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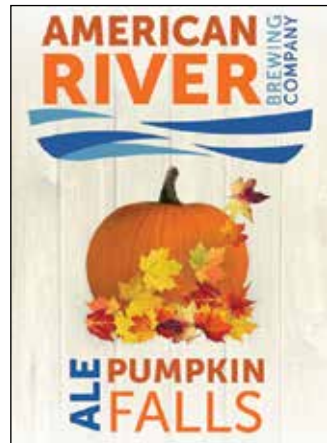
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Rancho Cordova Library Receives Helping Hand



The library got a helping hand from volunteers. Pictured here (left to right) are Sheila Dawson, Maria Gutierrez, Melinda Lohmiller, Jill Stockinger, Carol Clark, Joni Quaintance, and Tracy Young. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Six volunteers from Wells Fargo volunteered to work on a community service project in Rancho Cordova. Joni Quaintance, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Lending Manager, came to Rancho Cordova from San Bernardino to work with her team at their White Rock Road office. Along with another team member from Portland, OR, the Wells Fargo team

got together on August 5th and cleaned over 700 books at the Rancho Cordova Library.

Quaintance contacted Lorianne Ulm, Volunteer Coordinator for the City of Rancho Cordova, and Ulm was able to connect Quaintance with Jill Stockinger, Rancho Cordova Library Branch Supervisor.

The City provided refreshments and

encouragement to the Wells Fargo team for their dedication to providing community service in Rancho Cordova. Wells Fargo is known to provide opportunities for their employees to give back to their communities. If you would like to learn ways you can give back to your community, please contact Lorianne Ulm at lulm@cityofranhocordova.org.

Source: City of Rancho Cordovaww ★

IRS Warns Taxpayers About New Tricks by Scam Artists

Victims of These Scams Report Losses Totalling Over \$20 Million

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Following the emergence of new variations of widespread tax scams, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued another warning to taxpayers to remain on high alert and protect themselves against the ever-evolving array of deceitful tactics scammers use to trick people.

These schemes—which can occur over the phone, in emails, or through letters with authentic-looking letterhead—try to trick taxpayers into providing personal financial information or scare people into making a false tax payment that ends up going to the criminal.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has received reports of roughly 600,000 contacts since October 2013. TIGTA is also aware of more than 4,000 victims who have collectively reported over \$20 million in financial losses as a result of tax scams.

“We continue to see these aggressive tax scams across the country,” IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said. “Scam artists specialize in being deceptive and fooling people. The IRS urges taxpayers to be extra cautious and think twice before answering suspicious phone calls, emails, or letters.”

Scammers posing as IRS agents first targeted those they viewed as most vulnerable, such as older Americans, newly arrived immigrants, and those whose first language is not English. These criminals have expanded their net and are now targeting virtually anyone.

In a new variation, scammers alter what appears on your telephone caller ID to make it seem like they are with the IRS or another agency such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. They use fake names, titles, and badge numbers. They use online resources to get your name, address, and other details about your life to make the call sound official. They even go as far as copying official IRS letterhead for use in email or regular mail.

Brazen scammers will even provide their victims with directions to the nearest bank or business where the victim can obtain a means of payment such as a debit card. And in another new variation of these scams, con artists may then provide an actual IRS address where the victim can mail a receipt for the payment—all in an attempt to make the scheme look official.

The most common theme with these tricks seems to be fear. Scammers try to scare people into reacting immediately without taking a moment to think through what is actually happening.

These scam artists often angrily threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation, or other similarly unpleasant things. They may also leave “urgent” callback requests, sometimes through “robo-calls,” via phone or email. The emails will often contain a fake IRS document with a telephone number or email address for your reply.

Friday is Motown Night at Village Green

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - When music legend Berry Gordy launched his special blend of cool in a small studio in Detroit more than a half-century ago, it would have been impossible to predict that “Motown” music would become an irresistible force of social and cultural change.

But decades later, the music of Diana Ross and the Supremes, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, and many other superstars are still touching people around the world.

Rancho Cordova concertgoers can live it all again at the Cordova Community Council's Friday Night Concert on August 14th as Nathan Owens brings to life the classic sounds of Motown on the Village Green Amphitheater stage.

Friday Night Concerts, featuring a great lineup of



Nathan Owens tours throughout the west with his Motown band, lighting up stages at casinos, fairs, and other venues with the best the musical style has to offer. This is his first visit to the Rancho Cordova concert series. Photo courtesy of Nathan Owens Motown Revue

family-friendly bands, kicked off last week to a huge audience and returns again this week with a night of music under the stars. Pack up the family and head to Village Green Park, 3141 Bridgeway Drive, for a

great night out. Bring a picnic, stop by a favorite nearby restaurant, or check out the food trucks that will be on site.

As a historical phenomenon, Motown centered around “Hitsville, USA,” the nickname

given to Motown's first headquarters on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit.

The label launched an incredible number of stars, including Gladys Knight and Pips, Lionel Richie and Commodores, and the Temptations, eventually moving to Los Angeles and becoming one of the most enduring American musical styles in history. Motown had more than 180 number one hits worldwide and still influences music ranging from pop to hip-hop.

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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Rancho Cordova's first stand-alone Chick-fil-A restaurant will open August 19th, bringing 80 new jobs, the chance for 100 adults to win free Chick-fil-A meals for a year, and the opportunity for community members to donate books that will benefit Williamson Elementary School.

After almost 12 years and more than \$25 million in free food given away, Chick-fil-A's "First 100" celebration continues to be the chain's signature grand opening event, which transforms the restaurant parking lot into a 24-hour community-friendly party as the crowd awaits the opening.

The new restaurant at 2354 Sunrise Boulevard in Rancho Cordova will host the next First 100 event, awarding more than \$32,000 in free food. A digital offer card loaded with a one-year supply of free Chick-fil-A meals will be given to each of the first 100 eligible adults, ages 18 and older with identification, in line when the doors open at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19th. If more than 100 people are onsite when the line

officially opens at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18th, then all 100 spots will be determined by a drawing held that morning with those selected needing to camp out for 24 hours to secure their spot. This community event is open to guests who live in specific zip codes surrounding the restaurant. Interested participants may obtain a complete listing of zip codes and rules at www.chick-fil-a.com/locations/first-100.

Chick-fil-A believes in partnering with organizations that enrich education, literacy, and youth. In that spirit, Rivergate Cordova Chick-fil-A operator Liviu Vizitiu is collecting new children's books at the new restaurant between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18th and during normal business hours on Wednesday, August 18th and Thursday, August 19th. The books collected during the grand opening celebration will be placed in a Book House and donated to Williamson Elementary School. The Book House serves as a free library exchange—allowing anyone to take a book after replacing it

with one of their own. Created from old and thrown out wood, the Book House is one of several community programs made possible through the support of the Chick-fil-A Foundation (www.chick-fil-a-foundation.org).

The Rivergate Cordova Chick-fil-A restaurant will create 80 new jobs. Featuring the chain's newest interior and kitchen design, the new location can seat 122 in the dining room with additional outside patio seating. The restaurant includes dual drive-thru ordering lanes to expand the chain's award-winning drive-thru service, enabling motorists to place their orders at separate screens and then merge into a single lane to pay for and pick up their orders. With a majority of Chick-fil-A customers choosing the drive-thru, the ability for two drivers to simultaneously order will mean quicker service.

Customers will be able to stay connected through the restaurant's free Wi-Fi, and parents will appreciate the indoor play area that includes an interactive section for toddlers. The



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restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. until 10 p.m., serving a full breakfast menu until 10:30 a.m. Like all Chick-fil-A restaurants, it will be closed on Sunday.

The new Rivergate Cordova Chick-fil-A is the first of two restaurants the chain is opening in metro-Sacramento within a few months, with plans to open a restaurant on Madison Avenue

in Sacramento tentatively in late November.

"Personalized customer service and freshly prepared food have been the hallmarks of Chick-fil-A since the day founder Truett Cathy opened his first restaurant," said Vizitiu. "My team members and I are committed to those same ideas as we welcome our guests to our new Rivergate Cordova

restaurant and provide them with a remarkable experience."

For more information on the Rivergate Cordova Chick-fil-A restaurant, visit <http://www.chick-fil-a.com/rivergatecordova> or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CFARanchoCordova>.

Source: CP Communications, Inc. ★

New Store Supports Elementary School Students

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The new Student Store at Cordova Meadows Elementary is open for business! Students can earn "Cub Cash" by demonstrating the school's values: I care, I appreciate, I perform. Whether it be focusing on their work in class or being kind to another student on the playground, these students get to earn "money" while learning valuable skills. With Cub Cash, students can save up to buy items from the store, such as art supplies, a computer, a bike, a gift for their sibling, or a big warm blanket of their own.

Everything in the Student Store has been donated with help from Bicycle Planet in Folsom and members of Keep Cordova Meadows Beautiful. Principal Joseph Piazza says that with this program, the students get to have some independence, and that in



Joseph Piazza, Principal at Cordova Meadows Elementary, in the new Student Store. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

turn helps to build good values like resiliency and empathy.

If you are interested in making a donation, please bring your items to the front office at Cordova Meadows Elementary,

2550 La Loma Drive. Questions can be directed to Principal Piazza at JPiazza@fcusd.org.

Source: City of Rancho Cordova ★

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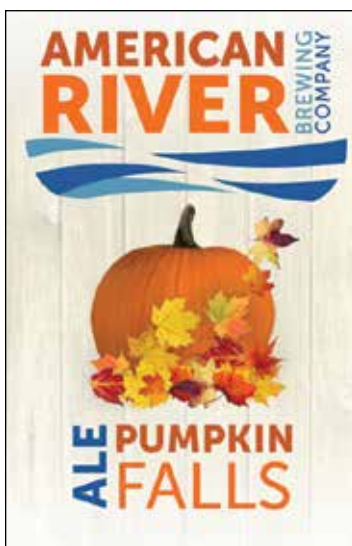
Popular Seasonal Pumpkin Brew Projected to Sell Out Fast

Early Demand May Surpass Additional Production at Local Brewery

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Autumn will come early this year to Rancho Cordova craft brewery American River Brewing Company (ARBC), with seasonal production getting underway already in early August for its ever-popular Pumpkin Falls Ale.

Brewers David Mathis and Andy Armstrong made the decision to start the brewing process earlier than normal for this season as well as ramping up production to try to keep up with the demand for what they describe as "pumpkin pie in a glass."

"Last year we sold out of Pumpkin Falls before Thanksgiving," Mathis noted, "and each year we've been selling out earlier and earlier." Because this ale is normally produced only once a year for the autumn season, supply has been understandably limited. "People tell us that this is the best tasting



pumpkin beer they've ever had," Mathis said, "so the aficionados may be stocking up for the winter ahead."

This season ARBC will start brewing Pumpkin Falls several weeks ahead of last year's schedule and also increase production by 25% for its initial run. "Last

season we made a grand total of 90 barrels, which is nearly 2,800 gallons," Armstrong said. "For this fall we're starting off with 120 barrels and may brew even more during the season if demand continues to grow."

The first production run of Pumpkin Falls for 2015 is scheduled to be released on August 20th. "It's gratifying to see how our regular customers line up for this beer every year," Mathis stated. "Some of them have told us that when they purchase a case they use the individual bottles in gift baskets instead of wine."

Armstrong chuckled and nodded in agreement. "It really is that good," he said.

Pumpkin Falls Ale is seasonally produced each fall in limited quantities and is available at select retailers, pubs, and restaurants.

Source: Modular Marketing Agency ★

Sacramento County DA Reports



Recent cases of interest

CASE: Marquis Marshall & Clifford Roberson

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kristen Ilharreguy, Targeting Armed Recidivist Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET)

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced that the Honorable Ben Davidian sentenced Marquis Marshall to 16 years in prison and Clifford Roberson to 10 years, 4 months in prison. On June 9, 2015, Marshall and Roberson pled no contest to assault with a semi-automatic firearm. Both defendants are Strawberry Manor Gangster Blood members.

On May 27, 2014, the victim was seated in his vehicle at a 7-11 when multiple shots were fired at him. The victim ducked into his vehicle and was able to avoid being struck. The shooters fled the scene, but were stopped in the area a short time later. A search of their vehicle revealed a firearm, which was later found to match the shell casings left at the scene of the shooting.

CASE: Alejandro Arroyo

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Michelle Becker, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced that the Honorable Donald Currier sentenced 21-year-old Alejandro Arroyo to 7 years, 4 months in prison. On June 30, 2015, a jury convicted Arroyo of two counts of first-degree residential burglary.

Between January 10, 2014, and March 12, 2014, a series of seven residential burglaries were committed in homes on the levee in the River Park community.

One of the victims had his home burglarized three times. His house was ransacked and close to \$20,000 worth of valuables were stolen, including a medallion. The second break in was caught on surveillance. Police responded quickly, but the suspects were not caught.

Another victim returned home to find the power shut off and he could not get into his garage. When he was able to get into the house, he found it had been ransacked and the back glass door had been shattered. A flat-screen TV and two rifles were stolen along with other valuable, irreplaceable items worth close to \$19,000.

CASE: Ulises Godinez

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Quirina Orozco, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit/Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced that Ulises Godinez was convicted by jury of two counts of robbery with personal use of a firearm, forcible sodomy, sodomy of an unconscious person, sodomy of an intoxicated person, and furnishing marijuana to a minor.

On July 6, 2013, a female adult victim attended a house party where Godinez was a guest. After consuming several alcoholic drinks, she passed out on the host's couch. She woke up to find Godinez holding her down by the neck and sexually assaulting her. The victim immediately reported the assault to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Godinez was not identified until months later.

On December 22, 2013, two girls, ages 16 and 17 years old, attended a gathering at Godinez's house. Godinez provided them with marijuana and engaged in sexual acts with the 17 year old. He offered to take both girls home, but he instead drove to a sparsely populated area of Rancho Cordova where he pulled out a revolver and demanded the girls' cell phones. He then made the girls get out of his car and sped away. The girls found their way to a 7-11 and called 911. Officers later located Godinez and found one of the cell phones in his car.

Godinez faces a maximum potential sentence of approximately 28 years in prison. Sentencing is set for September 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 20 by the Honorable Michael Sweet. ★

CHP Holds DUI Checkpoint

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP), North Sacramento Area, announces a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Sobriety Checkpoint to be held on Friday, August 14th in the unincorporated area of Sacramento County. The checkpoint will be operational at 8 p.m. and is set to end at 3 a.m.

If there is inclement weather, the checkpoint will be canceled for safety reasons, and the officers will be assigned to roving DUI units.

Sobriety checkpoints will be staffed by CHP officers who are trained in the detection of alcohol and/or drug impaired drivers. CHP Drug Recognition Experts, certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(NHTSA), will be on site to provide on the spot assessments of drivers suspected of drug use. The officers will also be equipped with state of the art hand-held breath testing devices that provide an accurate measure of blood alcohol concentrations of suspected drunk

drivers.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the NHTSA.

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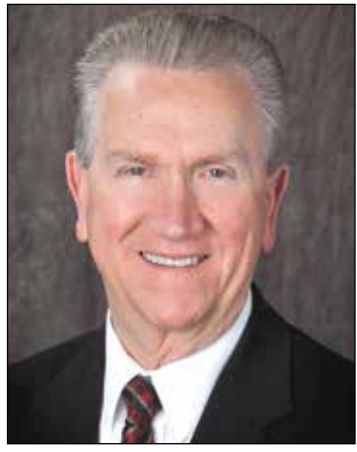
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From the Mayor's Corner The Importance of Education

on the education front in Rancho Cordova including the opening and use of the new Performing Arts Building (Theatre) at Cordova High School. Our oldest grandson is a member of the Cordova High Marching Band, and he said that they will begin using the Performing Arts Building on Wednesday, August 12th, 2015. As usual, I am writing this column before the deadline for the paper, so when you read this, the marching band will already have begun using that wonderful theatre. I know I have said it before, but Rancho Cordovans give when it is something that will benefit all our kids, and passing that bond a few years ago is what paid for the Performing Arts Building. I know our grandson, Dylan, is really looking forward to being able to play in that new building, and so are all the students and teachers. Dylan is a junior this year, so he will enjoy the new theatre for the next two years.

If you haven't gone by the new Folsom Lake College Campus on Mather Field Road and Folsom Boulevard lately, you need to see what a beautiful campus it is. And this is

only Phase 1 of the campus. There are plans for Phase 2 and Phase 3 to be added to the campus in the future. But for now, the first classes will begin in October of this year, and all the classes will be in operation by spring 2016. This community college will be such a great addition to our city, and it will bring such a wonderful change to that neighborhood.

What the school teaches has changed over the years as everything changes, and when the school year begins has changed too. Years ago, the school year usually began after Labor Day, but not anymore. School began Tuesday, August 11th this year in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Change is something you can be sure of, just like death and taxes.

The citizens of Rancho Cordova know the importance of a good education, and they also know that like B.B. King said, "The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."

From Mayor Bob Mcgarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

Assume It Is Alive



Commentary by Paul Scholl, Publisher

Reagan stated: "Simple morality dictates that unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt and assume it is alive. And, thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Publisher's note: The "fetus" shown above just recently graduated from the University of

San Francisco with a degree in Environmental Sciences. On his first day of pre-school he was afraid to go into the classroom and held on to dad's leg for assurance. He grew up loving school and making new friends. He played Little League Baseball, soccer, played in the school jazz band in middle school and high school. He played on the high school football team, baseball team and the basketball team. He worked at a job all through high school to

earn his own money. He was a strong enough student to get grants and scholarships for college. He has always had his own opinion about the world and was not afraid to share it. Now he is starting his first job after graduation.

How many stories like this were aborted before they ever got the chance to be told? 330,000 babies each year. Just consider that before your next latte. ★

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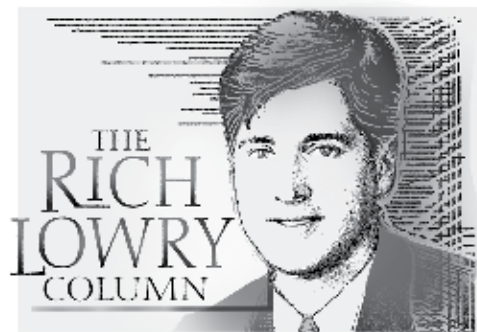
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN
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The Immigration Secessionists

It turns out that everything we've heard about the evils of states and localities defying federal law is wrong.

So long as a jurisdiction is sticking its thumb in the eye of the federal government on behalf of illegal immigrants who have been arrested and jailed, defiance of federal authority is progressive and commendable.

Through the years, the left has created dozens upon dozens of so-called sanctuary cities devoted to frustrating federal immigration enforcement. On this issue, they are little islands of secession. Somewhere John C. Calhoun must be smiling -- although slightly puzzled -- over the renewed prestige of a version of his old, discredited idea of nullification.

Sanctuary cities have gotten renewed

attention in the wake of a horrific murder in San Francisco, a case amplified by the bullhorn of Donald Trump. Kathryn Steinle, 32, was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant, Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who had a long rap sheet and had been deported five times. The murder was easily avoidable. A few months prior, the city had arrested Lopez-Sanchez on drug charges, but it simply released him when the charges were dropped, even though Immigration and Customs Enforcement wanted to take custody of him for deportation.

This wasn't an isolated misjudgment. San Francisco has long been a sanctuary city that doesn't honor so-called federal detainers (i.e., notices that Immigration and Customs Enforcement wants to take custody of an illegal immigrant upon release from jail). It is a policy of calculated irresponsibility meant to create a zone of lawlessness. In this instance, the human cost was heartbreakingly high.

The immigration debate is famously fraught. Maybe we can't agree on building a fence. Maybe we can't agree on a pathway to citizenship. But surely we can agree that illegal aliens who have landed in jail should be deported?

Apparently not. We have a "broken system," as the supporters of amnesty always like to say, in part because they took a sledgehammer to it.

The number of sanctuary cities has been increasing during the Obama years. The administration has thrown the book at states that have dared to aid in the enforcement

of federal immigration law, but hasn't moved against jurisdictions acting at cross-purposes to the law. Indeed, it has eased the way for them.

Reinterpreted, with no legal justification, a federal regulation in order to make detainers voluntary. It kneecapped the successful Secure Communities program that shared the fingerprints of local arrestees with the feds, replacing it with a significantly watered-down program.

Obama has gutted interior enforcement. The former acting head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement said recently, "If you are a run-of-the-mill immigrant here illegally, your odds of getting deported are close to zero."

What to do about sanctuary cities? It is already against federal law for jurisdictions to forbid their officials from sharing immigration information with the federal government. Congress should tighten up the law by making it clear again that detainers are mandatory and withholding certain federal funds from jurisdictions that still won't comply.

Of course, it would take a different president to sign such a bill, one who cares about the laws he is pledged to enforce and who doesn't seek a sanctuary nation.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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- Suspicious in Pittsburgh

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: No, the man was not "faking it." I can't emphasize this strongly enough, but many people with physical challenges do not appear, to those who don't know them, to be challenged. Service dogs or assistance dogs have increasingly become essential companions for people with different kinds and levels of disability. While many of us are familiar with guide dogs for the blind, dogs providing other types of assistance are more prevalent today

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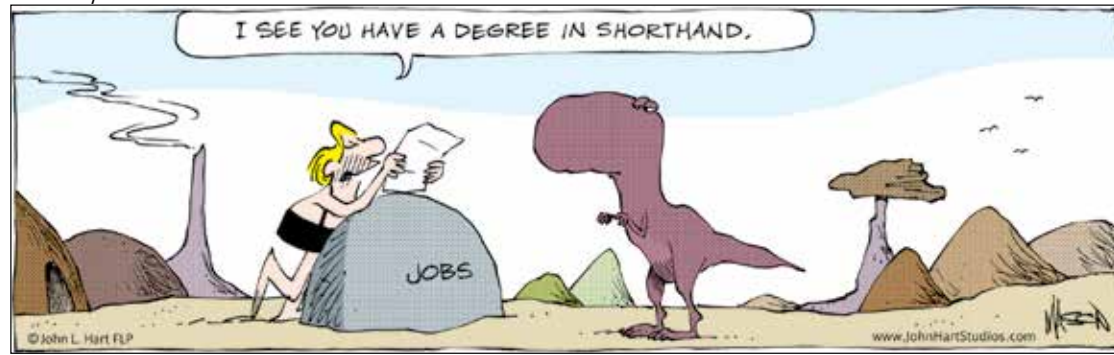
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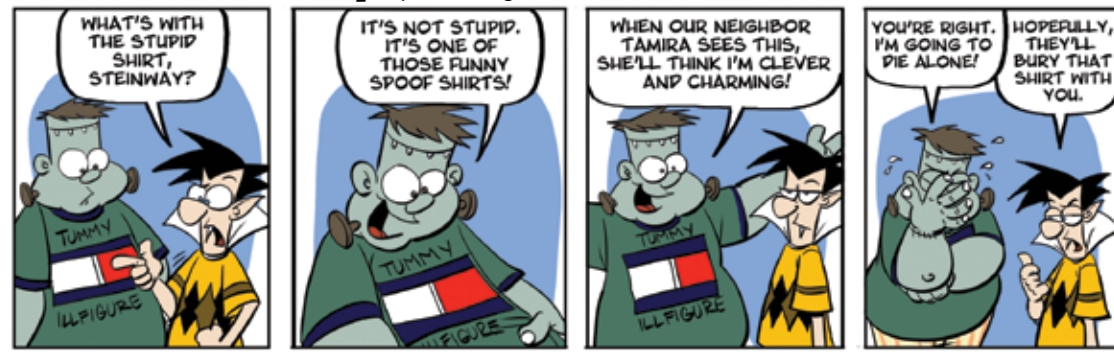
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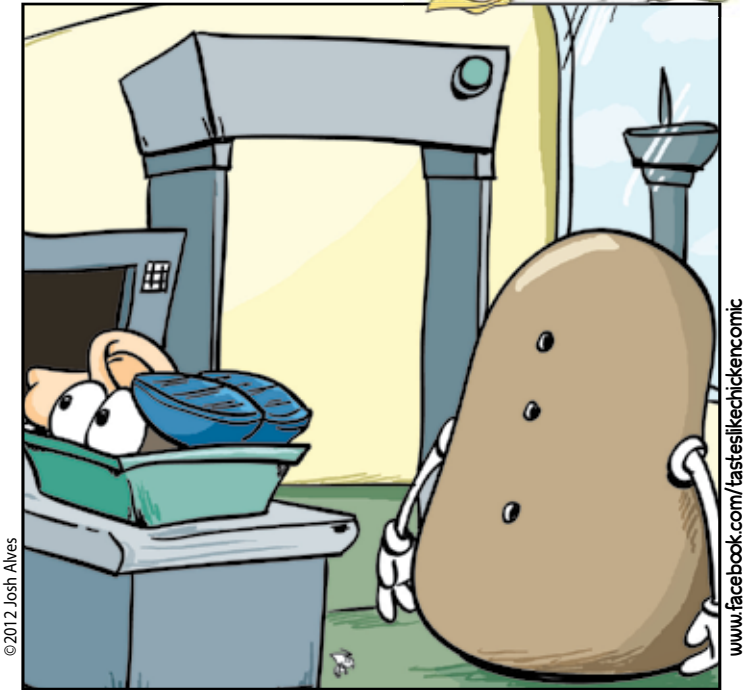


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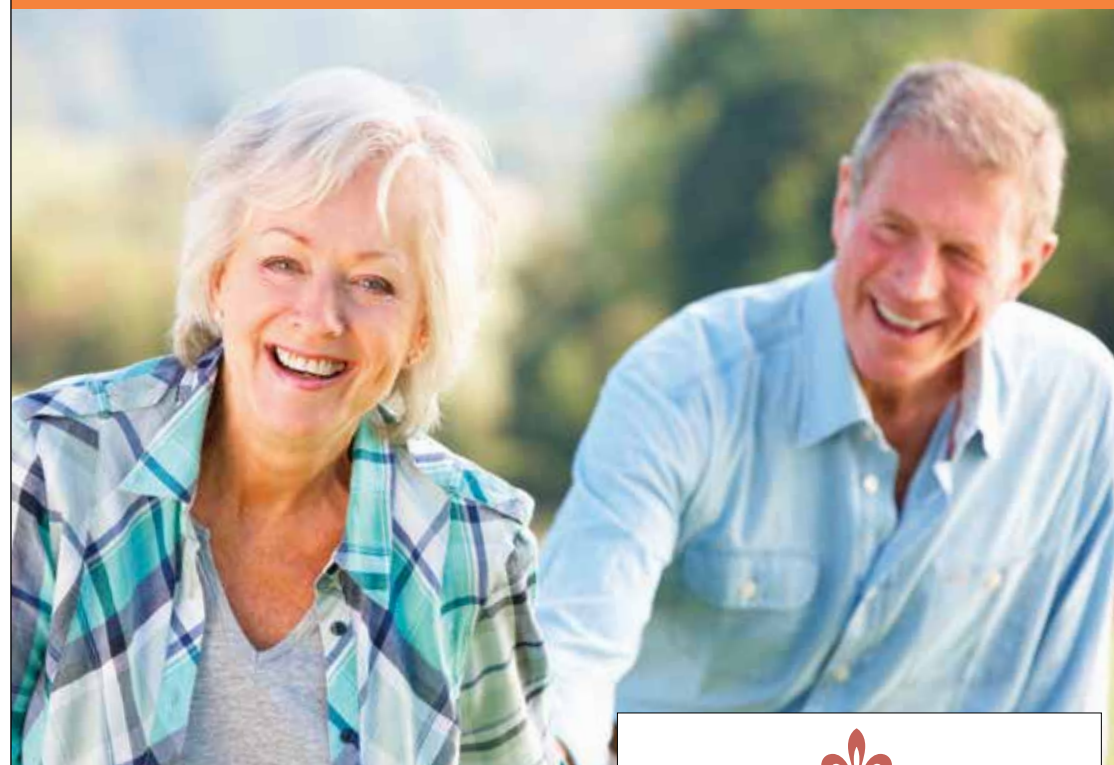


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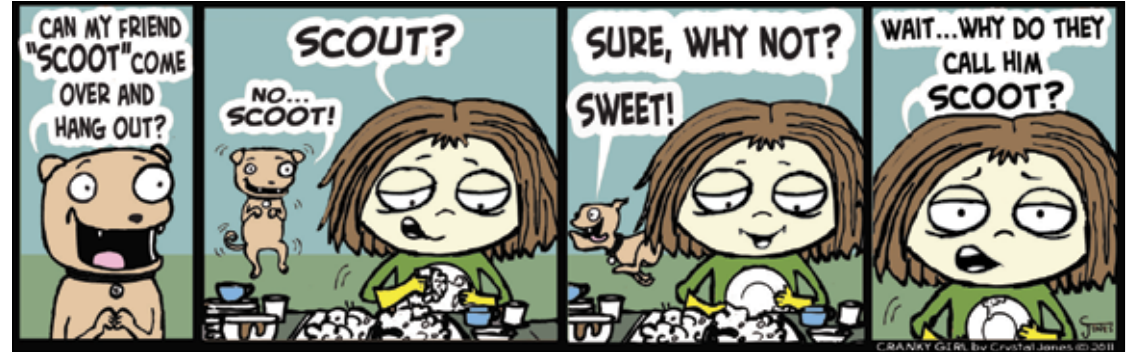
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 - African migrator
 - Analyze
 - Religious devotion
 - Pillbox or tricorne, e.g.
 - Trojan War military action
 - *It has largest number of independent nations
 - *World's largest Non-Polar desert
 - Beagle bride
 - Clinton or Gates
 - ___ along to a song
 - Movie "___ Girl"
 - Fish food unit
 - *Four Corners state
 - Captain ___
 - Wasted on the young?
 - Former Attorney General of the U.S.
 - Streamlined
 - Cowboy's prod
 - Circular gasket
 - "Happily ___ after"
 - Left or right
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 - Carrie Underwood, e.g.
 - Clinton ___ Rodham
 - Cry out loud
 - As opposed to yeses
 - *Largest country
 - *Deepest lake
 - Infamous biker
 - *Dead or Black, e.g.
 - Implied by actions
 - Passion
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Former anesthetic
 - Feline noise
 - French street
 - High-pitched
- DOWN**
- OB-GYN test
 - "Summertime" or "Porgy and Bess," e.g.
 - *Australia is famous for it
 - Preface
 - "Haste makes waste," e.g.
 - Turkish honorific
 - Biochemistry abbr.
 - Hutu's opponents, 1994
 - *Largest continent
 - One who takes drugs
 - Indian music
 - Reply to #37 Across
 - Olsen twin
 - "Too many ___ in the kitchen"
 - One of The Alps
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A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent in the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, that practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Congratulations. While that family problem might still rankle, it should be easing thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
The Big Cat's energy levels should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for those upcoming projects.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Someone's criticism

might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
A business matter could cause some friction among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
There might still be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
The Sea Goat's merrier side dominates this week, and this means that, despite your usual busy schedule, you'll be able to squeeze in parties and all sorts of fabulous fun times.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
An educational opportunity could lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
The Piscean wit and wisdom helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally or even deliberately obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

BORN THIS WEEK: Loyalty is important to you. You demand it, but you also give it generously and lovingly.

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► If you're like the average 75-year-old American man, you've spent a total of 37.5 days in the act of shaving.

► Actors Kevin Spacey and Val Kilmer were classmates in high school.

► It was noted 20th-century British dystopian author George Orwell who made the following sage observation: "The nationalist not only does not disapprove of atrocities committed by his own side, he has a remarkable capacity for not even hearing about them."



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By Sam Struckhoff
EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of August 17, 2015.

PICKS OF THE WEEK



Nicole Kidman in "Strangerland"

"Strangerland" (R) - In a dusty town in the Australian desert, a mother is pushed into a nightmare when her two teenage children disappear in the middle of the night. Nicole Kidman and Joseph Fiennes play Catherine and Matthew Parker, a couple already dealing with a divide in their marriage and alarmingly provocative behavior from their 15-year-old daughter. After the disappearance, a local policeman (Hugo Weaving) leads the search as an epic dust storm swallows the town. The cinematography and setting shine, which carries the sense of isolation and smallness you're supposed to feel. Kidman does a great job maneuvering the heavy emotions set on her character. Unfortunately, the movie struggles with pacing while the script keeps hitting the same notes of dread and anxiety.

"Little Boy" (PG) - Rent this movie, and you'll see something so syrupy, sentimental and gosh-darn cute that even Norman Rockwell would groan. The movie follows the precious Pepper, a bullied 8-year-old boy whose father has been taken off to the Pacific by World War II. The boy looks to his church for help and gets lessons about the power of faith (which he

confuses with a magic act). As a favor to the priest, a persecuted Japanese-American man mentors Pepper, who recently vandalized his house.

Watching this is like trying to eat a too-sweet apple pie frosted with bits of Hallmark cards and salty tears. There isn't a single moment that isn't oversold with narration or musical cues. There are even a few cringe-worthy parts where the movie's tone totally misses the mark and tries to be cute about something very dark.

"5 to 7" (R) - In the clean and shiny part of New York, Brian (Anton Yeltsin), despite being 24 and a struggling novelist (probably the second most popular occupation for fictional male characters in NYC), somehow manages to charm Arielle, a French woman in her early 30s -- sophisticated, sublimely beautiful and married with kids. Not to worry! Arielle and her husband have a very French arrangement where extramarital affairs are OK between the hours of 5 and 7. Clearly, nothing could go wrong, and this young man will certainly go on without having to experience the complicated nature of love.

"Hoodies Vs. Hooligans" (R) - In this UK-based crime-thriller, the leader of the new breed of gangster (Harley Sylvester) brutally enforces his dominance over the streets of his London neighborhood. This somehow makes people nostalgic for the last batch of brutes who used violence and intimidation to rule the neighborhood. The retired members of the old "firm" -- The Guvnors -- decide that it's time to show these youngsters how it was done back in the day. It's entertaining gangland, but it falls prey to just about every cliché, especially the one where older crooks are seen as more respectable in their exploitation.

TV RELEASES

- "WWE: Battleground"
- "Walt Disney Animation Studios Short Films Collection"
- "BabyFirst: Fun with Friends Bundle"
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- "Castles in the Sky"

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by HEALTHY EXCHANGES

Summer Chicken and Pasta Salad

August ... the dog days of summer. Cook your macaroni early in the morning -- or better yet, simply pull some already-cooked pasta out of the freezer to thaw, and you won't have to turn on that stove for this refreshing main-dish salad.

- 2/3 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fat-free milk
- 1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup diced cooked chicken breast
- 3 cups cooked shell macaroni, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 3/4 cup chopped green bell pepper

1. In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, milk, Parmesan cheese and black pepper. Add chicken, macaroni and onion. Mix well to combine. Gently fold in tomato and green pepper.

2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Mix gently again just before serving. Serves 6 (1 cup each).

★ Each serving: About 178 calories, 2g fat, 10g protein, 30g carb., 355mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Meat, 1/2 Vegetable.

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Catnip repels mosquitoes
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Television Listings for the week of August 14-August 19

FRIDAY EVENING

AUGUST 14, 2015

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30																													
BROADCAST	ABC Shark Tank (TVPG) HD	CBS Elementary (TV14) HD	NBC America's Got Talent: "Live Round 1" HD	FOX MasterChef (TV14) HD	ION Law & Order: CI HD	A&E Criminal Minds HD	AMC Got Smart '08, PG-13) ★★★ Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway, HD	ANIMAL To Be Announced	BET (6:54) What's Love Got to Do with It? (93, R) HD	BRAVO A Cinderella Story '04	CARTOON King of Hill King of Hill	CMT Reba HD	CNN Death Row Stories	COMEDY Key: Peele Key: Peele	DISCOVERY Edge of Alaska (N)	DISNEY BUNK'D Girl Meets I Didn't (N)	ESPN SportsCenter HD	ESPN2 Arena Football League: "Playoffs": Portland vs San Jose HD	FAMILY Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (05, PG) Johnny Depp, HD	FOOD Diners HD	FX This Is the End (13, R) ★★★ James Franco, HD	HGTV Love It or List It, Too	HISTORY Ancient Aliens HD	LIFETIME Bring It! (TVPG) HD	MTV (20) Ridiculousness HD	NICK Sponge	SPYFI Defiance (TV14) (N)	TBS Family Guy Family Guy	TCM (7:45) Duck Soup (33)	TLC Say Yes Say Yes	TNT Cold Justice (N) HD	TRAVEL Mysteries (TVPG) HD	TV LAND Hitch (05, PG-13) ★★★ Will Smith, Eva Mendes, HD	USA Modern Modern	VH1 The Goonies (85, PG) ★★★ Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, HD	WGN How I Met How I Met	PREM HBOW Detective True Detective: "Omega Station"	MAXW Divergent (14, PG-13) Shailene Woodley, HD	SHOWW Last Holiday (06, PG-13) ★★½ Queen Latifah, HD

SATURDAY EVENING

AUGUST 15, 2015

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30																													
BROADCAST	ABC Home Videos HD	CBS NCIS: Los Angeles HD	NBC America's Got Talent: "Live Round 1" HD	FOX MasterChef (TV14) HD	ION Law & Order: CI HD	A&E Flipping Vegas HD	AMC Chisum (70, G) ★★½ HD	ANIMAL To Be Announced	BET (02) Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself '09, PG-13) Tyler Perry, HD	BRAVO (7:30) Bridesmaids (11, R) ★★★ Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, HD	CARTOON DBZ Kai King of Hill	CMT Party Down South HD	CNN CNN Special Report	COMEDY Grandma's Billy Madison (95, PG-13) ★★½ Adam Sandler, HD	DISCOVERY MythBusters (N) HD	DISNEY (15) Teen Beach 2 (15, NR) Ross Lynch, HD	ESPN SportsCenter HD	ESPN2 (7:00) CFL Football: Ottawa vs Calgary (Taped) HD	FAMILY (7:30) Up (09, PG) Ed Asner, HD	FOOD Guy's Grocery Games	FX White House Down (13, PG-13) ★★½ Channing Tatum, HD	HGTV Property Brothers HD	HISTORY Cars HD	LIFETIME Sugar Babies (15, NR) Alyson Stoner, HD	MTV Awkward, Awkward, Catfish: The TV Show	NICK Thunderman 100 Things	SPYFI Oz the Great (13) HD	TBS Big Bang Big Bang	TCM Corsican Brothers (41)	TLC Say Yes to the Dress	TNT Olympus Has Fallen (13, R) Gerard Butler, HD	TRAVEL Ghost Adventures HD	TV LAND Impostor Raymond	USA Fast Five (11, PG-13) ★★★ Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, HD	VH1 (6:30) Roll Bounce (05) CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story (13, NR) Keke Palmer, HD	WGN Casino Royale (06, PG-13) ★★½ Daniel Craig, HD	PREM HBOW The Theory of Everything (15, PG-13) ★★½ HD	MAXW (7:00) 47 Ronin (13) HD	SHOWW (7:00) King Kong (05, PG-13) Naomi Watts, HD

SUNDAY EVENING

AUGUST 16, 2015

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30																												
BROADCAST	ABC Bachelor in Paradise (TV14) (N) HD	CBS (01) Big Brother (N) HD	NBC Ed Sheeran Live (N) HD	FOX Teen Choice 2015 (TVPG) HD	ION Tomorrow	A&E Intervention: "David S." HD	AMC The Walking Dead: "A" HD	ANIMAL North Woods Law (N)	BET Sunday Best (N) HD	BRAVO Bravo First Looks (N)	CARTOON King of Hill Cleveland	CMT (13) Ladder 49 (04, PG-13) ★★★ Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, HD	CNN The Hunt: "Innocence"	COMEDY South Park South Park	DISCOVERY Naked and Afraid (N)	DISNEY Undercover Best (N)	ESPN SportsCenter HD	ESPN2 Hey Rookie Hey Rookie	FAMILY Up (09, PG) HD	FOOD Guy's Grocery Games	FX (7:00) White House Down (13, PG-13) ★★½ HD	HGTV Hunt (N) HD	HISTORY Ice Road Truckers HD	LIFETIME Catfish: The TV Show	NICK Legally Bled (01, PG-13) Reese Witherspoon, HD	SPYFI Bar Rescue (TVPG) HD	TBS (7:00) Dragonball (09) ★	TCM The Blind Side (09, PG-13) ★★½ Sandra Bullock, HD	TLC Answered Prayers (N)	TNT Dark Knight Rises (12)	TRAVEL Big Time R Big Time R	TV LAND Raymond Loves Raymond HD	USA Modern Modern	VH1 Basketball Wives LA	WGN Bones: "Two Bodies"	PREM HBOW Show Me a Hero: "Parts One & Two" (N) HD	MAXW Blended (14, PG-13) ★★½ Adam Sandler, HD	SHOWW Ray Donovan HD

MONDAY EVENING

AUGUST 17, 2015

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30																													
BROADCAST	ABC Bachelor in Paradise	CBS Broke Girls Odd Couple	NBC American Ninja Warrior: "Military Finals" (N) HD	FOX So You Think You Can Dance (TV14) (N) HD	ION Criminal Minds HD	A&E The First 48: (N) HD	AMC (7:00) The Dark Knight '08, PG-13) ★★★ Christian Bale, HD	ANIMAL Gator Boys (N) HD	BET He Got Game (98) ★★½	BRAVO Orange County Social	CARTOON King of Hill King of Hill	CMT Reba HD	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY South Park South Park	DISCOVERY Vegas Rat Rods (N)	DISNEY Zapped (14, NR) Zendaya, HD	ESPN SportsCenter HD	ESPN2 Sports Special HD	FAMILY The Fosters (N) HD	FOOD Cake Wars (TV G) (N)	FX 2012 (09, PG-13) ★★½ John Cusack, Amanda Peet, HD	HGTV Tiny House Tiny House	HISTORY Alone: "After Rescue"	LIFETIME Family That Preys (08)	MTV Ridiculous Ridiculous	NICK Full House Full House	SPYFI (6:30) Doom (05, R) ★★	TBS Family Guy Family Guy	TCM Angry (57) On the Waterfront (54, NR) ★★½ Marlon Brando, HD	TLC 627LB Woman: HD	TNT Castle (TVPG) HD	TRAVEL 36 Hours (TV G) (N)	TV LAND Raymond Loves Raymond HD	USA WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) HD	VH1 Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	WGN Hostage (05, R) ★★½ Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollak, HD	PREM HBOW Tashi (15) (C45) The Judge (14, R) Robert Downey Jr., Robert Duvall, HD	MAXW Strike Back (TVMA) HD	SHOWW Ray Donovan HD

TUESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 18, 2015

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30																												
BROADCAST	ABC Fresh Off Fresh Off	CBS NCIS: "No Good Deed"	NBC America's Got Talent: "Live Round 2" (N) HD	FOX Smart 5th Grade (N) HD	ION Criminal Minds HD	A&E Storage	AMC (6:00) The Green Mile (99, R) Tom Hanks, HD	ANIMAL To Be Announced	BET (6:30) Johnson (04) ★½	BRAVO New York City Social	CARTOON King of Hill King of Hill	CMT Reba HD	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY Tosh.0 HD	DISCOVERY Deadliest Catch (N) HD	DISNEY Descendants (15, NR) Dove Cameron, HD	ESPN SportsCenter HD	ESPN2 Softball Hey Rookie	FAMILY The Hunger Games HD	FOOD Chopped (TV G) HD	FX (7:30) Thor (11, PG-13) ★★★ Chris Hemsworth, HD	HGTV Flop HD	HISTORY Cars HD	LIFETIME Dance Moms (N) HD	MTV Catfish: The TV Show	NICK Full House Full House	SPYFI Ink Master (TV14) HD	TBS Big Bang Big Bang	TCM (7:15) Gone with the Wind (40, NR) ★★½ Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, HD	TNT Little People (N) HD	TRAVEL No Reservations (N)	TV LAND Raymond Loves Raymond HD	USA Tough Enough	VH1 Love & Hip Hop: "I Do"	WGN Rules HD	PREM HBOW Edge of Tomorrow (14)	MAXW (15) The Grand Budapest Hotel (14, R) ★★½ HD	SHOWW Masters of Sex HD

WEDNESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 19, 2015

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30																													
BROADCAST	ABC The Middle Goldbergs	CBS Big Brother (N) HD	NBC America's Got Talent: "Live Round 2" (N) HD	FOX MasterChef (TV14) HD	ION Ghost Whisperer HD	A&E Duck HD	AMC Armageddon (98, PG-13) ★★½ Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, HD	ANIMAL To Be Announced	BET Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself '09, PG-13) Tyler Perry, HD	BRAVO Flipping Out: "Trouble"	CARTOON King of Hill King of Hill	CMT Reba HD	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY South Park South Park	DISCOVERY Airplane Repo (N) HD	DISNEY Bad Hair Day (15)	ESPN SportsCenter HD	ESPN2 Armwrestling HD	FAMILY Kevin Work Hungry (N)	FOOD Cuthroat Kitchen	FX Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (03, PG-13) ★★½ HD	HGTV Property Brothers HD	HISTORY American Pickers HD	LIFETIME Little Women: LA HD	MTV Catfish: The TV Show	NICK Full House Full House	SPYFI Cops HD	TBS Big Bang Big Bang	TCM (7:15) The Searchers (56, NR) ★★½ Rio Bravo (59, NR) ★★½ John Wayne, Dean Martin, HD	TLC L. Remini L. Remini	TNT Castle: "Wrapped Up"	TRAVEL Thrill (N) HD	TV LAND Raymond Loves Raymond HD	USA Law & Order: SVU HD	VH1 Dating Naked (N) HD	WGN How I Met Rules HD	PREM HBOW Ride Along (14) ★★½ HD	MAXW Turistas (06, R) ★★ HD	SHOWW Need for Speed (14, PG-13) ★★★ Aaron Paul, HD



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CORDOVA SPORTS

Practices Underway for Cordova Football

By Mike Bush

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On Monday, August 10th, members of the Cordova High School football program started practices.

Both of the Lancers' squads—varsity and junior varsity—started conditioning drills and running offensive and defensive plays. According to Cordova varsity head coach Darren Nill, there are 44 varsity players and 64 on the JV team.

"We were swamped by new players showing up wanting to play JV," Nill said. "This caused me to panic, scramble, and try to order more uniforms for the JV [team]."

During the first two days of practices, Lancer players on both teams reviewed offensive and defensive basic formations



In a three-point stance during a drill is Cordova lineman Zariahn Zimmer. He is competing to be one of the Lancers' starting offensive tackles. Photo by Raelynn Flippo



Looking for a receiver down the field in Monday's practice is Lancer wide receiver Isaac Black, who is Cordova's back-up quarterback. Black returns as one of the team's receivers. Photo by Raelynn Flippo

and plays. "Getting the finer details coached now that the players have been repping the plays since June 1st," Nill said. "Working so closely together since weight training started... [earlier this year], we are demanding and getting a cohesive group who really are coming together for the common goal."

Nill said that on Wednesday players from both teams would be able to suit up in shoulder pads. That day is set by the Sac-Joaquin Section in which high school football programs can allow their players to suit up. "We are moving into contact slowly Wednesday, with Thursday and Friday scheduled to be ramped up days," Nill said.

Prior to Wednesday's practices, the Lancers have been busy performing many tasks in addition to running offensive and defensive plays. One of those drills is hitting the tackling sled. "Our sleds are already our guys' best friends," joked Nill. "Defensive line, offensive line, and linebackers use them daily. Tackling is something we are progressing deeper in now that we have full gear on."

Another fun drill for the Lancer squads has been the pursuit drill that emphasizes 11 players on defense pursuing the ball carrier.

Notable dates for Cordova football is Saturday, August 22nd at Lancer Stadium at 9 a.m. That's when the Lancers will host Capital Christian High School football squads—varsity and JV—in controlled scrimmages.

Preview on the Cordova varsity football squad for the upcoming season, plus an outlook of its first non-league game of the season at Pioneer of Woodland on Friday, August 28th, will be featured in upcoming issues. ★

"Meet the Lancers" Takes Place on Saturday

By Mike Bush

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Do you want to meet members of this year's Cordova High School football teams before they hit the field for their first scrimmage on Saturday, August 22nd?

If so, tomorrow, Saturday, August 15th, is your day. Members of the Lancer varsity and junior varsity teams will take part in "Meet the Lancers" at Village Green Park, located at 3141 Bridgeway Drive in Rancho Cordova. The event is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

Players and coaches of the two Lancer football squads will be present. In addition, the CHS cheerleaders are scheduled to appear for this community pep rally for the upcoming season. Also, players and cheerleaders from the Cordova Jr. Lancers, the high school's feeder youth football

program, are scheduled to appear.

According to Cordova varsity football head coach Darren Nill, the "Meet the Lancers" rally is scheduled to have guest speakers that include Cordova High School Principal Dan Anklam, Zak Ford, Otis Griffin, and Gerald Willhite.

At 8 p.m., players, coaches, and people attending will be treated to the movie "When the Game Stands Tall." The summer 2014 film that was released nationwide is about the success of the De La Salle High School football program, as the private Concord school held a remarkable 151-game winning streak that stretched from 1993 to 2003, with an emphasis on the 2003 squad that had many ups and downs during the season.

Admission for "Meet the Lancers" is free. ★

Friday is Motown Night at Village Green

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Nathan Owens tours throughout the west with his Motown band, lighting up stages at casinos, fairs, and other venues with the best the musical style has to offer. This is his first visit to the Rancho Cordova concert series.

Admission is free of charge and music starts at 7 p.m. The preliminaries begin at 6 p.m., so come early to grab a great spot for your blanket or lawn chairs. Visit www.cordovacouncil.org and follow the links to hear a sampling of the "Nathan Owens Motown Revue," and check out other upcoming bands.

Here's the line-up:

- August 14th: Nathan Owens Motown Revue
- August 21st: Flock of 80z
- August 28th: Cripple Creek Band
- September 4th: Superlicious

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Source: Cordova Community Council ★



Taking a crack at the sled in Monday's practice is Cordova's Clifford Bright, a sophomore who is battling to start at strong side defensive end on the varsity Lancers football team this year. Photo by Raelynn Flippo

END OF THE BENCH BY GERRY SCHOLL

Not So Bright, Sunshiney Days

As he has done from time to time in the past, Giants announcer Jon Miller, on another beautiful day for baseball in Chicago Sunday, invoked the lyrics of what must be one of his favorite songs.

When the sky opened up over the fine shrine to baseball, Wrigley Field, Miller broke into his familiar (to Giants fans) spoken-word version of the 1972 Johnny Nash hit: "I can see clearly now, the rain is gone. I can see all obstacles in my way. Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind. It's gonna be a bright, bright sunshiney day."

It couldn't have been much better, weather-wise, through the four days the Giants were in Chicago, and it was pretty cool to see the championship-starved (since 1908) Cubs fans enjoying themselves so, though it was at the expense of the team for which Miller works.

Wrigley and its famed ivy-covered walls were dazzling in the bright sun, but dark clouds hovered over the Giants' fortunes as the Cubs completed a four-game sweep. The Giants were down, 2-0, late in the fourth game of the series when the real clouds rolled in and rain (remember rain?) began to fall, just in time to stop Hunter Pence's eighth-inning bid for a three-run homer about five feet short.

After a winning stretch of 13 out of 15, the dog days of August have taken some bites out of the Giants' legs and they limped home from a rough, rough road trip after going 3-7. Fortunately, the heavens are after the West Division-leading Dodgers as well and the Giants began a six-game homestand Tuesday just 2 1/2 games behind. These games are part of a stretch of 22 games in 23 days, all against contenders.

If the defending-champions are to be in the mix again, they will really have to earn it, starting now. They will have to overcome several obstacles in their way. All Star second baseman Joe Panik (.309 avg., 7th in the NL) is on

the shelf with a bad back, and newly-acquired starting pitcher Mike Leake made one solid start before injuring a hamstring and joining Panik on the disabled list along with catcher Andrew Susac and pitchers Tim Hudson and Tim Lincecum. Jake Peavy has pitched well since rejoining the rotation, but has little to show for it because either the offense or the bull pen has let him down. Matt Cain looks as though he should've rehabbed a little longer in Sacramento, because he continues to make location mistakes at the worst possible times. Nori Aoki lost momentum when a pitch broke his lower leg and now he took another one to the head. Angel Pagan's back and both knees are barking, and though he is trying to play through those injuries he looks like a fragment of his former self. On the bright side, the Giants have seven games left against L. A. and boast a 9-3 mark against the Dodgers thus far.

Clearly, the dark days keep on coming for the San Francisco 49ers. Maybe they have hit rock bottom with the most-recent incident involving preeminent pass rusher Aldon Smith that has resulted in the star player being released by the team after four troubled years. The fifth time was the charm for Smith. The 25-year-old has had five brushes with the law since January 2012. Smith has wreaked havoc on the field and off. Events off the turf included multiple DUIs, firing guns and getting stabbed at a "party?" at his home, illegal-weapons charges, bomb threats at the airport, lawsuits, a nine-game suspension, fines, probation, 235 hours of community service, an apparently ineffective rehab stint, smashed up cars, (only?) a few hours in jail, assorted felonies and misdemeanors, hit-and-run and vandalism and...he gone.

Smith joined a lengthy list of important figures to leave the 49ers over recent months. Of course, former head coach Jim

Harbaugh tops that list. After a successful run and many frayed nerves "in the building," and a disappointing 8-8 record last season, highlighted by an offense in disarray, Harbaugh left for his alma mater, Michigan. All-time 49ers rushing leader Frank Gore left for the Colts. Other major notable departures: LB Patrick Willis, DT Justin Smith, OT Anthony Davis, LB Chris Borland, WR Michael Crabtree and, previously in the style of Aldon Smith, Ray MacDonald.

The 49ers' once stout defense has been ravaged. It will clearly be a case of "next man up." The team did draft for defense this year, with their first three selections being DL Arik Armstead (Oregon), S Jaquiski Tarrt (Samford, not Stanford) and OLB Eli Harold (Virginia). Also added were free agents DT Darnell Dockett and CB Shareece Wright. New coach Jim Tomsula and everybody else hopes that three-time, First Team All-Pro linebacker NaVorro Bowman can return to that form after a brutal knee injury that kept him out all of last season.

There are also hopes for a rejuvenated offense even though the line will have to develop. QB Colin Kaepernick is expected to improve after his off-season sessions with Kurt Warner, a two-time NFL MVP and a Super Bowl champion and MVP. That can't hurt. The team also added experienced producers RB Reggie Bush and WR Torrey Smith. But it will likely take some time for the sun to shine on the Niners.

Things appear to be somewhat brighter across the bay for the Oakland Raiders, now that they have settled on their QB of the future, Derek Carr, added top draft pick WR Amari Cooper and brought in a successful, experienced coach in Jack Del Rio. But fans may be blinded by those dark clouds of renewed talks about the Raiders leaving town again. ★

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Five-time All-Star Troy Tulowitzki has strengthened an already powerful lineup by giving Toronto some power at the shortstop position.

Jays surging in AL East

Franchise seeks first postseason appearance since 1993

Just two weeks ago, the Toronto Blue Jays were a game under .500 and eight games behind the first-place Yankees. Not only that, they were also trailing the Orioles and Rays within the division.

Fast forward to the present, and they're the hottest team in baseball, winners of 10 of 11, and just 1.5 games out of first place after sweeping the Yankees in the Bronx.

The Blue Jays' turnaround isn't all that unexpected, though. Even on July 28 when they were treading water right around .500, they were second in the league with a plus-94 run differential. Thanks to an unsustainably low 10-22 record in one-run games, they were massively underachieving.

The Jays' front office recognized that this team, despite its rather ordinary record, had the potential to be among the best in baseball — with a few additions. General manager Alex Anthopoulos made two tremendous moves prior to the trade deadline, acquiring shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and left-handed pitcher David Price — two of the elite players in the game.

Yes, the Blue Jays had to give up a lot for the pieces. For just two months of Price — he will be a free agent after the season — the Jays gave up one of their most promising young arms in Daniel Norris plus two more prospects in Matt Boyd and Jairo Labourt. Tulowitzki's trade cost them their other top pitching prospect, Jeff Hoffman, along with a couple other prospects. That deal did, however, allow them to get out from under Jose Reyes' large contract.

The early returns are very promising. While Reyes is toiling away with a .238 on-base percentage and .256 slugging percentage, Tulowitzki has a .358 OBP and a .489 SLG with improved defense. In his first two starts, Price has allowed just one run, striking out 18 batters over 15 innings.

All of a sudden, Toronto has the best right-handed power in the league — 108 home runs among Tulowitzki, Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson, Edwin Encarnacion and Russell Martin is more than 18 teams have total — and an offense that has scored 68 more runs than any other team.

This isn't the first time the Blue Jays have pushed in all their chips, either. Many declared them the offseason champions of 2013 when they emptied their farm to acquire Reyes, Mark Buehrle, Josh Johnson and Emilio Bonifacio from the Marlins along with reigning Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey from the Mets and also signed Melky Cabrera.

Unfortunately, being crowned "offseason champions" didn't help much in the regular season when injuries and poor performances all

around led to just a one-win improvement from 73 to 74 wins.

Young players such as Noah Syndergaard, Travis d'Arnaud, Henderson Alvarez, Jake Marisnick, Anthony DeSclafani and Justin Nicolino were gone with little to show in return. Dickey's ERA ballooned from 2.73 in his final season with the Mets to 4.21 in his first year with the Jays; Johnson made three trips to the disabled list and had a 6.20 ERA; Reyes only played in 93 games due to injuries; and Cabrera produced -0.8 WAR, a 5.3 WAR drop-off from the previous season.

That season represented a worst-case scenario for what can happen when a team goes all-in. Although some of the players have departed through free agency — Johnson and Cabrera — Anthopoulos has kept most of his key players together and has even supplemented his young core by trading for promising hitters like Donaldson and Devon Travis over the past nine months.

And just as the Blue Jays reloaded with a bevy of stars and role players such as Ben Revere, Cliff Pennington, LaTroy Hawkins and Mark Lowe, the division-leading Yankees stood pat, and in a way took a step back.

Instead of their usual move to add a marquee name, the Yankees only traded for utility man Dustin Ackley, who promptly landed on the disabled list five days after he was acquired.

The lack of moves looks even more questionable because New York's pitching rotation has a growing number of question marks. CC Sabathia is having a second straight season with an ERA over 5.00. Michael Pineda will be on the disabled list until at least September. And Masahiro Tanaka is an injury risk at any time.

The Yankees did call upon top prospect Luis Severino to take a rotation spot, and they still can acquire another pitcher before the waiver deadline at the end of the month. But it might not be enough. They've now lost seven of their past 11 games, including a three-game sweep at the hands of the Blue Jays.

Now armed with the best run differential in the league and the wins to finally match it, the Blue Jays look like one of the best teams in baseball. They will face off with the Yankees 10 more times this season, with six coming at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

The AL East, which looked like a one-horse race just after the All-Star break, could be the most intriguing division in baseball down the stretch. The Yankees are currently in the lead, but there is no denying that Toronto has the best team.

AROUND THE HORN

Marlins right-handed pitcher **Jose Fernandez** strained his right biceps tendon and may miss the rest of the 2015 season, although an MRI revealed no structural damage. He returned from Tommy John surgery at the start of July after suffering the initial injury in May of 2014. ...

The Braves traded **Chris Johnson** to Cleveland for **Michael Bourn** and **Nick Swisher**, a trade involving approximately \$58 million in remaining salary for three players who have combined to produce -2.3 WAR over the past two seasons....

Highly touted prospect **Luis Severino** made his major league debut for the Yankees, allowing just one earned run (along with an unearned run) over five innings against the Red Sox. He struck out seven while allowing only two baserunners but ultimately took the loss when New York could score only one run off knuckleballer **Steven Wright**. ...

Dave Dombrowski was fired as the Tigers' GM after serving in that position since 2002. He has been a general manager since 1988, when he ran the Expos at age 31, and brought the Tigers back to relevancy with several big trades, including ones for **Miguel Cabrera** and **Max Scherzer**. **Al Avila** was promoted to general manager and executive vice president of baseball operations, becoming the first-ever Cuban-born general manager in baseball history....

After trailing the San Francisco Giants by a half game for the second wild card spot, the Chicago Cubs swept the Giants to open a 3.5-game lead for the final playoff spot. The Cubs, winners of nine of their last 10, also lead the Nationals by five games and Diamondbacks by eight games following the weekend. ...

Mets reliever **Jerry Blevins** saw his season end in a rather unfortunate way: He re-fractured his left forearm when he fell off a curb. ...

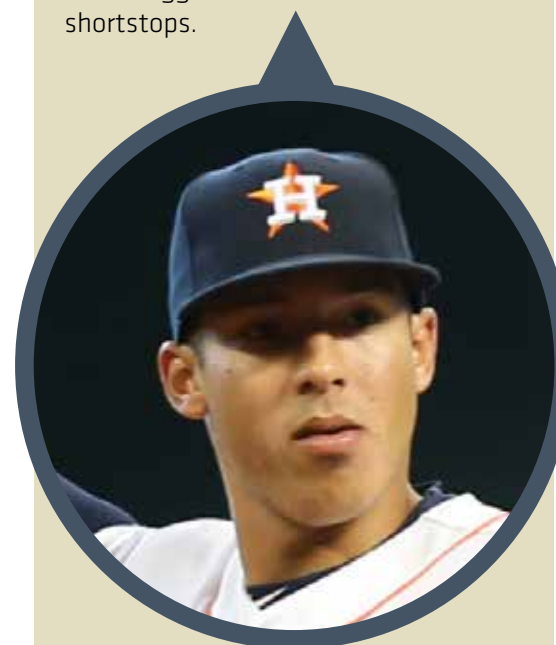
Garrett Richards has allowed five home runs in his last four starts, leading to a 4.55 ERA over that stretch. He has allowed 13 home runs this season after allowing only five home runs in 2014....

Seattle Mariners' slugger **Nelson Cruz** is hitting .455/.526/1.091 for the month of August, including six home runs in eight games.

NUMBERS GAME

.557

Carlos Correa is slugging .557 this season through 54 games, which is by far the highest among shortstops. Brandon Crawford is second at .493. Correa is on pace to have the best slugging season for a rookie shortstop; only Nomar Garciaparra (.534 in 1997), Juan Uribe (.524 in 2001) and Cory Snyder (.500 in 1986) have slugged at least .500 as rookie shortstops.



TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Aug. 11, 1991

Chicago White Sox lefty Wilson Alvarez, 21, throws a no-hitter in his second career start, becoming the 17th rookie in baseball history to throw a no-no. Alvarez took the second-shortest amount of time to throw one, topped only by the St. Louis Browns' Bobo Holloman, who threw a no-hitter in his first career start in 1953.

TRIVIA CORNER

Since 1995, which player traded at the deadline had the most RBIs for his new team that season?



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TRIVIA ANSWER: Jermaine Dye, who had 59 RBIs for the A's after being acquired at the deadline in 2001.

Photos: Tulowitzki: Kevin Sousa/Icon Sportswire/Newscom; Correa: Tom DiPace/Athlon Sports

ATHLON SPORTS POWER RANKING

- Cardinals** Best ERA in the league — and it's not even close.
- Pirates** Sweep of the Dodgers asserts dominance.
- Royals** No team walks or strikes out less often at the plate.
- Blue Jays** Winners of eight straight and 10 of 11 games.
- Dodgers** Clayton Kershaw's scoreless streak ended at 37 innings.
- Astros** Team has lost seven of 10 since trading for Carlos Gomez.
- Mets** Sweeping a pair of division rivals extends NL East lead.
- Cubs** Lead wild card spot after winning 10 of 11 games.
- Yankees** Thin rotation starting to catch up to them.
- Nationals** Doug Fister's removal from the rotation should help an ailing bullpen.
- Giants** Hotter Cubs halt the Giants' hot streak.
- Angels** Pitchers are third in the league with a 75.8% strand rate.
- Orioles** Have split their last 10 games after winning five straight.
- Rangers** Not totally out of the wild card race after sweeping Houston.
- Rays** Asdrubal Cabrera is hitting .477/.521/.773 over the past 30 days.

- Twins** Losers of seven of eight with a minus-36 run differential.
- Diamondbacks** Zack Godley has a 1.50 ERA in three starts since being called up.
- White Sox** Getting swept in KC leaves huge deficit to make up in wild card race.
- Tigers** Rookie James McCann has the seventh-best average among catchers. Doesn't get worse than being swept by the Brewers and Phillies.
- Red Sox** Rookies provide jolt to otherwise dreadful rotation.
- Athletics** Coco Crisp is hitting just .190/.292/.190 since his return from the DL.
- Mariners** Robinson Cano is hitting .328 since July 1.
- Indians** Put up 34 runs in a series win against the Twins.
- Braves** Only the injured Freddie Freeman has double-digit home runs.
- Reds** Marlon Byrd should be traded soon.
- Rockies** Jose Reyes is hitting just .205/.238/.256 since being acquired.
- Brewers** No batter has reached 2.0 WAR yet.
- Phillies** Somehow 16-5 since the All-Star break.
- Marlins** Lost six straight to earn the worst record in baseball.

IN MEMORIAM

Brayton Walters

December 2, 1991 - July 31, 2015

Brayton Walters was born December 2, 1991, in Rancho Cordova, CA. He departed this life the morning of July 31, 2015, near Truckee, CA.



Brayton was a stellar student with two degrees and a hard-working young man. He graduated from Cordova High School in 2010 and was attending American River College while working for Tony's Fine Foods with his brother Taylor and his father Tom. Brayton was scheduled to join the Coast Guard, as he wanted to serve others, as he has done many of times in the community.

Brayton enjoyed playing Football, but found his true passion in playing Rugby and the friends and family it brought him. He loved nothing more than building up his Toyota and to be in the outdoors wheel'n in the snow, rock crawling, fishing, camping and enjoying his time spent with his family

and friends laughing, joking and hanging around the campfire.

Brayton loved his family and was considered a leader within the family by his brothers. Some might say he was a Mama's Boy but he was his Dad's Proud Young Man as well.

Brayton is preceded in death by his mother, Mindy Walters who passed less than a year ago on August 24, 2014. Brayton

is survived by his father Tom Walters, his brothers Taylor and Austin Walters, his grandparents Herb & Ruth Walters (Eagle Lake, CA), Rita Granada (Pacific Palisades, CA) and Leroy Martinez (Anguilla, BWI), girlfriend Zuray (Suedy) Perez (Rancho Cordova, CA), and aunt Melissa (Michael) Riner of (Castaic, CA), Karen (Barry) Cohen of (Pacific Palisades, CA); Nephews Ian (Danica) Riner of (Valencia CA), Aaron Riner (Castaic CA), Max Cohen; nieces Elise Riner of (Santa Clarita, CA) and Arielle Cohen.

A celebration of Brayton Walters's life is set for September 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Information will be posted to his Facebook page where the brothers have asked to see any photos and to share any comments from those whose lives have been touched by Brayton.



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IRS Warns Taxpayers About New Scam Artists

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- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Here's what you should do if you think you're the target of an IRS impersonation scam:

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you with a payment issue.

- If you know you don't owe taxes or do not immediately believe that you do, you can report the incident to the TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484.

- If you've been targeted by any scam, be sure to contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their FTC Compliant Assistant at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

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