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# An Army of Angels



Founder Kathleen Moore (front, seated), and Marc Klaas will be leading a local "Army of Angels" along with the Citrus Heights Police Department on the final weekend of March as part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Photo courtesy of Army of Angels

By Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA- (MPG) An Army of Sacramento area on Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31 to kick-off their 50-state campaign to promote abuse prevention awareness and action as part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month (NCAPM).

Centered at the Sunrise Event Center, 11167 Trade Center Drive, Rancho Cordova, the weekend marks the 20th anniversary of this campaign. A VIP reception for partners and volunteers will take place at the Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with appetizers, wine and a silent auction.

A fun family event follows on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to Angels will descend upon the 3:00 p.m., complete with a big red fire engine, bounce house, sheriff's cars for kids to explore, and Harley-Davidson motorcycles they can sit and have their picture taken on. The Citrus Heights Police Department, among other local police forces will be out in force to meet and greet participants. Over 1,000 people are expected to turn out for the day.

In 1983 Congress designated April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Four activities are planned for the kick-off

to this month which focuses on finding new ways continue to build a society whose priority is

to protect its children. The stories of children to domestic violence, neglect, and exploitation and violent crimes against children are sad but they have left the survivors with an unrelenting resolve to do whatever they can to prevent this from happening to another child.

Army of Angels, an international coalition of child advocates that work together to eliminate crimes again chilevent. AOA was founded by Kathleen Moore, a former

social worker who jumped into non-traditional marketing, spreading the message that the fight to protect our children will never end. Moore is mom to four birth children, and six adopted children, ages 6 to 29 years. She home schools the six still at home. An abuse survivor herself, she knew she could better use her experience and talents to help those who have been touched by tragedy, and help keep others safe from predators of all kinds.

Entertainment planned for the Saturday Rally includes a dren, is the producer of the DJ, Old Time Fiddlers, a local Rap & Hip Hop enthusiast,

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## Gems, Jewelry, Fossils, Minerals and More

SACRAMENTO, CA - MPG Northern California's largest Gem and Mineral Show is coming to the area. This fun family event, with educational activities for kids and scouts, is a full day of something intriguing for everyone!

The event is newly expanded this year, with over 45 vendors in four buildings, plus outside vendors and activities, featuring: crystals, beads, gemstones, and gold panning where you can take home real gold! There will be meteorites, fossils, and for the kids, an "Education Station" expanded by popular demand, and an interactive educational area.

This Gem Show brings the museum to you, with over 35 unique exhibits. The show also features polished stones, jade, opal, world-class mineral specimens, tourmaline, gold, and petrified wood. You will find everything you need to assemble your own jewelry. Attendees can watch demonstrations in the arts. You can also bid on silent auction

This is a high energy, diverse show that will have you busy the entire day. It serves as a great introductory experience to the world of collecting rocks, crystals, and more, while enjoying the great outdoors.

General Admission \$6.00, Seniors 60+ \$5.00, Kids - 12 and under Free. Grab a discount coupon on their website: http://www. rockrollers.com/show.html. There event has free parking available. Fabulous food is available.

RockRollers is a non-profit (501C). This is their annual fundraising show that supports our education center. Event Dates: 3/23 & 24/2013. Location: Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds, 800 All America City Blvd (off Washington), Roseville. Event Time: Saturday - March 23 - 10am-5pm / Sunday - March 24 - 10am-4pm

## **History Comes Alive For Students And Visitors** at Sacramento County History Day Experience

By Elises Spleiss

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA- (MPG) History is NOT dead. It became very much alive for a day thanks to over 300 students from all corners of Sacramento County who participated in this year's Sacramento County History Day Experience at Inderkum High School in Sacramento on March 9.

The theme for 2013, Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events inspired students from 22 schools to spend the last six months researching and writing historical papers, creating exhibits, and constructing 2-dimensional displays. They produced interactive websites, made documentaries, and wrote and rehearsed live performances to illustrate their chosen topic depicting this year's theme. All categories included Individual and Group entries.

The local event is associated with National History Day, which is a year-long educational program that encourages elementary,

middle and high school students to explore local, state, national and world history.

Armed with invaluable information from the National History Chair, Adrienne Pritchard, on how to choose their topic, and very specific rules that must be followed precisely, students were ready to do their research, then design and create their project. History Day coaches and advisors provided guidance throughout the process, but projects were to be entirely the work of the student, with only minimal direction from teachers or family members.

Levels of competition were Elementary (Gr. 4 & 5), Junior (Gr. 6-8), and Senior (Gr. 9-12).

The results of these contestants's hard work were inspiring on all levels, but not only regarding history. They learned much more than the historical significance of their topic, which was 60% of their evaluation.

According to Tim Herrera, Communications Director for the Sacramento County Office of Education, "the program helps

students develop problem-solving skills, oral and written communication and presentation skills, self-esteem and confidence, and a sense of responsibility for and involvement in the democratic process."

Late Saturday afternoon, after hundreds of hours of blood, sweat and very possibly tears spent by contestants in the creation of their masterpieces, family and friends were at last allowed to enter the main gym and peruse the many displays and exhibits.

Documentaries viewed in the theatre included turning points of the Transcontinental Railroad, the Atomic Bomb, and the British Music Invasion. Guests also enjoyed dramas including depictions of The Battle of Saratoga, the life of Cesar Chavez, and the California Women's Suffrage movement.

Thirty-five 2-dimensional displays (4th & 5th grade), and 45 Junior and Senior level exhibits illustrated historical turning points in education, medicine,

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Starr Anderson, Mills Middle School in Rancho Cordova, shows 'She Did It' with her award winning exhibit, 'Rosie the Riveter and the Women's Rights Movement' She will advance to the History Day State competition in Sacramento in April. Photo credit Elise Spleiss

## Aspiranet Unlocks the Door to Lasting Family Connections for Foster Youth

SACRAMENTO REGION. CA – (MPG) Although National Foster Care Month isn't until May, Aspiranet, one of California's largest nonprofit social service agencies, cannot wait to shine a light on the great need for more foster families in Sacramento County.

"Each year we place hundreds of children and teens with safe and loving foster families but we know that on any given day there are thousands more young people in California waiting for a foster family to call their own," said Vernon Brown, Aspiranet

Aspiranet's inventive approach requires that all foster children are thoughtfully placed with a family that best suits their individual needs. Foster parents receive comprehensive training, educational programs, one-on-one counseling and ongoing 24/7 support and guidance.

The social services agency that is a recent recipient of the highly coveted Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval®, finds it more difficult to find foster homes for older children and teens and asks that foster parents open their hearts to the idea of caring for



Leading social service agency highlights need for permanency for thousands of California foster children and teens. Photo courtesy Aspiranet

an adolescent in need of a home, love and support.

"Older children and teens need just as much love and guidance as younger children do," Brown

"One of Aspiranet's fundamental goals is to provide a lasting connection for each and every foster child, regardless of their age."

For more information about becoming a foster parent through Aspiranet and upcoming training classes in Sacramento on March 23 and May 18, visit www. aspiranetheroes.org or call 1-877-380-HERO.

## Polly Plastic: "She's So Fake"

By Julie Parker

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA- (MPG) Do you remember that awkward, self-conscious time of adolescence; when you may have struggled to fit in?

Jenny Lundquist recalls being a shy, introverted girl. Books were a passionate coping mechanism. Her favorites included the Candice Ransom "Thirteen" series of books. "I remember how helpful they were. I re-purchased them as an adult."

An author now herself, her second book, "Polly Plastic," aimed at middle school readers, covers this very topic.

"I remember hearing a phrase in junior high - 'she's so fake.' So I wanted to get into that 'fake' girl's head and tell her

In the book, Polly Pierce is number two in popularity, but got there by following the most popular girl. A popularity war heats to boiling when follower Polly has to take over the leadership of a middle school talent competition. She discovers that the contestants don't have any



Jenny Lundquist shows off her new book. Photo by Julie Parker.

talent; they are only popular. those girls who stand in the What should she do?

"My target audience is for the changes around them. My

shadows and feel confused by

hope is that after reading my books they'll believe they have what it takes to become the person they want to be, and can step confidently into the next phase of their life, when they're ready."

When not busy taking care of their two sons, Lundquist and her husband Ryan are actively involved with Project 680. Residents in the Folsom and Rancho Cordova school districts find practical ways to support local homeless students. You can help, too.

You are invited to attend Lundquist's book launch/signing on March 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 6111 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, when up to twenty-five percent of each sale of her book will go to the Folsom Cordova Education Foundation. If you are unable to attend, purchase the book online at Barnes & Noble that day, enter the code "11041704" and the school will still receive the funds.

You can learn more about Lundquist and both of her books at http://jennylundquist.com/.

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## 2013 Soccer Season Registration

Registration will be held at Round Table Pizza, 7867 Lichen Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Saturday, March 23rd 11:00am-4:00pm Thursday, April 18th 6:30pm-8:30 pm Saturday, May 18th 11:00 am-4:00pm Thursday, June 20th 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR REGISTRATION

1. Cost: U6-\$65 per player, U8 through U19-\$85. Cash, Credit, ATM (w/ Visa or MasterCard symbol), no Checks Every Child who registers for 2013 season by June 20th will receive a FREE Soccer Ball with Citrus Heights Logo on it!!!

2. Candy Fundraiser is mandatory for first child per family only!! \$60 per box of candy or buy-out for \$30 paid at time of Registration

3. Small picture of player (preferably 1"x 1").

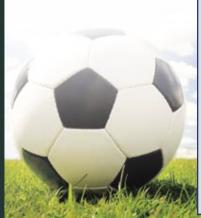
4. Photocopy of Birth Certificate issued from the county of child's birth. Hospital birth certificate is not acceptable.

A passport or military I.D. is acceptable in lieu of a Birth Certificate. (Note: If you have registered with Citrus Heights Soccer Club in 2012, a birth certificate is not necessary. Your information will be on file.)

Uniforms will be Pre-Ordered @ Registration **Full Uniform** (Jersey, Shorts, Socks) = \$25(Returning players not required to

purchase

**Uniform**)



Practices begin July 2013. Games will be held on Saturdays beginning September 2013 (U8 and above).

Games for CVYSL U6 program will be held on Friday evenings, beginning August 2013. Any questions please visit our website at www.chsoccer.org

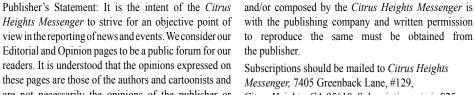
please bring any extra cleats to Registration to donate, no matter the size or condition!! This is not a program of the San Juan Unified School District and SJUSD accepts no liability or

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\*\*We will be having a Cleat Drive this year,



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## Citrus Heights Introduces New ED Support Program

(MPG) In the City's continuing effort to promote business development and economic development, the Citrus Heights City Council approved guidelines for the Economic Development Support Fund, Part I and II on March 14, 2013. Part I of the program will provide grants and sponsorships to businesses, business associations, economic-development related organizations or efforts that meet the program goals. Funds for this program will be approved with the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 City

In order to have funds available beginning July 1st, the City is now soliciting applications for the Economic Development Support Program (Part I) starting today. Applications will be due on Friday, March 29th by 4:00 p.m. Applications for Part

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA II of the Economic Development back-up documentation and pre-Support Fund, grants for design assistance and sign improvements, will be accepted on a rolling basis starting July 1st.

The Economic Development Support Program (Part I) provides grants or sponsorships for events, marketing and promotions, studies to further economic development and other economic development-related activities that promote the following program goals:

Increase job base, Increase tax base, Attract new shoppers/ expand trade zone, Promote/market a specific commercial areas/ City, Create or enhance a sense of place, Improve aesthetics of a commercial area, Improve the perception and/or practice of City as business friendly.

After applications are received on March 29th, staff will review the applications, verify all

pare funding recommendations based on the program criteria. Staff will then meet with the Finance Committee who will review the applications and make a recommendation to City Council. A City Council Study Session has been scheduled for May 9th to review the funding recommendations, and City Council will approve the grants on Thursday, May 23rd.

All information regarding the programs, including guidelines and application, can be found on the program webpage here. In addition, please share this information with others that may be interested in this program. If you have any questions, please contact Devon Rodriguez, Development Specialist, at drodriguez@citrusheights.net or (916) 727-4745.

Source: City of Citrus Heights

## Citrus Heights 14-Mile House Now a **California Point of Historical Interest**



By Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA- (MPG) The oldest known wooden structure in Sacramento County sits hidden in plain site at 6540 Auburn Boulevard (Lincoln Highway and Highway 40) in Citrus Heights.

\*In May 2012, following 10 years of extensive research and hard work, the 14-Mile House, owned by the Van Maren family, was officially designated, as a California Point of Historical Interest by the California Office of Historic Preservation, and is now listed in the California State Register.

On March 14, 2013 Teena Stern past chair of the Citrus Heights History and Arts Commission, of which Jim was a founding member, made a special presentation to the members of the city council on the history and significance of the site, and it's long line of owners. She also thanked the Citrus Heights Historical Society board of directors for their contribution towards the 14-Mile House point of interest signage.

Four generations of the Van Maren family were special guests, including James "Jim" Van Maren's sister and only remaining sibling, Cat Robinson. Jim Van Maren, grandson of Adolph, the first Van Maren to own the home, passed away November 12, 2012 at the age of 84. He was as vitally active in Citrus Heights as his forefathers, and was crucial to the success of the California dairy and agriculture industries.

Wilma Camilleri Cross, president of the Citrus Heights Historical Society, also expressed gratitude to the Van Maren family for their diligence in preserving the history of the house and in their continued contribution to the life of Citrus Heights.

Dating back to 1849 and known at one point as the North Fork House, the 14 Mile House is the oldest existing wooden structure in Citrus Heights and the third oldest structure overall in Sacramento County. It is the last of over 20 way stations or inns that were built at one-mile intervals along the Sacramento to Auburn Road (now Auburn

Boulevard) in the 1850s. The building served as an inn for the freighting wagon drivers and merchants that hauled goods along Auburn Road from Sacramento to the gold mining communities in the Sierra foothills, until 1863 when the Central Pacific Railroad was completed to transport those goods.

Purchased in 1919 by Adolph Van Maren from Rudolph Lauppe (originally spelled 'Laupie'), with a 220-acre tract of land, four generations of the Van Maren family have lived in the building for over 90 years.

The house is now marked with official historic signage, joining five other sites in Citrus Heights, including San Juan High School, Friends Church, Sylvan Cemetery, Rusch Home, and the old Sylvan School, now the Community Clubhouse.

For in-depth history of Citrus Heights go to citrusheight.net

\*Information for this article taken from 2011 research report by Peak and Associates, Inc. and the City of Citrus of Citrus Heights website.

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## **Best of Citrus Heights**

The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce announced their annual winners of the "Best of Citrus Heights" voting at a recent chamber luncheon. There were 69 winners in all, gathering just under 9,000 total votes. You can find the entire list on www.BestofCitrusHeights.org.



**Best Dentist Dr. James Everhart DDS Everhart Family and Cosmetic Dentistry** 

**Best Bank/Credit Union SAFE Credit Union** 

**Branch Manager Bruce Farber** 





**Best Mortgage Service Alliance Mortgage** and Marketing/SMI Eco-Fund **Sue Frost** 

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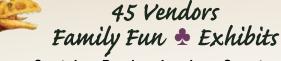
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A Case in Point

## The Case of the **Dog That** Wouldn't Die

By David Graulich, Esq.

This is a tale about a dog named Prince. The story begins tragically, takes an inspiring twist, and then turns surreal.

Marjorie Fredeen lived in Portland, Oregon. In December 1969, Fredeen noticed that her German Shepherd dog, Prince, was limping. Prince had been shot in the right hind leg under unknown circumstances – possibly while chasing sheep. Fredeen took Prince to a Portland veterinarian, Dr. Richard L. Stride, where she learned that surgery would cost between \$150 to \$300 (up to about \$1,800 in today's dollars). Moreover, Dr. Stride wasn't sure if the dog would recover.

It was an awful situation. Prince was in extreme pain, and Fredeen could not afford surgery. With a broken heart, Fredeen consented to have Prince put to sleep, left a payment of \$10 towards that purpose, and went

But wait — the story brightens. Because it was the weekend, the euthanasia was scheduled for Monday morning. Over the weekend, two young kennels helpers, Darold Berube and Gimmie Vance, fell in love with Prince. On Monday morning, they begged Dr. Stride to let them try to nurse to Prince back to health and find a home for him. Dr. Stride agreed.

During the next two weeks, Prince made an amazing recovery from his injury, without surgery. Maybelle MacDonald of Portland, an acquaintance of Gimmie Vance's mother, learned that the dog was available and offered to adopt him. MacDonald took Prince to her son's home in the small rural town of Scappoose, Oregon. MacDonald paid nothing to Dr. Stride, other

than the charge for a rabies shot. All that MacDonald knew about Prince was that he had been injured and was available for adoption – she wasn't told about Prince's previous owner.

About six months later, MacDonald received a visit in Portland from her son and family, including Prince. They were all walking in their neighborhood when they were seen by someone who, coincidentally, lived in the same Portland neighborhood: Marjorie Fredeen.

MacDonald was now confronted by an agitated stranger who insisted that the MacDonald family dog wasn't really the MacDonald family dog, but her dog, the same German Shepherd who was supposed to have died six months ago.

Fredeen called Dr. Stride, who admitted that Prince was alive. Fredeen sued Dr. Stride and MacDonald for mental anguish. "genuine emotional damage caused by aggravated conduct on the part of the defendant."

The case went before the Supreme Court of Oregon in 1974. The justices dismissed the charges against MacDonald: "Her motivation under the circumstances was entirely benevolent." The remaining question was whether Dr. Stride was liable for inflicting mental anguish on Fredeen.

Fredeen testified that she had nightmares because she thought the dog had been put to sleep. She said that even after learning that Prince was alive, her torment continued: "I knew that the dog knew my children and that they must be living nearby. And I knew if he found out exactly where they were living, the children would go over and try to get the dog to come to us and

that there would be all kinds of troubles. The dog would try to get away and get hurt."

Dr. Stride said that he merely did what he thought was best for Prince. As to which of the two women should own the dog, he said, "That's between the two of you."

What did the Court decide?

The Oregon Supreme Court ruled in favor of Marjorie Fredeen. "A veterinarian should not give a client's dog to a third person without the consent of the owner." The Court further said, "We conclude that there is evidence to support the jury's verdict of damages for mental anguish against defendant Stride."

Dr. Stride was ordered to pay Fredeen \$4,000 in damages. Alas, the court decision does not say what ultimately happened to Prince, and which household he lived with.

Do you think the Oregon Supreme Court got it right? Did Dr. Stride have an obligation to return Prince to Fredeen? Or did Fredeen forfeit her property right once she paid \$10 and agreed to have Prince euthanized? Send me an email with your opinion, and I'll devote a future column to your responses.

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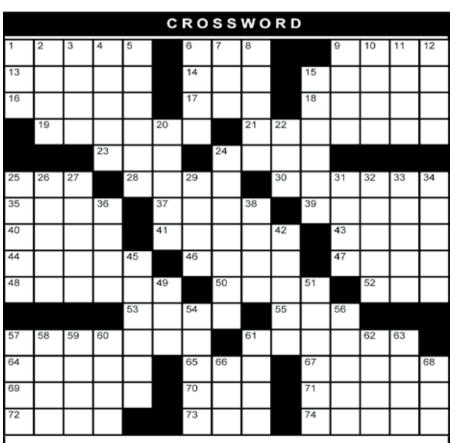
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- 14. Tap order 15. Less than right angle
- 16. On pins and needles
- 17. Bottom line 18. Isabel Allende's "Portrait
- 19. \*Say to winter
- and hello to spring
- 21. \*Celebrated saint
- 23. One of peeps 24. Cobbler's concern
- 25. Mudbath site
- 28. Cellist great 30. \*The Spring, led
- by Alexander Dubcek
- 35. Snaky swimmers
- 37. \*Daffodil or tulip, originally
- 39. Yuletides 40. Competitive advantage

- 44. REM picture 46. Fuzzy fruit

43. Profit

41. Skedaddle

- 47. Second-most traded
- currency in world 48. Kinda
- 50. One who speaks a Slavic language

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- 52. OB-GYN test
- 55. \*These sox train in spring 57. \*Precedes May flowers
- 61. Okinawa martial arts 64. Great reviews
- 65. Lawyer group
- 67. She turned to stone
- 69. Amber
- 70. "Family \_ 71. Ar. atomic number 18

- 72. Homework to a student
- 74. City on Rhone River
- 73. a.k.a. Tokyo

- **DOWN**
- 1. "Harper Valley 2. Sign of engagement
- 3. A fan of
- 4. Famous for his fables 5. \*Dance-around-the-pole
- holiday button from Staples 6.
- 7. 1918 pandemic, e.g.
- 8. Dancer's beat
- 9. Maple, to a botanist
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- 11. Relating to the ear
- 12. Reach a high 15. Rearward
- 20. Splotches
- 22. European peak 24. Lonely musician?
- 25. \*Garden's beginnings 26. Peter in Spain
- 27. Tattered Tom's creator
- 31. First rate
- 29. Exclamation of disgust
- 32. "Faster!" to a horse

- 33. U in UV 34. To impede
  - 36. The Vatican to Catholics,
    - e.g. 38. B in BCS
    - 42. Miss America's topper 45. Harass
    - 49. Either or against 51. \*Occurring now
    - 54. Utilization or employment
    - 56. Farm type
    - 57. 32-card game 58. Maui dance
    - 59. Lyric poem. pl.
    - 60. W in W=Fd
    - 61. Boxer's last blow 62. Not for here
    - 63. Jet black 66. \*Spring Growth
    - 68. European Nuclear Society

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#### Can I Motivate My Parents?

My parents are close to retirement and very heavily leveraged. Do you have any advice on how I can help motivate them to succeed financially?

- Jack

Dear Jack,

I appreciate your concern for your mom and dad, but I'm not sure you can motivate anyone to do something. Sometimes people don't have motivation because they've lost hope. In turn, it's that sense of hopelessness that keeps them from moving forward. I think in these situations the best you can do is to show them hope. And one of the best ways to do that is to share your own story. You can also examine the numbers with them to show that the light at the end of the tunnel isn't always an oncoming train.

I do this a lot with callers on my radio show. After we look at the pieces of the puzzle together, I might show them how they can pay off \$50,000 of debt in a year's time. Most of these people aren't bankrupt; they're just plain scared. So there's a lot of power in that little word "hope."

Sit down with your parents and let them know how much you love

# Dave Says

them and want them to enjoy their retirement. See if you can find out how much income they have versus the amount of debt they've piled up, then begin to formulate a step-by-step plan. Show them how they can begin to get traction and free up their money by living on a budget and getting out of debt. You can even offer to be their counselor or accountability

You want them to be safe and secure in their retirement, and they deserve some dignity after working hard all their lives. So, in my mind, hope is the best thing you can offer. Motivation is a different story. That has to come from within. You can't really motivate the unmotivated.

- Dave

#### No On Rent-To-Own!

Dear Dave,

What do you think about rentto-own housing? I'm not sure we're financially ready to buy yet, but we don't like giving money to landlords. Is rent-to-own a wise compromise?

- Mike

Dear Mike I wouldn't recommend getting mixed up in a rent-to-own situation. I don't think it's a wise compromise, and it's also the kind of deal that works out well for the landlord, not the buyer.

If you're not financially ready to purchase a house, then you need to get your life in order before you take on a major commitment like becoming a homeowner. Get your debts paid off, get an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place, and save up for a down payment of 20 percent. I know it'll take some time and it might be difficult, but that's what I'd recommend.

Buying a home when you're broke, or trying to trick the system with a rent-to-own deal, usually doesn't work. I spent a lot of time in the real estate business, and I still own several properties. I don't do these deals because statistically the majority of people who rent to own never end up owning the property.

Take my advice and go slow, Mike. When you buy a home, you want it to be a blessing, not a burden!

- Dave

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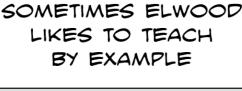
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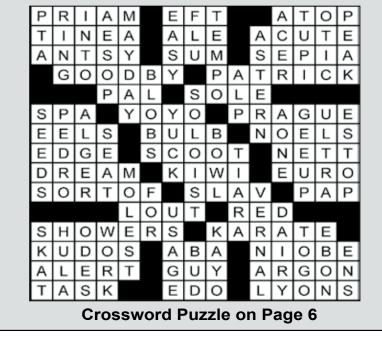
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In ancient Jerusalem there was a pool of water called Bethesda. The location served as an impromptu hospital ward, a collection point for the sick, blind, and paralyzed. These infirmed went to Bethesda to receive a hoped for healing – not from a physician – but from the therapeutic waters themselves.

Back then it was a common belief that an angel came from heaven at certain times and "stirred up the water" of Bethesda's pool, resulting in miraculous healing for anyone who could get in the water. They didn't take this stirring as natural warm springs, percolating mineral water, or air escaping the limestone aquifer. They believed it was a divine intervention.

In the New Testament gospels, Jesus makes a visit to Bethesda and finds a lame man lying alongside Bethesda's waters. Jesus doesn't drag him over to the pool and dunk him. He simply heals him. Then, he gives the now-made-well man excruciatingly practical instructions: "Pick up your mat and walk." This wasn't to get the man's bed out of the way. Jesus was saying, "Get it out of here so that you won't come back to it!'

This former invalid, the best we can tell from the gospels, had

## Walk On

been coming to Bethesda for the better part of four decades. That is a long time to waste lying alongside a bubbling brook. And now that he was empowered to live a better, healthier life, it would be easy for him to fall back into old habits. Jesus wanted this stretcher removed so that the man would not have the

temptation to return to it. This olden story of faith predates today's advances in neuroscience by centuries, but Jesus already knew what researches have confirmed in recent decades: When habits are formed, the brain actually changes. Routines - good or bad – cause neurons in the brain to alter their patterns. So in the process of breaking a habit, the brain must also be "rewired" to not only change a person's behavior, but to change the firing of synopses inside his head.

Recent studies also show, that if a person returns to their former habits, the brain returns to its former patterns as well. But every addict and Al-Anon participant already knows this. We will return to the things that hurt us, again and again, and again and again. Body and spirit will slide right back to where we once were.

If we want sustained change for our lives, if we want to be whole, redeemed, complete, reinvigorated people, then yes, we must admit our powerlessness to be well on our own, and at the end of ourselves collapse into grace. But as important as this first step is, here is another: If we are going to live out this transformation, there must be a grace-infused commitment, not to return to those ways, habits, persons, lifestyles, and behaviors that will only take us back to the unhealthy way of life we knew before.

The door to the past has to be slammed shut. Obstacles have to be put in the way to keep us from returning to old ways of thinking and old ways of acting. Spiritual reprogramming and rewiring has to take place. That is why Jesus told this man to get his mat and get out, because that was the only way he could remove himself from this deadend, superstitious pool-sitting that would only enslave him, not heal him.

If we are going to remain well, we can't go back. Life, redemption, wholeness, and healing: These are waiting for us only as we move forward. After the hard work of being brought back to life has been done, let us not lose our future by returning to the past.

So while we all will have to carry the burden of our yesterdays, our wasted days, and our years of regret - the mats and stretchers we used to rely upon God's grace and healing will lighten that burden. And that same grace will help us to walk on, never returning to who and what we once were.

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## Excuse Me, But I Just Gotta Be Me

By Rev. James L. Snyder, D. Litt

I refuse to answer for anybody else because it is a full-time job trying to answer for myself. I must confess though, I sometimes cannot give a good answer for myself. I can give an answer, but not a good one, and when it comes to answers, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage demands good ones.

How do you explain yourself to someone when you cannot even explain yourself to yourself? I do not pretend to be a man of mystery, but many things about Yours Truly I certainly do not understand.

For one, I am not an actor. I want to make that very plain to all and sundry. Within the confines of my presence, are absolutely no acting skills.

I have some friends who are always acting like a fool. I am assuming they are acting and give them the benefit of the doubt. Another friend of mine at certain times acts dumb. I have known him for a very long time and I can usually tell when he is acting. By the way, he is a very good actor. Many of my friends are excellent actors and if they ever were competing for some Oscar or Emmy award, they would come pretty close to

I am another story. It is very difficult for me in the area of acting. With me, what you see is what you get. I suppose when you boil it all down, I am just not smart enough to be a good actor. I am not even smart enough to be a bad actor.

Putting all of this in context, I must confess that my wife believes I am a great actor. I have tried to dissuade her from this opinion, but up to this point, I have not been successful. When she thinks of me she always says, "And the Emmy goes to..."

How she came to this point, I'm not quite sure. No matter what I do, she still holds to this personal opinion of me. I keep telling her that I am not that good of an actor, which she keeps smiling and nodding her head in my direction.

Some examples need to be given here to show my point.

Just the other night we were at a restaurant with some friends, having a good time, or so I thought. I must say when I'm on a roll, I'm on a roll. But all during my "roll," I kept feeling somebody under the table kicking me. I ignored it thinking perhaps our friends did not quite know what they were doing. Never once did I suspicion my companion with this action. I kept rolling on.

Finally, both of them excused themselves to take a break and when they were out of listening distance, my wife said to me, "Will you stop acting so foolish?"

I looked at her, not quite knowing what she was referring to, and said quite innocently, "But, my Precious, [it's a name I use when I'm in trouble but don't know why] I'm not acting."

She gave me one of "those looks" and said, "Stop acting foolish."

This is what I admire about my wife. She has the highest opinion of my abilities particularly in the area of the thespian arts. Our friends were coming to the table when I was about to tell her I was not acting foolish, it just came natural.

Another example comes to mind.

I remember she was trying to explain something to me one time. I do not know what it was now. It was something to do with something in the garage, a place I have not been for years, and I was not connecting the dots, as they say. She was going into a

long dissertation on what needed to be done and I was just standing there staring at her. I was trying to understand what she was saying, but nothing was clicking upstairs, if you know what I mean.

In the middle of her dissertation she stopped, looked at me intensely, placed both hands on her hips and said, "Don't act so

Smiling broadly I whispered, "My Precious, I'm not acting."

With a glare that could have intimidated good old Goliath, she quipped, "I'm coming to believe you're right. You are not acting. You're just naturally dumb."

Somebody once sang a song called, "I gotta be me" which has become my theme song. What you see is what you get, when you are dealing with me. I am not smart enough to act and I am too old to play. Therefore, it all boils down to this one thing, I am what I am, like it or lump it.

I do not like it when people pretend to be something they are not. I want people to be real with me. This is doubly true with my relationship with God. He is honest with me and I want to be absolutely honest with him.

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20 KJV).

Many people say they love God and yet it is all an act. It is easy to love somebody you cannot see but hard to love a brother right in front of you.

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## By Karen Anderson

Once again there is that voice, telling me what to do and what not to do. I want to say, "Mind your own business! Get out of my way and let me work on my goals and dreams." Does this happen to you? Do you have a little person inside you that stops you from achieving your heart's desire? I do, and she comes up at the worst times. This is your conscience talking to you. She needs to be there to help us

## The Little You

stay on the right course, but she can be a burden as well. When I really want to do something important in my life, she stands there with her hands on her hips saying NO. I have found a way to keep her quiet. This is when I need God's help and direction to find out if her stubbornness is for His direction and purpose for my daily life. Recently, I have realized that God uses my conscience to talk to me and help me stay on the straight and narrow. I also know that Satan can use it against you and trap you into bondage. Sometimes his suggestions seem perfectly acceptable, but they are wrong and he is leading you away from God.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

This is where you need to pray for discernment in every decision of your life, whether it is something like getting out of bed to spend time with God, or sleeping that extra 30 minutes. Remember that whatever time you share with God, He will give back to you. That means you don't have to worry about your busy day. Spend the time with God...it is worth it, and the 'little you' will also be working with you instead of against you.

PASSAGE: Ephesians 6:10-11

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## Public Invited to Join Army of Angels **Kick-off to National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

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For your shopping pleasure, there will be over 80 vendors of all kinds indoors and outdoors. A wealth of resources will be available to help promote awareness to parents and caregivers in protecting their children from harm in today's world, including fingerprinting, a sketch artist and DNA kits. There will also be face painting.

Over 140 volunteers including youth from the Kiwanis Key Club program for high school students, Granite Bay High School students, and the Boy Scouts will be easy to spot in their bright orange t-shirts, as they help with all phases of the event to earn their community service hours.

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At 1 p.m. a highlight of the day will be the dramatic unveiling of the nine-panel, Mobilizing America Quilt Project, which will be carried by the Caravan of Hope (see below) on Sunday morning. The nine 6X6 foot panel display will be mounted on separate walls and unveiled one by one by parents of children claimed by violent deaths. The quilt, featuring the faces of these children, including the young victims of Sandy Hook, reminds us that these victims have faces and deserve to be remembered forever. Enhanced by a virtual

version on line on Facebook. Later that evening more than recognizing those who work on the frontlines for kids.

Special guests receiving lifetime achievement awards are Roger Chiang, Marc Klaas, and via Skype, John Walsh, all who have experienced first hard the heart break of the loss of a loved one to a violent crime. Chiang's 28-year-old sister, Joyce, was kidnapped and murdered in 1999. He is now Executive in Charge at Walsh Production, LLC. Klaas founded KlassKids Foundation after his 12-yearold daughter, Polly Klass was murdered in Petaluma, CA in 1993. John Walsh, whose seven year old son, Adam was murdered in 1981, woke the nation up to the reality of child abduction with his long running show, "America's Most Wanted'. Local and state law enforcement will also be present, and local organizations working for the children will be recognized with special awards

Proceeds from a raffle and silent auction will benefit Klass Kids and WynSpring. KlassKids Foundation aids in the prevention of child abduction as well as exploitation and assist in finding missing children.

WynSpring Family Resource Center in Sacramento works with young victims of abuse who are in protective custody to help them overcome the trauma they have suffered and come out on the other side of their trauma able to cope and reach their full potential.

Do you ride a motorcycle? If so, you are invited to join the second annual Kross Kountry-4-Kids - A Journey-4 Justice ride on Easter morning. Breakfast and escort are open to the public. This is a two-week Caravan of Hope traveling from California's capitol city to our nations capitol and back. The caravan of over 150 riders, motorcycles, cars,

500 guests from all 50 states and trucks and RV's will set out from Rae Rock Concert, the Sheldon nine countries will gather for the the Center at 8 a.m. Easter morn-High School cheerleaders, and annual 'Heroes with Heart' gala ing. Some will ride and drive for a portion of the trek, others for the entire journey. Stops will be made in five states to pick up additional participants during this 14 day, 7,000 mile adventure, ending in Washington D.C. on April 7. There they will become part of an informal, peaceful demonstration on behalf of children around the world. This is just one of over 25,000 annual charitable motorcycle rides to support children's

> The public is also invited to the caravan's Welcome Back Bash at Folsom Harley-Davidson, 115 Woodmere Road, Folsom, California, upon their return on April 14 from noon to 2 p.m.

Other events open to from youth through college are the Alicia Project: "What Safe Looks Like" poster and essay contests. Project co-founder, Alicia Kozakiewicz was abducted by an Internet predator in 2001 at age 13, but was rescued by the FBI. She and her mother, Mary, created this program to help raise awareness of this problem, and help teach youth how to protect themselves by establishing boundaries on the Internet and in their lives. The deadline for the contests is March 26, 2013. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/aliciaproject. Winners will be announced at the Rally.

If an individual or organization would like to help with the donation of items to fill Easter baskets being created to go to these children after the event on Saturday night, contact Carol Spiker at 723-2314. Items needed include candy, small stuffed animals, card games and crayon, along with door prizes for the silent auction.

For information on any of the above contact Katherine Moore at 916-583-1322 or go to her website at ArmyofAngels.biz.

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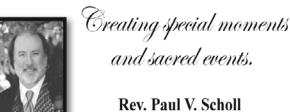
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## Kaiser Permanente to Offer **Eye Screenings for Free Cataract Surgeries**

SACRAMENTO REGION CA- (MPG) For the 18th consecutive year, Kaiser Permanente physicians and staff in Sacramento will offer screenings for area residents who may be eligible for free cataract surgeries that will be performed this spring.

The screenings will be on Saturday April 13 at the Kaiser Permanente Point West Medical Offices, 1650 Response Road, Sacramento.

The surgeries are part of Mission Cataract USA, an annual program in which participating doctors provide the sight-restoring procedure to hundreds of people across the nation who have no health insurance and can't afford the operation. Kaiser Permanente physicians and staff will perform as many as 20 free cataract surgeries on eligible individuals in early May.



Thomas Kedwell, MD, performs cataract surgery during Mission Cataract 2012 on a patient who regained her eyesight following the operation. Photo courtesy of Kaiser Permanente

Screening appointments can be made through April 5 or until the slots fill up, whichever comes

first. To sign up for the screening, or to request more information, call: (916) 973-7159.

## Big Trout; Big Fun

## Rancho Seco Recreational Area to Host Fishing Derby

SACRAMENTO REGION. CA (MPG) Pack up the tackle box, load up the rod and reel and head out to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD) annual trout derby at Rancho Seco Recreational Area on April 6 and 7. Fishing enthusiasts hooking the heaviest trout win cash prizes at this popular event. The fishing event has become a tradition for many and has attracted thousands of local anglers since starting in 1993.

Anglers can cast a line into the 160-acre lake from the shoreline or one of six fishing piers. Small boats with electric motors are also allowed (no gas motors). In addition to trout, the freshwater lake is home to bass, bluegill, red-ear sunfish, crappie and catfish. Just in time for the derby,

Rancho Seco Lake was recently stocked with 1,500 pounds of trout and 500 pounds of trophy

Gates open at 6 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., rain or shine. Derby tickets are \$5 per person plus a daily park fee available at the park gate both days. A valid California state fishing license is required for those 16 or older. Anglers hoping to win a cash prize must check in their fish before 5 p.m. on the day of the catch. Cash prizes will be awarded to those catching the heaviest fish in three separate categories – adult, youth and kids.

The 400-acre Rancho Seco Recreational Area offers more than just fishing. The full-service facility offers picnicking facilities, RV and tent camping sites, and beach and swimming areas.

Rancho Seco Recreational Area is 35 miles south of Sacramento, approximately 15 minutes east of Highway 99 on Twin Cities Road. The park is owned and operated by SMUD. Admission to the park is \$10 per car (\$8 for seniors).

For more information about the derby or camping, visit smud. org/ranchoseco or call (916)732-4913 or (209)748-2318.

Date: Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7

Time:6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (rain or shine)

Location: Rancho Seco Recreational Area14440 Twin Cities Road, Herald, CA 95638

Source: SMUD Newsroom



By Pastor Ray Dare

On March 31st, we will celebrate the focal point in history, the greatest event that ever happened – Easter. It split history in two: A.D. and B.C. Do you realize that every time you write down the date you're referring to the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

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

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

## The Power of Easter

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

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

The Bible says in Hebrews 4:15 that "God can be touched

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

I would like to personally invite you to be my guest this Easter Sunday at New Beginnings Church on March 31st. There are two Easter services to choose from: 9:30am and 11:00 am. I'll be sharing a message of hope at both services. New Beginnings is a place where people find hope and love, not critical or judgmental attitudes. For directions or more information visit our website at www.newchurchcomingsoon.org or call (916) 992-1997.

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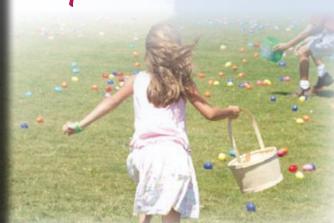
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## **CREATING CHEMISTRY**

Can you create chemistry with anyone? Leil Lowndes thinks you can. She is one of today's most sought-after speakers on communication techniques and is author of the international bestsellers "Goodbye to Shy," "How to Make Anyone Fall in Love with You," and "How to Talk with Anyone." So my curiosity got the best of me, and I had her on my radio show POPPOFF to talk about her seventy-five ways to spark it fast and make it last book "How to Create Chemistry with Anyone." I honestly thought this was a stretch, because there are some people that...well you know...no way in Hades you can have a relationship. It just doesn't come together. But Leil says never fear, she has plenty of ways to cope. I've got to admit, so many books promise ways to keep passion alive forever. I wondered if that's even possible? Leil gave some no-nonsense practical info in her book. She said that on the average, intense passion only lasts from eighteen months to two years because, no matter how exciting or beloved someone is, sex with the same person doesn't produce the same hormonal and dopamine rush. Additionally, pregnancy causes very different chemicals. Tragically, many couples feel when the passion diminishes, it means loving is diminishing too.

## POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

just the opposite because bonding chemicals—which mean long-term contentment—-are in conflict with testosterone. So I asked Leil to give me her top ten ways to encourage lasting chemistry for couples:

1) Keep doing dopamine-producing fun and active things together. You'll spend a lot more on divorce or marriage counseling than you will for babysitters and movie tickets now.

2) Touch a lot, especially the non-sexy kind. Accidental or intended, fleeting or abiding, touch stimulates the trust chemical and reinforces togetherness. 3) Encourage him to hold his

*newborn infant.* This stimulates vasopressin, another bonding chemical in males, which has the effect of making him more protective of his family.

4) Laugh a lot together. When your body is laughing, you're brain thinks you're happy and, of course, you're mate thinks you're the reason for the joy.

5) Support each other's goals and aspirations. Encourage your partner to talk about them.

6) Understand your partner's very different way of thinking due to brain structure. (Example: He is not neuroanatomically capable to easily talk about his feelings even if he'd like to. She can't stop making interconnections and assumptions about everything.

7) Men, become sensitive to her "micro-expressions." Women respect his silent times. It's easier when you realize the different ways your partner's brain is

8) Ladies, give him lots of quickies, even when you don't feel like it. He'll interpret it as loving him. If he gets turned down too often, he won't start the slow lovemaking you like for

9) Gentlemen, think "slow seduction," not "sex." Remember turnabout is fair foreplay. Make time to give her lots of slow-ies.

10) Words work wonders. Keep saying what your partner craves hearing. Gentlemen, tell her you love her—-once a day minimum. Women, find ways to let him know you actually need him (whether you actually do for certain things or not.)

I absolutely love how Leil describes the distinction between being in love and lasting love. For this, she quotes the English author, Louis de Bernieres.

"Love is a temporary madness. It erupts like a volcano and then subsides. And when it subsides, you have to make a decision. You have to work out whether your roots have become so entwined together that it is inconceivable that you should ever part. Because this is what love is: Love is not breathless, it is not excitement, it is not the promulgation of promises of eternal passion...That is just the being "in love" which any fool can do. Love itself is what is left over when "being in love" has burned away, and that is both an art and a fortunate accident." This should be mandatory reading before a marriage license is granted. But I realize few will read and most will ignore the wisdom behind this statement. After forty-two years of marriage, I can truthfully say that these are true words of wisdom. For more info on Leil Lowndes and her latest book "How To Create Chemistry with Anyone" go to www.peoplemagnit.com. And my hope is that love remains in your life always!

Join Mary Jane for the KAHI Noon News Monday-Friday and then again for POPOFF

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**Family Films** 



"The Croods" Opens March 28, rated PG thecroodsmovie.com

Set in the Croodacious era (don't bother looking it up), this is the computer-animated story of a caveman named Grug (Nicolas Cage) and his family who are forced to leave everything behind when an earthquake strikes their volcanic world. In search of a new home, Grug's reliance on old traditions doesn't help matters, especially in his relationship with his oldest daughter (Emma Stone), who falls for a charming nomad (Ryan Reynolds).

#### Homeage Trailer "Jack the Giant Slaver" Opens March 1, rated PG-13

jackthegiantslayer.com Parents should be mindful of the rating; this isn't a child-friendly retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk." For the tween-plus crowd, however, intense scenes of fantasy action violence should carry this tale an ancient war that is revived when a young farmhand inadvertently opens a portal between this world and a long-lost race of horrifying giants. Jack must clean up the giant mess he started.

"Oz: The Great and Powerful" Opens March 8, rated PG ozthegreatandpowerfulmovie.com

We're off to see the wizard in this fantasy adventure inspired by L. Frank Baum's 1900 novel, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," and set before the 1939 Judy Garland classic film -- so consider it a prequel to "The Wizard

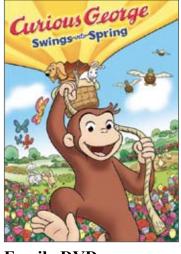
of Oz." James Franco is Oscar of being the Easter Bunny for some dog-gone reason. Grade: C Diggs, a corrupt, small-time circus magician who turns over a "Rise of the Guardians" new leaf after helping the Land

Films and DVDs

for the Whole Family

(March 12 on DVD and Bluof Oz sort out who's good or evil ray, rated PG): Not since "The among three witches (Mila Kunis, Avengers" has such an esteemed Rachel Weisz and Michelle team of superheroes been assem-Williams). Sam Raimi directs. bled to fight off evil. For this computer-animated visual treat, Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, Jack Frost, the Sandman and the Tooth Fairy join up against an evil spirit bent on overtaking the world by inspiring fear in the hearts of the world's children. Voice cast stars Chris Pine, Hugh Jackman, Jude Law and Alec Baldwin. Grade: A-

> "Tom and Jerry: Pint-Sized Pals" (March 5 on DVD, not rated): Fans of the longest-running cat and mouse game will revel in this two-disc collection of 30 shorts that yields 3 1/2 hours of cartoon fun. Personal favorite: "That's My Mommy," featuring a sweet baby duckling named Quacker who mistakes



#### **Family DVDs**

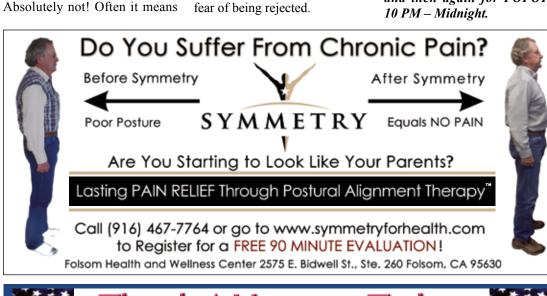
"Curious George Swings into Spring" (March 12 on DVD, not rated): Spring is in the air, but George's excitement isn't shared by Hundley the dachshund. Making matters worse, Hundley gets lost, and it's George, the Man with the Yellow Hat and others to the rescue. Bad dog! ... but a good hour-long, full-length feature. Grade: A-

"An Easter Bunny Puppy" (March 5 on DVD, not rated): The third in a series of canineloving, low-budget, live-action holiday movies stars Kristine DeBell (yes, the same from the 1979 classic "Cheerleaders Wild Weekend") and an adorable pooch named Russ who dreams



Tom for his mother. Still holds up after 58 years. Grade: A

"Wreck-It Ralph" (March 5 on DVD and Blu-ray, rated PG): The Oscar-winning animated feature stars "Ralph," a video game character (John C. Reilly). Ralph is tired of being the bad guy in his classic '80s arcade game, and when he doesn't return to his game as scheduled and starts visiting the worlds of other games, including a modern, first-person shooter game, he turns the entire structure of his arcade upside down. Also heard are Jane Lynch, Sarah Silverman and Jack McBrayer. Grade: A







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In addition to an outstanding track record of coaching success, Gary is also a Master Trainer for new and existing business coaches all over the world. His training methodology provides an effective formula for an individual to realize high levels of success as a business coach. BusinessCoach.com trains people on how to get started as business coaches and equips them with the right tools to become very skilled in the field of business coaching. When certified by BusinessCoach. com, you will be confident in your abilities and well prepared to attract and coach business leaders.



As a thought leader in the coaching industry, Gary considered an expert in developing professional criteria for business coaching certification, having served on numerous expert panels for global coaching organizations. professional background encompasses diverse and real world experience in corporate business settings along with experience as a business owner and leader.

As co-founder of The Make a Difference Project, a nonprofit organization committed to ending domestic violence, Gary has dedicated his life to assisting others. With a life goal to donate 90% of his earnings to charity, he also volunteers his time to many charitable and spiritual

Jenene and is a proud father of five daughters. He considers his family his most successful achievement

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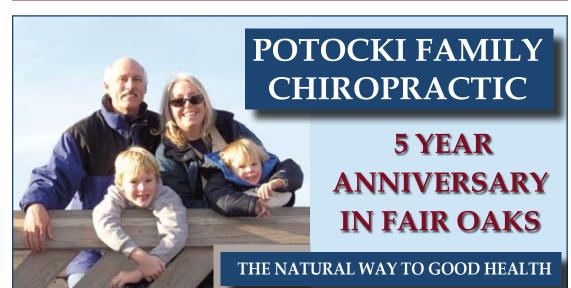
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## **History Comes Alive For Students**



Back row: Parent Zain Abadin; "Dr. Bob" LaPerriere, Chair, Sacramento Area History Consortium; Craig Irish, Sac.County Office of Education - Event Co-Chair; Greg Geeting, Sac. County Board of Education, Area 1 Trustee Front row: Participants: George Bitter, Natomas Charter School; Talha Abadin, Russell Ranch Middle School; Zainab Abadin, Folsom Middle School; Ishmael Abadin, Vista del Lago H.S. Photo credit Elise Spleiss

Continued from Page 1 sports, science, music, fashion, visual entertainment, transportation, politics, women's rights, and much more. Historical papers and

websites were judges separately.

One participant, Starr Anderson, an 8thth grader at Mills Middle School in Rancho Cordova had no idea this competition would be responsible for a major turning point in her own life. Starr came upon the topic for her exhibit, "Rosie the Riveter and The Women's Right's Movement" through a chance set of events.

Starr shares that last fall she and her mother and three brothers found themselves homeless for several months. Her mother, Nichole, was involved in an 8-week program, Women's Empowerment. which helps homeless women with training, mentoring, and support to maintain employment. There happened to be a "We Can Do It" Rosie the Riveter poster in the restroom. She asked her mother who that was. Her mother briefly explained Rosie's significance in our history. Starr did some research on her own and as her exhibit shows, learned Rosie was the image of a woman used by the war effort to recruit thousands of women needed to serve their country when WWII took their husbands, brothers, and fathers away to fight oversees. These women were left behind to perform the jobs of men, building the war ships and performing

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hundreds of other jobs throughout the country to keep the war effort going and help win the war.

Starr was inspired by Rosie's story, so when she entered the History Day program and had to pick a topic, she didn't have to look far. Since the goal of the Women's Empowerment program is to change women's lives by getting them back into the workforce, and knowing she already identified with the Rosie's who had to be strong like she and her family had been forced to be, Starr knew she had her project.

She chose to be Rosie the Riveter for Halloween, and even had a friend Photoshop her face onto a copy of the famous War Department poster to become the iconic Rosie herself. She has truly 'lived' her project. When her mother graduated from her own program, Starr presented her with a pair of Rosie the Riveter socks!

Starr says, "The Women's Rights Movement, and Rosie the Riveter in particular, are two of the most significant turning points in the history of the United States of America." This is just one story of the hundreds of participants in this valuable program.

Finally, at the end of the busy day participants, family and friends eagerly gathered in the Atrium to await the results of all their hard work. Almost 100 volunteer judges from the community. and from historical and educational

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organizations had brought their collective education, experience, and expertise in their field to the task of judging.

Fifty-four entries received weighty medals, with the winners becoming eligible to participate in the National History Day-California competition on April 26-28 at the Red Lion/Woodlake Hotel in Sacramento. Just as they were leaving some were called back and pleasantly surprised to be told they had received one of the ten special awards sponsored by community historical and cultural groups.

Greg Geeting, Sacramento County Board of Education, Area 1 Trustee, observing the activity from the sidelines, summed up its' significance well: "The students who participate in History Day are insightful, impressive, and inspiring. They give us insights with their thorough, detailed research and analysis. They impress us with their skillful, articulate presentations. They inspire us with their dedication and enthusiasm. They give us confidence that the future will be in capable hands."

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) and the Center for Sacramento History hosted this event.

To view full results from the event go to www.scoe.net or www. sachistoryday.org. For more information on this event contact Cathy Sapunor, SCOE Special Events Coordinator (916) 807-4727.

## Supervisor MacGlashan Announces Significant Infrastructure Investments in Orangevale

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) -Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan announced today plans for significant County investments in the major business corridors of Madison Avenue and Greenback Lane in the community of Orangevale. One of the projects, which will completely relandscape dilapidated medians on Madison Avenue, will be completed in a joint project with the City of Folsom.

"It is exciting to see the County investing significant funds in the commercial areas of Orangevale" MacGlashan said of the upcoming plans. "The County will be directing over \$200,000 to improve long-standing eyesores and deficiencies in the community."

The County and the City of Folsom will jointly fund a Citymanaged project that will install new landscapting - including trees, shrubs, groundcover, and new irrigation – on the existing



Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan.

asphalt medians on Madison Avenue/Greenback Lane between Main Avenue in Orangevale and American River Canyon Drive in Folsom. The project, which was initiated by the City of Folsom and supported by the Orangevale Community Planning Advisory Council, will both enhance an existing business corridor and provide welcoming entries into both Orangevale and Folsom.

Additionally, the County will be investing in significant sidewalk continuity improvements to address existing deficiencies along Greenback Lane that have been identified by Greenback Lane OrangeVale Envisions (GLOVE). GLOVE is a community-based group of Orangevale business owners and residents focused on approaching the County with meaningful and attainable goals for improving the business district of their community.

"Through this project, the County is demonstrating a serious financial commitment to the goals GLOVE has set forth in its recently-completed Vision document" said Supervisor MacGlashan. "I am proud to continue bringing meaningful County investments to the community of Orangevale that enhance the community's quality of life."

The County funding for these projects is interest earnings from the County's Tobacco Litigation Settlement funds. Construction is scheduled to begin in April and October, respectively.

## **Cooley Supports Bill to Reduce Delays in Business Filings**

SACRAMENTO REGION, state's economic recovery by CA (MPG) – Assemblymember Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) today announced support for Assembly Bill 113, a bill that would immediately reduce the delays California businesses encounter when filing documents and articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State's office.

Currently, the Secretary of State's office is faced with a 45-85 day backlog on processing important business documents and articles of incorporation.

"California is home to some of the most innovative companies in the world," said Assemblymember Ken Cooley. "AB 113 will foster that groundbreaking spirit and bolster our streamlining the process to turn an idea into a business."

Once passed, funding will give

the Secretary of State's office the resources to process documents within five days. "Government should help entrepreneurs release their cre-

ativity and succeed rather

than be an obstacle," said

Assemblymember Cooley. Assembly Bill (AB) 113 passed the Assembly today and

is now headed for the Senate. AB 113 provides a \$2 million appropriation increase in the Secretary of State's budget immediately to expedite the pro-

cessing of 122,000 backlogged

business filing documents.



Assemblymember Ken Cooley.

The increase in spending does not come from the state's general fund. The funds are allocated from fees collected with the business filings.

Source: Office of Ken Cooley

## River Cats Season Opener April 4th

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)- The complete River Cats promotional schedule for the 2013 season was unveiled recently, with twice as many fireworks shows, a ninepart bobblehead giveaway, and a pair of new recurring promotions—Throwback Mondays presented by Cache Creek and Free Parking Wednesedays presented by Jiffy Lube—featured as highlights to what was already one of the best promo schedules in all of baseball.

For the first time, Raley Field will be the backdrop for postgame fireworks after every Friday home game in addition to the return of the popular Sutter Health Fireworks Saturdays. With a fireworks extravaganza planned for the Independence Day Celebration on July 3 as well, there will be 22 fireworks shows after River Cats games this season.

Recurring promotions—a promotion for every day of the week, all season long—will return this season with a pair of unique additions. Throwback Mondays

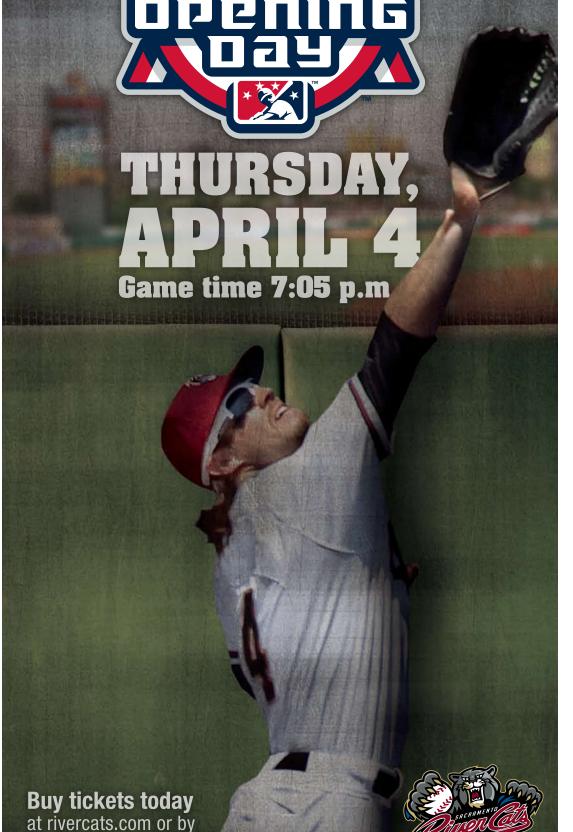
presented by Cache Creek will feature the River Cats donning Sacramento Solons jerseys and hats, as well as "throwback" prices on popcorn and peanuts, available for just 50 cents each. Also, Free Parking Wednesdays presented by Jiffy Lube will debut this season, with free parking at Wednesday home games throughout the season (excludes July 3).

The River Cats also will celebrate a pair of ballpark milestones this season: the 1,000th game at Raley Field will be commemorated with "A Grand Celebration" on Saturday, June 22, and the 10-millionth fan at Raley Field will be honored with

a once-in-a-lifetime prize package, expected sometime early in the season.

Other popular theme nights that will return to Raley Field in 2013 include Military Appreciation Night presented by US Army (May 18), Star Wars Night (June 15), Hot Rods and Cool Cats Block Party (June 23). Fin Fest Block Party (July 13), and Bark in the Ballpark (July 24), where fans can bring their furry friends to Raley Field.

The complete 2013 promotional schedule can be found online at the River Cats brand new website, rivercats.com.



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