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Bill Howell, expert in building horseshoe courts, works with Hewlett Packard volunteers to complete a regulation horseshoe court and observation deck at the Veteran's Community Center in Citrus Heights. Photo by Collette Adams.

California State Senate Passes Bill to Raise Minimum Wage to \$13 per Hour

SB 935 (Leno) Would Give California Highest Minimum Wage in the Nation

LOS ANGELES, CA - On Thursday May 29th, California State Senate voted 21-12 to raise the state's minimum wage to at least \$13 per hour by 2017. The bill would also require the minimum wage to be automatically adjusted for inflation annually beginning in 2018. The adjustments would be calculated using the California Consumer Price Index and reductions in the minimum wage would be prohibited if inflation is negative in any given period.

California Partnership (CAP) Director Vanessa Aramayo said "an increase in California's minimum wage is long overdue as it is lower than it was in 1965 when adjusted for inflation. SB 935 will reduce the number of Californian's living in poverty, reduce the number of people going hungry, and increase economic activity in our communities that have been hardest hit by the economic recession and stagnation of

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By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Blessings keep befalling Jim and Jean Rounsavell and the Veteran's Community Center in Citrus Heights. Thanks to the caring and ingenuity of one man and the hard work of more than 45 volunteers, two new recreational additions to the Center have been completed:

a Douglas fir observation deck from which veterans can relax and enjoy refreshments and a board game, and two full professional regulation horseshoe courts. As with previous undertakings at the Center, 'things just came together' to make these projects happen. In November of 2013, Bill Howell, a local retired aircraft mechanic and neighbor of the Center, approached Rounsavell in the Center's parking lot with the offer, "You know, I'm not a veteran, but I'd like to build a horseshoe court for you". A bit taken aback by the unexpected proposal, but realizing this new friend had a vision for the Center, Rounsavell agreed. Following several weeks of surveying and staking out the property, Howell came up with a plan. The 22' X 60' piece of land chosen by Howell for the court was the one section of ground Rounsavell did not yet have a vision for. His only wish was for a deck to be built along a 9' X 60' swatch of shaded land running along a fence off of Sylvan Road, and next to the proposed court.

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By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -On May 27, 2014 a check for \$4,500 was presented to Rev. Alan Flynn, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church by Rev. Vernon Holmes, president of the Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento. Flynn, in turn will present this gift to Gladys Standard, director of the Sayonara After-School Community Center to be used to fund a paid Spanish speaking staff member at the Center. The Sayonara grant is one of 12 grants presented to



Rev. Vernon Holmes, president of the Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento presents Rev. Alan Flynn of Messiah Lutheran with a check for \$4,500 for the Sayonara After-School Community Center. Photo credit Gary Fox.

Lutheran churches in the greater Sacramento area by the Lutheran Society. Gary Fox, Resource Director of City Life recognized the opportunity to obtain funding to help Sayonara and wrote the grant. Funds awarded to the Lutheran congregations will be used to finance specific outreach ministries in the communities they serve, including providing groceries and meals and helping the homeless. This is an exciting time for

Standard, her students, their parents, and the Citrus Heights community.

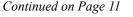
wages."

A recent report by Human Impact Partners cites a study that predicts a minimum wage of \$13 would help reduce the record high income gap that exists in California today. The study predicts that the income of 7.6 million Californians in families in the lowest quarter of income distribution would rise while the net income of the top 75% of households would not change[1].

California Partnership is a proud co-sponsor of this bill with the Women's Foundation, the Western Center on Law and Poverty, United Food and Commercial Workers Union and the California State Council of Service Employees International Union.

CAP is a statewide coalition of community-based groups, organizing and advocating for the policies and programs that work to reduce and end poverty. \star







Remembering Fallen Warriors



Emphasis this year from speakers focused on the continued sacrifice of family and friends of our active service military who in essence serve daily right along side of their loved ones. Photo courtesy of Cyndi Price, Sylvan Cemetery District.

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Since 1775, over 30 million Americans - many civilians - have put themselves in harms way for their county; those serving in the U.S. military throughout the world. During this time many

have served and continue to work to honor and protect their country in a variety of tasks overseas and at home. 1.3 million have died during combat with an additional .7 million succumbing to their injuries in the years following active service.

non-military women and men Sylvan Cemetery holds the remains of 1,350 of these warriors, the earliest buried in 1862. The 2014 Memorial Day tradition at the Sylvan Cemetery in

Citrus Heights continued with its honoring the dead who are buried there. as well as recognizing special community members

who continue to support our veterans in life and even after death.

The service started at 11:00, following the traditional procession beginning at the Spanish American burial site. The Folsom Harmony Express Singers, themselves veterans, entertained those waiting at the main gazebo for the procession to arrive.

The Citrus Heights Police Motorcycle Detail and Color Guard led the long march, followed by the Boy Scouts Troop 228, members of the American Legion (AL) Post 637 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4647. Those in authentic period dress participated in uniforms from the Spanish American War, American Revolution and Civil War. The procession began at the

south end of the cemetery honoring those from the Spanish American War and making stops at stations near those buried from the American Revolution, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. A short history of what each war meant to America was read, along with a prayer of remembrance for the fallen buried there.

Following a prayer by the AL Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commander Paul Reyes, of American Legion Post 637 greeted guests. Emphasis this year from speakers focused

on the continued sacrifice of family and friends of our active service military who in essence serve daily right along side of their loved ones.

Kermit Schayltz of the Lucky Derby Casino was a 'Point Walker' during the Vietnam War. He now is a business owner and is well known in Citrus Heights for providing many jobs for veterans, including men and women from Southeast Asia.

Mike Reichert of Reichert's Funeral & Cremation Services honors the fallen warriors who become homeless. He ensures that the bodies of deceased veterans who are unclaimed will receive a casket and a flag and arranges for burial with full honors at the National Military Cemetery in Dixon.

Gold Star Moms and Blue Star Wives continue to actively provide care boxes for its men and women overseas, holding ongoing packing parties. The Soroptimist Women's Club put out and collected thank you cards to be delivered to active service military men and women overseas

Mayor Mel Turner and Councilman Steve Miller honored Jim & Jean Rounsavell, owners of the Veteran's Community Center located in the old Sylvan Schoolhouse they are working hard to preserve. They have created a place in Citrus Heights for

veterans to go for fellowship and relaxation. Jim was presented with the city pin which bears the image of the schoolhouse.

A special thank you was given to Boys Scouts Troop 228 to the faithful scouts who showed up at 6 a.m. to help Groundskeeper, Ron Clark groundkeeper put out the 300 grave flags on each veteran's grave.

Jim Monteton, veteran and Sylvan Cemetery historian, took us on a brief history lesson reminding us of the history of Memorial Day. Using poignant stories from his own ancestry, he illustrated how so many families represented at Sylvan are connected on multiple levels as they served in multiple wars and conflicts in their careers.

Finally, Paul Reyes read the poem, Remembrance at Normandy, written by a 17-yearold girl while at a class trip to the Normandy American Cemetery & Memorial in Normandy, France. Her poem portrays vividly how only through being there in person could she take in the enormity of the sacrifice and loss of the 9,000 who died on Omaha Beach on D-Day June 6, 1944 and lie buried at Normandy.

For more photos of this and previous Memorial Day services visit www.sylvancemetery.com ★





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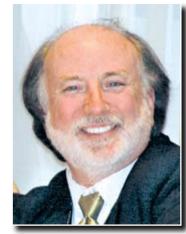


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A Jubilous June at Citrus Town Center

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Capitalizing on the glorious new summer weather, Citrus Town Center, located at the corner of Greenback Lane and Sunrise Blvd., is planning a summer chalked full of family fun, special events and much, much more.

There are lots of great things planned for the kids in June, starting with the Summer Safari on Wednesday, June 11th, from 10am – 11am. Bring the kids by Citrus Town Center, near the fountain area, and look for the red tent. This is where the kids get to make their own flower and plant crafts, free of charge, and they are theirs to keep!

Citrus Town Center has also planned a great way for the kids to treat dad for Father's Day, with something really special. Imagine the delight when the kids can announce to dad that they're taking him to an

outdoor movie for Father's Day! Saturday night, June 14th, on the eve of Father's Day, Citrus Town Center will showing "Daddy Daycare" with Eddy Murphy. It's sure to be a beautiful Citrus Heights evening under the stars, and a treat for dad and the whole family to see an outdoor movie. Admission is free, and so is the popcorn! Bring your own chair and small cooler if you like, but no glass or alcohol please. The evening starts at dusk, around 8pm with free raffle prizes, classic cartoons, and a few surprises, followed by the movie at dark, or approximately 8:30pm.

The Outdoor Movie showing is located between Dressbarn and Marshalls, with a restroom on site. The June showing is the second movie in a full monthly series of outdoor showings happening on the second Saturday of every month, running from June

through September.

On Friday, June 20th, it's free Train Rides for the kids from 10am till noon. Hop on board and ride the Citrus Town Center Train for a fun look around the Center.

Wrapping up the fabulouslyfun summer month of June, is another super Summer Safari day on Wednesday, June 25th from 10am-11am. As an Animal Safari Day, the kids will enjoy a puppet show and make animal crafts for free to keep.

While you're at Citrus Town Center, be sure to check out the newly-opened Skechers store, along with all the other fine retailers and restaurants.

There's plenty to see and do during June at Citrus Town Center! ★

Medical Office Building and Possible City Hall Relocation

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Analysis of the proposed Dignity Health medical office building (MOB) and possible site relocation of City Hall is in process. Since Dignity Health's proposal to build a MOB on the corner of Fountain Square and Greenback Lane was submitted in July 2013, the City has completed a financial analysis performed by a third-party, initiated environmental analysis and held a series of six community meetings and City Council Study Sessions to discuss the proposed MOB and possible new City Hall.

Below is a summary of the community meetings and City Council Study Sessions to date: *August 15, 2013* - the City hosted a community meeting to introduce the proposed project



and receive initial feedback from the community.

January 15, 2014 - this workshop was held to discuss the revised proposed projects. Over 100 community members attended and were provided an overview of the project as well as many provided feedback and comments regarding the projects. *February 19, 2014* - the

City hosted a "hand-on" session where residents worked directly with the architects and City staff to identify elements that are important in a new City Hall if the current City Hall is relocated.

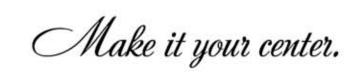
March 19, 2014 - the City hosted a community meeting to present and receive feedback on preliminary exterior designs for a new City Hall.

March 27, 2014 - City Council Study Session - the City Council reviewed the financial analysis of the proposed City Hall/MOB that was prepared by a third-party. April 10th City Council Study

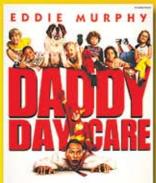
Session - the City Council reviewed possible alternative sites and preliminary exterior design options for a new City Hall if the medical office building project was approved and a new City Hall was built. City Council designated a parcel at 7625 Antelope Road for the possible relocation of City Hall and selected a preferred preliminary design (shown below). The decision is non-binding on the City and the project has not been approved. ★

Source: City of Citrus Heights









Movie Night - June 14, 8:30-10pm

In honor of Father's Day, we're showing Daddy Day Care. Bring Dad out for a free movie under the stars, with free popcorn, raffle prizes and tons of fun! Opens at dusk with movie showing at dark (approximately 8:30pm). Don't forget to bring your own chair!

Summer Safari on Wednesdays June 11, 10am-11am June 25, 10a FREE flower and plant crafts Animal Safari with

June 25, 10am-11am Animal Safari with puppet show, animal crafts and more...all FREE!

FREE Train Rides for the kids Friday, June 20, 10am-12noon Hop on board and take the Citrus Town Center Free Train Ride! Nothing says convenience like having a special shopping center close to you with easy parking and all the things you need. Enjoy shopping Sprouts Farmers Market and grabbing a bite to eat or picking up a new outfit. Citrus Town Center is the perfect neighborhood center to truly call... **Your Center**.



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Night of Tuesday, June 10th to Morning of Friday, June 13th

Work Hours: 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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By Linda Harper

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Many people wait until they have medical problems to start thinking about planning their estate. It's important however, to begin planning much earlier. We all presume we will experience a natural progression of life and then, after a long and fulfilling life, we know we will eventually leave this world.

But, as we all know, life doesn't always follow the progression we expect. Life just happens. In the midst of enjoying a bountiful career and raising a family, things can take a turn, and the unexpected could happen before that progression has reached its expected end. Planning for

the protection of your family in your absence should be taken as early as possible in your life journey. A qualified Estate Planning Attorney can help you ensure your family and loved ones are protected in your absence, regardless of your age, health, or wealth. Richard W. McGinnis is a California attorney with more

than 30 years experience in estate planning and elder law. His professional goal is to provide his clients with comprehensive legal advice and prepare estate planning documents which preserve assets, minimize taxes, and provide a legacy for future generations. He focuses exclusively on estate and elder law issues. Mr. McGinnis is a Senior Professor of Business Law at Sierra College, and is the coauthor of Practical Business Law. He is an award-winning speaker who has conducted

hundreds of estate planning seminars and courses for businesses and educational institutions.

Richard McGinnis is a warm and personable individual. He has lived in the area for many years, raising his family, and becoming involved in the community through volunteer work. He considers giving back to his community an integral part of his life.

He is a 1983 graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law, and a member of the California State Bar Wills and Trusts Section, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform.

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HP Volunteers Build Horseshoe Court for Veteran's Center

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Howell guaranteed both projects could be done and plans moved forward for the building of a professional regulation horseshoe court and state of the art observation deck. A member of a local club of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Howell had visited courts in many cities and knew exactly how he could fit his unique talent to the veteran's needs. Donations were obtained for materials and plans drawn

up. Armed with materials and equipment donated by local businesses, Howell and a handful of his friends and neighbors began two months of extensive prep work, including moving tons of dirt, and clearing and leveling the land. With that done, all that was needed was a team of volunteers to complete the two projects begun by Howell and his friends.

Enter Collette Adams, volunteer project coordinator for the Hewlett Packard campus in Roseville. In March Adams had begun looking for her next teers, Adams said, "we all

project. Each year thousands of HP employees worldwide span out into their communities for an annual workday. Employees are given 4 hours of paid leave to volunteer either as an individual in their community or as part of a group. Adams is in charge of group projects for the Roseville campus.

One day Adams 'by chance' picked up a Penny Saver, turned the page and found a small ad pleading, "We Need Volunteers!" for the Veterans Community Center in Citrus Heights. Adams called the phone number in the ad. Arrangements were made and on May 14 and 15, 40 HP volunteers descended on the Veteran's Center. For 2 days, under the direction of Howell, the workers performed a myriad of tasks, including the digging of 62 holes for deck supports. Even the local fire department got into the action. Seeing the crew sweltering in near 100 degrees on day one, a fire truck came to the rescue with Jamba Juices for all! Speaking for her volunloved the experience, it all just seemed to come together". The Rounsavell's are grateful these volunteers chose them. They are anxious to get some serious horseshoe competition going between vets and members of the community. Friends and neighbors are in invited to stop by and check out the new additions.

A special thank you goes to Ferguson Plumbing, Brennan Rock & Gravel, Harris Welding and Aba Daba Rents for their donations.

Two more projects are still on the horizon for the Center. Rounsavell is working with the City on plans to build two new fully accessible bathrooms, available from both inside and outside the Center. And the vision to recreate the original portico covering the porch leading to the entrance of what was once the original Sylvan schoolhouse is in progress.

Volunteers are always needed at the Veteran's Community Center! If you can help contact 726-7876.

St. Clare Knights of Columbus Host Father's Day Pancake Fundraiser for The Soldiers Project/Sacramento

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -Nothing succeeds like success. At least that's what the good folks at St. St. Clare Catholic Church in Roseville figure as they prepare for the Second Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, set for Sunday, June 15.

The event will benefit The Soldiers Project/Sacramento-Greater Placer, a non-profit organization which provides free, confidential psychological therapy to active-duty military and veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as their family members and loved ones.

All-you-eat golden brown pancakes and all the fixin's will be served from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the church parish hall, 1950 Junction Blvd. (corner of Junction and Baseline Road) in Roseville. The hosts - and the congregation's Knights of Columbus Council 12887.

Last year the food fest raised about \$2,500 for The Soldiers Project in ticket sales and donations.

Besides pancakes, the June 15 menu will include deluxe pancakes, eggs, sausage, country potatoes, country biscuits and gravy, orange juice, fruit cocktail, coffee and tea.

The pancake breakfast is bargain priced at just \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. The meal will be free of charge to disabled veterans and active-duty military in uniform.

For more information about the event, how you can help out or to make a donation to The Soldiers Project/Sacramento and Greater Placer, contact

916-869-4447 or email him at riccoches416@gmail.com.

The Soldiers Project/ Sacramento, named in 2012 by the White House as one of the nation's top 20 military service organizations, is comprised of about 45 volunteer therapists who last year gave nearly 1,000 hours of free treatment to soldiers and their families. Its unlimited services go beyond those provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs medical system.

For more information about The Soldiers Project/ Sacramento and its programs, visit www.tspsacramento.org or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tspsacramento. To be connected with a therapist, call locally 916-792-3728 or toll-free 877-557-5888 or e-mail Sacramento@

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The City of Citrus Heights is seeking entries for this year's Red, White and Blue Parade to be held at 9 a.m. June 28th.

This is a day of community celebration. The parade will begin the day along with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club of Citrus Heights,

followed by a Sunrise Mall sponsored carnival and the ever popular farmers' market.

The parade is open to civic clubs, commercial entities, nonprofit groups, marching bands, churches, schools, dance units, horse clubs, drill teams, sports teams, and car clubs.

If you are interested in being

part of this year's parade, call Michele Saario at (916) 727-5400, e-mail msaario@citrusheights.net, or pick up an application at the Citrus Heights Community Center, 6300 Fountain Square Drive.

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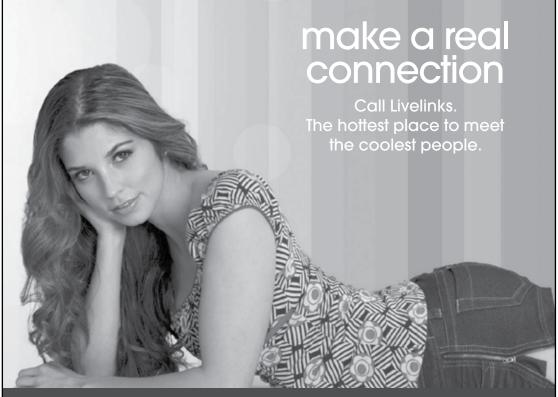
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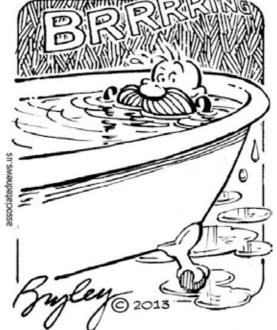


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There are some two million adopted children living in United States' households today. These children arrive in their homes in a myriad of ways. Some are abandoned or surrendered to children's services. Some have biological parents who are children themselves, and are in no condition to parent.

Some have been conceived under horrific conditions: Incest, rape, or some other impossible situation. Some are from the States; some from overseas; some come out of foster care; some come from an adoption agency; and some come from out of nowhere, it seems. But most all have this in common: They are loved. The adoptive parents who receive these children want them, and they want to provide a loving home for them.

I have some experience with this. Two of those two million adopted children live under my own roof. They are teenagers now, and have always lived with the knowledge of their adoption. When they were younger, and I suppose they need to hear it even more as they move toward adulthood, I would tell them, "Everyone is born, you know. But not everyone is chosen. Not everyone has the honor of being selected; but you were."

Granted, this doesn't settle all of their anxieties, and now

Not Slaves, But Sons and Daughters

in adolescence, they have all wring the literal life from the the existential anxieties of their peers, all the questions everyone struggles with - "Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I in the world? How do I fit in? What is my identity?" – but those who are adopted often have these questions on steroids.

Some questions, I tell my growing young men, will be answered now. Some answers will come in adulthood. But some questions, I caution them, may never be answered. Yet, they cannot let all the unanswerable questions of their existence rob them of these essential facts: They are loved. They are chosen. They are cherished – and they were cherished long before they were even conscious of such emotion.

One of the New Testament's more powerful images, as it describes God's concern for humanity, is, fittingly, adoption. The Apostle Paul is the champion of such language. "By his great love," Paul said, "we were chosen for adoption into God's family."

In Paul's day, the most common form of adoption originated in the workplace. Orphaned children, in ancient times, were often forced into slavery. For a predetermined number of years, the child would give himself or herself to a tradesman – brick masons, farmers, artisans, and other trades that involved hard manual labor.

The child's hope was to make it to adulthood, and having learned a trade, he or she would then have a livable skill set. But sadly, the tradesmen would often

child, and he or she would die from exhaustion or neglect, only to be replaced by another slave from the auction block.

Thankfully, not all tradesmen were traffickers. Some became mothers or fathers. A person could adopt a child-laborer. This released the child from slavery and granted to the adoptee all the rights and privileges of family. This was a revolution of status, a radical change in one's identity. He or she was no longer an orphan, but became a son or daughter. As Paul wrote to the Galatians, "God's love should make it plain; you are not his slaves. You are his children."

To recognize that you are loved and chosen by God might not squelch all of your anxieties or address all of your identity issues, but it is a good place to start. For if you know that God loves you, then you can make allowance for the things that you don't know; if you understand that you belong to him, then you can live with those things that can't be understood; and when you are certain of your acceptance, then you can accept all other uncertainties.

I pray that these facts will serve as a grounding force for my sons as they grow into the lives that will become theirs. And yes, I pray the same for all of us.

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Just Don't Call Me on Monday!

Dr. James L. Snyder

Those who know me would agree that I am cool, calm, and collected, although not in that order. It takes quite a bit to razzle me and get me out of sync with my inner harmony.

I must confess that, while that is mostly true, I did have an incident this past week that threw all of that out of the window. That is what I get for leaving my window down!

After a full weekend of preparation and ministry, I need one day to really chill out and get my wits about me re-collected. On Mondays, I do not wish to do anything or see anybody or go anywhere. My motto for Monday is simply, just don't call me!

On this particular Monday when I finally awakened, the first thing I noticed was that my wife had already left the house. Out in the kitchen the coffee had been brewed and waiting for my consumption. There was a nice bowl of oatmeal ready just for me.

I fixed my coffee, got my oatmeal ready and proceeded into the living room where I could set in my easy chair and watch a little bit of television for as long as I could stay awake. Nothing is quite as nice as a Monday with



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, **Christian Author**

Intimacy with God provides faith that can move mountains and deliver one from discouragement and pain when the struggles of life seem too much! When God is invited into one's life, one is never alone! God promised He would never leave or forsake one who accepts Jesus as their Savior and Lord. When a person makes a decision to follow His divine guidelines-one

nothing to do and nobody to bother you while you are doing it. I got situated and took a nice sip of delicious coffee and then proceeded to turn on the television. That is when my Monday

exploded. I could not turn the TV on; something was wrong with the service. I distinctly remember one occasion when my wife had to face such a situation and she would call the TV service. She would speak to some people there and in a few moments (after some rather angry screeching), the problem was solved. So I decided to do the same thing, minus the screeching.

I called the number associated with our TV and Internet service and that is when the games began.

After punching 2,743 numbers on my phone, I finally got somebody. Actually, it was not really somebody; it was a recording telling me that I was 47th in line waiting for the technician. According to my calculation, it would take me 29 Mondays to get to talk to a live, breathing technician.

By the time I was connected to a live technician, I had completely lost my cool and was close to not being collected.

Each minute on the phone with this technician caused me to lose more of my cool until I was absolutely hot under the collar. He knew almost as much about my problem as some stray cat in the backvard.

After I hung up and cooled down a little bit I thought of something. Why don't I just unplug the whole mess and then restart everything. It worked and I did not have to say it with some strange accent.

In my devotions that morning, I read from Psalms 33:4 where David says, "For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth."

Sometimes the best course of action is to do it yourself. Not being a do-it-yourself guru, it does not come naturally to me.

If you blame someone else for your problems, you are pointing the finger in the wrong direction.

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will be taking a journey into His perfect will for their life. The path ahead is guided by His light and an adventure into His blessings. And it is amazing that the Creator of all becomes closer than a brother.

A Divine Path

Before this happens one does not know about or ever experience the highest kind of love God gives to His own, which is called AGAPE. It is a love that even loves the unloving. This kind of love characterizes God's consistent nature. (I John 4:8) It is His divine love expressed and demonstrated through His Son. (I John 4:10; John 3:16) It is also a love that is birthed within us as we return his love (I John 4:19) And it is a love we are to have for one another-because of His character and love birthed within us (I John 4:11) It is the love of I Corinthians 13 and Ephesians 4:15.

Agape love is expressed even to those with whom we may disagree or possibly do not even like! Read Romans 5:8. Those who have invited Jesus into their heart and life ARE Christian brothers and sisters. The Greek word for "brother" is "adelphos". Two children out of the same life-form womb are automatically brothers and/or sisters. Our source of life is God IN CHRIST, therefore we are Christian brothers and sisters! We are to love our brothers and sisters in Christ and demonstrate the fruit of a loving spirit regardless of our differences. It matters little what church or denomination one chooses, a BIBLICAL FACT.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

Peace Under Pressure

started looking at the circumstances all around me. I'm going against what God says and I start dwelling on,"How am I going to overcome these challenges?" "How am I going to overcome these obstacles? How am I going to overcome all these things that are coming against me?" Do you know what

help you. Think about and claim a promise of God. You know what you're doing? You're saying, "God, I know the situation looks bad, but I choose to believe You're still in control. I choose to believe You will see me through this." When you do that; you're going to experience God's perfect peace.

There have been times in my life where I've been confused, worried, and anxious about the future. If you'll be honest about it, there have been times in your life when you felt these same things. You've been anxious, you've been concerned, you've been worried. Maybe today you're facing some of these same things.

God says in Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." God renews you spiritually when you accept Christ in your life, when you're born again, but your mind isn't born again. Your mind isn't renewed automatically. There's something that you have to do. This is so important. Never underestimate the important role that your mind plays in your walk of faith.

I found in my own life that every time I get worried, confused, concerned or overly concerned, anxious about the future, you know what's happened? I've taken my mind off the things of God and I've

happens when you meditate on those things? They get bigger and bigger and bigger. Then all of a sudden you're feeling doubt and fear and unbelief.

You have to keep our mind stayed on Christ. You may think, "But I'm too busy. I've got a career and I'm working and I've got all this stuff going on." But friend, you're not going to experience God's perfect peace automatically. You have to get into God's Word and get His Word into you. That's why it's so important to meditate on and memorize Scripture. That's why it's so important to stay in church where you can hear the Word of God.

Turn your worries into prayers. Philippians 4:6 said, "Don't worry about anything; pray about everything." Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. Listen, I'm going to challenge you. The next time you have the opportunity to worry, choose not to worry – choose to pray. Every time you have a negative thought, just turn that thought into a prayer and ask God to

What's stolen your peace today? A relationship? A health issue? 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, peace is found in a person – Jesus Christ. Fear comes from not understanding what God is like, how much He loves you and how much He cares about you. 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, regardless of the circumstances around you.

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ROCKDOC

By Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

My elderly aunt recently came into some money. She decided -- very generously -- to send part of it to each of her nieces and nephews. This gave me the task of choosing how I wanted to spend an unexpected \$1,000. I decided to buy a new range for my kitchen. I wouldn't otherwise buy a new appliance, and by spending the money on a range I will be able to remember my aunt and bless her name each night as I cook supper.

My old range was electric. The oven was slow and the burners were constantly problematic. I replaced all the burners but still had to suffer with unpredictable and inconsistent heating. I grew up with a natural gas cook stove, so decided to buy one for my house. I like gas because you can see when it's on, because it cuts off instantly, and because I think of natural gas as a pretty clean A Tale of Two Stoves

fuel we can get from domestic sources.

No sooner had I made up my mind about what to do with the unexpected money than my brother Nils explained he plans to change from a gas range to an electric one. (Leave it to siblings to always disagree?)

Nils is truly concerned about our production of greenhouse gases. He wants to eliminate his household's carbon pollution and he's willing to do some real work to meet that goal.

One step for my brother is to switch his appliances from natural gas to electricity. His idea is that if he uses natural gas to cook supper, he's making carbon dioxide that adds to what's building up in the atmosphere. If he uses electricity to do those same tasks, he can – at least in principle – avoid the production of greenhouse gases.

I like to say to my brother that not all his power can come from carbon-neutral sources like windmills or solar panels. After all, he uses electricity when the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining. In short, we all need what the utility people call "base load power." Across the country, that kind of power comes from several different things, but part of it is from natural gas power plants. From my perspective, we all of us are "sinners" when it comes to greenhouse gas production, including people who

only own electric appliances.

Nils counters that our need for base load power is not a rationale to continue business as usual, it's just another challenge to be met by conservation or energy storage. In the meanwhile, he is working hard to construct a building that will be the size of a small house and used as a commercial kitchen. The building is super-insulated and has a solar air heater, a solar water preheater and LED lighting. The heat is electric, but because of the clever designs, very few kilowatt-hours are needed to keep the place warm.

While we disagree about some things, I really applaud my brother's building efforts. Not many of us put our money where we say our values are.

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MY DAD, **MY HERO**

I can't tell you how many time my mother said to me, "You are just like your father" with a strong hint of sarcasm in her voice. I took it as a badge of honor. Dad passed away many years ago, but the strength he left behind is instilled in me. His story is what the greatest generation movies are made of. Born in the U.S. his parents took him back to Romania at age two. At age fourteen, he had to declare his citizenship there or here. Dad was proud to be an American, and so this kid began a journey all on his own. His father was a brilliant and spoiled alcoholic interpreter in Detroit. Not at all a family man. So when Dad asked his father to help him get a job, his father told him, "I gave you wings, now fly." That's why I think dad was so devoted

POPPOFF! with Mary Jane Popp

to his family. He never wanted my brother and I to face what he had. He loved to travel with my brother and I when we would perform and beamed with pride. After a terrible accident, and only one week out of the hospital, he insisted on driving me to the Indiana State competition so I could compete singing and playing violin. It was an historic snow storm, but that did not deter him. No one else was going to take his family on this trip.

Getting back to his early years, my dad did fly. He lied about his age and got a job. And his father's brilliance was passed on to dad. He went from manual laborer to designing fur coats for Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios in Los Angeles. He never backed down from a challenge. He went from putting blasting caps on TNT in an ordinance plant for the war effort to furrier to management in an aircraft plant to full-fledged Ironworker. He even got a little acting in there too, And how can I forget race car driver, and dare I say early on, a little bootlegging too during the prohibition era? Dad's will to succeed for himself and his family was in his DNA, and I would like to think he passed it on to me. We were so much alike. When we argued, it was a stalemate. It was like arguing with your mirror image. Was dad perfect? No. He had a terrible temper, and periodically, it got out of hand. I guess I got that DNA too, but it has softened some with age. He died rather young, but I can tell you, he lived life to the fullest!

I miss dad, but I still talk with him...especially when I am driving. He enjoyed being behind the wheel, and he loved to travel, family in tow, all over the country. Sometimes the driving went on for long periods, but that was dad too...goal oriented. But I am grateful for what dad passed on to me, both in philosophy and his drive to be the best you can be. I will always remember his story about making mistakes. "Remember," he would tell us, "You are not learning if you do not make mistakes." Of course, I'm sure he hoped we would not repeat them after the lesson was learned. Dad, you are loved now and always! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Winner of 2014 Ford Fiesta



CONGRATULATIONS - TANYA! Winner of the 2014 Ford Fiesta from Harrold Ford of Sacramento and A Community For Peace. Pictured (I to r) Steve Cox, Harrold Ford of Sacramento, Glorian Martinelli, CFO, Communites For Peace Foundation and Tanya Fergueson – lucky winner.. Photo courtesy of Donna Van Dolah

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Steve Cox, of Harrold Ford not present at the event but of Sacramento drew the lucky ticket for Tanya Ferguson at the 2nd Annual ACFP Golf Classic on May 24th at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex.

- unfortunately Tanya was many of her golfing and ACFP friends were present to celebrate her win. ACFP and all our staff and

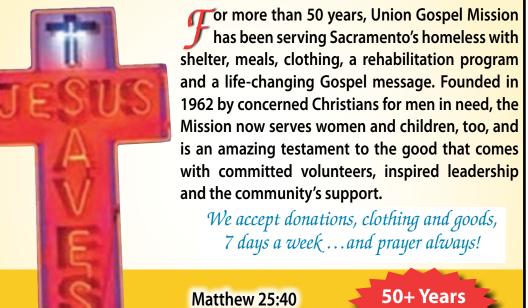
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The energy was high as Steve pulled the name of the lucky winner from the ticket tumbler. Tanya Ferguson, Tanya Ferguson

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married. Do you think I need a

prenuptial agreement?

- Heather

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Dear Dave,

Millionaire Widow

Needs a Prenup

Dave Says

Dear Heather,

For years I told people never to do prenuptial agreements. I always said if you love your money more than you love your spouse, then you're too immature and selfish to be married.

However, I've changed my tune on this subject a little bit recently. When one or two wealthy people get married, the problems that can arise usually have nothing to do with those two people. The problem is that it can invite a lot of crazy into your lives from the outside. Whether it's a parent, cousin or child, sometimes people start feeling a sense of entitlement when wealth is suddenly thrust into the picture.

You both sound like mature, functional people with good values. In most cases, that's a pretty good indication that crazy isn't in the immediate vicinity. Still, there's a lot on the line. So while I would advise a prenup, you might keep an open mind to revisions somewhere down the road. Make it pretty solid and protective for the first five or 10 years. But then, after you guys have built a life together, you'll hopefully reach a point where you'll feel safe looking at it as all ours.

So, the only reason I'd ever suggest a prenup is when two parties are bringing really unequal amounts to the table. Yours is an extreme situation, Heather, so I'd give it some serious thought. Let him know you want to do this to

protect the relationship, so that there's never any hint that the money is a problem or will create problems. If he's as kind and thoughtful as you say, I think he'll understand. - Dave

AAA or self-insure?

Dear Dave,

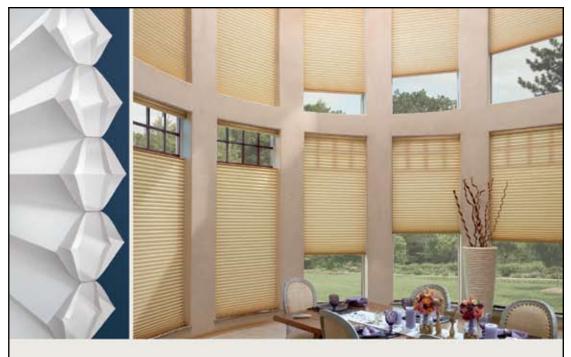
What do you think about auto club memberships like AAA? - Jeremy

Dear Jeremy,

I've got nothing against AAA. But honestly, I tend to self-insure through savings for these kinds of things. I've probably used, or had need of, a tow truck twice in the last 20 years. When it comes to this kind of product, I always look at it from the perspective of, "Where does it leave me if I don't sign up for their service?"

Again, I don't think AAA is a big rip-off or anything like that. It's just a type of insurance, if you will, for which I have no need. I guess it could be a handy thing to have if you were in a situation where you were using their services a lot. But if their average customer were like that, they'd probably end up losing money on you. - Dave

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The Sayonara After-School Community Center: A Success Story



A handful of Sayonara's After-School Center students, parents and volunteers gather with director Gladys Standard as summer vacation nears. Photo by Tiffany, a volunteer.

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Once known as the worst residential street in the city for gangs, drugs, assaults, and severe blight, 2014 marks one decade of transformation for this three-block neighborhood and the Center.

In 2004, City Life, a program of Campus Life Connection, in partnership with the City of Citrus Heights opened the Sayonara Community Center. The original student center was literally packed into 2 apartment units, with often 60 or more students arriving for programs.

"Miss Gladys" as the hundreds of her children who have passed through the Center's doors lovingly know her, was hired as the Site Director. Working with over 50 caring volunteers but few resources, the Center has been providing safe after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring, healthy snacks, crafts and field trips for the often at-risk youth.

In 2008, the City's new police department created its Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit, which aggressively tackled the problems plaguing the street. Sixty-four apartment

units were eventually purchased and demolished by the City. Slowly these officers, working alongside the City, dozens of volunteers from the community and local churches, along with the students and their parents became a successful team, eventually taking back their street.

A brand new Citrus Heights Children and Youth Center was built in 2010 from grants, and in collaboration with community businesses and the City Council of Citrus Heights. Looking back at what has taken place in her life and the life of the Center since 2004, Standard reflects, "When I think back to where we started from and look at where we are today, I have to pinch myself to believe it's true!"

As a testament to the extraordinary turn around of Sayonara Drive, calls to the police for violence and crime has gone down 78% since 2004. The Citrus Heights Police department earned the prestigious James Q. Wilson Award for the Sayonara Drive Revitalization Project from the Regional Policing Institute in 2012 and 2013. The Center presently serves 70

first graders through 8th grade students. Flynn holds weekly Bible study classes at the Center during the school year. Two additional Messiah volunteers tutor and teach art to the students.

Even as with the school year ends, Standard will remain busy coordinating the various sports and 'Summerfest' camps many of her kids will be attending at churches throughout the area. Sacramento State will hold tennis camp and American River Community College's water polo team will be hosting the swim camp.

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E-waste contains heavy metals such as lead, mercury, chromium, cadmium, mercury and zinc that contaminates our soil and water, and is responsible for 70 percent of all heavy metals found in landfills today. A recent report by the Environmental Protection Agency says E-waste in landfills will grow four-fold over the next five years.

This free E-waste collection event is a community service offered by ABSOLUTE POWER Fastpitch Softball as a method to collect and properly dispose of these hazardous electronics in a responsible way. For more information please visit our websites at: www.absolutepowerfastpitch. com and www.allgreenrecycling. com

Based in Citrus Heights, CA., Absolute Power Fastpitch Softball is a local non-profit youth sports organization. Our mission is to create a positive environment for the development, education and enrichment

to become responsible, confident, dedicated and aspiring young women, poised to become future leaders of our community. To learn more, please visit our website at: www.absolutepowerfastpitch.com

All Green Electronics Recycling strives to make responsible electronics recycling easy and efficient. We are a fullservice electronics recycler and collector with hundreds of free drop-off locations and pickup services. All Green Electronics Recycling currently collects over one million pounds of electronics each month. All of the electronics we collect are processed in North America using our own processing center and other responsible recycler partner facilities. We recycle everything we accept and never send anything overseas for processing. For more info, visit: www.allgreenrecycling.com *



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2020 J Street (Between the STANF Native American Health and Bioware buildings). Every Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm - all year round, rain or shine.

Sunrise Mall Farmers Market

6190 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights (behind Sears located in SE Parking Lot). Open every Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm - all year round.

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