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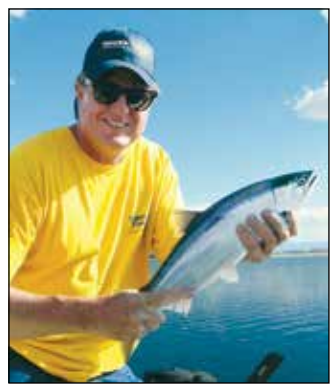
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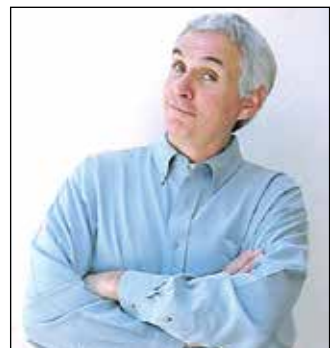
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It's Time for the Annual Bingo Round-Up



Assistance League of Greater Placer members (from left to right) Sandy Slaton, Kathy Dubois, and LaVerne Moran are ready for the annual Bingo Round-Up. Photo courtesy of Assistance League of Greater Placer

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Head 'em up! Move 'em out! That's the call from members of Assistance League of Greater Placer to round up your friends and attend their eighth annual Bingo Round-Up.

The Bingo Round-Up will be held at Blue Goose Event Center, 3550 Taylor Road, in Loomis on Wednesday, April 15th in two sessions: the first session will be 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the second session will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.

Proceeds of the event will benefit philanthropic programs of Assistance League of Greater Placer. The cost to attend is \$25 per session on presale and \$30 per session at the door. Each admission ticket includes one free ticket for the door prize drawing. Tickets can be purchased online at www.BingoRoundUp.eventbrite.com, by phone at (530) 305-3508, or in person through an Assistance League member at Assistance

League Thrift Shop in Auburn.

This event is the signature fundraiser for the nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that is celebrating 21 years of service in the Greater Placer community. "Last year, our Bingo Round-Up 2014 was so impressive," said Bingo Round-Up Chairman Linda Martinez. "I was surprised how many players were at each session; and clearly, our Assistance League of Greater Placer volunteers run this event like pros."

In addition to the bingo games, a silent auction, cash prizes, and basket raffle will round out the sessions. Assistance League members are busy creating 16 special raffle baskets with different themes.

Delicious fixins' will be available for purchase at the chuck wagon during the afternoon and evening sessions. Choices include pulled pork sandwich with coleslaw; hot dog with potato salad; Caesar salad with or without chicken; cake,

cookies, and chocolate bars; and beverages including soda, beer, wine, bottled water, and iced tea.

Proceeds from this event are used to help support the organization's philanthropic programs, which benefit people of all ages in need. Assistance League members accomplished many acts of caring and commitment in 2014: they provided 1,240 children with new clothing through Operation School Bell®; awarded \$5,000 for community college scholarships; supplied 2,800 teddy bears to hospitals and California Highway Patrol; and enjoyed 496 hours visiting senior care residents. Members donated a total of 28,865 service hours and touched the lives of more than 15,400 people in Placer County communities. For more information, please visit www.greaterplacer.assistanceleague.org.

Source: Assistance League of Greater Placer ★

**Call for Volunteers,
Properties for Auburn
Community Service Day**

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The inaugural Auburn Community Service Day will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 9.

The purpose of Auburn Community Service Day is to support and improve the high quality of life in Auburn by engaging our collective time, skills, and talents to better connect the people of Auburn and promote pride in our community. The focus of this year's event is fire prevention.

Ten to 15 properties in the Auburn area will be selected that are in need of defensible space yard work. If you or someone you know have a hardship and are in need of this type of help to prepare for the impending fire season, please contact Sheryl Petersen at spetersen@auburnrec.com or (530) 863-4615.

A community volunteer force of 200 is also needed for the day. All volunteers will check in at Recreation Park on the morning of the event to be given their location and any tools they might need for the particular site.

All volunteers will return to Recreation Park at about 12:30 p.m. for a barbecue lunch prepared by Auburn Kiwanis. AAA in Auburn has donated event T-shirts for the community volunteers. You may sign up as a volunteer for this event at AuburnCSD.iVolunteer.com/2015acsd. Visit their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/AuburnCommunityServiceDay](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnCommunityServiceDay). ★

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Board Approves New Project in Successful Traffic Safety Effort

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Placer County is laying the groundwork for a new project in its award-winning campaign to reduce the frequency and severity of traffic collisions on county roads.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a \$57,621 contract with Central Striping Service Inc. to install recessed reflective pavement markers on five county roads: Bowman, Dry Creek, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Arthur and West Weimar Cross Road.

The pavement markers will be installed on both sides of centerlines to help prevent head-on collisions. A grant from the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program will provide 90 percent of the

funding and county road funds will cover the remaining 10 percent.

"This kind of pavement marker has been proven to reduce head-on collisions by 25 percent. The markers make motorists more aware of centerlines at night and create a loud vibration that serves as an alarm to motorists who cross the markers," said county Senior Civil Engineer Stephanie Holloway. "Due to the rural nature of many county roadways, nighttime awareness of signs and markings is a top priority of our traffic-safety program."

The project is the latest in a long series of initiatives undertaken by the Public Works Department to improve traffic safety on county roadways since 2009. The department works closely with the

California Highway Patrol and other agencies on the traffic-safety program.

Last year, the program was recognized with an Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Award from the California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities and County Engineers Association of California. The awards program honors exceptional achievements by cities and counties to preserve and protect local road systems.

Each year, Public Works conducts a traffic-safety analysis to identify where most collisions occur and what can be done to prevent them.

For the latest project, the department identified the five roads set to receive pavement markers by analyzing the

county road network, looking for roadways where more than two head-on collisions occurred within a half mile of each other from 2007-2011.

Since 2009, the program has received more than \$5 million in grant funding for low-cost safety projects.

A \$30,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety was used by Public Works to create the cornerstone of the program: computer software tailored to the county's needs that identifies segments of rural roads with high concentrations of traffic collisions more precisely than was possible in the past.

Source: Placer County ★

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Rust & Ruffles: Rustic, Funky, and Fabulous



Rust & Ruffles is a reflection of that knowledge and love of the business. It's brimming with unique merchandise, such as French provincial dressers and buffets, an eclectic mix of chairs and mirrors, and unique lighting fixtures. There are also dressers, nightstands, end tables, beds, and wedding décor, including rustic-themed wedding décor.

By Carol Guild
Staff Writer

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - A new shop has opened in part of the old J. C. Penney building on Lincoln way, downtown.

Rust & Ruffles owner Carrie Rice opened her doors on February 2, with old and new collectibles.

"I had a little spot at the Antique Trove and did traveling sales before," said Rice. "I also participated in events such as Old Town Auburn's Antique Street Fair and Sacramento's Under the Bridge Antique Faire."

Rice still plans to be at the next Antique Street Fair in Old Town, happening May 17 (OldTownAuburnCA.com; (530) 888-1585).

This type of antiques and collectibles business has been in Rice's family for a long time, "My mom and grandmother had (the store) Collectibles in Old Town Auburn," she said. "I worked there when I was in high school. I've always been around it."

Rice's shop downtown is a reflection of that knowledge and love of the business. It's brimming with unique merchandise, such as French provincial dressers and buffets, an eclectic mix of chairs and mirrors, and unique lighting fixtures. There are also dressers, nightstands, end tables, beds, and wedding décor, including rustic-themed wedding décor.

The western section includes everything from lassos to vintage western pictures and signs.

And while Rice is the sole owner of Rust & Ruffles, she carved out some space for a couple of her friends to stock with items. "It brings



variety," said Rice. "It's good to have what catches their eyes, too."

Rice is in the planning for a garden display, as well, which will feature vintage patio sets and garden décor.

The ideas keep coming, and there is no short supply of unique items to bring into Rust & Ruffles. Rice travels outside the area to amass great finds. "I get it all over the place," she said "I travel up north, all over, to antique stores and flea markets."

But she didn't need to go far to come up with the one-of-a-kind counter which sits front and center in the store. Her husband made it out of an old (somewhere between 1948 and '52) Chevrolet truck. "It was out in our pasture," she said.

For more about Rust & Ruffles, visit the store at 908 Lincoln Way, in downtown Auburn or call (530) 613-6545.

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An Evening with Jack Gallagher: 'Can't Pretend that Growing Older Never Hurts'

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Special guest performances by local celebrity comedian Jack Gallagher for An Evening with Jack Gallagher "Can't Pretend that Growing Older Never Hurts" are scheduled for Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18, at the Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center.

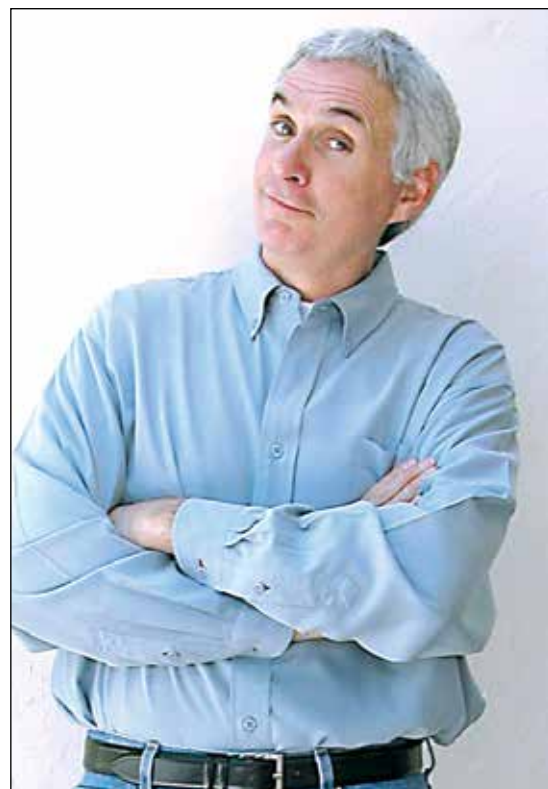
Gallagher started his professional comedy career in Boston during the early 80s. As part of that explosive comedy scene, he helped establish such clubs as The Comedy Connection, Stitches and the legendary Ding-Ho Comedy. After moving to Los Angeles, Gallagher became a regular at The Improv and added big screen credits to his résumé by landing a major role in the feature film "Shakes the Clown" with Bob "Bobcat" Goldthwait. He

has also appeared in "Heartbreak Ridge" with Clint Eastwood and was featured in the made for television movie "Incident at Ruby Ridge."

Gallagher can currently be seen as the co-host of the popular nationally syndicated public television show MoneyTrack.

Gallagher's work on network television includes his own ABC sitcom "Bringing Up Jack," as well as a recurring role on the HBO Original Series "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

A favorite of talk/variety show hosts and audiences, Gallagher made numerous appearances on The Tonight Show with both Johnny Carson and Jay Leno as well as NBC's Late Night with Conan O'Brien. In addition to headlining virtually every major comedy club in the country, Gallagher has appeared in concert with Dolly Parton, The Four Tops and Tony Bennett to name a few.



Jack Gallagher will perform two shows at the State Theatre April 17 and 18. Photo courtesy APPAC

Gallagher has written and continues to perform his four critically acclaimed one-man shows "Letters to Declan," "Just The Guy," "What He Left" and "A Different Kind Of Cool" in theaters and at corporate events across the country.

Gallagher is a three-time Emmy award-winner for his work as host of the PBS shows Money Moves, Off-Limits and Kids, Cash and Common Sense. And was also honored with the NATPE IRIS award in the category "On-Camera Talent."

About the Show - After 30 years as a stand-up comic, numerous appearances on the Tonight Show and even his own ABC sitcom, you'd think Jack Gallagher would have at least a few things figured out. Maybe this is the night it all comes together for him. ★

Placer County Library Vote Delayed

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - At the urging of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, the planned April 7 vote about a proposal to close the Meadow Vista and Loomis branch libraries will be delayed, in light of significant public interest in keeping the libraries open. The time will be used to continue the dialog with local community leaders and the public, to see if there are any other viable alternatives, aside from closure, to continue to fund the libraries.

"We face a very real fiscal crisis in our library system; but, as we've spoken to the public, we've heard loud and clear that they do not want their libraries to close," said Mary George, director of library services for Placer County. "So the decision has been made to slow down this process to allow more time for planning and brainstorming with local leaders to see if we can find a solution that meets our financial needs and the community's desire for continued library services."

The Placer County Library system has been relying on reserves for several years, due to escalating costs and the significant decrease in property taxes as a result of the recession. While the economy is beginning to improve, the costs are still climbing, and the funding has not bounced back as quickly, leaving many libraries with shortened hours, long-deferred maintenance and lacking current materials, technology, and programming that patrons expect to find.

As library staff presented their challenges and proposed solution at various municipal advisory committee meetings, town council meetings and other public forums, they heard from people who are very passionate about keeping the libraries open, or at least finding some way to maintain the community space that many say is their primary use of the library.

"I'm pleased that we have a little more time to work with the towns affected by the proposed

library closures to work on some alternatives," said District 3 Supervisor Jim Holmes. "We are hearing several ideas from the public and I'm optimistic we may be able to find some middle ground here."

District 5 Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery says she's heard from dozens of people who seem most concerned about the loss of the community focused aspect of their libraries. "At a minimum, I'm hoping we can find some alternatives that keep that community space available for people to enjoy and still provide suitable locally based library services," she said. "But it is an excellent idea to slow this down some and make sure we've considered all of the options people have suggested for saving our libraries."

This delay came at the urging of supervisors Holmes and Montgomery to county staff. The April 7 presentation to the Board of Supervisors will now be an informational update only.

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All American Speedway to Launch 60th Season

By Linda Harper

ROSEVILLE, CA (MPG) - There's something uncanny about the speedway just before opening day of race season. From the spotter's ledge, the 1/3 mile oval track looks pitch black against a backdrop of pristine, green infield lawn. The bleachers are shiny and inviting, the pits are groomed and the cement is clean. There's a massive Heritage Oak tree in the pit area standing tall and proud, waiting to shade drivers while they receive their competition instructions.

What's most apparent is the eerie silence. That calm will abruptly vanish on April 11th, when All American Speedway in Roseville opens the gates to its 60th racing season. Four divisions will roar around the track with resounding thunder, sure to thrill anxious spectators.

Included in Saturday's lineup are Street Stocks, Legends, Bombers and the F-4s. The first race of the season is always exciting and full of anticipation. There are new cars, returning contenders and familiar drivers, who have been providing action packed racing to devoted All American Speedway fans for decades.

NASCAR's Sprint Cup is the elite racing division everyone recognizes through TV, ticket sales and millions of dollars of marketing. Secondary divisions such as Nationwide and the K&N Series are formulated to bring drivers up the ladder to ultimately join the Cup Series.

However, before attempting to enter any of the NASCAR divisions, most drivers start racing on their community short tracks. Over the years, All American



(Below) On April 18th, the second race of the season, Pacific Challenge Late Models will return to All American Speedway, along with North State Modifieds and Pro 4 Modifieds. These traveling series cars and drivers are fierce battlers who put on a spectacular show with edge-of-your-seat action. Photos courtesy of Doug Day

Speedway (AAS) served as a training ground for Kevin Harvick and Clint Boyer who are now weekly contenders in the Sprint Cup Series. Jim Englebright also moved up to NASCAR's nationwide series after completing several seasons at AAS. Although Michael Waltrip didn't train at AAS, he enjoys navigating the track once a year when he races in the K&N Pro Series.

Community short track racing is true, raw auto racing at its best. It's where enthusiasts evolve into competitive racing participants; where confidence is built and determination is realized. Drivers learn to handle speed and to display competitive showmanship. In the pits, friends and family often make up the crew that build the cars and keeps them racing week after week.

Sponsors are local business owners who pay to keep racing machines in tires and fuel for the season. Hometown race fans tend to remain faithful to their favorite drivers season after season. They create alliances and make lifelong friends. It's not unusual to see the same group of fans sitting together in the same spot on the bleachers year after year.

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There are a few changes to note at AAS. There are no races scheduled for the month of July. In the past it has been miserably hot for



drivers and fans in July. Rather than having to call off a race due to heat, officials decided to get out in front of the problem and take July off. Also, the last Saturday of every month is a dark night, when the track will be closed.

During the 2015 season, the speedway will not operate as a NASCAR sanctioned track, except for the annual K&N Pro Series race in October. Lifting the sanction will make it easier for people to race. The hope is that more modifieds and street stocks sign in. For any other ongoing changes, go to All American

Speedway's website. Roseville's All American Speedway is a safe, fun and affordable place for families to enjoy a night out together. The gates open at 4:00 p.m. and racing begins at 6:00 p.m. The track is located at 800 All America City Blvd. in Roseville. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors (60+) and juniors (6-15). Children under 6 are always free. For more information about All American Speedway, call (916) 786-2023, visit www.allamericanspeedway.com or look for them on Facebook. ★

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The Company and Del Oro Theatre Arts Present 'West Side Story'

LOOMIS, CA (MPG) - The Company and Del Oro High School Theatre Arts begins 2015 with their production of "West Side Story." The production is a showcase of Elly-nominated and awarded performers, designers, technicians and musical direction, and features the Placer County Youth Orchestra (PCYO).

West Side Story boldly confronts prejudices that were present in the late 50s and early 60s between American and Puerto Rican teenagers. Both fighting to have a place, a territory, they can call their own in the upper west side of New York City. They were even willing to fight to the death in the name of a gang. Today we have the very same issues. The location and group may be different but the fight is the same and the intolerance is still as strong.

One of the many reasons Del Oro selected this captivating musical was to bring these senseless prejudices to the minds of young and old so the door can be opened to discussing and perhaps even come to solutions in ending these types of conflict. Big goals, indeed, but why not start in our wonderful Loomis community.



The Jets and The Sharks. From left, standing: Claire Patterson, Cameron Riggs, Matthew Hawks, Charlie Patelzick, Nate Gardner, Marcus Granlund, Alec Ludwig. From left, sitting: Grayson McKenzie, Conner Douglas, Mason Besler. Photo by Dylan Hunzinger

who dedicate their lives to protect ours. Everyone is invited to enjoy the performance and then discuss the conflicts that exist.

Thursday, April 23 is Senior Citizens Night with added usher assistants and admission reduced to \$10 (\$11.34 with service fee).

The group will donate 20 percent of ticket sales to any organization that purchases tickets. For more information, call (916) 759-3032.

The cast and crew includes nearly 50 Del Oro students, a few adult cast members and is also supported by expert set and costume designers. The musical is produced by Jeffrey Johnson and professionally directed and musically directed by Shere "Mama Jones" Freedman. The combined talent and experience of The Company has been resulting in some of the highest quality community theatre in the region.

About The Company

The Company is a theatrical troupe comprised of students in the Del Oro High School Theatre Arts program and includes parents, faculty and theatre professionals. Its members are devoted to producing high quality theatre and bringing real life experience to high school students. The Company has taken on several challenging productions including its critically acclaimed 2014 production of "Les Miserables."

About PCYO:

The Placer County Youth Orchestra (PCYO) is a community youth orchestra serving the Rocklin, Roseville, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Newcastle, and Auburn areas. PCYO

focuses on providing a comprehensive musical education for students while fostering a sense of musicianship and duty to their community. Its goal is to work closely with schools, private teachers, and organizations throughout Placer County to make orchestral music available to everyone.

About the director

Shere Freedman has a tremendous background, which includes:

- Performed many times in Music Circus and Garbeaus Dinner Theater
- Directed by Robert Di Niro and Steve Martin
- Performed in a Broadway tour of "Annie" and "Les Miserables"
- Worked with Tim Robbins
- Worked with Al Pacino
- Attended a Masters class with Patty Lupone and one with Alan Alda
- 25 years of acting and technical experience
- Four years with Del Oro Theatre Department

Disclaimer: "West Side Story" (PG-13) is recommended for ages 13 and over. Please be advised that there is strong language, violence and some sensitive subject matter that is true to the story and plot. Parental guidance is suggested. "West Side Story" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Tel.: (212) 541-4684 Fax: (212) 397-4684 www.MTIShow.com. ★

WHAT: "West Side Story"

WHEN: 7 p.m. with six performances April 16 through April 25

WHERE: Del Oro Performing Arts Center

ADMISSION: General, \$14; Seniors \$10 (plus service fees)

INFO: (916) 759-3032

"West Side Story" is a timeless musical about star-crossed lovers from rival gangs with different ethnic backgrounds. Still relevant today, this heart-wrenching story describes the lover's struggle to coexist in a world marred by social problems, prejudice and violence. The production will run for a limited engagement of six performances from April 16 through April 25.

The Friday, April 17 performance will be in honor of Law Enforcement, giving show-goers a chance to meet those

PCSO 'Ride With Pride'

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - It's time to sign up for the Placer County Sheriff Office's annual "Ride With Pride," a one-day camp that pairs grade-school children with deputies and their horse partners.

Members of the Sheriff's Office, all with horse experience, have developed a complete program featuring sessions in which children have fun while learning about the care, handling and riding of horses.

Reservations are required and the camp fills up quickly each year.

Participants may choose to attend "Ride With Pride" on one of four days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, June 15, 16, 17 or 18 at the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day, and a free lunch is provided.

Children ages seven through 12 are invited to participate.

This is a free event.

For more information or to register, call Community Services Officer Lynn Harrison at (916) 652-2419 or email her at lharrison@placer.ca.gov.



The "Ride With Pride" program features sessions in which children have fun while learning about the care, handling and riding of horses. Photo courtesy Placer County Sheriff Office

OLAS Bold, Colorful Artwork Preview to 'Grand Budapest Hotel' Showing

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center (APPAC) will presents Academy Award-winning film "The Grand Budapest Hotel" at the State Theatre at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 16.

A pre-film reception will be held at The Old Library Artist Studios (OLAS) at 175 Almond Street in Auburn. Artists-in-residence members will provide refreshments and bold, colorful artwork that complements the exciting set design of the film experience.

This is a free event from 3 to 6 pm.

Visiting artists Keith Smith, Heidi Murray and KayLynn Sanderson will exhibit work produced with intense coloration and design including Indonesian batik on silk, ceramics and glass mosaics.

There will also be chocolate! "The Grand Budapest Hotel" recounts the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless



Artists-in-residence members will provide refreshments and bold, colorful artwork that complements the exciting set design of the film experience. Photos courtesy APPAC

Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune — all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing continent.

"The Grand Budapest Hotel" is directed by Wes Anderson, whose films include "Rushmore," "The Royal Tenebaums" and "Fantastic Mr. Fox." The screenplay is

inspired by the writings of Stefan Zweig. It stars Ralph Fiennes as a concierge and Tony Revolori as one of his employees.

"The Grand Budapest Hotel" was released to general acclaim from film critics, and many included it in year-end top 10 lists. Winner of four Academy Awards and Winner of Best Picture in Comedy or Musical for Golden Globes 2014.

This film is sponsored by the Power Club Brewery. ★

WHAT: Artist Reception
WHEN: 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, April 16

WHERE: The Old Library Artist Studios, 175 Almond Street, Auburn

ADMISSION: Free
INFO: (530) 885-0156

WHAT: "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

WHEN: 7 p.m., Thursday, April 16

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The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Guerrero is the son of Christina Guerrero of Granite Bay, Calif., grandson of Cathy Guerrero of Roseville, Calif., and husband of Emily Guerrero.

He is a 2010 graduate of Whitney High School, Rocklin, Calif. He earned an associate degree in 2013 from Sierra College, Rocklin, Calif.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Conner McKenzie graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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McKenzie is the son of Jessica and Robert McKenzie of Cool, Calif., and grandson of Kay McKenzie of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

He graduated in 2010 from Placer High School, Auburn, Calif.

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The Rodeo Is Coming to Town!



By Joan Elliott
Special to Placer Sentinel

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Yes, it's that time of year again, and the Gold Country Pro Rodeo is ranglin' up another awesome program. Mark your calendars for April 25 and 26 for some bronco bustin' fun in Auburn at the Gold Country Fairgrounds.

The weekend starts with the official Rodeo kick off Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. at Magnussen Dodge on Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn, for the dummy roping contest. Come meet the queen contestants and watch the kids compete for a champion belt buckle. Auburn Ale House in Old Town Auburn is hosting the Rodeo pre-party starting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, the gates open at 3 p.m. with the Rodeo beginning at 4 p.m. After your rootin' tootin' evening, join the crew for the Boots and Blue Jeans Party at the Fairgrounds featuring the Locked-N-Loaded band.

Sunday starts at 8 a.m. for a cowboy breakfast at the fairgrounds, served by Auburn's finest Hook and Ladder Company. The Cowboy Church follows at 10 a.m. The Special Kids Rodeo is at noon, and gates open for the main event at 2 p.m.

The Rodeo Queen competition is on April 19 at the Mt. Vernon Equestrian



If you've never been to a rodeo, this is the one to see! Don't miss the kids mutton bustin' both days; it is an event all its own. Lots of laughs and hoots. Come cheer for these young cowboys and cowgirls in the makin'. Photos by Paul Sanko

Center at 11330 Mt. Vernon Rd. If you want to see what a rodeo queen has to do, this is the place to be. Horsemanship competition begins at 8 a.m.

Following the horsemanship is an in-depth interview with the judging panel.

The day culminates with a dinner where speeches are presented, modeling and impromptu questions. Advance tickets are necessary for the dinner and can be acquired at the Rodeo Kick Off at Magnussen Dodge. The winning contestants will be announced on Saturday during the rodeo.

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is the one to see! Don't miss the kids mutton bustin' both days; it is an event all its own. Lots of laughs and hoots. Come cheer for these young cowboys and cowgirls in the makin'.

Every event is special and will fill your memories for many years. Make this the one event that is your family tradition for years to come.

Tickets are available online at GoldCountryProRodeo.com or find a queen contestant to help with her points towards the crown.

Joan Elliott is a Placer County resident and a "Queen Mom." ★

Kokanee Fishing with Vance Staplin



Vance Staplin, owner of Vance's Lures, will give a presentation on Kokanee fishing at the Rooster Tails Fishing Club breakfast meeting on April 17. Photo courtesy Rooster Tails Fishing Club

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The Rooster Tails Fishing Club breakfast meeting will be held on Friday, April 17 at the Auburn Elks Lodge, 195 Pine St. at Lincoln Way in Auburn. The doors to the Lodge open at 7 a.m. with a fantastic \$13 wide-selection buffet breakfast served at 8 a.m. The presentation begins at 9 a.m. sharp featuring guest speaker Vance Staplin, owner of Vance's Lures, for a Kokanee fishing presentation. The meeting is open to the public.

Unlike many tackle manufacturers, Staplin personally designed and tested his lures under real fishing conditions to provide Kokanee anglers with the best tackle to catch these illusive and challenging fish. Staplin's dodgers are longer and narrower than the standard 4/0 dodger used by most trout anglers. The raw manufacturing stock used for dodgers is typically thicker than that used by other companies and sculptured for low drag plus providing a lot of "kick" to trailing hutchies, grubs, or other offerings. In addition to a great dodger design, he uses top-of-line snaps and rings, holographic finishes, and UV coatings for the rest of his product line.

Kokanee have been successfully

perpetuated with the help of Kokanee Power and Inland California Fisheries organizations for providing these sporting, tasty, land-locked sockeye salmon. Spring fishing for Kokanee salmon for quality spring fish takes place in May and June. Attend this meeting to learn how to catch them, what tackle to use, and the best strategy.

The 30-year-old, 180-plus-member Rooster Tails Fishing Club of Northern California, Inc. is a non-profit organization that meets the third Friday of each month to educate, entertain, and enhance a fishing experience. Unlike many bass and fly fishing clubs that concentrate on very specific types of fishing, the Rooster Tails Fishing Club provides a balanced mix of fishing techniques presented by fishing experts targeting a variety of fish species on multiple types of waters.

Further information can be found at RoosterTailsFishingClub.org. For more information on attending Rooster Tails Fishing Club of Northern California, Inc. meetings, contact Jim, club chairman, at (530) 887-0479 or info@roostertailsfishingclub.org. ★

The Meadow Vista Friendly Neighbor's Club April Program:

MEADOW VISTA, CA (MPG) - Sonja Vargas-Conklin, market development coordinator, CALSTAR, Air Ambulance, will be presenting CALSTAR's mission, service and membership program to the Meadow Vista Friendly Neighbor's Club at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 22.

Lunch will be at noon, with our

speaker and general meeting at 1 p.m.

All are invited to participate at The Meadow Vista Grange Hall, 1220 Grange Road, Meadow Vista. Please RSVP to Judy Mecum at (530) 878-4651 or Sharon Bradford at (530) 878-2616 by Friday, April 17. Guests are always welcome. ★

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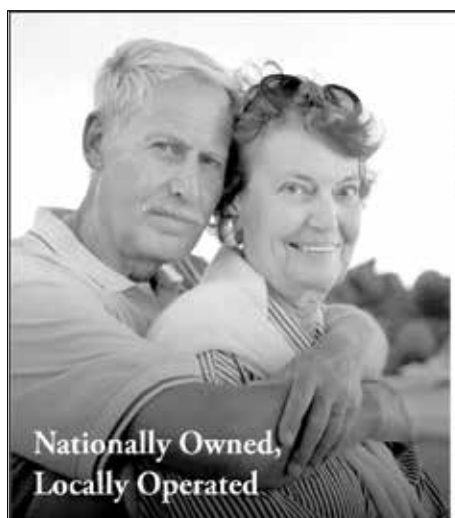
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Gold Country Writers Open House

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Writers will read their work at an open mic meeting of the Gold Country Writers from 10 a.m. to noon, April 11 at General Gomez ARTS Center, 808 Lincoln Way

in Auburn.

There will also be a panel discussion "My Journey to Being a Published Author" and 12 published authors showing and signing their books.

Come chat with writers - leave inspired!

For more information, email info@goldcountrywriters.com. ★

Join a Better Chorus! Sing with the Sierranaders

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - A local barbershop harmony chorus, The Sierranaders, recently competed at the Far Western District Contest and convention in Sacramento and were awarded "Most Improved" of the 15 competing choruses. They sang two songs, "You're the Flower of My Heart, Sweet Adeline" and "Old Cape Cod," in the society's

unique four-part A Cappella style.

The group would like to invite any men who love to sing to "come and try us out." They sing in four-part harmony, so there is a part for any man's vocal range. They sing in a nurturing environment, provide sheet music and training CDs, and have a great camaraderie—with many optional fun events throughout

the year. The ability to read music is not mandatory.

The Sierranaders meet in Auburn on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at 11577 E Avenue. For further information, call Ron at (530) 210-4640 or email Cliff at cliff@cliffsings.com. You can also find more information at www.sierranaders.org.

Source: *The Sierranaders* ★

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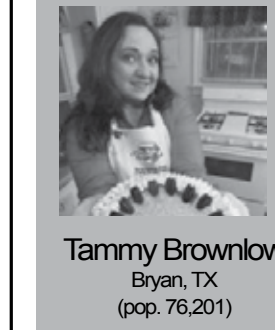
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Two Desserts, One Amazing Pecan Pie Cheesecake

"This pie is something special!"



Pecan pie and cheesecake in one bite? My oh my. Tammy Brownlow's Pecan Pie Cheesecake will be a hit at your next gathering! You may want to consider making two pies—it's that good. The sweetness from the pecan pie, combines with the creaminess from the cheesecake for one impressive dessert.

See step-by-step photos of Tammy's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

www.justapinch.com/pecancheesecake

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

-Janet

Pecan Pie Cheesecake

What You Need

1 pie crust 9" refrigerated or frozen

PECAN PIE LAYER:
3 eggs
1 c light corn syrup
1/4 c sugar
1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
1 c pecans, in pieces or halved

CHEESECAKE LAYER:
2 pkg 8oz cream cheese, room temperature
1/2 c sugar
1/4 tsp salt
1 egg
1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract

Directions

- Take pie crust from refrigerator or freezer. If frozen, let stand on counter 30-45 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In your mixer, combine 3 eggs with 1/4 cup sugar.
- Add corn syrup and vanilla. Stir in pecans.
- Pour into pie crust.
- In your mixer, beat cream cheese on medium until light and fluffy.
- Add sugar and salt.

Mix on low speed until combined.

- Add egg and vanilla gently spread on top of pecan pie layer.
- Bake 45 minutes.
- Once baked, refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

Submitted by: Tammy Brownlow, Bryan, TX (pop. 76,201) www.justapinch.com/pecancheesecake
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Decoding Your Taxes, Health Care Law



Taxpayers get help with IRS Free File

FAMILY FEATURES

You don't need to be an expert on taxes or the new health care law to get it right. The Internal Revenue Service, in partnership with industry-leading companies, is offering free tax software that will do the hard work for you. It's called Free File, and it's available only at IRS.gov/freefile. Learn more at freefile.irs.gov.

If you earned \$60,000 or less — and 70 percent of us do — you are eligible for Free File's brand-name software. If you made more than \$60,000, you still have a free option in Free File Fillable Forms. This is the electronic version of IRS paper forms. It's pretty basic, so this program is best for people comfortable doing their own taxes.

Free File's software programs will help you find the tax benefits you are due, help pick the right tax forms, and do the math for you. This year, Free File also helps you complete information on your return that is related to the Affordable Care Act. When it comes to the health care law, almost everyone will need to do something new when filing a tax return this year. For each month in 2014, you and everyone on your return will need to do one of the following:

- Report healthcare coverage
- Claim an exemption from coverage
- Make a shared responsibility payment with your tax return

Most people will simply have to check a box to indicate they maintained health care coverage for the entire year.

Free File software will ask all the right questions; you supply the answers. More than 43 million people have used Free File since it started in 2003. They have saved \$1.3 billion in tax preparation fees — simply by doing it themselves. Getting started is easy:

Gather your tax-related documents

Collect the tax materials needed to do your taxes. Here's what you'll need:

- A copy of last year's tax return
- Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children
- All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms, from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements, i.e. 1099 forms
- Form 1099-G showing any state refunds
- Unemployment compensation amount
- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, if you purchased coverage from a Health Insurance Marketplace
- Records of your own and your family members' health care insurance coverage, including employer provided, government, Marketplace or private coverage

Choose a brand-name software product

Once you've gathered your materials, go to IRS.gov/freefile to review the 14 company offerings. Each company sets its own criteria, usually based on age, income or state residency. You can either use a "help me" tool that will match software with your situation or you can review each of the company offerings. Most companies also offer state returns, some for free.

Again, if your income was higher and you are comfortable preparing your own taxes, Free File Fillable Forms may be right for you.

Find tax credits

Then, let Free File do the hard work for you. Free File software can guide you through finding tax breaks, and help you receive a more accurate refund. Some people may not even be aware that they qualify for a tax credit.

For example, the IRS estimates that one out of every five taxpayers eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, a refundable credit for taxpayers with moderate income, fail to claim it.

If you or anyone on your return purchased health care coverage from the Health Insurance Marketplace, you may qualify for the premium tax credit. If you chose to have advance payments of the premium tax credit sent to your insurance provider in 2014, you must file a tax return. You must reconcile, or compare, the advance credit payments with the actual premium tax credit you are allowed to claim on your return. Learn more at IRS.gov/aca.

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The Free File software — designed to provide a fast, safe and free filing option — is available online 24/7, giving you the freedom to choose when and how you do your taxes.

Health Care Law

Everyone needs to understand how the health care law affects tax returns. You will need to complete one of the following steps, and using Free File, brand-name software makes it easier for you.

Reporting health care coverage

If you and everyone on your tax return had health care coverage for all of 2014, simply check the "full year coverage" box when completing your return in the Free File software. For most people, that's it!

Claiming a Coverage Exemption

If you did not have health care coverage for all or part of 2014, you may qualify for a coverage exemption. Free File will help you calculate Form 8965 and file it with your tax return.

Making a shared responsibility payment

If you or your dependents had neither health care coverage nor an exemption, you may need to make a payment with your tax return. Free File will help you calculate your payment and report it on your tax return.

About the Premium Tax Credit

If you or anyone on your return purchased insurance coverage from the Marketplace, you may be eligible for the premium tax credit. If you chose to have advance payments of the premium tax credit sent to your insurer in 2014, you must reconcile or compare the advance credit payments with the actual premium tax credit you are allowed to claim on your return.



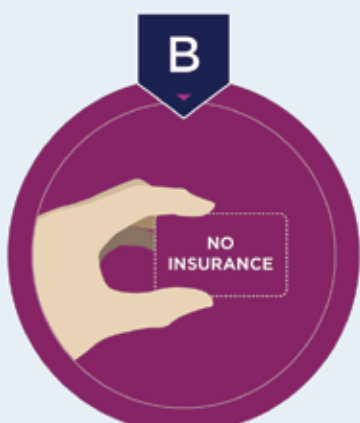
THE HEALTH CARE LAW AND YOUR TAXES
WHAT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) MEANS FOR YOUR 2014 FEDERAL TAX RETURN

Almost everyone will need to do something new when filing a tax return this year. For each month in 2014, everyone must:



Report Health Care Coverage

OR



Claim An Exemption From Coverage

OR



Make A Shared Responsibility Payment With Your Tax Return

TIP

Get help with free tax prep software through IRS Free File or from volunteer tax preparers at 12,000 locations nationwide.



PCSO Arrests Drug Dealer During Alcohol "Shoulder Tap" Operation

ROSEVILLE, CA (MPG) - A Penryn man was arrested in Roseville after selling hallucinogenic mushrooms to an under-aged decoy who was working an alcohol operation with the Placer County Sheriff's Office. The suspect was in possession of a large amount of psilocybin mushrooms, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana, plus scales and more than \$1,500 in cash.

Noah James Phippen, 19, was asked by a 20-year-old, who was part of a state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control "shoulder tap" operation, if he'd buy him a six-pack of beer. Phippen said he wasn't old enough to buy alcohol either, but offered to sell the decoy some "California gold cap mushrooms." The decoy agreed and purchased a small amount with



Noah James Phippen. Photo courtesy Placer County Sheriff Office

his beer money. The recent incident occurred in the 1100 block of Douglas Blvd.

Throughout the drug transaction, deputies from the Placer County Sheriff's Office were nearby in unmarked vehicles and on foot. The decoy was wearing

a wire and the conversation was monitored.

Phippen was confronted a short distance away by deputies and he denied selling any drugs. But a search of his vehicle revealed the large supply of drugs and cash. Phippen was booked at the Placer County Jail on charges of possession and sales of psilocybin; possession of cocaine for sale and transportation of cocaine; and possession of methamphetamine. Phippen's bail was set at \$200,000.

The Placer County Sheriff's Office runs "shoulder taps" and other operations as part of a grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to battle under-age drinking and reduce access to alcohol for those under the age of 21. ★



POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

SPIRITUAL ENGINEERING

We all get stressed out or unhappy or super anxious at one time or another. But why? On POPPOFF Thomas Strawser told me it's not always for the reasons you think. He said how we experience life hinges on what we think about the things that happen to us. He explained why our thoughts and attitudes cause us more misery than necessary. So how about some simple mental shifts that can make a huge difference in our happiness and well-being? It was his cross of engineering and psychology that led him to "Spiritual Engineering." So let's look at his ten truths that can help us make positive mental shifts and begin to reengineer our lives.

- 1) Life gives pain, but misery is optional...and self-inflicted.
- 2) Stress is the perception that we do not have the resources to meet impending challenges.
- 3) At any moment, life can

throw a mud ball at me. It's my choice whether to have a bad five minutes or a bad day.

4) If I allow people to "push your buttons," I have to remember that they are really MY "buttons," and that allowing them to be pushed is MY choice.

5) If I am "up to my butt in alligators," I generally raised every one of those alligators from a baby until they were big enough to bite.

6) Take a long distance view of problems. Will I remember today's crisis one year later? If it is that easily forgotten, how important is it?

7) Defeat and disappointment offer the best opportunities to view my real character.

8) When I am in pain, tears can be a lubricant for the soul.

9) Anger and resentment give control of my emotions to someone I feel has wronged me.

10) Never make a long-term decision based on short-term misery.

Like strengthening the muscles through exercise, learning to make these mental shifts might take years according to Strawser. It may also require tapping into your spiritual side (which Strawser says anyone can do, even those who

aren't believers in the traditional sense). To start though, he suggests you strive to simply become aware of when your thoughts are creating, magnifying, or exacerbating your problems and stress. In his own words, "Once you have developed this self-awareness, you'll be in a position to begin challenging your preconceived ideas and changing where you choose to place your focus. This in turn will change how you respond to events, make decisions, and take action. Shifting your thinking is the gateway to a richer, more joyful way of life."

Thomas Strawser is an international engineer with a Master's Degree in Psychology. Divorce, alcoholism, and numerous losses in his life led him to seek practical solutions in his despair. Combining his spirituality, knowledge of psychology, and engineering know-how, he discovered the process he calls "Spiritual Engineering." He and his wife Patricia continue to share this transforming power with thousands in seminars around the world. You can check out more of what he does at www.spiritual-engineering.com. Just keep in mind that things may not be really as bad as you think if you know HOW TO THINK! ★

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - While you may not be a "secret" agent, any professional who works with the public in places away from the office should give serious thought to learning some self-defense and escape moves.

A realtor was killed by a predator who used a client meeting in a rural home to isolate his victim in a Midwestern crime. After the recent attack on a real estate agent in El Dorado Hills, business professionals, realtors, and others who work in isolated or rural locations are invited to spend

an hour learning how to avoid danger and escape an attacker.

Robinson's Taekwondo is offering a special free one-hour clinic in conjunction with The Real Estate Insider, heard at noon on Wall Street Journal Business Radio at Money 105.5 FM. Learn more and earn more by listening weekdays with host and realtor Ellen Herrle.

Join other savvy professionals for one hour on Friday, April 24rd at 6:30 p.m. to learn easy-to-remember survival tips on avoiding danger, defending yourself, and escaping from an

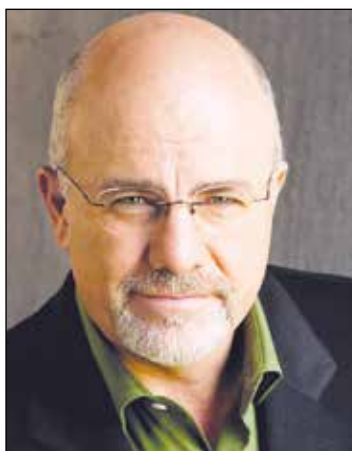
assault. The self-defense lesson will be taught by the black belt instructors at Robinson's Taekwondo.

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It's better to be safe than sorry, and learning how to save yourself might be as important as making the sale at your next client meeting.

Source: Rick Reed Public Relations ★

Dave Says



high school, too, but he wasn't NHL material or anything like that. It didn't change his life that he didn't play on a traveling team or with professional trainers, so we had to ask ourselves, "What will it matter when he's 30 years old?"

You make good money, so that's not really the big issue. If you guys made \$50,000 or less, I'd be yelling at you. But with your income, the gymnastics thing probably isn't going to slow you down too much when it comes to getting your financial house in order. In other words, it's a parental thing. Ask yourself why you're investing so heavily in this, and what the goal is when they're adults. I think that will help you make the smart decision.

- Dave

Bicoastal is for the Birds

Dear Dave, My husband and I have been living bicoastal since last October. He found a great job with great pay in Charlottesville, Virginia, after graduation, and we both agreed he couldn't pass it up. I'm still in Portland, Oregon, with a good marketing job making \$50,000 a year. We're trying to get out of debt. If I join him now, I won't have a job and we won't pay off our debt as quickly. But being apart is so difficult. Should I go ahead and make the move now?

- Danielle ★

Dear Danielle, If he's making great money, and you guys can make it on one salary while you look for another job, then I'd say go for it. There are things in life that are more important than money, getting out of debt in a certain amount of time, or a particular job.

Have you talked to your company about the possibility of doing your job remotely? If that's not possible, maybe you could do some consulting on a remote basis. Even if you weren't a traditional employee, they might float some projects your way.

Talk to them about these ideas, and start shopping for a position in Charlottesville. It's a university community, if I remember correctly, so there are probably lots of opportunities in your field.

Go be with your husband, Danielle. You guys have been apart way too long already!

- Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover*, *EntreLeadership* and *Smart Money Smart Kids*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com. ★

What's the Goal?

Dear Dave, We have two girls in competitive gymnastics, and it's costing \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year at a professional gym to do all this. My wife and I both work, and we make about \$115,000 a year, but virtually all of her income goes toward paying the gymnastics bill. We're also trying to get out of debt and get better control of our money at the same time. Should we focus more on our finances right now?

- Jim

Dear Jim, If I were in your shoes, I'd be asking myself why the kids are in gymnastics. Unless you guys are trying to send them to the Olympics — and they're actually good enough to reach that level — teaching them things like discipline and to master their bodies through physical training can be done at a local amateur level. And at a much lower cost.

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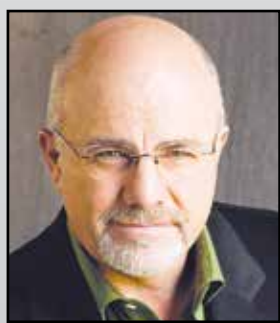
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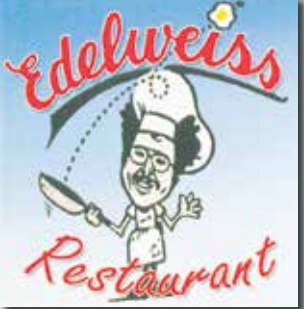
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Bistro 103: Local, Farm Fresh Fare

By Carol Guild
Staff Writer

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The new Bistro 103 in Old Town Auburn officially opened in February to rave reviews.

Many watched and wondered what would happen next to the old Tsuda building. And with much relief — and admiration for Bistro 103 owners Patty and John Dooley — the place is a wonderful fit.

The Dooleys updated the space with great respect and vision, and “raised the bar” on the well-loved building. It was important to the couple to incorporate pieces from the Tsuda grocery store — to pay homage to the Tsuda family — by including items, such as the old sign and scale. (There’s more. Take a peek inside the place and see if you can spot it.)

“We’re very happy with how it came out,” said Patty Dooley. “It’s just as we envisioned.”

The Dooleys were happy to have

contractors, plumbers, painters and an architect who all had history with the building. Just another way to pay tribute to the beloved building.

All the wood came from Grass Valley and was hand-bent onsite. All the pipes came from Auburn’s Sierra Pipe. The lighting was all purchased in Auburn, too.

And beautiful lighting it is — it radiates the ambiance of the restaurant outward, giving the Bistro 103 space at Sacramento St. and Lincoln Way a warm, welcoming glow.

Now, onto the food ...

The Dooleys are big fans of the farm to fork concept. They and their staff utilize local farmers markets every week, and the meats are from local area farms.

From salads to shepherd’s pie, and mushroom risotto to lamb vindaloo, the menu is diverse, fresh and expertly made. Oh, and did I mention the cheesecake or the chocolate torte?

You will also find local beer and wine. Other offerings are gluten-free choices for bread, and vegetarian and vegan options. If you’re on the move, Bistro 103 offers grab-and-go freshly-made sandwiches. The Bistro also offers catering and delivery.

Go ahead and stay awhile

Hopefully you can sit down and stay awhile. “We like that,” said Patty Dooley. “It’s warm and cozy here. People come in and they stay.”

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Grant to Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation Provides Care for Local Animals



Meet Mar and Val, the two puppies AAARF helped through the generosity of the Carmen Tindall Wilson Trust Fund. Photos courtesy AAARF

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Eighteen years ago, three women were brought together by their life-long love and compassion for homeless pets. These tenacious women started Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation (AAARF) with the mission to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome homeless animals and to educate the public about responsible pet guardianship. Today, through the tireless efforts of their numerous volunteers and foster families, they have placed over 8,000 animals.

The Carmen Tindall Wilson Trust Fund at Placer Community Foundation (PCF) recently granted \$8,459 to assist AAARF with their pursuit. "We are incredibly grateful for this grant and we've already utilized some of the funding to spay, vaccinate, microchip and find homes for two puppies that were being given away in Colfax," said Cassie Reeves, one of the founding partners of AAARF. "We also provided free spay and vaccines for the mother dog, something her owner could not afford, to help stop the breeding cycle."

A resident of Auburn, Calif. since the early 1950s, Carmen Tindall Wilson was a wife,



Carmen Tindall Wilson

mother, an art and English teacher at Placer High School and a dedicated philanthropist. In 2008, she met with Paul Aronowitz of Aronowitz & Skidmore to go over her estate planning. She was in her early nineties, had funds available, and an eagerness to give back to her community. Wilson was a passionate woman with strong desires and Aronowitz wanted to stay true to them. He, together with the PCF staff, established endowment funds that would honor her charitable interests in perpetuity.

"Carmen delighted in being an artist, a chef, and traveling, but above all, she understood

the importance of giving back to her community," said Placer Community Foundation Chief Executive Officer Veronica Blake. "Although we lost Carmen in 2009, it is a privilege to honor her legacy through her generous fund."

About Placer Community Foundation

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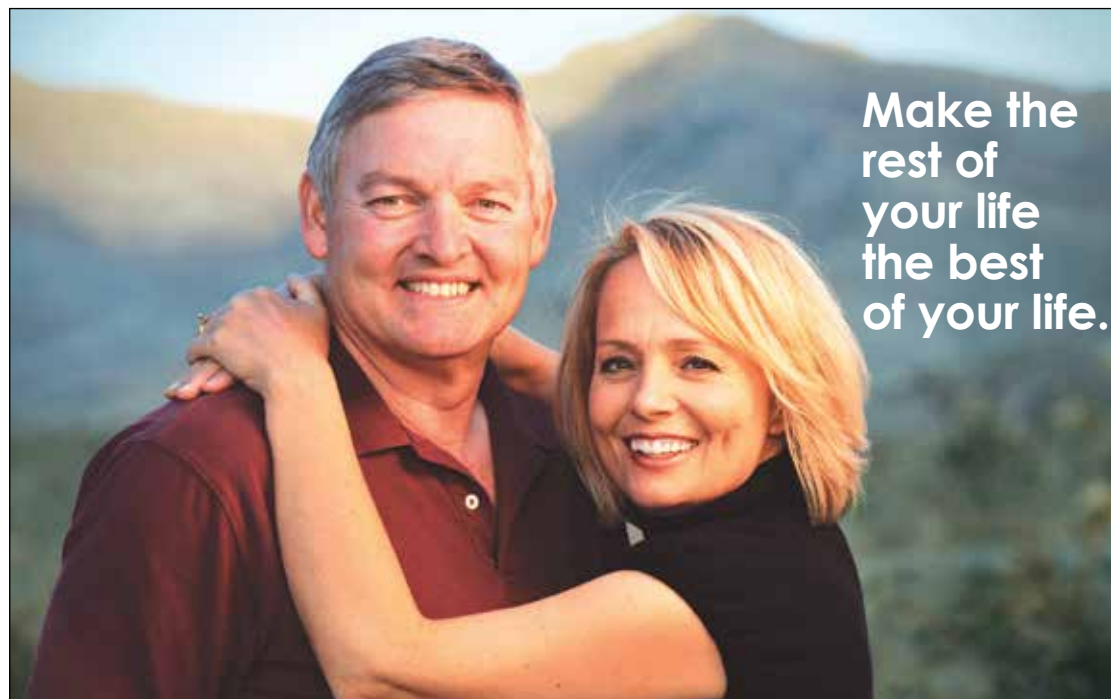
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