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## Season of Giving Begins



As the holidays draw near, please share your blessings with those who need your help.

By Paula Mosqueda

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - The holiday season is nearing. Now, more than at any other time of year, we stop and consider everything for which we can be grateful. We count our blessings. We also look around and see those who are not as fortunate as we. The Christmas season is the time we generously share our blessings with those who need a helping hand.

For over 30 years, the Auburn Area Christmas Basket Program has annually served some 500 families and over 2,500 individuals. This program provides less fortunate families and individuals with two weeks of food such as meat, bread, vegetables, and even new toys for the children.

This laudable program begins preparations early in the year and finishes the year with a burst of activity, with many volunteers handing out the donations.

Recently, the self-proclaimed "barrel guy," Manuel Ferreira, reported that some 60 red Auburn Area Christmas Basket barrels were placed throughout our community with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Auburn Host Lions, and Auburn 49er Lions.

Any donations of nonperishable foods such as canned foods, peanut butter, Mac n' cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, sugar, flour, oatmeal, and new unwrapped toys for children from ages 1-11 years will be welcomed. Any cash donations will

be used to purchase bulk foods and new toys at sale prices.

On Saturday, December 20th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Auburn Area Christmas Basket Program will hold its distribution at the Auburn Gold Country Fairgrounds Armory Building. Volunteers will register, pack, and carry out the donations, collected and carefully stored throughout the year, for the grateful recipients. This is an annual event for many volunteers: the Auburn Host Lions, Auburn 49er Lions, Rotary Clubs, 20-30 Club, the 4-H Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, and those who just want to help. Auburn 49er Lion Kelly Post had this to say, "It's a lot of fun. We're helping people. It's a feel-good way to begin the Christmas season."

It takes many caring people coordinating with each other to complete this program. The Placer High School Woodworking class, under the direction of instructor Matt Conley, produces 50 wooden dump trucks and 50 doll cradles to donate to the program.

The Foothill Quilters Guild makes sets of blankets, pads, and pillows for the woodshop class's cradles. Ladies from the LDS Church make lap blankets for the program. Ladies from the Catholic Church knit and crochet hats and scarves, etc. The local Fire Department provides new bicycles, and they also ensure the proper fit of the protective helmets donated by the Kids Safe Program.

Everyone can help make this program a success. Check your pantry or open your cupboard door and see what you might donate. As you do your regular shopping, pick up some items to share with others. Find a red barrel and help fill it. Christmas is the season of giving. Even the smallest donation will make someone's Christmas happier and brighter. Checks, made out to the Auburn Area Christmas Basket Program, may be mailed to the Union Bank, 874 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603.

If, per chance, you are not looking forward to this holiday season and are in need of assistance, applications to take part in the Christmas Basket Program may be obtained at these locations: Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, KAHN Radio, Auburn Library, and Health & Human Services at DeWitt Center. Applications need to be submitted promptly. The end date for mailing is December 8th. All information is confidential.

As the holidays draw near, please share your blessings with those who need your help. How easy it is to drop food items and/or toys into a barrel. This generous act will give someone a very happy Christmas.

If you have an idea for a good location for a red barrel placement, or if you have questions about the Auburn Area Christmas Basket Program, you may leave a message at (530) 613-8255. Your calls will be returned. ★

## PCWA Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - The Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) has again been recognized for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

PCWA was awarded the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement, the highest form of recognition given by the 17,500-member association of government finance professionals. The association is based in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

The award recognizes PCWA's comprehensive annual financial report for 2013 and "spirit of full disclosure" in clearly communicating its financial story. This is the eighth consecutive year PCWA has received this award. The comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) includes the three required sections: (1) the introductory section that presents an overview of the agency, economic conditions, and financial policies; (2) the financial section that presents the independent auditor's report, management's discussion and analysis, and financial statements; and (3) the statistical section that presents a variety of 10-year financial trends and statistics.



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"This is a very prestigious award in our business, and we are very pleased to accept it," said PCWA Director of Financial Services Joseph H. Parker. "The CAFR presents a wealth of information in one report. Along with the results of the 2013 year, which had an all-inclusive expense budget totaling \$81.9 million, it includes various agency facts and financial trends for ready reference. Receiving this award for eight consecutive years reflects very well on the dedication and professionalism of everyone on the PCWA staff."

For more information on the GFOA awards program, visit [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org).

Source: Placer County Water Agency ★

## Town of Loomis Awards Grant to McLaughlin Theatre Company

*Allows for Need-Based Scholarship Opportunities*

**LOOMIS, CA (MPG)** - The Town of Loomis has awarded McLaughlin Theatre Company (MTC) a matching scholarship grant for low-income Loomis residents and Loomis School District students for MTC productions for the 2014-2015 season.

In an effort to reach out to all community members, MTC established a need-based scholarship fund in 2010. Now, in partnership with the Town of Loomis, MTC will be able to provide three to six scholarships for families in need of financial assistance, enabling them to participate in MTC's production workshops.

The 2014-2015 season is in full swing. Upcoming shows include *Hairspray Jr.* (opening November

13th), *Holiday Cabaret: A Broadway's Best Revue* (opening December 12th), *Guys and Dolls Jr.* (auditioning January 8th), and *Mary Poppins* (auditioning April 8th).

Musical theatre is a fun, goal-oriented, group activity that teaches the importance of teamwork, instills confidence, and provides skills that each student (young or old) can utilize for the rest of their lives. In addition, musical theatre fosters a love for music in all who are involved.

For more information about participating in MTC's programs, please contact the office at (916) 652-6377 or visit [www.mtctheatre.org](http://www.mtctheatre.org).

Source: McLaughlin Theatre Company ★



Musical theatre is a fun, goal-oriented, group activity that teaches the importance of teamwork, instills confidence, and provides skills that each student (young or old) can utilize for the rest of their lives. Back Row: Cassie Poncin, Kendyl Grbac, Meghan Trask, and Alexander Greening. Front Row: Avalon Poncin, Samantha Thomas, and MacKenzie Moore.

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## Rooster Tails Fishing Club Breakfast Meeting Wild Rivers of the North Coast



Kenny Priest, owner of Fishing the North Coast Guide Service, with a chrome salmon caught from the Klamath River.

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - The Rooster Tails Fishing Club breakfast meeting will be held on Friday, November 21st at the Auburn Elks Lodge, 195 Pine Street, Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603. The doors to the Lodge open at 7 a.m. with a fantastic \$13 wide-selection buffet breakfast served at 8 a.m. The presentation begins at 9 a.m. sharp, featuring Pro River Guide Kenny Priest who will talk about the Wild Rivers of the North Coast. The breakfast meeting is open to the public.

Priest is the owner of Fishing the North Coast Guide Service, based out of Eureka. With over 10 years of fishing experience on the Klamath, Smith, Mad, Van Duzen, and Eel Rivers, he works hard to bring his clients the best these rivers have to offer. However, his expertise

goes well beyond just Humboldt and Del Norte County Rivers; in addition, he is a purveyor of first-hand information on ocean fishing from Fort Bragg, Eureka, and Crescent City with reports from his Charter Boat Captain friends. He is well respected by fellow guides and considered one of the best resources for conditions on the North Coast fishing scene. Priest is also an author, writing weekly fishing columns for the Eureka Times-Standard Newspaper; he is a regular contributor to MyOutdoorBuddy, an online sports newsletter that covers all of Northern California. He has also authored articles for the California Sportsman Magazine, a national fishing and hunting publication.

Rooster Tails Fishing Club of Northern California, Inc. is

a non-profit organization that meets the third Friday of each month to educate, entertain, and enhance the fishing experience. The club has more than 180 members and has been meeting for 30 years. Unlike many bass and fly fishing clubs that concentrate on very specific types of fishing, the Rooster Tails Fishing Club provides a balanced mix of fishing techniques, presented by fishing experts, targeting a variety of fish species on multiple types of waters. Further information can be found at [www.roostertailsfishingclub.org](http://www.roostertailsfishingclub.org). For more information on attending Rooster Tails Fishing Club of Northern California, Inc. meetings, contact Jim, Club Chairman, at (530) 887-0479 or [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org).

Source: Judy Miller ★

## The Passage of Proposition 47

**PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Effective immediately, the passage of Proposition 47 will have the following effects on the custody and policing practices of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department:

In most instances, many crimes that were previously "arrestable" as a felony will now only be "citiable" as a misdemeanor. That means they may not be booked into jail but rather given a citation (similar to a traffic ticket) with a court date to appear, and released in the field. They will not be held pending trial. Such felony crimes that are now misdemeanors include:

**Commercial burglary (theft under \$950)**

**Forgery and bad checks (under \$950 value)**

**Theft of most firearms**

**Theft of a vehicle (under \$950 value)**

**Possession of stolen property (under \$950 value)**

**Possession of heroin, cocaine, illegal prescriptions, concentrated cannabis, and methamphetamine**

Inmates awaiting trial on any of the above felony charges in most instances will be able to have their charges immediately reduced to the new misdemeanor level, and will be let out of jail on a citation. A determination as to each person's eligibility is

somewhat time consuming, but could result in up to 420 releases.

Inmates who are sentenced on the above felonies can petition the court for reduction of their felony convictions to misdemeanors and many of them would be also be eligible for immediate release.

Convicted felons with the above felonies in their history can petition the court to have their prior felony convictions reduced to misdemeanors. If successful, many of the prohibitions they faced would then be reinstated, such as the right to vote, the right to purchase a handgun, the ability to apply as a peace officer, etc.

Source: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department ★

### WATER RESOURCE UPDATES

## PCWA Hears Plan for Sunset Industrial Area

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - Directors of the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) were briefed on November 7th about Placer County's update of the Sunset Industrial Area Plan between Roseville and Lincoln. PCWA is a primary water supplier for the area and is assisting the county in its update of the 1997 Sunset Industrial Area Plan.

Michael Johnson, agency director and planning director for the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, said an initial step in the planning process is to determine future water infrastructure needs for the 8,100-acre area. Johnson said the county Board of Supervisors wants to identify short- and long-term land uses for the area, which includes Placer Ranch and the proposed CSU Sacramento satellite campus.

The planning project is scheduled to continue through much of 2015, with Board of Supervisors review during the latter part of the year.

In other business, PCWA directors learned that PCWA will benefit from drought relief grant funds approved recently by the state Department of Water

Resources to be used on water system reliability projects such as improvements at the American River Pump Station and interconnections with neighboring water systems, which are expected to be complete by spring 2015. Construction is also underway on the Ophir Road Pipeline Extension Project that will provide drought relief to the Ophir Gardens community. In total, \$4.8 million in drought relief grant funds have been approved. PCWA worked with the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba (CABY) integrated regional water management planning groups to secure the funding.

PCWA directors heard a water supply update from Deputy Director of Technical Services Tony Firenzi, who is serving as the agency's drought project manager. Firenzi said recent wet weather has reduced demand and reservoir storage is holding up well for next year. Firenzi said PCWA water users have done a good job of conserving water through the current drought and encouraged further conservation until the drought ends.

PCWA directors reviewed and

finalized a recruitment brochure for the hiring of a new general manager. The new manager, expected to join the agency early next year, will succeed David A. Breninger, who announced his retirement after 23 years as the agency's top executive.

PCWA directors also welcomed Adam Pugh, constituent services officer for U.S. Rep. Tom McClintock, who said members of the Congressman's staff will participate in a scheduled tour of the King Fire area next week and stand ready to assist with watershed remediation efforts.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 20th at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.

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, visit [www.pcwa.net](http://www.pcwa.net).

Source: Placer County Water Agency ★

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# Memorial Honors Deputy Danny Oliver

## Thousands Show Support for Family of Fallen Officer

**PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A memorial service was held Monday, November 3rd at 11 a.m. at Adventure Christian Church in Roseville for Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Danny Oliver, a 15-year veteran. Thousands from the community attended, including elected officials, law enforcement officers, and dignitaries.

Deputy Oliver (47) was shot and killed while in the line of duty on Friday, October 24th. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and their two daughters. The son of a firefighter, Deputy Oliver continued his family's commitment to serving the community when he chose to become a police officer.

Sacramento area communities have shown tremendous support for the Oliver family and for the family of Placer County Sheriff's Detective Michael Davis Jr. who also died in the line of duty on October 24th. Businesses have held donation drives, and thousands of residents participated last weekend in the "Lights On" event, illuminating a blue light on their porch in recognition of the fallen officers. Susan Oliver expressed her thanks for the outpouring of support she's seen in the weeks since her husband's death, but she knows there's more she must do to continue her husband's legacy.

"This country is in the middle of a crisis right now," said Susan Oliver. "So many people have



DEPUTY DANNY OLIVER

lost respect for law enforcement, and good cops are dying because of it. I want to help remind people that cops aren't the enemy. Danny was one of the good guys. He was out there each day risking his life so that the rest of us could feel safe."

Also injured in the tragic incident on October 24th were Placer County Deputy Jeffrey Davis, who was treated and released from the hospital, and carjacking victim Anthony Holmes, who remains hospitalized.

While Susan has received many interview requests to discuss the various issues surrounding her husband's tragic death, right now she remains focused on what's important: celebrating the life of a man who gave his own life in true service to his community. But she wants the public to know that after she buries her husband of

25 years, she will begin what she now considers to be her next job: building his legacy. She wants to help change the public's perception of law enforcement and will begin working to help change the laws and policy failures that she believes contributed to her husband's senseless death.

"This is a very difficult time for our family and I want to take time to properly grieve for my husband and the father of my children," said Susan Oliver. "However, I won't let Danny's death be in vain. Something good will come from his sacrifice."

Requests for more information should be directed to Mrs. Oliver's media representative, Lori Prosio, at lprosio@prosio.com or (916) 251-1281. Additionally, the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association and its STAR 6 Foundation have set up an official memorial fund for Deputy Oliver through Exchange Bank. Donations can be sent directly to the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association at 1700 I Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95811. Donations can also be sent to Exchange Bank: Danny Oliver Memorial Fund, c/o Exchange Bank, 1420 Rocky Ridge Drive, Suite 190, Roseville, CA 95661 (Savings Account Number 1205002973, Routing Number 121101985).

Source: Prosio Communications ★

# Should I Change My Part D Plan During Fall Open Enrollment?

During Fall Open Enrollment, you should reassess your Part D coverage and consider changing plans if your current plan will no longer meet your needs next year. Even if you are happy with your plan, it is very important to reexamine your Part D coverage each year during Fall Open Enrollment, as plans typically change their costs and list of covered drugs, known as a formulary, at the start of each year. Most people can only make changes to their Part D coverage during Fall Open Enrollment, so it is essential that beneficiaries use this opportunity to decide on their prescription drug coverage for the following year. Remember, Fall Open Enrollment takes place from October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup> every year.

Each year, consider that there are two ways you can get Medicare drug coverage. If you have Original Medicare, you must purchase a stand-alone Part D plan. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, these plans often include prescription drug benefits as part of their plan's benefits. The guidelines below can help people determine the best Part D coverage for them next year, whether they have a stand-alone Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug benefits. As a reminder, you can change stand-alone Part D plans and Medicare Advantage plans or switch between Original Medicare with a stand-alone Part D plan and Medicare Advantage every year.

Before you start your research, make a list of the medications you take on a regular basis, the dosage, and how much you pay for them. Also make a list of the pharmacies you use regularly.

To review your Part D

coverage, read your plan's Annual Notice of Change (ANOC). Each fall, your Part D plan and/or your Medicare Advantage plan will send the ANOC to notify you of any changes for the following year. You should have received this notice by September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive it, call your plan to ask for it. Read your ANOC carefully to see whether your drugs will be covered next year. After reading the ANOC, if you are unsure if the drugs you take will be covered next year, you can also call your plan to ask a representative. If your drug is not listed on your ANOC, do not assume it is covered next year. Instead, call your plan to ask. During the call, find out whether your monthly premiums or copays will change and if the plan is adding or changing any coverage restrictions. For example, your doctor may need to ask special permission of your plan for a drug before the plan will cover it.

Also, know that if your doctor asked your plan to make a special request, like prior authorization or an exception request, to cover a specific drug for you for this year, you should take steps to make sure the plan continues to cover your drug. Your doctor may have to make a new request for the next calendar year.

If your plan will no longer cover a drug you take, you should consider enrolling in a new plan that does during Fall Open Enrollment. If you'd like to remain in your current plan, your plan must help you complete the exception process or change to another drug formulary by the end of the year. If the plan fails to do this, your plan must provide you a 30-day

supply of the drug during the first 90 days of the year and send you a notice explaining that the prescription is temporary and that you must file an exception to continue taking it. You may want to consider switching plans during Fall Open Enrollment if your current plan will no longer cover a drug you need next year.

Once you review your coverage, you can compare it with other plan options to find one that works best for your health needs.

You can call 1-800-Medicare to get a list of plans in your area, or use Medicare's online Plan Finder tool at [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare plans in your area. For more information about reviewing Part D plans, visit [www.medicareinteractive.org](http://www.medicareinteractive.org).

It is best to enroll in a new plan by calling 1-800-Medicare, as this will protect you if there are any problems with enrollment. Write down the name and employee identification number of the Medicare representative with whom you speak. You will be automatically dis-enrolled from your old plan once your new coverage goes into effect. Any changes made during Fall Open Enrollment will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

*The views expressed here are those of "Dear Marci, a biweekly e-newsletter ([www.medicare-rightscenter.org](http://www.medicare-rightscenter.org)) designed to keep people informed about health care benefits, rights, and options for older Americans and people with disabilities," and do not necessarily represent those of the Commission or individual members. We thank The Medical Rights Center for the opportunity to share their article.* ★

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## Family Creates Memorial for Fallen Marine in Roseville

ROSEVILLE, CA (MPG) - A three-year journey to create a memorial for a fallen Roseville marine who died in Afghanistan in 2011 was finally completed on November 1st at 11 a.m. when a tree and brick were dedicated in his memory at the Roseville Veterans Memorial Park North, 10021 Crocker Ranch Road, Roseville.

Roseville Mayor Susan Rohan, Rep. Tom McClintock (R-4th CD), and 6th Assembly candidate Brian Caples participated in the ceremony.

It's been a long road for the family of U.S. Marine Corporal Gurpreet Singh, who died on June 22nd, 2011, at age 21 in Helmand province, Afghanistan

from wounds received while conducting combat operations. He joined the Marines after graduating from Oakmont High School in Roseville in November 2007 and was twice deployed in combat.

For three years, the family attempted to work with the current Assemblyperson to have a bench dedicated at the Capitol for their son; after that failed, they turned to Caples to help them find a suitable memorial. And now, nearly three years later, it's happened.

"We can never fully recognize the sacrifice Corporal Singh made to protect our freedom. We can however honor his memory and the service he gave to our

country. We can celebrate his life and his commitment to ensuring the blessings of liberty and freedom for us all. Let us always remember this brave young man and what he gave up for you and me," said Caples.

Corporal Singh was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, California. He was born in Hoshiapur, Punjab, emigrated to the U.S. in 2000, and grew up in Antelope. He leaves behind his father Nirmal, his mother Satnam Kaur, his sister Manpreet, and niece Jasleen.

Source: Cres Vellucci ★

## Placer County Deputy Pleads Guilty to Unlawful Sex with a Minor

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Placer County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Skogen pleaded guilty on November 12th to one count of unlawful sex with a minor, a felony charge.

In a plea agreement reached with the Placer County District Attorney's office, the defendant will be placed on three years of

formal probation, must serve 150 days in jail, and must attend counseling. He will be eligible to apply for alternative sentencing. Skogen will also be prohibited from being in the presence of minors without their parents or guardians present.

The case was referred to the Placer County Probation Office

so that they may prepare a formal probation report in the case. Skogen's formal sentencing will be on January 7th, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 44 of the Placer County Superior Court.

Source: The Office of the Placer County District Attorney ★

## Senator Gaines Blasts UC Tuition Increase Plan

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senator Ted Gaines (R-Roseville) slammed the proposed University of California tuition increase plan, which could raise student fees 5% per year for the next five years.

"The UC system must serve the academic elite, not just the financial elite," said Senator Gaines. "Students have been pummeled with tuition increases for years, and the second that they and their families catch their breath this mega-increase is being pushed on them. I am calling on the Regents to stand with the students and reject the tuition spike."

The proposed tuition increase would vary depending on the level of state funding, but could stretch to 5% each year for the next five years. Currently, in-state UC students pay \$12,192 in mandatory tuition and fees. According to the UC, the first-year increase could push those mandatory expenses up by \$612.

A 5% increase over the duration of the plan would elevate those mandatory fees to nearly \$15,600. These fees are independent of room and board, books, transportation, and any other expenses students face while earning a degree.

"Governor Brown agreed to increase UC funding in exchange for a tuition freeze and I support that completely. The University of California system is an irreplaceable part of our infrastructure that contributes fantastically to the state's prosperity. We need a general fund commitment that recognizes that fact. If anything, we should be looking to lower tuition, not push it into the stratosphere," said the Senator. "UC administrators are compensated like tech company CEOs. It's unconscionable that students are being asked to dig deeper while the expansion of the UC ruling class continues without pause."

Gaines is particularly worried

about the state's working families and how they will cope with the planned increase. "It's political sport in California to see how much we can punish and antagonize the middle class, and this proposal is a gold-medal winner," voiced the Senator. "I'm sick of it. I know that wealthy families won't be affected by this. The poorest families will be damaged, as the dream of college is dimmed by the thought of unattainable expenses, but they will qualify for more UC financial aid. But the hammer will truly fall on the families in the middle, who will get to fork over this money straight out of their checking accounts or by taking on loads of new debt that could take decades to pay off. Who is looking out for them?"

The UC Regents will debate and vote on the tuition increase plan during their November 19th-20th meeting.

Source: The Office of Senator Gaines ★

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# Americans to Hypocritical Green Activists: You First



Commentary by Michael James Barton

Billionaire Democrat activist Tom Steyer is using his fortune to combat what he thinks is the greatest threat to America.

No, he isn't financing operations against ISIS or injecting medical aid into Africa to stop Ebola. In an effort to help congressional candidates, he's running a commercial that highlights pollution from an oil refinery owned by Charles and David Koch. Never mind the fact that Steyer had no qualms about fossil fuel back when his hedge fund was making millions in the industry.

With this effort, Steyer joins a long list of environmental activists who use profits from the fossil fuel industry to bash it. The hypocrisy matters because these activists are promoting policies that will prevent average Americans from sharing in the benefits of the energy boom.

Consider George Soros, the world's richest hedge fund manager. Soros supports environmentalist groups such as

Alliance for Climate Change, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Union of Concerned Scientists, all of which oppose the job-creating scientific innovation known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking."

Logic demands that Mr. Soros isn't profiting from fracking, but he recently purchased a giant stake in CONSOL Energy, a company actively involved in fracking.

Even Al Gore took a fossil fuel payday. He recently sold his television channel to Al Jazeera Media Network, a foreign news organization heavily backed by oil money. Gore defended his decision, saying that the channel was struggling and that Al-Jazeera would "give thorough coverage to the climate change issue."

Weeks later, Gore released a book in which he blames the poor state of the climate change debate on the fact that "virtually every news and political commentary program on television is sponsored in part by oil, coal, and gas companies."

As for Steyer, he left his \$20 billion hedge fund in 2012, promising to pull his personal holdings from "ecologically unsound" investments. But Steyer waited until market conditions were optimal for reaping some final profits from the energy sector.

He has described his conversion to climate activism as a "personal version of a 'Paul on the Road to Damascus' moment." A more apt analogy might be to Michael Corleone from the Godfather. Just when Steyer thought he was out,

energy profits pulled him back in. He needed these profits so he could pump \$100 million to Democratic politicians who prevent others from making profits and creating jobs in the energy sector.

More than a few environmental groups have inconspicuously dipped their hand into the fossil-fuel till, and environmental groups are not above taking bribes. Between 2007 and 2010, the Sierra Club accepted \$25 million in secret payments from a natural gas company for their anti-coal campaign.

Perhaps what really bothers the green movement is that, unlike themselves, the energy sector gives American consumers something they actually want. The oil and natural gas industry is responsible for 9.8 million American jobs. An additional 1.4 million could be added by 2030 if the federal government lifts its blockade on access to natural resources.

It's difficult to take the green movement seriously. Over and over, the movement attacks a sector that's a vital part of the American economy. So the next time a green activist demands America pay more for energy, opt out of air conditioning, or divest from fossil fuel stocks, the American voters should simply say, "You first."

*Michael James Barton is the Director for Energy at ARTIS Research, and he speaks around the country on energy and energy security matters. He previously served as the deputy director of Middle East policy at the Pentagon.* ★



By Rev. Mark Schindler, Unity of Auburn

The Christmas season is almost upon us, and it is indeed a wonderful time of year filled with beauty in so many ways: lights, music, decorated trees, and people doing their best to practice generosity and hold on to the hope that peace on earth might really be possible. Yet, in the midst of all the preparation and celebration, we forget that for many among us who have recently experienced the death of a loved one, the season can amplify their sense of loss. For them, this is the

# Light Up A Life

first Christmas when someone important is missing from the holiday table or around the tree. Part of the problem is that they are bombarded with idealized images of Christmas and well-meaning people with unrealistic expectations want them to smile and be positive. Before long, they get the idea that there is something wrong with not feeling jolly all the time. Sometimes they feel bad for not feeling good, or if they do feel good for a moment, they feel guilty about it.

Each year in early December, Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice and local funeral chapels that serve our community sponsor an event called Light Up A Life. This service is specially designed to support those who are experiencing grief and sadness at this time of year by giving them the opportunity to transform the beauty and meaning of the season into a special tribute to their loved ones.

This year's Light Up A Life event will be held at The Ridge Golf and Event Center in Auburn on December 2nd. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. in order to give everyone time

to create a special Christmas ornament that can be displayed on one of the Christmas trees during the evening in honor of a departed friend or family member. The ornament can be retrieved afterward to serve as a treasured memory for the rest of the season and beyond.

The main program starts at 7 p.m., featuring amazing holiday music from the Colfax High School Chamber Choir and other guest performers as well as words of inspiration and comfort from several speakers. The program concludes with a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony, with each point of light symbolizing a life remembered and cherished through the symbols of the season.

*Light Up A Life* is offered free of charge as a service to the community; it is a powerful reminder that no one needs to face the holidays alone during a time of loss. Whether your loss is recent or years old, join us and discover a new depth of meaning and beauty in what might otherwise be a challenging time of year. We are here to support you. Please join us. ★

# California International Marathon

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Thousands of runners are expected to be racing through our neighborhoods in the Third District on Sunday, December 7th during the annual California International Marathon. The 26-mile grueling trek begins at 7 a.m. in Folsom and concludes at the State Capitol.

This event attracts world-class competition. Several thousand

out of town visitors travel to the area to participate in or watch the marathon. This influx contributes to our local economy via renting lodging, dining in restaurants, retail sales, etc.

Residents can come out and cheer the runners. Fair Oaks Boulevard is part of the route, so Fair Oaks, Carmichael, and Arden Arcade residents south of that roadway may find

themselves "land-locked" due to street closures while the race is in progress.

These closures may cause some inconvenience so please be cognizant of that when planning your morning activities. Residents can view specific street closures on the marathon's webpage at [www.runcim.org](http://www.runcim.org).

*Source: The Office of Supervisor Susan Peters* ★

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## Placer Land Trust and REI Team Up to Celebrate Trails



Jason Flesher from REI presented a large check for \$25,000 to partially fund this section of trail through Placer Land Trust's Trails & Recreation campaign. Through this campaign, Placer Land Trust plans to raise \$750,000 to build 20 miles of new trails across 3,000 acres of permanently protected oak woodlands. These trails will connect Coon Creek to Bear River, and will eventually link to Hidden Falls Regional Park's trails, creating nearly 50 miles of continuous trails in Placer County. Photo courtesy of Gary Hughes.

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - A crowd of 100 guests joined Placer Land Trust and REI on Sunday, November 9th for a day of volunteering and celebration of three miles of new trails near Auburn at Placer Land Trust's Taylor Ranch Preserve.

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to Hidden Falls Regional Park's trails, creating nearly 50 miles of continuous trails in Placer County.

"This area is now open only for docent led hikes and other special events, but the goal is that the trails will eventually be linked and access will be available to the public," said Mehrey Vaghti, Placer Land Trust's Board Vice-President.

The event, known as Taylor Trails Day, included several trail-related volunteer service projects, giving the public an opportunity to give back to the outdoor recreation community. Lunch and a short ceremony took place in a beautiful meadow along Coon Creek.

Placer Land Trust docents then offered several hikes for all ages and abilities, to get out and enjoy both new and existing trails on the property.

Placer Land Trust is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit organization incorporated in 1991 to work with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently protect natural and agricultural lands in Placer County for future generations. To date the Trust has protected 7,766 acres in 37 locations across the Placer County region. For details, see [www.placerlandtrust.org](http://www.placerlandtrust.org) or call (530) 887-9222.

Source: Placer Land Trust ★

## CHP Combats Aggressive Driving

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On November 13th, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced that it is implementing a yearlong, federally funded traffic safety campaign to reduce the number of collisions associated with aggressive driving.

"Every year, speed and aggressive driving plays a role in the death or injury of thousands of people in California," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Through this enforcement and education campaign, we seek to curb the number of fatal and injury collisions linked to speeding and other dangerous driving."

With the support of a federal traffic safety grant titled "Reduce Aggressive Driving

Incidents and Tactically Enforce Speed (RADIATES) III," the CHP will educate motorists about the dangers of aggressive driving and will take appropriate enforcement action. The primary goal of this grant is to reduce, by 5%, the number of fatal and injury traffic collisions where speed, improper turning, and driving on the wrong side of the road are primary collision factors. To achieve this goal by September 30th, 2015, the CHP will combine enhanced enforcement with an active public awareness campaign, which includes at least 400 radar trailer deployments and a minimum of 300 traffic safety presentations throughout the state.

Speed, coupled with aggressive driving, consistently

contributes to the vast majority of serious collisions in California. According to data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, in federal fiscal year 2011-2012, speed was a factor in approximately 42% of all fatal and injury collisions in the state. That year, more than 26,000 speed-related collisions resulted in the death of 264 people and the injury of more than 38,000 others.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Source: Chad Hertzell, Public Information Officer, California Highway Patrol ★

## Light Up A Life Invites Community to Remember Loved Ones

Join the community for an evening of remembrance as we enter the Holidays

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - *Light Up A Life*, a special evening of remembrance, will be held Tuesday, December 2nd at 7 p.m., at The Ridge Golf Club and Event Center, 2020 Golf Course Rd., Auburn. This free event is open to all members of the community and especially welcomes families that have experienced the loss of a loved one during this past year.

The event program will include speakers from the community, music, a candle-lighting ceremony, and light refreshments. Prior to the event, families can obtain a free keepsake ornament from the host locations to personalize with pictures, poems, or any other mementos. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and guests will be invited to decorate an ornament with

craft items provided. All personalized ornaments will be placed on the holiday trees in recognition of passed loved ones.

Hosts for *Light Up A Life* are Chapel of the Hills, Lassila Funeral Chapels, Sierra Foothills Funeral Services, Stein and Sons Funeral Services, and Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice. For information, please call (530) 886-6650.

Source: Julie Malvey ★

## Make a Difference with "Socks for Seniors"

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - Socks for Seniors is an annual community service project that organizes the collection of new socks to be distributed to elderly citizens in local area nursing homes around the holidays.

The 2014 Socks for Seniors campaign began with Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 25th and will run through Christmas.

The project is 100% volunteer based. They do not collect

money, they collect socks. All the collected socks will be distributed in the local Auburn area.

This year, Socks for Seniors is looking for local area coordinators near Auburn to help with collecting socks. It all starts with one person, one box, and one location. If you would like to host a sock drive, you can decorate a box and find a location to place it; that's all there is to it. It's great if you already have a nursing home, assisted living

center, or other senior community in mind for distribution; but if not, Socks for Seniors will help connect you with a local senior community for distributing the socks at the end of the sock drive.

To collect socks for seniors or for more information about the project, please visit [www.socks-forseniors.com](http://www.socks-forseniors.com).

Source: Socks for Seniors ★

# Kings Break Ground on World-Class Arena

## Historic Groundbreaking Takes Place as the Kings Tip Off 30th Season in Sacramento

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Marking the culmination of a decade-long effort to build a new arena in Sacramento, the community officially celebrated the groundbreaking of the new downtown Entertainment and Sports Center (ESC) on October 29th. Kings Owner Vivek Ranadivé, Mayor Kevin Johnson, and other local leaders and community members came together to mark the symbolic start of a new era in Sacramento. Scheduled to open in the fall of 2016, the upcoming ESC will showcase uniquely Sacramento qualities while setting a new standard in technological and environmental innovation.

"Today is about more than just digging shovels into the ground, it's about celebrating the start of a new era for this city, the Sacramento Kings, and the entire region," said Kings Owner Vivek Ranadivé. "Much like the construction workers and engineers working around the clock to build the ESC, we are working tirelessly to bring the best technology, environmental practices, locally sourced food and beverages, and fan experience to serve as a centerpiece for civic engagement, community, and the arts."

The ESC project encompasses four city blocks in the heart of downtown and will serve as a major catalyst for economic development for the Sacramento region. The ESC and surrounding development will generate an estimated 4,000 permanent jobs, 1.6 million new annual visitors

to downtown, and \$11.5 billion in regional economic impact over the next 35 years.

"This is a historic day in the City of Sacramento," said Mayor Kevin Johnson. "We've reached a great milestone in this incredible journey that has been nearly 10 years in the making. Today, we are putting shovels in the ground which means we are putting people back to work. We've said from the beginning that this was bigger than basketball. This project is the catalyst in our years long effort to revitalize our downtown, creating 4,000 permanent jobs and over 11,000 construction jobs, while energizing our City and our region. I've never been prouder of my hometown and more hopeful for our future."

To honor the past while celebrating the future, the Kings highlighted unique memories and experiences from several Sacramento youth.

"When I was eight years old, I danced in front of my first huge crowd during halftime of a Kings game," said Tejah Teat. "That performance gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams and eventually win a national contemporary dance title. I want to thank the Kings for being such a special part of my family's life. We have so many great memories at Sleep Train Arena, and we can't wait to create even more in the new downtown arena."

The ESC will be a multi-use facility designed to accommodate sporting and

top entertainment events such as professional and collegiate sports, headlining concerts, ice shows, indoor rodeo, trade shows, large graduations, family shows, and other entertainment. The project also includes a state-of-the-art practice facility, administrative offices and up to 1.5 million square feet of ancillary development.

AECOM, who is renowned for designing some of the most state-of-the-art sports and entertainment venues in the world, is the ESC's lead architect, while ICON Venue Group is serving as the project manager, and Turner Construction is the lead builder. All architectural design work will occur in Sacramento to ensure ongoing local input in the design process.

Today's groundbreaking of the new ESC also coincides with the Sacramento Kings regular season home opener, which will commemorate three decades of Kings basketball in Sacramento. The celebratory home opener will kick off with an immersive visual show that transforms the court into a 3D projection screen highlighting the team's rich history. Original owners and former Kings players from the 1985 inaugural team will be on hand to commemorate the team's storied past and celebrate its bright future.

For more information, visit [www.Kings.com](http://www.Kings.com).

Source: Sacramento Kings ★

## Operation Recognition Seeks Eligible Veterans to Receive High School Diplomas

Veterans and WWII Japanese American Internees Eligible for High School Diplomas

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) is again awarding high school diplomas to qualifying U.S. Veterans and Japanese American citizens through its popular Operation Recognition program.

The Operation Recognition program was adopted in October 2001 by the Sacramento County Board of Education to honor the contributions and sacrifices of individuals who missed completing high school to serve in the U.S. military (specifically World War II or the Korean War) or who relocated to a World War II internment camp for Japanese American citizens. In 2005, the Board expanded the program to include veterans of the Vietnam War.

The County Board of Education has provided diplomas to 174 veterans and Japanese American citizens through Operation Recognition since 2001. Nine diplomas have been awarded posthumously.

Residents of Sacramento County are encouraged to request diplomas on behalf of themselves or qualifying family members, including those who are now deceased. April 15th, 2015, is the deadline to submit applications. The County Board of Education is scheduled to hold its next Operation Recognition diploma ceremony on Tuesday, May 5th, 2015.

Operation Recognition applications are available by phone or mail: (916) 228-2416 or Operation Recognition, P.O. Box 269003, Sacramento, CA 95826-9003. Applications are also available from the Sacramento County Veterans Service Office, located in midtown Sacramento at 2007 19th Street. There is no charge to participate in the program.

To be eligible for an Operation Recognition diploma, the following qualifications must be met: the applicant or recipient must be a Sacramento County resident; veterans must show proof

of Honorable Discharge from U.S. military service occurring during WWII, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War; Japanese American citizens must show proof of internment in a WWII relocation camp; and veterans and Japanese American citizens must provide the name of the high school the applicant was attending at the time of induction into military service or internment.

An application may be submitted by a family member of a qualifying individual, living or deceased. Those who meet the qualifications but already earned a GED are also eligible. Diploma recipients and/or survivors should be current or former Sacramento County residents. Those living outside Sacramento County may be referred to their local county office of education. For more information, please visit [www.scoe.net](http://www.scoe.net).

Source: Sacramento County Office of Education ★

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By Ronnie McBrayer

# Truly Satisfied

within us that we can't seem to satisfy, a hunger we cannot fill. According to Richard Alpert, also known as Ram Dass, he says that desire is precisely the problem. It is the fly in the existential ointment, the one thing that always trips us up (Which in the Christian tradition sounds a lot like "original sin").

Unmet desire is, as Alpert describes, like eating ice cream. One has to keep eating it, faster and faster, because it is constantly melting; it is always getting away, and never fulfills true hunger. I would only add to this apt description that even if one is able to "eat the whole thing" before it melts, then he or she will only feel sick, nauseous, and guilty when it is over.

So, how does one unhitch from the runaway desire, the sheer hunger of the heart that so often drags us to our undoing? The great G.K. Chesterton once said that there were only two ways to be satisfied. One "is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less." But how does one desire less?

There's no easy answer. Whole religions and extensive spiritual practices have been built around answering that question; and everything from self-flagellation and asceticism to quiet meditation and psychotropic drugs have been tried to free humanity from itself. Yet, the heinous rate of consumption, the constant grabbing and clutching for more, continues

with happiness levels as flat as ever.

But maybe the presence of desire isn't the real problem. It's not that "we want," but that we want the wrong things. We are all going to desire. After all, desire is simply the search for happiness. What is the object of those desires; what is it that we are after that we think will make us happy? Those might be the better questions.

See, we have been duped. We think that acquisition will satisfy us. We have been fooled into thinking that a shinier car, a bigger house, a younger wife, a better neighborhood, or the newest piece of technology will make us happy. But it's an evaporating illusion. When you are chasing after what will never ultimately please you, getting more of it won't get it done.

I think that's what Jesus was getting at when he said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these other things will be added to you." He was saying, "You're going to desire, you're going to want; just point those cravings in the right direction. Go for what counts!" Then you discover that living a satisfying life requires very little. You will discover that the hungry life can be replaced by the happy life.

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An old Quaker came to the end of his days as a farmer; no longer did he have the strength to work the soil. So, he placed a sign on his land that read, "This farm will be given to anyone who is truly satisfied."

A wealthy merchant came riding along and saw the sign framed by the beautiful rolling hills, the rich dark soil, the barns and silos. He thought to himself, "If my friend the Quaker is so eager to part with his land, I might as well claim it. I have all I need - so I qualify."

He guided his pony to the farmhouse, hopped out of the saddle, and walked to the front porch. The farmer slowly came to the door and offered his leathery hand. The merchant shook his hand and got down to business, explaining why he was there - to claim the land being offered - of course.

"Art thou truly satisfied?" the Quaker asked the merchant. The merchant responded, "I am, indeed. I have everything I need." The old farmer answered, "My friend, if thou art satisfied with everything ye have, why doth thou need my land?" And with that he closed the door.

It is human nature to want; to search, covet, yearn for and lust even after we have everything we need - more than we need. There is this insatiable desire

# The Longest Day of My Life

Dr. James L. Snyder

I have known for a very long time that every day has 24 hours, every hour has 60 minutes and every minute has 60 seconds. I want to thank my first grade teacher for drilling this information into a rather thick skull. This information, along with a lot of other information, has helped me get through life up to this point.

I also know every week has seven days except for the Beatles, who think there are "Eight Days a Week." I am not sure how they got up to that point, but I have sometimes felt that way myself.

Sometimes a day feels longer than the 24 hours allotted to it. Moreover, I think some hours that are much longer than the 60 minutes they are supposed to be limited to.

This past week, however, brought me to a new level of understanding. Although every day has 24 hours, I did experience a day that had at least one thousand hours to it; each hour an excruciating moment in time.

It all began quite innocently enough. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked me a very simple question. I have been married long enough to know that there is no such thing as your wife asking a simple question. I guess in my old age I am beginning to forget a few things. My wife simply asked, "Is there any gas in your truck?"

On the surface, it looked rather simple and in the moment and being caught off guard, as I usually am, I answered very listlessly, "Yes, the tank is full of gas."

Thinking this was the end of the conversation I began walking away. As I walked away, I heard the echo of my wife's voice following me.

"Would you mind," she said, "if our granddaughter and I borrow your truck for today? We need to do some shopping across town."

This, as you may well guess, is wrong on several levels.

First, why did they need my truck to go shopping? On the surface all I could see was \$'s. How much shopping are you going to do if you need a truck?

Second, the most important angle, is borrowing my truck! A man's truck is a man's truck. Need I say more? A real man does not borrow his truck out to anyone. There is something personal about a man's truck. It is the only place where he can surround himself with silence and where he is "King of the road."

"I didn't think you would mind," she said as she reached for the keys to the truck. After some struggle, I finally surrendered the keys.

"We will not be back for lunch," she said as she raced towards the door, "so you are on your own for lunch."

Then, to add insult to injury she shouted, "And, you can use my car if you need to go somewhere."

That will be the day! I was tempted, just tempted for a moment, to drive her car around and use up all her gas. I toyed with the idea and jingled the keys in my hand and then I realized I would be the one to put the gas in her car.

It certainly was a long day. Occasionally I glanced out the window to where my truck used to be parked. No truck. Sadness has its levels, if you know what I mean.

Several hours after my granddaughter and wife left, I got a text. Now I know why men die before their wives. When I read the text my heart was about to attack me.

It seems, how, I will never know, but there was a hole in my tire probably put there by some nail. And she needed to have the tire fixed and was just informing me that she was going to do that.

My tire! A hole in my tire! The last time I drove my precious truck there was no hole in the tire. Everything was in good shape when I drove it last. But now that my wife is driving it, a hole suspiciously appears in my tire.

If you have ever owned a truck, you know exactly what was taking place. That hole in the tire was my truck reaching out for me to come help it. I think my truck thought that if the tire was not working it would end this whole charade. Unbeknownst to my truck, my wife, undaunted by the situation, had my truck tire fixed.

The hours struggled on and it seemed like an eternity. I ate my lunch in silence, staring out the window where my truck used to be parked; now an empty space.

After one thousand hours of excruciating pain, I heard my truck pull into the driveway. As I gazed out the window, I saw the back of the truck piled high with "stuff. But there it was, safely in the driveway.

Sometimes attachments can cause you a lot of anxiety. Only one attachment in my life worth all the anxiety in the world. That is my relationship with Jesus Christ. Sometimes I do have an anxious moment but then I turn to the Scripture.

I have this marvelous promise. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

When my mind is on the Lord, I don't mind anything else in the world.

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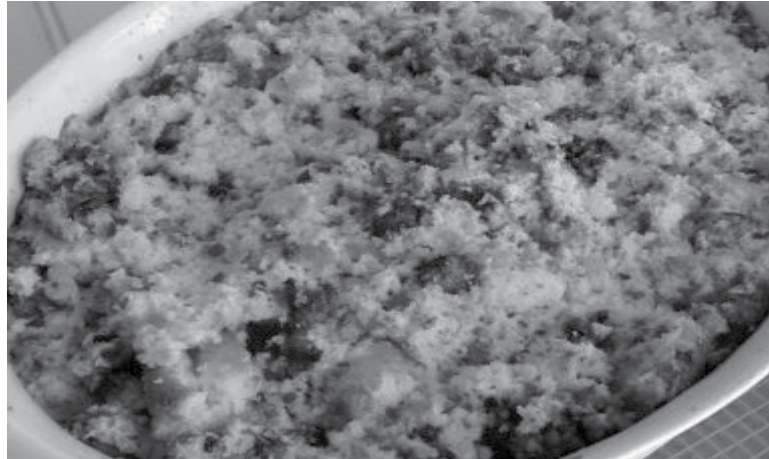
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# POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

## LET'S BE THANKFUL

It's gonna' be turkey and all the trimmings from cranberries to pumpkin pie. It's gonna' be football to the max and family and friends gathering together to party hearty on a day off! That's what Thanksgiving means to most folks. So, I went in search of some of our favorite Radio and TV personalities to find out what they are thankful for. You would think it's the glamour of being on the air and folks fawning all over them because of what they do, but you might be surprised!

**Dan Elliott...Anchor KXTV "News 10 Good Morning"** told me "First and foremost, I am thankful for a great family...the best wife a man could ask for and three wonderful sons who bring so much joy to my heart. Second, I'm thankful to be living where I am...I have never lived outside California, and if all goes to plan, that will never change. And third, I'm thankful to be doing what I love and to be getting paid to do it. I love the news and the people I work with, so even though it's a job, it is also a pleasure most of the

time."  
**Big Jim Hall...Afternoon Air Personality 101.5 KHITS Radio** has a sad yet hopeful message. "Having lost my wife and one of my brothers in the last two years, I have reflected on many things. I find that I am most thankful for those family members and good friends that still surround me. I try to be more appreciative of the here and now, taking in all I can. Love on those near you and thank God daily for your blessings."

**Bob Stephenson...Afternoon News Anchor AM-950 KAH Radio:** "In this time of Thanksgiving, I am thankful that I am now back near my family...kids and grandkids...especially during the holiday season. There is no greater gift than that of family."

**Kitty O'Neal...AM/FM Afternoon Anchor KFBK Radio** shared this with me. "As time goes by, I see the importance of being grateful for even the small, seemingly insignificant things in life that we often take for granted. So, to chronicle my gratitude list would be unwieldy! But suffice to say, I carry deep thanks in my heart for family and friends, for the ideals upon which this country was founded, for the good I see expressed every day, and for God."

**Jeanne Marie...Media/Political Make-Up Artist** who has worked on some really famous faces told me "I am grateful for another beautiful day

in all kinds of weather; bright and sunny, or cloudy and rainy. I'm grateful for the incredible art displays painted across our skies, and for flowers, trees, and nature. But, I am also so grateful for being happy and joyful, because for just merely that statement of acknowledgement and gratitude, it draws more of it to you."

**Casey Freelove...Show Host/Production Director AM 950 KAH Radio** has thanks. "This year, I am thankful for good friends, my Mom (who is my biggest supporter) and to have a job that I love. I am thankful to live in the greatest country in the world. On Thanksgiving Day, I am thankful for Dallas Cowboys football, turkey, and all the fixings."

You see what I mean? Thanksgiving is family and friends and love to all is what they all care about. Okay, I know you want to know what I am thankful for too. Simply put...The love of my husband of 43 years, still having a loving brother and sister-in-law, talking with you every day on the News and POPPOFF on AM-950 KAH Radio, and to genuinely know that I may be changing lives for the better for lots of folks with what I do! Love trumps all.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!** ★

## Placer Community Foundation Awards \$250,000 in Grants



Grant recipients with Placer Community Foundation staff, board members, grant review panelists, and Placer County Mental Health Services staff at Sammy's Island Bar & Grill in Roseville.

**ROSEVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Placer Community Foundation (PCF) awarded five grants of \$50,000 each to local nonprofits that provide services to at-risk youth and their families. This funding will allow the organizations to provide varied mental health services, including court advocates for foster children, mentors for fathers of at-risk children, counseling for birth families recently reunited with their children, intervention for those at risk of mental illness in the Placer Native community, and intervention for teens exposed to and at risk for drug abuse.

"Nine out of 10 people who have experienced addiction began use in their teen years," said Ariel King-Lovett, Deputy Director of Community Recovery Resources, one of the five grantees. "With this support, we have the opportunity to change the lives of teens, and in doing so help them build a safer and healthier future."

This funding was made available through a partnership with the County of Placer Department of Health and Human Services and the Mental Health Services Act.

"I'm excited that we're partnering with the county to fund these projects and provide services to people in our community who need it most," said Veronica Blake, CEO of Placer Community Foundation.

"We partner with Placer Community Foundation because we know that it really takes everyone working together to improve the lives of those in need," said Maureen Bauman, Director of Placer County Mental Health Adult System of Care Services.

PCF awarded grants to the following charitable organizations:

- Child Advocates of Placer County runs the CASA Expansion Project, which will expand the Court Appointed Special Advocate program to serve 650 unduplicated foster children.
- Community Recovery Resources offers the Full Circle Student and Family Support Program for Western Placer County youth ages 12-18, and their families, who are at greater risk of developing a mental health disorder due to identified substance misuse or dependence.
- KidsFirst for Supporting Fathers consists of an intervention group, a mentorship program, therapy, and case management services to address the mental health, emotional, and behavioral challenges experienced by fathers.
- Lilliput Children's Services Home to Stay will provide counseling and support services by building on the strengths of birth parents and kinship caregivers. Intensive in-home support will be offered to birth families and

kinship families during and following reunification.

• Sierra Native Alliance Native Community Early-Onset Therapeutic Services project provides outreach, peer support and mental health assessment, referrals, and counseling services for 120 members of the Placer Native community at risk for mental health disorders.

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 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 funds, visit [www.placercf.org](http://www.placercf.org), contact Veronica Blake at [vblake@placercf.org](mailto:vblake@placercf.org), or call (530) 885-4920.

Source: Placer Community Foundation ★



## Riley Reviews

### LOST IN SPACE THEME RUNS THROUGH PLODDING "INTERSTELLAR"

ecological disaster, to the strains of a society in freefall and the problem of sustaining humanity with little more than failing corn harvests.

Arguably, the vaguely futuristic "Interstellar" is about many things, with none more important than Matthew McConaughey's Cooper, a former astronaut and engineer now relegated to working as a farmer under harsh Dust Bowl conditions, so brightly and emotionally connected with his young daughter Murph (Mackenzie Foy).

The heartland of America, which could be any of the Plains states, is doomed. Realizing that Planet Earth faces almost imminent extinction, Cooper locates a remote NASA underground colony, where the brilliant professor Dr. Brand (Michael Caine) plans a space mission to find another planet capable of maintaining human life.

Dr. Brand's daughter (Anne Hathaway) is an astronaut who teams with Cooper and two others for an incredible space odyssey, with an objective to discover a wormhole that supposedly exists near Saturn, offering a gateway to other inhabitable worlds.

Space travel gets more complicated by the presence of a black hole that somehow alters the space-time continuum. It's as easy for the viewer to get lost as it is for the astronauts to go off-course and end up in a paradoxical world of exploration where each hour represents seven years of life on Earth. Talk about being lost in space.

Considering that time becomes relative, back in the Midwest, Cooper's children have reached adulthood, with Jessica Chastain as the grown-up daughter, and Casey Affleck as Cooper's even

more petulant oldest child Tom, who is struggling to keep the family farm going since school bureaucrats long ago decided he was not fit for a college education in the family field.

Odd as it may seem, Cooper and his children become relatively the same age in chronological terms. Emotional maturity is another matter. Even in adulthood, Murph is not forgiving of her father's long absence, and she seems unaware of his deep longing to return home to reunite with his family. The age differential eventually shifts to an even greater magnitude, but that's another story.

Though the action plods along at a leisurely pace, there is artistic brilliance to the planets discovered, one of which resembles a perpetual frozen Minnesota winter, where a stranded astronaut is a surprise character. Another watery planet might be a surfer's dream, though it would entail a death wish to conquer the massive waves.

One thing for sure is that Matthew McConaughey is in fine shape, with his comforting words that he hopes will reach his daughter measured in a tone of loving gravity. That seems to be the McConaughey style if you go by his voluble TV commercial for Lincoln automobiles.

The Hans Zimmer score is often loud and bombastic, such that on occasions it nearly obliterates some of the dialogue, while at other times the deafening sounds suggest immediacy to the action that is not fully realized.

Unquestionably, "Interstellar" has plenty of technical intensity and artistic radiance that makes this Nolan work a masterpiece for his ardent admirers. Others, including this reviewer, recognize the film's epic merits but take a more jaundiced view of what is essentially a rehash of many science-fiction themes which result in a somewhat pretentious exercise. Score one for Christopher Nolan if "Interstellar" hits it big at the box office. ★

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# This Holiday, Create a COLORFUL FEAST

**FAMILY FEATURES**

As you prepare for this season of celebrations, consider recipes that offer a fresh approach to the traditional holiday menu.

With its sweet simplicity and vibrant color, a garnish featuring California grapes can make your meal presentation even more enticing. Keep those mealtime traditions intact by serving favorites like Brussels sprouts, but pair them with sweet California grapes in a salad for the perfect balance of flavor and crunchy texture.

A beloved side dish, such as cornbread dressing, will exceed all expectations with ingredients like red and green grapes, butternut squash, walnuts and pancetta. Complete the meal with a new twist on a trifle that results in a rich dessert worthy of any gathering for the holidays and beyond.

For more ways to increase the freshness and flavor of your holiday meals, visit [GrapesfromCalifornia.com](http://GrapesfromCalifornia.com), [Facebook.com/GrapesfromCalifornia](https://www.facebook.com/GrapesfromCalifornia) and [Pinterest.com/GrapesfromCA](https://www.pinterest.com/GrapesfromCA).

**Helpful Tips for the Perfect Holiday Turkey**

- When shopping for your turkey, look for one with a pop-up timer.
- To thaw your turkey, keep it in the refrigerator based on its weight. For example, it should remain in the refrigerator for 24 hours for every 5 pounds. To thaw quickly, place it in the sink and cover with cold water, changing the water every half hour per pound.
- Once the turkey has thawed, always refrigerate or cook immediately.
- When you're ready to cook, baste the bird with extra virgin olive oil. Place turkey with the breast up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan in an oven preheated to 325°F. Loosely cover turkey with foil to prevent over-browning.
- The turkey is done cooking when the meat thermometer reads 180°F, or if the red stem on the pop-up timer is up and the drumstick feels soft or moves easily.
- Always allow the bird to rest for at least 20 minutes for easy carving.
- Present your turkey on a platter with a fresh and colorful garnish, such as California grapes.

**A Tasty Tradition**

A Spanish custom spanning back to 1895, those who practice "the twelve grapes of luck" are said to be provided with a year of prosperity. Add this festive ritual to your celebration by eating a grape with the ringing of each bell at midnight on New Year's Eve.



**Raw Vegetable and Grape Salad**

- Servings: 6
- Salad:**
- 2 cups shredded or very thinly sliced Brussels sprouts
  - 1 cup shredded carrots
  - 1 cup thinly sliced fennel
  - 1/2 cup cooked, chopped bacon (6 slices)
  - 4 cups green and red seedless California grapes, halved
  - 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- Dressing:**
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
  - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Toss all salad ingredients together in large bowl. Whisk together all dressing ingredients in medium bowl and drizzle over salad. Toss until ingredients are well coated with dressing.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 226 calories; 14 g fat (4 g saturated fat); 55% calories from fat; 8 g protein; 19 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 17 mg cholesterol; 516 mg sodium; 471 mg potassium.

**Peanut Butter and Grape Trifle**

- Servings: 14
- 1 (16-ounce) container nonfat vanilla Greek yogurt
  - 8 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
  - 2 tablespoons honey
  - 1 (8-ounce) container lite whipped topping, divided
  - 1 (16-ounce) store-bought pound cake, sliced into 1-inch cubes
  - 3 cups red seedless California grapes, plus more for garnish
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  - 1/4 cup honey-roasted peanuts, chopped (optional garnish)

In medium bowl, stir together yogurt, peanut butter and honey until well combined. Gently fold in half of whipped topping. Set aside.

In clear glass trifle dish or bowl, layer half each of pound cake cubes, peanut butter mixture, red grapes and green grapes. Repeat layers a second time and top with remaining whipped topping. Garnish with additional grapes (sliced in half) if desired, and chopped peanuts, if desired.

**Nutrition information per serving (with peanuts):** 313 calories; 15 g fat (5 g saturated fat); 42% calories from fat; 8 g protein; 38 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 73 mg cholesterol; 197 mg sodium; 206 mg potassium.



**Cornbread Dressing with Roasted Grapes, Walnuts and Pancetta**

- Servings: 12
- 2 cups red seedless California grapes
  - 2 cups green seedless California grapes
  - 2 cups cubed butternut squash
  - 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
  - Salt and pepper, to taste
  - 6 ounces diced pancetta
  - 3/4 cup sliced celery
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 5 cups coarsely crumbled cornbread (either store-bought or prepared from a mix), toasted
  - 3/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
  - 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
  - 3 tablespoons butter, melted
  - 3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
  - 1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 400°F. Toss grapes and squash cubes together in large bowl with oil, salt and pepper, to taste. Spread in single layer on baking sheet and roast for about 20–30 minutes, until grapes have begun to slightly shrivel and squash is tender. Set aside.

Heat large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and cook pancetta until it begins to brown slightly. Add celery and onions and cook until tender and onions are translucent, about 5–6 minutes. Add garlic and cook for one minute more. Remove from heat.

In large bowl, combine cornbread, pancetta mixture, grapes, squash, walnuts, sage and salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk together broth, butter, vinegar and egg. Pour over cornbread mixture and toss well to combine.

Spray 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spoon dressing evenly into dish. (At this point, you can either bake immediately or cover and refrigerate overnight to bake the next day.)

Bake, covered with foil, at 350°F for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake another 20 minutes, or until warmed through and golden brown.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 442 calories; 18 g fat (4 g saturated fat); 37% calories from fat; 14 g protein; 54 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 75 mg cholesterol; 1103 mg sodium; 475 mg potassium.

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## THANK A VETERAN TODAY



By **Gerry Mifsud**

Like heavyweight champ Iron Mike Tyson, Councilman Mike Holmes is a diehard and won't go down before all the ballots are certified for Auburn's City Council Election. I spoke with Mr. Holmes the morning after election night. It appeared Matt Spokeley (2058 votes) and Mayor Bridget Powers (2029 votes) had secured two of the three seats open. Underdog Daniel Berlant (1785 votes) drew the interest of Auburn voters, edging out Mr. Holmes (1655 votes) by 130 votes for the last seat open.

Mr. Holmes said "I'm disappointed in not being at the top of the list in votes for the City Council. There are still a lot of uncounted ballots before certification. For example, a couple of years back, a candidate (Gary Moffat) with a strong showing on election night lost when the uncounted votes came in." The buzz talk in town was that election was controversial. I asked him if there was a chance he could catch up to Berlant and he said emphatically "YES".

An elated Daniel Berlant commented: "I'm pleased with my showing and feel confident that after the certification I'll be on the City Council. I've gotten a hold of the budgetary problems of the Auburn Union School District, which has a budget far greater than Auburn's. I look forward to working with the new

## NEVER GIVE UP

### Diehard "Iron Mike" Holmes

City Council towards addressing budget problems and other issues of concern. Win or lose, Mike Holmes will continue his good work for a city we both love."

Top vote getter Matt Spokeley said, "The election was an eye opener, and I respect the City Council who put themselves out on public display. I set out to run a positive, effective campaign, and I'm happy with the results. I'm anxious to get to work for the citizens of Auburn." Induction to the council will be Dec. 2nd.

Incumbent, Mayor Bridget Powers said, "Election results are not final or certified. I'm told by the Elections Office that results will come prior to Thanksgiving (Nov.27th). All the candidates did a good job, and I look forward to the new City Council and serving four more years."

Councilman Bill Kirby, recognizing Spokeley and Berlant as "energetic and progressive," said: "The tally is not in and the town is happy with Mayor Powers. I'm happy with the new blood coming in." As for Mr. Holmes, Dr. Kirby said, "He respectfully served Auburn for 12 years and contributed a great deal to Auburn."

Stepping down from the City Council, Kevin Hanley of the Chamber of Commerce said, "I encourage the new City Council to set reachable goals towards resolving the Budget problems by the target date of 2020. Decisions now have to be made to address the needs and services to the people of Auburn."

Steve Galyardt, on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors and a supporter of Mr. Spokeley said, "We were thrilled, but the election is not certified. Mr. Holmes has somewhat of a

chance to retain his seat, but it doesn't look like it.

Retired banker and former Mayor, Kathy Sands said, "I don't always vote for winners. We will have some new ideas and energy, but I did support Mr. Holmes. He always has done and is still doing a great job for Auburn."

Director of the County Elections Department Jim McCauley said, "No daily tallies will be given out until prior to Thanksgiving when the final tally will come. Approximately 800 ballots remain to be counted, and Mr. Holmes needs 50% of them to catch Mr. Berlant."

In Auburn, 72% used to vote, and now its 51%. 130 votes keep Mr. Holmes from the last seat available. The residents of Auburn spoke in saying they were happy and surprised about both newcomers making it. Overwhelming numbers felt badly for Mr. Holmes and his low votes. Some said the Holmes/Kirby verbal aggressiveness towards one another is now broken up. A few said that they had heard of a "whisper campaign" against Mr. Holmes.

You wouldn't know it, but three days after the elections, Mr. Holmes was on the stage at the State Theater acting and singing as a Rabbi in "Fiddler on the Roof." Mr. Holmes' dialogue repeated the words "Let's all sit down." Mr. Holmes just might not sit down on the City Council, but the show will go on, and I believe "Iron Mike Holmes" will NEVER GIVE UP on his continuing service to the town he loves.

Gerry Mifsud, TV Host and Senior Activist. ★

## Hometown Heroes



**Air Force Airman Alexandria A. Scaletti** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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

Scaletti is the daughter of Cindy E. and Charles R. Scaletti of Granite Bay, Calif., and sister of Jennifer M. Baudendistal of Lincoln, Calif.

She is a 2011 graduate of Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif.



**Air Force Airman James S. Logan** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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Logan is the son of Amy and Jim Logan of Auburn, Calif. and nephew of Emily Dailey of Huntington Beach, Calif.

He is a 2014 graduate of Colfax High School, Colfax, Calif.

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# Tick-Tock, Visit Roper's New Clock Shop

By Linda Harper

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - Anyone walking along the sidewalk at 816 Lincoln Way will notice a faint, rhythmic sound coming from inside. It's the sound of clocks keeping time in unison, a time keeping symphony of sorts being played at Roper's Clock Shop. The little shop located next to the family's jewelry store has been busy repairing, restoring, and selling a variety of clocks, including the revered grandfather clock, since its opening in March of this year.

Since Roper's opening in Auburn 58 years ago, clock sales and repair has been available. In those days, a jewelry store offered many services and products. The jewelry cases and clocks would sit alongside furniture, appliances, and vacuum cleaners. As a young man, Harvey Roper, now deceased, apprenticed with a seasoned master clock maker to learn the trade

of clock making and repair so he could be proficient in that area of the family business. His mentor was wise and started Harvey off sweeping floors in his shop so he could watch the process. Then, taking "baby steps" through hands-on experience, he taught Harvey a little at a time until he was able to begin working on his own. Harvey continued his education, and he graduated as a Master Clock Maker. During the 1990s, Harvey found himself doing less clock repair and more managerial duties at Roper's Jewelry Store. He never forgot his "clock roots" and talked of opening a specialty clock shop for several years.

Michael Voshev took over Harvey's duties as Master Clock Maker at the jewelry store in 1997, and is celebrating his 17th anniversary with Roper's this year. Michael is a perfectionist and proud of his work. Keeping in tune with doing things the proven, "old school" way,

Michael has taken on an apprentice, Kevin Reese.

Clock sales are in full swing for the holidays at Roper's Clock Shop. Their inventory is diverse and unique. It spans from traditional clocks, cuckoo clocks, and specialty clocks to majestic grandfather clocks. The tradition of superb customer service Roper's is known for is very evident at their Clock Shop. Michael and Kevin will make house calls to repair a clock, they deliver clocks (even on Christmas Eve), and Michael makes himself available to answer any questions you may have regarding a repair or purchasing a new clock.

Stop by Roper's Clock Shop during this holiday shopping season. There's no better gift than the gift of time for that special someone. Roper's Clock Shop is open Monday through Saturday.

For more information, visit [www.ropersjewelers.com](http://www.ropersjewelers.com), or call (530) 889-5699. ★

# Placer Land Trust Assistant Director Receives "40 Under 40" Award



**PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Placer Land Trust is pleased to announce that Assistant Director Jessica Daugherty has been selected as one of the 2014 "40 Under 40" business professionals by the Sacramento Business Journal (SBJ). Daugherty will be presented with the award at a ceremony hosted by SBJ at the Mix Downtown on November 19th.

Each year the SBJ honors 40 people under age 40 from the Sacramento Region who excel in their profession and make a difference in their community. The awardees are selected by a panel of independent judges from the nominations received. In 2013, Daugherty was a runner up for the award and was selected among the top 100 nominations.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to be included in this year's Sacramento Business Journal's Top 40 under 40 winners," says Daugherty. "I am also thrilled that the leadership I have provided to Placer Land Trust and the importance of our conservation mission is reaching a level of significance to the region, and that people are starting to take notice of our work."

Daugherty is recognized as one of the top young conservation professionals in our State. She has had an incredible impact on the growth and success of PLT, which has become one of the premier conservation organizations in the State. Her role is comparable to a CFO or COO in larger for-profit corporations, and as a critical component of her job, she oversees PLT staff and finances. She has been instrumental in obtaining and overseeing the management and investment of PLT's financial assets, which have increased from \$180K in 2005 to \$7.3 million today.

As part of the shared leadership structure of PLT (together with the Executive Director and Board President), Daugherty has had a huge impact on fundraising and land conservation, raising more than \$20 million in funding for the protection of over 7,000 acres in Placer County since 2005.

"We are very proud of Jessica for all of her accomplishments and being selected to receive this award," says PLT's Executive Director Jeff Darlington. "Jessica is the go-to leader for forward thinking and well deserving of this great honor."

Daugherty has been appointed to, and serves on, several important positions throughout the region, including the Biological Working Group & Finance Committee of the Placer County Conservation Plan, the Board of Directors of the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, and the Working Landscapes Action Team with California Forward and the California Stewardship Network. She is also PLT's representative to the Sacramento Metro Chamber.

To her credit, Daugherty was instrumental in PLT becoming the first of three land trusts in California to receive National Land Trust Accreditation status in 2008. She has since provided volunteer assistance to other

land trusts, resulting in a flood of accredited California land trusts over the past five years. In 2014, Daugherty successfully led PLT to become the first land trust in California to renew its accredited status.

Daugherty is also spearheading the first ever oak woodland project to be enrolled in the carbon offset market through the California Air Resources Board. Working with ecologists, foresters, ranchers, market analysts, land conservation colleagues, and government officials (at the local, state and federal levels), Daugherty is preparing the Harvego Bear River Preserve Oak Woodland project for verification and registration in 2015. If PLT can successfully market carbon sales from this foothill oak woodland property, the hope is that this can serve as a model for similar landscapes, offering a potential new source of conservation income for ranchers and other landowners throughout the foothill region.

Daugherty graduated from Humboldt State University in 2001 with a BA in Geography with an emphasis on Land Use Planning & Natural Resource Management. She started her career working in the national forests of El Dorado and Humboldt Counties, and in 2005 made the switch to the nonprofit sector, joining Placer Land Trust (PLT) as its second employee. Daugherty grew up and still lives in the small town of Georgetown with her husband and son. In her spare time, she also serves as the President of the American Quarter Midget Association (AQMA) based in Rancho Cordova at Prairie City OHV State Park, and she volunteers with the Rotary club and local chamber in Georgetown.

Source: Placer Land Trust ★

# Candy Cane Holiday Shopping Coming Saturday, November 29th

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - Candy Cane Saturday, November 29th, is the biggest holiday shopping day in Old Town Auburn. The new date coincides with National Small Business Saturday, a day where community members are encouraged to shop and eat at local establishments. Supporting local Auburn businesses in turn helps them to support the community and its residents.

This year most Old Town

merchants and restaurants will be open until 8 p.m., and shoppers can enter a raffle for prizes. The grand prize is a large gift basket from all the Old Town merchants as well as other various gifts. To participate, stop by any merchant to enter your name and phone number. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, November 30th at Sierra Moon. Winners do not need to be present to claim their prizes.

Old Town Auburn is the place to be on Saturday, November 29th. Enjoy a relaxing day of shopping for unique, one of a kind gifts while enjoying festive surroundings.

For more information about Candy Cane Saturday and other events in Old Town Auburn, visit [www.oldtownauburn.com](http://www.oldtownauburn.com). ★

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