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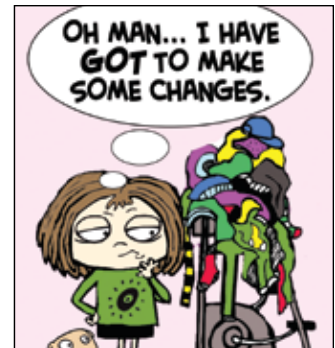
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## Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers



Recent reports state that nearly 800 Teens Die in Traffic Crashes During Summer Months.

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - According to a recent national study by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, the 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day are deadly for teen drivers. An average of 261 teens dies in traffic crashes during each of the summer months, a 26 percent increase compared to the rest of the year. This represents an average of nearly 800 teen deaths during the summer months.

Over the past five years, nearly 4,000 teen drivers and passengers, between the ages of 13 and 19 years old, died in traffic crashes between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Those deaths make it the deadliest season for teens.

According to the report, teen drivers face a number of safety challenges. Teenage drivers have the highest rates of crashes that result in the death of other people such as passengers, pedestrians or occupants of other vehicles. Risky behaviors increased for 16 and 17 year-old drivers as the number of teen passengers increased.

Drivers aged 16 and 17 are involved in about seven times as many crashes per mile driven, compared to drivers in their 40s, 50s and 60s. Each day in 2012, an average of

seven teenagers died as a result of a motor vehicle crash.

The study shows that teen passengers can be a distraction for novice teen drivers, and contribute to teens taking risks behind the wheel. Compared to driving without passengers, a fatal crash risk quadruples when carrying three or more passengers younger than 21. It also doubles when carrying two passengers younger than 21, and increases by 44 percent when carrying one passenger younger than 21.

“With motor vehicle crashes ranking as

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## Campgrounds Now Open for Summer

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - The recreational attractions of the Placer County Water Agency’s Middle Fork American River Project are open for the summer.

The project includes campgrounds at French Meadows and Hell Hole reservoirs, high on the western slope of the Sierra near the headwaters of the American and Rubicon rivers; and other attractions ranging down the Middle Fork American River to Oxbow Reservoir, a popular launching area for whitewater rafters.

The pristine, relatively undiscovered area is reached via Mosquito Ridge Road from Foresthill or Eleven Pines Road from Georgetown. French Meadows is situated 50 miles east of Auburn.

Most of the campgrounds are snowbound in winter and are usually accessible from Memorial Day weekend through early October. PCWA officials said the current drought will result in lower than normal lake levels and flows this summer but that sufficient water is anticipated through Labor Day weekend.

For information on French Meadows and other Middle Fork recreational opportunities, contact the U.S. Forest Service Foresthill Ranger Station at (530) 367-2224.

For recreation information on Hell Hole Reservoir and the Rubicon River watershed, contact the U.S. Forest Service Georgetown Ranger Station at (530) 622-5061.

Public recreation is a benefit of the PCWA Middle Fork American River Project which stores water and generates hydroelectric energy. The project includes five power plants that produce an average 1 million megawatt hours of energy per year. ★

For information on PCWA, see [www.pcwa.net](http://www.pcwa.net). Source: PCWA

## Placer Land Trust Recovers Stolen Property with the Help of Facebook

**PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - You may have heard that we were recently the victim of a major theft. One of our staff members showed up early in the morning on Friday, June 6, intending to work on a firebreak and fuel load management project at one of our preserves. When he arrived at our Auburn office, he discovered our work truck and trailer, loaded with a Polaris Ranger and pull-behind mower, were all missing from the parking lot. The property was stolen sometime after 6:30 p.m. Thursday, and a report was filed with the Auburn Police Department on Friday morning.

After filing the police report, we didn’t sit back and wait. We turned to various forms of social media, including Facebook, in an attempt to spread the word about the missing property. We posted pictures and descriptions of all the missing property and asked the community to help us get the word out by sharing our post. The Facebook post was sent out just before noon on Friday



This white 2004 F-250 Super Duty V10 w/4” lift kit, 18” polished wheels and tinted windows was stolen from the Placer Land Trust parking lot on Blocker Drive in Auburn on 6-06-14.

and was eventually shared by more than 200 people and seen by over 10,000. There is power in social media and the post worked! Thanks to the many supportive members of the community, our property was located and recovered.

We received a call from the police on Sunday around noon telling us the property had been recovered from a chop shop in

Loomis. We arrived at the scene to discover that the thieves had been in the process of stripping the Polaris Ranger and were starting on the Ford truck when the police caught them. After eight hours in 105 degree heat, we were finally able to leave with the damaged equipment. We don’t know the extent of all the damage yet, or how much it’s going to cost to fix and replace



A green 2006 Polaris Ranger 6x6 700EFI and Red 2009 Swisher 52” tow-behind mower, model 310000, were stolen from Placer Land Trust parking lot.

things, but locating the property in such a short time certainly helped to minimize the damage that was done.

We are very thankful for outpouring of support from our community! Stealing from a nonprofit is like stealing from the



A black/wood 2009 Carson Trailer w/custom spare tire mount on front was stolen from the Placer Land Trust parking lot on Blocker Drive in Auburn on 6-06-14.

# Local Water Supplies Threatened by State Action

**GRASS VALLEY, CA (MPG)** - As the California drought grows more serious, leaders of the Nevada Irrigation District are preparing strategies to preserve local water supplies in face of growing downstream demand.

The drought and the state's May 27 order that stream diversions be curtailed were the subjects of presentations at Wednesday's (June 11) meeting of the NID Board of Directors.

The meeting was attended by several members of the Nevada County and Placer County agricultural communities, who are trying to get through this unusually dry year. Annual agricultural production in NID's two-county service area is estimated at \$98 million.

NID General Manager Rem Scherzinger, General Counsel Jeff Meith and Special Counsel Dustin Cooper briefed the board on Gov. Brown's emergency drought declaration, the state water board's curtailment of junior (post-1914) water right diversions, and a possible July 1 action on senior (pre-1914) water rights.

NID holds numerous senior and

junior water rights - some among the oldest in the state - that are used to divert water into reservoirs and supply homes, farms and businesses in Nevada and Placer counties.

Scherzinger said the current drought and water shortage should be seen as a sign of things to come. He and members of the board said NID must look into all options for securing water including conservation, storage expansion, and building additional water storage, a sentiment echoed by several farmers and ranchers in the audience.

Cooper cited examples of other north state water right holders who are experiencing difficult conditions as the result of the state's curtailment order. He said the State Water Resources Control Board's emergency action used a flawed process that lacked evidence and participation.

Meith noted that a majority of this year's thin but early snowpack runoff had already been captured in NID reservoirs when the state's curtailment order was issued. He said, however, that the order, effective for up to 270 days, could

seriously impact NID's ability to collect water next fall and winter when NID replenishes its reservoirs. State action on senior water rights could further hamper NID's ability to supply its customers, he said.

Officials said NID would continue its advocacy effort in the state water planning process and consider other options in the protection of local water supplies.

In other business, directors: • heard a water supply update from Water Operations Manager Chip Close who reported that NID water storage is at 86 percent of capacity (near normal for this time of year) but is expected to dip to 50 percent or less by late October. The district is urging all customers to reduce their usage by 20 percent until the drought is over.

The next regular meeting of the NID Board of Directors will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, at the NID Business Center in Grass Valley. NID board meetings are open to the public. ★

Source: Nevada Irrigation District

# Placer County Fair Prepares For Summer Beach Party

**PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Just in time for June's lazy days of summer, the Placer County Fair is getting ready for a Summer Beach Party. The annual Fair set for June 19-22 is just in time for hot weather and kids already getting bored with summer vacation.

Under the new management of CEO Carrie Wimer, plans are in the works for a "new and improved" Placer County Fair. "We are excited about the new entertainment level with some great West Coast bands back on Sunset Lawn, more strolling entertainment and for the kids, Circus Imagination. We want to make sure there is something fun around every corner whether it's the Giant Alligator, Skip Banks in his giant yellow balloon, or a visit to see the farm animals and the goat costume contest."

California favorite Chris Gardner will open the Fair on Thursday with his high energy country music. On Friday, America's favorite nerds arrive with the Spazmatics, who gained notoriety for playing at Drew Barrymore's wedding. Complete with skinny ties, Brill Creamed hair, and horn-rimmed glasses, The Spazmatics recapture



Come see NorCal Ultimate Enduro at the Grandstands Thursday, June 19th. Cody Webb shown above. Photos courtesy of KE Spencer and Co.

all the best of the worst from the 1980's.

In contrast the very cool Nathan Owens' show band arrives on Saturday with the hip and cool sound of Motown mixed with Soul. The popular casino nightclub act brings the full sound and dance moves of Detroit. On Sunday, the Sixties Summer of Love arrives with tie die and flower power. The only thing missing with their big sound is the VW bus on the stage.

The Fair will keep tradition alive with exhibit halls filled with displays of the community's many

talents from preserves and pies to quilts and crafts, produce, floriculture, an art and photography exhibit and the many things the kids have created on their own or as school projects. 4-H, FFA, and Independent youth proudly show their animals in the livestock rings, then the best of the market animals are sold at the Jr. Livestock Auction.

Expect to get your fill of the famous Fair Food - whether you dream of corn dogs and cotton candy or a giant plate of curly fries. Vendors are ready to sell patrons the latest gadget or gizmo they can't live without, while families stop to get their photos taken. ★

Source: Placer County Fair



CEO Carrie Wimer

# Hometown Heroes



**Air Force Airman Dawnella M. Hopper** 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. Hopper is the daughter of Donald and Eva J. Roberts of Excelsior Springs, Mo. and Cindy S. Roberts of Sacramento, Calif. and granddaughter of Patricia Atkins of La Jolla, Calif.

She is a 2004 graduate of Roseville Adult High School, Calif.



**Air Force Reserve Airman Julian s. Lomeli** 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.

Lomeli is the son of Jay Lomeli of Susanville and Mirna Macias of Rocklin.

He is a 2010 graduate of Victory High School, Rocklin.

Source: Defense Media Activity

# Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers

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the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, we are urging parents to be more involved with their teen drivers," said Cynthia Harris, spokesperson AAA Northern California. "Studies reveal that parents, who set limits on their teen's initial driving privileges, will lower risky driving behavior, traffic violations, and crashes among novice drivers."

AAA recommends that all states adopt and enforce a comprehensive three-stage graduated license system (GDL) for novice drivers that limits nighttime driving and driving with young passengers. The maximum safety benefits from GDL policies include a 20 percent lower fatal crash rate, when beginner

**"The study shows that teen passengers can be a distraction for novice teen drivers, and contribute to teens taking risks behind the wheel."**

drivers are prohibited from having any passengers in the car.

AAA has a wide range of tools available at TeenDriving.AAA.com to help parents simplify the learning-to-drive process, including parent-teen driving agreements, online webinars, licensing information and free online information developed from a National Institutes of Health program.

Established in 1947 by AAA, the AAA Foundation for Traffic

Safety is an independent, publicly funded, 501(c) (3) charitable research and educational organization. The AAA Foundation's mission is to prevent traffic deaths and injuries by conducting research into their causes and by educating the public about strategies to prevent crashes and reduce injuries when they do occur. Visitwww.aaafoundation.org for more information. ★

Source: AAA of Northern California

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**Publisher Paul V. Scholl**

# Local Artist Inks Innovative Comic Strip

by Taryn Prescott

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- For Crystal Jones, creator of Cranky Girl, the lens through which her character sees life is one with which Crystal is deeply familiar. Inspired by her own experiences living in Los Angeles as a young professional, Jones created an innovative outlet to explore the challenges women of all ages face with dating and friendship, dieting, family, and the workplace. Cranky Girl embodies the sassy woman always on the fringe of perfect balance, catapulting herself off the edge with her big attitude and short fuse. Strangers don't always see the optimism she carries, however, as her stoic resting face betrays her big heart. Spend some time with Cranky Girl on her misadventures and you will be rooting for her completely.

Crystal honed her skills at the Academy of Art in San Francisco, where she studied illustration, graphic design, and animation. This earned her a coveted internship in the story department at Pixar, where she had the opportunity to work on the feature film, A Bug's Life. Jones later worked in the film and commercial industry as a production assistant and freelance storyboard artist. It was during this time she created the



The Cranky Girl line has included e-greetings and mobile phone wallpapers with American Greetings (see cartoon below), as well as a line of Valentine's Day cards found at Target stores nationwide. Photo courtesy Crystal Jones

comic strip, Angry Girl, which she later renamed Cranky Girl. The Cranky Girl line has included e-greetings and mobile phone wallpapers with American Greetings, as well as a line of Valentine's Day cards found at Target stores nationwide. Hailing from a family in the entertainment business, Crystal's father is singer and Grammy winner Jack Jones, who is known best for singing the theme song to The Love Boat. He was more recently featured in the hit film,

American Hustle. Her mother, Lee Jones Fuller, was a former model. Crystal's parents have found a niche in Cranky Girl, where they are featured under different names. Crystal lives in Auburn, CA with her husband, Doug Thomas, a real estate agent for Lyon Real Estate and radio DJ for 96.9 The Eagle in Sacramento. Their two terriers, Woody and Lacey, oversee all operations at the Cranky Girl headquarters. ★



# "She," by a Brand New Film Production Group in Auburn

By Mark Vaughan

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - On June 2, 2014, a brand new film production group in Auburn, California, CineFabula (cinefabula.com), released their first short film, SHE. An online comedy short about a nine-to-five office resident who, upon hearing a description of a movie about a man who falls in love with his operating system, then sets out looking for love in all the cyber spaces. After encounters with various technologies we discover why he conducts such a quest.

The genesis of the project came from a meeting of local physician, Mark Vaughan, M.D., Placer High School teacher and author, Jason Sinclair Long, and software developer, Jeff Dickerson. They all shared a common interest in cinema and had various levels of prior experience with film. They met March 16, after Vaughan had learned of an online short film competition sponsored by RODE microphones of Australia. The competition will award three large prize packages of production equipment totalling \$70,000 in value. Prizes will be awarded based on selection by a panel of judges and by popular vote on the My Rode Reel website. A third prize will be awarded for

the best behind-the-scenes video featuring use of a Rode microphone in the production of the short film.

After an hour of various idea pitches and running out of available time, Long described the idea of making a comedy based on the idea of a character having a relationship with his operating system. Vaughan came up with the idea for the reveal at the story end. Long had the script competed in its final form in no more than two days. Production then took place at Placer High School, Auburn Regional Park, and in a private home over the following two months. The cast is composed of all local actors, including Mark Vaughan, Jason Sinclair Long, LeeAnn Vaughan, and Becca Rowland.

Vaughan, the director and editor, says of the project, "SHE for me is not only a great story about contentment, it is about an opportunity to collaborate with some great people and become better friends." The group has high hopes, and is doing all they can to get online votes in an effort to win the popular vote prize. Interested readers can view the film and vote for it by following the link at cinefabula.com.

The work of Mark Vaughan, M.D. in cinema has included

acting as an extra for feature films and directing/producing small collaborative short format projects. He has over 100 videos posted on his Auburn Medical Group and Airsoft Medicine YouTube channels, with over one million cumulative views. His favorite YouTube narrative works of his own are "Call Your Hits, Dr. Airsoft Clinic 2," on the Airsoft Medicine channel, and "Big Shot," on the Auburn Medical Group channel. He is a native resident of Auburn, California, where he is the Medical Director of the Auburn Medical Group.

Jason Sinclair Long studied Theater Arts and American Literature at UC Santa Cruz and earned his MFA in Playwriting from UCLA. He currently teaches, writes, drums, gardens, and plays board games in Northern California with his wife and two sons.

Jeff Dickerson is Lead Configuration Manager at ALLDATA of Elk Grove, California. He also does professional photography as Jeff Dickerson Photography. He is the husband of Michele Dickerson, Family Life Pastor of Parkside Church, and father to a son and daughter. They reside in Auburn, California. ★

## Jump into Summer

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - It's almost summer! Help us kick off our favorite season with a fun romp through history! Join us at the Bernhard Museum for the next Community Education Program: Jump into Summer ~ 19th Century Kids Games. Bring your family on Saturday, June 21st anytime between 10:00 am and noon. We will have

period games, Living History crafts, kid-friendly tours of the Bernhard House, and hand-cranked ice cream. We will also have period costumes you can put on for a great photo opportunity. The West family will provide music with kitchen band instruments that you can play, too.

your whole family for a taste of yesteryear's summertime fun!

The Bernhard Museum is located at 291 Auburn Folsom Road in Auburn. For more information, please call 530-889-6500.

This program is FREE! ★ Source: Placer County Museums

Take a step back in time with

## Fishing for Landlocked Salmon with Rick Kennedy

**AUBURN, CA (MPG)** - The Rooster Tails Fishing Club breakfast meeting will be held on Friday, June 20 at the Auburn Elks Lodge, 195 Pine St. at Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603. The doors to the Lodge open at 7:00 AM with a fantastic \$12 wide-selection buffet breakfast served at 8:00 AM. The presentation begins at 9:00 AM sharp featuring Rick Kennedy, owner of Tight Lines Guide Service. The breakfast meeting is open to the Public.

In 1996, Rick and Tresa Kennedy decided to share their passion for fishing and established Tight Lines Guide Service. They started with guide trips on Stampede Reservoir and Eagle Lake. Their successful adventures soon led to the expansion of guide trips taking place on several Northern California lakes and rivers including the Sacramento and Feather Rivers that provide a unique experience not to mention some of the most outstanding King Salmon fishing. Rick has gained notoriety and has been endorsed by the fishing industry as one of the top Kokanee Salmon Guides in the state of California. Rick will talk to the members about fishing for landlocked salmon on Lake Oroville.

The 30 year old, 170+-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 a fishing experience.



Rick Kennedy with two dime-bright Oroville Coho Salmon. Photo courtesy Rooster Tails.

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.rooster-tailsfishingclub.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@rooster-tailsfishingclub.org. ★

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# Get the Most Bang for Your Buck

## Don't Let Your Fireworks Budget Go Up in Smoke

By David Dickstein

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

Fireworks come in various shapes, sizes and colors, just like we Americans who will celebrate our country's 238th birthday with them. This rings true whether you're reveling among the masses at a public fireworks display – Rancho Cordova's Hagan Park, Carmichael's La Sierra Community Center and the All American Speedway in Roseville will host three of the region's largest – or if you take to the streets of Woodland and other areas of Yolo County where consumer fireworks are allowed this time of year.

What's new? What's loud? What's colorful? Is that \$50 fountain really worth the money and how long is it? The patriotic, pyrotechnic perplexity starts June 28.

With such a wide variety of product out there, how can you ensure that your display will be a Yankee doodle dandy that doesn't have your money literally going up in smoke? Once again the Messenger Publishing Group put each of the new state-approved items to the test, along with other items likely to catch your eye from behind the chicken wire at stands that bear the names TNT and Phantom.

Fireworks are listed by price and rated on a 5-star scale for performance, duration, distinctiveness and overall comparative value. Judges included firefighters of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Station 65 in Rancho Cordova, where the test was conducted.

Let the sparks fly!

**New for 2014**



• **Apache Firedance Premier (Phantom), \$49.99** – Phantom gets “Best New Firework” honors for supersizing one of its classic fountains. Scores for seven effects, including some of the best crackles and strobes on the safe and sane market, and height and width that push the 10-foot legal limit. 140 seconds. 5 Stars



• **Moondance Premier (Phantom), \$29.99** – It's Phantom's value-priced Moondance Fountain on steroids. Terrific height, lots of purple, a real crowd-pleaser. 100 seconds. 4 Stars.



• **Sparkling Nights (TNT), \$24.99** – TNT's best new fountain is a solid, multi-effect performer with decent burn time for the price. A good mid-show pick. 91 seconds. 3 Stars.



State-approved fireworks in all shapes, sizes and price points are a big fund-raiser for area non-profits from June 28 through the Fourth of July. Photo: David Dickstein.



• **Fiery Frogs (Phantom), \$24.99** – These fused green-foiled, grapefruit-sized amphibians took five years to migrate to California – they've been sold by Phantom in other states since 2009. Price – you're paying for the novelty – but glimmering eyes and mouth make it a fun item. 50 seconds. 3 Stars.



• **Exploding Pinatas (TNT), \$17.99** – Has the ingredients for a winner, with whistle, fish and crackles, but for the same price a wiser buy is TNT's combo deal on the far-superior Mad Dog Fountain. 60 seconds. 2 1/2 Stars.



• **Confetti Lights (Phantom), \$4.99 for two** – Mundane stuff, but good value as a buy-one-get-one. Think of it as a Fourth of July stocking stuffer. 34 seconds. 3 Stars.

• **Alpha Wolf (Phantom), \$26.99** – Green and purple droplets, gold shower and crackling stars finale are awesome. No howling whistles despite its name. 83 seconds.

• **American Spirit (TNT), \$22.99 plus bonus** – This fountain of red, white and bluish stars, gold showers and decent whistles and crackles makes the cut because it comes with the pleasing, 90-second Sizzler Fountain. 80 seconds.

• **O-Blivion (TNT), \$19.99** – This lord of the ring-shaped fountains emits multi-colored chrysanthemums with pine and impressive titanium crackles. 125 seconds.

• **Pyropalooza (TNT), \$19.99** – Excellent height, crackle and vivid hues – a vivacious visual. 115 seconds.

• **Funky Monkey (Phantom), \$24.99** – This pyrotechnic primate features red pearls and a solid overall performance. 90 seconds.

• **Phantom Phlash Phinish (Phantom), \$18.99** – Phantastic Phountain. Second-runner-up for “Best New Fountain” last year has strong duration, altitude, spread, titanium crackle and whistle. 108 seconds.

• **King of Bling (Phantom), \$18.99 for two** – The crackles heard during the final third sound just like popping popcorn. Majestic chrysanthemums and whistle. Great value as a two-for-one. 90 seconds.

• **Mad Dog (TNT), \$17.99 for two** – Emits amazing crackles, whistles and multi-color sparks, but it's the combo deal that keeps this old dog on the list. 80 seconds.



• **Vibrant Voltage (Phantom), \$21.99** – Crazy height and some of the prettiest green and orange ever in a fountain. 98 seconds. 3 Stars.



• **Luminescence (Phantom), \$14.99** – Starts out as just your run-of-the-mill multi-effect fountain, but then surprises with an eruption of wide-spreading sparks. 73 seconds. 4 Stars.



• **Zombie Zapper (TNT), \$19.99** – Love the intense crackles and the whistle and smokeless color blobs that kick things off, but too fleeting for the money. 45 seconds. 2 Stars.



• **Loco Lobo (TNT), \$12.99** – Crackles and chrysanthemums are fine, but at this price point, and even lower, TNT has returning items that blow this not-so-crazy wolf away. 46 seconds. 2 Stars.

**Best of the Rest (4-5 Stars)**

• **Opening Show (TNT), \$59.99** – Budget permitting, last year's “Best New Finale” is a 500-gram must-have. The climax at the 2-minute mark is intense. Like, crazy intense. Be no closer than 20 feet away for this one. 130 seconds.

• **Delirium (TNT), \$49.99** – Fan-shaped 500-gram fountain is pricey, but its intensity and beauty are bona fide stunning. Best fan on the California market. 133 seconds.

• **Game Time (TNT), \$39.99** – Scores with intense crackle and wide-spreading sparks in the late innings, but not powerful enough to hit it out of the park. Still a gamer. 93 seconds.

• **Peacock Tail Fan (Phantom), \$34.99** – 2013's “Best New Firework” builds excitement with each dazzling stage. Works out to 65 cents per second, but still a must-have. 54 seconds.

• **Serenity (Phantom), \$15.99** – Noiseless fountain opens with lovely lava lamp-like lumps (thank you, nitrocellulose!) and peacefully pleases with seven colors and white chrysanthemums. 59 seconds.

• **Phantom Night Owl (Phantom), \$14.99** – Phantom's best internally glowing fountain (eyes and mouth light up) has four loud screeches and an exciting overall performance. 65 seconds.

• **Surfs Up (TNT), \$10.99** – Last season's “Best New Fountain” runner-up. Gorgeous globs lead to a wave of multiple effects. Punctuation issues in its name aside, this surfer dude has some of the best and widest-spreading titanium rain and crackles for the price. 58 seconds.

• **Twilight Magic (Phantom), \$12.99 for two** – Last season's “Best New Fountain” is even better now as a two-for-one deal (was \$9.99 for one last year). Sophomore fountain has three exciting rotations of crackle-and-whistle and wide-spreading sparks. 57 seconds.

• **Luck of the Irish (TNT), \$9.99** – This 13-year-old classic features gold and silver spray, red and green balls, crackles and four super-loud whistles. 75 seconds.

• **Firecracker Fountain (Phantom), \$9.99** – Lives up to its name with a remarkable crackling barrage alongside multi-colored pearls. 76 seconds.

• **Lil Red Devil (TNT), \$9.99 for two** – Packs plenty of heat for the size and price. Ends strong with wide-spreading titanium crackling sparks. This combo deal times five, lit side-by-side together, makes for a great finale. 35 seconds.

• **Phantom Dragon Slayer (Phantom), \$9.99 for two** – Got some white, blue and lemon chrysanthemums, rowdy crackles and red stars going on. 66 seconds.

• **Rainbow Rays (TNT), \$5.99** – Solid value-priced freshman delivers on height and crackle. Duration is one of the longest in the state at this price point. 56 seconds.

• **Little Miss (TNT), \$4.99** – This value-priced opening act packs plenty of color plus silver rain and crackles. 40 seconds.

• **Moondance (Phantom), \$2.99, and Purple Rain (TNT), \$5.99 for two** – These identical cousins are little dynamos that emit loud crackles, purple pearls and glittering gold and white sparks. 45 seconds.

For stand locations and additional product information, visit the retailers' websites: TNT, [www.tntfireworks.com](http://www.tntfireworks.com); and Phantom, [www.fireworks.com](http://www.fireworks.com).

**Don't be a Statistic this Fourth of July!**

- Here are some safety tips:
- Observe local laws.
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  - Always read and follow directions on each firework.
  - Use only state-approved “safe and sane” fireworks.
  - Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass or trees.
  - Have a responsible adult present.
  - Have a hose ready.
  - Light at a safe distance.
  - Never attempt to re-light or fix a “dud.”
  - Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
  - Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
  - Soak used fireworks overnight before disposing.



• **Wild Blue (TNT), \$7.99** – The most wild thing about Wild Blue is there's no blue. For the money, go with TNT's better, cheaper and longer-burning Rainbow Rays and Little Miss. 33 seconds. 2 Stars.



Firework stands run by non-profit groups will be open for business starting June 28 throughout Sacramento County and much of Placer County. Photo: David Dickstein.

# Placer Valley Tourism teams up with Rocklin Youth Soccer

**ROCKLIN, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday May 14, 2014, at The Rocklin Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission Meeting, Placer Valley Tourism presented Rocklin Youth Soccer with a check for \$20,000 to help fund a complete renovation of two full size soccer fields in Rocklin.

The renovation of these soccer fields to Hybrid Bermuda grass will help Rocklin Youth Soccer Club attract more out of town teams, host additional tournaments, and stay at a competitive level. "The Rocklin Youth Soccer Club (RYSC) is a non-profit, volunteer based soccer club that supports over 3000 players in the City of Rocklin", says Stephen Makis, Field Coordinator for the RYSC. Makis continues to say that "the purpose of the Rocklin Youth Soccer Club is to provide the youth of Rocklin an opportunity to play at the Recreational or Competitive level and to further develop their appreciation and skills of the game. It has been said that our competitive program is by far the best value for kids who want to play Competitive Soccer in the area. Our Competitive teams now compete in the NorCal Premier Leagues, US Club events, as well as CalNorth events. We have also joined forces with Vision Soccer Training to



Front row, from left to right: From the Rocklin Youth Soccer Club; Practice Field Coordinator Ross Buchholz, Field Coordinator Stephen Makis, President Dina Lombardo, Mayor of the City of Rocklin Scott Yuill, CEO of Placer Valley Tourism David Attaway. Back row, from left to right: From the Rocklin Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission; Commissioner Nancy Hartwell, Vice-Chairperson Christine Anderson, Chairperson John Carter, Commissioner Ken Broadway, Commissioner Paul Ruhkala.

provide our teams at all levels, with top level trainers." Rocklin Youth Soccer is continuing to grow and improve, and ensuring the renovation of these fields helps propel that growth. Placer Valley Tourism is very excited to help the Club with its field renovations and help out in furthering the program.

"Rocklin Youth Soccer is an amazing organization and works very well with our youth and athletics in the City of Rocklin. This assistance from PVT will really help advance the program

and open up new possibilities" says Mayor of the City of Rocklin Scott Yuill.

Placer Valley Tourism [PVT] is made up of the 23 hotels in Roseville, Rocklin and Lincoln, California. PVT recruits and supports hundreds of annual events with grants, marketing, volunteers, and other services as needed. To learn more about how PVT can help bring your event here, visit [www.playplacer.com](http://www.playplacer.com) or call (916) 773-5400. ★

Source: Placer Valley Tourism



By Gerry Mifsud

Join infatuation and flatulence and you get a new word "inflatulation."

Somehow a little humor and a whole lot of great care from Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital has helped me through major colon issues that would eventually remove 40% of my colon. I've learned a lot about colon care after being in the hospital three and a half weeks.

I've been called an "old fart" and sometimes told "I'm full of crap." Well that literally described my colon as my son Joe rushed me to the ER while I was in great pain. Two weeks before going to the ER I tried to deal with the constipation myself. On a somewhat humorous note I went to my local CVS pharmacy and while I was reaching down for some laxative medicine I let out two loud "old farts" creating a Foul Fog in the aisle. A little old lady coming down the aisle walked into a hellacious smell. She held her breath and tightened her lips moving quickly past me shaking her head in disgust.

More seriously because I have a history of drinking little water and poor eating habits, I offer you several tips for proper colon health:

1. Drink eight 8oz glasses of water daily.
2. Have a colonoscopy every

## Inflatulation

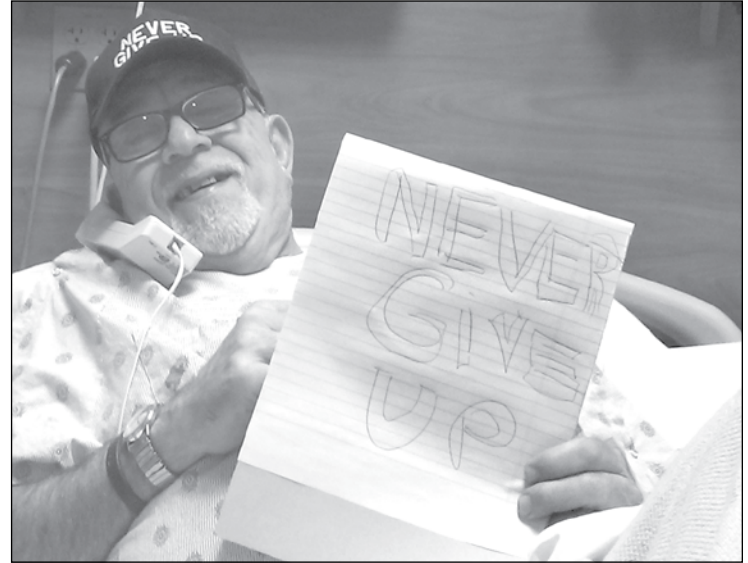
### An Affair With Hot Air!

five years especially after the age of 50.

3. Fiber (roughage) is needed from whole grains, fruits & vegetables.
4. Vitamin D is gotten from milk, fish, and twenty minutes of sunlight.
5. Exercise increases blood flow and circulation to your colon.
6. If you use colon cleansers or

and amazement.

For the wonderful care I've received at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, I say "Thank You" to my doctors, Dr. Skeehan, Dr. Antonini; nurses Miriam, Jim, Gracia, and Gina just to mention a few; CEO Mitch Hanna; diet aide Cindy Morgan; and housekeeper Manh, who always had a warm smile, taught me a greeting in the Thai language, which is "sabaticop."



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flushes check with your doctor first.

Because of the lack of water and roughage my colon was dry and food did not move on through, I was "full of crap and foul gas."

That reminds me of the explosive nature of gas in a humorous way. When I was eight years old, my older brother Bill decided to entertain his three younger brothers, me being one of them. As we sat in a darkened room, Bill pulled down his pants, drew a lit match to his arse, and let out a burst of gas that passed the match and turned into a 2" flame, singing the hair on his butt. We roared with laughter

In my anguish and pain came the heart strings via the harpist Elizabeth, who eased my pain with beautiful music.

It doesn't get any better when my ex-mother-in-law Betty, and Councilman Mike Holmes show up within minutes of one another!

When I first came into the E.R., I was on a gurney, riddled with pain and fear of the unknown. As I looked up, I could see my son Joe with a smile and tears saying to me, "Be strong Dad," and I felt I couldn't give up, I'll never give up!

★ TV Host Gerry Mifsud.

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## Senators Gains Fights to Bring Tesla Motors to California

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Senator Ted Gaines (R-Roseville) recently announced that he and Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento) have introduced Senate Bill 1309, a bi-partisan bill that would entice Tesla Motors Inc. to build a large-scale battery factory in California.

"Tesla is about to build a \$5 billion factory and create 6,500 jobs somewhere in this country. We can and should do everything humanly possible to bring those jobs to California," said Senator Gaines.

Senate Bill 1309 declares the legislature's intent to utilize financial incentives, changes to regulatory and environmental processes, and other possible tools to expedite construction in California.

"Everything is on the table - tax credits, investment credits, hiring credits. We need to show



Tesla that we'll cut through the red tape that frustrates companies in this state and prove that California is open for business," said Senator Gaines. "There's no excuse. I call on my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join Senator Steinberg and me in getting this done immediately."

"Whenever the state creates incentives for business, it should be for industries that not only bring good-paying middle class jobs but also use clean

technology to help curb pollution and improve the health of Californians," said Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg. "We can hit both these targets of strengthening our economy and fighting climate change with the construction and operation of this manufacturing plant in California. We're strongly committed to working with the Brown Administration and the Assembly to make it happen."

Tesla Motors Inc. designs, manufactures and sells luxury electric vehicles.

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. ★

Source: The office of Senator Ted Gaines

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# HOME SAFE HOME

## Fire Prevention Starts with a Plan

## FAMILY FEATURES

The cooler temperatures of fall may be on their way, but cooler weather also brings an increase in home fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than half (54 percent) of home structure fire deaths occur in the cooler months of November through March.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) recommends that every household have an escape plan in place, yet, in a recent survey by Omnibus, 44 percent of people reported that they did not have an escape plan for their home.

On average, families have less than three minutes from the time the first smoke alarm sounds to escape a fire. "Every second counts when it comes to escaping a home fire," said Chief Metcalf, president and chairman of the IAFC. "That's why families need to have an escape plan in place, and ensure they have working smoke alarms to provide those critical early warning signals in the event of a home fire.

The "Change Your Clock Change Your Battery" program aims to help keep families safe by sharing the reminder to replace the batteries in your home's smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors each year when you change your clocks for daylight saving time. It's part of the Energizer philosophy — that's positivity — which represents the company's commitment to making a positive impact on the world. Here are some additional tips from the IAFC and Energizer to help protect your family room by room.

### Change Your Clock Change Your Battery

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, and marks the 26th anniversary of the "Change Your Clock Change Your Battery" program, created by Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). This program reminds people to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks.

Other fire safety prevention measures include:

- Test your smoke alarms. Make sure all alarms work by pushing the test buttons.
- Clean the smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Ensure the sensitivity of your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors by cleaning them each month with a vacuum.
- Count Your Smoke Alarms. Be sure there is at least one smoke alarm installed on every level of your home, including one in every bedroom and outside of each sleeping area.
- Change Your Flashlight Batteries. Keep flashlights with fresh batteries at your bedside for help in finding the way out and signaling for help in the event of a fire.
- Replace your smoke alarms. The IAFC recommends replacing smoke alarms every 10 years and having a combination of both ionization and photo electric smoke alarms to keep you alert to all types of home fires.



### Make a Plan

Draw a floor plan of your home and find two ways out of every room. Sketch the exit routes clearly on the floor plan. A downloadable escape plan grid can be found on the Energizer Bunny Facebook page. If an upstairs window is one of the escape options, make sure you have a fire escape ladder long enough to reach the ground. Make sure every adult knows how to use it. Ad should be responsible for helping younger children. Assign an outside meeting place so if the family escapes from different routes, you can quickly locate each other.

Use the following checklist to eliminate as many fire hazards in your home as possible:

#### Bedrooms

In a recent study, almost half (44 percent) of families did not know the peak time for home fire fatalities is when most people are asleep (between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.). So, in addition to making sure you have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors within hearing distance of your bedrooms, take the below steps to fire-proof the bedrooms themselves:

- Do not trap electrical cords against walls. Heat can build up, posing a fire hazard.
- Use only lab-approved electric blankets and warmers. Make sure cords are not worn or coming apart. Do not leave electric blankets switched on all night unless they are marked "suitable for all night use."
- Keep bedding, curtains and other combustible items at least three feet away from space heaters.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. By law, mattresses made since then are required to be safer.
- Have a working smoke alarm in every bedroom and outside each sleeping area.

#### Living Room

- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Never run electrical cords under carpets.
- Check all electrical cords for fraying or other signs of damage.
- Only light decorative candles when adults are in the room. Use stable candle holders that will not catch fire. Blow candles out when you leave.
- During a power failure, do not use candles or oil lamps for light. Keep battery-operated flashlights and lanterns in easily accessible places. Candles used for light in the absence of electrical power cause one-third of fatal home candle fires.
- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm in each room, including the living room.

#### Kitchen

Cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the United States, according to research by the National Fire Protection Agency.

- Never use extension cords to plug in cooking appliances. They can overload the circuit and start a fire.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the cooktop. This includes potholders, mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels and curtain.
- Keep the cooktop, burners and oven clean.
- Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting clothing or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a fire extinguisher installed in or near your kitchen, and be sure every adult family member knows how to use it.

#### Garage

- Store all combustible materials away from regular sources of heat, such as water heaters, space heaters, boilers and furnaces.
- Keep wood finishes, spray paint, paint thinners and other flammable products in a dedicated storage container with a closed door.
- Store all combustible materials in their proper containers and be sure they are clearly marked.
- Keeping the garage tidy can also help keep it safe. Get rid of stacked boxes, newspapers, recycling and trash. They can be instant fuel for a fire.

To download your escape grid or get more information, visit [facebook.com/energizerbunny](http://facebook.com/energizerbunny).







# Dancers Prepare for Big Event



Twenty-two of the DG2 adult dancers and Student Teachers will be joining in a huge production of more than 600 dancers from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Australia.

**PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Following the June performances at the Mesa Verde Performing Arts Center, the Dance Gallery 2 dancers are going directly into rehearsal for another big event. A parade performance in Disneyland, Anaheim CA. Twenty-two of the DG2 adult dancers and Student Teachers will be joining in a huge production of more than 600 dancers from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Australia.

They will intensely train under the direction of Summer Cedarleaf, one of the choreographer/teachers from the DG2. The group is scheduled to dance down Mainstreet U.S.A. in the

Disneyland Theme Park on July 11 and then another parade performance in the California Adventure Theme Park on July 12.

The Dance Gallery 2 has a long time relationship with these types of Disney events, which are specifically designed to showcase students of dance, in a program called Dance the Magic. The DG2 director, Miss Lucy McLemore, has been working with the Dance the Magic for 13 years, as an assistant to the International Director of the program.

The experience was developed to give each student of dance the feel of being a Disney cast

member during their time participating in the program's event.

This includes exclusive backstage rights in the Disney rehearsal rooms and a behind-the-scenes peek at how the famous theme park operates its parades.

The parades are a highlight of both Disneyland and California Adventure Theme Parks, and attract tens of thousands of spectators from all over the world on a daily basis. Disney is known for their "perfection" in entertainment, so the honor of being selected to perform in such a prestigious event is a dream come true for a dancer! Break-a-leg DG2! ★



# POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

Even better...ask your friends (especially if they are nurses, docs, and staff) what hospital they would go to. Facebook is

2) **DON'T GO ALONE. WHILE HOSPITALIZED, APPOINT A COMPANION IF POSSIBLE.** You need someone to speak up and ask questions... especially the first night after surgery when you're too sick to do it yourself. If the companion can perform simple tasks like tidy the bed, the nurses will love you for

3) **BE ALERT HOW INFECTIONS ARE TRANSMITTED.** Germs, like MRSA, enter the skin through surgical wounds or intravenous (IV) lines inserted in your body to deliver drugs, fluids, or nutrition. Any break in the skin is a potential "port of entry" for infection. If the skin around a surgical wound, IV line, or catheter looks red, swollen, hot or painful, or if you develop chills or feel feverish, alert hospital staff

4) **INSIST ON CLEANLINESS.** It can feel awkward to ask your visitor, doctor, or nurse to wash their hands and/or use gloves before touching you, but good hand hygiene is the best way to avoid infections. If you have your own bottle of hand sanitizer, you can offer someone a squirt, which is less awkward than sending them back to the dispenser in the doorway.

5) **PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP WHEN YOU PACK.** Bring your cell phone and/or tablet (put it out of sight when you leave the room...these things can go missing) charger and an extension cord. Hearing aids and dentures also get lost in the shuffle. Look at [www.ThePatientPod.com](http://www.ThePatientPod.com) to see what other stuff you need to keep your things safe and stay in control.

6) **CRITICAL TO WASH YOUR HANDS IN THE HOSPITAL.** Clostridium difficile or C. diff is a bacteria carried by some of us in our digestive systems. When they get C.diff infection, they get explosive diarrhea that ends up spraying everything in the room (sorry folks, but Pat's father died of this). C.diff Spores can last for months on hard surfaces, where they can re-infect the next patient. Hospitals are way less clean than you think. Visit [www.hospitalinfection.org](http://www.hospitalinfection.org). Pat's advice is bring your own bleach wipes (one of the few things that kill C.diff spores) and wipe things down. Got some more tips for you to consider, and I'll cover them in Part II of "Avoiding a Fatal Hospital Trip." Keep them handy and hopefully, you can share with someone you care about, especially you. In the meantime, stay well! ★

## AVOIDING A FATAL HOSPITAL TRIP PART I

Can a trip to the hospital kill you? Did you know that as many as 440,000 people die each year of UNINTENDED MEDICAL HARM like infections, wrong medications, missed diagnoses, etc? It's the third leading cause of death in the United States. That from Pat Mastors, who has over 20 years as a News and Medical Reporter. She told me on POPPOFF that dangers lurk that threaten us more than the health conditions which admitted us to the hospital in the first place. In her book "Design to Survive" Pat shared nine ways an IKEA approach can fix health care and save lives. So here are the critical tips:

1) **IF YOU CAN, CHOOSE YOUR HOSPITAL. HALF OF HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE PLANNED.**

Check out hospital "report cards" at the Leapfrog Group's [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org).

# OK, So Now You Are Retired

By Michael Moore

**PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - OK, so now you are retired... What to do next? Maybe... Join Sons in Retirement Placer Gold Branch 37 (SIRS), Auburns original Men's Retirement organization. Drop by at the Auburn Elks Lodge 11:00 am first Thursday of every month for a lunch social.

Our July Speaker will be Auburn Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi. He has thirty six years of experience in all areas of firefighting and fire

training. In addition to his duties as Auburn Fire Chief he is serving as the fire and Rescue Region IV coordinator for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and is a Board Member of FIRESCOPE, the body that develops operations and procedures for the California Fire Service.

He has three sons, the oldest is a Major in the USMC and an AV8 pilot, the second oldest is in the USMC and a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The youngest is beginning a career in the fire

service. He holds a BS Degree in Education and a Certificate of Management & Supervision. Come and meet our Fire Chief. Do not miss this very interesting presentation.

We have many activities at SIRS. Poker, golf, computers, model airplane flying, bocce ball, etc. There are no dues! We are looking forward to adding new members so come check us out! Information contact: [mike50moore@icloud.com](mailto:mike50moore@icloud.com). ★ Phone number (530) 906-5025



## Riley Reviews

**"A MILLION WAYS" TO LAUGH AND GAG ON WESTERN SATIRE**

through town and on other lands, is better suited as a narrator. He starts off like a visitor from another planet describing, in colorful language, the woeful hardships of the Old West.

Irreverent comedy is the trademark of MacFarlane's work, and here he seems to be at his best when he appears to be the outsider or the inner voice, such as when he spoke the dialogue for the stuffed teddy bear in the hilariously raunchy "Ted," or here just casually observing the lunacy around him.

Indeed, there are many ways to expire in the West, from pistols at noon and ambushes from gunfighters to runaway tumbleweed that slits one's throat or the horns of a rampaging bull taking out the random vendor of snake-oil remedies at the County fair.

As far as the story goes, the nerdy Albert is getting dumped by his vacuous girlfriend Louise (Amanda Seyfried), because she's fallen for the oily, obnoxious proprietor of a mustache toiletries supply store. Neil Patrick Harris, delightfully funny as a fancy dude overly impressed with his handlebar whiskers, plays the part of the odious Foy.

Albert unwisely challenges Foy to a duel, though he sets the showdown date for a week hence, in anticipation that he may be better prepared than the last time he was confronted by a vicious gunslinger.

Still living with his parents on the homestead, Albert's only real friends are the odd couple of Edward (Giovanni Ribisi) and Ruth (Sarah Silverman), neither one of them adept at guns or advice for romance.

The ongoing joke, played to extremes, is that Ruth is the most popular prostitute in town, given

to performing all sorts of perverted sex acts later recounted in some detail. Meanwhile, she and Edward have not had sex because they are saving themselves for marriage.

Having contemplated leaving the dreadful town of Old Stump for the more appealing San Francisco, Albert is dissuaded from leaving by the sudden appearance of the very pretty and smart newcomer, Anna (Charlize Theron), who is attracted to the sheep farmer's gentle manner.

Having arrived in town to hide out while her mean, vile gangster husband Clinch (a taciturn Liam Neeson) is trying to stay a few steps ahead of the law, Anna reveals nothing about her past, though her alleged bodyguard tries to pass himself off as her brother but soon ends up in jail for killing several people.

Anna's presence is fortuitous for Albert because she's as talented with guns as any sharpshooting desperado. Her skills go far in helping Albert overcome his ham-fisted handling of weapons, where target practice is an exercise in futility.

Filmmaking is often an untidy business, and there are scenes that seem more like filler than essential to the plot. One such extended scene is Albert being captured by Indians before they realize he speaks their language, and then he ends in a wild state of hallucination after too much peyote.

"A Million Ways to Die in the West," trying to live up to its title, may be the only movie ever to show an unfortunate bystander being killed by a giant block of ice. Crazy stuff happens in the Old West and MacFarlane aims to show much of it, and often to hilarious effect.

Very few comedies will ever measure up to the zany comic standards of "Blazing Saddles," and so let's put that aside and just enjoy the wacky humor of Seth MacFarlane as best we can. There are plenty of reasons to laugh, and even to gag in disbelief, in this film. ★

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# 13th Annual Party in the Park



Auburn, CA (MPG) - The Auburn Recreation District is presenting the 13th Annual Party in the Park Friday, June 20, 2014 at Regional Park in Auburn. This Free concert features the roots, reggae, funk and fun from the headlining band Pure Roots. Mobile Rock will once again be providing the interactives in the Kid's Zone. This event includes a food court, information and craft vendors, as well as a beer garden. The party starts at 5:30pm with warm up band, Mojo Green. Grab your folding chairs or blanket and bring the whole family out for a summer evening in the Park. Source: Auburn Recreation District

## Dementia Care Education and Housing Placement Assistance at Seniors First

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Seniors First, a non-profit agency serving Placer County seniors, announced that Kristina Blocker, of Dementia Care Adviser, has joined the organization and will be providing specialized services focused on dementia and Alzheimer's care. Kristina, a memory care specialist since 1999, will provide free dementia and Alzheimer's educational workshops and support groups. They will be designed for families, loved ones, and caregiver professionals to provide the best possible care and services for people with dementia. Additionally, she will consult privately with families to generate long term care plans and, alongside Seniors First perennial Theresa Halen, will assist in housing placement for those who find they can no longer live in their home.

Seniors First is the only non-profit housing placement service

in Placer County. They aid seniors with programs and services that assist them in retaining their independence. The program has helped thousands of people find appropriate out-of-home housing and long-term care since 1997.

"We are so excited about Kristina joining the Seniors First team. We will be starting our Dementia Workshop Series of 3 on July 2, 2014 in the Rocklin area and will be continuing them each month in a different location," said Jamee Horning, Assistant Director at Seniors First.

Seniors First is a non-profit senior services agency whose mission is to 'Keep Placer County Seniors Independent'. To fulfill their mission, Seniors First has developed programs and services that help seniors hold on to one of the things they hold most dear — their independence.

To address senior hunger, Seniors First provides a Senior Nutrition Program that operates eight local Senior Cafés. They also provide two transportation programs, Door-to-Door Rides and Health Express programs. Other programs include a Friendly Visitor program, Home Modification/Safety Repair program, an Assisted Living Placement program, and an Information and Assistance program.

Dementia Care Adviser provides services for Seniors First in the areas of Roseville, Rocklin, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, Sacramento, Carmichael and Orangevale.

For more information on services, volunteering or making a donation: Seniors First, 11566 D Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603; (530) 889-9500; www.seniorsfirst.org. ★

Source: Seniors First

## Boxer Introduces Bill That Would Be A New Gun Grab

In Response to the Mass Shooting at Isla Vista, Senator's Measure Would Give Families and Close Associates New Tools to Help Prevent a Tragedy?

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - In the wake of the tragic shootings in Isla Vista near the University of California, Santa Barbara last week, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) today announced that she will be introducing legislation soon to help provide families and close associates of a potentially dangerous person with new options to help prevent gun violence.

"It is haunting that the family of the gunman who committed this massacre in Isla Vista was desperate to stop a tragedy, and yet they lacked the tools to do so," Senator Boxer said. "My bill would give families and associates who fear someone close

to them could commit violence new tools to help prevent these tragedies."

The new legislation - The Pause for Safety Act - will include the following provisions:

One, it would help ensure that families and others can go to court and seek a gun violence prevention order to temporarily stop someone close to them who poses a danger to themselves or others from purchasing a firearm.

Two, it would help ensure that families and others can also seek a gun violence prevention warrant that would allow law enforcement to take temporary possession of firearms that have

already been purchased if a court determines that the individual poses a threat to themselves or others.

Three, it would help ensure that law enforcement makes full use of all existing gun registries when assessing a tip, warning or request from a concerned family member or other close associate.

Senator Boxer is pleased that similar legislation has been introduced in California by Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), Assemblyman Das Williams (D-Santa Barbara) as well as state Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara). ★

## What Our Country Needs From the Press



Commentary By Lee H. Hamilton

These days, the scandal involving long wait times at VA hospitals can feel like some made-in-Washington spectacle generated by politicians looking for headlines. But it isn't. It had its genesis in a late-April report on CNN that as many as 40 veterans may have died waiting for appointments at VA hospitals in Phoenix.

This investigative piece was notable for two reasons. It's been a while since a news story so quickly provoked such a storm of public indignation that a cabinet secretary — deservedly or not — had no choice but to resign. And it's a reminder of just how important old-fashioned shoe-leather reporting remains to our system of government, especially when it uncovers official misdoing.

One of the basic truths about our representative democracy is that it does not work without solid information. Public officials, both elected and appointed, need to know what's happening in the communities they serve, and the people who live in those communities need to know what the government they elect and fund is doing in their name.

A lot of forces try to distort that flow of information, or even block it altogether — from officials who aren't living up to our expectations to politicians counting on public ignorance to lobbyists and advocates hoping to sway public opinion. This is why the press — and by this I mean print, broadcast and online journalists — is so crucial to our country's health. It is, or ought to be, a steady, dispassionate, truth-seeking, skeptical and tough-minded force for public understanding.

In an ideal world, our media would focus on the serious side of the news. It would explore and highlight the substance of issues, not simply the politics of issues. It would detail the facts underlying a story, rather than dwelling on the personalities at play in the story. There is a place for entertainment that plays off the news — as people like Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert have amply demonstrated — but in their search for an audience, news executives shouldn't let it become a substitute for dogged reporting and the traditional values of accuracy, truth and fairness.

These are not easy times for journalists, however. I don't pretend to understand all the forces that are reshaping what we see, hear and read in the news media, and I know that news executives are struggling with a host of formidable economic and social challenges. Yet if the line between news and entertainment gets blurred, if loud opinion replaces accurate reporting, and if journalists take the easy road of covering politics and the horse race rather than the core of policy-making — substance, consensus-building, and the painstaking search for remedy

— then representative democracy is in trouble.

New organizations and websites are trying to make up some of the ground that's been lost in the years of news-industry turmoil: investigative outfits like ProPublica and the new wave of "explanatory" and data-driven sites like Vox and 538.com. But their very presence suggests that they see a void to be filled. These days, only a handful of news organizations in the country have the resources — both human and financial — to spend weeks or months chasing an investigation. Given the cuts that have stripped newsrooms of the expertise they once contained, I sometimes wonder whether the kind of reporting that brought us Watergate and uncovered the Enron scandal could still occur.

Because make no mistake: we need maximum oversight. You and I need it if we're to be certain that misdeeds cannot hide in the darker corners of government. And Congress needs it if it's to carry out one of its core responsibilities: overseeing the operations of government. All of us rely on the press to check abuses of power, see that laws are properly implemented, hold officials accountable, and tell those officials when their policies and operations are failing or going astray. Without a strong independent press, those in power could simply tell us what they want us to know and we'd be none the wiser. And that is no state of affairs for a democracy. ★

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

## Local Students Receive Scholarships from Placer Community Foundation Funds

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - As college costs rise, the appeal of scholarships, especially targeted for local students, rises as well. Two funds at Placer Community Foundation, the Richard and Doris Sayles Family Scholarship Fund and the Larry D. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund, recently awarded scholarships to outstanding high school seniors.

Richard and Doris Sayles were lifelong educators who both taught at Newcastle Elementary School. Devoting their careers to work in public education embedded a strong belief in Richard and Doris that access to higher education in all settings and levels provides a path to achieve any student's goals. Now, the Richard and Doris Sayles Family Scholarship Fund at Placer Community Foundation annually awards scholarships to former Newcastle Elementary

School students who are pursuing higher education. This year, Jenna Jordan and Tannah Jabusch from Del Oro High School received scholarships presented by Mary Sayles, Doris and Richard's daughter. Both women plan to pursue careers in nursing.

Larry Mitchell knew at a young age the importance of education. Today, his family and friends honor this and many other exemplary, lifelong attributes of Mr. Mitchell through the Larry D. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund at Placer Community Foundation. Denise Mitchell distributed two \$1,000 scholarships from this fund to Molly Foster of Analy High School and Zachary Stelzer of Placer Union High School District.

Placer Community Foundation 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 Foundation continuously monitors the community to better understand the nature of local needs, so that they can invest in areas such as arts and culture, education, health and human services, and the environment. The Foundation provides regular trainings and technical assistance for the many local nonprofits that are experiencing growing public demand for programs and services. The Foundation and its donors have invested over \$4.7 million in Placer County, and currently has assets of \$11.5 million. To learn more about supporting our local nonprofit organizations, visit placercf.org or call 530-885-4920. ★

Source: Placer Community Foundation

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# Fourth of July Events

## Roseville Parade

Join us for the return of the parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Vernon/Douglas/Riverside intersection, continuing down Vernon, right on Lincoln Street, and right on Park Drive.

**Royer Park Activities**  
Stay for the fun after the parade in Royer Park from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. including food, games, and music by the Capitol Pops Concert Band starting at 12 p.m.

## Fireworks

Join us at the Placer County Fairgrounds for fireworks. Gates open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at approximately 9:30 p.m. No alcohol, glass containers, barbecues or personal fireworks permitted. Soda, bottled water and food will be available for purchase at the fairgrounds.

Source: [www.rocklintoday.com](http://www.rocklintoday.com)

## Auburn

### Old Town 4th of July Celebration

Kick off your 4th of July in Old Town Auburn and chow down on the annual Fire Department's pancake breakfast at 7am. Then get the kids ready to burn off some of those carbs with our traditional old fashion kids games from 9am to noon. Get ready to rumble with foot races, gunny sack races, 3 legged race, barrel hoop roll, watermelon eating contest, Tug O' War, piñata, and balloon toss and of course, we can't forget our now famous Greased Pole! The money is at the top!

Tru Value is donating their Snow Cone machine and volunteers abound from the Larsen family, the



California Club and others. American Flags will be handed out to the first 50 entries along with red, white and blue balloons and necklaces. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the game winners. A good, old fashioned family event in Old Town Auburn.

### Fireworks Scheduled

Gold Country Fairgrounds, fireworks 9:40 p.m.  
Source: [www.rocklintoday.com](http://www.rocklintoday.com)

### Friday, July 4th, 2014 beginning at 4:00pm

Celebrate! Dance to the music! It's time once again to commemorate our nation's birthday. And once again the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce is presenting Independence Day festivities. We join Americans across the country in exalting the personal freedoms we enjoy and honoring the dedication and sacrifice of the many who made those freedoms possible.

Thousands will come together at the Gold Country Fairgrounds to enjoy the only July 4th fireworks (at approximately 9:40pm) in the area with festivities including live entertainment, food, drink and activities! Check out the schedule to learn what the event has to offer. For more information about these festivities, visit [www.Auburn4th.com](http://www.Auburn4th.com). For updates, follow the Auburn Family 4th on Facebook.

4th of July wouldn't be complete without a Parade! The

Auburn Area Lions will be putting on their annual 4th of July Parade that will travel through Downtown Auburn, ending in the Gold Country Fairgrounds. For an application and more information, click here

Source: [Auburn Chamber of Commerce](http://Auburn Chamber of Commerce)

## Auburn

### Auburn Ski Club

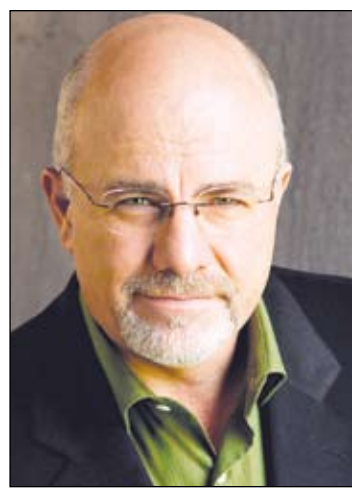
The Auburn Ski Club is presenting a One mile competitive or fun/run/walk on Truckee's 4th of July parade route. This event is a benefit for the Auburn Ski Training Center's Junior Nordic program.

You can register by filling out the Firecracker reg form and mailing it back to ASC or dropping it off at the Pet Station (11429 Donner Pass Rd) in Truckee from June 28th-July 3rd until 4:00 pm. If you are under 18 make sure to have a parent download and fill out a waiver ahead of time. If you are over 18 you can fill out a waiver ahead of time or we will have them at registration. You can also register online at: athlete in you or at active.com until July 3rd at 4:00 pm. Day of registration and bib pick up is from 8:00am to 9:30am at the parking lot across from US Bank (10995 Donner Pass Rd). The run begins at 9:45 am sharp for the Elite wave and at 9:55 for the fun wave. The run goes along the parade route down Donner Pass Road from US Bank to the Train Station. Be sure to arrive early as parking can be hard to find. Runners are cheered by the thousands of parade spectators.

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

Keep in mind that events and times can change without notice.

Source: [Placer County Visitors Bureau](http://Placer County Visitors Bureau) ★



# Dave Says

cases, like to avoid bankruptcy or foreclosure. Even then, hardship withdrawals are very difficult to get. And again, this kind of thing should never be done except in an absolute, worst-case scenario.

Just roll your money into a traditional IRA, Tracy. It's called a direct transfer IRA, and that way there will be no taxes on it. You want the money to go directly from the 401(k) to the IRA. Then, you'll have the freedom to choose from about 8,000 mutual funds and move the money around, if you like.

In other words, you're in control. That's the way it should be when it comes to your money!

### It All Evens Out

Dear Dave,

We have three children, ages 15, 10 and nine. With our oldest starting high school and just being a teenager, we're spending lots more money on her than the others. It's almost like she's the favorite child. Should we spend more on the other kids to make things seem a little more fair?

- Julie

Dear Julie,

I don't think so. In five or six years, it'll be their turn and your guys will be spending that kind of money on them, too. That's the way it is with teens.

Here's a question for you. When the 15-year-old is 23, and you're buying prom dresses and all the other teenage stuff for the younger kids, are you going to turn around and give the older child extra money just to "even things up"? Of course not—that would be silly.

She had her moment in the sun, and now it's their turn.

Just make sure you hug on all of them equally, and let them know you love them!

- Dave

### Wait For It

Dear Dave,

Would it be okay to go on a tenth anniversary honeymoon while we're working on our debt snowball?

- Karen

Dear Karen,

I don't think so. I mean, it's not against the law or anything like that. I just don't think it's a good idea. I wouldn't do it, and I wouldn't suggest taking the trip then rolling it into your debt snowball either. I know this probably sounds mean, but I'm just not a big romantic when it comes to people who are deeply in debt.

A rare exception may be a situation where you have a really small debt snowball and a nice, fat income. But most people in your shoes have average incomes and mountains of debt. On top of that, they want to take a big celebration vacation? I would say no.

At some point you have to stop the spending and concentrate on getting your finances in order. Besides, you've got a lifetime together to take romantic vacations and celebrate your marriage. Just wait until you can afford something like that. Trust me, you'll enjoy it even more!

- Dave

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride



The trip is open to all four-wheel drive enthusiasts and their families. It is not a difficult route; however, there are a few places where four-wheel drive will be required or where trail committee instructions must be followed. Photo courtesy High Rock Trekkers

**IMLAY, NV AND SURPRISE VALLEY, CA (MPG)** - As early as the 1840s, farmers and gold seekers loaded their possessions, a few women, children, dogs and cats in covered wagons and began what would become an arduous journey toward the Pacific Ocean. The trickle of emigrants beginning in 1841 would turn into hordes of dreamers after the discovery of gold in California in 1848. The overland emigrant trek would take five to six months crossing mountains, deserts, rivers, and some of the most hostile country in the world.

Now SUV and other four-wheel drive owners can relive the gold rush era as they travel the famous Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail, marveling at such sights as the beautiful Black Rock Desert, the majestic High Rock Canyon, Double Hot Springs, Soldier Meadows and so much more.

This exciting 200-mile journey begins on Friday, July 18 through Monday, July 21 and is hosted by the High Rock Trekkers Four-Wheel Drive Club. The trip begins near Imlay, NV and followed the same wagon train route used by Peter Lassen in 1849. The trip concludes in Surprise Valley, CA near

Cedarville in Modoc County. This was also an alternate route used by early pioneers to reach central Oregon.

“For me, this trail is very special and as a historian, I get to relive the past by thinking of John C. Fremont, Kit Carson, and Thomas “Brokenhand” Fitzpatrick and many other brave men and women as they made this difficult journey from small towns throughout the Midwest,” explained Warner Anderson, trail boss from the High Rock Trekkers. Anderson said the trip is open to all four-wheel drive enthusiasts and their families. It is not a difficult route; however, there are a few places where four-wheel drive will be required or where trail committee instructions must be followed.

“The emigrants wrote in their diaries such good descriptions of their trip that we can identify the majority of key points of interest in the history of this route,” Anderson said.

Camping the first night will be at Double Hot Springs, former wagon trains and the second night participants will spend the evening at Stevens Camp, which provides toilets, spring water, and possible

hot showers. Participants will need to bring their own tents and sleeping bags.

Cost for the trip is \$275 per adult, \$150 for children seven through 14 and children under seven are welcome free of charge. The cost includes all meals from breakfast on Saturday through breakfast on Monday. In addition to tents and sleeping bags, participants are encouraged to bring a CB radio, camera, folding chairs, snacks, refreshments, and drinking water.

The trip is fully insured and operates under a permit from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Proceeds from the event help support the California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs’ Conservation and Education Foundation.

The trip is limited to the first 25 vehicles on a first-registered, first-served basis. To register for this exciting trail ride, contact Warner Anderson at (775) 629-9232 or wana7448@sbcglobal.net or Ron Vance at (775) 246-4099 or vance63@charter.net. Registration is also available online at [www.highrocktrekkers.com](http://www.highrocktrekkers.com). ★

Source: High Rock Trekkers

# BOE Relocation Bill Sails off Assembly Floor

Several Other BOE-Supported Bills Clear Houses of Origin

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Legislation to relocate the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) from its troubled headquarters building at 450 N Street in Sacramento has passed off the Assembly floor with ample bipartisan support.

During Assemblymember Roger Dickinson’s floor speech, the author of Assembly Bill 1656 used a corroded waste-water pipe from the building to highlight why this BOE-sponsored legislation is critically needed. The bill provides the necessary authorization to relocate and consolidate Sacramento-area staff to one campus.

“I would like to thank Assemblymember Dickinson for championing this legislation for the health and welfare of our employees and for helping the taxpayers of California who are on the hook financially for a building in need of constant mitigation,” said BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton. “This is one of the only high-rise buildings in America with permanent scaffolding surrounding it to protect employees and the pedestrian public.”

“Why should the state’s taxpayers continue shouldering the burden of paying for constant repairs on this building?” asked Board Vice Chair Michelle Steel. “It makes no sense to keep paying for this.”

The BOE has already spent roughly \$60 million taxpayer dollars on building repairs and remediation. Total costs related to repairs and relocation during construction are estimated at approximately \$115 million, which does not include lost employee productivity.

“This measure is an important step to address the needs of our employees charged with collecting a good portion of the state’s revenue, who should not have to endure working in their

current environment,” said Board Member Betty T. Yee.

“Let’s end this craziness and get out of this money pit,” said BOE Board Member George Runner. “Assemblymember Dickinson’s legislation has bipartisan support and makes good sense for the health of our employees and the fiscal health of our state.”

About 1,900 employees are working in the N Street headquarters building. There are approximately 750 other capital-based employees who work in satellite offices throughout the Sacramento area. This legislation would seek to consolidate all of these employees on one campus, increasing efficiency and productivity.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization’s Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California’s elected taxpayer advocate. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel’s decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned

to taxpayers.

Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California’s coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization’s Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California’s tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California’s Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov). ★

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