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Placer County Residents have Become Sick from West Nile Virus



West Nile Virus reports continue to surface throughout Placer County.

Placer County – Two more Placer County residents have become ill from West Nile virus (WNV). The two residents live in Roseville and Lincoln. These mark the second and third detected cases this year of the mosquito-borne disease. Both individuals are recovering at home. In August, another Roseville resident was diagnosed with the first WNV case in the county this year.

So far this year in California, there have been 34 counties where the disease has been detected and there have been 45 human cases statewide, including one fatality in Fresno County. Positive dead birds have been found in 25 counties and nine counties have had horses diagnosed with the disease. In 2009, there were no human cases reported in Placer County. In 2008, there were six.

“Even though summer is winding

down, mosquitoes are still active and human infections with West Nile virus are not unusual at this time of year,” said Dr. Mark Starr, Placer County Director of Community Health and Clinics. “This disease is preventable if people follow a few simple precautions. First, avoid the outdoors in the morning or evening when mosquitoes are most active. If you’re going to be outside at those times, cover yourself and use an effective mosquito repellent. In addition, check your window and door screens, and drain standing water as it provides a place for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.”

Most people who are infected with West Nile virus will not become ill. However, for certain populations, the disease can cause serious illness and death. About 20 percent of those infected with WNV may experience mild to moderate flu-like symptoms,

called West Nile fever, which may be prolonged. About one in 150 people will become very ill. People over 50 and people with suppressed or compromised immune systems are more likely to become seriously ill. West Nile virus is rare, but people with symptoms, including high fever, severe headache and stiff neck, should contact their health care provider immediately.

The Placer County Health and Human Services Department and the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District offer the following reminders and information about preventing the spread of West Nile virus:

- Drain standing water weekly, since that’s where mosquitoes lay eggs. Check your yard for water in old tires, flowerpots and bird baths.
- Avoid mosquito bites by staying indoors at dusk and dawn when

mosquitoes are most active, and assure that your window screens are in good condition.

- If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear long sleeves and long pants, and use an insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

- If you know of swimming pools that are not maintained and become “neglected” report them to the District at (916) 380-5444. These pools are ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

- Concerned residents may also request an inspection of a property or report a dead bird online through the District’s website: <http://www.placermosquito.org> or by calling the District at (916) 380-5444.

- As dead birds are a surveillance tool to help track West Nile virus, you are encouraged to report them by calling the California WNV hotline at 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473), or online at www.westnile.ca.gov.

- Horses are vulnerable to West Nile virus, and the mortality rate for unvaccinated horses is very high. Contact your veterinarian about protective immunizations. West Nile does not spread between humans and horses.

Placer County residents with questions about West Nile virus can call Placer County Community Health at 530-889-7141, or visit www.westnile.ca.gov. If residents have questions about mosquitoes, are having mosquito problems, or need mosquito fish, they should call the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District at 916-380-5444 or visit the District’s website at www.placermosquito.org.

Sentinel and eVoter Partner to Link Placer Voters to Election Day Information



Auburn – The Placer Sentinel and eVoter (www.evoter.com) announced today, September 21st, 2010, a partnership that connects local area voters to polling place locations, election information, candidate profiles and endorsements prior to Election Day on November 2nd.

eVoter is a non-partisan website that allows voters to directly interact with candidates and access accurate, up-to-date information to make informed decisions on Election Day. From statewide races to local county and municipal races, eVoter provides voters with a list of every candidate on their ballot.

The Placer Sentinel has launched an online service that directs voters to their personalized sample ballot information, powered by eVoter, at www.PlacerSentinel.com

“Our readers are politically active in Auburn and Placer County. They are motivated to vote and are using the Internet to search for information on local elections,” said Paul V. Scholl, publisher of the Placer Sentinel and the Messenger Publishing Group. “eVoter is a unique resource that they will be able to use and appreciate.”

“We’re pleased to announce this partnership that allows us to serve the Placer Sentinel and its sophisticated and inquisitive readership,” said Adam Kravitz, CEO of Political Technologies LLC, owner of eVoter. “eVoter will help them get information to make informed decisions on Election Day.”

eVoter allows voters to locate their polling place, generate and print a customized sample ballot,

after reviewing candidate profiles and organizational endorsements. In order to reach these motivated voters who are actively looking for information, candidates can purchase a customizable profile at a low cost and organizations can publicize their endorsements for free.

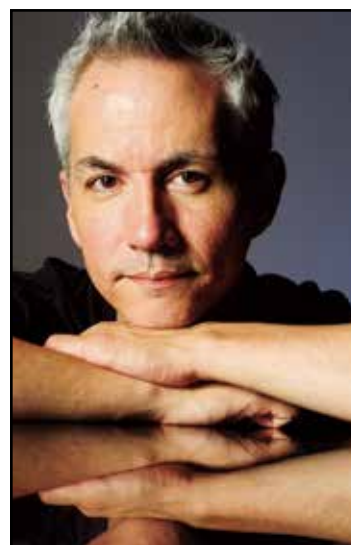
Candidates or organizations that are interested in creating a profile should visit PlacerSentinel.com and click on “Visit eVoter.com” in the eVoter search box or call (866) 976-0555.

eVoter is the unbiased, non-partisan election information site where voters can generate a personalized sample ballot instantly, view candidate profiles, make contributions, view organizational endorsements, find polling places, and more. Owned by Political Technologies LLC, eVoter is designed to provide voters with concise unbiased information on every candidate and measure on their ballot.



Register to Vote!

Calling All Singers of All Ages and All Levels of Ability and Experience!



Michael Gott, world-renowned vocal coach, singer, pianist, songwriter

Auburn - Here’s an opportunity to take a singing workshop with world-renowned vocal coach, singer, pianist, songwriter Michael Gott, on Saturday, September 25th at the Foothill Center for Spiritual Living in Auburn. The all-day “Sing Out” workshop begins at 10 am, includes lunch and the option for every workshop singer to perform under Michael’s direction that night



in a concert to benefit the hungry in this area by supporting the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet.

Michael Gott is a performer you won’t soon forget. From his background in such disparate musical disciplines as gospel, pop, opera, musical theater, classical piano and jazz, he has developed his own unique and exciting performance style. He has been compared to many of the greats, but Michael is truly an original. His 10th album of music called “Amazing Things” was released this past summer. Recently sharing the stage with the likes of Wayne Dyer, Dr. Deepak Chopra and Marianne Williamson, he is just the right musical director to create an entertaining evening.

With only volunteer staff that come from local sponsoring churches, the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet non-

profit’s main purpose is to provide nutritious food to individuals and families who do not have sufficient resources to purchase it themselves. This group includes low income workers, seniors, disabled, unemployed, homeless, and people in transition in Placer County.

The “Sing Out” Concert singers will perform on stage with Michael. They are the attendees of the “Sing Out” workshop creating the event during the day at the workshop. The concert begins at 7 pm, at the Foothill Center Spiritual Living, 2945 1st St., Auburn, CA 95603, ticket price, concert only is \$15. There is still time to “Sing Out” with Michael Gott against hunger. The day-long workshop costs \$50 which includes lunch. Call the Center today at 530-823-6986 to make reservations for both events.

Vintage Trailer Show Rolls into Auburn



1959 Travelze is one of the many models at the Auburn show.

Auburn – If you have ever been seduced by the siren call of the road, this weekend you’ll get a chance to see how the early nomads of the highways found comfort as they traveled. Some 35 old-school trailers will be setting up an overnight camp in the

Juror’s parking lot at Auburn Folsom Rd. and Lincoln Way for Old Town Auburn’s Vintage Trailer Classic.

This free event will be open on Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and all trailers will be open for viewing. The show is

sponsored by the Old Town Business Association and Carpe Vino, and will include more than a dozen Airstream trailers, the iconic “silver bullet” rigs that first appeared on American highways in the 1930s. Other fully restored trailers include brands such as Shasta, Boles Aero, Silver Streak, Argosy, Streamline, Airfloat and many more.

“So many people love these old rigs,” said Gary Moffat, organizer of the event, “and this is an unusual opportunity to get an up-close look at a wide spectrum of restored trailers, many of which are more than 50 years old.”

The oldest trailer on display is a 1937 Gypsy Caravan Teardrop, a compact little unit with just enough room to sleep two adults, with a pop-up kitchen unit. In contrast, a 2010 American Teardrop from American River Sales in Auburn will set up.

For more information, go to www.vintagehighway.com.

Auburn Senior Health Fair 7th Annual Auburn Area Democratic Club Gala



Come join us and enjoy the Auburn Senior Health Fair!

Auburn – “Hats Off to Your Health” is the theme for the 17th annual Auburn Senior Health Fair to be held Thursday, October 7 at the Gold Country Fairgrounds. The

festivities at this highly anticipated event will begin at 9am and continue through lunch until 1pm.

Attendees can receive FREE flu vaccinations, as well as choose

from over a dozen FREE Health Screening tests. Placer Independent Resource Services is sponsoring “Tools for Living”, an assistive technology Expo featuring step in bathtubs, seat lift chairs, walkers, special telephones and other aids to daily living. In addition, over 30 vendors will be there providing free information about the products and services available in our area to help seniors maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Entertainment will be provided by Auburn’s Pacific Standard Time barbershop quartet beginning at 10:00am followed by the Gold Country Band at 11:00am. This year Friends Forever, a cat sanctuary, will have companion cats and kittens on hand for adoption to good homes and a delicious, healthy lunch by Tsuda Delicatessen will be available for just \$5. Dust off your favorite hat and come join us at the Fair!

For additional information and vendor registration go to Events at www.auburnrec.com



William and Lorna Bergen at 2009 Annual Auburn Area Democratic Club Gala

Auburn – Latitudes Restaurant hosts the Auburn Area Democratic Club’s Annual Gala Wine and Food Reception for Democratic Candidates on October 3rd at 2:00 P.M. The community is invited to join us in this 7th Annual celebration. It is an opportunity to meet the candidates which will

carry our Democratic agenda forward while enjoying the finest food and wine and beer Auburn has to offer all in the lovely setting of Latitudes bistro and patio.

Admission to the Gala is \$35 and includes gourmet appetizers, tickets for two free glasses of wine or beer and many surprises. The net proceeds of the Gala go to AADC and funds will be sent directly to the candidates we support to represent us both locally and nationally.

In addition to great camaraderie and food, an eclectic collection of desirable silent auction items will be offered for bid during the Gala. Auction items include travel, lodging, art, music, jewelry, local services and much more.

The Auburn Area Democratic Club’s Gala Celebration brings together friends from near and far.

Our wonderful Master of Ceremonies is local Auburn Attorney, Mr. Barry Zimmerman. It is a lot more fun for us to demonstrate support for our political processes and candidates among friends, food and frivolity.

Tickets are limited in number so guests are encouraged to reserve their tickets soon. However, tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Please contact Pat at 916 663-6663 or email aadctreasurer@yahoo.com for tickets. You can also send a check for the number of tickets you’d like, along with your address and phone number to AADC P.O. Box 6851 Auburn, CA 95604. These tickets will be held at will-call.

For additional information on the Gala or on becoming a member of AADC, please call 916-6663 or visit the AADC web site at www.auburn-democrats.com.

More Than 100 Chickens Rescued from Animal Hoarder

Birds to be featured on Animal Planet’s Confessions: Animal Hoarding series in January 2011

Grass Valley – Animal Place, an education center and sanctuary for farmed animals, has come to the aid of 140 distressed roosters, hens, and chicks, all living at the northern California home of a man unable to properly care for them.

On September 9, Animal Place staff spent more than four hours carefully removing the birds from hand-built enclosures inside the home of a hoarder who is to be the subject of a new documentary series produced by Animal Planet called Confessions: Animal Hoarding.

“Although these birds were well-fed, they were living in unhealthy conditions without enough space and breeding uncontrollably,” says

Marji Beach, education manager for Animal Place. “They were allowed in and out of the house, which created a health hazard for both the birds and the human occupant.”

At Animal Place, these birds will be treated the same way a dog or cat at a rescue facility would be treated. They will be checked over for health problems, provided a safe place to live, and then placed into adoptive homes. “We don’t see any moral difference between a dog or a chicken — every needy animal deserves to be helped,” says Beach, who adds that the sanctuary is eager to get the roosters into permanent homes and will even transport them throughout the country. “These are some of

the gentlest, sweetest birds we’ve worked with,” she says. “Considering they were practically wild, defending themselves from rats and hawks, it’s amazing how much they just want to take care of each other.”

For more information about adopting, please contact Marji Beach at (530)798-5114, or email marji@animalplace.org.

About Animal Place

Animal Place is a nonprofit sanctuary for abused and discarded farmed animals with locations in Grass Valley and Vacaville, California. Since 1989, Animal Place has been taking in farmed animals who have been abused or neglected and have no place else to go. Animals rescued from auctions and stockyards and animals used in research also make up the many animals who share 590 acres of forest, meadow and pasture, peacefully living out the remainder of their lives. Animal Place also operates Rescue Ranch, a 60-acre facility in Vacaville. In addition to providing the day-to-day care of animals, Animal Place is an advocacy organization offering farm tours, volunteer training and outreach activities. More information on the sanctuary can be found online at www.animalplace.org.

Pyronauts in N. Auburn Friday Night!



Auburn - Auburn’s own radical surfer dudes, The Pyronauts, are putting on a concert at Beach Hut Deli on Friday, September 24th. The all surf music/family friendly show starts at 7pm, is \$10 at the door, and is open to all ages! Joining The Pyronauts will be Frankie & The Poolboys from San Francisco as well as Slacktone (from LA) just back from a tour of Europe!

The Pyronauts, Slacktone, Frankie & The Poolboys 7-10pm, \$10, All Ages Beach Hut Deli 4035 Grass Valley Highway Auburn, California 95602 (530) 889-8486 www.thepyronauts.com

KidZKount to Tee off

Auburn - Placer Community Action Council, Inc. was created in 1959 and is a 501(c)(3) non profit corporation. We proudly serve children prenatal through 5yrs and their families in the Head Start, Early Head Start, and State Preschool programs.

KidZKount envisions a future in which children and families are the nation’s top priority. KidZKount is recognized for offering services that enrich children’s development through self-discovery, extraordinary environments and healthy, enjoyable experiences. We are guided by a Reggio Emilia inspired approach to teaching, learning and reflection that promote family engagement in their children’s development, the program and the community. We invite staff to participate in relationship based reflective practices, and health and wellness activities. Our teachers are

fully engaged, focused and have the time and space to reflect. They bring joy into teaching and help children to enter kindergarten with an enthusiasm to learn.

Please join us at the 8th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, October 4, 2010 hosted by Auburn Country Club. We have several opportunities in which to participate.

- Participating in the tournament
- Donation for the opportunity drawings
- Donation for Silent Auction
- Cash Donation

Please call or Mr. Wojcik at 530-878-2773 or Mr. Thomas at 530-888-0784 for details and a golf application.

For donations, please make all checks payable to KidZKount. If you wish to donate items for the opportunity drawings you may drop

them off at the High Street office or call 530-886-4100 and someone will be happy to pick them up for you. Catch us on www.kidzkount.com.

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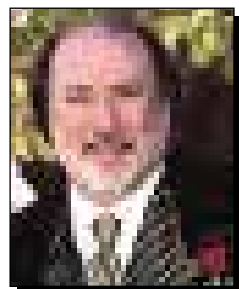
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For more information please visit www.First5Placer.org or call (530) 745-1413.

Placer County Budget Updates

Placer County - The Placer County Board of Supervisors received a mix of gloomy news about bleak economic conditions and encouraging reports about how well the county is handling them during budget workshops Aug. 18-19.

The gloomy news focused on ongoing revenue losses caused by the economic downturn and state budget crisis.

The encouraging news came during reports from departments on what they are doing to reduce expenditures while preserving vital public services. Many departments briefed the board on innovative approaches they are using to cut costs, bring in new revenue and maximize the use of county resources.

Public Works Director Ken Grehm told the board that departments have reduced transportation costs by about \$1.3 million over the last few years by using fewer vehicles, driving fewer miles, switching to more energy-efficient vehicles and using car pooling.

County Veterans Services Officer Rick Buckman reported that his office obtained more than \$22 million in benefits for veterans during the 2008-09 fiscal year. Placer County's total was the highest for any other county in the state.

Despite the economic challenges, the Health and Human Services Department continues to serve residents by doing more with less. The demand for food, medical and other assistance offered by the department is up because of the recession. The

department's staffing ratios are down: from 2.43 filled positions for every 1,000 Placer County residents during the 2006-07 fiscal year to 1.85 filled positions for 2010-11.

Dr. Richard Burton, the county's director of health and human services and public health officer, told the board approximately \$15 million of the department's revenue is at risk in the state's budget deliberations.

The board met for more than 11 hours Aug. 18-19 to get a detailed breakdown on the proposed budget. The board is scheduled to adopt a final budget on September 28th.

"Our entire staff, county-wide, deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the excellent level of service they deliver in these tough economic times," noted Kirk Uhler, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Many of California's counties are in the midst of deep budget crises.

"By virtue of actions of this board and previous boards, as well as CEO staff, Placer County has a budget that's in balance," Chairman Uhler said. "Despite the challenges we've faced, we have been able to avoid large-scale layoffs while maintaining high levels of public protection and other vital county services."

Over the last 2 1/2 years, Placer County has laid off only about 15 employees, and those layoffs were due to reduced workloads caused by the construction industry slowdown.

Supervisor Robert M. Weygandt emphasized that the recession has tested a budget process developed by

Placer County over many years. "And, essentially it worked. I think we should be proud of that," he said. "The key is to focus on the longer term: five years out and even more to the extent we can."

Despite its budget challenges, Placer County continues to make progress on important capital projects.

During the past year, it opened a new interchange at Highway 65 and Sunset Boulevard, completed the renovation and expansion of the Colfax Library, and opened a new fire station in rural Lincoln.

The county currently is building a new jail in South Placer, a new library in Rocklin and a transit center in Tahoe City and is widening Auburn Folsom Boulevard in Granite Bay.

Work will get under way soon on other important projects, including a seismic retrofit and paint job on the Foresthill Bridge. Public Works also is about to begin final design work on the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project.

During the budget workshops, Grehm also reported that Placer County has been designated as lead agency on the Placer Parkway, a road that someday will link Highway 65 with Highways 99 and 70 in Sutter County. Construction will not begin for years, but the county hopes to begin planning and environmental review work on the project's first phase by the end of the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Auburn 49er Lions Take First Prize



49er Lion Linda Shuman-Prins driving the prize-winning wagon.

Photo by Lion Val Buonincontri

Auburn - On Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, the city of Auburn brought back an event that was launched in August of 1982, the Funk Box Derby. A spin-off of the Soap Box Derby, wacky and fun racers coast down the hill, in the form of pink flamingos, cupcakes, rockets, gas pumps, mining cars, and whatever creative ideas

come to mind.

This Sunday, the Auburn 49er Lions Club garnered the first place prize with their creation of a Conestoga wagon, pulled by two black horses. Driving the team of horses was a 6 foot tall 49er Lion, wearing jeans and sporting a long mane.

The team responsible for this entry

includes David Brown, Doug Cagle, Chuck Parcher, Ray Arnold, Carl Wagner, Linda Shuman-Prins, and Lindalee Talso. It took these 49er Lions Club members three days to work their funky magic. They started with a lawn tractor and used wood, cardboard and Styrofoam insulation to complete their creation. It also took the efforts of 49er Lion Linda Shuman-Prins, hidden within the wagon, to maneuver the cumbersome vehicle down the road. The collective efforts were worthwhile, for at the end of the fun-filled, wacky contest, the Auburn 49er Lions Club took home the "Best of Show" trophy.

The Auburn 49er Lions have served the Auburn community for 41 years. If you would like to learn more about this wacky group, contact auburn49erlions@gmail.com.

Placer County Hosts 12 Prescription Drug Take-Back Locations

Auburn - The Coalition for Placer Youth is organizing a county-wide prescription drug "take-back" event on Saturday, September 25, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is part of a national effort to prevent increased pill abuse and theft by collecting expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Equally important is keeping these medications from being disposed of into the sewer system. Any prescription or over-the-counter medications can be turned in at 12 locations across Placer County. The prescription take-back event is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. It is being staged in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, Placer County Environmental Engineering, Placer County Health and Human Services and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

"Abuse of prescription drugs to get high has become increasingly prevalent among teens and young adults," said Roseville Police Chief Michael

Blair. "This event gets unwanted pharmaceuticals out of medicine cabinets where they can end up in the wrong hands." Lincoln Police Chief Joel Neves added, "The goal is simple, to safely remove unwanted prescription drugs and narcotics from the community. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity."

According to the DEA, rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. A majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

"Prescription drug abuse is the Nation's fastest-growing drug problem, and take-back events like this are an indispensable tool for reducing the threat that the diversion and abuse of these drugs pose to public health," said Director of National Drug Control Policy Gil Kerlikowske.

DEA studies show that every day,

on average, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time and 63% of teens believe that prescription drugs are easy to get from friends' and family's medicine cabinet. This take-back event provides a safe, confidential way to get rid of unneeded prescriptions drugs and help cut back on the amount of prescription drugs available to those who may abuse them.

In addition, many people do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away - both potential safety and health hazards. Bringing prescriptions to one of the local take-back locations ensures that they will be disposed of properly. Participants are asked to remove labels from the bottles, or to make any personal information (i.e. name, address, phone number, birth date) unreadable for privacy reasons.

See ad on page 9 for locations.

Sons in Retirement Luncheon Meeting

Auburn - The members of Branch 37 of Sons in Retirement (SIR) will meet on Thursday, October 7 at the Elks Lodge at 195 Pine Street in Auburn. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon following a no-host social hour that is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM, but earlybirds with a thirst may be served earlier. Once again the members of SIR Branch 37 will be treated by an informative and entertaining

talk following Chef Chuck's inimitable sauerbraten and sausage.

The guest speaker will be James Waste, retired CIA Covert Case Officer. Mr. Waste made 43 trips to his mission areas during his 23 years of service. One major unclassified accomplishment was his role in coordinating diplomatic issues between former Soviet Eduard Shevardnadze and former Secretary of State George

Schultz.

Non-members are invited to the meeting to hear the talk that promises to be more interesting than any episode of MI 5 or 24. Interested men who are no longer engaged in work for financial reward are invited to attend. Interested men are invited to call Big Sir Tuk Tukloff at 886-8441 or Little Sir Charles Kinnison at 369-1672.

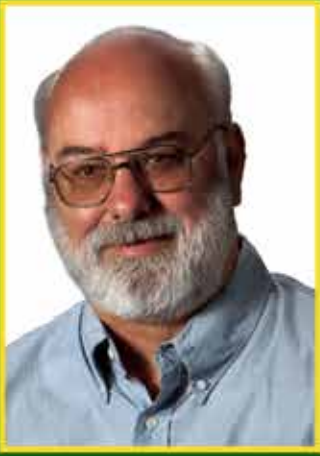
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Placer County Launches New Arts & Culture Brand

By Karen Killebrew, PlacerArts

Auburn - For over two years, Placer County Arts and Culture organizations have joined together in a unique collaboration to enhance, promote and encourage participation in the arts.

With the support of Placer Community Foundation, they have successfully employed a number of tools to bring greater attention to their programs, including using the same online calendar, joint outreach at community events, cooperative advertising and cross-promotion of events.

The results are striking. By the end of 2009, the organizations jointly experienced a 13% increase in audiences, in direct contrast to a 2009 report by the National Endowment for the Arts indicating the lowest public participation in arts and cultural events nationwide since 1982.

The NEA report reinforces the fact that, in a troubled economy, arts organizations are particularly vulnerable. And while this is no less true for arts organizations in Placer County, these local groups are taking proactive measures to weather the economic climate.

Motivated by a desire to raise awareness of the unique, quality arts experiences available in the region, the partner organizations recently engaged the Roseville firm Bouchard Communications to create an umbrella brand for the arts in Placer County.

The new brand, Placer Arts 360, carries the tagline "Experience Art in All Degrees" to convey the awe-inspiring and diverse lifestyle experiences, including nature, recreation, culture and heritage, food and wine that breathe life into arts experiences such as theater, ballet, music, fine art, children's theater and more.

Party with the Arts, which takes place on California Arts Day, Friday, October 1 at the Blue Goose Fruit Shed, is the formal launch of the Placer Arts 360 brand. The party includes live entertainment by Totally Tapioca, Mick Martin & the Blues Rockers and Sin City, along with a Placer County Food & Wine Showcase. All the arts groups will be on hand to provide information on their programs, demonstrations and brief on-stage vignettes.

The launch will be followed by a month-long "Cultural Cruise" in October, celebrating National Arts & Humanities month. A complete calendar of events may be found in Perspectives arts quarterly, or on the online calendar at PlacerArts.org.

The Placer Arts 360 organizations

are: Arts Council of Placer County (PlacerArts), Arts for the Schools, Auburn Community Concert Association, Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center, Auburn Symphony, Chamber Music Alive! Civic Theatre West, Lake Tahoe Music Festival, Lincoln Arts & Culture Foundation, North Tahoe Arts, Placer Theatre Ballet, Placer Theatre Productions, Rocklin Community Theatre, Roseville Arts! Blue Line Gallery, South Placer Heritage Foundation, Take Note Troupe, and Theatre Alive!

PlacerArts is the Arts Council of Placer County, a non-profit, public benefit agency, and the designated state-local partner of the California Arts Council for the County of Placer.





POPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

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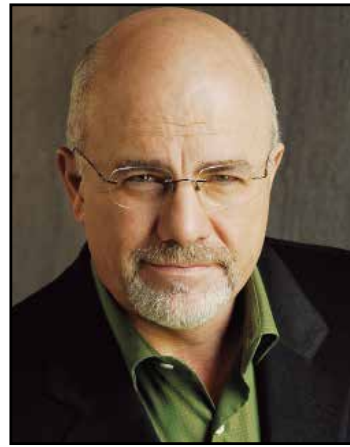
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Dave Says



Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert, popular national radio personality and the author of three New York Times bestsellers - *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace Revisited* and *More Than Enough*. In them, Ramsey exemplifies his life's work of teaching others how to be financially responsible, so they can acquire enough wealth to take care of loved ones, live prosperously into old age, and give generously to others.

The Car Rule

Dear Dave,
What's your rule of thumb about how much your car should

be worth in comparison with your income?

- Madea

Dear Madea,

Great question! My rule of thumb is that *all* of your vehicles—I'm talking about cars, trucks, boats and their Sea-Doo sisters, motorcycles, and anything else like this—should not total more than half your annual income.

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Now, I'm okay with it if you make \$300,000 a year and buy a \$20,000 car if you pay cash. That's like most people running out and buying a Happy Meal. It's just not a big deal!

- Dave

Do Rich People Need the Envelope System?

Dear Dave,

Do you ever reach a point in your plan where you stop budgeting or using the envelope system?

- Craig

Dear Craig,

I've been fortunate enough to build a net worth of several million dollars, and my wife and I never stopped doing either one. We still sit down together every month and plan out a written budget. Every dollar is spent on paper before the next month begins, and we follow it exactly. And I can promise that were you to look in my wife's purse, you'd find one of our deluxe envelope systems, just like we sell in our office bookstore. She carries it with her everywhere!

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- Dave

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Placer County – After a 3 year hiatus, the One Root Festival 2010 is scheduled for Saturday September 25th at the Royer Park Douglas Blvd and Park Ave off I-80 in Downtown Roseville. This free multi-cultural festival that starts from 11am to 7pm celebrates diversity in the Placer County and the Greater Sacramento region.

The theme for this year's event "All Together Now" marks the 10th year the festival organizers have been serving Food, Arts and Music from various cultures to the community at large.

Apart from food, arts, dance and music, One Root Festival's biggest highlight is the Youth Village where youth of all ages participate in hands-on art activities in a learning environment that enrich them on the knowledge of various other cultures. According to Anita Lowe, a long time Auburn resident and member of the One Root Festival Organizing

Committee, "The Youth Village is designed to reach out to these future leaders, introduce them to various cultures and help them be better informed citizens in our society."

Past years' food and art from different cultures came from various vendors representing Greek, Italian, Mexican, Congolese, Jamaican, Indian, Ethiopian, Polish, Russian, Chinese, Middle Eastern, African American, Native American, Japanese, Ghanaian, Korean, Hawaiian, Scottish, Filipino, Nigerian, and more.

This tenth year's theme "All Together Now" continues with the festival's tradition of three-word phrase to highlight another basic element of human connection in the community. The past nine themes since 1999 were "Sharing Common Ground," "We Are One," "Answer is We," "Unity Through You," "Path To Oneness", "Of One Seed", "Together in Unity", "World of One"

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One Root Festival is presented by Dunia United Congress, a local Californian 501 (c) 3 Non profit entity committed to building bridges and not walls in the community. Past sponsors include Hewlett Packard, NEC Electronics, Wells Fargo, Sacramento Bee, Gold Country Media, Confidential Document Control, SureWest Foundation, Arts Council of Placer County, Performing Arts of Roseville, City of Roseville, and many other local individual and businesses committed to the community cohesiveness.

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The 49er Lions are Doing it Again

Auburn – The Auburn 49er Lions Club was formed in 1969. For 41 years it has been serving the needs of the city of Auburn, holding assorted fundraisers and passing on the benefits to a variety of local organizations, including the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, the Student Speakers Program, the Boys and Girls Club of Auburn, the Lupus Foundation, and the Hospice of Auburn. A few more organizations who have benefitted from the efforts of the Auburn 49er Lions Club are the Auburn Symphony, the Auburn Volunteer Fire Dept., Habitat for Humanity, the Placer Independent

Resource Services (PIRS), and the Consolidated Fire Dept.

Well . . . the 49er Lions are doing it again.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, from 7 am to 2 pm, the 49er Lions Club will be hosting a giant Flea Market. The Auburn Gold Country Fairgrounds upper parking lot will be filled with a wide assortment of items that will make any shopper smile.

Spaces are still available. Venders may rent a 15'x30' space for \$35 each. Some spaces, 20'x40', rentable for \$50 each, are limited. For reservations, call 530-878-3888. Space choices are on a first-paid

basis. Vender set up is from 5:30 – 7 am.

The Auburn 49er Lions will be cooking burgers and hot dogs. They will also be selling donuts and beverages. There will be no other food vendors.

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An Attack on Religion and Counseling

By Dr. Joseph J. Horton

Does the state have the right to prevent people from training for particular careers because the state disagrees with their religious beliefs? U.S. District Judge George Steeh has made just such a ruling. Eastern Michigan University expelled Julea Ward from its master's program in school counseling because Ms. Ward refused to undergo a reeducation program to silence her beliefs and to keep her convictions in check when counseling.

The flashpoint was Ms. Ward's refusal to counsel homosexuals about relationships because such behaviors are not consistent with her religious beliefs. The dismissal of Ms. Ward's lawsuit could have a chilling effect on religious freedom. The threat goes far beyond the issue of homosexuality. If the government can determine that some beliefs make a person unfit for a profession, then anyone who has an unpopular belief can be denied the opportunity to practice his or her own profession. After all, if the government can determine that personal beliefs can make a person ineligible to train for a particular profession, what is there to stop the government from forcing people out of their existing profession? This ruling is a threat to everyone's freedom, no matter what one believes about homosexuality.

Judge Steeh ruled that Eastern Michigan had "a rational basis" for requiring students to counsel all possible clients. I will leave the

constitutional law questions for the legal scholars. My concern is for the counseling profession and clients.

While I am neither a clinical psychologist, nor a counselor, I do have some graduate training in clinical psychology. I am confident that Judge Steeh's ruling not only harms religious freedom, it will harm counseling and ultimately harm those who seek counseling. Proponents of the decision are attacking a belief system they find particularly odious, but they are also attacking the freedom of counselors to best meet people's needs.

The issue is whether a given counselor should counsel any and every client. Historically, the answer to this question has been that counselors should not counsel every possible client. We all have biases. Sometimes a personal bias, religious or otherwise, would prevent a counselor from providing the high quality, neutral service that fully respects the client and the client's right to self-determination. For example, I once heard a person who does marital therapy say that he did not counsel couples when the husband was physically abusive. This therapist believed that his strong negative feelings about abusive husbands would prevent him from counseling such couples well. The ethical approach for counselors in these situations is to refer clients to a therapist who will better meet their needs. To demand that counselors always be neutral regardless of their biases and

convictions is to demand superhuman abilities.

Ironically, then, Ms. Ward was striving to treat homosexual clients with integrity and respect for their right of self-determination. Knowing that she would not be able to be supportive of homosexual behavior and relationships, she sought to allow homosexual clients to seek therapy from counselors who would be supportive. In my opinion, had Ms. Ward counseled homosexuals about relationships, this would have been unethical, her clients would not have received the neutral help they needed, and they may have been harmed.

The state has no business determining which biases are so unsavory that they must be changed through reeducation and which are benign. In the counseling room, any bias on the part of a counselor has the potential to harm certain clients. Counselors and therapists need the ability to refer clients to another professional when a personal bias could affect the clients' treatment. Opponents of freedom of conscience may be able to use the power of the state to drive people with unpopular beliefs out of the counseling profession. However, the resulting profession will be less honest, less diverse, and less able to reduce human suffering

Dr. Joseph J. Horton is an associate professor of psychology at Grove City College and a researcher on Positive Youth Development with The Center for Vision & Values.

Chickens in Every Neighborhood?

Placer County Considers Zoning Amendment

Commentary
by Marilyn Jasper

Placer County – Placer County Board of Supervisors is about to vote on a zoning text amendment to allow chickens in urban or residential neighborhoods. Other jurisdictions across the United States have adopted "hen ordinances" to allow the raising of livestock in suburban or urban areas. On the surface, it seems to be a straightforward and positive movement, but the devil is in the details.

The County's amendment will affect residential land-use zoning which currently may not allow animal husbandry. The trend across the nation is to relax the distinction between rural and urban allowable land-use activities, but that is no comfort to those who want the amendment to be very clear regarding the requirements for keeping chickens.

Placer's proposed amendment has evolved from a three- to a six-hen limit, with no roosters allowed. Most likely, no one would object to a family's trying to become more self-sufficient, no matter where they live; but at the time of purchasing a home, zoning is accepted as law by homeowners. Some believe that since current residential zoning prohibits livestock rearing, then code enforcement should stop anyone from raising livestock in cities or residential zones. These homeowners believe chickens, rabbits, goats, pigs, etc., should be kept in agricultural or rural areas only, and not in their neighbors' backyards.

Other neighborhood homeowners might be fine with bringing small, generally quiet livestock into residential areas as long as there were codes or ordinances with strong, enforceable conditions to take care of that errant neighbor who won't follow the rules, doesn't contain the animals properly, creates odors from improper or no manure removal, and/or neglects or abuses the animals.

If the proposed zoning amendment is fraught with potential environmental impacts, then those should be revealed to the public and mitigated to less-than-significant levels. For example, rural agricultural areas usually consist of larger parcels where manure can be disposed or dispersed without polluting waterways. Livestock has room to roam and is allowed, especially with a "Right to Farm" policy in place.

However, in residential zones, there may be storm drains that lead directly into creeks and waterways. If even half of a small, 40-unit county subdivision has an average of 4 chickens each, 160 chickens will create a whole lot of manure. Potentially, all 40 units could have 6 chickens each—raising 240 chickens in an area where manure run-off was not planned could be problematic.

Added to potential pollution problems are wildlife concerns. No matter what the zoning, Placer County is still relatively rural. There are predators in neighborhoods, whose presence is generally unnoticed. However, once that fox, coyote, bear, raccoon, etc., finds the chickens or eggs, it is their meal ticket. Chicken feed is also attractive to deer and rodents (who also like eggs!).

Dealing with wildlife in a large rural setting is one thing, but dealing with it in an urban setting is entirely different. As we have seen in too many instances, the predator's presence results in cries of public safety. Unless level heads prevail, wildlife may be killed on the spot, or depredation permits may be issued. Either way, the wildlife usually ends up being killed. Even worse is when some homeowners resort to poisons or traps, which result in secondary kills (i.e., beneficial raptors) or unintended "catches" (i.e., domestic pets—cats and dogs).

Assuming some chickens may be raised for meat, how will they be killed, and how will the offal be disposed? When chickens raised for eggs are past their prime egg-production stage, how will they be treated? How will chickens that die of disease be disposed? Some will claim that if one neighbor can have chickens, why not allow small pigs or goats?

The County decided the "best approach was to keep the chicken hen regulations 'basic and simple' so that it would be consistent with how other types of animals are regulated..." Most citizens appreciate "basic and simple," unless it's so loophole-laden that obvious neighborhood conflicts will be created. Code Enforcement also reportedly supports a "basic and simple" approach in order to establish a "more enforceable set of regulations."

Unfortunately, "basic and simple" may be translated into "anything goes" and "nothing can be enforced." Code Enforcement has stated that they do not enforce violations that they observe, that only filed complaints are what they will respond to, which may become one of the fatal flaws with this zoning amendment.

"Simple" should not translate into a standard ordinance that leads to neighborhood conflicts and/or will place inordinate burdens on already overworked agencies. Instead of enforceable codes or ordinances, all too often the "simple" regulation results in the unacceptable response to a legitimate complaint of, "Sorry, the activity is not a violation of the code as written; it's a civil matter—litigate for relief."

When we know, or when we can reasonably predict, that a zoning amendment may cause conflicts, it behooves government officials to tackle the issue head on and resolve it early, before approval. Instead of "basic and simple," the zoning amendment should be thorough, comprehensive, and inclusive enough to minimize contentious interpretations.

Placer County may claim that the amendment does address problems (i.e., requiring chickens to be kept in properly designed, predator-proof enclosures, prohibiting slaughter, educating the public, etc.) because it mentions these issues. However, citizens have submitted multiple comments citing deficiencies and listing numerous other specific issues that must be addressed and spelled out for the sake of clarity.

Additionally, the onus of dealing with problems is dumped primarily in the lap of Animal Services, which already has experienced budget cuts

and has its hands full dealing with an abundance of unwanted animals, barking dog complaints and carcass removal. Will Animal Control officers have to mediate backyard livestock disputes with "basic and simple" as their only tool?

Across the country there are many instances where chickens were "fun" to raise, at first. However, once the novelty wears off, or the hens are spent, shelters have become inundated with calls to take in the unwanted chickens.

It would be wonderful if we could all become self sufficient with our food products. Due to the exposure of questionable practices in factory farm operations, increases in food recalls, and serious health concerns in both adults and children linked to diet, to mention just a few, it's no wonder citizens are trying to take responsibility for the quality of at least some of their food. Growing produce and/or raising livestock is not a problem in a farm or rural area. However, once farm animals enter city limits or county residentially zoned areas, the dynamics change.

Another contentious issue relating to its fiscal impacts deals with fees to obtain permits. Because it is obvious that the hen ordinance will create additional economic impacts to the county, it is reasonable to assess a fee to obtain a permit to have the chickens in a residentially zoned area. In fact, when the amendment was first proposed, a fee was a part of the package. Since the fee has been eliminated, that means all taxpayers will pick up a greater portion of the tab. A fee would help defer the costs associated with the activity and provide an opportunity to educate would-be chicken owners.

The time for a hen ordinance and zoning change may indeed be upon us, but only a responsible and well-thought-out approach should be approved. The current proposal is a far cry from being acceptable on many levels. Whether concerns are animal welfare, environmental impacts, fiscal costs to jurisdictions, health and safety issues (domestic animals, humans, or wildlife), or property rights (to have chickens or to have to put up with a neighbor's), this proposal needs to go back to the drawing board.

Comments were submitted to the county that brought up numerous other concerns not mentioned here which should be addressed. (see Staff Report to Planning Commission for July 22, 2010; another Staff Report should be forthcoming before the Board of Supervisors' hearing).

This issue is NOT about objecting to a land-use change; instead, it's about establishing clear regulations as to proper housing, sanitation, notice, and permitting for a zone amendment. It's about addressing and resolving potential problems adequately in regulations to reduce controversy later on. We know Placer County can and should do better than what is currently being proposed.

Marilyn Jasper, Chair, Public Interest Coalition, previously raised chickens for over ten years in rural Loomis.



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Larry Tracy Challenges Incumbents on ARD Board

Auburn - Businessman Larry Tracy, a former CEO in the worldwide electronic security industry and Christian Valley resident, is determined to give back to his community. He's decided to run for a seat on the board of the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD), and he's serious. "As a fiscal conservative, I am very concerned about wasteful spending," Tracy begins, "and I'm running for the ARD Board to apply my real world business experience to the District. It's time for Auburn Recreation District to examine its budget with a business perspective to avoid wasteful spending and improve programs and services." Tracy continued, "A recent editorial about the ARD board stated, 'The board needs to think bigger and act with more unity and professionalism.' I have extensive experience in cost reduction and how to get the most built for the least money. "For too long, the ARD Board majority has been stuck with a 'business as usual' attitude, which has led to costly decisions. Let's be more careful with taxpayer's dollars. I will

never approve an extravagant project just because it's 'standard procedure.'" Tracy quoted the conclusion of a newspaper article, "The recreation district now faces a near future with very little money in its capital fund for projects." For a number of years Tracy has been involved in restoring and preserving historic buildings. Since 2007 Tracy and his company have donated time and resources to provide security for the historic Spanish missions of California. His work has been honored with an appointment to the California Missions Foundation Board. How does that relate to ARD? Tracy again highlights his experience. "I've suggested low cost, practical changes to save money, protect the public, and reduce long-term liabilities — which can easily apply to ARD facilities." Asked about his contributions to the community, Tracy responded, "My wife and I raised our family in the Auburn area, actively supporting and participating in ARD programs. We feel really fortunate to live in such a great community, where we have helped bring

recreational and educational opportunities to local youth and adults." Tracy offered specifics. "When our son was in Little League and the snack bar at Beggs Field was broken into, I donated and installed a security system for the building. Then a local school needed vehicles for transporting students to athletic contests, and we found some used vans in Texas to meet their transportation needs. We also helped develop recreational facilities to reach an underserved group of kids." Tracy's campaign has two major objectives. In addition to applying sound business practices to the ARD budget process, he believes the district needs to "Ask our diverse community of users how ARD can meet your needs — now and in the future." Larry Tracy is serious about this, and he's willing to work hard to improve the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District. For more information, visit <http://www.larrytracy4ard.com>. Article provided by Stewart Feldman and the Larry Tracy for ARD campaign.

Mike Holmes Announces Plans to Honor Local Veterans

Auburn — On Monday night, September 20th, Auburn City Councilman Mike Holmes held his last fundraiser for his re-election campaign at Bootleggers Tavern and Grill in Old Town. The event drew a diverse group of supporters from Auburn and as far away as Rocklin. During his remarks, Holmes talked about his responsibility as a member of the Auburn City Council and emphasized that he was the only candidate who is a native of Auburn. He also announced plans to honor local veterans of World War II. "We are losing members of the 'Greatest Generation' at a rapid rate," Holmes noted, "and we need to recognize some of our local heroes. Tonight I am proposing we name the field at the Auburn Municipal Airport in honor of Colonel Clarence "Bud" Anderson, USAF

(ret), a triple ace in the European Theatre of Operations on World War II and was honored with induction into the Aviation Hall of Fame. Bud's legacy deserves some local recognition. We have the opportunity to commemorate his record of service with a lasting tribute." Holmes also announced "I am mounting an effort to raise some funds to send World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to visit the World War II Memorial." He intends to collect the names of WW II veterans in the Auburn area and ask for donations to send as many of them as possible to Washington, DC, to visit the Memorial on the National Mall. "I stand here in awe of the extraordinary accomplishments of these great Americans," Holmes concluded. "We owe them a debt of gratitude for our freedom and security."

Holmes' remarks were praised by the attendees. "I am sincerely grateful that Mike Holmes has suggested we honor these exceptional heroes," commented COL Mike Babich, USAF (ret) after the announcement. "I'm sure the Auburn community will appreciate and support these ideas." Mike intends to schedule meetings at local coffee shops and delis over the next few weeks for voters to voice their concerns and hear directly from him. To learn more about Mike and his campaign for Auburn City Council, visit his website at www.holmes4auburn.com.

Article provided by Stewart Feldman and the Mike Holmes for Auburn City Council Campaign.

Auburn Senior Health Fair and Auburn Community Festival

Auburn — We have two great events coming up next month, Auburn Senior Health Fair and Auburn Community Festival. There is still vendor space available for both. The Senior Health Fair Takes place Thursday October 7 from 9am to 1pm at the Gold Country Fairgrounds. The Community

Festival will be Saturday, October 16 from 10am to 4pm at Recreation Park. To download registration forms go to Events on the Auburn Recreation District website, www.auburnrec.com and click on the event that interests you.

AARP Plans Day Trip

Auburn - AARP Chapter 1474 is planning a day trip to "REDHAWK" casino on October 14., 2010, we have several pickup places around Auburn. The cost is \$25 and you get a bonus refund of \$15 on your player card and \$5 food credit. We play Bingo on the bus. If anyone is interested in joining us for a day of fun and a beautiful ride up highway 50. Please call Diane @ 889-1680 for more information and to reserve your seat.



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The Public Employee Union Scam

By Jarrett Skorup

Under the National Labor Relations Act, private-sector unions are allowed to extract dues and fees from workers if the employer agrees. The NLRA, passed in 1935 during Franklin Roosevelt's first term, does not, however, apply to public-sector employees—including state and federal workers—because the thinking was that this would over-politicize government and cause a conflict of interest between unions and politicians. In a Weekly Standard piece by professors Fred Siegel and Dan DiSalvo titled, "The New Tammany Hall," this problem is described:

Unlike private sector unions, the sheer number of workers represented is not the linchpin of [the public sector unions] influence. Private sector unions have a natural adversary in the owners of the companies with whom they negotiate. But public sector unions have no such natural counterweight. They are a classic case of "client politics," where an interest group's concentrated efforts to secure rewards impose diffused costs on the mass of unorganized taxpayers.

In the 1960s, many states began chipping away at the wall of separation between unions and public workers. In 1965, the Michigan Legislature revised the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA) to establish mandatory collective bargaining and exclusive representation for state and municipal government workers. This has caused the number of public-sector union employees to skyrocket.

A conflict of interest would be as follows: First, a government union elects politicians by funding their campaigns and organizing a massive get-out-the-vote drive; second, the politicians support employee pay increases, generous pensions, and condition of employment; third, the union takes dues (read: taxpayer money) and starts the cycle all over again for selected politicians.

At both the state and national level, public-sector union support for many Democrats has been well documented. One of the largest public-sector unions in the country, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has given over \$40 million to politicians since 1990, with more than 98 percent of that going to Democrats. The SEIU, AFL-CIO, and United Steel Workers have all promised big help in the coming election. In return, the Democratic Party has voted nearly lockstep with these unions' demands.

But political cronyism knows no party lines, and many Republicans likewise have been guilty here in Michigan.

In just the past year, the state has had several such instances. Last fall, nine Michigan Education Association-supported House Republicans nixed a 3 percent cost-saving plan for the school aid budget. In April, MEA-supported Senate Republicans watered down a modest bill that would "increase state and school employee payroll contributions to their pension system by 3 percent, cap pension 'service credits' at 30 years, and create a somewhat less generous defined benefit system for new school employees." At the same time, a union subsidiary of the SEIU pushed GOP Senators into coming up short on a vote that would have opened a prison to competitive bidding and privatized it, if privatization promised to save money.

Last August, one Republican state senator came under fire for introducing a bill that would have forced some 42,000 in-home health care workers into a union, sending approximately \$6.6 million in taxpayers' money to the SEIU in the form of "dues."

Unfortunately, what has happened in Michigan has taken place elsewhere in America.

The end game for these types

of relationships is already happening in our country's most public union-friendly states: in California, where budget gridlock has forced the government to issue IOUs and minimum-wage salaries to public officials, and in Illinois, where the governor has promised massive tax hikes combined with severe cuts to education. Both states have some of the highest tax rates in the country, and yet both face pension obligations that they cannot ever hope to pay.

These types of political dealings and financing may not be illegal, but they're still an offense to the political process. Politicians can take money from government-employee unions and then vote on legislation that directly improves the financial well-being of these entities. A possible quid pro quo exists that would not if public-sector unions were restricted from giving money to politicians.

Politicians granting unsustainable government-employee salaries, benefits, and pensions is a problem everywhere, but the states with the strongest public-sector unions will have the hardest time correcting the problem. More broadly, as long as these incestuous relationships between government unions and the political class remain in place and unchallenged, the size and scope of government will continue to grow.

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Wild Side of Auburn

The Auburn Recreation District (ARD) is again offering its Wild Side of Auburn program (with two new lecturers) this fall beginning September 23, 2010. A series of five lectures and audio-visual presentations will be held at Recreation Park from 7-9 PM on consecutive Thursday evenings. On the following Saturday, after each meeting, a guided field trip will take place within the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA).

The Wild Side of Auburn is suitable for all ages and designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the many features of the easily accessible American River and its canyons in Auburn's backyard.

Local authorities on the "wild side," including Terry Cook, Jim Ferris, Roger Groghan, Bill Mash, Mike Lynch, Joe Madeiros, Margie Peterson, and Laird Thompson, will cover topics ranging from hiking to geology and from flora and fauna to the history of the indigenous inhabitants

of the confluence area. The Wild Side includes volcanoes, earthquakes, civil strife and wild and scenic rivers.

Registration for this series is at ARD's Recreation Park office, 123 Recreation Drive, or on-line at auburnrec.com. Cost for five classes and five field trips is: \$65 resident and \$70 non-resident, without an ARD Passport to Better Health and Savings. With a passport (which can be purchased for \$5 at the time of registration if you don't already have one) the course cost is \$50 resident and \$55 non-resident, if you register in person at ARD. Additional members of the same family will receive a \$25 discount off the regular prices. These discounts will also apply if you wish to register at the first session (please arrive early).

For further information about the course or registration, call 530.885.8461.

Course Schedule

September 23:

Roger Groghan: *Native California culture and the natural world.*

Roger will focus on the way fire was used to manage the land, and how those practices may be applied to today's wild land management. Roger has a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in anthropology and has lived with his wife, Sue Groghan, in the foothills since 1975. His interests are in ecology, evolution and Native American culture. Roger and his wife are active volunteer members of Protect American River Canyons, the Canyon Keepers, the Placer Nature Center, and Friends of the River.

September 30:

Joe Madeiros: *Wild creatures great and small.*

The American River canyon is a vibrant example of numerous and flourishing Sierran plant communities. Joe describes the most obvious and some of the smallest ecosystems. From the tallest pine trees, beautiful oaks, and wildflowers to the tiniest Lilliputian rock habitats, our own canyon neighborhood provides endless opportunities for exploration and pleasure. Joe retired from Sierra College after 33 years of teaching botany, natural history, and ecology in California's community college system. Joe was a National Park Ranger and naturalist/guide for Nature Expeditions International. He is the 2009 recipient of Placer Land Trust's "Conservator of the Year" award.

October 8:

Jim Ferris: *Hiking on the Wild Side: Easy... Moderate... or Strenuous.*

This session will include the preview showing of a new 30-minute film "See ya on the trails," featuring videos and photos taken throughout the canyons, and focusing on some of the more popular hiking trails. Interviews with knowledgeable local residents are included in this documentary that should entertain, educate and inspire you. The presentation was developed

by Canyon Keeper and Foothill Hikers founder and organizer, Bill Mash, and sponsored by ARD, the Canyon Keepers and the Foothill Hikers. Ferris, who lives on the canyon's edge, is an avid hiker, the founder of the Canyon Keepers and currently a board member of the Auburn Recreation District (ARD). He is co-author of the book, "American River Canyon Hikes, Practical Guides to Trails in the Canyons of the North and Middle Forks American River." Margie Peterson, an expert on search and rescue and hiking safety, will also make a presentation at this session, which will be followed by questions and answers.

October 14:

Mike Lynch: *The history of the bridges near the confluence of the American River below Auburn*

Mike is arguably the most knowledgeable person alive regarding the history of the wild side of Auburn (aka ASRA). Mike retired as a supervising ranger at the Auburn State Recreation Area in 2004, with over 31 years of service, but has continued to work there part time and came out of semi-retirement and currently serves as the Auburn SRA park superintendent.

Mike, an author or co-author of five books, has made hundreds of presentations on local history over the last two decades, has written various articles on local history subjects, and is a legendary speaker (based on his knowledge and sense of humor). Mike is the recipient of many awards over the years for his association and services to a number of state, national and international peace officers organizations. Terry Cook, historian at the state capital and Canyon Keeper interpretive chair person, will lead a hike of the historic bridges below Auburn on Saturday, October 23.

Questions about course registration, call 530.885.8461. For questions regarding course content or instructors, call Jim at 530.885.3887 or Laird at 885.878.3606.

Local Events Calendar

Take in Artist's Beauty at Auburn Show!

Auburn – Local Rocklin artists will show their work at the Auburn City Hall show to be held September 1-30. The free Rocklin Fine Arts exhibit will be held at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn during regular business hours Monday thru Friday 8a.m.-5p.m.

The artists' reception will be held from 1-4p.m. Saturday, September 11. Meet the artists, talk about what you see, and enjoy refreshments. The works shown are in a variety of mediums - acrylics, oils, pencil, pastel, watercolors, ink and photo.

If you're interested in learning more about the Rocklin Fine Arts group, the group meets every third Friday of each month at 10a.m. at the Rocklin Sunset Center, 2650 Sunset Blvd. You don't have to live in Rocklin, or be a professional artist to join, although both are present in the lively membership. Guests are welcome. There are painting demonstrations from well-known local artists and lots of cultural conversation. For more information, go to www.rocklinfinearts.org.

2nd Annual KidsFirst Golf Classic

Lincoln – Please join KidsFirst (formerly the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Placer County) and our Honorary Tournament Chairs from Placer County; D.A. Elect Scott Owens, Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino- Mojica and Sheriff Ed Bonner as we "play a round" in the 2nd Annual KidsFirst Putting Fore Kids Golf Classic. All proceeds benefit KidsFirst and the vision that all children live in safe, healthy and nurturing homes. Our mission is to end child abuse in Placer County, and YOU can help! We'll see you on the links at Lincoln Hills Golf Club, 1005 Sun City Lane, Lincoln on Friday, October 1. Registration, \$125 per single golfer, is at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m.

Sponsorships start at \$100 with an Exclusive Title Sponsor \$3,000 (Limit 1). Lunch only is \$25. Register or sponsor at: www.kidsfirstnow.org or call Allen Archuleta, 916-772-2272.

Colfax Centennial Celebration

Saturday, Sept. 25

8AM: – Garden Club plant sale; **9AM-4PM:** quilt show, business fair, living history, model train displays, railroad film festival, rail car rides; live music; **12-2PM:** cupcakes served at depot; **4-7PM:** Centennial Dinner & silent auction; **7-9PM:** Victorian fashion show at Colfax Theater.

Sunday, Sept. 26

8AM: – Garden Club plant sale; **9AM-4PM:** quilt show, business fair, living history, model train displays, railroad film festival, rail car rides; live music; **12-2PM:** cupcakes served at depot; **4-7PM:** Centennial Dinner & silent auction; **7-9PM:** Victorian fashion show at Colfax Theater.

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Taming Our Toxic World

By Jeff Feldman

Lately I've been reminded of an old campfire skit. The leader is speaking calmly to the gathered campers when someone races in with arms flailing, shouting: "Help! Help! It's all around me!" The host reacts with genuine concern: "What's all around you?!" The intruder smiles, shrugs and replies nonchalantly: "The air."

Goofy, I know, but I've recently been experiencing that same feeling. Not about the air, but about chemical substances – 80,000 potentially toxic synthetic substances in current use in the U.S. of which only 200 or so have been safety tested by our government.

Under current law, chemical products are judged "innocent until proven guilty," rather than asking industry to research a substance's safety before companies put the stuff into the environment. It's just that sort of thinking that got us in trouble with DDT, dioxin, and PCBs – once "beneficial"

chemicals now deemed deadly, and banned.

A slew of new safety studies, two new congressional bills, and numerous product recalls (including 28 million boxes of Kellogg cereal this summer) have amped up debate over the potential toxicity of chemical compounds that are, literally, all around us: in our food, water and air, and scariest of all, in our bodies and the bodies of our children.

Let's look at just two suspect synthetics: Bisphenol A (commonly called BPA), and the phthalates (a family of compounds). Both are endocrine disruptors that mimic natural hormones in the human body with potentially harmful effects. I say "potentially" because evidence is still deemed "inconclusive" by the federal government despite hundreds of studies linking these chemicals to various cancers, reproductive and sexual disorders, obesity, and behavioral problems like

attention-deficit disorder.

Bisphenol A has especially come under scrutiny since its health impacts most effect pregnant women, babies and children. This hard plastic additive is found in an incredible range of consumer products, including food and drink containers (especially their linings), baby bottles, reusable water bottles, and other food packaging. Detectable BPA was found in 92 percent of canned food tested in a study released this spring by the National Workgroup for Safe Markets, a coalition of public and environmental health groups. More worrisome, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found traces of BPA in the urine of 93 percent of all people tested.

Phthalates are added to plastics to increase flexibility and durability. Any soft, pliable plastic item found in the office, car or home is likely to contain phthalates including children's toys. Phthalates are also common additives

to shampoo, hair spray, cosmetics, detergents and lotions – essentially any personal care product containing fragrance. Have I mentioned that they're all around us?

Despite the many studies indicating risk, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency simply lists BPA and phthalates as "chemicals of concern." The U.S. Food and Drug Administration currently allows both compounds in food packaging. The U.S. government only recently restricted the use of certain phthalates in children's toys and child-related products, a step the European Union took back in 2005.

"America's system for regulating industrial chemicals is broken," declared Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) this spring when introducing the Safe Chemicals Act of 2010. This bill, if passed, would replace the antiquated and inadequate Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, shifting the burden of chemical safety

to industry in order for a product to stay on the market. In a separate bill, the Food Safety Modernization Act, an amendment by Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA) would ban BPA from food-related products.

Of course, the chemical industry is fighting to water down both bills. And if passed, neither will bring immediate change. BPA and phthalates will likely both require a slow phase-out.

In the meantime, there are ways to reduce your family's BPA and phthalate exposure. For starters, evaluate food packaging, personal care products, and soft plastic toys – the kind likely to end up in a little one's mouth. Though a federal ban on phthalates in kid's toys has taken effect, older toys may still contain the chemical. Also, read the ingredients on personal care products for fragrance additives – which may include phthalates. Phase out reusable plastic food containers in favor of glass and stainless steel.

Canned food consumption should be limited (since most cans are lined with BPA) especially for young children and pregnant women.

Unlike that fellow rushing to disrupt the campfire, I'm not trying to evoke panic, but I am offering a friendly warning. Until government and industry take a more responsible role in chemical safety, it's your and my job to protect our families as best we can.

Comment on this column and get information about unregulated potentially toxic chemicals at: www.blueridgepress.com. Jeff Feldman runs GreenPath Consulting, a green building consulting firm. He lives in Berkeley County, WV.

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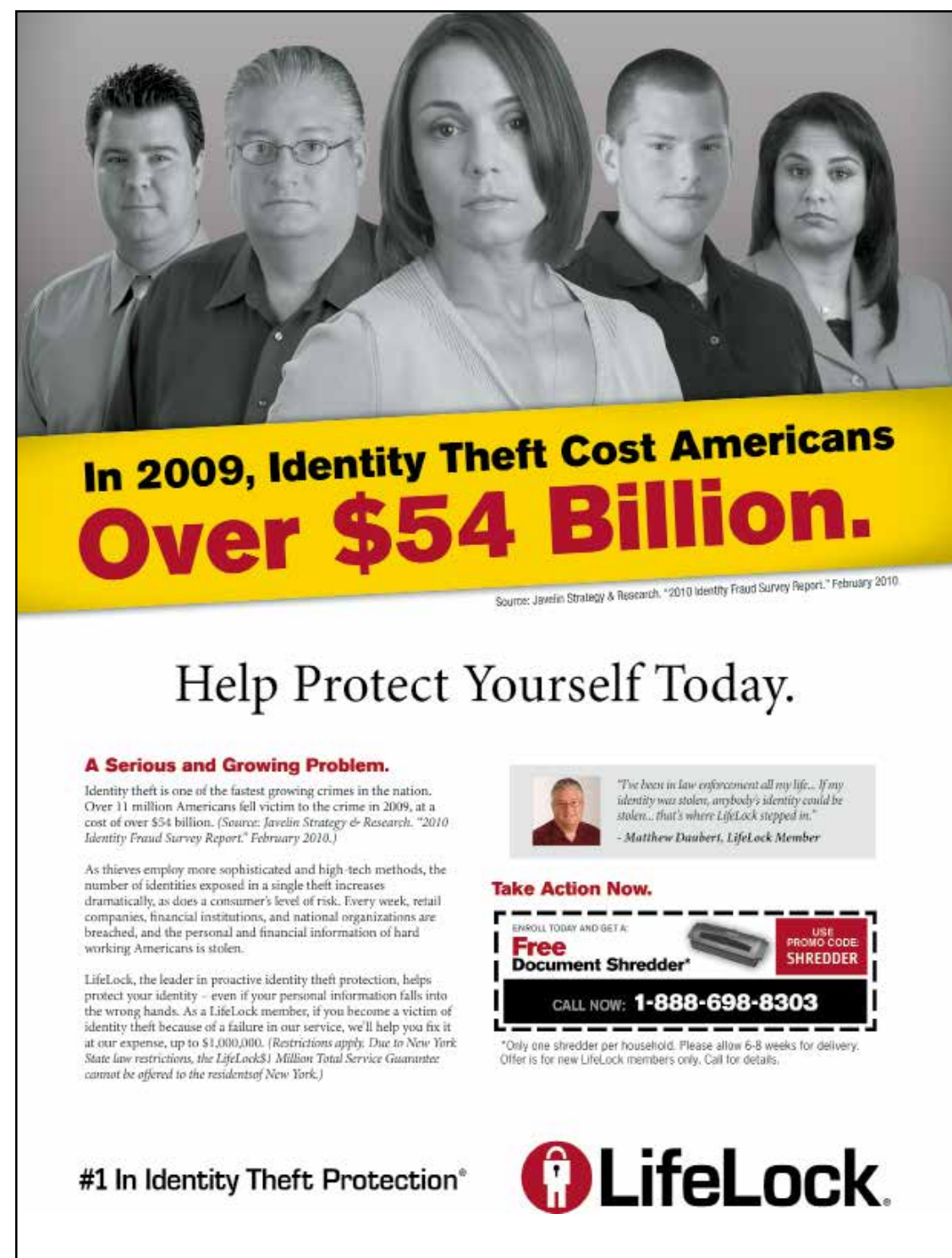
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A Jobs Strategy that Both Parties can Agree on



By Douglas E. Schoen

We're nearly three years into the recession — and our economy still shows few signs of life. The Department of Labor just announced that the country shed 131,000 jobs in July. Unemployment now stands at 9.5 percent.

It's not surprising that Democrats and Republicans agree that something must be done — soon — to stem the loss of jobs. Neither side, though, has offered a creative or comprehensive jobs strategy to turn the economy around. There is one strategy that could create jobs and generate support from both sides of the aisle: Biotech Innovation.

"Over the long run, few issues are as important to a nation's long-term economic security and global standing as being a leader in moving life sciences forward," says Lawrence Summers, director of the White House's National Economic Council.

He's right. Innovation in biotechnology is the engine that could get our economy back on track. Yet neither party has forcefully championed this idea, even though it's one of the few ideas that would elicit bipartisan support.

Enacting policies that will help this industry thrive is a painless way to create the jobs Americans desperately need. It's also a strategy on which lawmakers on both sides of the aisle can cooperate.

Biotechnology is racing along while the rest of the economy sputters. During the first year of the current recession, private-sector employment decreased by 0.7 percent. Employment in the biosciences, however, increased by

1.4 percent.

It's not just PhDs who are finding jobs in the industry. Research, testing, and medicals labs employed 2.1 percent more people in that time. The medical devices and equipment sector increased its workforce by 2.4 percent. The area of agricultural feedstock and chemicals did even better — employment increased there by 4.6 percent from 2007 to 2008.

All told, the biotechnology industry employs more than 700,000 Americans. These aren't just scientists—the industry depends on administrative assistants, business managers, computer professionals, groundskeepers, and engineers. Even better, the industry creates a powerful ripple effect. Biotech firms utilize construction workers, accountants, IT workers, daycare operators, and others.

These people are transforming the world. The cutting-edge medicines that the sector develops are making our lives better and longer — pharmaceuticals have reduced heart attack mortality by more than half. Agricultural biotech is increasing crop yields, bringing down food costs, and reducing disease. These technologies help millions—across the world.

So what can lawmakers do to foster innovation?

First, Congress could make the R&D tax credit permanent. This provision was included in the president's budget last year, but didn't make it through. This is something on which Democrats and Republicans see eye-to-eye — politicians from both parties have voted regularly to extend the temporary tax. Making it permanent would provide a long-term incentive for investors to put more money into the sector. An already-growing industry could explode.

Lawmakers should also enact

a payroll tax holiday. This would encourage private-sector employers in the biotech community to make new hires and retain current employees.

Long term, we must ensure the industry can fill the jobs thus created. We need to foster the next generation of scientific researchers — perhaps the ones who will discover a cure for cancer — by improving math and science education in our nation's schools.

The National Center for Education Statistics compared 15-year-olds around the world last year, and discovered that American students were below average in math and science. Students in other countries are improving their performance in these crucial subjects, while ours simply stay steady. American high school students are in the bottom quarter in math, trailing the rising China.

In future years, our country's thriving industry of innovation could find itself increasingly competing for investment dollars headed to Asia. Between 1986 and 2003, the U.S. share of global R&D investment declined from 46 percent to 37 percent. Even more striking — our share of scientific researchers fell from 41 percent to just 29 percent. We must stay competitive in the arena we've dominated up to now.

Biotechnology is the future of the American economy. Other industries are innovating, too, of course. But biotech is a rare bright spot in this gloomy recession. Passing consensus-driven, bipartisan policies to boost what might be our fastest growing sector will create jobs and save lives.

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