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WE CARE NEWS!!!

An Informative Newsletter regarding the Homeless, Stranded and Down & Out in America



TRUMP ADMINISTRATION GOES AFTER CALIFORNIA ON POLLUTION TIED TO HOMELESSNESS



Trump said the EPA would tell San Francisco the city is violating environmental laws by failing to address pollution flowing into the ocean from homeless encampments.

"It's a terrible situation — that's in Los Angeles and in San Francisco," he told reporters on Air Force One. "And we're going to be giving San Francisco, they're in total violation, we're going to be giving them a notice very soon."

"EPA is going to be putting out a notice," he said. "They're in serious violation."

He added, "They have to clean it up. We can't have our cities going to hell."

In response to a question about whether the administration was singling out the state for political reasons, a senior EPA official said "the letter speaks for itself" in laying out the agency's environmental concerns.

Wheeler also told reporters at an unrelated event Thursday morning that he has been looking into the issue of drinking water in California since he was asked about it in a congressional hearing in March and that he has discussed the issue of state oversight of water programs with the White House.

"It is our largest state and they do have very significant environmental problems as a result of being our largest state and they also are capable and well-funded and the ex-

pectation is that they should be able to carry out those laws," the official told reporters.

In 2011, the Obama administration issued a similar letter to the state of Wisconsin raising concerns about the state's oversight of discharged water that could violate federal clean water rules. An EPA senior official told reporters many water systems around the country have problems with storm-water discharge but that most states will work with EPA to resolve any violations.

Wheeler asked state officials to respond in 30 days outlining how they will address the concerns described in the letter.

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THE CITY WITH MOST HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA IS NOT WHERE YOU THINK

The city with the highest rate of homelessness is not in California, even if, overall, the state's large cities rank high among those with the most problems.

The White House has just issued a The State of Homelessness in America report. It puts the homeless into

two categories. Those who have found shelters represent about two-thirds of the population, and the other third are found "unsheltered" on the streets. That is about 200,000 people in the U.S on any given night.

When the unsheltered and

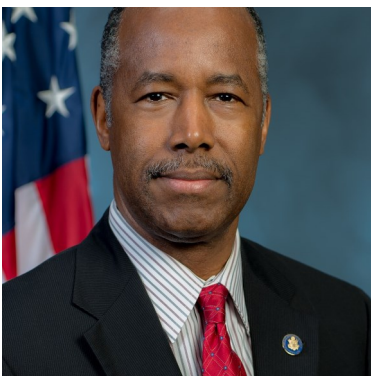
sheltered populations are combined, Washington, D.C. has 103.3 homeless per 10,000 people, which makes it the city with the highest homelessness level in America. Boston follows at 101.8, New York at 101.5,

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The Glory House exists to carry the love of Christ to our community and world by loving God and loving people. Our mission is to share the gospel and Christ's love with all nations. Our heart is to see people come to know Jesus.

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**"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try."
— John F. Kennedy**



SPOT LIGHT— THE GLORY HOUSE

The beginning

The Glory House came into existence when Grant & Hope Staples moved home to Laurel, MS and began praying about how God could use a house so strategically placed to serve a community. After lots of prayer and many circumstances shifting into place, their prayers were answered with the purchase of this home. Formerly, the old "Laurel Inn," the house was vacant for seven years, and they are the seventh family

to own the house since its construction in 1907.

The mission

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

The Glory House offers various services and ministry facets for anyone who desires to serve others as well as those in need of love and caring. The Glory House will simply bring the goodness of God to those in its reach. ESL classes, com-

munity meals, community service projects, classes for better living and blessing others will be the priority. There's so much to be done and plenty of opportunities to give, serve and support

Service Opportunities

- Community Meal & Worship**
- Food Pantry**
- Vacation Bible School**
- Work Day**
- FCA Sports Camp**
- Back to School Bash**
- Meal Delivery**

Ben Carson outlines plans to deal with California's homeless crisis

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson discussed California's homeless crisis on Monday on "The Story with Martha MacCallum," saying President Trump is highly interested in the topic.

"The president is extremely concerned about this because of the epidemic that could occur and so we're We have to actually get the people out of there. Put them in a clean

place," Carson said.

"Then the second step is, you know, we have to find a more permanent solution for them. There are some public buildings in the area that can be repurposed for housing. But in the process of doing that, we're also looking at wraparound services so that we can get these people out of dependency."

Carson said "compassion" is

"But as a compassionate society, it is something that we have to do. Something about we can't just talk about it. Should it be the responsibility of the federal government? No," Carson said.

"These are local problems and the things that work best are when the local authorities take appropriate attention to these problems and then the federal government can help them. The state government can help them."

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San Francisco at 94.3 and Santa Rosa in California at 59.8. Each of these cities has figures that are over six times the national rate.

Indeed, almost half (47%) of unsheltered people are found in California. The report points out "Among the five cities with the high-

est rates of unsheltered homelessness, four are in California (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Rosa, and San Jose), and the other is Seattle."

There are several political and expert opinions about how to solve the problem. Much of the debate is over affordable housing. However the debate concludes (and it may never be), in cities

led by Washington, people live without homes night after night

Article by 24/7 Wall st.



THE MILLIPEDE EFFECT

Several years in the making, "The Millipede Effect" has been released by Authorhouse Publishing this past January. The book lays out BBV2M LLC founder and President Rodney Brooks quest to understand the homeless, stranded and down & out. From movies to our own perceptions, it all shapes how we approach this situation. Brooks looks at Government, Civic Organizations and religion (the Church) as all play a major part in finding ways to help the plight of the homeless. These different groups

display on a daily basis their commitment to service, financial giving and voluntary work. Like the millipede with its many body parts/ compartments (government, civic, religion) and its many legs (the people driving these various groups); there are many misconceptions about those that are homeless. The book looks at those various challenges as well hear from several of those that are homeless, stranded and down & out. Brooks introduces us to his spirit filled purpose and calling in helping the homeless, stranded and down & out

as well he walks us through what the various religions say about each individual of faith and their role in being a part of the solution. The book can be ordered through [Authorhouse Publishing](http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-001092211/The--Millipede-Effect.aspx) at <http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-001092211/The--Millipede-Effect.aspx> or [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/) at <https://www.amazon.com/>

Word on The Street — Homeless Veterans Living With PTSD

It's hard to imagine someone who served our country in the military living on the streets. Unfortunately, for many veterans, homelessness is a sad reality. Although there's no official count, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs estimates that nearly 40,000 veterans are homeless.

One of the biggest contributing factors to homeless-

ness among the veteran population is post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD.

Post traumatic stress disorder is an anxiety disorder that develops following frightening, stressful, or distressing life events. Characterized by intense fear, helplessness, and stress, PTSD affects normal life and functioning of the pa-

tient. Treatments include medications and psychotherapy, either alone or in combination

By Amy Morin, LCSW



71-YEAR-OLD VETERAN WALKS ACROSS AMERICA TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR VETERANS' NEEDS

A 71-year-old veteran is back home in Massachusetts after a long walk across America to raise awareness for homeless and mentally ill veterans.

William Shuttleworth, 71, has finished his 3,300-walk across America to raise awareness for veterans. (Source: WFXT/Cox/CNN)

William Shuttleworth began his journey to San Diego

from his home in Newburyport.

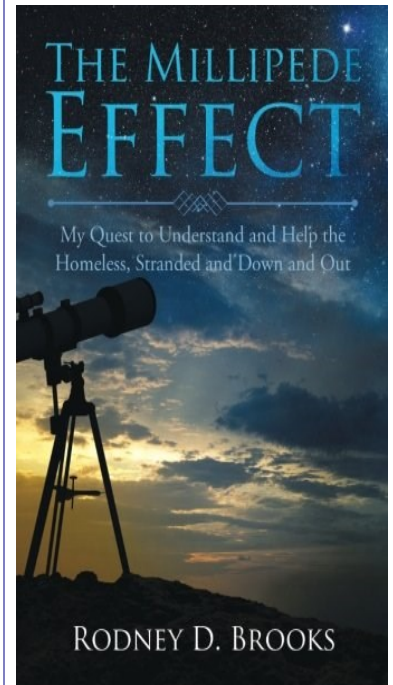
He went through five pairs of shoes as he walked across 14 states in nearly 110 days.

"Two of them had complete holes in them by the time I got my new ones," Shuttleworth said.

After he began his trip in May, he said he got an up-close look at a side of

America few ever experience.

"You think the world and country's coming apart and it's a dangerous world," he said. "But you put five pairs of shoes on and walk across the country, you see some of the most gracious, kind, loving, hard-working Americans that want the same slice of the American pie that you and I had."



HOMELESS
Give them a hand
not the boot



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*A Heritage of Excellence
in Helping Others!!!*



WE ARE.....

At BBV2M LLC our vision is to help all people excel in all aspects of life. The challenges facing the homeless, stranded and down & out is such a daunting task. There are great organizations in both the public and private sector with many wonderful people who are on the frontline in ensuring that these individual are taken care of and have a voice. Our goal is to due our part by assistance , education and support. Although our organization was founded in 2015 our heritage stretches back over seven decades of assisting and helping others. The patri-archs of the family instilled the values and beliefs of helping others through the biblical teaching of God's word. Our goal is to be the bridge that helps those in need that are homeless, stranded and down & out get to the proper resources to assist them in their endeavors. This has been spiritually rewarding for us as we truly look to fulfill our purpose of helping others.

You Can Help.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

James says it best "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed or lacks daily food, and one of you say to them , "Go in peace, keep warm and eat well," but does not give them what the body needs, what good is it? (James 2:15-16) Those of us who have been given the ability to practice our faith through our works should do so. The opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need are tremendous. If you are already doing so then I salute you and ask as well as pray that you continue to do so. If you are not or have wondered how then let me give you a couple of suggestions. Your preference in helping is based how you feel in your heart assist.

There are many national and local charitable agencies that work with the homeless. Each of these organizations have a platform and plan on who and how they help those that are homeless. Most organization do take financial donations but they also look for volunteers and advocates. Your local Church or other places of worship also has various types of ministries that are deigned to help the poor and down trodden. Your local or national Wounded Warrior chapter that is designed to help our veterans who are homeless. Whatever your preference in helping; it all starts with you. Let's each do our part in 2018 and be exceptional stewards of Love!



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