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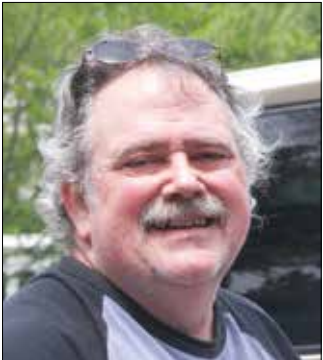
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# Business Booming for Non-Profits

By David Dickstein

PLACER COUNTY – What they're selling can't explode according to state law, but that's not stopping local non-profits from hoping for booming business starting June 28, the day fireworks can be sold in Roseville, Rocklin and Lincoln.

If fingers are crossed a bit tighter this season, it's because America's 236th birthday falls on a Wednesday, the first Fourth of July on "hump day" since 2007. Consumer fireworks leaders suggest a 10 percent drop in sales when Independence Day is smack in the middle of the week, but at least one industry leader believes that every smoke cloud has a silver lining.

"Because many people won't be able to make a 3-day or 4-day weekend out of holiday, they'll probably stay home, and that's a good thing for our non-profit groups," said Cathy Castilone, vice president of TNT Fireworks' Northern California region. "We've seen that when families don't go out of town they often light fireworks the weekend before the fourth and on the fourth itself."

The competition agrees. "Sales are strong on the fourth no matter what day of the week it is, and we're actually expecting better sales than usual on the 29th and 30th with people wanting to celebrate early on a weekend," said Linda Hass, Phantom Fireworks' Sacramento-based regional manager. "Sales should be brisk as well because the weather is cooperating, the economy seems to be moving in the right direction and Californians are eager to celebrate our great Independence Day with fireworks."

That should be patriotic music to the ears of dozens of cash-strapped Placer County charities, athletic groups, youth organizations and service clubs.

After years holding car washes and spaghetti feeds, Roseville Masonic Lodge 222 is adding fireworks to its fundraising mix. Proceeds from its inaugural stand, a TNT booth next to McDonald's



Annual sales of fireworks represents a critical fundraising effort for many non-profits in Placer County. Photo courtesy TNT

at 3994 Foothills Blvd., are earmarked for the lodge's youth group.

"We're planning to send boys to summer camp in the Sonora area and a 3-day convocation in Sacramento," said fireworks chairwoman Corinne Foster, who has set a goal of \$5,000 to \$10,000 in net profits.

New uniforms for the 2013 season are in store for the Roseville Youth Football Association, which runs Roseville Jr. Tiger Football and Cheer. The group's only fundraiser of the year has helped the group pay for equipment, facility use fees and certification in the past, and without it families would be asked to pay more per individual, according to Lisa Smith, who will chair the association's TNT stand next to Bel Air Supermarket at 4008 Foothills Blvd.

Feeding about 350 needy families at Christmastime is what Roseville-based Knights of Columbus Council 4540 has in mind for the plurality of

money raised at its TNT stand in the Roseville Square Shopping Center at Douglas and Harding boulevards.

"The basket contains a full Christmas meal with a ham or turkey, potatoes, rice, canned goods, vegetables and bread," said council fireworks chairman John Huwe of Antelope. "We also give age-appropriate toys to each child in the family."

Triple-dipping with TNT stands in Rocklin, Orangevale and Fair Oaks is Retro Teen Center of The Family Church in Roseville. Multiple locations will enable the church's rock club-teen center to share profits with two public schools and a food bank.

"This is the first year that the Retro Teen Center is donating some of the proceeds to other non-profits throughout the region," said the church's executive pastor Matthew Oliver. "Our goal has always been to give back to the community, and this year we plan to do just that."

While Orangevale Food Closet

and yet-named elementary schools will get a cut, the lion's share will help keep Retro open and operating.

"Thousands of young people are helped every month," said Oliver, now in his 10th year as fireworks chairman. "Retro is a place teens can call their own. Throughout the year we provide tutoring, counseling, secular and Christian nightly events and so much more."

Retro's most local stand among the three will be at 6691 Stanford Ranch Road, next to Jack in the Box.

Nearby, Rocklin Little League is hoping for a home run with fireworks sales at its TNT stand next to Save Mart, 3021 Stanford Ranch Road. Last year's profits helped with equipment costs, field improvement and all-star travel expenses, and Cris Barnette doesn't see that changing in her 12th year as the league's fireworks chairwoman.

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## Veterans Get Help to Transition to Civilian Workforce

SACRAMENTO REGION – Veterans returning to the civilian workforce may be eligible for some specialized assistance through the California Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (Bureau). The Bureau has developed the Veterans Come First program for veterans who want to leverage their military training to become licensed as security guards, private patrol operators, firearms instructors, or other licensee of the Bureau.

Veterans will receive priority services including priority in the licensure process, direct line telephone numbers and email contact information, and email or phone notification as soon as their licenses are approved. They will also be assigned their own personal Bureau staff person to support them through the licensing process.

"Supporting veterans in their transition from military service to civilian employment is a win-win for California," said Department of Consumer Affairs Director Denise Brown. "They get back into the civilian workforce quickly, and California reaps the benefit of their contribution to the state's economy."

"We are grateful to the Department of Consumer Affairs for making this innovative program available to California veterans," said Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs Peter J. Gravett, Major General (Ret). "Veterans make exceptional employees because they are quick clear thinkers, have proven leadership skills, and are natural team-builders."

"Transitioning from military service to civilian employment can be challenging, and even overwhelming, to a veteran," said Bureau chief Jeffrey Mason. "Helping them through that transition is our way of saying 'thank you' for their service."

The Bureau has posted helpful information about its Veterans Come First program on its Web site. Visit [www.Facebook.com/mycalvet](http://www.Facebook.com/mycalvet).

Source: California Department of Veterans Affairs

# Colfax Family is Determined to Beat the Odds

By Ken Westerner

COLFAX – From a casual perspective the Baugh's of Colfax seems a typical American family. It is when one stops to "see" that one realizes typical is anything but what this family really is. Dina and Sam Baugh live in a home modified to meet their youngest son Samuel's special needs; Samuel has been challenged with Cerebral Palsy since birth.

Like most every family faced with this challenge Dina and Sam sought help and guidance from professionals knowledgeable in this area. Doctors, educators, insurance professionals all agreed the prognosis was grim, and the financial hardship great; basically his situation is hopeless.

However, sitting on their backyard deck, chatting with Dina, the peace and calm is palpable. It is almost inconceivable while being in the Baugh home to imagine the amount of stress, heart ache, and hopelessness this family has previously endured.

Dina explained that she and her husband removed Samuel from

the traditional system of care and education because they (the system) had no expectations of progress. "The system is set up to fail; they do the same thing all the time. Their low expectations limited how far Samuel could progress."

She Adds "They (the system) don't want them (special needs children) to succeed; because, then they are accountable. Being accountable would require every special needs child be treated individually with an appropriate therapy and education plan; lifting the ceiling on expectations, therefore allowing progress to be made."

There came a time when Dina had to decide how to move forward in regards to her home, family, and finding a successful therapy for young Samuel. "It's scary and intimidating with no one to guide you. You're basically on your own," she remembers.

But being the strong soul she is, Dina forged ahead researching alternative therapies that showed promise through amazing results. These therapies can be elusive; some are establish in



Dina and Sam Baugh with their dog Harley. Photo from Ken Westerner

other countries. Her determination paid off however, Dina was able to find facilities and programs that met her criteria. This was the catalyst that inspired them to remove Samuel from public school to a home school situation. Additionally, trips are made out of the country for Samuel's therapy sessions.

These treatments include Sound therapy and Conductive therapy combined and signally they stimulate the brains ability to reorganize itself by create new neural connections

"Within 3 days of his new therapy program, Samuel began walking with the aid of a walker. Within three months his reading level improved 3 grade levels. Not too bad for a child the system said was hopeless," she recalls.

With the example little brother Samuel has set, big brother Cody has decided to home school and attend college a year early. Cody is a great help to his mother, and a awesome big brother; no doubt his life experience has made him wiser than his years and a compassionate, giving young man.

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## Colfax July 3rd Independence Celebration

By Ken Westernen

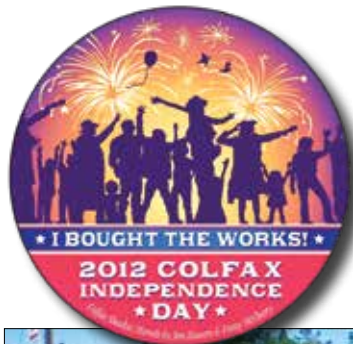
COLFAX – Colfax will once again keep with the tradition of celebrating Independence Day one day early. Starting at noon July 3rd the merriment begins and runs into the night until 10pm.

As has been customary, there are plenty of exciting activities scheduled to entertain everyone in attendance. This festival has captured the hearts of residents throughout Placer and Nevada Counties over the years, so if you have not participated in the past, now is the time to join the party.

A variety of foods and beverages will be available from vendors including, Kettle Corn, pulled pork, tri-tip, and of course what Independence Day would be complete without a hot dog or burger?

If a sweet treat is what you crave, there will be snow cones, Italian ice, Gelato, and cotton candy to satisfy your taste buds.

Bands will perform throughout the day for those who like to listen to music and dance. 1pm has been slated start



Queens participate in the Main Parade. Photo courtesy of Ken Westernen.

time for the “Doxie Dasch”, followed by the Annual Downhill Derby at 3pm.

The local Kiwanis are sponsoring the Little Patriots Parade at 5pm for all the youngsters, while the main parade, sponsored by the Lions Club, will wind through historic downtown

Colfax beginning at 6pm.

A kid’s zone with bounce houses, face painting and other fun activities will provide additional entertainment for the little ones.

A plethora of vendors will be on hand for those who love to shop. Downtown merchants will also provide plenty of opportunity to find the special treasure you have been looking for; whether it be a unique antique or just the right painting to finish your decorating project. Historic downtown will definitely offer a variety of shopping and dining choices.

Art lovers will appreciate viewing works on display at various venues throughout town. Local artists featured in the latest Colfax Art Walk will have their work on display for viewing and purchase.

The day’s events will culminate with the annual fireworks spectacular scheduled to begin at 9:30 pm. This is always a hit with everyone in attendance.

For questions or more information call Laurel Mathe at (530) 346-9399 or visit Colfax Pride’s website at [www.colfaxprideinc.org](http://www.colfaxprideinc.org).

## Placer SPCA Cat Foster Volunteers Experience All the Joy of Being Owned by a Kitten – Without the Cost or Commitment

PLACER COUNTY – This summer, about a third of all cats in the care of the Placer SPCA are receiving special attention in volunteer foster homes. By far, the majority of them are kittens too young to be adopted. Some are so little they have to be bottle-fed.

As more cats come in the door every day, the Placer SPCA is seeking additional help. Those interested are invited to sign up for an upcoming Foster Care Class on June 24, July 6, or July 15. Teens can help, too! Teens age 13 to 17 who are seeking to fulfill community service hours over the summer can sign up for a class on Sunday, July 22 from 12 to 3 pm. A parent must accompany the teen, and must provide oversight during fostering. “Our foster volunteers make all the difference in the world to the little ones,” said Placer SPCA CEO Leilani Fratis. “And the fostering process is incredibly rewarding.”



What the volunteers provide:  
A safe place  
Love and attention  
Room to play  
What Placer SPCA provides:  
Food  
Cat Litter  
Any required veterinary care

Those interested in fostering can sign up for a class online at [www.placerspca.org/foster](http://www.placerspca.org/foster), or by calling (916) 782-7722, ext. 216 or (530) 885-7387, ext. 216. For those who are interested in helping but cannot be foster parents, the

Placer SPCA is also seeking donations of kitten food and formula, as well as monetary donations. The Placer SPCA is also currently offering special adoption pricing for kittens of \$99 each or two for \$100. All cats adopted from the Placer SPCA have been spayed or neutered, tested for common feline viruses, vaccinated, and microchipped. Residents of Placer County who have unaltered cats are encouraged to contact the Placer SPCA’s Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at (916) 782-7722, ext. 201 or (530) 885-7387, ext. 201 for free spay or neuter of cats.

WHAT: Foster Care Classes  
WHO: Placer SPCA  
WHERE: 150 Corporation Yard Road, Roseville, CA 95678  
WHEN: Adult Foster Care Class: Sunday, June 24: 2- 4 pm Friday, July 6: 2 - 4 pm Sunday, July 15: 12 - 2 pm  
Teen Foster Care Class: Sunday, July 22: 12 - 3 pm

## “The Prisoner of Zenda” Crosses Swords with Silver Screen

AUBURN - Silver Screen Classic Movie Series continues on Saturday, July 7 with “The Prisoner of Zenda,” from 1937. Villains kidnap King Rudolf! Now his lookalike distant cousin, Ronald Colman, is the patriots’ only hope. He agrees to pose as royalty until the king reappears. This scheme prevents chaos while it enrages the bad guys – and mystifies the woman who loves Rudolf. The movie is shown at 1, 4 and 7:30 p.m. in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada St. in Auburn. Presented by the Library, the movie is free. For information, call 530-878-7938, or visit [auburnsilverscreen.com](http://auburnsilverscreen.com).



Bad guy Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Ronald Colman confront each other in “The Prisoner of Zenda,” shown at 1, 4 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada St. in Auburn. For information, call 530-878-7938, or visit [auburnsilverscreen.com](http://auburnsilverscreen.com). Photo courtesy of Universal.

interest in this pretense. This isn’t his country, and if it doesn’t work he will certainly find his neck on the sharp side of the guillotine.

But honorable men – among them David Niven and C. Aubrey Smith – convince Colman to help save the country. He agrees reluctantly, but his reluctance fades when he meets the woman who will be the queen.

This adventure is not all romance and pageantry, however. Behind the scenes, the king’s ambitious half-brother and another faithless traitor conspire to expose the secret and kill the real king. It’s up to Colman to stop them. If he can.

“Exhilarating,” says critic Leslie Halliwell of this swashbuckler. “One of the most entertaining films to come out of Hollywood.”

The next scheduled movie is “Without Love,” on Aug. 4.

## Auburn Air Fair Presents “Thunder in the Sky”

AUBURN – The Auburn Aviation Association (AAA) will present one of the most exciting events in Auburn on July 7, 2012. The Auburn Air Fair, “Thunder in the Sky,” will take off at the Auburn Airport from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. This event attracts many visitors from all around the Northern California area.

The Patriots Jet Team will be performing. A variety of WWII Warbirds, vintage aircraft and RC performances are also part of the

event. An outstanding array of classic and vintage autos will participate.

Visit their website [www.auburnairfair.org](http://www.auburnairfair.org) for additional information, event times and the wide array of aircraft and activities scheduled.



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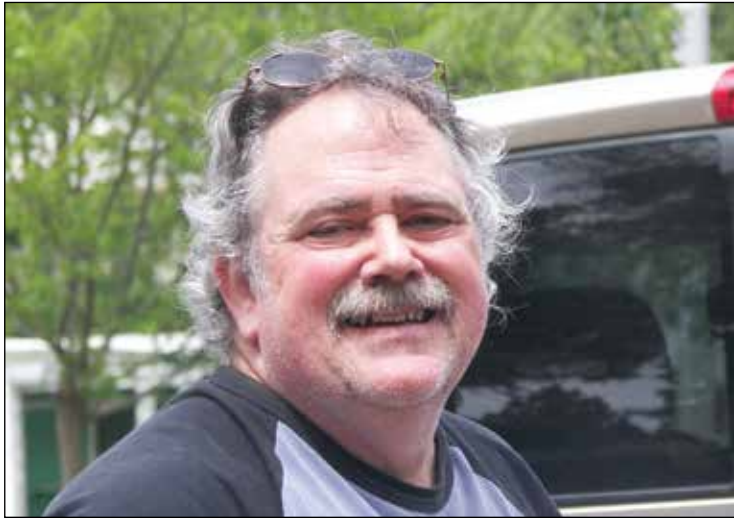
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# 49er Lion of the Year Awarded



Chuck Parcher, "Lion of the Year". Photo courtesy of Paula Mosqueda.

By Paula Mosqueda

AUBURN – During the annual exchange of leadership, Chuck Parcher won the title of "Lion of the Year" for the Auburn 49er Lions Club. Outgoing President Norm Kendall made the announcement during the installation ceremonies of the in-coming Board of Directors. Kendall stated, "Although there

are many great 49er Lions who could have won this award, Chuck stands out because of his constant positive attitude. He is always there, humbly doing whatever task is asked of him and more. Also, he is training the next generation of Lions, by including his daughter, Alexis, in many Lions' activities. Chuck exemplifies what it is to be a Lion."

Lindalee Talso was installed as the Auburn 49er Lions Club President for 2012-2013. Her Board of Directors includes Andy Gonzales, Dave Johnson, Kathy Graham, Jo McCormack, Dennis Arietta, Kelly Post, Debra Oldziewski, Al Albertazzi, Ray Arnold, John Rosasco, Carl Wagner and Norm Kendall.

The Auburn 49er Lions have been a presence in the Auburn area for over forty years. Along with their on-going efforts in sight conservation and blindness prevention, the 49er Lions have offered support to many local causes: the Forgotten Soldier Program, Gold Country Fair, Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Auburn, Canine Companions for Independence, Camp Ross Relles, Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice and many more.

The 49er Lions are looking forward to another year of service to Auburn and the surrounding area.

To learn more about the Auburn 49er Lions Club, contact them at [auburn49erlions@gmail.com](mailto:auburn49erlions@gmail.com).



# Around Town with Loyce Smallwood

Capt'n Jack happily falling into the 11am Monday morning mix.

At this reading cake baker/decorator Olivia Dougherty and Get Dressed shop owner Maria Francis will have guested on ACTV CONNECTIONS and DT garden/gift shop Avantgarden staffer Caroline Navarro and Laura Flander, veteran feline advocate for Kits and Kat Rescue will be up next for more color and conversation at the ACTV studio conveniently located at Placer High.

More excitement on the ACTV horizon with prolific author/screenwriter Chris Enss slated for July 26 hopefully in period costume. Check with ACTV Manager Paula Johnston at (530) 887-8778 for direction on producing your own dream show.



Capt'n Jack

Seen tooling about town, ACTV staffer Bill Mael is living very large at the wheel of his limo working his new Gold Rush touring business or on his Gold Wing motorcycle when not singing/strumming on his guitar or helping to produce CONNECTIONS.

Another busy dynamo Friends Forever feline sanctuary Founder Shirley Hartford will soon oversee the opening of FF resale shop in the shopping center on Nevada Street flanked by Mom's Kitchen and True Value. Donations of quality will be much appreciated.

And speaking of value, you'll find much bang for your buck at Kat's Country Korner, 925 Lincoln Way in DT Auburn where owner Kat Stewart has filled her newly opened Southwestern store with sparkling jewelry, fashion, boots, home accessories/collectibles and custom, hand-crafted wine barrel furniture. Stewart has an excellent eye for quality/style and exudes friendliness and enthusiasm.

Happy Trails, Kat. Comments to [loy@foothill.net](mailto:loy@foothill.net)

## Camp SAGE: One-Day Retreat for Bereaved Families Provides Safe Environment for Healing

AUBURN – Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice has extended support to many grieving families and children to help them cope with their losses through the Children's Bereavement Art Group. This summer, the team is proud to link families in need with an additional resource: the Children's Bereavement Art Group and Camp SAGE.

Camp SAGE, a one-day retreat for bereaved families with children and teens ages 8-16 will take place on August 4, 2012. The mission of Camp SAGE is to provide a safe environment for bereaved families to engage in fun and challenging activities that build inner strength and skills for healing. Camp SAGE is offered at no cost and will be held at On Course

Ropes in Grass Valley, behind Lyman Gilmore Middle School.

Camp brochures are available in the Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice office and Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital. For more information or to register for the next art group or Camp SAGE, please contact Bereavement Coordinator Trish Caputo at (530) 886-6650.

## Colfax Family Beats the Odds

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Cody has graduated a year early attending Junior College. When asked what his plans are he responded in his cool, mellow manner "I have applied to several Universities; I want to study music and Psychology. I want to put them together for therapy, kinda like sound therapy."

Planner, offering guidance and experience to other families who find themselves in similar situations. She can lay out all the steps required to find the therapy that will work for those seeking alternatives.

"We can lay out a plan that covers everything they will face, from education, health, choosing therapy that gets results, legal

and financial concerns; even their home and marriage," Dina states.

This family's crusade has put Dina in a position to help others find the answers they are looking for. She is able to take some of the mystery and fear of the unknown out of an already daunting ordeal. This enables families to take control of their situation and untimely their future.

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# 18th Annual Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride

PLACER COUNTY – Relive the gold rush era as you travel the famous Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail in your sport utility vehicle (SUV), marveling at such sights as the beautiful Black Rock Desert, the majestic High Rock Canyon, Double Hot Springs, and Soldier Meadows.

All of these sights as well as stories from early emigrant diaries will spring to life for participants on the 18th annual Lassen-Applegate Trail Ride, Friday, July 20 through Monday, July 23, hosted by the High Rock Trekkers Four Wheel Drive Club.

This exciting 200-mile journey begins near Imlay, NV, follows the same wagon train route used by Peter Lassen in 1849, and 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 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 arduous journey from small towns throughout the Midwest,” said 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, but 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 camp area for all of the pioneer 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 Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride 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@sbglobal.net or Ron Vance at (775) 246-4099 or vance63@charter.net. Registration is also available online at www.highrocktrekkers.com.



By Linda Louise Haines

I’ve lived in the Colfax area for about six years—I know, I’m a newbie! Anyway, one of the fun things about being a retired journalist (print and radio, big city back East) and being naturally very curious, I love learning new things.

There are plenty of new things, especially businesses, to learn about in our area of Placer County. I’m in heaven!

We are fortunate to have a full service Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic and licensed Herbal Pharmacy right here in Meadow Vista. **One River Medicine**, 16897 Placer Hills Rd., Meadow Vista, is easy to find right next to the Meadow Vista Pharmacy. However, the name of the clinic and the inspiration for its location is the fact that

# Shopping Colfax & Beyond

Meadow Vista is nestled down against the Bear River in an area known to have been sacred to one of the area’s native tribes.

Owner, practitioner of all five branches of Chinese Medicine, creator of herbal tinctures, teacher, acupuncturist, healer, Linnie O’Flanagan, L.Ac. with her husband Tyrone Gorre are celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what has become One River Medicine and ten years of making their own herbal tinctures.

What does all that mean? Linnie is a nationally certified and State licensed acupuncturist and herbalist. She has a B.S. in Nutrition and M.S. in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Plus, she has studied and is certified in a long list of other complementary whole health modalities that is too long to enumerate. She is passionate about her work and from all accounts, she is highly respected by patients and peers alike.

What is Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)? TCM goes back thousands of years, and its mission is to treat the underlying cause of illness rather than just suppressing the symptoms. And, it does all that with fewer or no side effects.

What are tinctures? Tinctures are a distillation of dry herbs that are preserved in an alcohol base. From the selection of over 350 herbs in her pharmacy, Linnie and her staff create the right formula for each patient all along their healing journey.

In addition to treating patients privately at the clinic, Linnie also teaches classes in movement and TCM. Movement classes include various forms of Qi Gong.

In addition to all that, the waiting room is also an attractive Tea Room in which they serve a variety of their own herbal teas known as “Purposeful Teas” plus high quality organic black, green and white teas. The Tea Room is open to the public during clinic hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

I had a comprehensive tour of the pharmacy and tincture making capabilities. It is impressive. There is so much more I could say since so much is going on at One River. Check out their website [www.onerivermedicine.com](http://www.onerivermedicine.com) or call 878-4828

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# Join in the Fun on Auburn’s Family 4th

AUBURN – Come join in the festivities, food and the fun during the day at the Fairgrounds and stay to enjoy the show with neighbors with the Fireworks starting at 9:40pm. There will be a lot of activities and games for children. Entertainment will be provided by the Ophir Prison Marching Band and Fox Trot



Mary, both big hits last year. The event is free to the public. There will be many food booths, including pizza, hot dogs, BBQ, shaved ice, kettle corn, soft drinks, beer, margaritas and much more. The annual 4th of July Parade begins at 7 PM in Downtown Auburn.

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# Placement Agencies What Do They Do?

By Candace Roeder

A Placement Agency or Service is simply a business (usually for-profit) that helps seniors who need "placement" outside of the home. A good Placement Agency's objective is to help seniors to locate out-of-home living options that meet certain criteria; 1. Housing and care that is in alignment with what the senior needs (and, hopefully with an eye towards potential future needs); 2. Is of a price the senior can afford (preferably for the long haul); 3. Housing which is geographically desirable to the senior (near friends, family, church and other support systems).

Placement Agencies request very specific information about the senior which includes medical diagnoses, physical abilities and limitations, current medications, personality traits, nighttime habits, sleep habits, diet needs/limitations, where, geographically, the senior would prefer to reside and finally, how much the senior can afford to pay. The Agency then takes all of this information and looks for the facilities that would appear to match the very specific needs of the senior.

A really good "fit" can only be found though if the senior has been completely honest and forthcoming with the information they have provided the Agency. A really good Agency will have visited dozens if not hundreds of licensed facilities prior to this and will have compiled copious information on the facilities in the region. Each and every facility is different – I cannot stress this strongly enough. Even though there may be 327 Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) and 88 Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) there are really important variables to each and every one of them and knowing these nuances is what it takes to help someone make a successful move.

The truth of the matter is anyone can say they do Placement work. There isn't any industry licensing, an oversight agency or set standards to follow. There are a few Placement Agencies in the greater Sacramento area who have a stellar reputation and have been serving our area for many years. These agencies

truly have the senior's best interests at heart; they have a good reputation both with the senior community as well as the housing industry. Sadly though, there are now individuals and companies doing Placement work who do not have the senior's best interests at heart.

Customarily a Placement Agency only gets paid for their work if the senior decides to move into a facility the agency has recommended – it's very much like a finder's fee – and it's the facility that pays the fee, not the senior.

If you find yourself in need of a Placement Agency, be sure you feel confident that the agency you engage has your best interests at heart. Find out how long they have been in the business. Talk to your friends, family and neighbors who have used the services of a Placement Agency and go with one that comes highly recommended, preferably by more than one source. Shop around until you find someone who loves what they do and who is passionate about seniors.

By the way, it never really makes sense to try to go it alone on this one. Use a Placement Agency. It doesn't cost the senior a dime and it will save you a tremendous amount of time and angst.

It's all about the fit. It is typical for a Placement Agency to provide the senior with several, "matched" or recommended options to consider. Be sure to visit as many of the recommended facilities as you can. Ask for a tour, spend some time looking around. If outside space is important to you, be sure to check that out. Talk to the residents, ask about the types of meals served – sample one if possible – and spend some time with the caregivers. When it comes to the smaller facilities known as Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) frequently the caregivers are also the owners.

You really want to make sure you are comfortable with the caregivers and the other residents because you are going to be spending a lot of time with them. If you like to be active, make sure you observe the facility being active. On the other hand, for someone who wants to remain as active as possible

to move into a facility where the majority of the residents have dementia isn't likely going to work out. See several facilities, as I said in the last column, each and every one of them is different.

Also, when an out of home living option becomes necessary, it is important for you to know there is more to the process than simply choosing and moving in. Once you have found a place you think you would like, the Administrator of that facility will need to do their own assessment of your needs to make sure he or she agrees that it is a good fit. You will need to have paperwork completed by your physician and TB clearance.

Then there will be paperwork to read, complete and sign. Remember, it is important to read the paperwork to make sure you are getting what you think you are getting. Is the monthly fee all inclusive or are there additional fees? If there are additional fees, they should be spelled out and very specific.

There is a lot to think about and a lot to know. Make sure you have good help.

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*It is the overall goal of the Placer Older Adult Advisory Commission to promote the well-being and to enhance the quality of life for older adults of Placer County by advising the Placer County Board of Supervisors and the Placer Department of Health and Human Services on issues affecting the lives of older adults. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. For more information call the Public Authority at (530) 886-3680.*

# We Don't Need Another Tax Proposal— We Need Jobs and Reforms!



By John Kabateck  
NFIB/CA Executive Director

Last week, the National Federation of Independent Business/California, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, and Small Business Action Committee joined together to officially launch "Californians for Reforms and Jobs, Not Taxes", the campaign opposed to the Governor's \$50 billion tax increase initiative.

According to the independent California Legislative Analyst, the tax hike will:

Raise sales and income taxes by as much as \$50 billion for up to seven years, mostly on the backs of small businesses, regardless of whether the economy improves;

Increase income taxes by up to 32%, applying retroactively to January 1, 2012; and

Increase sales taxes over the current rate by more than 3% to a statewide average tax rate of 8.4%, the highest in the nation.

It's important to point out that most small business owners file their income taxes as individuals, not corporations. Moreover, a higher sales tax rate will only worsen small employers' efforts to invest in their business supplies and needs thereby forcing them to pass on that cost, and will give consumers one less reason to patronize their corner bakery, auto shop or bookstore.

So, while the Governor would like for you to believe that this is a "Millionaire's Tax", it would be more appropriate for him to deem it a "Mom and Pop Tax" – because that's precisely who it would clobber the most!

What is even more appalling is that the Governor wants to raise \$50 billion in new taxes from already-struggling Californians without including one single reform or assurance as to how

politicians and bureaucrats would spend these dollars. The Governor claims that this measure will help our schools, but that promise falls flat when you look at where the money is going – or, should I say, isn't going. According to a recent independent study by Pepperdine University, up to 50% of the money we spend on education never gets to schools, let alone the classroom.

Given the fact that California is facing a \$16 billion deficit and spending in our state has increased by \$30 billion since 2008, how can anyone trust tax proponents that their hard-earned dollars will be spent responsibly or honestly?

For years, small business owners have been pleading with our state leaders for meaningful, sustainable reforms – tax reform, regulatory reform, pension reform (we're now facing a \$500 billion unfunded pension liability), and legal reform to stop frivolous "ADA shakedown" lawsuits. But have politicians in Sacramento heard and responded to their constituents' pleas? No -- in fact, there have been no serious inroads for change that would help close the deficit and get California moving again. The Governor and legislators remain beholden to special interests that continue to kill any meaningful reforms.

And, finally, we've all been down this dreary road before: the Governor contends that these taxes would extend for merely seven years, but when was the last time we witnessed truth in advertising when it came to new money our legislature and state bureaucrats could get their hands on?

Consider the facts:

There are more than 2 million unemployed in our state right now;

Small business confidence was stagnant in May with no signs of improving any time soon.

Businesses like Waste Connections, formerly in Folsom as the largest publicly traded company in Northern California, are leaving for Texas and other friendly states because of the high cost of doing business here and the massive amount of regulations that are heaped upon them. The biggest casualties

here: California jobs and the scores of small businesses coexisting in these communities.

In a nutshell, small business owners, their employees and customers are uncertain, scared and frankly fed up with a state government that repeatedly fails them, is out of touch and continues to look to Main Street as the trusted ATM.

Instead of allowing small businesses the ability to create jobs and invest in their communities, these taxes will force them to raise prices, cut employees, or close their doors and move out of state, something which is already happening.

It is time to stop the madness – we must stop rewarding our government leaders – who continue to spend our money recklessly and without accountability – with more money.

This November, small business owners, taxpayers and all Californians will have an opportunity to send a powerful message to Sacramento – that the Governor's tax proposal is neither a reform nor a solution to help recover California jobs and the economy. It would only make a tragic situation on Main Street horribly, irreversibly worse.

We urge all small business owners, taxpayers and concerned Californians to join our efforts to tell Sacramento "Enough is Enough!" by joining our growing coalition - Californians For Reforms and Jobs, Not Taxes. For more information visit: [www.reformsandjobsnottaxes.com/](http://www.reformsandjobsnottaxes.com/).

*NFIB is the nation's leading small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 states. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business. NFIB's powerful network of grassroots activists sends their views directly to state and federal lawmakers through our unique member-only ballot, thus playing a critical role in supporting America's free enterprise system. NFIB's mission is to promote and protect the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses.*

# PCWA to Replace Old Auburn Reservoirs

AUBURN – The century-old in-ground reservoirs off Electric Street in Auburn will be replaced with a new 5-million-gallon storage tank, under a contract awarded Thursday (June 21) by the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors.

The board awarded the \$5.48 million contract to Ranger Pipelines, Inc. of San Francisco, low bidder among three contractors who bid on the job. Work is expected to begin this summer and be complete by next May.

PCWA uses the two reservoirs at the site to store treated drinking water produced at the nearby Auburn Water Treatment Plant. Storage capacity at the site is currently 2.5 million gallons.

To protect water quality, the reservoirs are covered with a synthetic rubber material known as Hypalon. However, PCWA Director of Technical Services Brian Martin said the covered reservoirs are aging and expensive to maintain. In addition, he said, storage is not adequate to meet system demand.

Martin said the project, in a neighborhood and near a business corridor, will be conducted in tight quarters. He said the agency has prepared for operational challenges during the construction and will continue

public outreach efforts in the area.

Directors also agreed to retain Peterson Brustad, Inc. of Folsom to provide construction support services for the project. The firm also provided design services.

The Electric Street reservoir site dates to the early 1900s. It was acquired by PCWA in 1968 when the agency purchased the South Placer Water System from PG&E.

The new storage tank will be funded through a low-interest loan obtained through the state Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

In other business, PCWA directors:

- heard a presentation from Yuba County Water Agency legal counsel Paul Bartkiewicz on a February Biological Opinion related to Englebright and Daguerre Point dams on the Lower Yuba River. PCWA officials are concerned that the opinion, issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service, sets a significant precedent regarding the effects of existing dams and could result in a reduction of PCWA water supplies from PG&E's Drum-Spaulding Project on the South Yuba River.
- received and heard a report on the water agency's 2011 audit from the Director of Financial

Services Joseph Parker and audit partner Cory Biggs of the independent auditing firm of Maze & Associates Accountancy Corporation. Biggs said his firm's examination of the agency's financial records resulted in a clean opinion, the highest that can be achieved.

- authorized out-of-state travel for Director of Strategic Affairs Einar Maisch, who has been asked to testify before the House of Representatives' Natural Resources Committee. Maisch will brief the committee on the financial and other challenges PCWA has faced in working toward a new federal power license for the Middle Fork American River Project.

- declared a 1990 snowcat used by the PCWA Power System as surplus and agreed to donate it to the Tahoe City Public Utilities District for use by the Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue Team.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn.

Information on PCWA board meetings may be obtained through the Clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030. PCWA information is also posted at [www.pcwa.net](http://www.pcwa.net).

# Man Found Guilty of First Degree Murder

On June 11, 2012, a Placer County Jury found former Roseville resident Brad Miller, age 47, guilty of first degree murder in the shooting death of Eric McGhee. Miller was also convicted of an additional felony count of unlawful possession of a firearm.

Evidence presented during the five week trial showed that in February of 2010 Miller had moved in with the victim Eric McGhee, while McGhee's wife was out of the country. McGhee was preparing to confront the Defendant and request he look for another place to live. On the morning of April 15, 2010, McGhee was working and preparing to leave the following day for a business trip when, a

neighbor heard sounds consistent with gunshots coming from the McGhee house. After that, all communication and activity involving McGhee ceased.

Miller continued to live in McGhee's house until he was arrested the following weekend by the Roseville Police Department on suspicion of DUI while driving McGhee's car. He was also in possession of McGhee's cell phone. McGhee's body was then discovered by the Roseville Police Department the following Sunday evening after his daughter and ex-wife went to his home to check on him because no one had heard from him. The police found McGhee's body shoved into a

downstairs bedroom closet. They also noticed significant evidence of blood cleanup throughout the first floor of the home. Forensic evidence presented showed that McGhee was shot three times with a gun belonging to Miller.

The defense, led by Attorney Chris Van Meir, claimed that due to the condition of the body, McGhee was more likely killed while their client was in custody for the DUI.

Placer County Supervising Deputy District Attorney Garen Horst prosecuted this case before the Honorable Judge Mark Curry. Sentencing for Miller was set for July 20, 2012 in Department 3 of the Historical Court House in Auburn, CA.

# Craigslist Real Estate Scam Victims Sought

Placer County Sheriff's detectives are seeking more victims in a Craigslist real estate scam run by a Meadow Vista man.

This week, detectives arrested William Frank Lordier, 54, with assistance from the L.A. County Sheriff's Office, where one of Lordier's victims resides. The former California real estate agent was selling timeshares on Craigslist. Unknowing victims



William Frank Lordier

gave Lordier their bank account information, which he then used to take money from those accounts for his own personal gain.

So far, detectives have located multiple victims in Los Angeles, Nevada County, and as far away as Oregon and Washington. Anyone who may have fallen victim to Lordier's scam is asked to contact Detective Jason Doolittle at (530) 889-7844.

# Roseville Mother Charged With Daughter's Death

The Placer County District Attorney has filed Child Abuse charges against Denise Marie McGrath Wilder, age 37, of Roseville in connection with the death of her daughter, 2-year-old McKinley Wilder. Wilder is charged with Cruelty to a Child by Abuse, Neglect or Endangering Health, under circumstances likely to produce great bodily harm or death in violation of Section 273a (a) of the California Penal Code.

The complaint further alleges a special allegation under Penal Code section 12022.7 (d) stating that Wilder personally inflicted great bodily injury upon a child under the age of five (5) years.

Wilder is also charged with child abuse or endangerment under circumstances likely to produce great bodily harm or death in connection with the abuse and neglect of her other five-year-old daughter.

These charges come after the

autopsy report and other forensic testing was released to Roseville Police detectives and the District Attorney's Office. While aspects of the case are still being investigated, the autopsy report and forensic testing provided adequate information to allow the District Attorney's Office to determine what charges were appropriate in this case. Wilder is being held without bail in the Placer County Jail.

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By Ronnie McBrayer

When that little group of Separatists left England for the New World in a little boat called the Mayflower, they landed at Plymouth Rock in a territory that would eventually become known as the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The Colony became, obviously, the seedbed for the nation whose birthday we celebrate this week.

These Pilgrims had been oppressed and persecuted by the state church and, looking for relief, set out to create a type of religious retreat and sanctuary. The Pilgrims were not very successful and a decade later, under a new charter, they were replaced by the Puritans.

The Puritans were governed by a man who continues to have influence on the New World, Governor John Winthrop. Winthrop claimed that God had given the Puritans this new land in order to purify Christianity, to save this continent from being wasted, and to serve as an example to the Old World for building a model society.

John Winthrop delivered his most famous sermon to this end, before he even set foot on North American soil. Just off of the beach on the boat that had brought the Puritans to their new home, he preached a sermon entitled, "A Model of Christian

# A City on a Hill

Charity," delivered in 1630.

A portion of that sermon reads: "The Lord will be our God and will command a blessing upon us in all our ways...He shall make us a praise and glory...We shall be as a City upon a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us. Keep his commandments and his laws that the Lord our God may bless us in the land we go to possess."

This high idealism that a human nation, united with religious fervor, can serve the grand and glorious intentions of God has been written into this nation's history and psyche. That phrase, "city on a hill" or "shining light" has been used to describe the hopes and dreams for America by everyone from John Adams and Abraham Lincoln to John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan — but these words have been terribly misappropriated.

"City on a hill" language is verbiage that belongs in the realm of faith, to followers of Jesus, to disciples who are on the path into the Kingdom of God. No government, country, or Empire can ever serve as the light of the world. Any earthly nation claiming otherwise has plagiarized the words of Jesus, attempting to use human power to birth what can only come into the world by the power of God.

Many Christians in the United States have been operating under the illusion, from John Winthrop forward, that this is a Christian nation. No such entity exists. Just because we live in a nation that treats people of faith with some respect and allows us to pursue our personal ambitions, does not mean that the power-protecting

Empire and the self-sacrificing way of Jesus are compatible.

Eugene Peterson makes this point eloquently clear. He says the North American church conspicuously embraces the way of the Empire while living "in Jesus' name." The church "replaces the Jesus way with the American way. Yes, the American way works, sometimes magnificently, in achieving grandly conceived ends. Wars are fought, wealth is accumulated, elections are won, and victories posted. But the means by which those ends are achieved leaves a lot to be desired."

So with apologies to John Winthrop, do not expect government — any government — to be the light of the world, shining as a City on a Hill. Do not expect this from your employer, a corporation into which you invest, a social service organization to which you belong, or a charity to which you give. Expect great and noble things from these other organizations — even demand it — but do not expect more than these can give.

We might wish things were different, that nation states were our partner in advancing the Kingdom of God, but they are not. They can't be. All Empires belong to this dog-eat-dog world of power and power-seeking, even the Empire begun with a sermon off the Massachusetts shore.

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# How to Ruin a Perfectly Good Day

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Speaking of good days, and who isn't these days, I am looking forward to two in a row. I know it may be wishful thinking on my part, but a person has to do something with his time.

Last week I almost broke my record with two consecutive good days. But, wouldn't you know it, it just did not happen.

With all my experience in this matter, I plan to write a book someday: "How to Ruin a Perfectly Good Day." I know 197 different ways to ruin a good day. Who knows, by next week it might pass the 200 mark. When that happens, I will celebrate.

For those who do not know how to ruin a perfectly good day, let me outline some tried and true suggestions from my vast wealth of experience.

The first thing is to define what a perfectly good day is. After all, how can you ruin a perfectly good day (PG day) if you don't recognize it? Of course, I agree that nothing is really perfect.

Perfect is in the eye of the beholder and nobody can hold her for very long. What is perfect to me may not be perfect to someone else—like my wife.

A perfectly good day is one of those rare days when everything goes according to plan—my plan that is. I like to get up in the morning and over my morning coffee, review my "to-do-list" for the day and put things in order of importance.

A successful "to-do-list," in my opinion, is a list that does not take all day to do. I need some time for myself.

If my "to-do-list" has too much to do, the chances of the day being a PG day is between slim and nil.

A PG day has more hours in it than things to do. I hate it when I run out of day before I finish my "to-do-list."

Last Monday, I had just finished my morning cup of Joe and finished reviewing my "to-do-list" and seemed to have the day well in hand.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage noticed my face sporting a playful smile. If there is something my wife can't stand, it is a playful smile across my map. For some reason she thinks I'm up to no good. Usually she's right.

"Why don't you call and straighten out the telephone bill?" she said, as coolly as a preacher at a summer picnic.

It was on my list but not anywhere near the top.

I was rather nonchalant and not ready for this task. I had not seen my chalang for weeks but it did not concern me. Looking

back, I should have been concerned, or at least looked for my chalang.

Actually, I was upbeat and gingerly picked up the phone and dialed the number.

Soon a cheery voice was giving me instructions; "Our options have changed to serve you better. Please listen carefully. If you wish to continue in English please press 1."

In the confusion, I pressed 4 and got Japanese.

I began the process all over again. This time I pressed the right button and got the rest of the instructions in English. From then on, I pressed number after number and got nowhere.

For the next 12 minutes, I was pressing numbers and listening to instructions. Finally, I heard the telephone ringing and a cheerful voice answered. At this point, I thought I was home free, but alas, fate was only putting a hefty mortgage on my home.

"Ello, can I to help please you?"

"Huh," I said as diplomatically as I knew how.

"Can I to help please you?" the voice in the phone repeated.

I may not be the sharpest pencil in the box but I knew I was talking to someone as familiar with the English language as a politician is to the truth.

"Is there anyone there," I pled, "who speaks English?"

"Ah, yes, I to speak berry goot English. Can I to help please you?"

So, I threw caution to the wind and explained the mix-up on my bill.

"Aaah, I understand. This is billing problem. I transfer you to

billing department."

For the next 20 minutes, I was treated, and I say this with tongue firmly planted in my cheek, to a musical interlude. It was elevator music; it raised my blood pressure.

For the next three hours, I went from pillar to post in the telephone department and got no nearer to solving my telephone-billing mix-up.

One of the problems with being a minister is you are not allowed to swear. By 2:30 in the afternoon, I had an overwhelming urge to swear. My difficulty was simply, I could not think of any swear words to use and "ah, fiddlesticks" does not seem to carry much significance in such circumstance.

By 4 that afternoon, I still had no solution to my billing problem. I had exhausted all my options, not to mention my patience, and nothing to show for it. All I wanted to do was pay my bill.

Through my experience with the telephone company, I was reminded of one of my favorite verses from the Bible. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3 KJV.)

It is comforting to know that God is only a prayer away.

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By Marlys Norris, Christian Author

Believe and you will be saved! No, believing alone is an empty word, there is so much more to just believing. Beginning a walk with God it is necessary for a person to invite Jesus Spirit into their life, committing and surrendering one's life to His will. Without this act, "belief alone" is empty and of no effect in a person's life. Some say it is "adding to" what Jesus did for us, actually it is a requirement to experience a walk He desires us to enjoy! No surrender or commitment equals absolute spiritual poverty!

Note: Personal Testimony of my own experience: When I was 12 I believed in God and that Jesus died for me and I accepted His death, so if I died I would go to heaven. So yes, I probably was saved. Understanding and Growth was tragically missing of what I did when I was twelve years of age, when I only just believed. BUT my life was a real mess as I strayed away from my childhood belief. 22 years later when I prayed with our pastor and again invited Jesus into my heart and surrendered and committed my life to Him things changed drastically. Someone came along side and taught me about prayer, God's love and forgiveness and she cared about my growth and knowledge about God.

I began to experience TRUTH, "knowledge" of Him, His Power, His Love, His Grace, His Mercy, His Forgiveness and Answered prayer. I changed and

# Belief is Merely the Beginning!

Miraculous things began to happen in my life!

I was finally reading and understanding the Bible and obedient to what it said. I was truly "born again" and filled with His Holy Spirit. He filled my life and the fruit of my life surrender and commitment began to be noticed as I served the Lord in various numerous capacities in the church, as His Spirit led me.

ALL Evangelism is God's tool to "plant good seeds of His love" into a people, but it is not the complete answer to only lead someone to accept God's Son and leave them alone.

A child of any age (5 to 100) — does not know what to do next without guidance. If you think one only needs to accept Jesus as their Savior, read my story over again. Without anyone to guide, lead or care for my spiritual life, I went astray.

Evangelism is wonderful tool but alone it is not the complete answer when anyone is left to the influence of the world, possibly for years! They may or may not be saved. The devil will deceive them, just as he deceived Eve in the Garden. He cannot possess them because Jesus has been invited into their heart, — but he will "oppress them" and it can last for years. It is equally as devastating, it happened to me! Satan will also lead them off into various cults and ideas apart from Jesus Christ and programmed, they will easily follow — believing his lies that ultimately will destroy their lives.. My desire today is to reach those who have been deceived as I was for 22 years. I am now delivered and FREE. Please contact me if I can help you.

If accepting Christ is ALL that is the only thing really accomplished, lacking no future

connection and teaching — in my opinion and within this experience, something is obviously missing! Yes, we have trusted in the Holy Spirit to do ALL final work, I ASK "so then, has the person who prayed with them been irresponsible?" Every single Evangelist needs to expand their ministry into continued future follow-up of every person that accepts Christ under their ministry. At least letters and a yearly personal telephone call or a visit might help! Otherwise they are just forgotten and are pulled in by the world's ways and views! Note: Billy Graham did it right — all should too!

One can believe, yet never grow in the richness of God's teaching. They may believe but there is no fruit of mere belief because they do not really "know" God at all. It takes a study of God's Holy Word and following and living in obedience to what one learns to grow spiritually. And all those things compile the real meaning of belief and the Salvation message, without them the word belief is all there is..

I do not believe that any kind of follow-up action by a person who has prayed with someone who has accepted Jesus is "not adding to what Jesus did for us" but is with certainty sincere appreciation of His gift" of complete forgiveness and eternal life. Following through is really getting to "know" Him and learning and knowing how to experience the abundant blessings of His gift.

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# Booming Business

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Pastor Bill Wickham of Spring Valley Church also is returning as fireworks chairman for a 12th year, all in the name of supporting his congregation's youth and children's ministries.

"We can provide seven or eight full scholarships for summer camp and continue our missionary trip to Ensenada, Mexico," said Wickham, a Lincoln resident. "The last 9 years we've helped an orphanage with construction jobs, a vacation bible school and other services."

"These are activities we couldn't do without fireworks," added Wickham, who will run the church's TNT stand next to Dollar Tree at 6005 Pacific St. in Rocklin.

For Lincoln High's football

team, the week-long fundraiser means that every Big Timer assortment, Delirium fountain and ground bloom flower sold gets the Fighting Zebras closer to improved strength training.

"Our weight room really needs some rehabilitation," said Ken Lowe, Lincoln's varsity football coach. "The weights are falling apart and half of our Olympic bars are bent. We also need to replace some of the safety bars on the squat racks."

Lowe said the team's TNT fireworks stand, next to Raley's Supermarket at 765 S. Hwy 65, enabled the varsity, JV and freshman squads to suit up in new game uniforms with last year's profits. Proceeds this go-around will help more than just the students who battle it out on the gridiron.

"This money can go a long way in making the weight room safer and more functional for all students at Lincoln High School," Lowe said, adding that fireworks represent the program's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Same goes for the Lincoln Girls Softball Association, which relies heavily on the patriotic and pyrotechnic to make diamonds shine with recreational and competitive play. The group's TNT stand will be in the Safeway parking lot at 405 S. Hwy 65.

"Money earned from the fireworks sale [will] go to our all-star teams' uniforms and tournaments, and anything left carries over to the spring season for equipment, field preparation and uniforms," said board treasurer Anna Atchley.

**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- \*#34 Down did this
- Pre-1947 British rule over India
- George Washington chopped one down as a lad
- \*Popular feeling
- Australian bird
- \_\_\_\_\_ two shoes
- Without illumination
- Greed or sloth, e.g.
- "April showers bring May flowers," e.g.
- \*British soldier
- \*Pre-Independence Day "state"
- Used for soaking
- "Dirty Jobs" host
- NHL's rival, 1972-1979
- Deceptive maneuver
- Lay to rest
- Abrupt stop
- 18-wheeler
- Eagle's nest
- Not active
- Deteriorate
- Colloquial "aren't"
- Ivan and Nicholas, e.g.
- Pi times square of radius
- Short spaces of time
- Type of food
- John Galsworthy's Forsyte story
- Grazing land
- Effected by the moon
- Member of the Benevolent Order
- \*"Born on the Fourth of July" star
- Three-tiered Roman galley
- Gain knowledge
- Follows soh
- Death \_\_\_\_\_ in "Harry Potter"
- Tapestry
- H1N1, e.g.
- Two in eighteen
- Orange part
- \_\_\_\_\_ the season"
- Tent anchor

**DOWN**

- Rider's prod
- European sea eagle
- Like old West
- \*Declaration of Independence, e.g.
- Roundabout road
- None of this for the weary
- Friend from Provence
- Snowbird
- Type of list
- Multicolored horse
- Jumpy
- Cyclops had one
- Major source of lead
- Bullying, e.g.
- Be obliged to pay
- Deep regret
- \*Between red and blue
- Shakespeare: "Thou call'st me dog before thou \_\_\_\_\_ a cause..."
- Islam's Supreme Being
- "Will be," according to Day
- \*East India Company ware, pl.
- Bay window
- Kind of pie
- \*\_\_\_\_\_ Ross
- Type of seabird
- Often symbolized by light bulb
- Like a beaver
- Form of civil disobedience, pl.
- Post-Soviet Union union
- \*"Independence Day" invaders
- Blue and white pottery style
- Brightly colored snake of southeastern Asia
- Wrap up in cerecloth
- One in a million
- Russian mountain range
- Therefore
- Highest volcano in Europe
- Like those who will inherit earth
- Gaelic
- Once around
- He stung like a bee?

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Rocklin Leadership Class of 2012: Back row: Bill Bowen, Brian Whitmore, Placer County Supervisor Jim Holmes, Ken Hubert, Justin Flemer, Doug Schumacher. Middle row: Linda Christopher, Tiffany Hicke, Allan Henriques, Donna Dotti, Scott Horillo, Gilbert Farrulla. Front Row: Dawn Hill, Paula Westeren, Kelly LeRossignol, Char Altman.

PLACER COUNTY – Rocklin Chamber of Commerce sponsors a leadership class dedicated to helping build strong leaders in the community. This year being no exception, The Rocklin Chamber chose 17 of its members to form the class in September of 2011.

One requirement of the class is to complete a project designed to be of benefit to the community. Leadership class members are divided into small groups; each of these groups contributes to the project to some degree.

After considering several projects, William Bowen says, “The class decided to create a project that would give to the community in a sustainable and enduring way. The class focused on the idea of creating a website that would promote local nonprofits and give them a chance to find volunteers.”

Ken Hubert articulated his view regarding volunteering profoundly by saying, “Volunteerism is an expression of a citizen’s duty. Being involved creates the building blocks of all great societies.”

After comprehensive research on websites in other communities comparable to their matrix,

the group set out to create www.volunteer-rocklin.org. This website lists nonprofit organizations that operate through the efforts and energy of volunteers.

“As we are contacted by nonprofits, we update their information on our website and try to make things more visually interesting,” Bowen adds.

Classmates Ken Hubert and Bowen have continued their support by committing to financially maintain the website beyond the June 2012 graduation. Bowen was selected by the Leadership Steering Committee as the class’s Outstanding Leader for his skills in moving the class and project forward.

Additionally, according to Dawn Hill, another Rocklin leadership class member, “About 14 William Jessup University students assisted with inputting the data researched by the leadership class. Over a period of several weeks students served the community by volunteering with Leadership Rocklin. Not only did they serve as test cases for the merit of our website, but their service did not end with our project. Several went on to serve with other outside endeavors...”

Hill went on to say, “We set out to create a hub where those who wanted to find a place to serve (their community) could find opportunities to volunteer and a conduit for nonprofits to channel willing community members into services; as well as showcase the merits of their organization in the community. We accomplished that and more! At its grass roots level, Volunteer-Rocklin.org did what it was designed to – CONNECT.”

According to class member Paula Westeren, “The website is designed to showcase volunteer opportunities in the Rocklin area or with organizations that provide services county-wide. Volunteers from any location can take advantage of the opportunities listed. Some of the volunteer needs may be ongoing and some will be event oriented. People will have many choices in where to invest their talents.”

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**7) Forgive someone who has wronged you.** This is the other side of the "forgive yourself" coin. Just as you deserve a break, so do other people. Forgiveness is an act of love. If you can't let go of pain and anger, you can't be happy.

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You should find a way to share your fortune (not necessarily the monetary kind) with others.

**9) Take a "baby step" toward finding some faith.** Think a little more about your faith. Check out a few spots and read a couple of spiritual books. Happy people have a connection to a higher power.

**10) Make this year one of gratitude.** If you only make one change this year, make it this one. Work to be more appreciative in general. Did you know that, for the most part, becoming more grateful just means opening your eyes to the blessings you already have.

There you have it. It's not rocket science, but according to Patkin, it is ironic. He says, "The tragedy is we're sleepwalking through life without really noticing the truth. If we could learn to live with an attitude of gratitude, for our kids, our homes, our friends, our health, the food on our tables...we wouldn't need worry about finding happiness. We'd be living it every day. Check it out "Finding Happiness" One man's quest to beat anxiety and depression and finally let the sunshine in. You can also check out his website at [www.FindingHappinessbook.com](http://www.FindingHappinessbook.com). Let life shine for you today!!!

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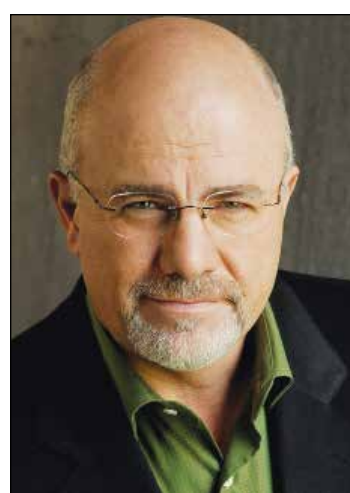
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Are you happy? I bet it's a question that has crossed your mind a time or two. But do we really know what happiness is? **Todd Patkin** took a stab at it. A businessman and philanthropist, he kicked anxiety and depression but does admit that everyone's path is different, but he believes the real key for all of us is self-love. When we can stop beating ourselves up over mistakes and start celebrating all the things we do right, we can finally be happy. He's come up with some simple steps for us to be happy in "Finding Happiness." Here's the top ten.

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**3) Find some way to put your gifts and talents to work.** Talent wants to express itself. If your job doesn't allow it to do so, find



# Dave Says

The current situation has been kind of long and boring. Things haven't really rebounded quickly. Instead, they've just kind of wallowed around and crawled along. There are a lot of theories as to why it's happened this way, but the truth is it's a part of life. Just like you have good and bad times in your personal life, there will always be good and bad times in your financial life. That's why you need a solid, common-sense financial philosophy that works when things are up and when things are down. The principles I teach about not having debt and investing conservatively over the long haul work every time.

Right now, I'm tempted to invest like a wild man and put every dollar I can find into investments, because everything is on sale. It's a great time to buy real estate and put money into mutual funds. The best time was about a year and a half ago, but the deals are still there.

Just keep investing and working your plan. The idea that you're graduating at bad time and never going to have a good life is just plain wrong. There's always some good and some bad out there, and the cycles will always come and go.

### Guidelines for Giving

My husband and I are debt-free, and we have \$100,000 saved. We like to give, rather than loan, money to family members if they're having financial

problems. Can you give us some advice on how to establish giving guidelines?

- Susan

Dear Susan,

First, you can't give to a level that it starts to make you worry about your future. Your first obligation is to your own household. Once that's done, you can help family members and your immediate community as best you can without weakening yourself.

The big thing in this scenario, I think, is to make sure you're helping someone get back on their feet. You're not helping when you give a drunk a drink, so you have to ask yourself if your generosity is really helping them or if you're simply enabling irresponsible behavior.

I'm not saying this because I'm a control freak. I'm saying it because I don't believe in investing God's money unless I see a positive return on investment. In human terms, that means helping someone get out of a mess they're in, while at the time seeing that they are working to make sure they never end up back there again. If they're buying cigarettes or lottery tickets with the money, then you're not helping them.

Taking this stance isn't mean, and it doesn't indicate that you don't love your family. It means you're loving them well and want what's best for them.

- Dave

\*For more financial help, please visit [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

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### What Goes up Must come Down

I'm about to graduate from college, and I'm following your plan and trying to focus on my future financial situation. Is the current down economy a cyclical thing and just part of life?

- DJ

It is. There are always cycles in the economy. I know you hear all this talk about this is the worst recession since the Great Depression, but that's a bunch of bull. It was worse in 1982, when the Jimmy Carter era came to a close. We had double-digit inflation, double-digit unemployment and home interest rates were at 17 percent.



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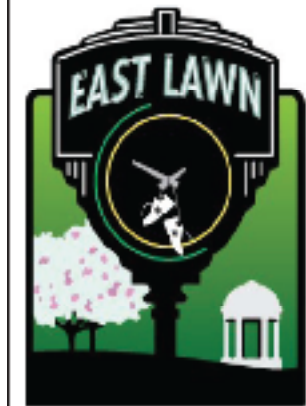
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# Get the Most Bang for Your Buck: 2012 Fireworks Buyers Guide

### By Scott Stetson

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As you shop for fireworks, it's important to look for quality and safety. Always use fireworks responsibly and follow the instructions on the box. And remember, fireworks are a big part of the Fourth of July celebration.

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