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25 Years of Caring



25 Years of Service celebration attended by member of the chapter and Chamber of Commerce.

PLACER COUNTY—Assistance League of Greater Placer members are celebrating a major milestone: Twenty five (25) years of caring and commitment to people of all ages in the greater Placer area. The organization was founded by Betty Crandell who served as the first president. She initially talked to her friends at a book club meeting

about providing a way to serve the community's needs. Her enthusiasm was contagious and this group of women decided to start the process to become a Chapter of the National Assistance League. The group soon discovered that in order to become a Chapter, they had to have a functioning project and money in the bank!

Ruth Johanson, the first project chairman, and her committee researched the community needs. It didn't take them long to realize that there was a great need at the Placer Women's Center in North Auburn. The women and children who lived there had escaped violent situations. A generous grant from Placer Community

Foundation allowed them to begin their first project: Caring for Children in Crisis. The members used this money to establish a well-stocked school room where they supervised the children while the mothers attended job interviews and/or classes.

The members then realized that they needed a steady source of income to continue funding their endeavors. In 1992, they opened a thrift shop in the Fiddler Green Plaza with Norma Wagner at the helm as their first manager. Thanks to the community's generosity the thrift shop continues to thrive.

Last year members volunteered 39,969 hours of service not only to operate philanthropic programs but also to raise funds to ensure that these programs will continue. The Assistance League's signature program is Operation School Bell which provides school appropriate clothing for students in need. Nationally, 3,278,330 students have received clothing since the program's inception in 1958.

To learn more about Assistance League of Greater Placer, visit our website at greaterplacer.assistanceleague.org.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center Presents Marina V



Marina V. Photo by Maria Ramirez

AUBURN – Marina V is a young and charismatic pop artist with an incredible life story and a "hauntingly beautiful" sound (L.A. Times). Marina's music is "melodic and passionate" (The Washington Post), which, combined with her "voice of an angel" (The Prague Post) and her rich cultural background, makes this artist truly special. Keyboard Magazine states that Marina V is "one of the most promising new singer/songwriters". Describing her musical influence, Marina mused "If the Beatles and Tori Amos had a child raised in Russia by Tchaikovsky, that would be me".

She will perform Saturday, June 16th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door. They can be purchased online at www.livefromauburn.com, at the State Theatre Box Office, (530) 885-0156 or at Cherry Records, 916 Lincoln Way in Auburn (530) 823-2147.

Raised in Russia by a communist nuclear physicist father & a psychologist mother during the difficult times of the Soviet Union collapse, Marina attended a school of music every evening after regular school, and has written songs since early childhood. When Marina turned 15, she won a prestigious scholarship and came to America, by herself. Somewhere between visa issues, crazy odd jobs, missing her family, playing ice hockey and attending University in Illinois, Marina began pursuing her musical dreams by touring and self-releasing her music, and upon graduating from college, moved to Los Angeles. Now a true California girl, the red-headed songstress grew up in Moscow, blessed with a beautiful voice & long last name (Verenikina).

Marina has blossomed into an international voice, relentlessly touring & performing at venues such as Hollywood's Kodak Theatre, the American Embassy in Moscow, and clubs from Paris to Sydney. She has written theme songs for films like "Fallen Idol" (narrated by Elliot Gould) and "Truth About Kerry" (best original screenplay at The LA Film Festival) and has had her songs on TV (NBC's Days of Our Lives, CBS's The Good Wife, etc), games and ads.

Marina has just completed her new album, "MY STAR", sponsored entirely by her fans (having raised almost \$30,000 from devoted listeners) and produced by the renowned producer, Guy Erez (Gipsy Kings, Ryan Cabrera etc). From catchy pop hit sounds of "You Make Me Beautiful" to a surprise cover of Guns 'n Roses smash "Don't Cry", the 10-song album features celebrity guests from bands KISS and Collective Soul, and includes a stunning a cappella performance of a Russian traditional song, Tonkaya Ryabina.

Project Auburn Fairgrounds Begins

By Paula Mosqueda

AUBURN - The current challenging economy has affected everyone. Due to state budget cuts, the Auburn Gold Country Fair has come to the point where it must become self-sustaining or close down.

Every possible idea to reduce the cost of maintaining the fairgrounds has been considered. The work force has been cut to the minimum. This has caused some maintenance duties to remain unattended. Auburn 49er Lion Ray Arnold thought that this was unacceptable. As a result, Project Auburn Fairgrounds was conceived.

On Saturday morning, June 9, 2012, stage One of Project Auburn Fairgrounds was begun. Members of the Auburn 49er Lions, the Soroptimist International of the American River, the Auburn Elks, and Gold Country Fair Board of Directors brought their garden gloves, along with weed eaters, pruners, loppers, clippers, rakes



(L to R) Lisa Bloom, Laura Moskwa, Kathy Dunbar, Kimberly McClintock, and Debbie Baily. Photo by Paula Mosqueda

and shovels to do some yard work. This work crew, numbering 25, made a noticeable difference.

Gold Country Fair Director, Don Anderson said, as he was trimming a hedge, "With the recent budget cuts, we are relying on the support of the community. We really appreciate it."

Auburn 49er Lion, Andy Gonzales stated, "It is good to support a facility that has been a part of Auburn for such a long time. We

should give back to our community and preserve our heritage."

In a few short hours, hedges were trimmed, bushes were pruned, weeds were whacked, flower beds were cleaned out, and new flowers were planted. The difference was readily seen.

President of the Board, Luke Parnell stated, as he was removing dead growth from a fence, "It is great to have this much community support. This is wonderful."

Hot Rods, Low Riders and Vintage Volks Car Show

PLACER COUNTY – The slogan "Race to the Fair" for the 2012 Placer County Fair has brought the popular Classic Car Show to the front and center. For many years the Fair has hosted hot rods and classically restored cars on Friday night at the Fair, but this year car buffs are in for four days of polished chrome, outrageous paint jobs, and hydraulics. On June 21-24, Fair visitors will be treated to a parade of participating cars each evening at 6 pm before they are parked for exhibition on Sunset Lawn.

Thursday will kick off with a Low Rider show featuring low-slung sedans barely clearing the ground until their hydraulic powered suspension lifts them, tilts them and bounces them, often to lights and music. The show will be hosted by the Mala Familia club. For information contact

Poli at (916) 425-7766 or Rafael at (916) 308-0874.

Friday night, the Fair will host their traditional Classic Car Show. Expect to see everything from a flamed 32 Deuce Coupe to the family '55 Buick in refurbished, pristine condition. The show will be hosted by Cappucino Cruisers, the club that attracts more than 100 rods every Wednesday night at the Red Robin in Folsom. Call Ray Marquez at (916) 988-6376.

On Saturday, the Vintage Volkswagens are sure to bring some nostalgia for Herbie the Love Bug and Flower Power V-Dub buses. If you have a pre-1980 Bug, Bus, Karmann Ghia or would like to participate contact Eric Deen at (916) 600-3423 or yustrn@yahoo.com.

Sunday's show will feature Kustoms and Low Riders.



These cars are raked, channeled, chopped and may be customized with parts from a variety of automakers, or machined for a custom look. You may even see a "Rat Rod" with their distinctive "put together by anything I could find" look and absence of a slick paint job. The show is hosted by Asylum, so if this is your thing, contact Bruce VanEtten at (916)

705-8001 or 31fordman@comcast.net.

Car owners wishing to participate should sign up in advance. Entry fee is \$10 with \$5 going to the charity of the Club's choice; however, the Club with the most entries will get to keep the entire \$10 for their charity. Entry forms are available on-line at www.PlacerCountyFair.org.



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Around Town with Loyce Smallwood

Johnston and Bill Mael for their plans to launch Gold Country Tours; and Sentinel Stars for Great Customer Service; to Get Dressed owner Maria Francis who emailed me about a new arrival of a favorite designer in her colorful vintage shop on Lincoln Way just down from our fav bakery Hilda's, home of the satisfying cinnamon roll. The fashion-educated Francis also offers alterations

Congrats to Rekei Master Extraordinaire Therese Johnson who's glowing in the light of daughter Mary Silva's dance performances at Three Stages Theatre, Folsom. Bargain shoppers will want to check out Piece by Piece thrift shop for career choices, located across from Fiddler Green Center on

Highway 49 where Assistance League Thrift offers up a bounty of plus-size fashions.

Check in with popular author/painter Edna Sparks who'll be found afternoons volunteering at High Street Thrift in the Unity Church on alternative Wednesdays.

Long-time pet advocate Dede Shaw reminds pet parents to spay and neuter, claiming that Animal Spay and Neuter Clinic, 3524 KOA Way, 530-889-8800 offers "the best price in town".

For those celebrating The Arts, entrepreneurship and/or golfing, CELEBRANTS continues to gather informally Mondays at 11am at LaBou in the Belair Center. Fore! Comments to loy@foothill.net

Auburn is teeming with an abundance of activities including the Library Garden Theatre Series showcasing New World Jazz Project on June 17, and Blues Lady Leah Tysse on June 24, and remember the First Wednesday and following Saturday used book sale held monthly at the Auburn Library annex where book donations are welcome.

For golfing enthusiasts Gwenn Jones, owner of Auburn Yoga & Fitness offers yoga classes geared for golfers as well as classes for Pilates and Cardio Kickboxing, AYF located in the Victorian Village, 1175 Grass Valley Hwy between Pappy's restaurant and the Hair Depot.

Take your flexible body to Black Oak course to enjoy the relaxed nine-hole experience and/or revel in the very public Ridge course where popular head pro Shawn Kelly can routinely be found offering golf lessons on the range and putting green.

Congrats to the active Kelly for his recent participation in the Senior PGA competition in Michigan and for his current ACTV connection along with yoga enthusiast Gwenn Jones.

Congrats all around to dynamic entrepreneur Maria Scoggins for her new Beauty Beneath business; and to ACTV staffers Paula



Get Dressed owner Maria Francis

Auburn Family Night Out Celebrates World Music

AUBURN – Placer Ume Taiko, taiko dan drumming from the Placer Buddhist Church will be performing at Auburn Family Night Out.

The 2012 Auburn Family Night Out is about to occupy downtown Auburn celebrating the longest day of the year for the twelfth time on Saturday June 23. Stretching for half a mile the Passport stroll will take participants from a giant chalk contest for all ages back to the days of stagecoaches. Along the way there will be various music and

dance performers, face painting, a safety corner, information booths, and food. Think of a walk for the ages, all ages.

Featured this year will be World Music Day. World Music Day began in Paris in 1982 when musicians came out on the streets to play for free for the enjoyment of everyone on the longest day of the year. Now this event is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide. Some of this year's performers include Elizabeth Townsend, Gaelic singer and performer, Cliff Johnson on his

kulele, Sierra Native Alliance Little Crow Dance and Drumming Group, Purdon's Crossing, diverse vocal harmonies and Tepid Club of Cool playing swing jazz. World Music Day is an activity of Placer Arts; for more information you can visit www.placerarts.org.

The event starts at 5pm with sign ups for chalk beginning at 4:30pm. Come join in this FREE evening of fun that holds something for everyone. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please visit events at www.auburnrec.com.

Governor Brown Announces Johnson Appointment

SACRAMENTO – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced Nicki Johnson, 34, of Roseville, has been appointed to the Landscape Architects Technical Committee. She has been owner

and landscape architect at Laurus Design Studio since 2011. Johnson was a landscape architect for Omni-Means Engineers Planners from 2006 to 2011 and was a landscape designer at

Broussard Associates in 2006. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Johnson is a Democrat.

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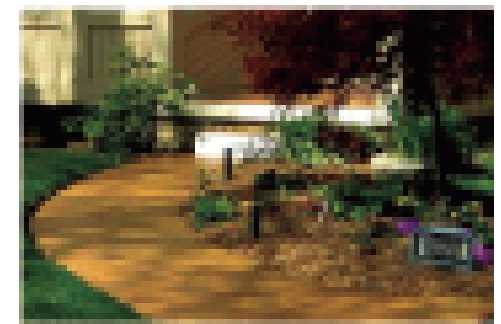
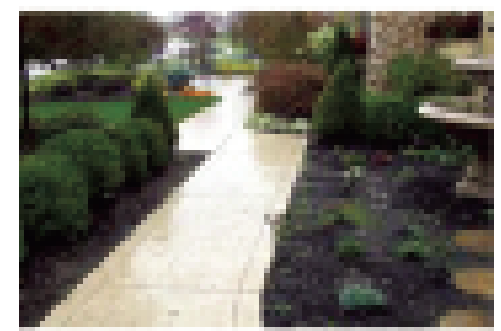
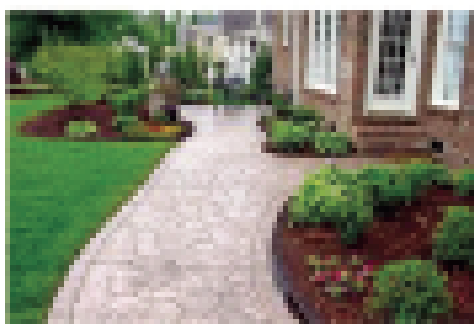
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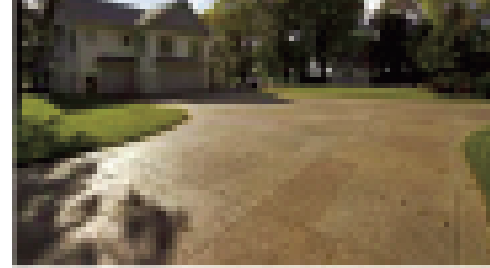
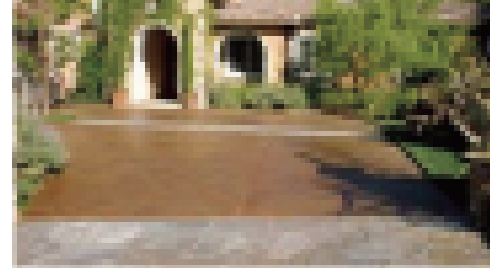
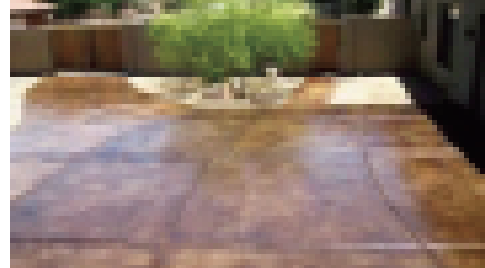
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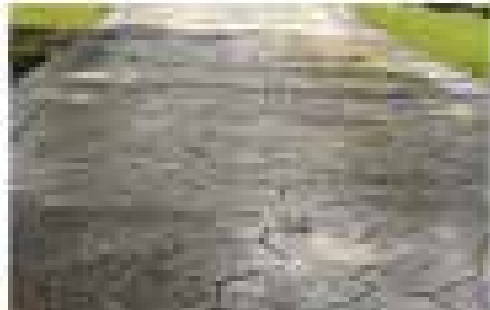
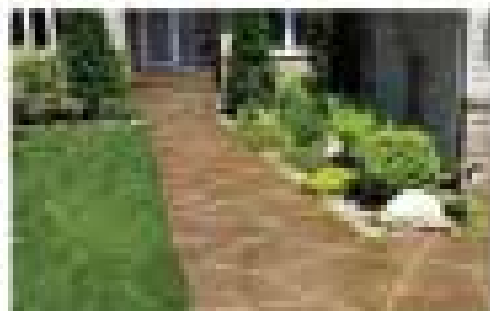
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Palau Festival Bringing Music Celebration

Sacramento Festival will feature top musicians, action sports, free family fun on June 16 & 17



Luis Palau preaching at a past festival. Photo courtesy of Craig Chastain, Communications Director, Luis Palau Sacramento Festival & The Season of Service

SACRAMENTO REGION – Luis Palau Festivals, the free, family-friendly celebrations which have drawn more than 8 million people since 1999 from south Florida to South America, are bringing The Luis Palau Sacramento Festival to Cal Expo Grounds on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, 2012. Activities are scheduled from 1:30-10 PM daily and admission will be FREE.

First conceived and produced in Portland, Oregon in 1999, Palau festival events have since changed the face of contemporary faith celebrations around the world (www.palau.org).

Expanding on a community service component that has long been a part of Palau festivals, the Luis Palau Sacramento Festival will team with Sacramento-area service agencies and churches under the banner "Season of Service" to provide volunteers and resources to hundreds of projects that serve homelessness, hunger, families in need, schools, health and wellness, neighborhood revitalization and existing programs. By festival weekend, thousands of volunteers are expected to have served in Season of Service projects.

The Oregon-based Luis Palau Association has brought a message of hope through faith to more than a billion people through radio, television, the Internet, books and articles, including 30 million people face-to-face in 75 countries. Luis Palau's daily radio broadcasts are heard by tens of millions of listeners on 3000+ radio stations in 48 countries. He is the author of close to 50 books, and his counsel on issues of faith has been shared with political leaders and heads of state around the world.

Recent festivals have attracted massive crowds, including 900,000 in Buenos Aires, Argentina; 250,000 in Houston, and 300,000 in Fort Lauderdale. The 2012 festival schedule includes Haiti, Jamaica, Paraguay, Australia, Tanzania and the United Kingdom: Sacramento Festival is the only U.S. event this year.

The action sports area will feature top pro/am athletes from skateboarding, freestyle motocross and BMX biking. The Amazing Wonders Experience will include high-energy programming for kids and families and a large collection of NASCAR racecars.

The Palau Sacramento Festival will showcase some of the top artists in contemporary Christian and gospel music, including

- **TobyMac:** one of the most honored singer/songwriters in the genre, his blending of hip-hop, rock and gospel generates high album sales and an energetic stage show <http://www.tobymac.com>
- **Mandisa:** the Sacramento native made her mark on American Idol and is currently nominated for multiple Dove (Gospel Music Association) awards including Female Vocalist of the Year <http://mandisaofficial.com/home>
- **Thousand Foot Krutch:** the Canadian rockers have produced 8 best-selling albums since 1998 including the just-released *The End Is Where We Begin* <http://thousandfootkrutch.com>
- **Skillet:** known for their powerful live shows, ardent fans ("Pan Heads") and 8 successful albums, this quartet has been a major force in CCM for more than 15 years <http://www.skillet.com/>
- **Lincoln Brewster:** considered one of the elite guitar players in contemporary music, Lincoln Brewster is also a singer/songwriter with 8 albums and an extensive touring schedule <http://www.lincolnbrewster.com>
- **Phil Wickham:** equally at home on stage or in the studio, this singer-songwriter has produced 7 albums of original music and contemporary Christian standards <http://philwickham.com>
- **Marisol:** known for her powerful vocals and unique styling, this bi-lingual performer has sung throughout North and South America <https://www.facebook.com/marisolmusic>

For further information on the Luis Palau Sacramento Festival and the Season of Service visit www.sacramentofestival.com or call the festival offices at 916-259-2165.

Longtime Literacy Supporter Remembered and Honored



Richard Cushman being honored at the Placer Adult Literacy Service's 25th Anniversary celebration. Photo courtesy of Ken Westeren.

By Ken Westeren

AUBURN – On Tuesday June 26th, the Literacy Support Council of Placer County (LSC) will honor one of its founding members with a memorial tree dedication. All who knew Richard "Dick" Cushman are invited to attend this event at the Auburn Library beginning at 12:30 pm in the Beecher Room. There will be light refreshments and fellowship followed by the dedication on the hill behind the library.

Dick's love of reading led him to the Placer Adult Literacy Service in 1988, where he volunteered as a reading coach to help adults struggling to improve their reading skills. He used his business talents to help form the Literacy Support Council and achieve its non-profit status. Through the years, he served on the LSC board in various positions and was an active member at the time of his death. For his

work with the Council, Dick was named the 962nd Point of Light by President George Bush in 1992, an honor he valued greatly.

Dick's devotion and commitment to literacy inspired LSC to honor his legacy by planting a Japanese Maple Tree at the Auburn Library shortly after his death last fall. The tree was graciously donated and a bronze plaque titled "Literacy Advocate" will be placed next to the thriving tree in tribute to his steadfast leadership, unwavering support, exceptional guidance, contagious energy, and loving friendship.

Paula Westeren, Placer County Library Literacy Specialist, said of Dick, "He was a truly gentle man. He was altruistic. He was kind. Whatever he could do to help he did so willingly and with joy in his heart. A shining example of what a real man should be. Always smiling; always happy; always ready for a new challenge; that was Dick. Literacy

lost a hero and we lost a dear friend."

LSC President Jerry Mohlenbrok recalls, "Two years ago, when the nominating committee was developing its slate of officers for the upcoming term, Dick encouraged me to accept the nomination to be President. I accepted the job – but only after extracting a promise from Dick that he would "have my back" at all times, and would assist me in the many behind the scene tasks associated with the position. Dick readily accepted that role, and kept me on the straight and narrow path during the ensuing months. His sudden passing last November came as a shock to all of us. I am discovering daily how much Dick did to keep our Council alive and well, and how deep his passion was for the cause of adult literacy."

On November 9, 2011 at the age of 82, Dick passed away quietly surrounded by his family. Donations in his honor can be made to the Literacy Support Council, PO Box 5291, Auburn, 95604.



The Japanese Maple tree planted at the Auburn Library in honor of Literacy Advocate Richard "Dick" Cushman. Photo courtesy of Ken Westeren.

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Don't Let Big Government Choose Your News

By **Corydon B. Dunham**

A proposed new plan for government control of television news, and perhaps Internet news, is now pending before the Federal Communications Commission. It would enable the government to suppress opposing points of view, reduce diversity and chill speech.

The new Localism, Balance and Diversity Doctrine has much in common with the FCC's old Fairness Doctrine — a policy the agency itself found deterred and suppressed news and chilled speech and which it revoked in 1987.

An FCC-sponsored Future of Media Study has recommended

that the Localism Doctrine proceeding be ended as ill advised but FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski has refused; the administrator of the White House's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Cass R. Sunstein, has long recommended that the government regulate news content broadcast by stations to advance the incumbent government's political and social objectives.

The new doctrine would suppress news, impose unnecessary and heavy burdens on television station news and be enforced by threats of license termination from both the FCC and a local control board at each station. Under the proposed plan, news

broadcast by television stations would have to satisfy government criteria for "localism" in production and news coverage — as well as government criteria for balance and viewpoint diversity.

Internet news sites stand to be affected as well. The FCC is planning to transfer the broadcast spectrum used by local television to the Internet and the agency already has begun regulating the Internet.

Five federal communications commissioners in a central government agency in Washington, D.C., would review local news. The majority vote of three commissioners appointed by the president would make a final

determination of news acceptability, overriding the news judgments of thousands of independent, local TV reporters and editors. The stations would be threatened with loss of their licenses to broadcast if found to be non-compliant.

In addition, a local control board would be appointed for each television station to monitor its programming, including news, and recommend against license renewal if board members concluded the station is not complying with the FCC policy. This would impose a new blanket of government control over news. Much of the proposed new rule has not been made public including, for example, who

would appoint the members of the local boards.

Requiring journalists to comply with a central government agency's policy on how to report the news and what the news should be means those journalists would no longer be free and independent of government. If the broadcast press is not free and independent, it cannot act as a watchdog for the public, which is its constitutional role.

News gathering is not just taking government handouts; it's probing sources for what is really going on. It's important that the TV and radio press continue to be able to do that so the public will be informed. FCC history shows government regulation of

news content deters and prevents effective news-gathering.

Corydon B. Dunham is a Harvard Law School graduate. His new book, Government Control of News: A Constitutional Challenge, (<http://freespeech.authorsxpress.com>), details the study tracing the history of the FCC's Fairness Doctrine and development of the Localism, Balance and Diversity Doctrine. As an NBC executive for 25 years, Dunham oversaw legal and government matters and Broadcast Standards. He served on the board of directors of the National Television Academy of Arts and Sciences and American Corporate Counsel Association.

Are You The Next Prisoner?

Whiskey & Gunpowder
Commentary by
Jeffrey Tucker

The United States is home to a gigantic socialist sector, larger and with a greater reach than any in the world, and it is fed by tax dollars and managed entirely by the government. Strangely, the opponents of socialized medicine and socialized industry don't complain about it. In fact, all throughout the 1980s and 1990s, they urged its expansion.

It is called the prison system. It's a fairly new system, but the cruelties of similar systems are so famed throughout history that they are spoken of by the Psalmist: "For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners."

The presumption in the Psalms is that prisoners are despised, ignored, forgotten, dismissed — and they are in our country, where this topic is not even on the list in the mainstream debate.

It's stunning when you think about it. The "land of the free" is home to the world's largest prison population. Americans constitute 5% of the world's population, yet one-quarter of the entire world's inmates are in the U.S. The ratio of the prison population to the general population is higher in than any other nation

in the world. Russia is second. China is third.

If the jailed lived in one place, the 2.3 million would be the fourth largest American city, between Chicago and Houston. Every day, 35,948 people are newly incarcerated (source), and the only people who even bother to talk about it are considered to be on the fringe left, crazy people who can't stop pleading for special interests.

Maybe we have more criminals who need to be locked up? It depends on how you define a criminal. Some two-thirds of people mired in the justice system (prison, probation, parole) are in for nonviolent offenses. Among federal prisoners, 91% are in for nonviolent crimes. No dictator in the world gets away with this.

And while the prison system as we know it came into existence in the early part of the 20th century, the trend toward mass imprisonment is relatively new. The numbers in prison are five times higher than in 1980, when the war on drugs really became a nationwide mania and sentencing became long and mandatory. Nearly the whole of the change is accounted for by these two facts alone. In 1980, 40,000 people were in the slammer for drug-related charges. Today, it is closer to half a million.

The statistics are not unknown. They have never been more

accessible. But people hear these statistics and think: "Well, that seems like a lot of people, but hey, I'm not there and my friends and family aren't there. Regardless, we are probably better off with too many people in jail, rather than too few. At least the streets are a bit safer than they otherwise might be. So let's just forget about it, shall we?"

But it turns out to be very easy these days to trip over that wire that causes you to land in jail. The trouble is that you don't know that until it happens. It could be a mistake that you or a family member made in handling too much cash. It could be a joint that someone smoked at your house party. It could be an unpaid ticket. It could be a tweet you sent that insulted a bureaucrat. It could be the wrong download, upload or file-sharing act. Or maybe you lost your temper at the airport and said something you shouldn't in the presence of a TSA agent. Maybe you acted on a stock tip that was slightly too revealing. Even the wrong glance at a cop could cause your life to unravel.

Any of these actions and thousands of others can cause you to become embroiled in a system you cannot control and cannot resist. You spend the night in jail. You are bailed, but there are endless legal battles ahead to get

out of the thicket.

Your life suddenly becomes about keeping your freedom. You pay lawyers. You lose time from work going to hearings. You lose sleep with worry and have to take pills you never thought you would. Your finances are crushed. You can hardly think about anything else. This goes on for months and you are pretty much a wreck.

The whole thing seems crazy and preposterous. Why is the state focusing on you, rather than on real criminals? You are an easier and safer target. Plus, you broke the law. It is a dumb law and it is understandable that you broke it — and you would never do it again, even though many others who have done the same are out free — but you finally have to admit it: You are more guilty than innocent.

It comes time to plea-bargain. Your lawyers make a deal with the system. If you admit guilt, you will be let off. The sentence of 20 years, or whatever it happens to be, will likely be suspended. You agree to the deal, anything to bring an end to this hell. But something goes wrong. The judge sentences you anyway. Wait, this isn't the way it is supposed to turn out! But now there is nothing you can do.

Then you find that the prison system is the crystallization of life

under government control. Your Facebook, Twitter, email, phone number are all zapped. Freedoms of association, speech and press are entirely absent. Human rights don't apply. The choices you can make about how to spend your time are allocated to you by wardens and at their discretion. Your person and labor are valued by no one in particular. Everything you consume — whether it is food or space — your masters regard as a favor granted.

Everyone who cares about you is outside the prison. The people on the inside do not care whether you live or die. And to your amazement and shock, you find that the prison is not filled with violent thugs, thieves and murderers. Most everyone is pretty much like you. They are people, real people with families and friends and lives, who were stopped by a cop and had forgotten to take the marijuana out of the glove box. They are people who exploded in a temporary rage at a bureaucrat. They are people who downloaded and shared the wrong files.

You discover an entire world behind walls, thousands of people just like you, and nearly all of them could be out living productive lives, caring for their families, contributing to life in their communities, living out their dreams on the outside. But

here they are in this government institution — like millions of others in our time and throughout history — wasting away their lives in the name of some claim of "justice" that clearly does not exist.

The experience is enlightening and amazing. Prisoners are not who you thought they were. You want to get the news to everyone on the outside. You want to reveal this scandal to the world.

What do you say? The slogans that created this system — "the war on drugs," "get tough on crime," "zero tolerance," "mandatory sentencing" — are about politics, not justice or humanitarianism, and they have nothing to do with the reality you see. It is a cruel system, completely out of control, and one with an immense human cost.

The prison system is a massive human rights violation. It has to be stopped.

But there's a big problem: You can't speak. You can't act. You now know the truth, but now you also know that there is nothing you can do about it. And you also know that everyone on the outside pretty much thinks exactly how you used to think. They do not care.

Regards, Jeffrey Tucker
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Homelessness: How Government Policy Makes It Worse

Commentary by
Dr. Tracy C. Miller

During a recent trip to Chicago, I couldn't help but notice the large number of homeless people in the downtown area, including one homeless man pushing a child in a stroller. Homelessness was frequently discussed during the 1980s, but seems to receive less media attention now. And yet, the number of homeless today is approximately twice as large as it was in the 1980s.

Homelessness, like any other social problem, is influenced by incentives. Unfortunately, government policy may actually be making the problem worse, particularly government-subsidized housing for the poor.

Many cities have constructed homeless shelters to provide a place for the homeless to stay out of the cold. By the late 1980s, governments created a network of shelters and soup kitchens to feed and house between 200,000

and 300,000 people per day. Between 1988 and 1996, some 275,000 permanent and transitional housing units intended for homeless persons were added. By 1996, roughly 607,000 beds were available as part of the homeless service system in the United States.

There is little evidence to suggest that government-provided shelter has in any way solved or even reduced the problem of homelessness—to the contrary, as noted, the total number of homeless has risen. While advocates for the homeless recognize this, many believe that providing other forms of government assistance will help people avoid homelessness or escape it. In their view, helping people get government-funded rental assistance, food stamps, and welfare checks is integral to preventing homelessness. Some contend that supplying the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless with permanent housing at

government expense will get homeless people off the streets so they can live stable lives.

In truth, lack of affordable housing is not the main reason that people become homeless, although it may be a contributing factor in some cities. People sometimes become homeless due to habits or addictions that lead to mismanagement of their finances, unstable family relationships, and the inability to keep a regular job. According to Martha Burt of the Urban Institute, three quarters of those who are homeless report having problems with alcohol, drug abuse, or mental illness.

Oftentimes, providing government-funded services to the homeless with no strings attached only makes it easier for some of them to continue their bad habits, whether the problem is substance abuse or an unwillingness to accept responsibility for personal behavior. This explains why homelessness did not decline

but increased between the early 1980s and 2007, even though the economy was booming and unemployment and poverty were declining. Christopher Jencks argues that shelters made homelessness less painful; this meant that the homeless were "less willing to sacrifice their pride, their self-respect or their cocaine fix to avoid" homelessness. For many people, the availability of shelters seems to increase the incentive to become homeless rather than (if possible) choosing to live with a relative or friend.

Not only does the availability of temporary shelters frequently encourage homelessness, but so does federal housing policy. Many single-parent families would like to move into government-subsidized housing. Because it is in short supply, they would have to wait years for a subsidized apartment to open up. By becoming homeless, a family who was living in someone else's home can move

to the front of the line for government-subsidized housing.

Likewise, another form of government assistance is problematic: Government programs that try to provide people with skills and treatment to overcome addictions and psychoses are expensive and have low rates of success. The success rate of some private programs to help the homeless is much higher than government programs—as high as 85 percent. While government programs continue to be funded even if they are ineffective, private charitable organizations' long-term survival depends on getting good results. Successful private programs usually continue to attract donors and volunteers, including former homeless people who themselves have been helped.

It is only natural to feel sympathy for the plight of the homeless. The solution to homelessness, however, is not more handouts from government. Homelessness

can be prevented or overcome when a caring community helps those at risk to develop self-discipline and a good work ethic. This is not easy to do, but some private organizations are already doing good work in this area. Those organizations might grow and multiply and also be more effective if government programs, which often interfere with private efforts, were scaled back or eliminated.

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IRS Announces 43 Small Offices to Close, Others to be Consolidated; Agency Sheds More than One Million Square Feet of Office Space

The Internal Revenue Service announced on May 22nd a sweeping office space and rent reduction initiative that over the next 2 years will close 43 smaller offices and reduce space in many larger facilities. These measures will save more than 40 million in taxpayer dollars. Coupled with space reductions last year, the initiative will slash total IRS office space by more than one million square feet.

"Given today's tight budget environment, we have to be willing to make the tough but responsible calls to save taxpayer dollars," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "Cutting and consolidating our real estate is a responsible way we can save

money. It's an important addition to our growing portfolio of cost-saving measures."

To ensure that the agency uses rental space as efficiently and effectively as possible, the IRS will:

Close 43 smaller offices. These are offices without taxpayer assistance centers and currently have fewer than 25 employees.

Consolidate multiple offices within the same commuting area.

Explore innovative ways to do more with existing space, such as desk sharing and increased telecommuting.

None of the offices being closed under this initiative are walk-in taxpayer assistance centers.

Because of the nature of the work performed in these offices, the IRS anticipates minimal taxpayer impact as a result of these closures.

This cost-cutting initiative is projected to save \$17.2 million in annual rental costs in fiscal 2012 and \$23.5 million in fiscal 2013. These are permanent reductions in space and rent so these savings will be realized in future years as well.

The initiative will cut space by 715,000 square feet in fiscal 2012 and 230,000 square feet in fiscal 2013. This is on top of a 105,000-square-foot reduction in fiscal 2011.

The IRS has more than 650

Bill to Recognize Military Experience for Student Veterans Moves Forward

AB 2462 standardizes credit recognition at community colleges for vets

SACRAMENTO - A measure by Assemblymember Marty Block (AD-78) to help military veterans gain academic credit for their military experience passed the Assembly recently on a vote of 67-0.

"We want to ensure that our veterans' experience, where appropriate, will count towards a degree—especially as they seek to rejoin a civilian workforce," Block said. "In California, approximately 30,000 troops leave service with work skills that could be counted

offices around the country. Today's initiative supplements space saving projects over the past seven years that are now yielding \$70 million

toward an academic degree or professional license or certification and transition to civilian life after service to their country."

Approximately 90 percent of the state's veteran student body are transfer students from the state's 112 community college campuses. Creating a recognized and uniform standard to evaluate experience would aid troops in moving forward with their academic or training goals. Currently fewer than half of California's community colleges have a process to

evaluate fully military service for academic credit.

AB 2462 would require the state's community colleges to create a process for using the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations to evaluate military experience by July 1, 2013.

Assemblymember Marty Block proudly represents the cities and communities of Bonita, Chula Vista, Lemon Grove, San Diego and Spring Valley. Web site: www.asmdc.org/block

annually in rental savings. This is part of a broader Administration effort which has cut government real estate costs by over \$1.5

billion and is on track to exceed the President's directive to save \$3 billion by the end of the year



By Ronnie McBrayer

The Kudzu Conspiracy

Asian plant was quickly loved by gardeners, what with its large green leaves and purple blooms, and nurseries began selling seedlings through the mail.

But it was the Dust Bowl years that really rooted kudzu in the American soil and psyche. The US government was seeking an effective way to conserve soil, and kudzu fit the bill perfectly. The vine was touted as a "wonder plant," and the USDA used the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s to distribute and plant the seeds everywhere — especially the South.

They thought, once the soil was healthfully restored, that farmers could just plow over it and return to planting cotton, soybean, or corn. Little did anyone know that the Southeastern United States was the perfect environment for kudzu to grow, and grow and grow and grow. Kudzu has now climbed, coiled, and slithered its way all over the Southeast, changing the landscape while becoming a central characteristic of Southern culture.

Kudzu overtakes the environments into which it is introduced. It transforms the landscape in which it is planted. From just a few little seedlings, a few sprouting vines, it explodes and cannot be stopped. Such is the kingdom of God and the rule of Christ in today's world.

Let it have its start — in people's hearts, in people's lives, in the midst of this planet's pain and suffering — and the world will in fact, change. It will be redeemed, as slowly and steadily the God Movement invades this

world with the love of Christ.

Certainly we understand that people are still hungry. Wars are still fought. Injustice is still tolerated. There is suffering, anxiety, evil, and grief. But we believe that the kingdom is growing, inch by inch and foot by foot. This causes us to throw ourselves into a fractured world, not only because we care, but because we believe God isn't finished with this world yet. He is making it new, making everything right, and he has chosen to do this through you and through me as we share his love.

No, we can't take in every single orphan, but we could all take in one. Your Bible Study class can't drill wells for every person dying for water in this world, but it could drill a well for one village. Your mission team can't treat every AIDS patient in Africa, but it could provide medicine for a few of them. Your church can't build a house for every homeless person, but it could go build at least one house. We can't rescue every refugee or child of prostitution, but we can — we must — save some of them.

All these acts — and a million more just like them — make a real difference because we are not only helping people, but in Jesus' name, we are joining God's divine plot to revolutionize a society.

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It's Not My Father's World Anymore

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Celebrating another Father's Day without my father I cannot help thinking how much has changed since he died. If he were to return today, he would find things quite different.

In all reality, this is not my father's world anymore.

I might just as well say it. This is not my father's country anymore, either.

The country my father loves seems to have all but disappeared. During his time, a deep-seated patriotic pride permeated throughout our country. We were proud of what our forefathers had accomplished and we were willing to die to preserve that heritage.

Today, it seems the past is simply the past and has no bearing whatsoever on the present. This may be why history books are being rewritten today. This, however, is a fallacy encouraged by those who do not know the right hand from their left hand. In our country today, you are either far right or far left and nothing in between. Whatever happened to people with common sense?

Perhaps that ancient anonymous philosopher was right when he said the problem with common sense was that it really was not that common anymore. Perhaps the demise of the common man explains this phenomenon. Or it could be that most people today have been educated on their common sensibilities.

There was a time in my father's country when people were proud of what they did. A few tried to get money without working for it. In my father's country, there was a great deal of pride in working for what you had and not depending upon somebody with a handout. In my father's country, there was a deep sense of accomplishment in earning what you had by the sweat of your brow.

The only people sweating these days are politicians up for reelection.

In my father's country, there was no such thing as arbitrary handouts but plenty of hands out. It was considered our patriotic duty to help our neighbor when they were in trouble. Nobody looked to Uncle Sam to solve his or her problems. It was a community affair not a government mandate. In fact, if the truth were known, and an evidently it is not, they stayed as far away from Uncle Sam as possible only communicating with him once a year on April 15.

In those days, they saluted

the flag, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and were right proud to do so. Not one of them could imagine anybody ashamed of doing that in public.

Today a lot is being said about the separation of church and state. My father would not understand the way some people are interpreting it. According to what is going on today they are trying to keep the church out of the state but make good and sure, the state runs the church. Isn't that why we had a revolution in the first place?

In my father's country, there was a separation between government control and people pursuing life, liberty and happiness. Oh, for those good old days.

Also, in my father's country baseball was a national sport not a business. I am not quite sure when it became a business but my father never thought it was. He often took me to the ball field on a Saturday afternoon to have fun, enjoy the game and eat the world's most delicious hotdog. At least he said they were the world's most delicious hotdogs.

Our purpose in going was just to have fun. He did his share of making fun and harassing the other team's fans but it never crossed his mind to physically beat one of them nearly to death. If I remember correctly, wedgies were the order of the day.

When our team won we celebrated and high-fived everybody around us. When our team lost, we determined with everything within us to slaughter them the next week on the field. When we said "slaughter," we were talking figuratively.

Credit was something my father's generation frowned on. As a young person, I had in my

mind to buy a bicycle. I took my father to the store to look at that prized bike.

"Well," my father stammered, as he looked the bike over. "How much money you've got saved for this bike?" I knew the lecture that was to follow. If you could not afford to buy something, you could not afford to have it. How many times have I heard that?

Perhaps if my father could come back for a day we could send him to Washington DC and explain to them this whole idea that if you cannot afford something you cannot afford something. It seemed to make sense to me and I was only I young person at the time. I guess when you get older you lose a lot of that good common sense. Then if elected and go to Washington DC, you leave all of that good common sense back home with your constituency who wonder what they elected you for.

The verse of Scripture that was very important to my father was, "And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it" (Psalms 90:17 KJV).

It may not be the same country my father loved, but I can still operate on the same principles that made him a patriotic father, and pray, "Establish thou the work of our hands."

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"The kingdom of God is like kudzu planted in a field." Would Jesus have ever said such a thing? Yes, I think so. You see, he once compared God's work in this world to a growing "mustard seed" and like "yeast mixed in with the dough." Making the jump from mustard and yeast to kudzu is not as far a leap as you might think.

The mustard of first century Palestine overgrew and consumed everything around it. A farmer who planted mustard in her garden could not turn her back on it for very long. If she did, it would overrun every other vegetable or herb in the field. Yeast worked the same way. Mysteriously, inexplicably to those living before the understandings of microscopic science, yeast took over the bland, tasteless flour and transformed it.

Illustrated in the mustard seed and the yeast, Jesus makes clear that God can overwhelm and transform the very nature of this world with a steady, unstoppable, persistent, invasive force. Honestly, I don't know much about mustard seeds or yeast fungi; but as a native of Georgia, I do know a little bit about kudzu.

Kudzu was introduced to North America on the United States' hundredth birthday. The



By Marlys Norris, Christian Author

God's Light Makes One Shine

it especially if one happens to touch a nerve within them.

They appear to be like a doubting Thomas needing proof like sticking their finger into the wounds on Jesus hands. They seem to always exemplify the absence of any faith at all. They actually honor "doubt" and will not even recognize the magnificent creation of a single created cell, that there is real evidence of the existence of God. Scientific proof exists within one tiny cell that God is real and He created everything. It did not happen with just a big bang or progressive changes for us to become human beings! Those things would need even more proof for any doubter. God has a divine plan for everyone, and by His mercy and grace, He proved His unconditional love for the world and all who live in it.

You might begin to wonder "what are these doubters really trying to hide?" You may or may

not find out, but without much inspection you can determine that there is a secret sin in their lives, that has not been exposed. They are not ready to become responsible and they are not ready to reveal it to anyone. Sin never wants to be exposed, but when a person is willing to see its destructive factors, they will be ready to accept and let the beautiful Light of God into their lives. When they do, Life begins! **The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?** (Psalm 27:1)

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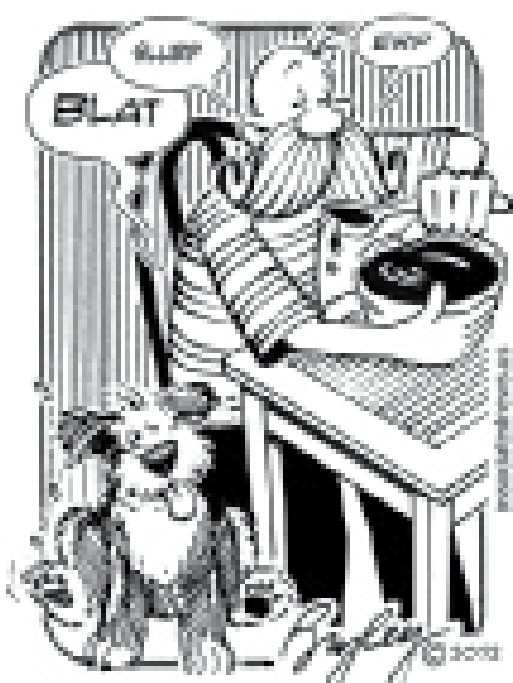
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ACROSS

- Jamaican spiritual movement
- Sports official
- But not least?
- Like puppy-hating de Vil
- Gone by
- New _____ capital of India
- Harsh or corrosive in tone
- Daughter's brother
- Like Bird flu
- *She holds a record 17 Oscar nominations
- *She escapes the Wicked Witch
- International help
- Heaven's Gate, e.g.
- Dog foot
- *Yugoslavian dictator
- Expel from a country
- Mountain divide between Europe and Asia
- *Cruise and Hanks
- Extend subscription
- Ruptured
- Old photograph color
- Seawards
- Forcefully urge
- Home for students
- *Denim innovator
- Capital of Bahamas
- Start of a hole, pl.
- Bo Derek in 1979
- T on a test

DOWN

- Consumer electronics maker
- Rainbows, e.g.
- Edible fat
- _____ firma
- Even though
- Wood file
- Big head
- Dipping meal
- Russian left
- Different spelling for alighted
- *_____ of Iran
- Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
- One who darts
- Changes to a manuscript
- Not new or borrowed or blue

24. Fruit _____

- *Russia's 2-time President
- Pleasant odor
- Time _____ pl.
- Three-_____ sloth
- Bell sound
- Early stages of illness
- Chopin's instrument of choice
- A belief or philosophy
- High society
- Inactive
- *First baseball player to reach 3,000 hits
- Rent again

51. *Known as the "Queen of Disco"

- Finno-_____ family of languages
- Upside down from
- Shoshonean people
- Turns blue litmus red
- Raised mark on skin
- *His last word was "Rosebud"
- Cannabis plant
- Male version of Emily
- Intersecting nerves or vessels
- North American country
- Many tennis games make one of these

For Solution See Page 7

Cinema at the State Theatre Presents

AMERICAN GRAFFITI

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AUBURN – The Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center announces its Cinema at the State Film Series selection for Thursday, June 21, 2012 at the State Theatre – AMERICAN GRAFFITI! The 1973 coming-of-age film directed by George Lucas has been called, "One of the most influential of all teen films... a funny, nostalgic, and bittersweet look at a group of recent high school grads' last days of innocence." Set in 1962 Modesto, California, American Graffiti is a study of the cruising and rock and roll cultures

popular among the post-World War II baby boom generation. For anyone who grew up in the 60's you won't want to miss this nostalgic window in time.

Please join us in the Marquee Room for social hour with a no-host bar before each film. The Marquee Room opens at 5:30. Thank you to Mels Diner of Auburn for sponsoring this film! Be sure to save your ticket stub and present it for 20 percent off of your next trip to Mels Diner. Classic cars will be on display in front of the Theatre. If you want to drive your own nostalgic car

to the theatre that night, please notify the State Theatre office to reserve a parking spot in front.

Tickets are \$8 at the door, with a limited number of seats available for advance purchase online at www.livefromauburn.com. Or, call the Box Office at (530) 885-0156. The box office opens 90 minutes before show time for each performance.

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Is Medical Hypnosis the Answer to Better Health?



Commentary by Eric Nelson

practice of hypnotism some 70 years later.

At one point the French government appointed a Board of Inquiry to investigate Mesmer's theories. They concluded that not only was there no evidence of the so-called animal magnetic fluid, but that any supposed benefit from Mesmer's treatments was due entirely to the imagination of the individuals involved.

Today, the practice of hypnotism looks much different than it did in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, although the underlying premise – whether applied knowingly or not – is the same: the idea that you can be trained to think, act, and even feel differently through the power of suggestion.

Despite its dubious debut, many in the medical field now consider hypnosis – when performed on oneself or, more commonly, with the help of a trained practitioner – to be a reliable if not entirely understood form of therapy. According to a recent column by Melinda Beck in the Wall Street Journal, "Scientific evidence is mounting that hypnosis can be effective in a variety of medical situations, from easing migraine headaches to lowering blood pressure, controlling asthma attacks, minimizing hot flashes and diminishing side effects from chemotherapy." One study even found that patients who were hypnotized before surgery saved an average of \$331 on doctor's bills and pain medication.

Citing various experts, Beck goes on to say that, contrary to widespread misunderstanding, "Real hypnosis for therapeutic purposes gives subjects more control over their minds and bodies, not less."

At first blush this may seem like a reasonable conclusion.

But, as I've thought more about the subject, the one question that keeps coming to mind is if it would ever be a good idea to allow another individual – even someone with good intentions – to manipulate my thoughts. This sounds like I'd actually be losing control of something I've learned – and many doctors and medical researchers confirm – has a direct impact on my health.

If I agree to relinquish control in one instance, who's to say that won't leave me that much more susceptible – for better or worse – to the power of suggestion in the next... or the next?

For me the most effective and health-inducing thoughts come from deep, contemplative prayer. While some say that this is just another form of self-hypnosis or even self-delusion, I've found it to be quite the opposite, providing me with a clearer, more enlightened view of my relationship to the Divine.

Certainly what's happening in the field of medical hypnosis offers further evidence of the undeniable link between mind and body, and it seems to be working, at least to some extent, for a growing number of individuals. But my hunch is that as we gain a more divinely inspired sense of self-control, we'll start seeing more consistent results. Not because of another person's suggestions, but because of what we discover about ourselves through our own spiritual transformation.

Eric Nelson writes a weekly column on the link between spiritual consciousness and health. He also serves as the media and legislative spokesperson for Christian Science in Northern California (www.norcalchristianscience.com). This article shared with permission.



by David Dickstein

Family Films

"Brave"

Opens June 22, rated PG
disney.go.com/brave

After its first misstep with "Cars 2," Pixar and Disney hope to get back on track with this Scotland-set computer-animated epic centered on a princess whose archery skills and bravery are put to the test when faced with saving her kingdom. Audiences will be treated beforehand to the gorgeous and poetic "La Luna," an Oscar-nominated short about a young Italian boy who accompanies his dad and grandpa to work for the first time.



"Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" Opens June 8, rated PG
madagascarmovie.com

It's time to go wild again with Alex, the soft-pawed lion, Marty the sassy zebra and Melman, the neurotic giraffe. And with the first two movies each earning about \$600 million worldwide, why not? This time New York's best-known zoo escapees head to Monte Carlo and then are forced to go on the run with a traveling circus. The scene-stealing penguins are back along with voice-lenders Ben Stiller, Chris Rock,

Movies and DVDs for the Whole Family

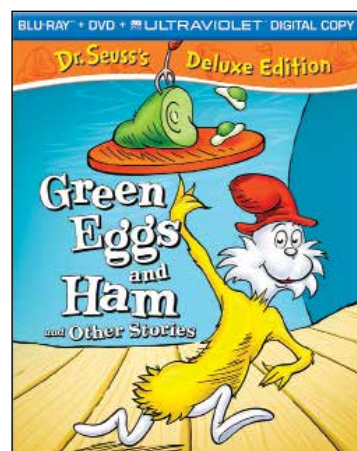
David Schwimmer, Jada Pinkett Smith and Sacha Baron Cohen.

"Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection"

Opens June 29, rated PG-13
madeawitnessprotectionmovie.com

A 7-year-old son who wishes his father was around more and a teenage daughter so spoiled she's beyond hope are just two members of a dysfunctional family from Connecticut as concocted by the mildly off-color, considerably comical mind of Tyler Perry. When the family is put under witness protection due to death threats from the mob, the kids, their parents and a senile grandma find themselves in the care of Aunt Madea (Perry in usual drag). After one night with

The 2-disc set comes in a box, but please don't watch it with a fox. You will like them in your house; you might not, though, with a mouse. Grade: A-



"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island"

(ages 7-14, released June 5, rated PG). When Brendan "Furry Vengeance" Fraser turns down a movie, you know it's a stinker. Skunk-like, indeed, yet still a worldwide box office hit is this sequel to the inexplicably popular 2008 3-D adventure. Dwayne Johnson plays an overbearing Navy vet stepfather who hopes a trip to the South Pacific will help him bond with his bratty brainiac stepson (Josh Hutcherson). Bring on the CGI. Predictable as a PB&J and far less satisfying. Grade: D

"Big Miracle"

(ages 6-13, released June 19, rated PG): Its heart is in the right place (who doesn't want to save the whales?), but perhaps clubbing audiences over the head with eco-messaging hurt at the box office last winter. The true-life drama centers on the effort to save three gray whales trapped by ice off Alaska. A small-town TV news reporter (John Krasinski) and his Greenpeace volunteer ex-girlfriend (Drew Barrymore) are the first to come to the rescue. Grade: C

Madea, chances are good the family will wish they are found by the bad guys.

Family DVDs

"Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham and Other Stories" (ages 2-6, released June 26, not rated): Can't blame Sam for not liking his green eggs and ham at first sight, but even he would agree right away that enjoying Dr. Seuss TV specials remastered on disc is better than watching them on VHS tape. Available on DVD and Blu-ray for the first time are the featured story along with "The Sneetches" and "The Zax."

Navy League Monthly Meeting

AUBURN - The Placer County Council of the Navy League will hold its monthly meeting beginning at 6 PM, on Monday, June 18th, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 100 East Street, Auburn. This month's speaker is author Bruce Henderson who will

discuss his book "Hero Found" about a Navy pilot who escaped from a Vietnamese POW camp. Cost of the dinner is \$12.00 payable at the door. Advance reservations are required.

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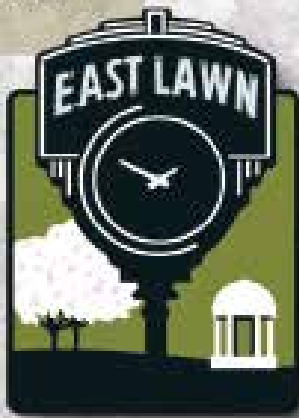
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immediately to the next dilemma. Take time to enjoy what's been

4) MONITOR YOUR INNER CRITIC: If we grew up with an inner critic telling us all the things we're doing wrong in life, chances are high we will give this inner critic to our children.

5) CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES: There are times when we need to relinquish our need to be right in our conversations with our children, and choose closeness instead. We can choose to be close by identifying with our children's struggles and listening to their feelings.

6) BE CURIOUS: Be interested in your children's lives. Ask them how they are doing and what's new with them. By being curious, you give them the message they are important and you're thinking of them.

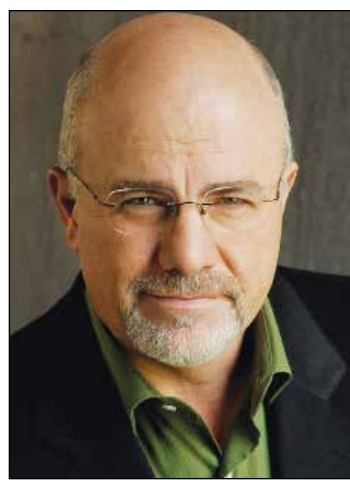
7) CONFER REGULARLY WITH YOUR INNER CHILD: When our children struggle, stop and think about what you wanted to hear from your father at that age. Let that compassion shape what you say and how you say it.

The good news that, as fathers, we received distorted messages in our own childhoods. But we can give our children the healthy messages denied to us. Tom's father gave him the message that if he made enough money, all his problems would disappear. Yet, in adulthood, he never

understood why he felt so sad when he witnessed a dad playing with his son, and why this created such sadness within him as an adult. He was grieving a childhood he never had, and he didn't want his children to be deprived of the childhood they deserved. As an adult, he learned to give his kids what his own father hadn't been able to give to him...their hero. He supplied guidance to his children when they needed it, but he also gave them a shoulder to cry on and an ear to hear their feelings and thoughts as well. Heroes can cry too, even if society tells them real men don't cry. Heroes let their children explore who they want to be, instead of imprisoning them in predefined roles...roles that we as parents want them to play.

The feats of the heroes he describes won't make the front page of the newspaper. But what love can equal the love and admiration seen reflected in the eyes of your own child? Thomas Gagliano sees that love and admiration in the eyes of his own children. Wouldn't you like to see the same thing? His book is called "The Problem Was Me." Have a wonderful Father's Day!!!

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Dave Says

has happened several times. It's called financial infidelity for a reason. Really, it's the same kind of lying as sexual infidelity. It hurts and makes people angry on a lot of the same levels, and that's because it's a broken trust.

Assuming that you guys can talk things out and heal this rift in your marriage, you're going to have to contact these credit card companies and try to settle the debts. You guys aren't bringing home a lot, so you need to start scratching together every nickel and dime you can and make an offer to erase these debts. That will also remove the liens on your home. Many times creditors will settle a debt for pennies on the dollar. If you're lucky, you may be able to get them to accept about 25 percent of the amount owed.

But I think you've got a much bigger problem here. You guys have some serious issues that need to be resolved. I'd advise going to your pastor, if you're in a good church, or finding a reputable marriage counselor. Your wife needs to understand, loud and clear, that this kind of crap has to stop immediately!

- Dave

What Happens Now?

Dear Dave, What happens to a vehicle if the co-signer on the loan files bankruptcy?

- Robert

Dear Robert,

First, it means that only the co-signer has gone bad. The car is still in your name, and the loan is still in your name. If you were to notify the bank of this, and that you'd be keeping the car and still making the payments on time, then you shouldn't have a problem. It also wouldn't affect your credit score. Just because you partnered with someone who failed with money doesn't mean you're going to do the same thing.

There is one thing to keep in mind, though. It may show up on your credit bureau report that the loan has gone into bankruptcy. It shouldn't indicate that you have gone into bankruptcy, just the loan. That much is true, since your co-signer filed bankruptcy. Still, this shouldn't damage your credit score.

If it does, just stay on top of things, and report what has happened to the credit bureau. Your credit score should not be affected by something you didn't do, as long as the loan involved is paid on a timely basis.

- Dave

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BE A HERO

Do your kids look up to you as their hero, or do they admire a baseball player instead? How would you like to put that same sparkle in their eyes that those sports figures do? **Thomas Gagliano** wants you to have that love and admiration Father's Day and everyday. Life Mentor, Speaker, and author, he has seven tips to achieve your hero status on this Father's Day in "The Problem Was Me." So let's hit a home run!

1) LISTEN: Provide a safe environment for your children where they can cry on your shoulder or just talk to you... even if they tell you something you don't want to hear.

2) PERMIT MISTAKES: Give your children the message that they can make mistakes. Let them know that mistakes are part of being human. Affirm they can fall at times without becoming a failure.

3) CELEBRATE VICTORIES: Celebrate achievements by taking your child for an ice cream or a pizza slice. Don't run

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Healing the Wounds

Dear Dave,

Recently, I discovered that my wife secretly kept and used credit cards over the last several years. I also found out there are two liens on our home from some of this debt. She was hiding the mail from me so I wouldn't find out. I'm angry about the dishonesty, but I want us to get the debt cleaned up. What do you suggest?

- Tom

Dear Tom,

This debt and the liens are a symptom. What we're looking at here is a repeated pattern of lying and deception. Anyone can become scared or ashamed and make a mistake, but this



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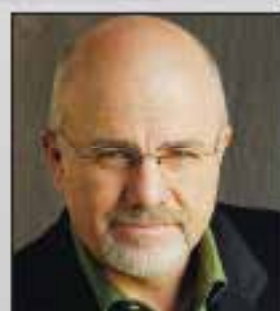


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Directions: Turn right into Northstar, and take the first right into the parking lot. We will then car pool and caravan to the trailhead.

Mt Judah Loop, Donner Summit July 21st from 9 to 3

About the Hike: Moderate Level Hike. The southbound PCT trailhead is at the right angle turn and heads east, then south. We pass through the headwaters of Summit Creek, which has innumerable riparian flowers most of the year. We climb steeply for about 1/2 mile on granite talus, then more gradually along rocky protrusions. This part of the hike has panoramic views looking down on Lake Mary, out toward Van Norden meadow and the Pacific Crest. The Judah loop Trail branches to the left, climbs, and goes along a very large wet meadow on the north shoulder of Mt Judah. It continues upwards and eventually reaches the long spine of Mt Judah, our lunch site. Here, there are spectacular panoramic views in all directions. Competing with the views is the incredibly diverse collection of wild flowers so typical of volcanic soil. We descend on the south shoulder overlooking Roller Pass, then head back along the PCT through a forest of large red firs until we reach the point where the trail branched. The climbs, except for the first one, are mild to moderate.

Directions to the Pacific

Crest Trailhead (PCT): Get off I 80 at the Donner Pass Road exit, and follow Donner Pass Road past Donner State Park and along the north shore of Donner Lake. Continue upward to Donner Pass. Just after Donner Pass there is a potholed road on the left between the Sugar Bowl Academy and a decrepit building. Follow it about 100 yards to where it makes a sharp right and leads to some parking spots. *Do not park at the Sugar Bowl Academy* but just to the south of their paved parking lots are some unpaved areas that can be used for overflow parking.

Coldstream August 4th from 9:30 to 12:30

About: Mild to Moderate level hike. Participants will head into Coldstream on roads. After we have entered the canyon, we take the first right fork, cross the UP tracks and pick up the Emigrant Trail which heads west and climbs moderately along a ridge, providing panoramic views of Coldstream Canyon and the Pacific Crest. The trail then descends to the horseshoe bend of the railroad track, which we cross and then follow dirt roads through meadows, woods, and along, Coldstream creek and ponds. The last part of the road follows Coldstream Creek and is probably one of the Emigrant routes.

Where to Meet: Meet at Donner Park between the Chevron and Union Gas Stations.

South Eastern Martis Valley June 9th from 9:30 to 12:30

About the Hike: Moderate Level Hike. On the way in we will follow gently to moderately climbing dirt roads on the south side of a large cirque, until where we reach the location where Place County plans to put 1300 residences under the new Martis Valley Plan. Here we will stop for a few minutes to talk about alternatives to this proposal.

Time permitting, we will then go up to a knob on the east end of the cirque for spectacular views of eastern Martis valley and the Carson range. We will then descend on trails that are steeper than the way we came up so it would be good to bring a walking stick. The descending trail goes through forest, meadows, aspen groves and along a stream. You will get to see a site where intrepid cyclists hurtle their bikes across the stream. Just before we get back to the trailhead we will take a look at a lush wet meadow that was saved from development by MAPF,

Placer County Fair Tickets Now On Sale

PLACER COUNTY – If you love a good, exhilarating, upside-down, carnival ride, then you will want to save money and avoid standing in line at the Placer County Fair. Carnival discount coupons are now available for the annual Fair, June 21-24. For parents, the coupons, which can be used for all-you-can-ride wristbands, are a great way to go for kids with an unlimited appetite for

the spectacular rides. The wristband, which costs \$25 during the Fair, can be purchased until noon on June 21 for just \$20. The wristbands are good for any one day of the Fair.

All Grandstand events taking place in the All American Speedway require tickets, which are also available in advance. Tickets for Smash Mouth, appearing on Thursday are \$20 and

MMA fights on Friday are \$50 ringside and \$30 general admission. The Open Wheel Spectacular races on Saturday and the 200 Lap Enduro on Sunday are \$13. All tickets include Fair admission.

The Placer County Fair Office is located at 800 All America City Blvd. in Roseville. For more information visit www.PlacerCountyFair.org or call (916) 786-2023.

<p>Thurs, 6/14: Salute to the Red, White & Blue presented by U.S. Army</p>	<p>Fri, 6/15: Family Sleepover Pillowcase Giveaway (Tot 2,500 Fans)</p>	<p>Sat, 6/16: Fin Fest - Tribute to Jimmy Buffet Pre-game Block Party @ 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Sun, 6/17: Father's Day BBQ BBQ Tool Set Giveaway (Tot 2,500 Fans)</p>
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of American classics including "Star Spangled Banner," Gershwin and Ellington tunes, music of famed movie composer John Williams, plus a musical salute to our armed services, and more!

Bring blankets and lawn chairs to relax on the grass at this scenic outdoor amphitheater. Pack a picnic basket or purchase food

from local vendors to enjoy while listening to these talented performers.

For more information, go to www.agiftoftheheart.org or call (530) 823-8330. This 3rd annual FREE concert will be held on June 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. at the Auburn Library Garden Theater, 350 Nevada Street in Auburn.

Agencies and Conservation Groups Receive \$4.6 Million for Healthy Forest Projects

LONE PINE – Approximately \$4.6 million in grant awards for work to restore Sierra Nevada forests to ecological health and prevent damaging forest fires was approved June 7th by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Governing Board during its quarterly meeting in Lone Pine (Inyo County).

The funding is from Proposition 84, passed by California voters in 2006. "Many of our forests are in such poor ecological health that in many instances they are at high risk of being overrun by catastrophic wildfire," said SNC Executive Officer Jim Branham. "These projects will go a long way toward reducing that threat and protecting our watersheds, as called for under Prop. 84 guidelines."

Since its creation in 2004, the SNC has awarded approximately \$45 million for Prop. 84 projects in the Sierra. For this grant round, the SNC received nearly 200 initial requests, but due to funding constraints, only 25 projects were approved by the Board. Federal, state and local government agencies, as well non-profit organizations, will receive the funding. One of the projects:

- Auburn – American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break, \$146,690. Hand removal of fuel loads on 60 acres in steep terrain, protecting the city of Auburn and the American River watershed from the impacts of catastrophic fire.

The board also approved guidelines for the 2012-13 round of Prop. 84 grants, which will be focused on the preservation of

ranches and agricultural lands.

The request for pre-application proposals is expected to be available on the SNC's Web site later this month. About the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Governing Board.

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada region. In its first eight years, the SNC, which receives no general fund tax dollars, has awarded approximately \$45 million in grants for projects including fuels reduction, conservation easements and acquisitions, and watershed and habitat restoration. To view a map of project locations to date, visit the SNC's Grants Web page.

PCWA Assists Local Water Purveyors

AUBURN – Financial assistance grants to five local community water purveyors were approved Thursday (June 7) by the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors.

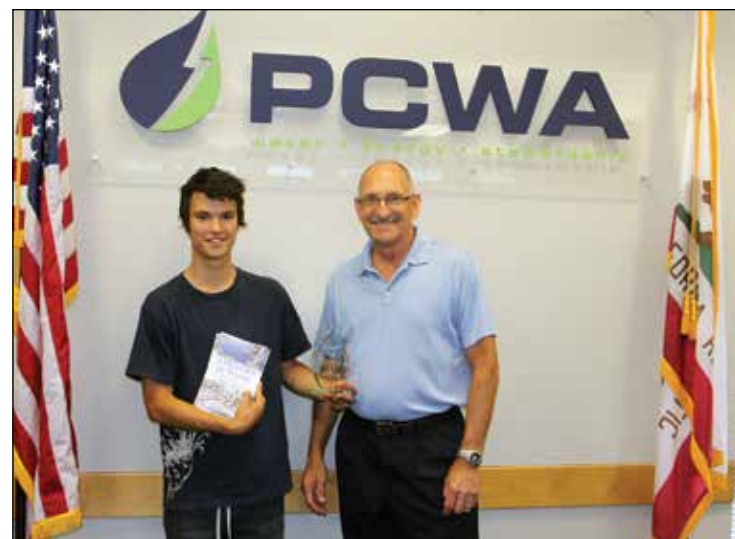
The 2012 grants include:

- \$10,000 to the Christian Valley Community Services District to complete a site study for a new water storage tank. The amount was a re-grant of 2011 funds.
- \$4,500 to the Foresthill Public Utility District for a cost of service/water rate study update.
- \$8,000 to the Heather Glen Community Services District to assist with a water storage tank design and construction project.
- \$10,000 to the Squaw Valley Public Service District for a location study for a water system intertie between the district and the Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company.
- \$12,500 to the Tahoe City Public Utility District for an engineering feasibility report for a regional water treatment plant that would supply water through a nine-mile area along the western shore of Lake Tahoe.

PCWA Director of Financial Services Joseph Parker said that over the past 20 years, PCWA has granted over \$1.6 million in financial assistance to local agencies in eastern and western Placer County.

In other business, PCWA directors:

- recognized Del Oro High School junior Pierre Beauchamp for his accomplishments in aquaponics, a way of growing plants that combines aquaculture (the raising of aquatic animals) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water). Beauchamp, who built



PCWA Recognizes Local Youth. Del Oro High School junior Pierre Beauchamp was recognized Thursday (June 7) by the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors for his accomplishments in aquaponics. Pierre is pictured with PCWA Board Chairman Mike Lee who presented him with a plaque and book. The young man earlier was named recipient of a Busch Gardens/Sea World 2012 Environmental Excellence Award of \$10,000 for his efforts to educate people about sustainable food production.

the system in his home greenhouse, is now working to build a similar system for the Del Oro High School greenhouse that will be used to grow food for the school's cafeteria and culinary arts program. PCWA Board Chairman Mike Lee presented Beauchamp with a plaque and copy of the PCWA book, "Heritage of Water."

- agreed to review the agency's policy for temporary water service to allow home inspections in connection with real estate short sales. The board recently revised policy on service to foreclosure sales. The review was requested by a local real estate agent.

- agreed to continue the agency's four-year partnership with The Auburn Journal in the production of the annual "Fire and Water" newspaper section, which promotes fire safety, stewardship and water efficiency. PCWA's

sponsorship will continue at the \$3,000 level.

- heard updates on the state planning process for the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta from General Manager David Breninger, legal adviser Janet Goldsmith and Director of Strategic Affairs Einar Maisch. Agency officials continue to focus on the protection of local water resources as state planners seek more water for the Delta.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, 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.

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