about Toys for the Troops' Kids, contact President Bret Daniels at (916) 870-7199 or bret d99@yahoo.com. You can also contact Jay Evans at (916) 944-3925 or jaytaxman@aol.com.

Source: Hall Market Media ★



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The Holiday Open House at Citrus Town Center is fun and free event. Come see the Sunrise MarketPlace Christmas Characters who love to meet, shake hands, and take pictures with the whole family. Photo courtesy of Hall

#### By Connie Hall

#### CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -

Shopping during the holidays can be stressful and crazy—or it can be fun and joyous with all the special sights and sounds of the season. Make your holiday shopping fun by taking advantage of one-stop shopping for everyone on your shopping list this year while enjoying the special holiday festivities happening at Citrus Town Center in Citrus Heights.

Citrus Town Center, conveniently located at the corner of Sunrise Blvd. and Greenback Lane with plenty of free parking, will be hosting a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 13th from 1-3 p.m. Come on out to enjoy this very special free event for the entire family,

especially the kids. A strolling Santa will be on hand to hear about those special Christmas wishes, along with Ellie the Elf who will be handing out special treats. Take a photo with Santa and Ellie and then enjoy a free ride on the Christmas Train!

Other photograph opportunities will be available with the Sunrise MarketPlace Christmas Characters who love to meet, shake hands, and take pictures with the whole family. Former Disney artist John Denton will also be providing free holiday caricatures to memorialize the event, and Magic Wand Entertainment will be all set up with free holiday arts and crafts for the kids to make, along with face painting, games, and more. Another special treat will be the Encore Carolers strolling

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around the Center during the festive two-hour event, entertaining shoppers with a variety of holiday carols.

With fabulous stores like Marshalls, Dress Barn, Carter's Children Store, Staples, PetSmart, Sprouts Farmers Market, BevMo, GameStop, Skechers, and more, there is something for everyone on your holiday list. Take a shopping break to enjoy a bite to eat at La Fiesta Taqueria, Panera Bread, Round Table Pizza, Wing Stop, Wendy's, and many more great eateries.

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 13th from 1-3 p.m. to enjoy the holidays at the Citrus Town Center Holiday Open House. For more information, please visit Citrus Town Center on Facebook.

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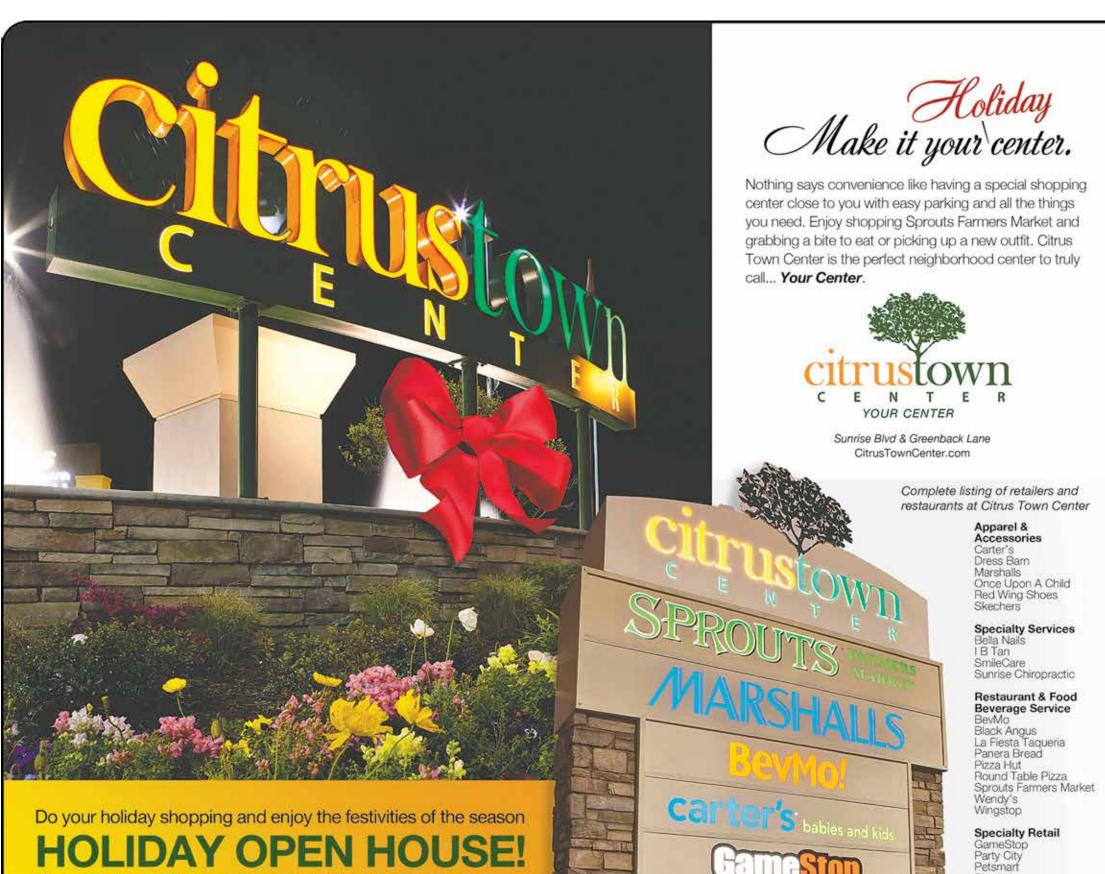
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## **NorCal Stuff Celebrates Christmas with Bargain Prices!**



Entering NorCal Stuff's new store in Citrus Heights is an exhilarating experience for the holiday bargain hunter. They've stocked up on a wide assortment of toys priced affordably for the holidays. Inventory changes often so there's something different to view with every visit. Photo courtesy of NorCal Stuff.

#### By Linda Harper

NorCal Stuff, a little store with loads of inventory, is celebrating

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -

the Christmas season by offering a wide variety of holiday home décor: gifts for everyone on vour list; and, of course, toys, toys, and more toys! Their holiday motto is "We offer everything from candy canes to canoes," and to say they have a lot of stuff is an understatement.

NorCal Stuff opened as a retail outlet several months ago, as an addition to their successful Amazon, Ebay, and Craigslist stores, which have been in operation since 2007. Their storefront is centrally located in Citrus Heights at 5489 "C" Sunrise Blvd. (next to Benihana and Tuesday Morning).

Dan Singleton, owner of NorCal stuff, and his right hand helpers, Dawn Martin and Candice Lynn, work tirelessly to negotiate overstocks and discontinued merchandise with companies who need to sell their items for one reason or another.

Entering NorCal Stuff's new store in Citrus Heights is an exhilarating experience for the holiday bargain hunter. In one corner, there's quality camping equipment marked at least 50% off what it would normally sell for in other discount stores. A large brand name BBQ sits in the opposite corner, also priced to sell. A few feet from that, designer shoes and purses are perched on a shelf with office supplies, baby food, and other infant items. Pet food, clothing, hair and beauty products,

bedding, and a new lawnmower are just a sampling of the merchandise NorCal Stuff offers. They've stocked up on a wide assortment of toys priced affordably for the holidays. Inventory changes often so there's something different to view with every visit.

When you shop at NorCal Stuff, mention that you read this story and receive an additional 15% off already discounted prices. Add to your shopping experience by browsing through NorCal Stuff's online stores. Simply go to Ebay, Amazon, and Craigslist and type NorCal Stuff in the search bar.

For more information about NorCal Stuff and for directions to the Citrus Heights store, visit www.norcalstuff.com or call (916) 536-9672.







#### By Mark J. Cimino, CEO **CiminoCare**

The stroke abruptly turned Anna's world upside down. Here in the twilight of her life, you'd think she should be set comfortable. In an instant, however she was faced with the stark reality of having to move from her home of so many years, so many memories, so many happy times. Why? Well, despite recovering well through receiving Occupational and Physical Therapy, she now needed a walker for balance, stability and distance.

Suddenly, what she had taken for granted all these years became obstacles: the five steps to her front porch; the narrow door to her bathroom which her walker could not fit through; the sliding doors into her tub shower with no grab bars for support; her raised bed that she now could not climb into.

Depressed, Anna was faced with moving. However, some-

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one had referred her to my good friend James, a Certified Aging-in-Place Consultant and Occupational Therapist. James was able to visit Anna at her home and doing what he loves to do, he gave Anna some real hope of staying at home by conducting a Home Safety Assessment. Looking at all the obstacles mentioned above, he came up with several in-expensive recommendations and ideas that made it practical to live at home longer, comfortably and safely.

Her family had a ramp built so she could get into her house safely. She could not afford to remodel her entire bathroom, but was able to remove the shower doors in order to access the tub easier and put up a shower curtain. Anna had grab bars installed and James helped her get a customized tub transfer bench so she could slide into the tub. Anna also widened the bathroom door so she could fit her walker through. James recommended an inexpensive way to lower her bed and added a small handle so she could get into her bed safely. Anna can now stay in her home and live a full life without moving.

We love the work James does so much we wanted to give him an opportunity to help some of you family caregivers

out there this holiday season. The first three readers who can use a free Home Safety Assessment (generally a few hundred dollars) for their home or the home of a friend or loved one in the greater Sacramento area, email me, first come first served, at mark@ciminocare. com and I will arrange to have James come visit you. There is no cost or obligation, just friendly help for the needs of family caregivers.

As I mentioned, my good friend James Stacey has been in the Occupational Therapy line of work for over 20 years, including serving in the role of a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS). If anyone can figure out how someone can make simple modifications to their homes so they age in place better, it would be James.

Mark J. Cimino, is the Chief Executive Caregiver of CiminoCare, a Sacramentobased assisted living provider. Mark started in his caregiving profession at age six when he and his siblings would tag along as their mother visited her in home care clients. In addition to his job, Mark is actively involved in Rotary International. His interests include hiking and doing fun things with his three boys. Mark can be reached mark@ciminocare.com



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## The Future of Citrus Heights Schools

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The Citrus Heights campus then will Board of Education voted to move Sylvan Middle School to neighboring Citrus Heights Elementary in the fall of 2016, following a consolidation of that school and nearby Carriage Drive Elementary at the Carriage

The move will ensure the Citrus Heights community has a quality middle school at a safe and modern facility designed for 21st century standards.

Board members formally adopted the plan following months of research, analysis, and community outreach by staff members. Visit www.sanjuan. edu/helpsylvan to learn more about this process.

Citrus Heights Elementary students will move to a K-5 Carriage Drive Elementary beginning in the 2015-16 school year, and Carriage will adopt Citrus Heights' boundaries. The

be remodeled in anticipation of Sylvan's move and will reopen as a middle school starting in the 2016-17 school year. New buildings constructed on the campus will house sciences labs, arts facilities, and locker rooms.

Families at Citrus Heights, Carriage, and Sylvan will receive more detailed information in emails and in the mail regarding the impacts to their school communities. District and school leaders are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible while providing a stable learning environment our students in quality facilities. They ask for your cooperation and support as they join and strengthen the school communities.

As these changes occur, there will be several opportunities for families to get to know their

Carriage Drive Elementary will host visitation days December 4th, December 18th, and January 8th at 8:30 a.m. for Citrus Heights Elementary families who are debating open enrollment instead of enrolling at Carriage Drive. Parents are asked to RSVP by calling (916) 971-5241 if they plan to attend. All new Citrus Heights families will be invited to visit the campus this spring.

Sylvan Middle School will hold a parent information night for current and prospective families on December 4th. A book fair and free family holiday photos will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and families seeking to learn more about Sylvan's programs are invited to attend an information session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call (916) 971-7873 for more information.

Source: San Juan Unified School District

## **November 2014 Student of the Month**



Pictured from left: Kristan Schnepp, Principal, Sylvan Middle School; Jeannie Bruins, Citrus Heights City Council; Katalynna Vang, Student of the Month; Ted Wolten, representing Sacramento County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan; Brian Ricks, representing Assemblyman Ken Cooley; and Rosa Umbach, Education Committee. Photo courtesy of the Citrus Heigh

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Katalynna Vang, an 8th grader at Sylvan Middle School, is an outstanding student who excels academically. Katalynna is in all honors classes, and is highly respected by all of her teachers.

Katalynna is in Sylvan's medianews class where she creates feature videos for the school's news program and anchors their news. Ms. Cox, their media

teacher stated, "Katalynna is amazing. She is an incredibly hard working, creative, and bright student. She is a natural leader who raises the level of students around her."

Katalynna's math teacher stated that Katalynna is one of the top math students at Sylvan. She completes 100% of her work, aces each test, and has a meticulous work ethic and a tremendous Principal, Sylvan Middle School★

drive to succeed. Her English teacher appreciates the fact that she is a self-starter who takes initiative. When performing a task, Katalynna consistently does an outstanding job. He also stated she is a "joy" to have in class. Katalynna's science teacher feels that her insightful responses help create deeper discussions.

After school, Katalynna volunteers in Sylvan's library tutoring students who need support. She also has five siblings. In addition to helping Sylvan students, she helps her siblings with their school work and is a great role model for them. She enjoys drawing, reading, and being creative. While many people would look at Katalynna and assume that she is a quiet, studious student, those who know her best know she is very creative, fun, a little bit crazy, and a great friend.

In the future, Katalynna wants to be a doctor. She is doing all of the right things in school to prepare her for a bright future. Sylvan is very proud of Katalynna.

Source: Kristan Schnepp,

## **Open Positions on Regional Commissions and Boards**

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Positions are available on three of the City's regional boards and commissions. The City is accepting applications for five positions on the Planning Commission, five positions on the History and Arts Commission, and three positions on the Construction

are available at City Hall, 6237 City Council will make appoint-Fountain Square Drive, or they can be electronically filled out and downloaded from www.citrusheights.net.

The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 18th at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall. Members of the Citrus Heights ments at their January 8th meeting.

For additional information about the positions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (916) 727-2448 or at cityclerk@ citrusheights.net.

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## **Small Businesses Beware: Phone Directory Scam Returns**

invoice scam that targets small business owners is cropping up once more in the Sacramento region. Solicited offers are being sent from Open Business Directory Ltd., believed to be located in Boston, MA. They have an "F" rating with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and 1,636 complaints and 64 negative reviews.

Businesses receive a fax with an offer to list their company name in an online directory. All they have to do is fill out their contact information and return the form. A few days later, the business receives an invoice with an outstanding balance of \$1,238 for a two-year subscription to a website that closely resembles the Yellow Pages. When businesses do not respond to the invoice, they are

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> The law is clear: Title 39 of the United States Code, Section 3001 requires that solicitations such as these include a conspicuous disclaimer, in 30-point font, stating, in part, that it is a mere solicitation. BBB reviewed a copy of the solicitation sent to a business in Vacaville, and the legally required disclaimer was present, but not up to size.

How to Avoid the Scam:

Do not respond: If you receive a fax or phone call from a company asking for your business information for an online directory, hang up and do not respond.

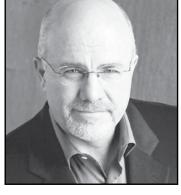
The Yellow Pages name and logo: Scammers often use the name and "walking fingers" icon to lend credibility to their scam. However, they are not affiliated with the popular phone directory in any way.

Don't trust Caller ID: Scammers have the ability to spoof a phone number, which means it may look like you are receiving a call from a trusted organization or business.

Contact your BBB: If you have questions or think you have been the victim of a scam, contact your local BBB at www.bbb.org.

For more information, please contact Danielle Spang at dspang@necal.bbb.org. For reports on businesses and for information about BBB services, please visit the website at www.bbb.org or call (916) 443-6843.

Source: Better Business Bureau serving Northeast California



The Wrong Half of the Month!

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are following your plan, and we're trying to reconcile our on-paper budget with what's going on in our bank account. Most of our bills are due the first half of the month, but we receive most of our income during the second half of the month. Can you help us figure out what to do? - Kathy

Dear Kathy,

If you're actually making a budget and sticking to it, what you're describing is a cash flow bind. You are in charge of your budget until it's on paper. Once it's on paper, it has to accurately represent reality. In your reality, that means a cash flow strain on the first checks and extra money on the second checks.

You won't be able to fix this in just one month, but there is a long-term solution. Move some of the money from your second checks into the first half of the next month. By doing this, you'll start running from the fifteenth to the fifteenth instead of from the first to

Dave Says the first. It will help you stay ahead and avoid getting pinched.

The second part of this equation is that you are in charge of your budget. The budget does not become the boss of you until you get it done. When everything is written and agreed on by you and your husband, that's when the budget becomes the boss. You can't come home with a new shirt or a new purse and hope it fits into the plan. The budget has to be the plumb line by which you build your finances straight and true!

#### School Cost Versus Salary

Dear Dave,

My husband and I both work two jobs. Together we make about \$53,000 a year, and we're trying to get out of debt. We have \$35,000 in debt, and most of that is on our truck. I'd like to go back to school and become an ultrasound technician, so we'll have more money. Do you think this is a good idea?

Dear Sarah.

Getting more education is always a good idea. For starters, I'd begin doing some research to find out what ultrasound technicians in your area are earning. Then, look into the cost of training at a nearby school.

But I would only recommend

starting school after you guys have done some work and cleaned up your finances. You've got a bunch of debt hanging over your heads, and the truck you mentioned is a

big part of the problem. Sell the truck and move down to something very inexpensive to drive for a little while. Then tear into the remainder of the debt and get it paid off as fast as you can. After that, save up a bunch of

money so you can go to school

I know that may seem like a long time before you can start school, but chances are you can get this done in less than two years. And trust me, going to school debt-free will feel a whole lot better than having another bunch of payments buzzing around your heads for years to come!

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\* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com. ★

#### By Pastor Ray Dare

How can you celebrate when things are tough? When the Pilgrims started this event, things had not gone as planned for them. They came to America so they could have freedom to worship Jesus Christ. But on the trip over and after they got here everything went wrong. About half the people died in the settlement. It was an incredibly harsh winter. The Indians were hostile. The crops they had planted wouldn't grow. They suffered one disappointment after another. They had every reason in the world to be resentful towards God. Yet in the midst of all the things that were going wrong in their lives what did they do? They had a Thanksgiving Service.

A famous English Bible scholar named Matthew Henry was once attacked by thieves and robbed of his purse. He wrote these words in his diary: "Let me be thankful. First, I was never robbed before. Second, although they took my purse, they didn't take my life.

## The Power of Gratitude

Third, although they took my all, it was not much. Fourth, let me be thankful because it was I who was robbed and not I who did the robbing."

These stories teach us that our problem is not our problem. It's our perspective. Your problem is the way you're looking at things. The Bible says, "Celebrate God all day, every day...I'd say you'll do this best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse." Philippians 4:4,8 (Msg). What you choose to focus on has a greater influence on your life than anything else. If you're constantly focused on all the bad things that are happening around you, of course you're going to be depressed!

An attitude of gratitude is the key to overcoming discouragement because it gets your eyes off the problem and puts it on the positive things in your life. John Henry Jowett, a British preacher of an earlier generation, said this about gratitude: "Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic." What did he mean? He meant that gratitude, like a vaccine, can prevent and heal a discouraged spirit. Like an antitoxin, gratitude can prevent the affects of the poisons of cynicism, criticalness, and grumbling. Like an antiseptic, a spirit of gratitude can heal a depressed spirit.

Have you expressed your gratefulness to God lately? One day Jesus healed ten people with leprosy. The Bible says after they were healed that only one person came back to Jesus to thank Him. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?" Luke 17:17 Have you thanked God lately? How many of our needs God has met. How many of our prayers God has answered. Have you thanked God? Will you be overcome by your problems, or will you choose to thank God and

Would you pray this prayer in your heart? "Dear Lord, help me be a more grateful person, to develop the attitude of gratitude and to thank You in every situation; to realize that there's always something to be grateful for. Help me to think about the right things, to spend some time with You in the Bible every day, reading Your Bible, Your word. Fill my mind with positive things. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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#### **BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAYS**

Okay, we're into now ladies...the wonderful and yet tormenting holidays! So do you want to come out of them happy and healthy and looking good, or frustrated, overweight and afraid to look in the mirror? I will assume the former. So I checked in with Dr. Susan Smith-Jones, who is an internationally known expert in nutrition and author of some 25 books, to give us some basics on how to handle the holidays to look and feel younger. Her latest book is "Walking on Air." She asked me what beautiful means to me? HUH? She told me beauty does not begin on the outside. "Beautiful is what you are made of. Beautiful people spend time discovering what they love-what sings to them-and they make time each day to fill themselves up with that beauty. Authentic beauty is an alchemy of radiant physical health and

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glowing self-esteem. When one feels happy and fulfilled, their outlook and contentment is reflected in their face and overall appearance." She added, "to combine emotional and physical nourishment is, in her estimation, the truest and most time-honored beauty SECRET."

So let's get to the *Tips for* Looking Younger No Matter Your

1) EXERCISE: Regular, vigorous exercise supports healthy circulation and detoxification, with visible benefits for the skin. It also releases endorphins that makes you feel happier and less stressed. The skin takes on a rosy glow that no makeup artist could duplicate.

2) **SLEEP:** If you are not well rested, your skin will let the world know because your face will appear pale, drawn, and blemished. Sleep is when most of the body's repair work and maintenance are completed. Thus, getting deep sleep nightly is essential for maintaining beautiful skin. While you sleep, blemishes are being healed and new skin cells regenerate.

3) DIET AND WATER: Emphasize lots of high water content foods in your daily diet, such as raw fresh fruits and vegetables. These foods are rich in antioxidants, which help give

you glowing, youthful skin. Make sure you drink between 6-8 glasses of purified water daily, too. If you are dehydrated, as most people are day in, day out, this creates wrinkles (like how a grape turns into a raisin) and accelerates aging.

4) JOY-FILLED LIVING: Reveling in life's simple pleasures at least once a day will not only keep stress and wrinkles at bay, but will also enrich your life immeasurably. For example, spending time in nature or with your pets will boost your mood. Laughter quells stress and activates the immune system. Your skin glows with joy when you put on a happy face.

I guess I liked her conclusion that choosing a healthy lifestyle will make you glow and be beautiful throughout your life. So, the secrets are really just practical application of the basics. Of course, you need to make the best of all those incredible edibles that will be dangling in front of your face smothered in chocolate and all the delectable that come with the holidays. So, take it easy, don't stress, and enjoy yourself... and don't get all #\$!\$#!\$#. Crazy and whiny doesn't help! Take it one day at a time, and enjoy every minute of it with family and friends! HAPPY AND BLESSED HOLIDAYS!!!





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Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ferguson is the daughter of Miles and Wendy Ferguson and granddaughter of Wayne Ferguson of Sacramento, California.

She is a 2014 graduate of Visions In Education High School, Citrus Heights, Calif.

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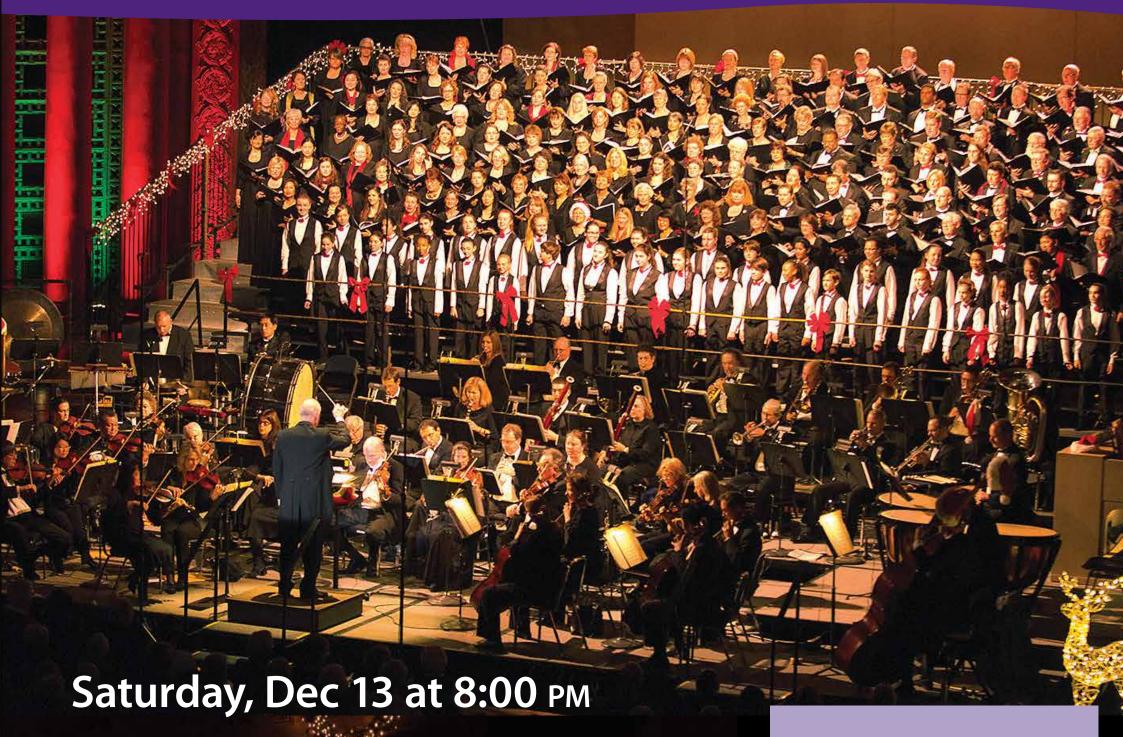
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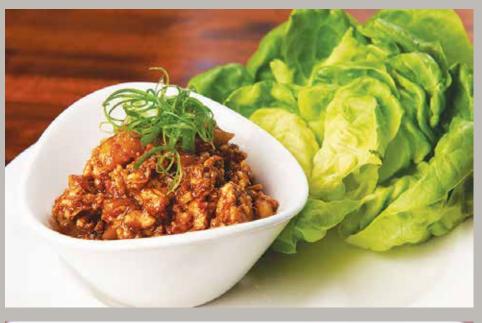
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