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Carmichael residents Jennifer Goldwyn (right) and daughter Lexi offer food donations to mailman Julian Barbero. Assisted by mail carriers all over America, the Post Office food drive is the largest in the nation. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

By Gerald Del Agostino, AIFC

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Saturday, May 10th marks the 22nd anniversary of one of America's great days of giving: the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Letter carriers walk through the community every day, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many—hunger.

So, each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people

in Auburn who need our help.

Last year we collected over 74 million pounds of food nationally, feeding an estimated 30 million people. For Auburn that meant the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet (AIFC) and the Salvation Army received over 17,000 pounds of food to feed Auburn families. Donations collected in Auburn stay in your community.

The need for food donations is great. Currently 49 million Americans (one in six) are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children and nearly five million are seniors over age 60.

Our food drive's timing is crucial. Food

banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is simple. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 10th and your letter carrier will do the rest. I invite you to join in America's great day of giving and help us in our fight to end hunger. ★

Insurance Rate Reductions Bill Fails

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senator Ted Gaines' (R-Roseville) bill to immediately get rate reductions to insurance consumers (Senate Bill 1173) failed today in the Senate Insurance Committee on a 3-to-8 vote.

"I am extremely disappointed that the Committee failed to pass this important bill," said Senator Gaines. "California auto insurance is the eighth-highest in



Senator Ted Gaines (R-Roseville)

the country and rate decreases take between four months and a year to get through the bureaucratic process. That's a travesty. Hardworking Californians deserve to benefit from valuable insurance cost savings immediately."

Senate Bill 1173 would have required that the Insurance Commissioner automatically accept any rate decrease application filed with the Department of Insurance. This would save consumers months worth of higher prices because of rate adjustments they're waiting on the Insurance Commissioner to approve.

In 1988, Proposition 103 established a rate review process to be implemented by an elected Insurance Commissioner and the Department of Insurance (DOI). The process includes a full application to be submitted to the department, public notice and a hearing if required.

Proposition 103 was aimed at combating the unchecked insurance rate increases happening at the time, and put tighter regulation and oversight on the industry to prevent abuses and discriminatory practices by insurers.

The regulations set in place also established a formula to cap the profits to the insurers, and restrict the costs that can be passed onto the consumers—specifically political use of premiums and fees paid.

"This bill would have upheld voters' intent to put protections on rate hikes and insurer profits, but also ensured that customers save money when an insurer is able to lower rates," said Senator Gaines. "I will continue to look for opportunities to advocate on behalf of California taxpayers and eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic processes that waste time and money."

Senator Ted Gaines represents the 1st Senate District, which includes all or parts of Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra and Siskiyou counties. ★

It's Time to Fight The Bite

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- With the warm spring weather upon us and the hot summer months ahead, the buzzing of mosquitoes is everywhere. Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance but they can also transmit serious diseases like West Nile virus.

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is the local agency in charge of protecting public health by providing year-round mosquito and vector control services to over 1.25 million residents in Sacramento and Yolo counties. The two counties are comprised of 2,013 square miles of urban, commercial and agricultural land that include a variety of mosquito habitats for the 20 different mosquito species found in our area.

Of special concern are the two species of mosquitoes that can transmit West Nile virus. In 2013 a total of 372 human cases

of West Nile virus were reported throughout the state including 14 deaths. Since the arrival of West Nile virus to California in 2003, more than 4,000 people have been infected with the disease and 145 have died.

As the 2014 mosquito season begins, the District is preparing for an increase in activity. While it is still too early to predict what kind of a mosquito season it will be, West Nile virus is endemic to the area and it will likely once again pose health threats to area residents.

The current drought affecting California is also posing new challenges for the District. As residents are urged to conserve water, they are collecting it in common household containers such as buckets, garbage cans and other containers not meant for water collection. In the process of harvesting water for later use, residents are also creating many new mosquito breeding



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habitats. While conserving water is a good idea, it has to be done properly and in a manner that will not create mosquitoes. The best way to avoid producing

mosquitoes if you are conserving water is to use a rain barrel to collect the water. If you do not have a rain barrel available,

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It's Showtime: Music of Stage and Screen

ROCKLIN, CA (MPG) - Flutist Jeremiah Duarte Bills, a Loomis native, will perform with the Sierra Nevada Winds Orchestra, a 48-piece wind ensemble conducted by Robert Halseth, on Saturday, May 10, 2014, 7:30 p.m. at Dietrich Theatre, Sierra College, 5000 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677. He is featured in François Borne's *Fantaisie Brillante*, a virtuosic composition of famous melodies from Bizet's opera *Carmen*.

Bills is an active soloist, orchestral player, composer and teacher. He has appeared as a soloist with the Diablo Symphony, Sacramento Philharmonic, Sacramento Bach Festival and California Wind Orchestra. He has performed and recorded with the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas and the multimedia ensemble *Vision into Art* and the NOW Ensemble. Bills can be heard on the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas Sony Classical recordings *Mi Alma Mexicana* and *Travieso Carnesi*. His compositions for flute and interactive electronics have been premiered at the Tonhalle-Orchester in Zurich, Switzerland, the Miller Theatre at Columbia University and The Juilliard School.

After earning a bachelor's degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he studied with Tom Day, Bills studied with Carol Wincenc and obtained his master's degree from The Juilliard School. He currently teaches flute and piano at the Sacramento School of Music.

The Sierra Nevada Winds will also perform Leonard Bernstein's Overture to "Candide," a sparkling, adrenaline-pumping piece for musicians and audiences alike; Dello Joio's Scenes from "The Louvre," from



Flutist and Loomis native, Jeremiah Bills, performs with the Sierra Nevada Winds Orchestra on Saturday, May 10th. Photo courtesy of Sierra Nevada Winds Orchestra

the original score of a 1964 NBC television special; and John Williams' monumental *Star Wars* Trilogy.

The concert is sponsored by Sierra College Friends of the Library. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for seniors and students. Parking is free on Saturday. Call (530) 269-0395 or check www.sierranewadawinds.org for further information. ★

Source: Sierra Nevada Winds Orchestra

Tim Rundel Appointed Auburn City Manager

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - "Today I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Rundel as the next City Manager of Auburn", said Mayor Bridget Powers. Vice Mayor Keith Nesbitt went on to say, "Tim brings a wealth of experience to the job, with 12 years of public management expertise with a special emphasis in public finance, budgeting and economic development." Mayor Powers said how pleased the Council was with the great job Peckham & McKenney did for the City. "Bobbi Peckham was always available for us and took the time to detail where we were in the process. Bobbi made sure we looked at a pool of talent that met the profile and requirements of the Auburn City Manager position" said Mayor Powers.

Tim Rundel is 47 and currently holds the position of Assistant City Manager for the City of Midwest City, Oklahoma (pop. 55,000 w/ \$147M Annual Budget/500 full-time employees). As the Assistant City Manager of Operations, Rundel oversees the operations of Public Safety (Fire, Police and Emergency Mgt.), Public Works, Community Development (Planning and Engineering) and Code Enforcement. Rundel attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University, earning a Bachelor's degree and received a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

"My wife Brandy (a commercial real estate broker) and I are very excited to have the opportunity to join the community of Auburn and to work with the Mayor and



Auburn City Manager, Tim Rundel.

City Council," said Rundel. He went on to say, "I have traveled to California for numerous business and vacation trips. Auburn hands down, is the friendliest city I've traveled to in this great state. The City of Auburn has so much going for it, but by far its greatest assets are an engaged community, a dedicated and innovative City Council and a committed workforce."

Council Member Kirby shared that setting aside Tim's love of the OKC Thunder, what impressed him was Tim's energy and experience in Human Resources, "Yes, Tim has outstanding credentials in the area of HR", said Council Member Kirby. Council Members Hanley and Holmes both commented on Tim's past record of community involvement. "Tim is a past Rotarian (Paul Harris Fellow Recipient) and brings his commitment to the Four-way test," said Council Member Holmes. Likewise Council Member Hanley gave special notice for Tim's service to his country as a member of the U.S. Air National Guard. "Tim's six years with the Guard

was an added plus for me", said Council Member Hanley. Rundel was named "Airman of the Year" for the Oklahoma Air National Guard in 1994.

Midwest City Mayor Jack Fry was saddened to hear the news. "The City of Auburn is stealing one of the best municipal managers in the State of Oklahoma. Tim's hard work and dedication to the City of Midwest City for the past 7 years will have a long lasting impact on my community," said Mayor Fry. "I wish Tim and Brandy the best in this new journey. I know the two of them will make Auburn a better community to live and work," added Fry.

Rundel has two children currently attending the University of Central Oklahoma. Grace, a junior pre-med major, plans to apply to UC Davis and other Northern California medical schools. His son Braden is a Computer Science freshman who wants to re-locate to the Silicon Valley area upon graduation. "Both of my children have expressed their desires to continue their education and careers in Northern California and that played a substantial role in my decision to pursue the Auburn City Manager position," said Rundel. "I was very selective in which California cities I applied to and Auburn's tourism, historic preservation, and potential economic growth were also key factors," added Rundel.

Tim's tentative start day is May 29, 2014 and his salary will be \$152,000 per year. ★

Source: City of Auburn

PCWA Board Hears Update on Placer Co. Conservation Plan

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Public review of the proposed Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) is anticipated to begin next spring and final adoption could come late next year or in early 2016, it was reported at Thursday's (May 1) meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors.

Progress on the PCCP was the subject of a presentation to the board by Loren Clark of the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency.

The plan, which seeks to balance population growth and resource protection over a 50-year period, has its roots in the Placer Legacy Program of 2000 and has been in progress since 2008.

The PCCP is designed to cover unincorporated western Placer County, including the City of Lincoln. Its goals are to protect land, conserve landscapes, maximize landowner values and benefits, and to streamline planning and permitting.



Clark said the plan follows a "willing seller, willing buyer" concept and already identifies 16,000 acres of conserved lands.

PCWA is an active participant in the PCCP and will rely on the plan to project the need for construction of new water facilities required to serve a growing population in Western Placer County.

In other business, PCWA directors:

- approved the one-time sale of up to 35,000 acre-feet of surplus water from the Middle Fork American River Project to the Fresno-based Westlands Water District, which faces water shortages in its 600,000-acre agricultural area in Fresno and Kings counties. Officials said the sale would not affect water supplies for PCWA customers.
- heard an update from drought

project manager Tony Firenzi on the agency's continuing effort to conserve water in this drought year. Firenzi said above-average rains in April have reduced demand and allowed more water to be saved for use later in the year.

• recognized longtime employees Tom Reilly of the Field Services Department who is marking 35 years with PCWA; and Kelly Bacall of the PCWA Power System, who has reached 25 years of employment service.

The next regular board meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on May 15 at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in 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. ★

Sacramento Life Center Receives \$15,000 Grant

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - American River Bank is supporting low-income pregnant women and teens through a recent \$15,000 grant to the Sacramento Life Center. The grant is helping the Sacramento Life Center launch its second licensed Mobile Medical Clinic that provides women and teen girls with free services, including well woman exams, pregnancy tests, STD tests, ultrasounds, counseling and resource referrals. The nonprofit has a primary clinic in Midtown Sacramento and two Mobile Medical Clinics that travel to neighborhoods in need

of services. The group expects to help more than 3,000 women and teen girls this year.

"Community funding is essential to keeping our doors open to the many women and teen girls who are pregnant, scared and have nowhere else to turn," said Marie Leatherby, executive director, Sacramento Life Center. "We are grateful to American River Bank for helping us continue to provide a safe place where women and teen girls can find a support system and the care they need in their own neighborhood." ★
The Sacramento Life Center's

mission is to offer compassion, support, resources and free medical services to women facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy in the greater Sacramento area. In addition to its clinics, the Sacramento Life Center offers a school-based teen education program, 24-hour hotline and other support services. For more information about the Sacramento Life Center's Sac Valley Pregnancy Clinic, visit www.svpclinic.com. To make a donation to the Sacramento Life Center, visit www.saclife.org.

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CAL FIRE Continues to Staff Up as Conditions Dry Out Further

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Following the recent warmer temperatures and drying conditions, CAL FIRE will increase its staffing in Northern California in continued preparation for fire season. Starting on Monday, May 5th, CAL FIRE began transitioning into fire season across the Bay Area and Sacramento region, including the counties of Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Yuba, Placer, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Sonoma, Lake, Napa, Solano, Yolo, Colusa, and parts of Stanislaus and San Joaquin. Since late January, CAL FIRE has been hiring and training seasonal firefighters well ahead of schedule in order to augment its full-time firefighting force.

"The drought has set the stage for an already busy fire season," said Kelley Gouette, operations chief for CAL FIRE's Northern Region. "We've been ramping up to meet the elevated threat of

wildfire since January and this transition into fire season in the northern region is more than a month ahead of schedule."

This year, CAL FIRE has already responded to more than twice as many fires as average with nearly 1,200 wildfires igniting to date. With fire season now officially underway in these areas, CAL FIRE is asking homeowners to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires and that every home has 100 feet of Defensible Space.

Some tips to help prepare your home are; maintain 100 feet of defensible space, clear all pine needles and leaves from your yard, roof and rain gutters, trim branches six feet from the ground and landscape with fire resistant/drought tolerant plants

Residents and visitors are also warned to take steps to prevent wildfires by remembering that "One Less Spark, means One

Less Wildfire"

To help prevent local fires use trimming, mowing and powered equipment outdoors before 10 a.m. You should also check to ensure burning outdoors is allowed in your area. CAL FIRE has banned outdoor burning in many areas or has required a burn permit. You should completely extinguish all campfires. Also, make sure trailer chains and other parts of your vehicle are not dragging on the road.

For more information on preparing for wildfires and Defensible Space visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

Visit Drought.ca.gov to learn more about how California is dealing with the effects of the drought, and for more water conservation ideas, visit SaveOurH2O.org. ★

Source: Cal Fire

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The Evolution of Fishing Trolling Flies

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The Rooster Tails Fishing Club breakfast meeting will be held on Friday, May 16th at the Auburn Elks Lodge, 195 Pine St. at Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603. The doors to the Lodge open at 7:00 a.m. with a fantastic \$12 wide-selection buffet breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. The presentation begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp and features Denis Peirce, owner of Arctic Fox Trolling Flies. The breakfast meeting is open to the Public.



Denis Peirce of Arctic Fox Trolling Flies will share his experience for using trolling fly lures.

Denis will share his expertise for using trolling fly lures. He has teamed-up with Wiggle Fin, a manufacturer of action producing devices that create a swimming action when the trolling fly is pulled through the water column. The end result is a realistic, natural looking creature that swims like a bait fish.

Denis Peirce has been a life-long angler and was introduced to fly fishing by his grandfather in the 1960s. In the 1990s he changed careers and joined the fishing tackle industry where he has been a sales rep, manufacturer and distributor in the fly

industry ever since.

The 30 year old, 150+-member 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. 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. For more information about attending Rooster Tails Fishing Club of Northern California, Inc. meetings, contact Jim, Club Chairman, at (530) 887-0479 or email info@roostertailsfishingclub.org. ★

Source: Rooster Tails Fishing

It's Time to Fight The Bite

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covering all containers that are holding water with a very fine mesh or screen should keep mosquitoes out.

A returning threat this year is the finding of the Yellow fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*). This is a new and invasive species of mosquito that was first discovered in 2013 in areas of the Central Valley and San Mateo County. This mosquito is capable of transmitting diseases such as Dengue fever which is commonly called "bone breaking fever" due to the intense pain in the joints it can cause. While this is not a disease that is currently found in California, it is very common in other parts of the world.

You can prevent mosquitoes and

protect yourself from bites by following these simple tips:

At least once a week, walk around your property and check for any containers that may collect water. Drain all stagnant water from buckets, flower pots, children's toys, cans or wheel barrows.

Do not over water your lawn, and utilize yard waste containers for grass clippings and other debris.

Change water in pet dishes and bird baths frequently.

Stock ornamental ponds, fountains and animal water troughs with mosquitofish.

Dispose of old tires in your back yard.

Keep hot tubs or spas clean or covered.

Run the filter and skimmer in your swimming pool to keep it clean. If you cannot maintain your pool, free mosquitofish are available.

Report any neglected pools to the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito Control District.

Personal protection is best. Remember to ALWAYS wear a good mosquito repellent if you are going to be outdoors especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

To report dead birds or other mosquito problems, call the District at 1-800-429-1022 or visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net. ★

Source: Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District

Art Studio Tour on Mother's Day Weekend

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Seventeen well-known award winning local artists will be participating together in the 19th year of North Auburn Art Studios Tour on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 10th and Sunday, May 11th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Artists in the tour are: Don Crawford ~ wood sculpture, David Crosby ~ Photography, Vincent DiLeo ~ photography, Patty Pieropan Dong ~ painting,

block printing, Dirk Dusharme ~ photography, Reif Erickson ~ pastel, Talver Germany-Miller ~ Jewelry, Ardith Gray ~ Fiber Art, Sonja Hamilton ~ watercolor and silk scarves, Anita Posey-Lowe ~ clay, Janet and Rick Nicholson ~ blown glass, Barbra Paitich ~ silk painting with metal and glass accessories, Nancy Polli ~ Acrylic/mixed Media, Jennifer Riley ~ metal sculpture, Connie Rodriguez ~

Acrylic/Mixed Media and Diane J Wood ~ kiln formed glass.

The tour is free and all artists participating in our 19th annual North Auburn Art Studios Tour are within a few miles of each other. For the map to the studios and more information about the artists call (530) 889-2002 or www.northauburnartists.com. ★

Source: North Auburn Artists

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Tell Others that Marijuana Damages the Brain

New study shows how pot harms children and families

From SaveCalifornia.com

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - SaveCalifornia.com has been saying it for some time, and now new, reliable evidence backs up the fact that today's highly-potent marijuana hurts the brain.

"This study raises a strong challenge to the idea that casual marijuana use isn't associated with bad consequences," said study author Hans Breiter, psychiatry and behavioral sciences professor at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and psychiatrist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "Some of these people only used marijuana to get high once or twice a week. People think a little recreational use shouldn't cause a problem, if someone is doing OK with work or school. Our data directly says this is not the case."

Sadly, marijuana activists and average Democrat politicians and liberal Republicans like former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger have made marijuana virtually legal in California, and now it easily gets into the hands of teenagers and young adults.

As our SaveCalifornia.com President Randy Thomasson said in 2010:



This virtual legalization of marijuana definitely sends the wrong message to teenagers and young adults. Photo courtesy of SaveCalifornia.com

"This virtual legalization of marijuana definitely sends the wrong message to teenagers and young adults," Thomasson said. "It invites youth to become addicted to mind-altering pot because there's not much hassle and no public stigma and no rehab if they're caught."

The evidence is in -- casual marijuana use irreparably harms the brain and the lungs, and we all ought to be using this new study to tell others the truth. Because when a teenager or young adult starts smoking marijuana, their lives start to spiral downhill. Visit SaveCalifornia.com.

com's special site, MarijuanaHarmsFamilies.com to learn more and to share with others.

Last year, Breiter's team showed that everyday pot smoking in teenagers was, even two years after stopping, linked to brain abnormalities and to poorer working memory. "With the findings of these two papers," Breiter said, "I've developed a severe worry about whether we should be allowing anybody under age 30 to use pot unless they have a terminal illness and need it for pain." ★

Source: SaveCalifornia.com



Riley Reviews

"SPIDER-MAN 2" SUPERHERO TRICKS BECOMING TOO ROUTINE

Of course, this is a relationship fraught with peril, because hanging out with Spider-Man or his alter ego, Peter Parker, is almost a death wish, which is why Gwen's late father pleaded with Spider-Man to keep his distance.

Father issues are very much front-and-center for Peter Parker. He still needs to resolve the fate of his late father, who worked at Oscorp (the corporate tech villain in this and other stories) and wanted to prevent turning biological cures into weapons.

Peter's old childhood friend Harry Osborn (Dane DeHaan) has his own father issues, being the son of Norman Osborn (Chris Cooper), the founder of Oscorp. It should not be a surprise to anyone that the Osborn family has many bad intentions.

Early on, Spider-Man saves a troubled Oscorp employee, Max Dillon (Jamie Foxx), from a car accident. But Max is transformed into new villain Electro when he falls into a vat of mutant and once fortified with electrical powers he turns on Spider-Man.

Another character introduced in the universe of Sinister Six villains is the Rhino (Paul Giamatti). At the film's beginning, Spider-Man swings into action to thwart a heist being masterminded by Giamatti's Russian thug, who only later acquires his new merri-ly fanatic Rhino identity.

The primary villain subplot, though not completely dominating the action, revolves around Harry Osborn's creepily deranged obsession with defeating Spider-Man. It's only later that Harry is transformed into the Green Goblin, setting up some crucial scenes near the film's end.

Actually, it is rather hard to swallow the idea that Harry and Peter were friends during their youth. After all, Peter lived modestly in Queens, while Harry was

a privileged trust fund kid whose father ruled a corporate empire.

Thus, it is not that surprising when Harry takes over the reins of Oscorp and marshals the vast resources of the company in an effort to save his own life from the disease that plagues his family.

Through his discovery of Oscorp's secret lair of Special Projects, Harry comes to believe that Spider-Man's blood is the answer to his prayers -- and that belief becomes an obsession that eventually leads Harry to his transformation as the Green Goblin.

Circling back to the Peter and Gwen relationship, it should be noted that their romance, though it has an ersatz Romeo and Juliet quality, is a complicated teen love story. Gwen is bright, the class valedictorian who has the opportunity to go to Oxford.

Gwen knows her father wanted her protected from an association with Spider-Man, but she really wants to be with Peter, even though he swore to stay away. Regardless, Peter remains conflicted about the situation, and that creates a lot of tension between them throughout the movie.

Both Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield have grown into their roles. Aside from their chemistry, Garfield is also delivering plenty of cheesy one-liners, allowing a sense of humor to pervade the proceedings.

The younger audience is going to love all the action scenes, particularly the web-slinging that allows Spider-Man to sweep through the concrete canyons of Manhattan. For many of us, though, it all seems too familiar.

On the plus side, New York City landmarks appear in abundance, with the result that the Big Apple shines brightly. "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" used actual locations rather than studio backlots.

Fans of the franchise may look forward to the evolution of the Sinister Six as the creation of the evil Oscorp. "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" offers clues to the plots to come against Spider-Man. The wait probably won't be long. ★



Placer County Sheriff Special Report

Woman Embezzles Over \$20,000

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The former president of the Del Oro Junior Golden Eagles turned herself in at the Placer County Jail the morning of Wednesday, April 30th on charges that she embezzled more than \$20,000 from the youth football and cheer program during her 2013 term.

Clara Corine Dillard, 35, of Rocklin, used the pilfered funds to take trips to Disneyland, Oregon, Washington and to the Bay Area. She also used the money to pay her phone bills, car payments, and other personal expenses. The case came to light when a former board member of the organization received an overdraft notice from the bank. An extensive audit of the account was performed by a Placer County Sheriff's detective, who confirmed the embezzlement. Dillard agreed to turn herself in.

Dillard was booked on one count of embezzlement. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

Source: *The office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner*



Clara Corine Dillard

Rocklin Man Arrested for Child Pornography and Illegally Videotaping Women

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Rocklin man suspected of illegally videotaping women in public and in his home was arrested by Placer County Sheriff's detectives the night of Monday, April 28th.

Peter Terrance Nelson, 41, was arrested at his home for possession of child pornography. The Roseville Police Department began investigating Nelson in October, 2013, which later led to his arrest for videotaping under women's dresses in Costco. Sheriff's detectives conducted a search of Nelson's residence on April 15th, and two computers were seized. After conducting a forensic evaluation of those computers it was determined that Nelson had hidden cameras in his residence and had filmed



Peter Terrance Nelson

The videos are from Nelson's residences in Elk Grove and Rocklin. There is also information that leads detectives to believe he had placed cameras in a bathroom at his former place of employment and in portable bathrooms at sporting events.

Nelson's bail was set at \$1 million.

Placer County Sheriff detectives are asking anyone who was a guest at Nelson's residences in Elk Grove or Rocklin between 2007 and present to contact Detective Hudson at (530) 889-7800.

Source: *The office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner*

numerous females showering and using the bathroom.

Detectives are now trying to identify all of the women in the videos that date back to 2007.

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CHP And OTS Stress Safety To Help Put The Brakes On Motorcycle-Involved Collisions

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fatal collisions involving motorcyclists have been increasing in California over the past few years. In an effort to change this disturbing trend, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) are hoping to save lives through a month-long motorcycle safety and awareness campaign during May.



mindful of their skills and vulnerabilities," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "Meanwhile, other vehicle drivers must be mindful to always look for motorcycles. Getting home safely involves concentration on driving and consideration for everyone on the road."

A key component to reduce the number of motorcycle-involved collisions is training. Regardless of a motorcyclist's skill level, the CHP encourages all riders to seek life-long training opportunities. The California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) is the state's official motorcycle training program. With more than 130 training sites throughout California, the CMSP offers courses for both new and returning riders. To enroll in a CMSP course, call 1(877) RIDE-411 or visit their website at www.camsp.org.

Important safety reminders for motorcyclists:

- Wear a helmet and protective gear. "No skin below the chin." It can save your life.
- Watch your speed.
- Assume people in cars do not see you.
- Try to stay out of blind spots,

especially around large trucks.

- Lane splitting is not prohibited if done in a safe and prudent manner.

Reducing the number of motorcycle-involved collisions goes beyond training and prevention on the part of the motorcyclists. According to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, more than half of all fatal motorcycle collisions involve another vehicle. In addition, SWITRS data indicates on average, more than one quarter of fatal motorcycle-involved collisions occur within an intersection.

The CHP and OTS offer the following tips for driving safely around motorcycles:

Give motorcycles extra room. A minor rear-end collision involving a motorcycle can have major consequences.

Look twice for motorcycles. Always check and double check blind spots and mirrors before changing lanes or merging.

Passenger vehicles should remain extra vigilant when entering or crossing intersections. Nearly one quarter of all fatal collisions in California occur within an intersection.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to the people of California. ★

Source: California Highway Patrol

Never Give Up: Col. Bud Anderson, "Auburnite"



Gerry Mifsud shakes the hand of WWII pilot, Col. Bud Anderson. Photo courtesy of Gerry Mifsud

"Alright!" Bud hollers enthusiastically over the loud applause of Auburnites gathered at the April 27th Gala Fundraiser at The State Theatre. Funds are needed to complete the Monument of Bud and his P-51 "Old Crow" WWII plane by Master Sculptor Douglas Van Howd. You wouldn't know the pain in his old knees, as he opted out of the long walk to center stage. He firmly grabbed onto the hand railing at the top of the staircase as if it were the control stick of his P-51 and delivered touching words to fellow Auburnites.

"I think this (monument) would be done after I was gone" Bud said.

He continued to acknowledge Auburn as "the people that make things happen for me. I've lived longer in Auburn than any place else. Auburn is my hometown."

He ushered in the movie we were about to see "To Fly And Fight" by saying it was only forty-four and a half minutes long.

"Imagine my life in forty-four and a half minutes." The crowd laughed.

Amongst the hundred and thirty admirers and fifteen veterans was Mayor Bridget Powers, whose comment to me later was, "It was an honor and privilege to have Bud Anderson there. I admire his courage and service to the country. Korean war veteran friends of mine found the movie emotional, but were proud of Bud."

In attendance were Councilmembers Mike Holmes, Dr. Bill Kirby (who passed out free popcorn) and Keith Nesbitt, ARD's Scott Holbrook, and Mrs. Nancy Van Howd with local art enthusiasts Richard & Bev Barber.

Grocery Outlet's John and Nancy Stevens were there as well.

I spoke with Les and Wes Fain who grew up knowing Bud's wife Ellie's family, the Cosby's. Bud signed off on Les's renewal for his pilot's license, as Bud was his flight instructor. Les said "Bud is an outstanding guy who loved Aviation. Ralph Smith from State Farm Insurance was present as well.

I watched Bud sign autographs and have his picture taken before, during and after the event.

Late into the night I saw a break in the autograph line and I then sat next to the "Old Crow." As Bud would publicly say, "The old crow is the smartest bird in the air."

But I knew differently. I asked him how he was doing and he rubbed his knees saying, "My doctor says I have 30,000 more miles on them."

In WWII Bud was very skilled, well-trained and determined. Because of his sixteen and a quarter kills when he arrived home after the war, The Auburn Journal turned him into a hero. Bud never considered himself that; he thought his fellow pilots and two hundred and seventy five thousand men who died in WWII were the heroes.

I interviewed Bud three days after the fundraiser on my "Never Give Up" Variety Show on ACTV20. I was self-conscious knowing Bud has been giving interviews since the day I was born in 1945. He was engaging and lit up when speaking of his WWII friends and family. After one and a half hours I stopped, though Bud had one story after another and could have kept going.

In my office afterwards I grabbed a bottle of "Old Crow" whiskey and asked Bud to autograph it. Mind you, I'm not a drinker per se, but I got two shot glasses and as I poured the first shot Bud said "Nothing for me thanks. Are you sure you want to do that, it's pure rot gut whiskey."

I had to I was in the presence of the Triple Ace Old Crow himself. He never backed away from a challenge, why should I? I threw down the shot and while my throat and stomach were burning like hell I said, "Did that come from your P-51 gas tank?"

Bud chuckled.

There's a part of Bud that would be happy sitting out on his porch but I don't see that happening any time soon, he wants to continue being a flight instructor. As I was closing our interview I turned on an overhead model P-51; he humorously threatened to swat at it. I then pulled out a turkey wishbone. We each pulled our ends and Bud won. He's the lucky guy, always has been, lucky to have made it through WWII and lucky in love with Ellie his wife.

Bud believes "Our nation must stay strong and negotiate from that strength while promoting a better understanding among all the Earth's Nations."

Col. Bud Anderson, our Bud, we love you here in Auburn, your hometown. You're the kid that ran out into his front yard to look up at the planes. Now we look up to you. I am proud to know you as the guy who for his family, war buddies, and his country would "Never Give Up". ★

Gerry Mifsud TV Host.

2014 Progress Toward Clean Air Data from 35 Air Districts

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - The California Air Pollution Control Officers' Association (CAPCOA), a statewide organization of local air quality regulators, released the 2014 California Progress Toward Clean Air report.

The report compiles air quality data, progress and initiatives from the 35 local air districts throughout California in 2013. The report provides information useful to city, county and state planners as well as businesses and the general public. The report also addresses the continuing challenges air quality regulators face and presents air quality data in an accessible format, helping the public understand how statewide air has improved over time.

"The CAPCOA report shows that over the past 20 years, air quality in California has been a success story, with significant

across-the-board decreases in air pollutants and dramatic cost-saving improvements in public health," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. "But as population and traffic in the state continue to increase, and as concerns about climate change loom ever larger, further improvements will call upon all the resources and ingenuity of local air districts to ensure that this trend continues into the future."

California's Progress Toward Clean Air is available for download at capcoa.org. Highlights include:

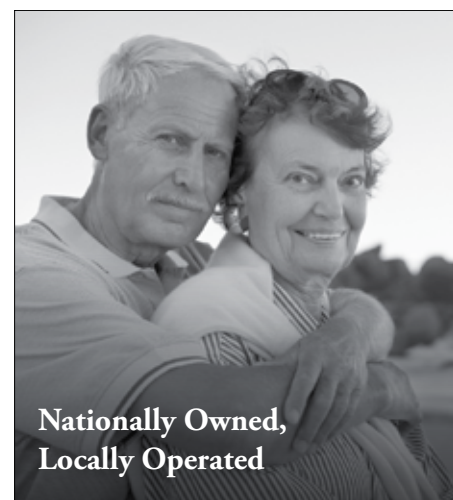
- Over the last 20 years, California's population increased by 22 percent and average daily miles driven increased by 45 percent. Over the same time, statewide

emissions of smog-forming pollutants decreased by over 50 percent.

- An estimated 63 percent of California residents reside in areas that meet the federal standard for ground-level ozone, compared to only 24 percent in 1990.
- Particulate Matter is the air pollutant that poses the greatest risk to public health.
- Since 2000, air quality has steadily decreased even as statewide population has increased.

CAPCOA is a non-profit association of the air pollution control officers from all 35 local air quality agencies throughout California. To learn more, visit capcoa.org. ★

Source: Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District P.I.O.



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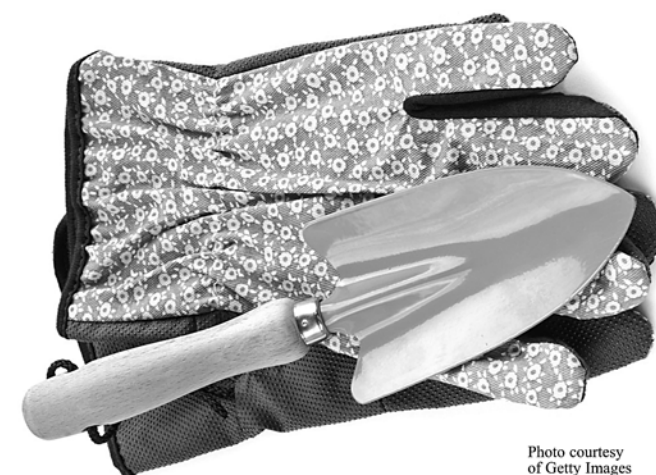


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By Ronnie McBrayer

Your Life Will Outlive You

to her side and told him that if it had been the Lord's will she would have loved to stay with him and help raise the children. "She told him to carry the children to church and Sunday School and raise them right. Such a consolation to us all to hear such words as she gives us to do the will of our Father. Therefore, we ought not to grieve for we have this sweet assurance: She is at rest."

Granted, raising children "right," (a Southern colloquialism for instilling proper social manners, respect for elders, and weekly church attendance) is no guarantee that said children will turn out well. They just might become ungodly little monsters. That wasn't dear Ola's point, I don't think. In her unpretentious way, she understood the profound truth that she would live on in those who followed her. So she was being intentional, planning for her life to outlive her.

Actually, you don't have to plan such a thing. The kind of person you are; the kind of person you will become; the kind of person you will be remembered as, will echo off the walls of your descendants' lives for generations to come – even if your life is a short one.

There is a reference in the Old Testament, more of a proverb than anything else, which says the sins of a father are visited on the children, the grandchildren, and down three or four generations. In other words, your life will roll down through history and land at the feet and on the backs of those who come behind

you: For good or for bad.

In our "what have you done for me lately world," where time is measured by quarterly dividend reports or in two-year election cycles, we forget that the fruit of one's life may reach maturity only after many years, decades, or even centuries. It could be that those whom we will never meet, those who will walk in our footsteps generations from now, will be the ones to gain the most from the lives we have led.

So when I read my great-grandmother's obituary, I am thankful; thankful for her and the ones who have gone before me. I am grateful that those who never dreamed of me or my children, made decisions and lived in a way that bettered our future. And all this reminds me, challenges me, and humbles me that as the generations proceed, whether I like it or not, others will rely upon me and you for the same.

Is Ola's yellowed obituary filled with as much wistfulness and nostalgia as it is with faith? Yes. On this Mother's Day weekend, is it all a bit melodramatic? Probably. But this truth remains: Your life will outlive you. Make it a good one.

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My Mother's Day Card Quandary

Dr. James L. Snyder

Another year has gone by and I find myself facing the same quandary I faced last year. I was hoping somehow this year would be different, but, alas, it is not. Many people complain about how fast things are changing, I complain about those things that do not change at all.

Interestingly, the things you want to change refuse to do so and the things you want to stay the same never do. I wish someone would figure out how to reverse this tedious trend of life. I have worked on it but to no success.

I am referring to the annual Mother's Day card fetish. I am not sure where this started or why, but I have my suspicions. I think we can safely rule out husbands and men as suspects.

I could see a man doing it one year, but to do it year after year is not within the scope of a man's ability. If a man does something one time and it is successful he never chances doing it the second time when it may be a failure.

Now we have on our hands tremendous pressure to purchase a yearly Mother's Day card. When it comes to card buying, I simply do not know where to go. Oh, I know where to get them; I simply do not know which one to purchase.

If it was up to me, and let me point out very quickly, it is not, I would have one card for sale each year. Maybe I would modify the card each year and perhaps write something different in it, but how many ways can you say "Happy Mother's Day?"

To be efficient the choice would only be one Mother's Day card per year.

As it stands (and I wish it would sit down and rest for a while), there are more Mother's Day cards than stars in the heavens. It is virtually impossible to pick out the right Mother's Day card. Since I do not keep up with

the latest trends in this regard I am at quite a disadvantage.

One year I tried to remedy my Mother's Day card-buying dilemma by buying a box of 50 cards that were on sale right after Mother's Day. I thought I had hit the mother lode, so to speak.

With this purchase, I had enough Mother's Day cards to last my entire lifetime. Unless, of course, I live to be 129.

This lasted for two years.

The first year I presented my Mother's Day card to my wife and she gave me all kinds of smiles and hugs. I was relieved to have solved a big problem in my home. I now could rest and focus on solving other problems in my life, of which there are many.

It was the second year that kicked me in the teeth.

As usual, that year, I presented my wife with her Mother's Day card. Trust me; I was not fully geared up for the response I got. I was expecting smiles and hugs like the year before. What I got was a glare and a shrug.

She looked at me and said something I shall never forget. "Isn't this the same card you gave me last year?"

How do wives remember these things? The only reason I knew it was the same card as last year is I had more just like it in the box it came from.

Apparently, good protocol rules out giving the same card two years in a row. Who knew? I didn't.

To have a problem unsolved is a very nerve-racking experience, to be sure. Now I must go back and start the whole Mother's Day card buying process over again.

This brings me to the second part of my quandary.

When did it become necessary for husbands to buy their wives Mother's Day cards?

Sure, she washes my clothes, cooks my meals and bosses me about. She still is not my mother.

It starts out rather innocently

enough as most things do. Then, in my opinion, it gets out of hand.

When the children start coming into the home it is quite natural, because they are too young to make such important decisions, for the father to buy the Mother's Day card on behalf of the children.

I still remember that first Mother's Day card. Our first baby was only seven months old and had no idea what was going on in the world or even in the home.

I gave my wife her first Mother's Day card. She was so excited. Because she was excited, so was I. This is where the whole nonsense starts.

What I want to know is when do husbands stop buying Mother's Day cards for their wives? Looking back over my experience, I can see no way where I can opt out of this annual event.

The last child in our home left more than 15 years ago and still I find myself under the awesome pressure of purchasing a Mother's Day card for my wife. When do the children take control of this yearly responsibility?

In spite of my quandary, it is important to honor both fathers and mothers.

"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:2-3).

Would anybody want to buy a box of 48 Mother's Day cards, cheap? ★

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Rifling through old family records I discovered the obituary of my great-grandmother. Her name was Ola Whitfield, a simple woman born in the 19th century, and so much like the other sharecroppers in the Deep South at the time.

She worked hard, was sparsely educated, remained anonymous to the greater world, birthed a farmhouse full of children, and died young. Much too young, from an infection that would likely be cured by a single round of antibiotics today. She lived only 36 years.

Of course, I take great interest in her otherwise uncelebrated life, because without her, I would not exist. And I take great interest in her simple, confident faith; a faith passed along to those she left behind. It is a faith that has outlasted both her and her children. Even as the ink on her obituary fades and slowly evaporates with the decades, it appears her legacy will not.

That obituary, written in the vibrant language of the time, captures her simple faith so well. It reads, "Ola professed a hope in Christ in August 1901 and joined the Baptist church at Antioch. Oh, it was so hard to give her up but she left a true evidence of her faith: She called her husband

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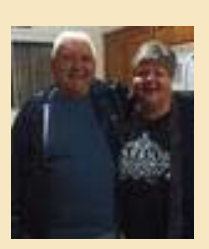


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Bacon Jam Spread

What You Need

- 1 lb smoked bacon (add liquid smoke if desired)
- 4 cloves chopped garlic
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 3 tbsp brown sugar, firmly packed
- Tabasco sauce to taste
- 1 c strong coffee
- 1/4 c apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 c maple syrup
- Salt and pepper
- Extra water

Directions

- In a non stick pan, fry the bacon in batches until lightly browned and beginning to crisp. Using a pair of scissors cut into 1 inch pieces.
- Fry the onion and garlic in the rendered bacon fat on medium heat until translucent.
- Transfer the bacon, onion and garlic into a heavy based cast iron pot. Add the rest of the ingredients except for the water.
- Simmer for 2 hours adding 1/4 of a cup of water every 25-30 minutes and continuously stirring.
- When ready, cool for about 15-20 minutes and then place in a food processor.
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Milk Bill Struck Wrong Balance

By Brian Dahle

I did not come to Sacramento to tell people what to do.

California has too many costly regulations—especially on small businesses—and streamlining the bureaucracy that hobbles our state is one of my top priorities. If I see an opportunity to make life simpler for a family business, and especially a family farmer, I'll grab it almost every time.

But when we change laws—even if we're relaxing them—we need to make sure the end result is fair to everyone involved and strikes a sensible balance between the public interest and the private burden. A recent bill, AB 2505, that would have allowed small home dairies to legally sell raw milk didn't pass those tests.

Unpasteurized milk has surged in popularity the past few years. Its fans admire its rich flavor and claim to enjoy dramatic nutritional benefit.

But the science is clear about one thing: Pasteurization kills bacteria and other pathogens—Salmonella, E. Coli, Listeria—that can cause wicked illnesses and even death. Raw milk is a high-risk product. Seventeen states ban its sale for human consumption entirely. The Food and Drug Administration long ago halted interstate sales of raw milk. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that food borne illness is 150 times more likely when consuming unpasteurized milk. The American

Academy of Pediatrics early this year strongly recommended that pregnant women, infants and children never drink raw milk.

No, the experts from the government and the medical establishment aren't always right. They don't always know everything, and they don't get to make all of our decisions for us anyway. But those risks are serious and real, and it's appropriate for the law to take them into account. The Legislature recently eased regulations on the sale of "cottage foods," breads, jams, candies and the like, to allow more entrepreneurs to launch businesses out of their home kitchens, but that law specifically targeted foods that pose little risk. We want to encourage start-ups, not stomach bugs.

Compared with strawberry jelly, milk, even when pasteurized, is prone to spoilage and bacterial contamination. Because of the hazards, dairies are rigorously inspected by the California Department of Food and Agriculture so families can confidently buy a gallon of milk without worrying about whether they'll land in the hospital. Unlike most states, California also allows retail sales of raw milk, your neighborhood health food store probably carries it, so long as the dairies follow similar safety rules.

The recent raw milk bill, unfortunately, would not have included those safeguards. It would allow sales without inspections and without

the fees that support the milk-safety program, which would leave producers who've been playing by the rules at an unfair disadvantage.

Proponents argue that small home dairies, at most three cows or 15 goats, don't have the same risk as big commercial operations. I understand that these small herds produce milk for their owners' own families, and that their owners care deeply for the animals' health. But that devotion, as reassuring as it is, is not a laboratory test. And the heightened risks of raw milk are substantial enough that, if it's being sold to the public, the public needs reasonable protections. You might think a cow or a jug of milk looks perfectly healthy, but dangerous micro-organisms don't always advertise their presence.

What people choose to eat and drink is their own business. But it's important to have a level playing field for producers and basic safety assurances for our food supply.

I am more than open to exploring ways to make life easier for micro-dairies and the milk buyers who love them, but it won't help anyone—including raw-milk producers—if we put more unwitting consumers in the hospital.

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MISSING MOM

Normally I write about some of the great guests I have on my POPPOFF Radio Show, but with Mother's Day coming up, my heart took over and I had to share these thoughts with you. It's hard to believe my Mom has been gone well over a decade. She passed in the millennium year 2000 just after Mother's Day. Leave it to my mom to pick the beginning of another century. She always loved being the center of attention.

It took me a long time before I could look back at the good memories and great times. The last two years of her life were really rough. There were times when she didn't even know who I was. Seeing a strapping strong woman with a mind of her own wither away to this tiny helpless little creature that I was almost too afraid to hold for fear I might hurt her was almost more than I could bear. I guess I was feeling sorry for myself because she didn't realize that she was slipping away from me.

I tried to put on a happy face and joke and tease when I was with her until I got in the car and the tears would come for the Mom I used to know. I knew she was well taken care of. I saw her most every day, but I felt helpless that time marched on and I could not stop the progression of her condition. Yes, she slowly drifted away from me and this life, so when she passed, I knew it was better for her to leave and rest in peace with no more pain or anguish.

Then the healing began, or so I thought. You go through the whole bad time and think "There was more that I could have done," yet realize that was not in fact true. You know that intellectually, but not emotionally.

My DAD passed many years before MOM, and it's strange how one comes to grips with one's own mortality when both parents pass on. Saying that, I slowly began to remember the better days. Were all the memories positive? No, but then that's reality. Mom had a very negative nature. You know what I mean. It's the type of personality that, if I took a trip, "OMG, your plane is going to crash" type of personality. Sometimes it made me crazy. Happily, I took after Dad who was just the

opposite. I guess opposites do attract. But we had some wonderful times together on trips to all parts of the country, and she had a laugh that you could pick out of a crowd and had to laugh with her.

We loved her old fashioned cooking and Christmas was a glorious time of year. She loved watching my brother and me perform on stage. I sang, he played the accordion, and she loved meeting the celebs I would have on my Radio and TV shows. She passed on some great gifts to me, like always dressing impeccably. But perhaps the greatest gift she gave to me was her gift of gab. She could talk to anyone about anything. It sure helped in the business I chose. She also loved to dance and sing. Guess that gene got passed on too.

When I look back now, it's the good times I recall. The bad times just don't matter. It's the beautiful woman with gorgeous blue eyes and blonde hair who is in my heart. I only wish I could hug her one more time.

If your Mom is still with you, give her a hug for me. Let her know you care. The time will come when you too will wish for that last hug! Love to you Mom and HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all! ★

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Wall Street Greed: Not Too Big for a California Jury



By Ellen Brown

involved in over \$400 trillion in derivatives called interest-rate swaps, and it is set by the sixteen private megabanks behind closed doors.

The biggest victims of interest-rate swaps have been local governments, universities, pension funds, and other public entities. The banks have made renegotiating these deals prohibitively expensive, and renegotiation itself is an inadequate remedy. It is the equivalent of the grocer giving you an extra potato when you catch him cheating on the scales. A legal action for fraud is a more fitting and effective remedy. Fraud is grounds both for rescission (calling off the deal) as well as restitution (damages), and in appropriate cases punitive damages.

Trapped in a Fraud

Nationally, municipalities and other large non-profits are thought to have as much as \$300 billion in outstanding swap contracts based on LIBOR, deals in which they are trapped due to prohibitive termination fees. According to a 2010 report by the SEIU (Service Employees International Union):

The overall effect is staggering. Banks are estimated to have collected as much as \$28 billion in termination fees alone from state and local governments over the past two years. This does not even begin to account for the outsized net payments that state and local governments are now making to the banks. . . .

While the press have reported numerous stories of cities like Detroit, caught with high termination payments, the reality is there are hundreds (maybe even thousands) more cities, counties, utility districts, school districts and state governments with swap agreements [that] are causing cash strapped local and city governments to pay millions of dollars in unneeded fees directly to Wall Street.

All of these entities could have damage claims for fraud, breach of contract and rescission; and that is true whether or not they

negotiated directly with one of the LIBOR-rigging banks.

To understand why, it is necessary to understand how swaps work. As explained in my last article here, interest-rate swaps are sold to parties who have taken out loans at variable interest rates, as insurance against rising rates. The most common swap is one where counterparty A (a university, municipal government, etc.) pays a fixed rate to counterparty B (the bank), while receiving from B a floating rate indexed to a reference rate such as LIBOR. If interest rates go up, the municipality gets paid more on the swap contract, offsetting its rising borrowing costs. If interest rates go down, the municipality owes money to the bank on the swap, but that extra charge is offset by the falling interest rate on its variable rate loan. The result is to fix borrowing costs at the lower variable rate.

At least, that is how they are supposed to work. The catch is that the swap is a separate financial agreement -- essentially an ongoing bet on interest rates. The borrower owes both the interest on its variable rate loan and what it must pay on its separate swap deal. And the benchmarks for the two rates don't necessarily track each other. The rate owed on the debt is based on something called the SIFMA municipal bond index. The rate owed by the bank is based on the privately-fixed LIBOR rate.

As noted by Stephen Gandel on CNNMoney, when the rate-setting banks started manipulating LIBOR, the two rates decoupled, sometimes radically. Public entities wound up paying substantially more than the fixed rate they had bargained for -- a failure of consideration constituting breach of contract. Breach of contract is grounds for rescission and damages.

Pain and Suffering in California

The SEIU report noted that no one has yet completely categorized

all the outstanding swap deals entered into by local and state governments. But in a sampling of swaps within California, involving ten cities and counties (San Francisco, Corcoran, Los Angeles, Menlo Park, Oakland, Oxnard, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Riverside, and Sacramento), one community college district, one utility district, one transportation authority, and the state itself, the collective tab was \$365 million in swap payments annually, with total termination fees exceeding \$1 billion.

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Omitted from the sample was the University of California system, which alone is reported to have lost tens of millions of dollars on interest-rate swaps. According to an article in the Orange County Register on February 24, 2014, the swaps now cost the university system an estimated \$6 million a year. University accountants estimate that the 10-campus system will lose as much as \$136 million over the next 34 years if it remains locked into the deals, losses that would be reduced only if interest rates started to rise. According to the article:

Already officials have been forced to unwind a contract at UC Davis, requiring the university to pay \$9 million in termination fees and other costs to several banks. That sum would have covered the tuition and fees of 682 undergraduates for a year.

The university is facing the losses at a time when it is under tremendous financial stress. Administrators have tripled the cost of tuition and fees in the past 10 years, but still can't cover escalating expenses. Class sizes have increased. Families have been angered by the rising price of attending the university, which has left students in deeper debt.

Peter Taylor, the university's Chief Financial Officer, defended the swaps, saying he was confident that interest rates would rise in coming years, reversing what the deals have lost. But for that

to be true, rates would have to rise by multiples that would drive interest on the soaring federal debt to prohibitive levels, something the Federal Reserve is not likely to allow.

The Revolving Door

The UC's dilemma is explored in a report titled "Swapping Our Future: How Students and Taxpayers Are Funding Risky UC Borrowing and Wall Street Profits." The authors, a group called Public Sociologists of Berkeley, say that two factors

were responsible for the precipitous decline in interest rates that drove up UC's relative borrowing costs. One was the move by the Federal Reserve to push interest rates to record lows in order to stabilize the largest banks. The other was the illegal effort by major banks to manipulate LIBOR, which indexes interest rates on most bonds issued by UC.

Why, asked the authors, has UC's management not tried to renegotiate the deals? They pointed to the revolving door between management and Wall Street. Unlike in earlier years, current and former business and finance executives now play a prominent role on the UC Board of Regents.

They include Chief Financial Officer Taylor, who walked through the revolving door from Lehman Brothers, where he was a top banker in Lehman's municipal finance business in 2007. That was when the bank sold the university a swap related to debt at UCLA that has now become the source of its biggest swap losses. The university hired Taylor for his \$400,000-a-year position in 2009, and he has continued to sign contracts for swaps on its behalf since.

Investigative reporter Peter Byrne notes that the UC regent's investment committee controls \$53 billion in Wall Street investments, and that historically it has been plagued by self-dealing.

Byrne writes:

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Blum's firm Blum Capital is also an adviser to CalPERS, the California Public Employees' Retirement System, which also got caught in the LIBOR-rigging scandal. "Once again," said CalPERS Chief Investment Officer Joseph Dear of the LIBOR-rigging, "the financial services industry demonstrated that it cannot be trusted to make decisions in the long-term interests of investors." If the financial services industry cannot be trusted, it needs to be replaced with something that can be.


Remedies

The Public Sociologists of Berkeley recommend renegotiation of the onerous interest rate swaps, which could save up to \$200 million for the UC system; and evaluation of the university's legal options concerning the manipulation of LIBOR. As demonstrated in the new FDIC suit, those options include not just renegotiating on better terms but rescission and damages for fraud and breach of contract. These are remedies that are could be sought by local governments and public entities across the state and the nation.

The larger question is why our state and local governments continue to do business with a corrupt global banking cartel. There is an alternative. They could set up their own publicly-owned banks, on the model of the state-owned Bank of North Dakota. Fraud could be avoided, profits could be recaptured, and interest could become a much-needed source of public revenue. Credit could become a public utility, dispensed as needed to benefit local residents and local economies. ★


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Sugary Drink Warning Labels Win Key Legislative Victory

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Safety warning labels on sodas and other sugary beverages sold in California came one step closer to reality today, when the powerful Senate Health Committee approved SB 1000 on a 5-2 vote. The first-in-nation legislation was introduced by State Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel) to ensure that all Californians are aware of the critical scientific information linking sugary drink consumption to exploding rates of diabetes and obesity.

"Consumers have a right to know about the adverse health effects of frequent sugary drink consumption," stated Senator Monning. "SB 1000 does exactly what the beverage industry has long said we should do - educate the public - and this is the appropriate public health response to the scientifically proven risks that liquid sugar poses to the public's health. The bill is a common sense measure that is overwhelmingly supported by the public."

SB 1000 would place a simple warning on the front of all beverage containers with added sweeteners that have 75 or more calories per 12 ounces. The label, developed by a national panel of nutrition and public health experts, would read: **STATE OF CALIFORNIA SAFETY WARNING: Drinking beverages with added sugar(s) contributes to obesity, diabetes, and tooth decay.**

Armed with overwhelming research linking soda and sugary drink consumption to skyrocketing rates of diabetes, obesity and tooth decay, the nation's first measure requiring safety warning labels on sugary drinks now moves forward to votes in the Senate Committee on Appropriations, before being

referred for a full Senate floor vote. According to a recent Field Poll, 74 percent of California voters, including a majority of Republicans and Independents, support warning labels on sugary drinks.

"Science has conclusively shown that the jolt of liquid sugar delivered by a soda and other sugary drinks plays a unique and leading role in driving both diabetes and obesity epidemics. The average American is drinking nearly 45 gallons of these products a year, with little understanding of just how much damage they do to their health," explains Dr. Harold Goldstein of the California Center for Public Health Advocacy. "It's irresponsible to sell such risky products without properly warning consumers of the threats they face."

Research shows that a soda or two a day increases the risk of diabetes by 26 percent.

Sugary drinks are also the single largest contributor of added calories in the American diet, responsible for 43 percent of the additional calories consumed over the last 30 years. Drinking just one soda a day increases an adult's likelihood of being overweight by 27 percent and a child's by 55 percent.

"I see more and more patients losing limbs or going blind every year, and many of them drink a soda a day, unaware just how hazardous the habit is to their health," said Dr. Ashby Wolfe of the California Medical Association. "Diabetes rates have skyrocketed by more than 600 percent over the past generation, and liquid sugar is uniquely responsible for this epidemic. Warning labels are a vital step toward preventing a lot of trouble down the road."

These health implications are

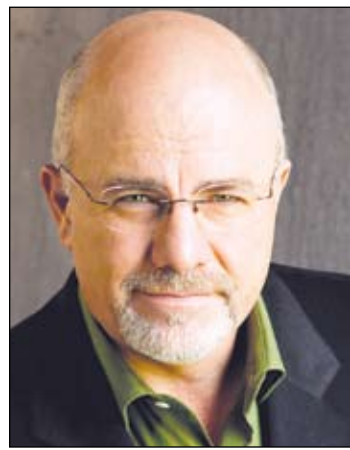
felt most acutely by California's communities of color, which are the largest consumers of sugary drinks.

"Unless these twin epidemics are reversed, one in three children born after 2000 - and nearly half of Latino and African-American children - will develop type 2 diabetes in their lifetime," said Darcel Lee, president and CEO of the California Black Health Network. "For that reason, the California Black Health Network has proudly joined with our state's doctors to support this key legislation."

The Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC) echoed that sentiment. "We're seeing unprecedented rates of type 2 diabetes and obesity in the Latino community," says LCHC Executive Director Xavier Morales. "All lives matter, and the health of our community requires immediate action. A warning label on the sugary beverages that are unique contributors to these health epidemics is a great first step." SB 1000 is co-authored by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Senators DeSaulnier, Leno and Mitchell, and Assemblymembers Ammiano and Williams. The legislation is co-sponsored by the California Black Health Network, California Center for Public Health Advocacy, California Medical Association and the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California.

Complete information on SB 1000, including fact sheets on the science linking sugary beverages to diabetes, obesity and cavities, is available at www.sodawarninglabel.org.

Sources: Brown-Miller Communications and California Medical Association



Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and EntreLeadership. His newest book, written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, is titled Smart Money Smart Kids. It will be released April 22nd. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 6 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Not a Good Idea

Dear Dave,

I'm 23, transitioning jobs, and I make \$32,000 a year. I have \$11,000 in a 401(k), and about \$15,000 in debt. Should I cash out the 401(k) to pay down my debt?

- Cody

Dear Cody,

I don't think so. When you take money out of a 401(k) they charge you a 10 percent penalty, plus your tax rate. Your tax rate is about 20 percent, so that means you're going

Dave Says

to take a 30 percent hit. While I love dumping debt, your idea would be kind of like saying, "I want to borrow \$11,000 at 30 percent interest to pay off my debt." That doesn't make a lot of sense, does it?

I never tell folks to cash out a 401(k) or IRA to pay off debt, unless it's the only way to avoid foreclosure or bankruptcy. You're not facing either one of those situations, Cody. So my answer is no.

You Can do it With No Fees

Dear Dave,

What do you think about making bi-weekly mortgage payments?

- Jeremiah

Dear Jeremiah,

I think it's an awesome idea. By doing that, you can pay off a 30-year mortgage in about 22.8 years, on average, depending on the interest rate.

However, I would never pay someone a fee to set up bi-weekly mortgage payments. All you do on a bi-weekly schedule is make half a payment every two weeks. Since there are 26 two-week periods per year, that equals 13 whole payments. It's nothing magical, and it's not difficult.

Go for it, Jeremiah. Get rid of that house payment as fast as you can. Just don't pay extra fees to make it happen!

- Dave

Move to the Head of the Line!

Dear Dave,

I owe the IRS \$6,000, and currently I'm making monthly payments. Should I roll this debt into my debt snowball, and then really attack it when it gets to the top of the list?

- Jared

Dear Jared,

My advice would be to put the IRS at the very top of your debt snowball. Usually, when it comes to paying off debt, I advise people to arrange their debt snowball from smallest to largest, then start with the smallest one and work their way up. This doesn't always seem to make mathematical sense, but the truth is personal finance is 80 percent behavior and only 20 percent head knowledge. Paying off some small debts quickly energizes you and gives you motivation. It makes you feel like you can really do it. Besides, if you were such a math genius you wouldn't have debt in the first place.

But the IRS is a different animal altogether. Their interest rates and penalties are ridiculously high. Plus, they have virtually unlimited power to collect. So put them at the top of the list, and get them paid off as fast as you can!

- Dave

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