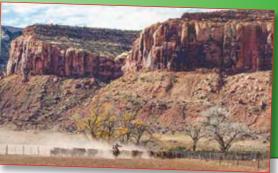


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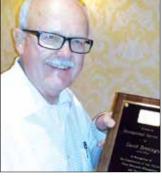
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Emergency Homeless Shelter in North Auburn Considered



ABOVE: New homeless is a growing possibility. AT RIGHT: The Placer County Board of Supervisors held a special meeting Thursday, Jan. 22 regarding a temporary emergency homeless shelter. Photo courtesy Placer County/Mike Fitch.

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The Placer County Board of Supervisors voted during a special meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, to further the conversation about allowing a temporary emergency homeless shelter to be opened on county-owned property in North Auburn.

Board members did not make a final decision to allow a nonprofit group known as Right Hand Auburn Inc. to open a shelter, but voted unanimously to consider a temporary conditional use permit at their Feb. 3 meeting that would remove a major obstacle to the group's shelter proposal.

"This is, I believe, a watershed moment for us," said Supervisor Jack Duran before the vote

Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery said she strongly supports Right Hand Auburn's proposal, noting that she and Supervisor Duran met with about 10 homeless residents in December who said they would use the proposed temporary shelter. "It became very clear to me that what we have done to date isn't working," she said. "I think we can all agree on that."

Right Hand Auburn has proposed opening an emergency shelter in a building that until last year housed minimum-security jail inmates. The building is located at the Placer County Government Center, a county-owned complex commonly known as the DeWitt Center.

If approved, the group would contract with Volunteers of America to operate the shelter and would be responsible for operating and facility-improvement costs.

In addition to considering this temporary

shelter, the county has an ongoing homeless needs assessment study currently in development by Marbut Consulting to offer suggestions on a long-term, county-wide solution to the homeless issue. The needs assessment and an action plan are scheduled to be ready for board review in March.

To move forward with the

temporary shelter, a conditional use permit is needed because a homeless shelter is not a permitted use under the site's heavy commercial zoning. A temporary permit, if approved by the board, would remain in effect for up to one year. Other structural changes would also likely be needed to bring the facility into compliance with building code regulations.

A conditional use permit requires the board to provide at least ten days' notice to the public, prior to the hearing, so the

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- Health and Human Services Assistant



public has a chance to testify before the board makes a decision. The issue will be heard at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Drive in Auburn.

Supervisor Robert M. Weygandt said he is willing to take another look at the group's proposal at the Feb. 3 meeting. "Perhaps working together, we can do something a little different, a little more effective," he said.

Other supervisors expressed skepticism and concern about neighborhood impacts, as well as the importance that any solution lead to better lives for the homeless. Several speakers addressed the board during public testimony, urging board members to allow the temporary homeless shelter at the DeWitt Center. Others expressed concern about the impacts to the neighborhoods, the barracks proximity to schools and whether registered sex offenders would be permitted to stay at the shelter, if it is approved.

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Old Town Auburn's 'A Taste of Chocolate' Delightful and Delectable

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - It's that time of year when the focus turns to love and chocolate. Smooth, silky, sweet and sumptuous chocolate!

"A Taste of Chocolate" is hosted by the Old Town Business Association and American Association of University Women (AAUW), and happens from 12 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8 in Old Town Auburn.

Stroll Old Town and taste the special treats provided by various merchants and restaurants.

For the purchase of a \$20 ticket, you'll have a chance to get tastes of chocolate at any venue, and sample a variety of items.

Last year, participating merchants offered treats such as cherry cordials, chocolate covered Oreos, chocolate biscotti, warm bittersweet chocolate cake, fudge, chocolate mocha cheese cake, raspberry truffle brownies, chocolate fondue and chocolate croissants, just to name a few. There will be chocolate demonstrations by "Blabbermouth Chocolate", and hugs and smoochies provided free from The Sugar Plump Fairies!

Some restaurants will be pairing their entrees with special dessert wines for an additional charge.

Enjoy surprise entertainment and a chance to win one of the raffle gifts donated by the Auburn community.

All of this is, of course, in honor of Valentine's Day.

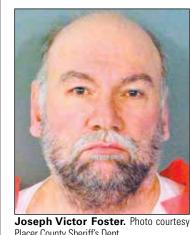
Singles, couples and groups are encouraged to attend. This event is appropriate for all ages.

All shops and restaurants will be open.

Check-In stations: Auburn Courthouse and Gold Rush Realty Tickets are available for purchase at the check-In stations the day of the event or online at www.oldtownauburnca.com. Tickets and "passports" can be picked up at the Gold Rush Realty check-In station "will call" on the day of the event. For more information contact Linda Robinson at (530) 888-1585 or email sunriver@inreach. com. ★



Arrest made in 1991 Cold Case Homicide in Weimar



PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Twenty-four years after a Weimar couple was found shot

Weimar couple was found shot to death in their home, Placer County sheriff's detectives have arrested the man believed responsible for killing them.

The suspect Joseph Victor

The suspect, Joseph Victor Foster, was arrested at Soledad State Prison Wednesday, Jan. 14, where he has been serving 50-years-to-life for kidnapping and raping a family member in Modesto in 2006. He was transported to the Placer County Jail

yesterday, where he was booked on two counts of murder.

Foster, 54, is suspected of killing Jacqueline Barton, 33, and Hugh Cleveland Gresham, 37, at their Ponderosa Way home on Jan. 7, 1991. The two were living together at the time. Dozens of people were interviewed, but leads eventually dried up and the case went cold.

Recently, while detectives from both the Placer County Sheriff's Office and the Placer County District Attorney's

Office worked together to solve years-old investigations, or "cold cases," they found forensic evidence that linked Foster to the crime. This information led to yesterday's arrest.

When Foster kidnapped and raped the family member in Modesto in 2006, he was on parole for a kidnapping, assault with intent to commit rape and false imprisonment case that occurred in Placer County on Feb. 14, 1994. He was sentenced to 22 years in

state prison, but was released in April, 2005, just short of 11 years into his sentence.

Foster is scheduled to be arraigned today at 1 p.m. at the Placer County Jail courthouse in Auburn.

Anyone who may have information on the 1991 killings is asked to call Detective Bryan Mattison or Detective Chris Joyce at (530) 889-7889.

Source: Placer County
Sheriff's Dept. ★

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Apothecary 321: Old Town's New Bath and Body Shop



Kelly Neff, owner of the new Apothecary 321 on Commercial St. in Old Town Auburn displays some of the products available at her shop. Photo by Jodi Cottrell

By Carol Guild Staff Writer

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - A new bath and body shop opened last month on Commercial St. in Old Town Auburn.

Apothecary 321 complements the flavor of Old Town, offering soaps, lotions and lip balms all made with food-grade ingredients. Even the soaps are made with natural oils and are detergent free. "If it's good enough to eat it, it's good enough to go on your skin," said Owner Kelley Neff

After success selling online and at events such as the Mandarin Festival, Neff was ready to take her business to the next level.

"It's always been my dream to have a little community based bath and body shop," she said. And Old Town Auburn seems to be a great fit. Even the name "seems to fit in with very nicely,"

Neff said. To contact Edi At Apothecary 321 "we don't do anything tor@mpg8.com.

medicinal or healing," she said. "But we do our own manufacturing and compounding. Neff and her daughter, Tessa Walker, make everything themselves. "I love making it all," Neff said. "Especially the lip balm."

Neff and Walker are planning to offer demonstrations and classes, possibly beginning this spring, in soap-making, herbal infusions and more. "You can infuse oils with herbs and use them as a base for salves and lotions," said Neff. "You can even use them for lip balms and soaps."

Apothecary 321 will celebrate its open house the weekend of February 6, and will be a stop along Old Town's A Taste of Chocolate event from noon to 3 p.m., Sunday February 8. Neff plans to offer heart-shaped, rose-infused dark chocolate with organic rose petals.

For more about Apothecary 321, visit the store at 321 Commercial St. in Old Town Auburn, or call (916) 865-7738.

To contact Editor Carol Guild email placeredi-



All soaps at Apothecary 321 are detergent-free. Photo by Jodi Cottrell

Emergency Homeless Shelter

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The intent of Thursday's special meeting was to allow for a public discussion of temporary shelter options for homeless individuals in Auburn and for the board to hear pros and cons of all possible options in order to make an informed decision.

For the meeting, county staff analyzed the proposal submitted by Right Hand Auburn as well as other options. In a report to the board, staff did not make a recommendation on whether a temporary shelter should be allowed at the DeWitt, since the intent was to allow the board and public to have an informed policy discussion. The staff report added that, if board members opt to support opening a shelter, the former barracks presents fewer immediate challenges than other available county buildings in the Auburn area.

County staff estimates that 30 to 40 homeless individuals in the Auburn area might stay in an emergency shelter at the DeWitt Center. The estimate is based on how many homeless residents took advantage of two shortterm options available last month: shelters opened during a major winter storm on Dec. 10-11 and a shelter opened by a local church during the holidays. A homeless count con-

ducted in 2013 identified approximately 600 homeless individuals in Placer County, including about 350 who were unsheltered. Placer County and partner agencies provide emergency, transitional and permanent housing that can accommodate about 450 people. The Gathering Inn, a nomadic communitybased program that partners with local churches, provides shelter to 65 to 70 homeless individuals on a typical night.

"The county remains

committed to continuing to partner with the community, as well as the cities, on efforts to reduce homelessness," said Health and Human Services Assistant Director Graham Knaus. "That's exactly why the county took the lead in funding a comprehensive six-month effort to identify gaps in housing and services and research-based recommendations for the county, cities, nonprofits, businesses, and others to participate in. The absolute key to long-term improvement is for all players to actively participate and provide resources – it's all of our responsibility."

The county and partner agencies have worked for many years to provide programs that house the homeless and offer support services they need to escape homelessness. These programs include transitional housing, rent subsidies, mental health treatment, and substance use disorder treatment.

Right Hand Auburn is proposing to operate the overnight shelter from approximately 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. If approved, the shelter would provide:

- Two pre-prepared meals each day
- •Separate sleeping, shower and restroom facilities for men and women
- Referrals for mental health, substance abuse, medical, legal, public assistance and job training services available through the county and other agencies.

If the board decides to grant the temporary conditional use permit and allows the proposed temporary shelter to proceed, board members will consider a series of conditions proposed by county staff for governing the shelter's operations.

Source: Placer County Board of Supervisors ★









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Auburn Ski Club's Ryan Stassel is FIS Snowboard **Slopestyle World Champion**

DONNER SUMMIT, CA (MPG) - Olympian Ryan Stassel (Anchorage, AK), a longtime athlete in the Auburn Ski Club (ASC) snowboard team, dominated the slopestyle snowboarding field to take home his first-ever FIS World Championship title in Kreischerg, Austria on January 21st.

In a three-run, best-of format, Stassel showed the world that he meant business on Kreischberg's six-feature course, earning the two highest scores of the day. Stassel was the only rider in the field to land three 1260s, including a frontside double cork 1260 off the first jump, which earned him one of the highest scores in World Championships history (97.50). "I'm speechless," said Stassel after the event. "I have been working on that run for a long time and it feels really good to finally pull it all together here at the World Championships." Stassel's performance was more than enough to beat out 2013 World Champion Roppe Tonterri of Finland, who took home the

"It was a great win for Ryan! After the Sochi Olympics and not riding as well as he would have liked to, it was good for him to win against some of the same athletes," said Stassel's ASC coach, Dylan Omlin. "It has been a long process and a lot of hard work for Ryan to get to this level. It's great to see it starting to pay off.'

The ASC Training Center, located on Donner Summit, offers opportunities in Snowboarding, Alpine, Nordic, and Biathlon winter sports. ASC programs and junior teams are aimed at athletic achievement and family participation. Since 1928, generations of Northern California skiers and snowboarders have begun their lifetime of winter sports with ASC. The Training Center cross-country ski trails are groomed and open Wednesday through Sunday during the winter. For more information and to get involved in winter sports with ASC, visit www.auburnskiclub.org, email info@assoc.auburnskiclub.org, or call (530) 426-3313.

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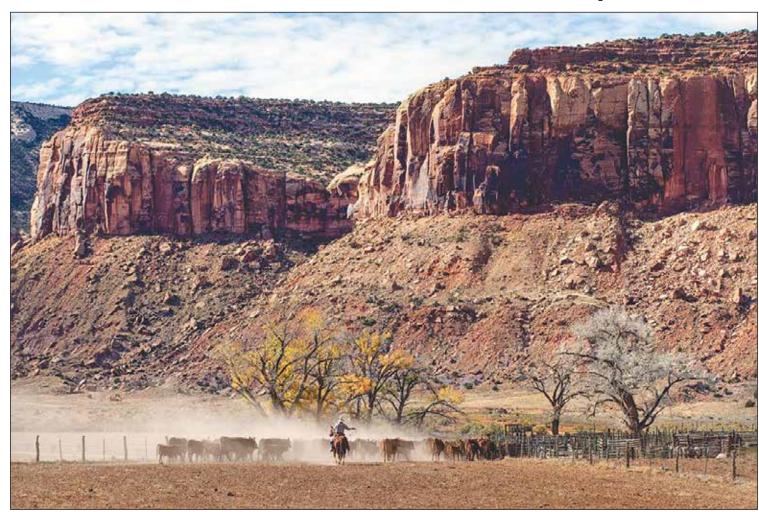
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Art Can Heal

Winter Show at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital



"Ranch in Canyon" by Howard Koons will be on display during Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital's Winter Show. Photo courtesy Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital.

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Splashes of color sooth and stimulate at the Art Can Heal Winter Show at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital now through mid-April.

Art on display includes:

World View - photographs by **Howard Koons is on display is the Art** Can Heal Gallery

"I'm enamored with photography. My passion is travel. The two make the perfect combination," states photographer Howard Koons, "I'm trained in biological sciences, taught it as well as photography in my previous life in Malaysia and California, retired as a building contractor and now full-time photographic traveler. Fortunately my wife, Marlene, shares this zest for the foreign."

Recent works by Kathy Ryan is on exhibit in the Chapel Gallery

"I often dabbled with the notion that after retirement I might take up painting seriously, and I have done that," states artist Kathy Ryan, "I paint nature, antique cars and figures. I want to keep changing and adding to subject matter and skills, to capture the life in the foothills before it disappears. Another goal is to add social commentary in some paintings, and to create a sense of capturing a moment. Why do art? In a nutshell, it makes life more interesting and enjoyable! It's fun and challenging to create a painting and have it turn out. It also gives a very good feeling to create something beautiful."

Art Can Heal acrylics by Ronnie Stelling brightens the Garden Gallery

Graduating from Bemidji State University MN, with a BA Cum Laude the artist realized

that she was a full time artist. Ronnie Stelling decided that she wanted to give back by having the goal in mind of creating healing paintings. Other goals for the paintings are light, color, rhythm, energy, fun, the colors of light, the truth of nature, and the layers of life. Stelling has been exhibiting paintings and sculptures in galleries and museums for the last 45 years.

To purchase art, or learn more about the Art Can Heal Program and exhibition possibilities, please call Curator Laurie Barrows at (530) 389-8504 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday,or email lauriebarrows@att.net.

To find out more about Sutter Auburn Faith Foundation, please visit the office at the hospital in Administration, or call (530) 888-4557.

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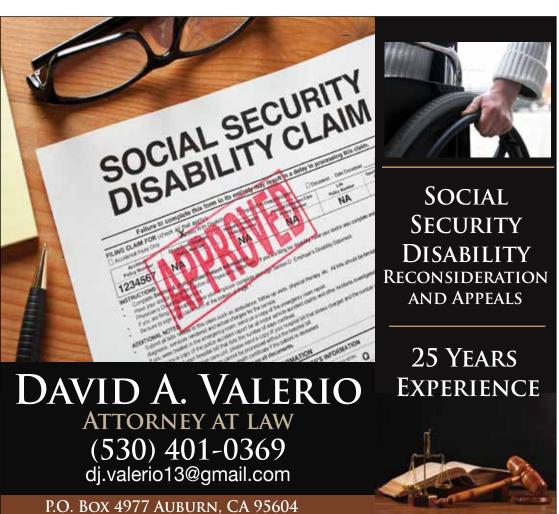
Rocklin Golf Club Wins Wedding Award

ROCKLIN, CA (MPG) - The Rocklin recognizes the top five per-Golf Club (RGC) has received one of the wedding industry's most prestigious honors, the WeddingWire Couples' Choice Award 2015 for wedding ceremonies and reception venues.

"My chef and I feel so proud to have had a part in winning this award," said Christina Harris, RGC event manager. "To have this award for a Rocklin business is just fantastic."

The annual awards program







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William Jessup University **Opens First School of Education**

Jessup University (WJU), the Sacramento area's only residential four-year Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredited private university, will launch a new School of Education during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the university on February 5th at

The School of Education delivers both graduate and undergraduate academic preparation to earn degrees and credentials. It prepares students to teach, lead organizations, and significantly contribute to the field of education. One of the goals of the school is to prepare undergraduate and graduate professionals to explore and develop character and ethical behavior to teach in schools throughout the world.

"The school purposely embeds the development of character into all of our programs and courses," said the school's Dean, Tim Gillespie. "We prepare graduates to be excellent educators who exhibit and teach character qualities that administrators and superintendents are looking for to represent their school districts and classrooms, and most importantly, to positively impact the lives of the students they serve."

WJU's School of Education has broad and sophisticated institutional capabilities that focus on

ROCKLIN, CA (MPG) - William evolving capacities and pursuing the needs within the educational and training communities. The university is committed to providing dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs; conducting and connecting educational research to learning; collaborating and facilitating professional development opportunities; and continually cultivating professional relationships and partners locally, regionally, nationally and

globally. The program is unique because credentialing candidates learn to apply research-based best practices and find early access to the classroom. Candidates in these programs demonstrate excellent first-time pass rates on state mandated testing. Undergraduate candidates can expect to complete their undergraduate degree and credential in four years. Graduate candidates can complete their credential in 12 months.

Other areas of emphasis for the School of Education include research and professional development. Research projects will look at topics such as school dropout prevention, literacy, character development, and leadership. Professional development opportunities for students include utilizing a cohort model; workshops, conferences, and expositions; and STEM related

Founded in 1939 by William Jessup, WJU moved to Rocklin, California in August 2004. WJU is the first and only WASC accredited private four-year Christian university to have its main campus located in the greater Sacramento area, offering degrees in many different disciplines, including Bible and Theology, Biology, Business Administration, Christian Leadership, Creative Arts, English, Family and Children's Ministry, History, Intercultural Studies, Kinesiology, Liberal Studies & Credentialing, Math, Music, Organizational Leadership, Pastoral Ministry, Psychology, Public Policy, and Youth Ministry. In addition, the university offers a Master of Arts in Teaching. WJU also has a School of Professional Studies at its campuses in Rocklin and San Jose. Program concentrations include Business Administration, Christian Leadership, Counseling, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Organizational Leadership, Public Administration, and a Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Credential Program. For more information, please visit www.jessup.edu or call (916) 577-2200.

Source: William Jessup University

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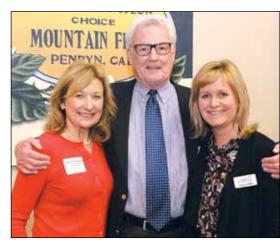


ReDirect Camino Nuevo's middle and high school Aztec dancers performed at PCF's donor event at the Blue Goose in Loomis. Photo courtesy Placer Community Foundation

LOOMIS, CA (MPG) - Placer Community Foundation (PCF) recently honored about 200 of its donors at the Blue Goose Fruit Shed in Loomis. Guests learned about the many ways their philanthropy impacted Placer County in 2014 and were the first to view a two-minute video showing the impact of PCF's Community Needs Fund on Placer County today.

Todd Jensen, a member of PCF's Board of Directors began the evening by announcing that in 2014, 74 charitable funds managed by the Community Foundation distributed \$660,000 in grants. He went on to honor retiring PCF Board members Justice Keith Sparks and Kelly Richardson, whose forward-thinking initiative helped to create Placer Community Foundation and grow it to over \$12 million in charitable funds, 22 percent of which are unrestricted.

Attendees then heard from PCF's Chairman of the Board Pam Constantino, who spoke of the decision she and her husband made to support PCF's unrestricted Community Needs Fund. "I know we made a difference in our community that we could not have made by ourselves," said Constantino. "We have confidence in the staff and Board at Placer Community Foundation to determine the community's greatest needs and to meet those needs." Attendees also heard from Jose Luis, a participant in ReDirect Camino Nuevo's programs to support at-risk youth in Placer County, who spoke emotionally about the impact ReDirect has made on his life. ReDirect was a 2014 Youth Development grantee, funded through PCF's Giving Circle. "I was being bullied, so I joined a gang because I thought that would help," said Luis. "I was getting in trouble at school and with my family until I joined ReDirect. It changed the way I look at the world. I want to go to college, major in psychology, and help other teens because being a teen can be the hardest part of life." Attendees were also treated to a dance performance by three middle and high school girls trom Lincoln. They took part in ReDirect's pro- funds, visit placercf.org, contact Veronica Blake at grams, and because of a grant from PCF are vblake@placercf.org, or call (530) 885-4920. *



Left to right: PCF's Chairman of the Board, Pam Constantino, retiring PCF Board member Justice Keith Sparks and Community Foundation CEO Veronica

connecting to their cultural heritage and empowering themselves through Aztec drum and dance.

Finally, donors enjoyed a delicious, locally prepared meal by Chef Laura Kenny, author of, 'Placer County Real Food" and "The Art of Real

The event was sponsored by SAFE Credit Union, Justice Keith and Mary Sparks, and Carpe

About Placer Community Foundation Placer Community Foundation (PCF) grows local giving to strengthen our community by connecting donors who care with causes that matter. Known for sound financial management and knowledge of the nonprofit sector, the Community Foundation continually monitors the region to better understand the nature of local needs, so that it can invest in areas such as arts and culture, education, health and human services, and the environment. The Community Foundation provides regular trainings and technical assistance for the many local nonprofits that are experiencing growing public demand for programs and services. To learn more about establishing charitable

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Sacramento-Based Franchise to Hire Nearly 180 Caregivers in 2015

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -As America's aging population continues to grow, the need for caregivers has become increasingly apparent. Home Instead Senior Care®, a global provider of home care services for seniors, has announced that its Rancho Cordova-based franchise anticipates hiring nearly 180 caregivers in 2015 across three franchises serving Sacramento, Placer, Nevada, and El Dorado

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, by 2050 the number of Americans aged 65 and older will be 88.5 million, more than doubling the 2010 population. More than 65 million people, 29 percent of the U.S. population, provide care for a chronically ill, disabled, or aged family member or friend during any given year, and they spend an average of 20 hours per week

providing care for their loved one. As the baby boomer generation ages, many more will be faced with this responsibility. Not surprisingly, the demand for caregiving services is outweighing the availability of professional caregivers.

"We're looking for compassionate and caring individuals who enjoy helping others," said Buck Shaw, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care offices serving Sacramento, Auburn, El Dorado Hills, and all surrounding areas. "These people improve the lives of families in our communities, which can be very satisfying. For recent graduates, job hunters, or employed individuals looking to make a change, a career working with seniors can be a very rewarding experience."

Shaw added that becoming a caregiver is a great option for individuals looking for a job with a flexible schedule and no medical skills or training required. Not only do caregivers maintain a healthy work-life balance, they also often develop a personal connection with their clients and become a part of the families they support.

While training is not a requirement to be hired, once through the door individuals go through a comprehensive training program where they learn the skills necessary to enhance the quality of life of seniors by providing support that allows them to remain in their homes.

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Dry January Heightens Drought Concern



General Manager David Breninger (left) receives the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Distinguished Service Award from NWRA President Dave Koland. Photo courtesy of PCWA

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) -Continuing dry weather is a concern to leaders of the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA).

An update on current precipitation and water storage was presented Thursday, Jan. 15 to the PCWA Board of Directors by Deputy Director of Technical Services Tony Firenzi, who is serving as the agency's drought project manager.

Firenzi said that PCWA and PG&E are operating mountain water systems "very conservatively" to store as much water as possible for the coming year. "The late December rains improved conditions over last year at this time," said Firenzi. "But the almost complete lack of snow in the mountains is a serious concern.

"Available water storage is in better shape this year than last year," Firenzi said. "PG&E's Yuba River Drum-Spaulding Project is storing more than 80,000 acre-feet of water, up from 40,000 a year ago and Folsom Reservoir has risen to over 400,000 acre-feet, up from 200,000 acre feet a year ago," he said.

"Customers are to continue to conserve and use water efficiently as drought conditions continue to prevail across the State," said David Breninger, general manager.

In other business, **PCWA directors:**

- Heard a presentation on the proposed 2200-acre Placer Ranch master planned community on the northern edge of Roseville. Project representative Jeff Jones said the project is planned to include a 300-acre site for a new combined Sacramento State and Sierra College campus along with a variety of residential, commercial and public land uses. Jones said planning is expected to continue for the next 18-24 months.
- Heard a presentation from John Costa, director of governmental and public affairs for the North State Building Association (BIA), who said new home construction in the region is continuing on an upward pace. Costa said water availability is key to future growth and applauded PCWA staff for participation and leadership in regional planning. "We appreciate your staff very much," he told the board. "PCWA is good to work with and always out in
- Heard an update on the energy market and summary of PCWA's 2014 power production from Power Scheduling Manager Ryan Cline.

Because of the drought, the agency's hydroelectric production was only half of average - 513,000 megawatt hours last year. However, he said using increased flexibility of operation the agency's revenue for the year was on target.

Congratulated General Manager David Breninger for receiving the National Water Resources Association Distinguished Service Award on January 14, in recognition of his contributions to our nation's water resources management and development.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5, at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn. The board will hold adjourned meetings on Jan. 22 and Jan. 27 as directors consider the hiring of a new general manager to replace David Breninger, who retires March 6 from a 23-year career with the water agency.

Information on PCWA board meetings may be obtained through the clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030. For drought updates and water conservation information, go online at www.pcwa.net. ★

Join SIRS at Feb. 5 Lunch Social

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) -Retired? Looking for a social outlet? Join Sons In Retirement (SIRS) Branch 37 during its next lunch social at 11 a.m., Thurs., Feb. 5 at the Auburn Elks Lodge, 195 Pine Street, Auburn.

Tony Firenzi, deputy director

County Water Agency (PCWA) will give an overview of what the agency is doing about the drought situation, and some insight on PCWA's future planning

The SIRS group has many

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FOL Program to Feature "Itty Bitty Treasures"

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The Friends The program is a free commu- Beverly Taft. They will tell of Auburn Library (FOL) NOON Program on Feb. 6 is "Itty Bitty Treasures." The program will be in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn starting at noon.

nity event.

Speakers will be Renate Winter, president of the Itty Bittys, a dollhouse and miniatures club in Carmichael, and members Darwin Spring and

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For more information, go to FOLAuburn.org.

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AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The Boys & Girls Club of Placer County donor celebration and annual meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5 at the

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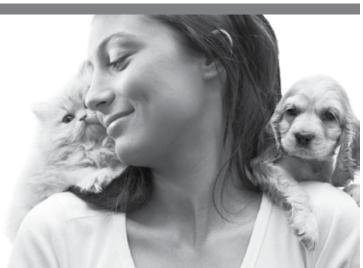
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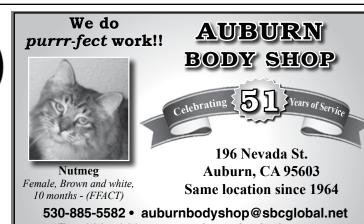
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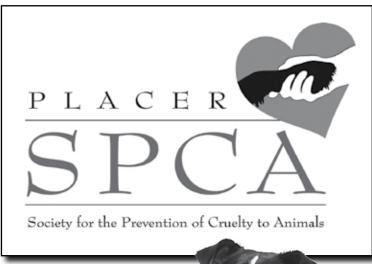
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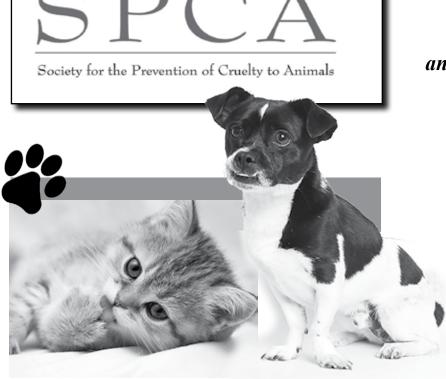
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By Ronnie McBrayer

Zen Buddhists use a descriptive phrase that we who are Christian should adopt as our own. The phrase is "Idiot's Compassion." It was first used by Chogyam Trungpa, a provocative and controversial Tibetan who helped bring Buddhism to the West in the 1970s. According to Trungpa, "Idiot's Compassion" is this intense desire to help someone who is in need, but this benevolent desire blinds the do-gooder from seeing reality.

The classic example of such behavior is the relationship between the addict and the enabler. Suppose an alcoholic friend comes to you in much suffering. Her body is racked by convulsions and tremors. She is financially used up. She is tormented by her disease. She begs you for a drink. You are persuaded to offer her a drink - just one drink - to alleviate her immediate pain. You do this, in your own mind, out of mercy. Yet, this act is far from merciful.

In providing the addict another drink, another high, or another hit, you have actually given her more of the poison that will ultimately take her life. This is not mercy. It is foolish cruelty. It is "Idiot's

No Fixing a Fool

Compassion." The Hebrew sages a person. had a word for one who could not be helped. They called such a person a "fool."

There was a time when a fool was merely an entertainer. Fools were common in the palaces of kings and queens, court jesters who made the monarchy laugh. It was not the most secure job, as the fool could easily be beheaded or disemboweled for a bad joke. Thus, a fool was someone who not only had the job of being laughed at, but over time became anyone idiotic enough to even take such a job.

As the word and its use have evolved over time, a fool is someone who simply "lacks good judgment." Maybe it is immaturity. Maybe it is ignorance. Maybe it is inexperience or a lack of education. It's a person not capable of making good choices. The book of Proverbs goes further. In that ancient book of Hebrew wisdom, a fool is described a hundred or so times. The word means "fat," "heavy," or "thick."

It is someone who is immovable, stuck, unyielding, and stubborn. It is the person who refuses to "get it," who refuses to learn, and refuses to accept correction or critique. This person cannot be taught - not by people and not by his or her circumstances. In the words of Hebrew scholar William Wilson, "The fool has a weak mind but confident expectations," so it's damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead, and nothing you say or do will make a bit of difference with such

If you don't believe me, go into business with a fool, marry a fool, move in with a fool, work for a fool, hire a fool, and you will discover it to be one of the most maddening experiences of your life. The better part of wisdom is to keep some distance, for a fool is as dangerous and toxic as poison, and will suck you into a never-ending death dance.

Now, I know this can be hard wisdom to accept, especially for those of us who are engineered to "help" others. We want to solve their problems, be a listening friend, or offer a little support while they are down on their luck. In most cases, this is gracious and appropriate intervention, but when it comes to the fool, there is no fixing them. You might as well try to rescue a drowning man who is still fighting the water. Both the savior and saved will drown in the

No, I'm not advocating a lack of compassion for those who need some help along life's way. I'm only calling attention to the fact that, in the words of the old Greek proverb, "Talking sense to a fool only makes you foolish." For once you are tangled up with one who refuses to learn or listen, he has a way of making you look and behave like an idiot as well.

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Whatever Happened to an Old-Fashioned Handshake?

Dr. James L. Snyder

I must confess I do have some old-fashioned biases. I would be the first to admit I'm not up to date on the latest fad or trend.

I come from that era that believed the well-dressed man is one that doesn't stand out from everybody else. I've tried to keep to that all these years. I certainly don't want to stand out and have people recognize me or point their finger at me and whispered to each other.

For years, I've been very careful about that. Now, it seems that because I try to dress like a welldressed man and not stand out I am in fact standing out. Nobody, except me and two other people, really care about being well-dressed.

This has never been an issue with me and it even now is not an issue. But reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the year before me, I have to take some calculations. According to my calculation, I no longer fit into that "well-dressed man" category, because the term "well-dressed man" does not mean what it used

I hate it when something outlasts its definition.

To be a well-dressed man today, according to the latest fads and trends I have noticed, I need to throw away my belt and let my trousers drop all the way down to

Let me go on record as saying, never in a million years will that happen.

Then there is the issue about a necktie. Am I the last person on planet earth wearing a necktie?

Very few people today know how to tie a necktie. Well, I do and I will until they put me in a casket and then I hope I'm still wearing a tie. So if you come to my funeral and look at me in the casket and I'm not wearing a tie, complain to someone for me.

The latest trends and fads have no interest to me whatsoever.

This came to my attention recently when I had to sign some legal papers for something to do with the church. I had to sign here, initial there, sign the next page, initial three pages and it went on and on until I ran out of

I'm one of those old-fashioned guys that use a fountain pen and all that signing and initialing drained all of the ink out of my fountain pen. Before I finished, I was on the verge of carpal tunnel.

I sighed rather deeply, looked at the gentleman (I think he was a gentleman because he was dressed like a gentleman), and said kind of sarcastically, "Do you remember the old-fashioned handshake?"

He looked at me without smiling and then said, "Here are some more papers for you to sign."

I thought I was signing my life away, but in reality, I was just signing my ink away.

I do remember when a handshake really meant something. Just about everything was sealed with a handshake and both parties were as good as their word. It would take a lot of undoing to undo that handshake. Now, you're only as good as the word on a piece of paper over your signature. Then, some lawyer can finagle it around to mean something other than what you really meant it in the first place. So what's the purpose of all this?

I know you're not supposed to say this, but I will, I sure long for the good old days when a handshake was all you needed. I get tired of the rigmarole passing as business these days. I get tired of paperwork that's piled higher than the tallest tree in the forest.

Of course, if we go back to that handshake scenario, it will put many lawyers out of business. What would these people do for a living? I have some ideas, but I'm

going to keep that to myself.

Trust has gone out of our culture today because everybody is only after what they can get for themselves and they don't care how they get it.

A handshake met something in "the day." In fact, I believe it was more binding than all of the paperwork and signed documents and legalese we have today. It's hard to sue a handshake!

What I want to know is simply this. When we replaced the good old-fashioned handshake with all of this legalese stuff, are we better off? Have we simplified everything and covered all of the bases?

The answer is a loud no.

A man's word used to be his bond and something he would never go back on.

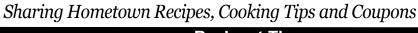
The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have lived on that marital philosophy all of our married life. I know in the marriage ceremony there is no "handshake." But the philosophy of that handshake is right there. When I said "I do," and she responded by another "I do," we were shaking hands and saying to everybody around us but particularly to one another, "We do."

I think James shook the right hand when he wrote, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation" (James 5:12).

I'm all for getting back to the good old days when a handshake was all you needed.

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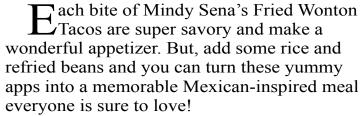


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Fried Wonton Tacos



- Janet

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1/2 c water

3/4 c canola oil

Directions

• In a skillet, brown hamburger until no longer pink. Drain hamburger. Add taco seasoning and 1/4 cup water. Let simmer.

• Chop tomato, lettuce and tomato. Set aside.

• Fill wonton wrappers with 1 tablespoon of hamburger, sprinkle with cheese and fold in triangle. Brush edges of wontons with remaining water to seal the seams.

• In a medium skillet, warm oil over medium high heat. Add wontons, brown on each side, about 2 minutes.

• Remove from skillet once golden and crispy. Place on paper towels to absorb any grease.

 Add toppings, as you would a taco. Serve with refried beans and rice, or as an appetizer.

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On my recent Never Give Up TV show, I sat riveted to my seat as I interviewed a Survivor of 20 years in the human/sex trafficking world. Also joining us was "Bridge Network," a non-profit organization and its Executive Director and Founder Peggy Fava who helps at-risk youth and victims of domestic trafficking.

Human/sex trafficking has been identified as the largest human rights violation in the history of mankind and a form of modernday slavery.

Faith B. was the name I gave this 41-year-old survivor to protect her identity. I met with Faith face to face two days before the interview to go over what she wanted to talk about and to gain her trust, and I did. As I listened to her emotionally filled story on my show, I just wanted to reach out and embrace her, but that is not easy for her though she trusted me. What weakened her to the luring hands of these evil traffickers was the fact that she was molested from the ages of 4 to 15 by a family member and getting involved with the wrong crowd as a teenager in Sacramento.

20 million victims worldwide are lured in to this \$120 billion dollar a year illegal business; 55% are woman and girls and 5 million are children. Sex is a major component but human

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Faith B's Bridge Home

trafficking consists of forced farm labor, sweat shops, and domestic servitude situations.

Faith said, "The demand for young boys is growing, also victims are mostly Black and Hispanic." One alarming fact came out when Faith said "Law Enforcement turned a blind eye to this activity." Professional men were forced on her as well as date rape drugs and I.V. hard drugs that turned her into an addict. She said that fear kept her from trying to escape. She was forced to recruit innocent victims while continually being physically brutalized.

Finally at 38 years old, Faith B. found her Bridge over troubled waters, Bridge Network. Faith credits Peggy Fava with saving her, but Peggy's organization embraced Faith with mentoring and classes and a broader family of well-trained teachers with programs to help guide troubled youth back into society as strong, hopeful citizens. Peggy would call to attend the avenue that traffickers look for future victims. The Internet, i.e. Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are ways traffickers befriend our innocent

Auburn has felt the presence of this illegal activity when the Asian Massage Therapy was busted in July 2014 after a sevenmonth-long investigation for suspicion of pimping, pandering, and possible human trafficking. Operating for almost two years makes me wonder who in this town were their customers? Auburn police Chief John Ruffcorn said, "We respect that B.

there are some legitimate massage businesses out there but there are illegitimate ones as well."

Good mentoring from Bridge Network and praying with the compassionate Peggy Fava got Faith this far. Faith knew ahead of time the questions I would ask and I knew what her answers should be. When I heard her voice cracking, I clenched my fist to show her to be strong. The last two questions were for Faith to give inspirations. Yes, mentoring in nature. I asked her to speak to young people and their parents. Faith B. said, "If I had a mother that cared or was concerned of my whereabouts or safety things might have been different." To parents, she said, "Be involved, let them talk to you. Listen to your kids." "Be open; make them feel comfortable. Be available; make time."

I then asked Faith to address a possible victim now in the hands of a frafficker. She said, "Be strong, you've been in a risky life style. You've been taking risky chances with risky people. Take one more step to be brave. There are people out there to help. It will be there. Take that chance. It takes some time and courage, of course. A little bit of clarity. Lots of prayer and deep breathes and you'll get there."

I said to her, "You are so brave, anyone can see your heart, your pain, and hope. You give hope to people, Faith."

I gave her a bouquet of roses and Peggy and I got a hug from a strong woman who would NEVER GIVE UP named Faith



AMAZING PREDICTIONS PART II

Time to continue the predictions of the Amazing Kreskin. Keep in mind that he told me on my POPPOFF Radio Show that he is not a psychic, but more like a Mentalist, but his predictions have been spot on in the past. So let's get on to the "More to Come" for 2015.

1) With all the insanity happening around the world the past couple weeks from France to Belgium, I found what Kreskin had to say about our war on terror was fascinating. He was asked how long the war with this enemy will last. His prediction is that there is no one alive today who will see the end of this war. Study history, and one will find that the longest wars in history have been religious wars. A more recent tool is now available to war mongers and terrorists...one that was not available to Hitler or Stalin. It's the internet that makes it possible for a well-organized group POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

to attract followers. There are a sufficient number of discontents and evil people in every society all through history but, in this case, they can be attracted and acquired through messages on the internet. The messages arouse their inner turmoil.

2) There will be a small but significant movement urging young people to go to college immediately after they leave high school. Kreskin has urged this quietly, but seriously, that many young people going to college are not prepared for the commitment, dedication and hard work. They need to go into an everyday setting to understand what the world is all about. Then, after having a small but constant job, when they go to college, they will be more prepared with their new values of hard work commitment. Interestingly enough, in the past two years, Princeton University has publically stated this could be the best policy for young people.

3) There is going to be an interesting resurgence of the popularity of gossip columnists, the likes of which we have not seen since Hedda hopper and Luela Parsons, and even Walter Winchell. However, the columns will come from a different source. They will come from local cities and individuals digging into neighborhood activities, and it will go up on the internet that will create their

own gossip column filled with half-truths, rumors, etc.

4) The home market and auto industry and the sale of cars will drop for young people. They will find less desire to buy a car and move into a house. The reason? Lack of job opportunities and the move to larger cities, and no need for a car with parking etc. As for homes, it would be madness to consider buying in a larger city with prices the way they are. Moving in with multiple roommates will be more feasible.

5) As the minimum wage increases, many service businesses will cut the number of workers. Already in preparation are electronic devices where individuals will no longer wait for a human in a restaurant. They will fill out a form and be alerted when their food is ready, then picked up by the customer at a source or delivered by a waiter. The remaining servers will get an increase in salary, but there will be less jobs available.

So that's 2015 through the eyes of the Amazing Kreskin way. Kreskin will join me again soon, and we will check out how some of these predictions fared. Don't forget, you can get to know the Amazing Kreskin in "Conversations with Kreskin" or you can check out his website at www.kreskin.com. Amazing isn't it?

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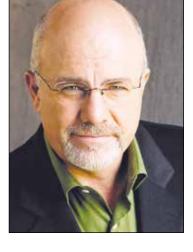
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Mary Jane Popp



Umbrella Policy

Dear Dave,

mend buying an umbrella policy. If so, how much?

-Dean

Dear Dean,

If you've started to win with money and build some wealth, an umbrella policy is some of the cheapest insurance you can buy. It's just about the biggest bang for your buck.

Here's an example. In most states, you can get an extra \$1 million in liability coverage added to your car insurance and homeowners insurance as an umbrella policy for as little as \$200 a year.

There's no problem if you don't

Dave Says he's your son, and he's hurting

have any money. But if you've got some cash, and you bump into somebody, it's a really good thing to have that extra umbrella insurance policy in liability situations!

—Dave

Drop the Arrogance

Dear Dave,

My son is in his thirties and has been married for seven years I follow you on Twitter, and I to a girl from a wealthy family. was wondering if you recom- Her parents provided them with a lot of financial support over the years, but now they're getting divorced and he has come to us for the money to make this happen. On top of all this, when we ask him why he doesn't have the money he tells us it's none of our business. We don't like his attitude, but we're not sure what

Dear Dee,

-Dee

This is a grown man we're talking about, and if he's going to take on the lifestyle and actions of a grown-up he needs to act like one and take care of his responsibilities. I understand

right now. Still, it takes a ton of arrogance to beg money from someone and tell them the reason they don't have it is not their business. If he seriously wants to get

into some financial counseling and start becoming accountable for his money — to himself and to you — then you might consider helping him out financially. But at this point, you're giving a drunk a drink if you just hand him money because he wants it.

Anyone can make a mistake, Dee. But it's not your job to fund his irresponsible behavior or his arrogance!

—Dave

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A Healthy New Addition to Your Diet

UNLOCKING SPROUTED GRAINS

FAMILY FEATURES

prouted grains have been popular among health food junkies for years, but they've only recently hit the mainstream, popping up everywhere from breads and cereals to restaurant menus. This hot new healthy ingredient has loads of nutritional benefits and is increasingly easy to find. But what exactly are sprouted grains?

A sprouted grain is the beginning of a grain seed's life cycle, before it becomes a mature plant. Given just the right temperature and moisture conditions, the outer layer will split open and a young shoot will sprout out of the grain, releasing vital nutrients and enzymes stored inside. Grain seeds are similar to long-term storage packages, designed to keep their goodness locked inside until conditions are right to grow a new plant.

According to the Whole Grains Council, the sprouting process can increase the amount and availability of some vitamins (notably vitamin C) and minerals, making sprouted grains a potential nutrition powerhouse.

"With the attention paid to gluten-free, a dark cloud has been surrounding whole grains for several years," said registered dietitian, Kashi nutrition partner and author, Toby Amidor. "Unless you have celiac disease or other individual needs, whole grains — including sprouted grains — are an important part of a healthy diet."

"Sprouted grains are a delicious way to add fiber and essential minerals such as iron, zinc or magnesium to your diet," continued Amidor. "They aren't just for the serious health food aficionados anymore — many new packaged foods feature these unique and nutritious grains."

Eating real, pure foods is at the core of a healthy lifestyle. By taking a closer look at packaging while at the grocery store, you can find items made with wholesome ingredients and positive benefits. These days, many grocery stores carry a variety of nutritious options on their shelves as well.

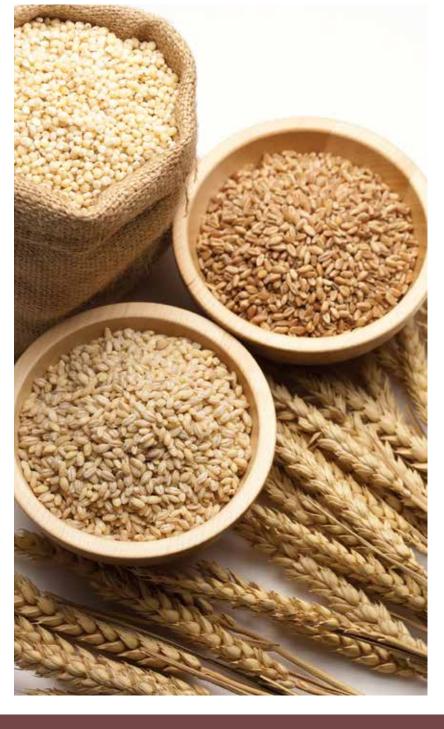
"People don't always check the nutrition label while they're shopping," says Amidor. "Take a moment to pause and read the labels to get the full picture and really understand the foods that are going into your grocery basket and onto the family table."

For tasty and nutritious food and recipe ideas, check out www.kashi.com and for additional nutrition information on whole grains, the Whole Grains Council is a great resource.

The scoop on whole grains

What are whole grains and what makes them so healthy? Simply put, they are small, edible seeds that come from grasses such as wheat and barley. Whole grains can be ground, cracked, or flaked, and still retain their benefits. Here are three ways whole grains have a positive impact:

- Healthy Weight: Packed with nutrition in the form of vitamins, minerals, complex carbohydrates and fiber, whole grains contain some of the best elements to keep you on track when it comes to maintaining a healthy weight. Research supports the notion that eating healthy amounts of fiber, which are found naturally in whole grains, helps people manage their weight.
- **Happy Heart:** Consuming more plant foods, like fruits, vegetables and whole grains, has been associated with reducing the risk of heart disease.
- Positive Energy: Because whole grains are complex carbohydrates and they naturally contain fiber, they give you more nutrients per calorie than refined carbohydrates. It's a better way to fuel your day!



Nutrients unlocked

Sprouted grains are a great way to obtain the essential minerals and fiber that help you feel good:

- Iron: Carries o
- Carries oxygen.

 Zinc:
- Nourishes skin.
- Magnesium: Helps support bones.
- **Fiber:** Aids digestion.

Sprouted grains in your diet

The daily recommended intake of whole grains is 48 grams, and the nutritional advantages of sprouted grains make them a great option to achieve this daily goal. Here are some ways to incorporate sprouted grains into your positive eating routine:

- Sprinkle them into salads or stir fries.
- Check grocery aisles for products with sprouted grains, like Kashi's new Organic Promise Sprouted Grains cereal.
- Use sprouted grain flours in your favorite baked goods or homemade pasta.

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On the Book Jacket: For the first time, trusted and beloved cookbook author Ina Garten, the Barefoot Contessa, answers the number one question she receives from cooks: Can I make it ahead?

If you've ever found yourself stuck in front of the stove at your own party, scrambling to get everything to the table at just the right moment, Ina is here to let you in on her secrets! Thanks to twenty years of running a specialty food store and fifteen years writing cookbooks, she has learned exactly which dishes you can prep, assemble, or cook ahead of time. Whether you're hosting a party or simply making dinner on a hectic weeknight, Ina gives you lots of amazing recipes that taste just as good—or even better!—when they're made in advance.

In Make It Ahead, each recipe includes clear instructions for what you can do ahead of time, and how far in advance, so you can cook with confidence and eliminate last-minute surprises. Make a pitcher of Summer Rosé Sangria filled with red berries, let it chill overnight for the flavors to develop, and you have a delicious drink to offer your friends the minute they arrive. Simmer a pot of Wild Mushroom & Farro Soup, enjoy a bowl for lunch, and freeze the rest for a chilly evening. You can prep the kale, Brussels sprouts, and lemon vinaigrette for Winter Slaw ahead of time and simply toss them together before serving. Assemble French Chicken Pot Pies filled with artichokes and fresh tarragon a day in advance and then pop them in the oven half an hour before dinner. And for dessert, everyone needs the recipe for Ina's Decadent (gluten-free!) Chocolate Cake topped with Make-Ahead Whipped Cream. Ina also includes recipes for the biggest cooking day of the year-Thanksgiving! Her Ultimate Make-Ahead Roast Turkey and Gravy with Onions & Sage may just change your life.

With beautiful photographs and hundreds of invaluable make-ahead tips, this is your new go-to guide for preparing meals that are stress-free yet filled with those fabulously satisfying flavors that you have come to expect from the Barefoot Contessa.

Amy's Review: Once again, I am thrilled by a cookbook prepared by *The Barefoot Contessa* - Ina Garten, dedicated to meals that can be prepared ahead. Changing lives and kitchens everywhere, Ina Garten answers the call, giving readers a cookbook dedicated entirely to, make it ahead meal planning and recipes. Everything you need to be successful is included, from the number of servings yielded, ingredients, detailed instructions, personal sentiments, as well as helpful tips and techniques.

The Barefoot Contessa explores everything from baking ahead, cooking ahead, food storage, and even Thanksgiving preparation. No one is left out, with even a recipe included for the family dog. Best of all the beautiful mouthwatering photographs that accompany each recipe, bring life to the meal. Every meal is encompassed, with a wide range of recipes from breakfast to dessert. Recipes flank every page of the book, with instructions to make items such as:

asparagus and prosciutto bundles, goat cheese mashed potatoes and savory French chicken pot pie, to tri-berry crumbles and chocolate cake with mocha frosting. Make It Ahead explores not only the world of recipes, but tips for party planning, meal planning and even drink recipes for those drop in guests, making this book a valuable addition to any kitchen.

While, this book is described as make ahead meals, it is not a book that will stock up your freezer, it primarily focuses on preparing meals from one day to seven days in advance. The moment I received this book, I instantly flagged numerous recipes I wanted to try, which is always the number one sign of a spectacular cookbook. Once again, showing readers how easy it is to make sophisticated food simple. Truly a remarkable cookbook and a definite recommendation for fans of, The Barefoot Contessa cookbook line and would be a great gift for the foodie at heart.



Getting Around When You No Longer Drive

Dear Savvy Senior,

Where can I find out about alternative transportation options for my elderly mother? She needs to give up driving, but before she does, we need to figure out how she'll get around. - Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

Alternative transportation services vary widely by community, so what's available to your mom will depend on where she lives. Here's what you should know.

Transportation Options

For starters it's important to know that while most urban areas offer seniors a variety of transportation services, the options may be few to none for those living in the suburbs, small towns and rural areas. Alternative transportation is an essential link in helping seniors who no longer drive get to their doctor's appointments, stores, social activities and more.

Depending on where your mom lives, here's a rundown of possible solutions that can help her get around, along with some resources to help you locate them.

Family and friends: This is by far the most often used and favorite option among seniors. So make a list of all possible candidates your mom can call on, along with their availability and contact information.

Local transportation programs: These are usually sponsored by nonprofit organizations that serve seniors. These services may charge a nominal fee or accept donations and often

operate with the help of volunteer drivers

Also check out the Independent Transportation Network (itnamerica.org), which is a national nonprofit that has 27 affiliate transportation programs in 23 states. With this program, seniors pay membership dues and fees based on mileage. And, most programs will let your mom donate her car in return for credits toward future rides.

Demand response services: Often referred to as "dial-a-ride" or "elderly and disabled transportation service," these are typically government-funded programs that provide door-to-door transportation services by appointment and usually charge a small fee or donation on a per ride basis. Many use vans and offer accessible services for riders with special needs.

Taxi or car service: These private services offer flexible scheduling but can be expensive, however, they're cheaper than owning a car. Some taxi/car services may be willing to set up accounts that allow other family members to pay for services and some may offer senior discounts. Be sure to ask.

Another option to look into is ride-sharing services, which connects people with cars, with people who need rides. Uber (uber.com), Lyft (lyft.com) and Sidecar (side.cr) are three of the largest companies offering services in dozens of cities across the U.S.

Private program services: Some hospitals, health clinics,

senior centers, adult day centers, malls or other businesses may offer transportation for program participants or customers. And some nonmedical homecare agencies that bill themselves as providing companionship and running errands or doing chores may also provide transportation.

Mass transit: Public transportation (buses, trains, subways, etc.) where available, can also be an affordable option and may offer senior reduced rates. Hire someone: If your mom

lives in an area where there are limited or no transportation services available, another option to consider is to pay someone in the community to drive her. Consider hiring a neighbor, retiree, high school or college student that has a flexible schedule and wouldn't mind making a few extra bucks.

Where to Look

To find out what transportation services are available in your mom's community, contact the Rides in Sight national toll-free call center at 855-607-4337 (or see ridesinsight.org), and the Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116), which will direct you to her area agency on aging for

Also contact local senior centers, places of worship and retirement communities for other possible options. And check with her state department of transportation at www.fhwa.dot.gov/ webstate.htm, and the American Public Transportation Association at publictransportation.org.

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

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CAL FIRE Highlights the Importance of Trees in California

2015 California Arbor Week Poster Contest Announced

Trees are an essential part of California's climate and are vital to improving air quality and conserving water. To help educate Californians on the value that trees provide to building successful, healthy cities and neighborhoods, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and California ReLeaf are announcing the annual statewide Arbor Week poster contest for students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Students are asked to create original artwork based on the theme "We Need Trees and Trees Need Us". Submissions are due to California ReLeaf by February 13th, 2015. Winners will be featured at the State Fair and awarded cash prizes provided by the California Community Forests Foundation.

CAL FIRE and California ReLeaf are partnering to encourage cities, nature groups, schools, and youth organizations to celebrate California Arbor Week by planting trees in their communities. California ReLeaf is an alliance of community-based groups, individuals,

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - businesses, and government agencies working to protect the environment by planting and caring for trees and the state's urban and community forests.

> "Trees are vital, functional parts of our communities, our homes and yards, and our lives," said CAL FIRE Deputy Director Duane Shintaku. "This is especially true during times of challenging drought conditions. Focused education for California's youth is one of the most effective ways we can increase awareness of the important roles trees play in California and the many benefits they provide to the communities in which we live."

> The goals of Arbor Week include educating Californians about trees, encouraging tree planting, teaching elementary school children the environmental, social, and economic benefits of trees, and protecting the state's valuable natural resources

> "One of the numerous benefits of trees is that they make California's cities and towns healthier places to live," said Cindy Blain, Executive Director

of California ReLeaf. "Children who have access to nature and green spaces to play and learn are more active, have lower incidences of obesity, concentrate better in school, and demonstrate healthier social behaviors. Planting and caring for trees means investing in a better future for our children and California."

Contest rules, as well as educational materials related to the value of trees, community benefits of trees, jobs in the urban and community forestry field, and tree identification, can be downloaded at www.arborweek.org/ contests. The contest is sponsored by California ReLeaf, CAL FIRE, and the California Community Forests Foundation.

California Arbor Week runs March 7th -14th every year to mark famed horticulturist Luther Burbank's birthday and to raise awareness of the benefits of trees in our communities. In 2011, legislation was passed to define California Arbor Week in statute. Visit www.arborweek.org for more information.

Source: CAL FIRE

Music for Humanity Jams on Feb. 15



Members of the Raspberry Jam Band include: John Massy, guitar; Julia Riley, flute; Tom Brier, piano; Cheryl Woldseth, violin; Kitty Wilson, washboard; and Doug Davies, string bass. Photo courtesy Pioneer United Methodist Church

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Pioneer United Methodist Church will present the 26th annual Music for Humanity program at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1338 Lincoln Way, Auburn.

Musicians will perform a variety of music, including selections from classical, ragtime, jazz and contemporary genres. All performers are donating their services to benefit the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet and The

Gathering Inn.

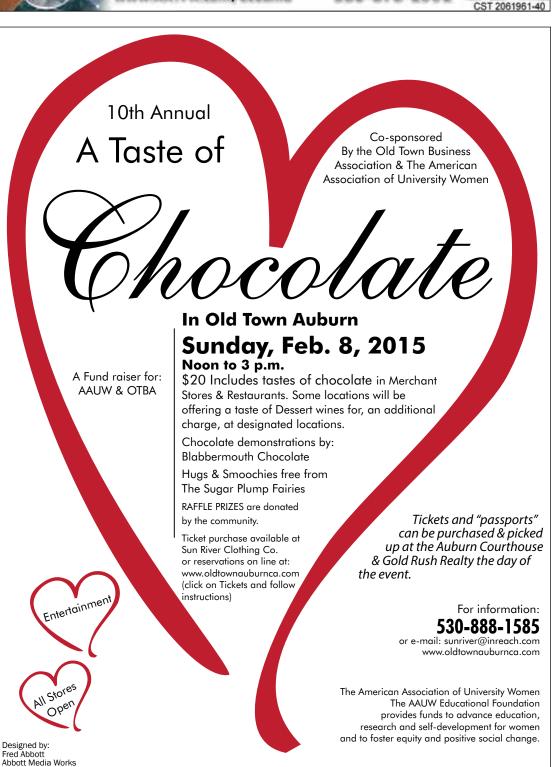
Among the musicians playing will be the fabulous ragtime pianist Tom Brier. Also, returning from Germany, harpist and singer Nancy Thym will offer folksongs from her repertoire.

The Colla Voce Chamber Singers, directed by Janine Dexter will be celebrating their 10th year of performances at Music for Humanity. The Heavy Metal Tuba Quartet will add their unique

sound to the concert. The Pioneer Chancel Choir will sing a spiritual and a sing-along hymn. The popular Raspberry Jam Band and Dr. Bach and the Jazz Practitioners are returning to play their favorite crowd pleasing tunes, always ending with Dr. Bach's "When those

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