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When Good People Gather, Great Things Happen for Our Community



Board members and staff from Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resource Center. Photo courtesy of Veronica Blake, CEO, Placer Community Foundation.

Placer County - Over 200 nonprofit leaders gathered at the Catta Verdera Country Club in Lincoln on Wednesday, April 27th, for a first-ever Nonprofit Leadership Summit. Hosted by the Placer Community Foundation, board members and executives from 32 nonprofit organizations that support health and human services, the environment, animals, education, community development and the arts participated.

Placer Community Foundation (PCF) hired Chuck Loring, a nationally-known consultant to share best practices in nonprofit governance and to provide a framework from which every board member can participate in keeping their organization financially sound.

"The event was clearly a force multiplier for our board," stated Dan Noell, board member for Sierra

College Foundation. "The conference delivered a crisp, clear and concise message on how to maximize the individual board talent, resources and volunteers."

What makes nonprofit organizations unique is that, unlike businesses, they do not exist to make money for owners or investors. Instead, these groups are dedicated to a specific mission. The nonprofit sector in the United States includes more than 1.6 million organizations. About one million of them are public charities that employ over seven percent of the country's work force, close to 10 million paid workers.

In Placer County nonprofit organizations address a variety of important causes that touch all our lives, but they are struggling. Cuts in public funding are forcing them to end or drastically reduce their vital programs

and services. The summit was an opportunity for board members to collectively see how their role in their organization's long-term sustainability is more important now than ever before.

"As a long-time volunteer serving on boards of nonprofits, I learned more about leadership, nonprofit development and fundraising from PCF's Leadership Summit by speaker Chuck Loring than any other summit I have attended," stated Jim Haagen Smit, board member for Placer Land Trust.

"This summit was an opportunity for all of us to come together around a shared interest—sustainability," stated Larry Welch, board member for the Placer Community Foundation. "Our nonprofit sector does the work that helps keep our community healthy, inclusive, compassionate,

and culturally and environmentally rich. It is the Foundation's intent to encourage local philanthropy so they can continue their important work."

The Placer Community Foundation was able to offer this all-day summit free of charge to all participants through the generosity of the following local sponsors:

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Local nonprofit organizations that participated include:

Acres of Hope, Animal Spay & Neuter, Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center, Auburn Symphony, Blue Line Gallery (Roseville Arts), Boys & Girls Club of Auburn, Child Advocates of Placer County, Full Circle Treatment Center, Golden Sierra Life Skills, Keaton Raphael Memorial, Kids First, Latino Leadership Council, Lighthouse Counseling and FRC, North Roseville Rec Center, Peace for Families, PlacerArts, Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, Placer Food Bank, PlacerGrown, Placer Land Trust, Placer Nature Center, Placer SPCA, ReDirect Nuevo Camino, Rocklin Historical Society, Seniors First, Sierra College Foundation, Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, Sierra Native Alliance, Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, The Gathering Inn and Warmline Family Resource Center.

To learn more about supporting our local nonprofit organizations, go to www.placercf.org or call 530-885-4920.

Get Involved in the Redistricting Process!

By Senator Ted Gaines

Every 10 years, after the federal census, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts, to reflect the new population data. In the past, those boundary lines were drawn by members of the California Legislature; now they will be drawn by a new Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Over the next several months, the Commission will be holding public hearings and accepting public comment throughout the state. After hearing from the public and drawing the various district maps, the Commission will vote on the new maps to be used for the next decade.

Locally, the Commission will be holding public hearings in Auburn and Sacramento. Below are the details on those meetings:

Auburn: May 19, 2011, 6 to 9 p.m., Placer County Board of Supervisors Chambers

175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603. In Sacramento: June 27, 2011, 6 to 9 p.m., [Location TBD]

The Commission is required to draw the district lines in conformity with strict, voter-mandated, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians. However, the Commission has already been subject to criticisms for partisan and



Senator Ted Gaines

non-transparent hiring practices. It is up to all of us to ensure fair redistricting by this Commission and prevent biased or gerrymandered districts.

As a member of your community, you are encouraged to testify or recruit local elected officials and other community leaders to provide public comment (written or in-person) before the Commission. Your involvement in the Citizens Redistricting Commission is of the utmost importance to our state's future!

For more information about the process, the Commission, or for guidelines in preparing testimony, please contact my office at (916) 651-4001 or visit www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov.

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"Sting" Highlights Why it's Important to Check the License First

Suspect caught during undercover sting trying to use someone else's license



Suspected unlicensed contractor arrested during CSLB undercover sting operation on April 26, 2011

Melanie Bedwell, CSLB Public Information Officer

Auburn - Jose German Lepe Puentes thought he was just going to give a homeowner a bid for concrete work at a house in North Auburn this week.

Instead, the 35 year-old from Elk Grove wound up with a trip to jail after posing as a licensed contractor during an undercover sting conducted by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). Puentes was one of seven arrested during the operation, conducted on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 by CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) in cooperation with the Placer County Sheriff's Department, and Placer County District Attorney's Office. The Amador County District Attorney's Office participated as part of a California Department of Insurance

grant to prosecute workers' compensation insurance violations in Amador, Calaveras and Placer Counties.

During the operation SWIFT investigators posed as property owners, inviting suspected illegal operators to bid on home improvement projects such as concrete, fencing, awning, and tree trimming. Six phony contractors who bid more than \$500 for their jobs were arrested and received a "Notice to Appear" in court to answer misdemeanor charges of contracting without a license and using illegal advertisements.

California law requires that all home improvement projects valued at more than \$500 for labor and materials be performed by a licensed contractor and that contractor license number be in all ads. Those who are not licensed may perform work valued at less than

\$500, but their ads must state that they are not a licensed contractor.

Puentes could face a felony charge because he not only contracted without a license, he allegedly tried to pass himself off as a licensed contractor by providing CSLB investigators with a license number issued to his supposed brother-in-law. Puentes' vehicle was also towed.

"This sting highlights for consumers the importance of making sure they only hire licensed contractors," said CSLB Registrar Steve Sands. "Just because someone says they're licensed doesn't mean they are." Licensed contractors are required by law to carry a plastic pocket license with them. Consumers should ask to see that, as well as a picture I.D. in order to verify that the names match.

The following suspects who

received notices to appear are scheduled for arraignment on June 21, 2011, in Placer County Superior Court in Roseville (Map):

The Contractors State License Board operates under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. More information and publications about hiring contractors are available on the CSLB website or by calling 800-321-CSLB (2752). You can also sign up for CSLB e-mail alerts at www.cslb.ca.gov. CSLB licenses and regulates California's more than 300,000 contractors, and is regarded as one of the leading consumer protection agencies in the United States. In fiscal year 2009-10, CSLB helped recover nearly \$42 million in ordered restitution for consumers.

Let's Build a Sunshade"



Past president Debra Oldziej. Photos courtesy of Paula Mosqueda.

By Paula Mosqueda

The cold temperatures of the winter season are hopefully coming to an end. The city of Auburn is looking forward to spending time relaxing under a shady tree in the expected warmer weather. If you work for the Auburn Police Department, taking your lunch-break outside was not desirable. No shade. So Bob Snyder, 2011 McCann Award winner, presented his idea to the Auburn 49er Lions Club. "Let's build a sunshade", he said.

Early, on three Saturday mornings, 49er Lion Casey Conway collected some fellow-Lions and met Bob at the construction site behind

the Auburn Police Department building. Plans in hand, the work began. Measuring, concrete-work, sawing, painting, drilling, hammering, and lots of laughing took place. Rain drops fell. The sun glared. It was cool. It was warm. You know - typical Auburn weather.

On the third Saturday, the construction was completed. The job was done, and everyone had a good time in the process. And, now the Auburn PD can take a break in the shade.

For more information about the Auburn 49er Lions Club, go to auburn49erlions@gmail.com.



From left to right, Casey Conway, Bob Snyder, and Lion Debra Oldziejewski, watching.

Auburn's Bartley Earns Duke Honors

Auburn - Paige Bartley, a 2007 graduate of Placer High School in Auburn, will graduate this May from Duke University in Durham, N.C., with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology with a neuroscience concentration.

During her senior year at Duke she served as president of the Duke Athletic Bands, and was honored by the Duke men's basketball program as the recipient of the Charles Hogan Memorial Band Award. The Hogan Award is the only institutional honor for band members.

Paige was also co-president of her selective living group, the Arts Theme House, and was on the Dean's List. Her leadership in the residential group assessment process was instrumental in securing a new location for the Arts Theme House in the historic Kilgo Quadrangle.

For the upcoming school year, Paige has enrolled as a master's degree candidate at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. She was one of only 20 undergraduate students invited to attend the Fuqua/Coach K Leadership Conference in October 2010.

Paige is the daughter of Robert Bartley and Cari Dawson Bartley of Auburn.



Paige Bartley earns special honors from Duke University.

Jessica Schroeder Auburn

Military Graduate



Air Force Airman Jessica L. Schroeder graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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.

She is the daughter of Jennifer and Kenneth Schroeder of Lorenson Road, Auburn, Calif.

Schroeder graduated in 2007 from Placer High School, Auburn.

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A Case in Point

The Case of the Dashing Doctor

By David Graulich, Esq.

Dr. Richard Baragry was a busy man.

Richard was a Southern California eye surgeon with his own practice. He lived in an apartment with a girlfriend, 28-year-old Karen, who worked in his medical office. He also ate dinner at least three times a week with his wife of 15 years, Barbara, and their two daughters, and maintained his mailing address at the family home.

Barbara knew that her husband was living with Karen. However, Barbara desired reconciliation and maintained hope that Richard would return. Barbara and Richard attended social events together, such as dinners for professional and academic groups. They went on outings with other doctors and their wives. Barbara and Richard spent a week together in Sun Valley without the children and took family vacations with their daughters to Yosemite and San Francisco. Richard regularly brought his laundry home to his wife, who washed and ironed it twice a month.

Richard had left Barbara after a quarrel on August 4, 1971. He lived for a while on a boat, then began co-habiting with Karen while maintaining the appearance of being contentedly married to Barbara. After four years of this complex arrangement, Richard filed for divorce on October 14, 1975.

Now the question became a common one during divorce litigation: what was the date that the marital relationship ended, known legally as the date of separation? A lot of money could ride on the answer, because California is a community property state.

Community property means that all income earned by the spouses during the marriage is presumed to belong to the marital community. For example, if Wanda, the wife, earned \$100,000 in the year 2010, and Harry, the husband, earned \$20,000 that year, the marital community would have \$120,000. Wanda and Harry have equal claims to \$60,000 of that total. But if Wanda established that she and Harry irrevocably separated on April 1, 2010, she'd retain 75% of her income, or \$75,000, as her separate property.

However, the date of separation isn't always clear. People break up, get back together, break up again. Estranged couples who loathe one another might live under one roof for purely financial reasons. Husband and wife may live apart and date other people, while simultaneously going to counseling to preserve their marriage.

It's the court's job to untangle the disparate actions of couples acting under the duress of emotional turmoil, parental guilt and social pressure. When did the parties' conduct create a complete and final break in the marital relationship?

This takes us back to the Baragry divorce. Richard argued that he ended the marriage when he left home on August 4, 1971. He said that although his "solid Midwestern upbringing" made him reluctant to file for divorce, his conduct, such as his extramarital activities with Karen, proved that he no longer intended to continue the marriage.

A trial court agreed with Richard, and Barbara appealed to the Second Appellate District. On September 19,

1977, the three-judge appellate court announced a unanimous decision.

"Husband was presumably enjoying a captain's paradise, savoring the best of two worlds, and capturing the benefits of both," the court said. Sharp as this language was, the judges were just getting warmed up.

The court declared that Barbara was furnishing all the "normal wifely contributions" to a marriage, and that Richard was reaping the advantages of these social and domestic services, including his professional success. Therefore, his earnings during the four-year period that he was both home and away were community property. "To hold otherwise would be tantamount to saying that because the husband slept on the living room couch for four years, or because he regularly slept elsewhere with another woman, wife can be deprived of her share in the household earnings." The appellate court reversed the lower court and awarded the victory to Barbara.

The lesson of The Case of the Dashing Doctor is summarized by these parting words from the court: "One who enjoys the benefit of a polygamous lifestyle must be prepared to accept its accompanying financial burdens."

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Dollars and Sense

by James J. Scherer, MBA, CPA



"Show Me the Money" Part I

the out dated buy and hold mentality. This was the case in the 1980's and 1990's. However, today we are in a sideways market and we need to recognize the investment environment has changed. We must take appropriate action! Even in sideways market you don't have to chase your tail. The keys are flexibility and "show me the money" flow.

Relative Strength

One way to expose the money flow is through relative strength. It is calculated by dividing the price performance of an investment by the price performance of an appropriate index for the same time period. Stocks are often measured against the S&P 500. Relative strength will tell you how well your stock is doing



against some standard.

Let's take this same reasoning and apply it to the six major market areas.

Jerry McGuire

Rod Tidwell, the black football player, certainly made his point. He made Jerry McGuire, his sports agent scream "Show me the money"! This is a great question for us to ask and bears repeating each time we commit investment money. You do want to retire someday? We need to know where the big money is flowing so we can tactically allocate more in these areas than in others. This doesn't mean we bet the ranch on it, but we need to invest smart!

Structural Market Cycles

We are in a structural sideways market! Since 1896 the Dow Jones Industrial Average has had eight structural markets. Four of them have been up markets and four have been sideways. The average duration has been fourteen years for each. In an up market you would have seen your investments do very well with

But instead of comparing these areas against an index, we compare them against each other. It is much like an arm wrestling match where all the contestants are in the same weight class. Our job is to see at a point in time, which are the two strongest. (The contestants are cash, domestic equities, international equities, fixed income, foreign currencies and commodities.) The two with the strongest relative strength will show us where the money is flowing. It is in these two areas where we may want to overweight, in order to take advantage of this situation. The relative strength between these categories will change from time to time. And we must be ready to adjust our asset allocation accordingly

This article is not intended to provide specific investment or tax advice for any individual. If you have specific questions consult your financial advisor, tax advisor, or give me a call.

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UCCE Placer County Master Gardener's 2011 Mother's Day Garden Tour

The University of California Co-operative Extension's Placer County Master Gardeners are hosting their 26th Annual Mother's Day Garden Tour. **Sunday May 8th 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.** Cost is \$10 per person with

children under 12 free. **This is a Rain or Shine event!** Six amazing gardens in Newcastle, Loomis, Granite Bay, and Roseville will be featured this year. Tickets will go on sale Friday, April 22nd and can be purchased

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Patrons of the Arts Invite You to a Flea Affaire



Rocklin – The Sierra College Patrons of the Arts will hold the 10th annual Flea Affaire Saturday, May 14, from 9am to 3pm at 5130 Moss Lane in Granite Bay. Stroll through the private gardens of a Granite Bay estate while searching for treasures from purveyors of fine antiques, furniture, collectibles, artwork, garden accents and more!

Plan to have lunch in the beautiful garden setting. Delightful pastries, fresh and light lunches, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase starting at 11:00 am. There are places throughout the property to sit

and enjoy your chicken or albacore croissant sandwich. If you are coming in a group call Julie at 916-652-4840 for a table reservation.

Miracle Glass Repair will again be with us. If you have a special piece of glassware that has a chip, bring it along and they can make it useable again. Up to two dozen dealers will bring new and old garden items, transfer ware, vintage clothing, linens, and jewelry. Returning with us will be Nancy Okey with country primitives, Doris Bell who is well known for her broken plate mosaic or pique Assiette, and the Richters

with their wonderful French influence antiques.

This stunning event is a fundraiser for arts and humanities support at Sierra College, and a \$1 donation in exchange for a raffle ticket is requested at the gate.

The Sierra College Patrons, a branch of the Sierra College Foundation, are dedicated to promoting the Arts and Humanities at the college and to provide cultural enrichment to the community. Proceeds from all Patron-sponsored events are used to benefit these programs in the form of grants and scholarships awarded to Sierra College Students. The Patrons were founded in 1984 and continue to actively support art in all forms.

Directions to the event: From Douglas Blvd. in Granite Bay go approx. 3.2 miles on Auburn-Folsom Road north to Moss Lane on your left. Follow the signs on Moss Lane. The gate opens at 9 am. Parking will be available on the property at our direction. For more information about this event and other events sponsored by the Patrons, visit our website at www.sierracollege.edu/patrons, email us at sierracollegepatrons@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook.



Around Town with Loyce Smallwood

Auburn - Sunny weather finds many of us reveling in outdoor dining and what tops breakfast or lunch outdoors at Wings at the Auburn airport with friendly servers and maybe a chance to see General Chuck Yeager.

For those breakfasting on the run, high marks are given to the light-as-air bear claw served up in colorful surroundings at Paula's Bakery DT Auburn. Or grab a cuppa; sit outside and enjoy the striking marquee of the Auburn State Theater which spokesman Paul Ogden told us at our recent CONNECTIONS gathering offers the opportunity for volunteers to enjoy the usher experience. CONNECTIONS is growing and going with newest member Patrick Witz, owner of Creative Kids Preschool, bringing along local author/pilot/Porsche enthusiast William Barrett Burton

whose award-winning mystery novel OCKHAM'S RAZOR has been garnering its share of praise.

Catch Burton June 7 for his book signing at a local coffee shop. Other events include Howell's Stitches Swap Meet May 7 in the Howell's parking lot on Bowman Road, Auburn.. Sewers/crafters are definitely in heaven at this colorful haven where I hear popular massage therapist Phyllis Ingmire can often be found.

Looking to make the transition in the wardrobe department now that the weather has shifted? Check out all the colorful array of fashion choices at Sun River Clothing in OT Auburn where veteran shop owner Linda Robinson has managed to provide an amazingly alluring inventory including hats, handbags and jewelry.

Mark your calendars for the AAARF pet shelter arts/crafts fundraiser May 21 starting at 10am at the Auburn Autohaus where a variety of

crafters including Vickie Hobson will be showcasing their creations which will include locally made ceramics, jewelry, and handcrafts. Contact me to participate, perform or volunteer as the day should be an enjoyable and colorful one.

More enjoyment can be scooped up at the Monday/Thursday CONNECTIONS and thanks to artist/web maven Ann Ranlett more details can be found on newly created website www.connectionsloyce.wordpress.com. Comments to loy@foothill.net



MaryLynn Matthews and Precious, Howell's

McLaughlin Theatre Company Presents "Mulan Jr."

From Nancie McLaughlin

Loomis - McLaughlin Theatre Company Presents "Disney's Mulan Jr." May 13-May 15 2011

Our top performing cast of 6-13 year old students will take you on a journey and travel back to the legendary, story-telling days of ancient China with this action-packed stage adaptation of Disney's Mulan. The

Huns have invaded, and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor! Mulan Jr. is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and a fighting spirit. The score includes favorites like "Reflection," "Honor to Us All" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You" as well as new songs that will get your audience up on its feet!

Show times are May 13 & 14 at 7:00 p.m. and May 15 at 3:00 p.m. at McLaughlin Studio Theatre, 3415 Swetzer Road, Loomis.

Tickets are \$10 general and \$6 student, and can be purchased at www.mtctheatre.org, McLaughlin Studios by email or phone mtctheatre@att.net or (916) 652-6377, or at the door which opens 30 minutes prior to show time.

Eric Taylor to play the Marshall Grange

Garden Valley - The great Texas singer/songwriter Eric Taylor will bring his anecdotal songs and stories to the Marshall Grange Hall at 7 P.M. on Saturday May 7. He will be joined by the local ladies of Girly Creek who will open the show with bluegrass inspired tunes and harmonies. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door, \$10 for Grange Members and can be purchased at Cherry Records in Auburn, Main Street Music in Placerville, Rucka-Chucky Pasty Hut in Georgetown, Rose's Garden Café in Garden Valley, or by phoning 530-642-8671.

Eric Taylor is a sage musician, a lyrical genius and a master of the guitar. If you're not familiar with

him by name, you've probably heard his songs performed by people such as Nanci Griffith ("Deadwood", "Storms", "Dollar Matinee") and Lyle Lovett ("Memphis Midnight/Memphis Morning", "Fat Babies").

After leaving his hometown of Atlanta he ended up in Houston where he learned intricate blues guitar stylings from music legends Lightnin' Hopkins, Mance Lipscomb and Mississippi Fred McDowell and perfected them playing with Guy Clark, Townes Van Zandt, Robert Earl Keen, Lyle Lovett, Steve Earle, and Nanci Griffith, his contemporaries from the early Houston days. A mesmerizing performer, Taylor has been a featured artist at all the major venues and

festivals around the world. He has headlined the prestigious Newport Folk Festival, played National Public Radio's "Mountain Stage" and has appeared on "Late Night With David Letterman" with Nanci Griffith and "Austin City Limits" as the featured artist as well as with Lyle Lovett, Guy Clark, and Robert Earl Keen.

This is a once in a lifetime chance to hear someone of Taylor's caliber in Garden Valley. Like Steve Earle says, "Eric is the real thing". The Grange Hall is located at 4940 Marshall Road, in Garden Valley. Driving directions may be found at www.marshallgrange.org. For further information call 530-642-8671

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NID Water Project Aids Fish Migration Walmart Introduces North Auburn Store

From Dave Carter

Grass Valley - A fish passage project that will allow fall run Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout to migrate farther upstream on Auburn Ravine Creek was approved Wednesday (Apr. 27) by the Nevada Irrigation District Board of Directors.

The project, planned for late summer, will be located below NID's Auburn Ravine water measurement station, west of Highway 65 in the City of Lincoln. NID uses the station to measure flows to Lincoln, the Placer County Water Agency and South Sutter Water District.

NID Maintenance Manager John Kirk said the work will restore a 200-foot stretch of Auburn Ravine that is eroded and overgrown. The creek banks will be tapered

back and transitional pools will be built into the creek bed. Gentle one- and two-foot steps will ease the upstream transition to the station's existing eight-foot barrier.

Carrie Monohan, Ph.D., NID's consulting scientist on the project, said the project will open more than a mile of suitable upstream habitat to migrating fish.

Believed to be the first of its kind in the area, the project is a collaborative effort of Placer County, CALFED, the Bella Vista Foundation, Granite Bay Flycasters and NID. NID is the lead agency and will contribute up to \$250,000 to the project.

"Watershed protection is an important part of the district's mission and we want to do our part to make sure we have clean and healthy watersheds," said NID General Manager

Ron Nelson. The work will be funded through the district's designated watershed improvement fund, he noted.

The district is already looking into a second project that would modify its upstream Hemphill Diversion Dam to allow fish passage through an additional seven-mile stretch of Auburn Ravine.

As part of their consideration, NID Directors approved environmental studies and mitigation and monitoring program for the fish passage project, which is located in a City of Lincoln greenway near a residential area.

Directors expressed enthusiasm for the project and wondered how successful it might turn out to be. A committee review was scheduled for this time next year to see how the fish passage is working.

Website Details New Jobs, Tax Revenues and Other Benefits to the Community

Auburn - Walmart announced recently, (April 25, 2011) the launch of a local website, www.auburnwalmart.com, for the purpose of introducing its customers and neighbors to the benefits of a new Auburn Walmart store, including new jobs, increased tax revenues and affordable groceries and household items.

"We want to provide more convenient access for our customers and associates, and at the same time, be part of the solution when it comes to things like creating jobs, stimulating local economies and improving access to healthy, affordable food," said Amelia Neufeld, senior manager of public affairs for Walmart.

The new store, located near the corner of Highway 49 and Luther Road, will provide the community with a convenient, one-stop shopping experience. The new store will include many of the same everyday household

goods that customers have come to expect from a Walmart store, along with the convenience of a full-service grocery department that includes a fresh food option, a bakery and deli.

"The store will attract shoppers to Auburn that may otherwise shop out of town," said local business owner Jerry Kopp of Auburn. "Existing businesses benefit when people shop locally."

The new store will also create approximately 300 new jobs with career opportunities. In California, Walmart's full-time average hourly wage as of February 2011 is \$13.10 per hour. Walmart is proud to offer both full and part-time associates affordable health and dental coverage, 401(k) plan, business performance-based bonuses and other incentives.

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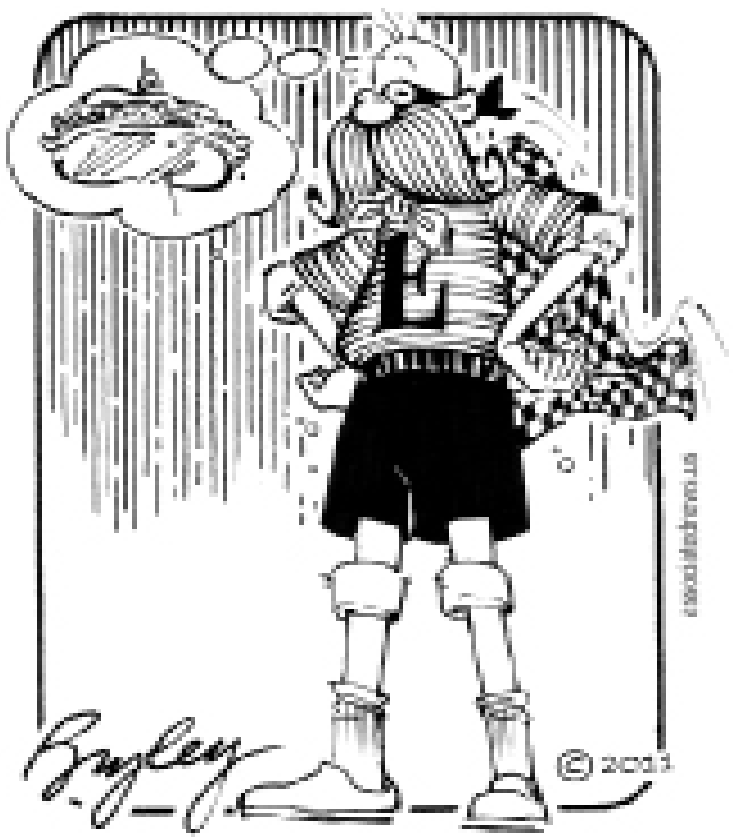
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Does the Entire Bible Baptist Church keep all these commandments? I doubt it, and that's okay. Actually, it's more than okay. It's a sign of spiritual maturity when one can move beyond hardened rule-keeping. And besides, turning the Bible into a tool to hurt others just isn't right, no matter how zealous toward obedience a group of people might be.

What then do we who love the Bible do with these tangled texts? This will be an overly simplistic answer to some, but for me, I have come to read the Bible through the lens of Jesus of Nazareth. In other words, I take a "What Would Jesus Do" approach and use him, his words, and his way to better understand.

So when I come to these inexplicable and sometimes bizarre passages, I look to Jesus to make sense of them. And I discover that most of the time Jesus is silent on these issues, and when he does speak, it is speech seasoned with love, grace, and shackle-breaking freedom. That's why for me, the "entire Bible" is not the foundation of faith; Jesus is.

Once after having a similar discussion, a listener came to me with the

news that I had to believe everything in the Bible – the entire corpus of the church's theology – to become a Christian. So I asked this dear person a question: "When did you come to faith in Christ?" He answered that he had come to faith when he was nine-years-old. "Good," I said. "I came to faith in Christ when I was ten. I don't know about you, but at the time I did not believe in the Virgin birth – did you?"

Of course he didn't! At that age he didn't even know what a virgin was, and neither did I. At that time I could not discuss the reasons for the Protestant Reformation, recite the Apostle's Creed, expound upon the eschatology of the Hebrew prophets, or quote Calvin's "Institutes." But I knew Jesus loved me. That was enough.

Thirty years later, there is so much I do not know. In fact, I may know less today than ever in my life, but I'm okay with that. I'm okay being unable to reconcile every conflict between faith and science. I'm okay not having a clue what the book of Revelation is about. I'm okay being uninterested in the hundreds of strange, technical prohibitions found in the "entire Bible." Just give me that with which I started. Just give me Jesus. That is enough.

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South Placer County National Day of Prayer

Breakfast is May 5th, Event Designated "Premier" in the State

Rocklin – The sixth Annual South Placer County National Day of Prayer Breakfast is Thursday, May 5 at William Jessup University in Rocklin, California from 7 to 9 a.m.

The South Placer County National Day of Prayer Breakfast was named the premier prayer breakfast event in the state last year by Ted Rose, State Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer Task Force in California. The occasion continues to maintain that honor and prepares to host approximately 750 people at the increasingly popular breakfast.

Keynote speaker is Don Brewster, Founder and Executive Director of Agape International Missions (AIM). Since 2005, the ministries of AIM have focused on ending the evil of child sexual slavery in Cambodia.

AIM's mission is to prevent child sex trafficking and restore hope to its victims by providing holistic aftercare to rescued victims, equipping and mobilizing the church to take action, and building community centers in sex trafficking hot spots.

In 2005, Don and his wife Bridget moved from Rocklin to Cambodia to save children from these horrors. AIM now comprises Rahab's House (a former brothel turned community

center), the Lord's Gym, a café and bakery that employs former sex workers, and the Agape Restoration Center.

Brewster's work has been featured on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer.

William Jessup University's President Emeritus, Dr. Bryce Jessup will begin the program with opening remarks and invocation. Other prayer topics and leaders include:

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As I traveled through my home state of Georgia not long ago, I came upon a little Baptist church stuck away in the woods. That's not unusual. At times Georgia seems to be overrun with Baptist churches; that and kudzu.

What was unusual was the name of this church. It was the "Entire Bible Baptist Church." Not "Bible Baptist Church," a very common church name, and it was not like the church in which I was reared, where we had all our declarative doctrinal statements on our sign out front.

Our sign read "Independent, Fundamental, Premillennial, and KJV-Only." This was not an invitation to come in. It served as a warning. Any would-be visitors had better believe what we believe. Otherwise, just stay away.

I didn't get the impression that the Entire Bible Baptist Church wanted people to stay away, but the church did want people to know where it stood. Obviously, they intend to practice the "whole counsel of God" and do everything the Bible commands.

But nobody, not even the good folks at the Entire Bible Baptist Church, practices the unabridged Bible. This is a good thing, because there are parts of the Bible that are



By Marlys Norris,
Christian Author

Does God Have a Day Of Birth?

or vastness, and no matter how very we are unable to comprehend His personal concern, wisdom, and knowledge about every one of us on the face of this earth. We will never understand His magnificent form of intelligence.

Neither will we understand the simplicity of God's love, grace and mercy but we do know that His plan of redemption proves His great concern for every one of us. (John 3:16) From the beginning God desires every single person to know and to love Him. The Bible and the Ten Commandments are our guide for life. This is a definite part of His plan for all of our lives. The Holy Spirit of God will direct our path in such a way that we will learn gradually about the love of God until we are ready to trust and accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. When we do, we are called a child of God

(John3:3-7) Adopted into the family of Abraham. When this happens the child-like trust is nurtured and grows continually throughout the life experience.

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"Intimacy Begins Going God's Way"
"God Moves Mountains, It was a Miracle"*

Recruitment for Justicecorps Program Announced

Placer County – JusticeCorps is a unique AmeriCorps program that recruits and trains local university students to provide legal information and assistance to self-represented litigants. The California courts first launched JusticeCorps as a pilot program in Los Angeles County in 2004 and since then the program expanded to the San Francisco Bay area in Fall 2007. Known locally as the Capitol Region Program, the program is a collaboration between: the California Administrative Office of the Courts; The Superior Courts of California in Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties; the University of California at Davis; and California State University, Sacramento. Sacramento Superior Court coordinates the program.

For the region's inaugural year, 30 student members were recruited from UC Davis and Sacramento State University. 15 members are serving

court customers at the Self Help Center in the Sacramento County Family Relations Courthouse; 9 members are at the Legal Help Center at the Santucci Justice Center in Placer County; and 6 members are in Yolo County, serving at the Self Help Center in the Woodland courthouse and the UC Davis Family Protection Clinic.

Members serve 300 hours providing self help services to the public during the 2010-2011 school year and will earn a \$1,000 educational award from AmeriCorps—a federally funded program.

The program was launched in October 2010 with a swearing in ceremony at the Sacramento County Courthouse.

In Placer County, JusticeCorps members have been helping court customers complete legal paperwork both individually and in workshops and have been working in the

courthouse lobby, greeting court customers and helping them find courtrooms and file their papers. In their blue uniform shirts, they can be easily identified by members of the public who need help.

"As we approach six months in the program, I could not be more impressed with the professionalism of the students serving in JusticeCorps," said Placer County Superior Court Presiding Judge Alan V. Pineschi. "We are very pleased to be part of the program and are thankful for their time and their service to those involved in court proceedings."

Recruitment and interviews are currently taking place for the 2011-2012 school year. Students at Sacramento State University and University of California Davis can contact their school's Career Center for information on how to apply for the program.

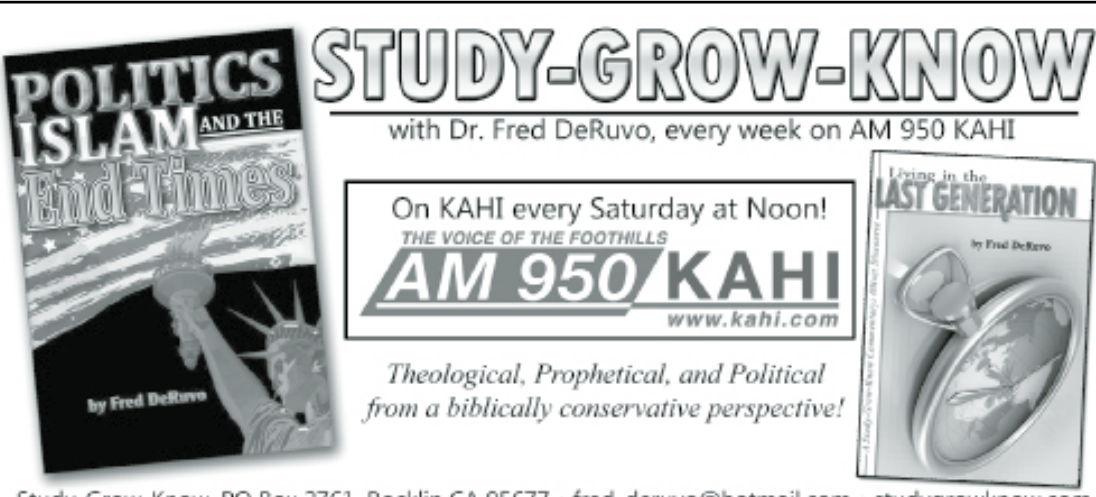
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Saving California is Worth the Journey

Commentary by
Assemblyman Dan Logue
April 12th, 2011

You may have read in recent news that I am leading a bipartisan delegation of California Legislators to Texas in just a few days. I am doing it because our state is in economic crisis and it is time to pull our heads out of the sand. California is a beautiful state. My father was a developer who helped build it. I grew up here and made a life as a realtor. I helped families find homes here for thirty years. It's a state I love and would give my life for. But now the dream of California is falling apart. We have some of the highest unemployment in the nation. We also have the highest taxes. We're ranked 49th on sales tax, 50th on capital gains, 50th on gasoline and school parcel taxes, and 50th on overall taxes. We even beat New York on how much we take from taxpayers.

When you couple our taxes with the strictest regulatory climate in the nation, it's a lose/lose situation for businesses, especially

with today's economy. Businesses are leaving California in droves now. Joe Vranich, the Business Relocation Coach, has seen four times more businesses looking to leave California this year than last, and many of them are going to Texas.

Texas was ranked by Chief Executive Magazine as the best state in the nation for business and job growth. California ranked worst. Forbes Magazine ranked Texas the 7th best state to do business while ranking California 39th. Texas ranked No. 3 in the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council's 2010 "Small Business Survival Index." California ranked as the 4th toughest state. You get the picture.

Rankings aren't the only numbers to be concerned with. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Texas added 165,386 jobs between January 2008 and December 2010. California lost 1,145,037 jobs in that same time frame. Those are jobs that provide incomes to real people. They also provide tax revenues to our state. Without jobs in the private sector there is no one to pay for jobs

in the government; it takes roughly 20 private sector jobs to fund one government job. So as private jobs decline here, so too will jobs for teachers and public safety workers.

I can't sit idly and watch this happen. Our children, and grandchildren, deserve the same opportunities we've enjoyed for so many years. So I've invited California Legislators, our Lt. Governor, even representatives from the California Teachers Association, to join me on an educational journey to Texas. We're going to meet with both public officials, and actual business leaders who left our state for theirs.

I know Texas isn't perfect. I don't expect us to manage our state exactly like theirs. But right now they are attracting businesses and jobs while ours are slipping away. In this one area they're doing something right, and California has it terribly wrong. The nation is watching us and they want to know if California can save its economy, or remain a dead weight holding back the rest of the country. For our sake, I hope that those watching will open their hearts and minds, and help us turn our state around.

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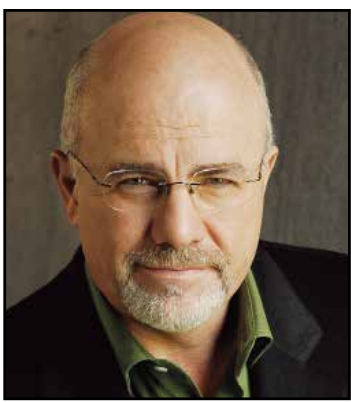
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Dave Says

I've already paid for. The Social Security system in this country is a complete and abysmal mathematical failure. It's proof that socialism doesn't work. But that doesn't mean I'm not going to take my money out. The government took it from me in the first place!

Now, if accepting unemployment benefits causes you to get the idea you can sit on your butt at home and not do anything, then I'd question your character. I'm not hearing that kind of mentality from you, though. You sound like a hardworking guy, and you two have obviously been pretty smart and responsible with your finances.

Make sure you look at your severance package as "survival money." You'll know exactly how much you'll get, so make a budget and make it stick. Cut all excess spending, and that means no more eating out, vacations, and all that stuff until you're working again and everything's back on solid ground. Then, you can ease back into saving and resuming a normal lifestyle.

Right now really is the time for you guys to live like no one else!

- Dave

How About Pet Insurance?

Dear Dave,

What's your take on having pet insurance while building wealth in order to avoid being sidetracked by

pet-related emergencies?

- Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

We have three dogs in the Ramsey household, and my wife and I love those guys a lot. They're almost like little hairy children to us both. However, we do not have pet insurance on any of them. You might be thinking that we've got plenty of money and don't have to worry about that kind of thing. But even if we weren't financially blessed it's just not something we would do. Instead, we'd figure a reasonable amount for pet care into our budget.

Now, don't misunderstand what I'm saying. Reasonable expenditures to fix a sick or injured pet are absolutely fine. It's the kind of thing anyone with a heart should want to do for a pet. But ridiculous amounts of money spent on an animal—many times spent selfishly on the part of the human because they're so emotionally attached to the animal—can be cruel, inhumane, and financially disastrous.

I'm not going to be mad at you if you have \$2 million sitting in the bank and you decide to spend \$10,000 to keep your dog alive. But pet insurance? Really? I don't think so.

- Dave

**** For more financial help, please visit daveramsey.com.**

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

Are unemployment benefits immoral?

Dear Dave,

I recently lost my job due to layoffs. I'm luckier than most, because I'm debt-free except for my house, and I have three months of expenses saved. I'll also receive a severance package from my former employer, and my wife still has her job. I'm struggling with whether or not to file for unemployment compensation. Do you think it's morally okay to do this?

- Brent

Dear Brent,

I don't have a problem, morally or otherwise, with accepting something



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Don't let early experiences or expectations define you. Beware of your Achilles heel. Illuminate and overcome childhood expectations.

2) BUILD RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK FOR YOU

Hate the sin but love the sinner. Give more than you get. Allow others to save face.

3) MANAGE EXPECTATIONS

Know your boundaries. Don't be a martyr. Start with yes.

4) CRAFT MEANINGFUL MESSAGES

Speak in headlines with taglines. Ask open-ended questions. Inform, don't ask.

5) PREPARE FOR PUSHBACK

View resistance as an opportunity. Choose the hill you are willing to die on. Learn to lobby.

6) USE AND SHARE CONNECTIONS

Know when taking advantage is not taking advantage.

Develop the art of small talk.

Question even the experts.

7) LIVE YOUR VALUES

Identify your nonnegotiables. Periodically reassess what's important.

Accept compliments.

So there's a sampling of what is a book chock-full of digestible, straightforward, no-holds-barred advice. Dr. Frankel told me "Nice Girls Just Don't Get It" is a must-read for any woman who wants to surrender her membership to the nice-girls club for good. Nice girls are those who behave the way others want them to, sacrificing their own needs. She wants to turn nice girls into winning women. Winning women, on the other hand, aren't afraid to stand up to difficult people, set appropriate boundaries, and consider their own needs as well as the needs of others. Which would you rather be? Check out her websites at www.nicegirlsjustdontgetit.com and www.drloisfrankel.com. Let's get it on, Sisters!!!

Join Mary Jane for the KAHN Noon News Monday-Friday and then again for POPOFF 10 PM-Midnight.

Andrew Long Loomis

Army Pvt. Andrew D. Long has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesies, military

Military Graduate

justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values. He is the son of Patty Long of Magnolia St., Jourdan, Texas, and Robert Hipwell of Oak Pine Lane, Granite Bay, Calif. Long graduated in 2009 from Del Oro High School, Loomis, Calif.

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Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 8 at 1:05 p.m.

Make your mom's special day a home run with the Macy's Mother's Day Brunch ticket package. It includes: a Senate Box ticket and an All-You-Can-Eat brunch pre-game. Plus the first 2,500 fans will receive a Cold Cup Tumbler presented by PG&E!

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1-4pm: The Dave Ramsey Show

4-7pm: The KAHN Afternoon News with Dave Rosenthal and the KAHN News Team

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11am - 12pm: Your Life and Your Money

12 - 12:30pm: Study-Grow-Know

12:30 - 7pm: Big Cletus Country Music

7 - 8pm: A Way With Words

8 - 9pm: Rewind with Jimmy Jay

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Arts, Entertainment and Other Fun Things to do!

North Auburn Art Studios Tour

Mother's Day Weekend • May 7 & 8, 2011 • 10AM to 5PM

Auburn - Twelve well known top award winning local artists will be participating together in The North Auburn Art Studios Tour on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, 2011 from 10 am to 5 p.m. Artists in the tour are: **Cathy Cline** - fine jewelry, **Reif Erickson** - pastel, **Jim Farley** - wood, **Sonja Hamilton** - watercolor and silk scarves, **Jennifer Johnson** - metal, **Anita Posey-Lowe** - clay, **Patty Pieropan Dong** - painting, block printing, **Diane J Wood** - kiln formed glass, **Ty Connors** - watercolor and charcoal media, **Dirk Dusharme** - Photography, **Don Crawford** - Wood and **Linda Farley** - Multi Media art. The tour is free and all artists participating in our annual North Auburn Art Studios Tour are within a few miles of each other. For the map to the studios and more information about the artists call 530-889-2002 or visit our web site at www.northauburnartists.com

This year the North Auburn Art Studio Tour artists are offering each visitor the opportunity to collect the Artist Cards. By visiting the studios all guests (over the age of 18) may collect a card from each Artist. When guests have all the cards (one card from each Artist) at the last studio they visit, they may submit their name and contact information to go on a list for the free drawing and the opportunity to win a work of art of one of the artists.



Anita Posey Lowe is well known for her beautiful and reasonably priced ceramic bowls, cups, plates and individual casserole dishes that are microwave, dishwasher and oven safe. She notes that her glazes are lead-free and safe for food and drink. The colors she works with are earth tones; tan, blue and green when overlapped they create beautiful blends. All her pots are hand thrown, trimmed and signed. Aside from her functional pottery Anita's sculptural art is a mixture of wheel thrown, hand built or a combination of both, she uses several methods of

firing -- raku, reduction or pit-- to get results. She plays with the forms to perfect concepts that reflect her personality. She says, "each ceramic piece is one-of-a-kind". A graduate of San Francisco State University with a BA in art, emphasis in ceramics, Ms Lowe has been developing her technique for more than 38 years. "No matter how much effort I put into a clay piece, the fire, glaze, wind, air and timing all play a role and control of the final outcome of the pottery is left to Karma," says Anita Posey Lowe. "That's the beauty of pottery and why I enjoy working with it." Visit her website at www.aposey-lowepottery.com.

Cathy Cline a well known jewelry artist and artist-in-residence at the Arts Building in Auburn, continues to explore the creative challenge of designing gold, silver and vitreous enamel one-of-a-kind jewelry. She is also currently using her watercolor and acrylic landscape painting background to create new "paintings" and functional works in vitreous enamel. "I am fascinated by the interplay of reflections, color, movement, texture and transparencies in nature. I enjoy interpreting nature's beauty in my work." Cathy has a Master's Degree in Jewelry Design, studied jewelry in London, England and Guadalajara, Mexico. Also she completed The Revere Academy's program and achieved Graduate Jeweler's status. In the area of enameling, she has taken numerous seminars and workshops from nationally and internationally known enamellists. She has taught jewelry design for over 30 years in college and high school. Cathy will be sharing studio space with ceramic artist Anita Posey Lowe during the Mother's Day Weekend Studio Tour. Visit her website at www.cathyclinedesigns.com.

Self taught artist **Ty Connors** enjoys the charcoal medium and strives for a realistic look to his drawings. He works mainly from photographs of a variety of subjects. Even though he's a full-time Deputy Sheriff, he finds time to complete commissioned and new art pieces and murals for various businesses. The commissioned work is his greatest joy and he likes working with his clients to preserve a memory in time or create a new one by combining pictures to come up with a new idea.

Award-winning designer and



photographer **Dirk Dusharme** uses photography as a springboard into examining architecture and the intersection of people and their man-made landscape. Sometimes stark, often wildly bright, and always from his own peculiar perspective, Dusharme's architectural pieces make you look at your built environment in ways you never imagined. Visit his website at www.dirkdusharme.com.

Diane J Wood works both in metal, glass casting, Pate de Verre, and kiln form glass. Her work most often arrives in the form of faces, study of nature and spiral movement within the glass work. With her background in ceramics, she makes all her own glass forms for her sculptural wall work. The glass work is an expression of movement, textures, and the use of transparency of the glass. Diane has studied under Dan Fenton for glass casting, and Pate de Verre glass work. She has a fine art jewelry glass line, and glass sculptural work that is shown in galleries in the United States, private residences and internationally. She teaches metal and glass art to El Dorado, Sacramento and Placer County Charter Schools, as well as, being an instructor in fuse glass at Sierra Community College, Rocklin, Ca.

Jennifer Johnson is an Auburn, Ca. artist who creates exciting and distinctive sculptures created from found and discarded steel. The sculptures form a powerful and, at times, controversial, expression of personal experience and social stereotypes. Currently showing throughout California and in Washington, she is an award-winning international artist who focuses her work on the human form and horses. Her sculptures range in size from 15 inches to 15 feet. Jennifer Johnson's studio is open

year-round by appointment, inviting the visitors to roam through the garden of sculptures and watch creativity in progress in the studio. Purchases can be made directly through the studio or at any one of her galleries. Jennifer invites corporate and private commissions and has a mailing list for show information. View her work at www.jjohnsonstudio.com.



San Francisco born artist, teacher, and calligrapher, **Sonja Hamilton**, SWA, is noted for her fluid, concise watercolors - whether landscapes, seascapes or flowers. She graduated from San Jose State University with a BA Degree and holds a Lifetime Special Teaching Credential in Art, has exhibited widely, and has paintings in private collections in the USA, Australia, Canada, Mexico, England, France, Japan and China. Sonja has taught in adult education since 1967, has conducted several workshops in Hawaii, California, Arizona, Nevada, and was an instructor on a tour of Italy and Greece, the Canadian Rockies, France and Belgium. In 2011, she will be teaching a watercolor workshop in Switzerland. Amongst her numerous awards are Teacher of the Year 2010, several Best of Show, First Awards, and the Grumbacher Gold Medallion. "Although I draw and paint in many media, I find watercolor the most exciting, spontaneous, and challenging. When I paint, my cares leave and I become totally immersed in what I am doing. Watercolor is exhilarating, yet most relaxing for me - a great joy. It's who I am."

Jim Farley is a wood artist who shapes local and exotic woods to form sculpted clock bases, boxes, candle-holders, fantasy-figure and

dinosaur puzzles and words. Jim was raised in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains, and has studied the character, qualities and uses of various species of wood his entire life. Since leaving the practice of law nine years ago, Jim has focused on acquiring and working chunks of many local woods and several exotic woods. Jim prefers working with wood, rather than clients, because shaped wood is generally more attractive than clients, less likely to require as much attention, usually content to be exactly what it is and the process of learning and shaping wood is endlessly satisfying. Jim's shop-studio will also be open for viewing during the tour.

Linda H. Farley - Painter, Fused Glass & Bead Designed Jewelry. Many painters have an idea of the painting they will create before they put brush to canvas. Most times, Linda does not. Linda enjoys painting in a style she describes as "Spirit Painting". She started painting in her early 20's and it has been evolving over the last 40 years. She taps into what Carl Jung would call the collective unconscious. She has taken many classes in 40 years, but never received a formal art degree. She received her B.A. in Speech and Drama and her Masters in Counseling. She is a licensed Marriage, Family Therapist and is presently working in private practice two days a week. She uses Art Therapy to help clients increase their awareness of self. Linda paints in many medias, including oil, acrylic and tempera. Then a friend introduced her to fused glass work and Linda became enamored with the flow of liquid glass. She cuts and designs the glass and then places it in the kiln to fuse. She turns this glass into unique pieces of jewelry. From the fused glass, she turned to bead work to increase the beauty of her fused glass pieces and now she mixes the two, or not, as she creates her designs. Linda is an active member of the Placer County Community, lending her support to the Placer County Arts and Sierra College Patrons Club.

Auburn artist **Patty Pieropan Dong** enjoys working in a variety of media: oils, watercolors, and block printing. Her subjects include California landscapes, plein air work from Europe and the Caribbean as well as still life and portraiture. A graduate of Boston University with a BFA in painting, she also did



post-graduate work at Boston State College and Suffolk University. In addition to teaching art and painting, Patty is a member of the Old Town Gallery of Art and active in the Placer Arts Council as an Art Walk committee member, Autumn Art Studios Tour steering committee member and Placer Artist's League board member. Visit her website at www.pepdart.com.

Award-winning pastellist **Reif Erickson** has been pursuing his art career for the last 29 years and contributes much of his success to his continuing practice of painting with pastels "on location" in what he calls FRESH AIR® painting. Through careful observation and technical expertise, Reif achieves masterful landscapes of his travels in California, Hawaii, the Southwest, China and France. Reif's works appear in public, corporate, and private collections throughout the Pacific Coast. Visit his website at www.reifart.com

Auburn resident **Don Crawford** has spent the last 40 years in furniture and cabinet making. Heavily influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement, his cabinetry and furniture reflect the design elements of Greene & Greene, Frank Lloyd Wright, and other early 20th century designers. Recently Don has turned his attention to wood sculpture. These organically inspired abstract pieces are also influenced by the late 19th, early 20th century designer, Rennie Macintosh. Don hopes his sculptures give you as much pleasure to look at as he enjoyed making them.

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Placer County Vintners to Host Amgen Tour of California Stage 3 Gala Event

Local Wineries, Restaurants, Live Entertainment & World-Class Celebrity Cyclists Featured at Vino Velo 2011

Meadow Vista - The Vino Velo Gala will be a wine, food and festive event celebrating the evolution of the bicycle and the Stage 3 Start of the Amgen Tour of California in Auburn. Bike Auburn in partnership with event host, the Placer County Vintners Association, has gathered some of the region's finest food and wine purveyors for the event May 15, 2011 at Winchester Country Club in Meadow Vista. This festive Sunday afternoon gala is jam-packed and is sure to wow all the senses with a program that includes food & wine pairings, a twenty piece live jazz band, BBQ and taco bar, an impressive display of vintage and ultra-modern bicycles, and a silent auction featuring local art & jewelry. The Versus Channel live broadcast of the ATOC Overall Start occurring that day in Lake Tahoe will be shown and celebrity cyclists "Fast Freddie" Rodriguez and radio announcer Bruce Hildenbrand are among some of the featured guest speakers.

All-Star Lineup to present a "Tour of World Wine & Cuisine" themed menu
Placer County Vintners Asso-

ciation wineries will showcase their best wines and many of the owners and winemakers will pour the wine themselves. Mt. Vernon Winery of Auburn, the region's oldest and most award-winning winery will have owner Jim Taylor pouring some "big reds" while "Best Micro Winery for White and Red wines" Casque Wines will pour some of their Sierra Foothills whites. Pair those and wines from other local wineries with an African seafood stew from the highly acclaimed Latitudes Restaurant or a zesty tomato, caper & crème fraiche bruschetta from Cape Vino, the region's top rated 4 Star restaurant. Latitudes Bistro in Auburn was recently honored by PlacerGROWN and the City of Auburn for their contribution to the local food scene.

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Guests will enjoy generous food, wine & entertainment and hob-nob with a cadres of retired pro cyclists, former Olympians and cycling experts. Tour de France writer, race announcer and cycling expert Bruce Hildenbrand will act as "Master of Ceremonies" welcoming guests and leading the kick-off of the Video broadcast of the Stage 1 start in Lake Tahoe.

Location: Just 6 miles from downtown Auburn, Winchester Country Club, 3030 Legends Drive, Meadow Vista.

Tickets start at \$65/person and include generous food, wine & entertainment. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for advance

Wild & Scenic Film Festival Announces Call for Entries

Nevada City - The Wild & Scenic Film Festival announces their annual Call for Entries, open now through the submission deadline of September 30, 2011. The tenth annual festival takes place January 13-15, 2012, in downtown Nevada City.

The largest festival of its kind in the United States, Wild & Scenic seeks unique environmental and adventure films that aim to inspire and educate. In 2010, the festival received over 350 entries for a final official selection of approximately 115 films. The Wild & Scenic then travels to over 115 locations in the United States and internationally. The "on tour" program gives filmmakers a wonderful opportunity for worldwide exposure of their film.

Filmmakers of all abilities and backgrounds are invited to submit their films. All films must be formally submitted through the online service, www.withoutabox.com. Details for

submitting are also included on the festival's website, www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org.

Says Wild & Scenic Film Festival Producer, Leslie Jacobson, "SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival showcases a wide range of environmental and adventure films. We look for films that are entertaining, educational, and above all inspirational."

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poet Gary Snyder, actors Patrick Stewart, Daryl Hannah, and Peter Coyote, and activists Julia Butterfly, Winona LaDuke, Tim DeChristopher, Randy Hayes and Colin Beavan.

Since 1983, SYRCL has been committed to the protection, preservation and restoration of the greater Yuba Watershed. The organization works to fulfill its mission by aggressively seeking environmental solutions through the tools of education, organization, collaboration, litigation and legislation. SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival serves as a way to further expand their message and raise support for its campaigns.

Tickets, plus the official selection of films and events for the 2012 festival will be available beginning in December. For more information visit: www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org.

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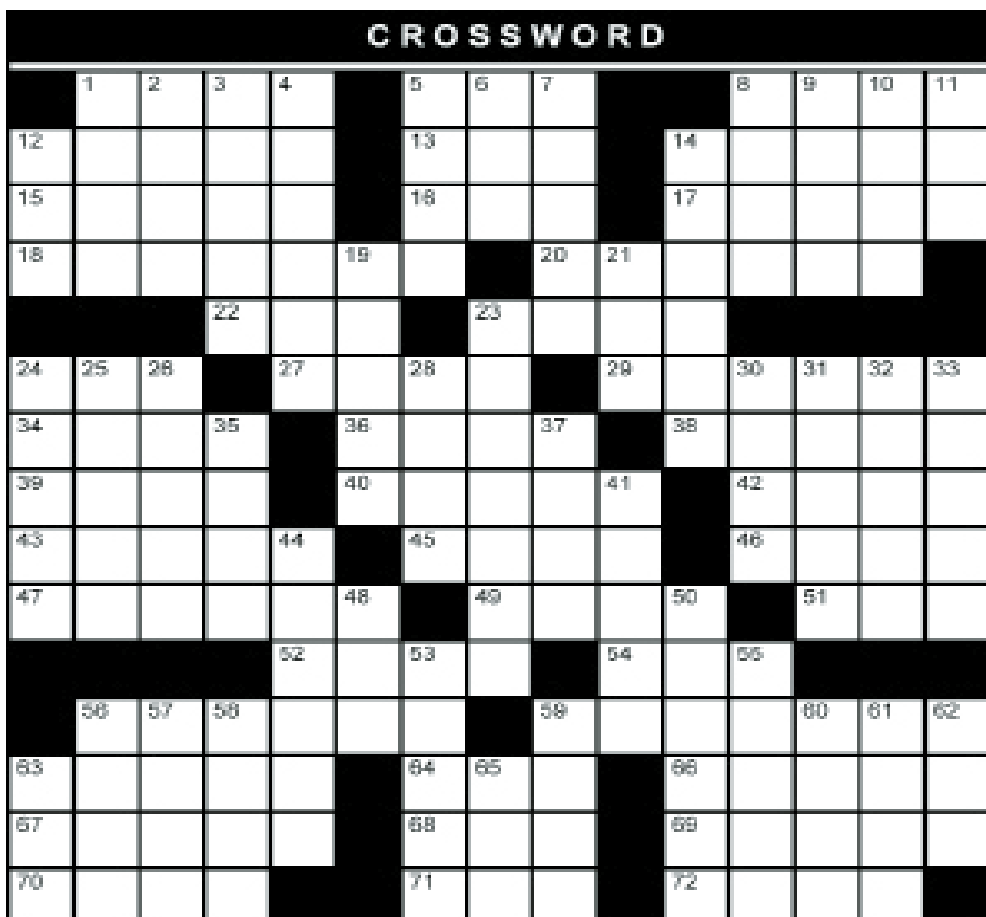
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Men Arrested Following a Three-County Crime Spree, Kidnapping and Carjacking

From the Office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner

Placer County – Two young men were arrested Monday night following a three-county crime spree that began in Auburn on Saturday with a kidnapping and carjacking.

Dillon James McMahon, 22, of Roseville, and John Cody Adrian, 19, of Colfax, were taken into custody by Yuba County law enforcement officers following a high-speed pursuit near Marysville Monday night. Earlier Monday evening, the pair is suspected of beating an elderly man in Nevada County.

The spree began around noon Saturday when a 19-year-old Grass Valley woman was carjacked and kidnapped from the Chase Bank parking lot at 11:50 a.m. on Grass Valley Highway in Auburn. The male suspect approached the girl's car as she was leaving the bank and asked her questions through her open car window. He said he had a gun and told her to drive him to the Taco Tree on Grass Valley Highway. As they approached the restaurant, the suspect told the victim to pull over in a parking lot. He pulled out a gun, pointed



John Cody Adrian, 19, of Colfax



Dillon James McMahon, 22, of Roseville

it at her and told her to get out of the car, which she did. The suspect got out of the car, walked around and got into the driver's seat and drove away.

The vehicle was recovered early Sunday morning in the pond at Regional Park in north Auburn. The reporting party saw someone driving it into the pond. Members of the Placer County Sheriff's Dive team responded and found no one inside the car.

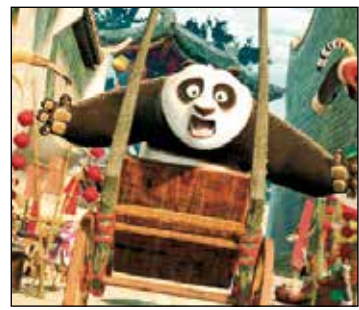
Monday afternoon, at 4:15, a second carjacking occurred, this time in front of Regional Park in north Auburn. A 51-year-old woman was

approached as she was leaving her car and two men presented a weapon and took her car. That car, a Honda, was the car that Yuba County officials later apprehended Monday night. Inside that car were McMahon and Adrian. The suspects were transferred to Placer County and were booked at the Placer County Jail. Both suspects are charged with carjacking, assault with a deadly weapon and theft of a vehicle. McMahon is charged with carjacking and kidnapping in relation to Saturday's incident. Further charges from other agencies are forthcoming.



by David Dickstein

Family Viewing at the Cinema



Kung Fu Panda 2
Opens May 26, rated PG
kungfupanda.com

The panda who went from zero to hero in 2008 gets to strut his kung fu master title in an animated 3-D sequel that reunites an all-star voice cast, led by Jack Black as the newly dubbed Dragon Warrior. His friends call him Po, and they sound exactly like Angelina Jolie, Seth Rogen, Dustin Hoffman, David Cross, Jackie Chan and Lucy Liu. Their characters' peaceful existence is threatened, as is all of China, when an evil albino peacock emperor (Gary Oldman) plans to build the mother of all weapons. Albinos are often depicted as villains in movies, but peacocks?

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides
Opens May 20, rated PG
disney.go.com/pirates



Films and DVDs for the Whole Family

A \$75 million paycheck for one movie? No wonder it's a pirate's life for Johnny Depp. His fourth spin as the crafty Captain Jack Sparrow could find true love in the enigmatic Angelica (Penelope Cruz). Then again, she could be a con artist using him to find the fabled Fountain of Youth. Geoffrey Rush returns as the vengeful Captain Hector Barbossa. No. 4 is the first shot in 3-D, guaranteeing hefty booty for a franchise that has so far made over \$1 billion at the domestic box office. Yo ho, yo ho indeed.

The Prodigies
Opens May 9, not rated at press time (likely PG-13)
theprodigies-lefilm.com

This French-made animated superhero movie is geared toward older kids. Redubbed in English, the story centers on five teenagers – all prodigies -- who are violently assaulted in New York's Central Park, and their trauma releases fury against the world. Their collective minds concoct a perfect revenge that punishes, well, everyone. The only thing that could stop them is a sixth prodigy -- the only person aware of the pending doom.

Family DVDs

Elmo's Travel Songs and Games (ages 2-6, available May 3, not rated): Elmo and his dad hit the road with Abby, and to pass the time they play travel games featuring the alphabet, shapes, rhyming and counting. By the time they reach their destination – the zoo – young viewers will have too much fun to ask, "Are we there yet?" Grade: A

Nickelodeon Favorites: Food with Friends (ages 2-7, available May 17, not rated): For the tyke into variety, Nick Jr.'s greatest hits of sorts has meshed on one DVD food-themed episodes of "Dora the Explorer," "Go, Diego, Go!," "The Wonder Pets!," "Blue's

Clues," "Yo Gabba Gabba!" and "Ni Hao, Kai-lan." Mother's Day, a strawberry festival and Chinese New Year are some of the events served up over 148 edutaining minutes. Grade: A

The Green Hornet (ages 10-17, available May 3, rated PG-13): Obviously the questionable casting of funnyman Seth Rogen as this venerable masked superhero didn't work – not at the winter box office or with critics. Newspaper publisher by day, vigilante by night, Britt Reid (aka the Green Hornet) faces off against a city leader (Christoph Waltz) who has united all the gangs under his power. Jay Chou plays Kato, the obligatory sidekick, while Cameron Diaz is the obligatory pretty dame-slash-love interest. No one comes off great. Grade: C

Justin Bieber Never Say Never (ages 10-16, available May 13, PG): From small-town boy to Internet sensation to worldwide pop phenom, this documentary chronicles the early years of Justin Bieber's meteoric life – which would pretty much mean all of his years; dude is only 17. The film leads up to a sold-out Madison Square Garden concert. Strangest Blu-ray bonus has to be footage of when he cut his famous hair. Parents of young daughters, you've been warned. Grade: B+



Lions Club Launches Golf

Auburn – The tournament will be held Sunday May 22nd at the Winchester Country Club

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Casino Night to Benefit Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital Foundation's Cancer Navigator Program

Auburn – Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital Foundation is holding Casino Night on Friday, May 13, beginning at 7 p.m., at Auburn Valley Golf Club, 8800 Auburn Valley Road, Auburn.

Tickets are \$40 (21 and older, please). All proceeds will support the hospital's cancer program

with a Cancer Navigator Program to offer individualized assistance to cancer patients, as well as their families and caregivers.

Casino Night will feature casino games of Blackjack, Poker, Roulette, and a Texas Hold 'em Tourney. There will be live music for dancing and

an astronomer from Stellarview will provide telescopes for star gazing. Hors d'oeuvres will be served with a no-host bar.

For information, tickets or sponsorships, please call the Foundation office at 530-888-4557.

END of the BENCH

by Gerry Scholl

Little League: the age of reason

There's a high fly ball. That one's really up there! It's headed in my direction. I'm gonna have to go for this one. The other kids are just standing there, so this one's all mine. It's up there forever; it's never coming down!

All the backyard wiffle ball and playground baseball with my brothers and the neighborhood kids prepared me for this very moment.— my first Little League tryout.

I'm just a little runt, turning eight years old this season; a newcomer to the "age of reason." Suddenly, on this day I have reason to feel pressure, to feel nervous; and that ball is just starting to come down. It's cold and windy and it's my first chance. There are reasons and excuses enough if I don't make the play. But I have to do it! I have to overcome any fears and go for it!

Here it comes. I'm in good position. It's fading just a little and I lean forward. It hits just below the pocket of my Jimmy Davenport glove. I think I got it... Oh, no! It's slipping out! I'm losing it, it's dropping! But I got it!— trapped it right between my knees. I pick it out with my bare hand and raise it over my head. My first proud moment. What a gamer!

Now I think I can do this, if I just hang in there. I always did ok around the neighborhood, so I just have to go out and play.

I get picked for a team We have a



Little League - a long time ago.

few practices. There are some pretty big kids and good players. I'm small and quiet and just trying to keep up, and learn and get better. One day we all meet at the coach's house to get our uniforms. My first uniform— Wow!

Opening Day comes— 1959— and my small town has a parade. All the Little League teams in full uniforms parade across town, down the main streets to the classy old-time ballpark with the wooden grandstands and the snack bar; the home run fence and the bunting; the team pictures and the parents; the announcer and the Anthem; all the people and the chatter. This is the big leagues!

And our team gets to play today. Our town is still small enough that

all the kids, 8-12 years old, are in the same league. We are getting smoked by the other team's starting pitcher. It's near the end of the game and Coach sends me up for a token at-bat— a little squirt shaking in his baby cleats up against this barrel-chested 12-year-old farm boy with his blazing fastball.

"Please, don't hit me!" One, two, three and it's all over. I just learned about being humiliated in front of hundreds of people. Somebody get me a sno-cone...

That first year was a blur. Beyond Opening Day there weren't any memorable moments— a whole season at the end of the bench. I don't think they had any rules about playing time back then, so I got a few innings in right field and a few at-bats during blowouts. I don't remember if I ever hit a ball. A walk was a major accomplishment.

The next year was the first season of split minor and major divisions. I played with one of my older brothers on a minor team against kids more my own size and age. I became a player...

I was happy to read a story recently about a resurgence in participation in Little League in northern California, largely due to the reaction to the Giants winning the 2010 World Series. Little boys and girls can learn a lot about themselves with a little Little League. Play ball!



ROCK DOC

By Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

One of my mother's friends was raised decades ago on a few acres at the end of gravel road in Idaho. As she puts it, her family's basic challenge was eating what it produced before other critters did. In other words, it was useful to consume the eggs in the henhouse before the foxes got to them.

Those images sometimes come to my mind when I look at a bag of potatoes in the grocery store. Potatoes are relatively cheap and nutritious food, a good source of the basic food energy that carbs give us, as well as a fine source of Vitamin C, potassium and iron. They are also so easy to cook even I can manage the task.

But when I was young a lot of potatoes were lost to sprouting. As soon as a spud starts growing sprouts, its days are numbered. The sprouting hastens deterioration and the overall quality of the potato starts to drop off.

Farmers used to lose some of their crop to sprouting before they could sell their harvest, and consumers lost sacks of spuds stored in home cupboards to the same problem.

It wasn't that foxes invaded our kitchens to eat our potatoes. It was

Giving You More Time to Eat Your Potatoes

that the spuds themselves "ate" the starch stored in their pudgy brown bodies to fuel their growth.

In the 20th century farmers started to treat their potatoes with chemicals to delay the sprouting process. The chemicals helped, but they were artificial compounds, not natural to the food chain.

It's at this point that new research enters the picture. At agricultural universities across the nation, scientists are always at work to improve the lot of farmers and consumers alike. The goal is to get more food of higher quality out of the land, to do so as sustainably as possible, and to help us consumers as we make a wide variety of choices about how we want to eat.

When Professor Richard Knowles of Washington State University saw that potatoes treated in an experiment with a naturally occurring compound didn't sprout – even when they were planted in soil – he knew he had discovered something akin to a magic wand for the sprouting problem. The compound in question is one that's related to what wafts into the air when you mow your lawn. It gives you that "fresh cut grass" smell. In other words, the compound is fully natural, one that plants themselves produce.

The new class of potato-sprout inhibitors is being developed for commercial application by the American Vanguard Corporation as SmartBlock™. It's because of advances like these that the big bag of spuds you carry home today from the grocery store will likely remain pretty cheap in the years to come. And as consumers we'll be able

to directly see the good effects of Knowles' research, because potatoes will more likely make it from the store all the way to your plate rather than sprouting and growing furiously in the cupboard.

Most of the ag scientists I know are not the kind of people to loudly sing their own praises. And a lot of Americans today don't understand all the work that goes into growing high-quality food and getting it successfully to the grocery store. Those two factors combine to make too many of us unaware of all the good work done in agricultural research.

Lots of agricultural scientists are able to do their research work because of our tax dollars. At the federal level, agricultural research is supported by part of the Department of Agriculture called the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The budget for NIFA was cut in the recent deal ironed out between Republicans and Democrats in D.C. Maybe that was reasonable given the economic situation, but because I'm lucky enough to see ag scientists at work daily around me in my job, I understand just how much bang we get for each buck put into their research.

If we choose to complain about the costs of agricultural research, let's at least not do it with our mouths full.

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