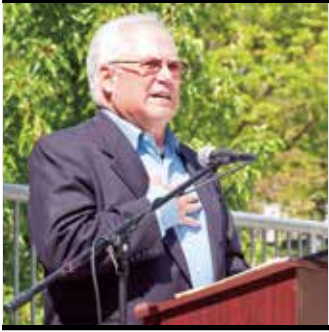


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Beth Gaines Takes Oath of Office



Assemblywoman Beth Gaines Starts Work in State Assembly, Won't Accept Per Diem, State-issued Car. Photo courtesy of the office of Assemblywoman Beth Gaines.

Sacramento – Assemblywoman Beth Gaines, R-Roseville, today (May 12th) took the oath of office as the new representative for the 4th Assembly District at the State Capitol, pledging to work hard on the issues

that matter most to her constituents. “I was honored today to take the oath of office in Sacramento to represent the people of the 4th Assembly District,” Gaines said. “As their representative, my door will

always be open to listen to their ideas and concerns on how we can solve California's toughest challenges. I look forward to working with my Assembly colleagues to make government more accountable to the people,

Auburn's Memorial Day Ceremonies

From Bonnie Potter

Auburn - With the names Betty Wood (killed in 1943) and Harley Dean Andrews (killed in 2006) added to the War Memorial, Auburn area veterans will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th beginning at 9 AM at the New Auburn Cemetery. Members of the Auburn Area Honor Guard, American Legion Post No. 84 and the American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders Chapter 84, Veterans of Foreign Wars Placer Foothills Post 904, Fleet Reserve Association Mother Lode #296 and

the Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA, Marine Corps League Placer Bulldog Detachment 1247, Disabled American Veterans Post 80, Knights of Columbus Mother Lode Assembly 2778 and the Placer County Council of the Navy League of the United States are combining to commemorate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is sacred to American veterans who take the opportunity to honor members of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms, and to recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by their family members. The American Legion Post 84, assisted by area Cub

Scouts and Boy Scouts and other volunteers, will place flags at veterans graves in the Auburn cemeteries on Thursday, May 26th starting at 3:30 PM (New Auburn Cemetery) and on Friday, May 27th at 9:00 AM (Old Auburn Cemetery). VFW Post 904 will place an Aisle of Flags. Ceremonies will be conducted at the War Memorial at the New Auburn Cemetery beginning at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 30th, and will include remarks by Congressman Tom McClintock, Placer County Supervisor Jim Holmes, Auburn Mayor Dr. Bill Kirby, and City

defend taxpayers from job-killing tax increases and implement policies that help Californians get back to work.”

Gaines said she will remain fully committed to protecting taxpayer's resources during her tenure in the Assembly.

“I have chosen to voluntarily not accept per diem or use a state-issued car to carry out my responsibilities as your Assemblywoman,” Gaines said. “We as legislators should lead by example and tighten our belts and cut costs where we can to save taxpayer money.”

Even before she was sworn into office, Gaines hit the ground running to represent the 4th District. She sent a letter to Governor Brown urging him to declare a state of emergency in response to the recent breach of the Bear River Canal. The breach, which occurred on April 19, has significantly impacted the region's agriculture economy, including local mandarin, rice and wine production. Gaines said she will work closely with the Brown Administration to help the region recover from the disaster.

Prior to her election, Gaines served as a successful marketing consultant for her family's business, Point West Insurance Associates. She also previously worked in sales and marketing for a business supply company and gained management experience at a local branch of a national workforce employment firm. An active member of the community, she has volunteered for numerous charities and groups including the Child Abuse Prevention Council. Gaines was born and raised in Sacramento County, and is the mother of six children. She resides with her family in Roseville.

Gaines fills the vacancy left by the election of Ted Gaines to the State Senate in January. The 4th Assembly District includes the communities of Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, Cameron Park, Placerville, Auburn, Loomis, South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe City.

Broadcaster Eric Hogue to Join William Jessup



Broadcaster Eric Hogue

Eric Hogue, a longtime Sacramento area talk show host and radio commentator, will join the William Jessup University as its Vice President of Advancement. Hogue will begin his new role effective June 1.

“We look forward to Eric joining our executive administration team,” said Dr. John Jackson, William Jessup University's president. “He will be instrumental as he continues to build our marketing and communications programs as well as foster existing and new relationships in the community that are vital to the continued growth of our institution.”

Hogue, who has worked for Salem Communications radio stations in the Sacramento region since 2000, was KTKZ-AM's first Program Director and morning talk host.

“Those that have listened to me over the past 11 years know that, as a marketplace Christian, I am committed to excellence in life, civic leadership and quality, higher education – for that end, there is none better than William Jessup University,” Hogue explained. “I am honored and excited as I begin this new and enriching chapter in my life.”

Hogue will oversee the University's

Advancement program; administering and managing all development and fundraising, alumni affairs, and donor, media, church and community relations.

While he will be leaving his morning show on KTKZ, Hogue will continue to host his popular one-hour daily program – “The Capitol Hour” – that airs weekdays at noon.

“I am motivated by achievement... and relevant, creative growth; I also love building for the future. To stay on the air with 1380 KTKZ while joining WJU is a once in a life time opportunity,” said Hogue.

SPCA's Susan Willson Honored as "40 Under 40"



Susan Willson

Placer County – Placer SPCA Development Director Susan Willson was among the honorees for the Sacramento Business Journal's prestigious “40 Under 40.” 100 finalists were chosen from more than 250 nominations received, and the final 40 recipients were named at a reception on Tuesday, April 27. The “40 Under 40” designation identifies Willson as one of the top local business and community leaders under 40 years of age.

According to the Sacramento Business Journal, honorees are selected based on leadership, entrepreneurship or creativity, accomplishments, and community involvement.

As a young professional, Willson is active in the Roseville and Rocklin Chambers of Commerce, serves on the Leadership Rocklin Steering Committee, and is currently the Board President of the Association of Fundraising Professionals California Capital Chapter.

Willson has worked at Placer SPCA in the Development Department for six years. “We are very proud of Susan's well-deserved recognition by the Sacramento Business Journal,” said Placer SPCA

CEO Leilani Vierra. “Her skill and diligence have contributed greatly to the Placer SPCA receiving four stars from Charity Navigator for five consecutive years for demonstrating fiscal responsibility.”

Willson is the proud mother of two children, ages 5 & 2. Her husband, Peter Willson, also works in the nonprofit field, currently serving as the Director of Development for the Powerhouse Science Center in Sacramento.

“I take my career and civic responsibilities very seriously,” said Willson, “but I also work hard to create a balance in my life with family and other interests. It's not always easy.”

Placer County Sheriff's Council hosts Community Services Expo

From the Office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner

Placer County – The Placer County Sheriff's Council is hosting its second annual Community Services Expo at Del Oro High School on Saturday, May 21, from 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. This year, the free event will also include a classic car show.

Throughout the day, there will be demonstrations by the Sheriff's Office's Special Enforcement Team, mounted team, K-9 handlers and their dog partners, the bomb squad, the helicopter crew and more. The Sheriff's

honor guard will post the colors and have a changing of the guard at noon. The Loomis Fire Department will perform a “Jaws of Life” demonstration. Vendors will have booths set up on the school grounds and food will be available for purchase. This year, a classic car show has

been added and the public is invited to display their vintage cars. For more information about the car show, call (530) 906-7085. There will also be a canine livestock herding demonstration by Placer County Animal Control.

The Placer County Sheriff's Council was created in 2004 by

citizens who saw the need for more equipment and updated equipment than was being supplied by a shrinking government budget. Since then, the council has grown into a large and dedicated group of business and community leaders concerned with maintaining top-notch public

safety services in Placer County. For more information about the expo and the Sheriff's Council, go to www.sheriffscouncil.com or call them at (916) 652-2450. Del Oro High School is located at 3301 Taylor Road, Loomis.

Governor Brown Unveils Revised Budget

From Governor's Press Office

Sacramento – Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. today unveiled a revised state budget that reduces by nearly \$3 billion the amount of taxes needed to balance the budget, spurs job creation through new tax incentives and pays off most of the \$34.7 billion debt built up over the last decade.

"California's economy is growing, but we still face a \$10 billion structural deficit and a wall of debt for years to come," said Brown. "California's finances were plunged into turmoil by the Great Recession and a decade of short-term fixes and fiscal gimmicks. This is not the time to delay or evade. This is the time to put our finances in order."

The revised budget also downsizes state government and protects education and public safety. Since taking office in January, Brown and the legislature have cut spending by \$9 billion and have taken other steps to reduce the deficit.

Key Highlights of Governor Brown's May Revision Budget

Reduce the amount of taxes required to balance the budget. Californians will pay \$2 billion less in income taxes this year than proposed in the January budget.

Increase spending on K-12 education. For years, the state has short-changed public education in order to balance the budget, forcing school

districts to borrow in order to balance their budgets. The revised budget increases funds for public schools by \$3 billion. Even with this new infusion of funds, California schools are still owed billions by the state.

Spur job creation through tax incentives. The revised budget restricts Enterprise Zone credits to create new jobs only; spurs investments in California jobs through mandatory single sales; encourages manufacturing jobs through reduced sales tax on equipment purchases; and revamps a hiring tax credit to encourage additional job creation.

Create a long-term strategy to address California's Wall of Debt. California has accrued \$35 billion in budgetary debt by borrowing from future generations. The May Revision lays out a plan to pay off at least \$29 billion in looming state debt by 2015.

Cut state government. The revised budget eliminates 43 boards, commissions, task forces, offices and departments that represent an inefficient use of taxpayer dollars. As services are returned to the local level, the Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Programs will be eliminated. The revised budget also proposes to merge the Healthy Families Program into the Medi-Cal program, reducing costs and creating a single health care program for low income families

Improve debt management. More than \$11 billion in cash from bond sales is sitting in department accounts, where it costs taxpayers more than \$700 million a year in debt service for projects that have yet to be completed, creating an unacceptable burden on taxpayers. The revised budget proposes expediting projects, moving cash out of accounts and into projects that create jobs and improve state infrastructure as taxpayers intended.

Restore honesty to the budget process. Last year's budget underfunded the costs of both the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Department of Mental Health by \$465 million. The revised budget addresses the shortfalls in these departments and establishes controls to prevent future overspending.

Sell underutilized state properties. The revised budget proposes the sale of state-owned properties like the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Montclair Golf Course in Oakland, the Capital Area Development Authority in Sacramento and the Ramirez Canyon property in Southern California. These properties serve no state function and should be sold off to pay debt.

The May Revision can be found here: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/>

Tax Hikes are Coming ... If Obama Gets His Way

Commentary by Dr. John A. Sparks

President Obama is now openly proposing tax increases on at least two important fronts as part of his "solution" to the growing debt crisis.

The president's favorite approach is to talk about the "wealthiest Americans." In his speech on April 13, he proclaimed that he will do away with the "Bush tax cuts" for the rich as soon as he has the opportunity. Just a week later, April 21, he said that wealthier taxpayers like him should be willing to pay "a little bit more" to prevent various social programs for the elderly and the young from being cut. Of course, this is his way of preparing high-earning Americans for a jump in their federal income tax rates. Apparently, he believes that they are not currently doing their part or paying their fair share.

Listening to President Obama talk, one would think that the present federal income tax system is a flat-rate system where everyone, no matter what their income, pays at the same rate. Of course, the current system is, and has been for a long time, a steeply graduated tax system where the highest earners pay at the rate of 35 percent on the topmost portion of their earnings while low

earners pay at the rate of 10 percent. Now, Mr. Obama wants to push the highest rates even higher, to near 40 percent. President Obama believes, perhaps rightly, that soaking the rich will not hurt him politically.

But the president is targeting more than the wealthiest. In fact, in his desperation, he is apparently now prepared to impose heavier tax burdens on middle-income Americans as well. How? In a recent speech he stated that he wants to raise the "cap" on Social Security. The cap on Social Security taxes works this way: If an employee earns more than the cap (currently, \$106,800) in a given tax year, Social Security taxes are not deducted from the amount of earnings over the cap. So, for example, if an employee earned \$126,800 in 2010, he would pay 6.2 percent in Social Security taxes on the first \$106,800, or \$6,621.60. The employer would also pay 6.2 percent. On the overage - the \$20,000 of income beyond the cap - neither the employee nor the employer would pay any Social Security tax.

However, if President Obama has his way and the cap is raised by, let us say, \$20,000, to \$126,800, the employee would shell out an extra \$1,240 in Social Security taxes (6.2 percent of \$20,000) and the employer

would have to do the same. That is actually an increase, percentage-wise, of over 18 percent (\$1,240 divided by \$6,621.60) in Social Security taxes. Moreover, since earners in the \$100,000 to \$125,000 range are properly classified as middle income or high-middle income Americans, Obama would be breaking yet another of his "promises" not to tax the middle class.

Both these proposals ignore the fact that federal income taxes and Social Security taxes are only part of the total tax burden placed on productive Americans. Most have to pay state and local income taxes besides, and in addition to local real estate taxes.

Here is what we and our representatives should say to our president: no more tax increases in any shape, form or size! No more! No more!

Dr. John A. Sparks is dean of the Calderwood School of Arts & Letters at Grove City College, Grove City, PA, where he teaches business law and U.S. constitutional history, and writes on a variety of economic and public policy questions. He is a fellow for educational policy with The Center for Vision & Values. For more information go to www.VisionAndValues.org or www.VisionAndValuesEvents.com

Runner Responds to Governor's Revised Budget

Board of Equalization Member Senator George Runner today (May 16th) issued the following statement in response to Governor Jerry Brown's May revision of his budget proposal: "Overtaxed Californians will find little to cheer in the

Governor's revised budget proposal. "Despite the Governor's concession to postpone higher income taxes for a year, he continues to push for legislative approval of higher sales taxes and car taxes this year. "And although the Governor

dropped his effort to abolish enterprise zones - and the jobs they create - he continues to miss the big picture: Californians need jobs, not higher taxes. "Our best hope for new revenues isn't higher taxes, but new jobs fueled by a recovering economy. Unfortunately,

the Governor has yet to truly lift a finger in the fight for California jobs." Elected in November 2010, Senator George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the Board of Equalization. www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.

Brown's Washington Monument Strategy

Sacramento — California Republican Party Communications Director Mark Standriff today (May 13th) issued the following statement regarding Governor Brown's decision to close 70 state parks:

"If California families are such a priority to Jerry Brown, then why close down the public services that families enjoy the most? It's a 'Washington Monument Strategy' that is both cynical and manipulative, and shows little respect for the

taxpayers he hopes will support his floundering budget plan.

"Is Jerry really trying to convince us that he's already cut every penny from the non-essential parts of the budget and only the essential parts are left unscathed? Once again, the Governor has shown that he would rather protect the bureaucracy at the expense of families than protect families at the expense of bureaucracy."

NFIB Releases Statement in Response to Brown's Budget

The National Federation of Independent Business/California, America's leading small business association, released the following statement today in response to Governor Brown's May Revision.

"Governor Brown's May Revision is one that has good and bad news for California's small employers", said John Kabateck, NFIB/CA executive director.

"The good news includes state sales tax exclusions for business equipment purchases beginning in 2012, which would be especially helpful for new start-up businesses, and expanding the small business new hire tax credit to employers with up to 50 employees would encourage more small employers to hire."

"We also appreciate Governor

Brown shrinking the size of government by eliminating 43 state boards and commissions."

"Having said that, the bad news is that the Governor still proposes extending taxes for five years - now it will be an "increase" which will add up to a \$55-60 billion dollar tax increase over five years. Small employers simply cannot continue

to absorb more costs from Sacramento", Kabateck said. "Our recession reduced our state's revenue base by 30%, so it will take a lot of work to make up for the losses. The only way to fix this is to enable businesses to put people back to work so that they are expanding the tax base."

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Sierra Nevada Conservancy Seeking Public Input on Grant Program

Auburn – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is seeking public input on proposed modifications to its next round of grant solicitations.

The SNC has approximately \$10 million remaining to award under its Proposition 84 Safe Drinking Water Bond Act of 2006 grant program. Public input will be incorporated into the FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 programs, which will be presented to the SNC governing board at its June 2 meeting in Sacramento.

Grant funding will only be awarded to projects that are consistent with

Prop. 84 guidelines. Such projects include those that protect and restore rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water and other natural resources. Public agencies, qualifying non-profit organizations and federally recognized Tribal entities are eligible to apply.

Anyone interested in providing input on the proposed grant program changes is being asked to review the public comment paper and complete a brief online survey by close of business May 19. Links to the public comment paper and survey can be found on the

Sierra Nevada Conservancy's homepage at: www.sierranevada.ca.gov.

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. In its first five years, the SNC, which receives no general fund tax dollars, has awarded nearly \$40 million to 221 projects across 22 counties to conduct forest fuels reduction, water quality and habitat restoration, and conservation easement and acquisition projects that meet the goals of Prop. 84.

Placer SPCA Outperforms Most Other Charities

Placer County – Charity Navigator has announced that the Placer SPCA has received its highest rating, four stars, for the fifth consecutive year. This “exceptional” rating reflects continued sound fiscal management practices by the Placer SPCA board of directors and staff.

According to Charity Navigator President and CEO Ken Berger, “Placer SPCA consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America.”

Charity Navigator is the leading charity evaluator in the United States. Only 5% of all charities

nationwide have received the coveted four-star rating for five or more consecutive years.

As donors are becoming increasingly careful with their dollars and looking for transparency and accountability in the organizations to which they donate, a four-star rating means they can be confident that contributions to the Placer SPCA, local companion animal welfare experts, are put to the best possible use.

This remarkable achievement by the Placer SPCA is the direct result of continued efforts by the organization's leadership to use careful

planning to steward the organization through difficult economic times, without compromising the quality of services available to the pets and people of Placer County.

“Put simply,” said Placer CEO Leilani Vierra, “We do the most we can with what we have. With volunteer help and by seeking donations of everything from dish soap to dog food, we constantly work to be fiscally responsible and earn the trust and support of our community.”

For more information and a link to Charity Navigator's independent evaluation of the Placer SPCA, please visit www.placerspca.org.



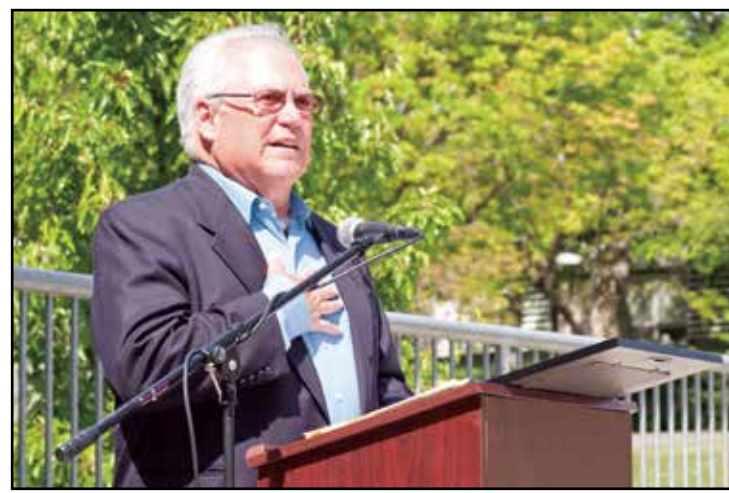
Tusti on Display

Loomis - First graders from Franklin School in Loomis created a paper mache 6 feet high by 8 feet long elephant as a final activity to their study about India. The decorated elephant will be on display at Open House on May 26th. Teachers are Carolyn Basque and Kathryn Leupp. The class named her Tusti which means peace in Hindi.

Photo Credit: Carolyn Basque

Sierra College Honors Former President Dr. Kevin Ramirez

Naming of the Kevin M. Ramirez Math & Technology Center and Art Sculpture Dedication



Dr. Ramirez addresses crowd at ceremony. Photo by Randy Snook.

Rocklin – On May 6, at a gathering of faculty, staff, students, community members, and trustees, Sierra College honored the contribution and commitment of Dr. Kevin M. Ramirez, Superintendent/ President Emeritus by naming the V Building on the Rocklin Campus the Kevin M Ramirez Math & Technology Center. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Sierra College Patrons of the Arts also dedicated their latest public art donation installed near the Center's entrance, a steel sculpture by artist Mike Conlen “Aspect Rising,” to Dr. Ramirez.

Among his many accomplishments Dr. Ramirez, who served as Superintendent/ President of the Sierra

College District from 1993 until 2005, was instrumental in obtaining state funding for and building of the state-of-the-art center. Today the Center is home to some of the hottest new fields of career and technical training such as Photovoltaic design and installation, Mechatronics, Computer Programming, and Engineering.

“Kevin represents the heart and soul of Sierra College,” stated current President Dr. Leo E. Chavez in his address to the attendees at the ceremony. “Sierra is a special place and much of that has to do with his great leadership,” Chavez added. The proclamation, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees, was

presented to Dr. Ramirez by Dr. Chavez and Board representatives Dave Ferrari and Barbara Vineyard.

Since retiring from Sierra College, Dr. Ramirez works as a Higher Education and Search Consultant for Community Colleges and Universities throughout California and Oregon. He is a highly regarded leader for his work within the California Community College System and for his service to community organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors for PEACE for Families, the Community College League of California (past President), and the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (past President). He currently serves on the Board of Regents for Sacred Heart-Cathedral High School in San Francisco.

The “Aspect Rising” sculpture, commissioned by the Sierra College Patrons of the Arts, is the work of long-time resident of Grass Valley, Mike Conlen who earned a BA in Furniture Design and an MA in Sculpture from San Diego State University. He has been an instructor at the Sierra College Grass Valley Campus for the past 13 years as well as designing furniture and accessories for Home and Garden markets. He is noted for his sculpture and art furniture, primarily made of metal. For more information please contact the Sierra College website at www.sierracollege.edu/patrons.



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Military Graduates



Air Force Airman Trevor D. Cline 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.

He is the son of Dominique Cline of Cedar St., Rocklin, Calif.

Cline graduated in 2010 from Whitney High School, Rocklin.



Air Force Airman Teya C. Vickers 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.

earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Danielle and Gabriel Cortes of Lone Tree Blvd., Rocklin, Calif.

Vickers graduated in 2009 from Roseville High School, Calif.

Airmen who complete basic training



Around Town with Loyce Smallwood

Auburn - If timing is indeed everything, then this column is being read prior to the arts/crafts fundraiser for AAARF pet shelter here in Auburn on May 21 with a good variety of crafters/artisans giving way at the Auburn Autohaus (formerly Crossroads) site on Highway 49 near Bell Road, so generously donated by community-minded owners Russ Melendez and Scott Lance who can be listened to on our own KAH1 950 radio on Thursdays at 4:30pm; and another big thanks to Victoria Beninga, KAH1 PSA, for big-time mentions of AAARF doings and ditto to veteran broadcaster Maryjane Popp, long-time animal supporter.

Special mention to equine artist and CONNECTIONS member B.K. England who will participate showing her artistic creations and has also thrown out AAARF mentions on the KAH1 Corral Saturday program. Thanks in advance to Dan Tenold,

creative owner of Wizards of Metal in the OT Auburn Mall for his generous participation with his various garden art and animal metal designs; and to our favorite massage therapist and quilter/crafter Phyllis Ingmire, much gratitude for your bounty of colorful hand-knitted scarves; and to talented table tree crafter Toni Tidman, we love the tree you donated. And we especially send thanks to Davis artist Tony Natsoulas for his fab fish ceramics, love that starfish, especially and the smiling turtle; and thanks to our fav letter carrier Kevin Mix for being the go-between.

Thanks to artist Suzanne Blaney and Marion Thurman for your generosity. Again, if you're reading this column in a timely manner, you can enjoy the heavenly concocted cupcakes by our fav baker/author/ceramist/volunteer Edna Sparkes. I hope to be thanking computer guy Steve Kirwin for his participation including signs, but especially his singing performance as Steve tells me he writes his own country music along with producing photographic

creations. Steve also receives kudos for enticing me into The Successful Thinkers Group where I'll admit to relaxing and enjoying a pleasant experience sitting alongside pals Maria Skoggins and winery maven Lisa Mann who seemed to be benefiting from the Facebook seminar part of the program.

A very special mention to the dynamic Colfax Pharmacy Cafe Owner Elan Vitkoff for her fundraising efforts on behalf of AAARF pet shelter. Good to be aligned with such generous peeps in a small town with a gigantic heart. More details at www.connectionsloyce.wordpress.com. Comments to loy@foothill.net



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Governor Brown Announces Appointment of Lund

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Kathy Lund, 65, of Rocklin, has been appointed to the State Mining and Geology Board. She has served on the board since 2007. Lund served as a councilmember for the city

of Rocklin from 1985 to 2010, also serving as mayor in 1989, 1993, 1995, 2002, and 2007.

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THUNDEROUS ACTION IN "THOR" DELIVERS A ROUSING SPECTACLE

the chosen one to rule Asgard, but Odin fears his son Thor's eagerness to do battle with the reptilian Frost Giants will prove dangerously reckless.

Meanwhile, standing in the wings, if not in the shadows, is Thor's younger half-brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston), who covets the royal power for himself. I'm not giving anything away, because you can spot jealousy on Loki's face within two seconds.

But Thor launches a commando raid on the Frost Giants that does not go well. If only he had the training of a Navy SEAL, there would probably have been a different outcome.

Instead, for his heroism in spite of a failed mission, Odin banishes Thor from the kingdom, sending him on a journey to present day New Mexico.

His first encounter is with scientist Jane Foster (Natalie Portman) and her sidekick Darcy (Kat Dennings) and mentor, Dr. Selvig (Stellan Skarsgard).

As the Viking god out of his element, Thor speaks like a Shakespearean actor in an Olde English dialect and is obviously puzzled by the modern world.

Thor is also a wonder to behold, with his rippling muscles and charming demeanor. No wonder then that Jane is soon smitten. The chemistry between Thor and Jane is quite good, and sometimes very comical.

The action shifts back and forth

between Earth and the realms of mystical worlds in the distant past. The effect of these changing spheres is very intriguing and goes far to explain the predicament for Thor.

On the terra firma of New Mexico, Thor finds that his powers elude him, thereby becoming a mere mortal who must survive on his wits. Odin sought to teach him a lesson in humility, and it appears to work.

Meanwhile, Loki has no interest in seeing his brother welcomed back into the Asgardian fold. His duplicity reaches new lows when acts of treachery betray the family heritage.

When Thor was cast from the kingdom, so too was the magical hammer that affords him superpowers. It is now in the hands of federal agents in dark suits who guard its presence at a secret desert location as if it were a new Area 51.

Thor and his human friends also encounter a new great danger in the arrival of a huge mechanical cast-iron destroyer who tears about the New Mexico village, tossing automobiles like they were milk cartons.

Retrieving the magical hammer becomes an imperative to saving the Earth and returning Thor to where he rightfully belongs. The use of it is just one more terrific special effect that is magnified on the IMAX screen.

"Thor" is brilliantly directed by Kenneth Branagh, a Shakespearean actor who knows a thing or two about epic tales and also has the masterful ability to bring a light, comic touch to the film.

For a summer blockbuster, "Thor" is a rousing adventure carried on the shoulders of another exciting Marvel Comics superhero.

TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

Don't say I didn't alert you to the good times of the TCM Classic Film Festival, just concluded in Hollywood. The festival sold out its passes, resulting in visitors from 49 states and five foreign countries. Organizers have officially announced the third festival will happen in 2012, probably around the same time of year. Meanwhile, I can tell you from personal experience that there is nothing better than seeing a nicely restored or digitally enhanced classic film on the big screen. The Marx Brothers' "A Night of the Opera" is hilarious, and all the better when seen with an audience. I liked the little gem of Roger Corman's low-budget "The Little Shop of Horrors," which included a weirdly funny performance by a very young Jack Nicholson. My only disappointment was that for the glorious screening of "Goldfinger" the director Guy Hamilton was unable, apparently due to health issues, to keep his appearance to discuss this classic James Bond film. I am already looking forward to next year.

Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital Offers Recreation and Respite Program for Seniors

Auburn — Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital is offering a Recreation and Respite program to seniors with physical or memory impairments and to their caregivers. The Recreation and Respite program provides activities for the seniors and provides their caregivers the opportunity to spend a few hours of spare time to pursue their own interests.

This enriching program for seniors provides recreational, social and educational activities, using a variety of stimulating methods.

These activities include games, music, exercise, group discussion and socializing, crafts, reminiscing, adventures with pets and other activities that enhance the well being of the participant. "Often older adults who become inactive can feel isolated," said Joni Trykar, program coordinator. "Attending a program where the focus is on interaction can promote a feeling of self-esteem and contribution to society again."

The program also provides valuable free time for caregivers to spend

as they choose. Recreation and Respite is sponsored by Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital and Sutter Roseville Medical Center in partnership with Seniors First. The program is offered on every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Recreation and Respite program is held in the Multipurpose Senior Center at the Dewitt Center, 11577 E Ave. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided at each session. For inform

A Film Review by Tim Riley

THOR (Rated PG-13)

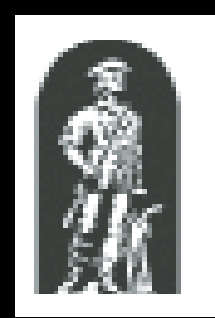
Judging by the calendar of the cinema gods, the summer season has already started, which may be news to everyone still waiting for Memorial Day weekend. But for the second week in a row we have another traditional summertime popcorn adventure.

Last week, it was "Fast Five," which speedily raced to the top of weekly grosses. Now along comes "Thor," another Marvel Comics creation, a noisy superhero flick with plenty of thunder to ignite the summer season.

"Thor" operates in alternate universes, from the ancient kingdom of Asgard that floats somewhere in the great beyond to modern day earth in the dusty desert areas of New Mexico. In between, there is a planet of the weird Frost Giants that thrive on frozen tundra.

As the film's titular character, the Norse god Thor (Australian actor Chris Hemsworth) is a brilliant warrior, but too arrogant and cocky for his own good, if he desires to ascend to the throne.

Thor's father, King Odin (Anthony Hopkins), is in failing health. Thor is



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"Keeping the Faith"
Ronnie McBrayer

When my wife decided to clean our children's fish aquarium with a dose of anti-fungus agent, I thought that was a good idea. Less of the green slime in the tank is a good plan if you ask me. But when she medicated the water with ten times the recommended dose, things didn't go as well as she had hoped.

See, in her eagerness to rid the pet fishes' world of contamination, she misread the box and misapplied the remedy. The algae-killing concoction was not for a little one gallon tank like ours. It was for the treatment of ten gallons.

We didn't know there was a problem until the next morning when we found four goldfish half-scuttled at the top of the tank begging for air. Thankfully, we intervened with a successful rescue operation just before our beloved pets went to the great fishbowl in the sky.

My wife's zeal was a prime example of how too much of a good thing can become toxic rather than being helpful; not unlike religion. Don't bristle at such a statement. Hear me out.

When it comes to the practice of faith, such practice is like a pharmaceutical. Within it, there is the power to heal and restore, or there is the power to consume and destroy. It can be a remedy for the soul's ills,

Too Much of a Good Thing is Still Too Much

or it can be deadly poison, for the practitioner and everyone he or she encounters.

Maybe this was what Jesus was getting at when he warned his disciples: "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees" (Matthew 16)! The Pharisees and Sadducees were religious zealots consumed with rituals, sacred protocols, and proper ceremonies.

Certainly these people had good and worthy intentions: They wanted to please God and see others do the same. Yet, their application of the product was over the top. Jesus would say later, "They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden. They shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people's faces" (Matthew 23).

Yes, what the Pharisees and Sadducees wanted was virtuous. But all their passion and enthusiasm left those around them floating belly-up, begging for air and mercy. And as certain as their zeal is their legacy; the religious zealot lingers well into the twenty-first century, giving ten-gallon treatments to every one gallon he or she encounters.

The Pharisee of today doesn't walk the hills of Judea, as in Jesus' time. He is a Bible-thumping televangelist with a list of dos-and-don'ts as long as your arm and as heavy as millstone, angry as hell itself at those to whom he preaches.

He is the radical cleric who seems to have heard God's final and complete word for humanity, a word that

is as fixed as concrete and leads to nothing but oppression and injustice. She is the entrenched church-goer whose biblical interpretations are as stuck and stuffed as she is. No mercy, no grace, no second-chances, no reprieves: Quite frankly, nothing like Jesus.

To those struggling to breathe beneath the overdose of ritual and inflexibility Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light" (Matthew 11).

So what about those of us who bear the Christian name? What do we offer the heavy leaden? Do we extend the invitation of the gentle, loving Christ who held rest in his hand, or do we dish out more and more obligation, attempting to antisepticise and cleanse the lives of others until they can't breathe?

I agree: People would live healthier, more whole, spiritual lives with a little less goop in their lives. But let's make sure we don't over-treat those around us. What we think will help them, might actually send them belly-up to the surface.

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Heaven and Hell

By Dr. Gary Scott Smith

Heaven and hell are in the news and on Americans' minds a lot lately. "Heaven Is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" is currently number one on The New York Times Best Seller List for nonfiction. It details a four-year-old's near-death experience as told to his pastor father. "The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven: A Remarkable Account of Miracles, Angels, and Life beyond This World" describes the similar experiences of a six-year-old after he awoke from a two-month coma caused by a car accident. Rob Bell's controversial "Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived" has provoked much debate, especially among evangelicals, by arguing that hell might not exist. Meanwhile, the death of Osama bin Laden has prompted considerable speculation about his eternal destiny.

Despite the secularity of our era and the assault of new atheism on orthodox Christian doctrines, large majorities of Americans still believe in heaven and hell. Many, however, are reluctant to consign anyone to hell except for the perpetrators of horrific evil like bin Laden and Adolf Hitler. In this age of tolerance and relativism, failure to believe in Jesus' atonement on the cross for human sin or to live by traditional moral standards does not seem like a valid basis for anyone going to hell. To many, the concept of everlasting suffering is unjust, offensive, or even absurd.

Americans have long been fascinated with the nature of the afterlife, and many have provided detailed pictures of heaven and hell. While Americans' visions of heaven are often rooted in religious traditions and scripture, they have been closely connected to what was happening on earth. As Alan Segal argues, Americans tend to imagine an afterlife containing what they judge to be the "best, most lasting, virtuous, and meaningful" aspects of this life and "eliminating those things" they consider "the most difficult, frustrating, evil, and inessential." Depictions of

the afterlife, he adds, "are mirrors of our cultural and social needs" that can be promoted and manipulated. The types of heaven people hope for, historian Paul Carter contends, provide an "unconscious commentary on what they cherish or regret in this world." The general political, economic, and social climate has helped shape various conceptions of heaven as reflected in literature, sermons, art, and music.

At various times, Americans have pictured heaven as an unparalleled paradise, an unending banquet, a celestial city, a refuge of the redeemed, a glorious kingdom, a magnificent home, a haven from the world's ills, a posh vacation resort, a perpetual playground, and a therapeutic center.

The Puritans depicted a God-centered heaven where the redeemed constantly worshipped the Trinity in a beautiful, blissful environment. While Jonathan Edwards agreed that heavenly life revolved around glorifying God, he also accentuated the communion of the redeemed. During the Victorian age (1840 to 1900) perceptions of heaven shifted from a God-centered heaven that focused on worshipping and serving the Trinity, to a more human-centered heaven revolving around family and fellowship. Deeply affected by the nation's increased emphasis on individualism and voluntarism, during the mid-19th century heaven was depicted principally as a heavenly home where relationships with earthly family members were extremely important. During the antebellum years, Southern slaves combined African and biblical ideas to produce a distinctive portrait of the afterlife that emphasized God's punishment of cruel owners and rewarding of faithful slaves, which supplied them with hope and comfort.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many depictions of heaven emphasized service, education, and personal growth as these concepts, promoted by progressivism and the Social Gospel movement, became dominant in American society. By

1900, these themes had replaced rest and worship as the principal occupations of heaven's residents and realizing earthly dreams became as important as glorifying God. After 1930, the increasing growth of theological liberalism, the fundamentalist counteroffensive, and the rise of neo-Orthodoxy produced disagreements among Protestants over the reality and nature of heaven.

Beginning in the 1960s, many African-American, feminist, and liberation theologians echoed the arguments of Social Gospelers that Christians must work primarily to establish a just society on earth rather than help individuals get to heaven. Recently, evangelicals, Mormons, and New Agers—groups that espouse very different perspectives—have most discussed the nature of the afterlife.

Increased anxiety, the impact of the therapeutic worldview (which exalts self-fulfillment and personal happiness), the emergence of an entertainment culture, concerns about the breakdown of the family and the impoverishment of personal relationships, and the growing acceptance of a postmodern, relativistic perspective on life have prompted many Americans during the past decade to portray heaven as a place of comfort, self-actualization, bliss, amusement, and robust fellowship.

As Americans continue to ponder and discuss the nature of heaven and hell, understanding our history and recognizing that contemporary conditions affect our portraits of the afterlife can be quite helpful.

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By Marlys Norris,
Christian Author

It has been said we are about to experience the greatest revival of all time and it will be occurring soon - just before the second coming of Jesus Christ. Because both Jew and Gentile believe in the same God and they will finally come together as "one" church, both honoring him as Yahweh, Savior of the World. Like never before, it will be a time of fully understanding the loving grace of God. Like never before it will be a time when the love of God will abound upon the earth and we will see and experience the supernatural power only God can give to heal,

Good Morning Lord!

change, and deliver.

We will see dramatic changes in the course that our world appears to heading today. People in our government will be working together for changes from man's ideas to those that are in accordance with God's design. Events will happen simultaneously so quickly, we will be delightfully amazed. It will be a time of awakening to the true Messiah and seeing and understanding the prophetic words of the Holy Bible. Read this: *And it shall come to pass that I will pour my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass in the last days, said God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy; and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. Acts 2:17*

It will be a time of preparation and a time when God will separate the sheep (those who love and honor Him with their lives) from the goats (those who dishonor and reject Him) as recorded in Matthew 25:22

Sadly it will be a time of individual suffering and sacrifice to teach man/woman who have rejected and rebelled against God, to rely and listen to the loving divine plan God has prepared to direct each person's way to personally be connected to Him forever.

For God so loved the world (and all He created), He sent and gave His only Beloved Son (Jesus) into the world that whosoever (you) believe in Him should not perish, but will be granted the gift of eternal life. (John 3:16)

Those who are chosen because they have loved and honored God will be invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb of God. (Rev. 19:9) They will be provided with white robes and await the presence of His Majesty, Almighty God. May you look forward to your personal invitation!

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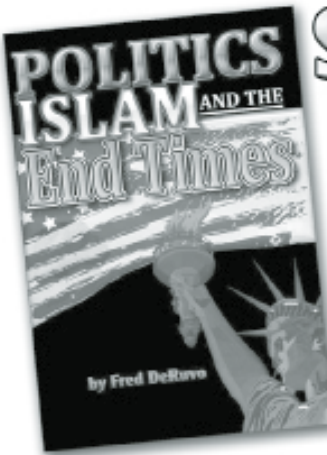
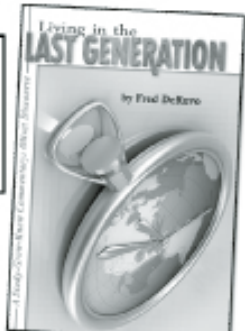
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Obama's Schizophrenic Energy Policy

Commentary by
Robert L. Bradley Jr.

With gasoline prices near \$4 a gallon in a sluggish economy, it's no surprise that energy policy is a major theme for the Obama administration. The president put energy policy at the center of his State of the Union speech this year, and on a recent trip to Brazil, energy was his main message.

"We want to help you with the technology and support to develop these oil reserves safely," the president told Brazilians. "And when you're ready to start selling, we want to be one of your best customers."

What? Could this really be the same president who's made it as difficult as possible for oil companies to tap our reserves right here at home? How nice of Obama to encourage the creation of jobs in Brazil — at the same time his anti-energy agenda is displacing them here in the United States.

This isn't the first example of Obama's seemingly schizophrenic approach to energy. At a recent press conference seeking to reassure the public about increasing gas prices, the president vowed that the United States would be "producing more oil and importing less." But actions speak louder than words, and this administration is hiding its opposition to increased energy production behind empty promises and platitudes.

Let's take a look at what his government is actually doing.

Obama's knee-jerk shut-down on deep-water drilling in the Gulf after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill is the most obvious way he's limited the home team. The blanket ban went on for months, despite the fact that most Americans still supported offshore drilling. A U.S. District judge then rejected the moratorium, but no permits emerged. Last month, that same judge issued an order insisting that the Interior Department process offshore drilling applications in a timelier manner, finding the delays were "increasingly inexcusable." A few permits resulted, but the ban, which technically expired last November, has rightfully come to be known by the name "permitorium."

Oil isn't the only consumer friendly energy source that Obama is trying to keep from Americans. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing punitive orders in its multi-front attack against coal. In January, the EPA took the unusual step of revoking a coal-mining permit granted two years before by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Arch Coal in West Virginia—potentially scuttling a \$250 million investment and killing 250 jobs.

The oil and natural gas sector provides more than 9.2 million jobs around the country. But Obama is hobbling the industry with delays and bans, while directing government subsidies into artificial, bubble

"green jobs." The 2009 economic stimulus package gave renewable energy companies direct grants totaling \$16.8 billion, while the fossil fuels were left (as they should be) with only marketplace (nontaxpayer) support.

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Witness North Dakota's unemployment rate — the lowest in the country. The state actually has a worker shortage, and hasn't had a budget shortfall in the last four years. That's the result of its thriving petroleum industry. But Obama ignores what's working, preferring to focus on green mirages that have failed in the past and show little prospect in the future.

To reassure a public concerned about gasoline prices, Obama has raised the political palliative of releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. But such quick fixes misdirect the debate from the real deal: higher flows of homegrown oil from ongoing development. We have plenty of oil and the good jobs that come with it — if only the president would end the backdoor war on oil and gas resourcefulness and let freedom ring.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the CEO & Founder of the Institute for Energy Research and author of six books on energy history and public policy.

The Truth about Natural Gas Supply, Costs & Environmental Impact

Commentary by
Tod Brilliant,
Post Carbon Institute

A detailed new energy report argues that the natural gas industry has propagated dangerously false claims about natural gas production supply, cost and environmental impact. The report, "Will Natural Gas Fuel America in the 21st Century" is authored by leading geoscientist and Post Carbon Institute Fellow J. David Hughes.

The most significant of the natural gas industry's claims — one that has been bought hook, line and sinker by everyone from the Energy Information Agency (EIA) and the Obama Administration, to leading environmental groups — is that the United States has a 100-year supply of cheap natural gas. The report shows this to be a pipe dream. Natural gas would require higher costs and unprecedented drilling efforts to meet even baseline supply projections. In fact, the U.S. faces a decline in domestic gas supplies in the very near future unless drilling rates quickly increase.

Also debunked is the perception that shale gas is better for the climate than coal. Building on other recent analysis, the report shows that shale gas is worse than coal over a 20-30 year timeframe, even after efforts to mitigate fugitive methane emissions. This should have major implications

for those who have touted natural gas as a near-term bridge to a clean energy future.

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Post Carbon Institute's report concludes that we face serious, and heretofore unacknowledged, production constraints with shale gas that mean the following three things are very unlikely to happen:

1. Meeting the EIA's projections for natural gas to 2035.
2. Replacing significant amounts of coal-fired electricity with natural gas (not included in EIA projections).
3. Transitioning significant % of the vehicle fleet to burn natural gas (also not included in EIA projections).

All of three of these would require much higher levels of drilling and higher prices than projected by the EIA. At least 35,000 new wells will need to be drilled each and every year to meet EIA projections. More still to provide more natural gas-fired electricity and far more than this number to transition the vehicle fleet.

Bottom line, we will be living with less domestic natural gas in the future, not more, unless we are prepared to pay higher prices and tolerate a major scale up of climate and other environmental impacts. This is a major challenge to the nearly ubiquitous assumption that we will have abundant, cheap, and "clean" natural

gas to power our future.

David Hughes is a geoscientist who has studied the energy resources of Canada for nearly four decades, including 32 years with the Geological Survey of Canada as a scientist and research manager. He developed the National Coal Inventory to determine the availability and environmental constraints associated with Canada's coal resources. As Team Leader for Unconventional Gas on the Canadian Gas Potential Committee, he coordinated the recent publication of a comprehensive assessment of Canada's unconventional natural gas potential. He is a board member of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas — Canada and is a Fellow of the Post Carbon Institute. He is currently president of a consultancy dedicated to research on energy and sustainability issues.

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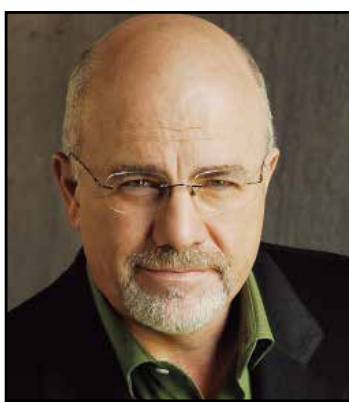
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What you're saying is you're thinking about putting your family's financial future in jeopardy because you want to go on a little camping trip in a roomier car. This is a really bad plan. You're talking about a luxury item. I went without a vacation for four years trying to get my life back together after I went broke. Now, I'm not suggesting that you live with this attitude for the rest of your life, but I'm pretty sure there are other ways to make this trip happen.

You don't need a different vehicle to go camping. Buy a couple of tents, throw them in the back of the car, and head for the woods. If your cars are really just too small to handle everything, then rent a bigger car for the weekend. I'd rather you spend a couple hundred bucks on that instead of picking up another car payment.

I think you need to do some soul searching on this one, Melissa. Your mindset worries me, because it's just not logical. If you want to get out of debt so you can have a better life, then why in the world would you go out and saddle yourself with more debt all over again?!

- Dave

He Said He Would Help, Now He's Gone

Dear Dave,

I think I made a big mistake when I bought my car. I'm having a hard time

affording the \$500 a month payments, because I only make minimum wage at my job and work 35 hours a week. My boyfriend, who was supposed to help me pay for it, has moved out and left me. I owe \$20,000 on the car, but I know it's still worth about \$19,000. What can I do?

- Rachel

Dear Rachel,

Sell the car! You went car crazy and bought a vehicle that was way out of your league.

Right now, your entire financial world is wrapped up in paying for this thing and depending on a boyfriend to help make the payments was a mistake, too. When he left, so did the financial support.

At this point all you need is enough credit to cover the hole that you dug. Go to your local bank or credit union and try to get a very small loan from them - about \$3,000. If the car will sell for \$19,000 then get it sold and use \$1,000 to cover the difference.

Then, take the remaining \$2,000, and buy yourself a little beater. We're not talking about anything cool, just basic, ugly transportation. After that, pick up a part-time job on the side and work like crazy for a few months to get that loan paid back as quickly as possible!

- 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.

Don't Go Back into Debt!

Dear Dave,

We paid off our cars a few months ago, and that freed up almost \$800 month. We have two small children, and we'd like to take a camping trip in a few months, but we would need a roomier vehicle. We found a used van, and we think we could have it paid off in 12 months. We'd still have more money left than before, so would this be okay?

- Melissa

Dear Melissa,

I'm confused. Are you telling me that you just got out from under \$800 worth of car payments each month, and now you want to go right back and pick up another one? I think you've missed the point of my plan. The point is to get out of debt, because

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ROCK DOC

By Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

It's obvious that miners focus on the highest concentration of gold or copper they can find. And geologists like me are always on the lookout for unusually high concentrations of metals in veins and rocks. We go where the best stuff is, and make a living helping to bring it to where it's used in everything from the lead and zinc in your car battery to gold crowns for your teeth.

I know the geological perspective about resources pretty well. But recently I had the chance to think about how some very different actors approach the question of the raw materials they need.

Our friends in the plant kingdom are masters of using some very low-concentration raw materials. They depend on the carbon dioxide in the air, which is present in the atmosphere in only trace amounts. They get water from thin films of moisture in the soil. And they absorb minerals that are present in low concentrations near their roots, sending out root branches and root hairs to increase what they can take in.

From the point of view of surviving with only scarce raw materials, plants are impressive. They start with diffuse ingredients and out of them they make good materials like carbohydrates,

Living on a Different Clock

proteins and oils. That's quite a trick, one highlighted in my mind recently when I heard a lecture from biologist Roger Hangarter of Indiana University.

And plants are actually impressive on several fronts.

As we all know, many plants will orient their leaves toward the sun. If you don't rotate the flowerpot on your windowsill, the plant in it will "tip over" and grow in the direction of the sunlight. And towering sunflowers orient their leaves toward the east in the morning, overhead at midday, and toward the west in the evening.

Many plants take advantage of nightfall to sweep their leaves back toward the east so that they are ready for dawn. Not a bad trick for an organism that doesn't have a brain or a compass.

Some plants, like beans, drop their leaves at night, then raise them back up in the morning. Charles Darwin wondered why that's the case. He came up with the idea that frost-sensitive leaves could lose a lot of heat energy to the dark night sky if they were directly exposed to it all night long. To test his idea, he propped up some bean leaves but let others droop down toward the Earth. Sure enough, those held up and exposed to the dark night sky (against their will, so to speak) were more likely to freeze.

Beans also show there's a circadian rhythm in some plants. Just as your body senses the 24-hour rhythm of the planet - at least it will if you don't drink too much coffee - some plants have an internal clock. Beans drop their leaves roughly each 24 hours even if you keep them in a dark closet for a few days.

Energy from sunlight is converted in leaves in what's called chloroplasts, or what I'd call microscopic green blobs. But too much light for chloroplasts can be a negative thing. I was blown away watching video made by Prof. Hangarter showing the green blobs move inside cells depending on how much sunlight strikes a leaf. In strong light, the chloroplasts line up behind each other along the edge of a cell, making a bit of shade for one another. In low light, they spread out along the cell's floor and ceiling, soaking up all the rays they can.

In several different ways what Prof. Hangarter taught me is that plants move and adapt to events around them each day. But we humans don't tend to think about their accomplishments because they move much more slowly than you and me.

With time-lapse photos it's clear to even a rock-head like me that plants move all the time. Their rhythms are slower than those of the animal kingdom, but they move nonetheless, both in terms of microscopic little blobs sliding within cells and large leaves and stems orienting themselves toward sunlight or away from the dark night sky.

I've got a new respect for the vegetation around me - an appropriate turn of events in the springtime.

Dr. E. Kirsten Peters, a native of the rural Northwest, was trained as a geologist at Princeton and Harvard. Follow her on the web at rockdoc.wsu.edu and on Twitter @RockDocWSU. This column is a service of the College of Sciences at Washington State University.



POPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

BE A DOG WITH A BONE

You may not be the biggest or the prettiest dog in the pack, but if you the secrets to success, fulfillment, and happiness, then Peggy McColl says you grab it all with gusto. Her bone is her dream, and you can have yours too with her book "Be A Dog With A Bone." Peggy says dogs can teach us a lot about reaching our goals, so roll over the following tips and find out how to grab your own goals and dreams and roll in the bliss of success and contentment.

1) **What is your bone...your goal?** A dog knows a good bone when he sees one and goes for it. Chomp on your goal, chew it over, then grab hold and ignore that little voice that says you can't.

2) **Be a little dog with a big attitude.** Don't think small. Dream big! Be excited about your goal, feel entitled to achieving it, and experience the feelings you'd feel if you'd already reached it. Think little lap dogs barking at a big German Shepherd.

3) **Get out of the dog house.** Be courageous and believe in yourself. See challenging times as a terrific opportunity to leave behind the security of what you once knew and look again at what you might create for yourself.

4) **Only ingest things that are good for you.** A little poison, or negativity, can strongly affect you. If looking at all the obstacles facing you is making you sad, angry, or scared, stop!

5) **Learn new tricks.** We're always having to learn something new. Stop thinking "it's too late" or "I'm too old."

6) **Bark for what you want.** Don't be shy. Speak up for yourself. If you want people to help you, approach them and ask.

7) **Don't chase your tale.** Let go of behaviors that are not serving you anymore. Take a look at your habits that are holding you back, and let go of them.

8) **When you think you've reached the end of your leash, give yourself a little more leash to work with.** Think positive thoughts and stretch past your comfort zone. Stop believing that your power to change your life is limited.

9) **Wag your tale!** The more you feel happiness and appreciation for what you have, the easier it will be to achieve your goal. Look at all that's working in your life already.

10) **Keep your nose wet.** Stay healthy. You'll need to feel good and have stamina if you want to reach your goals. Eat well, exercise, and get your rest...take a nap.

And because we have all been attentive, Peggy has a bonus treat for us. 11) **Lap us your success.** Get excited and celebrate your successes! If you do, it will lead to more successes! A dog can be deliciously happy over a bowl of water, and he'll lap it up eagerly!

So hang on to that bone with much relish and BE HAPPY!!!

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Music in the Mountains Announces SummerFest Schedule



MIM Festival Chorale sings American favorites at July 3 "Happy Birthday USA" concert. Photo courtesy of Music in the Mountains.

Nevada City, CA (May 13, 2011) – Music in the Mountains (MIM), the largest and longest continuously running classical music organization in the Sierra Foothills, announces the full schedule and details for SummerFest 2011, the 30th anniversary concert series.

The two-week Festival will kick off with "Dinner Divertimento," an elegant and intimate evening of fine food and chamber music performed by Music in the Mountains Players at Miners Foundry on Saturday, June 18. Gregory Vajda, MIM's artistic director, comments, "This is the way great music was typically shared in the old days – people would gather in small groups at various homes to enjoy fine music with a meal."

On Thursday, June 23, MIM will present The 30th Anniversary Concert, with orchestra and chorus. Works will include "Happy Birthday Variations" by John Williams and

pieces by Bernstein and Brahms. Ryan Murray, choral conductor, will conduct the 85-voice MIM Festival Chorale and the orchestra for Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Toward the Unknown Region." According to Murray, "This is truly one of the great choral master works of all time and we are looking forward to sharing it."

Saturday, June 25 will bring a special treat to our area with "Cirque de la Symphonie," a world-renowned troop of aerialists, acrobats and jugglers who will perform to the music of Dvorak, Bizet, Tchaikovsky and others, played by the MIM Festival Orchestra. The audience can picnic under the stars at this outdoor concert. According to Terry Brown, MIM vice president and event producer, "There has never been anything like this in our area and we know the audience will be astounded. Gregory Vajda brought

this group to Portland, where they sold out four houses."

"Orchestra Masterworks" is the title for the Saturday, June 26 concert, which will include timeless classics like Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, along with the West Coast Premier of a piano concerto written by MIM's own Gregory Vajda.

Tuesday, June 28 will feature "All that Brass," an energizing evening brought back by popular demand. The MIM brass and percussion sections will perform.

The orchestra and chorus will perform together again on Tuesday, June 30, offering up the great work, "Carmina Burana." The other half of this concert will include works by Mozart and Haydn. "We've performed 'Carmina Burana' several times in our 30-year history and it always packs the house," comments Brown.

On the evening of Friday July 1, students in the unique MIM Young Composers program will present their pieces, performed by the MIM professional musicians. Then on Saturday morning, July 2, MIM transforms the traditional KinderKonzert into a Family Concert with lots of background information on the symphony and how it works, as well as the music itself. Prior to the concert, kids can try out instruments at the MIM "petting zoo," which will be outside the concert hall at the fairgrounds.

As always, MIM wraps up SummerFest with the traditional "Happy Birthday USA" picnic and pops outdoor concert on July 3 at the fairgrounds. In addition to patriotic marches and old American favorites performed by the orchestra and chorus, there will be a Marine Corps color guard and a flyover. This concert is a great way to kick off the July 4th weekend.

Tickets for Music in the Mountains' concerts and events may be purchased online at www.musicinthemountains.org or by calling the box office at (530) 265-6124.

Armed Forces Day Salute to the Troops

From Ellie Ramsey

Placer County—Gold Country for the Troops and American Legion #169 are hosting an Armed Forces Day Salute to the Troops and "Wine and Dine". We hope you can join us at the Roseville Veterans Hall.

It will be held on Armed Forces Day, May 21st from 6PM to 10PM. H'oerderves, Desserts and Wine from some of the finest restaurants and wineries in the area will be served.

Entertainment is provided by Mike Branson, formerly of the Drifters, so put on your dancing shoes. There will be silent auctions and prizes throughout the night and a musical

salute to the troops! Come enjoy the live auction by Kari Hagensmith.

The tickets are \$25 each or 2 for \$40. The real savings is table of 8 for \$145 which it makes it only \$18 per person. Active duty military get in free with ID!

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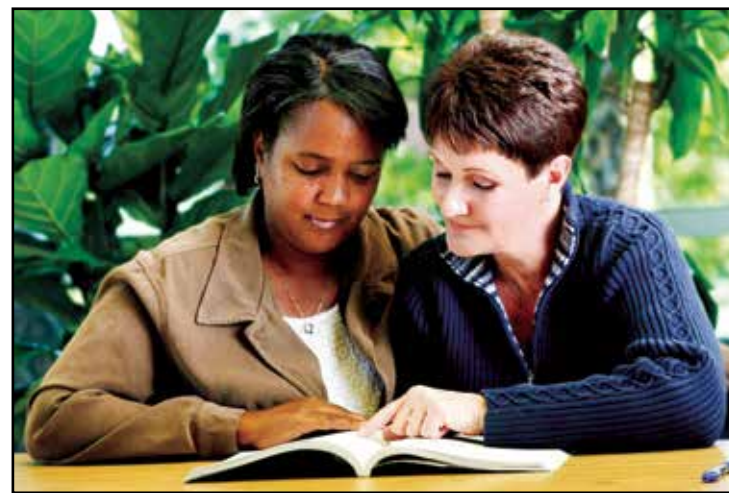


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of reading skills for the adults in your community? For more than 25 years, Placer Adult Literacy Service

(PALS), a program of the Placer County Library, has offered free reading help for adults throughout Placer County. Literacy Support Council volunteers provide vital assistance to the PALS program. Learn how you, too, can become a Literacy Support Council Reading Booster. In view of the proposed elimination of state funding for library literacy programs, your support is needed now more than ever.

Join the next monthly meeting of the Literacy Support Council of Placer County at the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, May 24.

For more information, contact PALS at 530-886-4530 or PALS@placelibrary.org.

Family Fun at SPCA Pet Fest

Placer County – Pet Fest is coming to the Placer SPCA. On Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 to 2:00, the Placer SPCA will host a pet-friendly fair at the companion animal center at 150 Corporation Yard Road in Roseville.

This family-friendly event is free to attend, and well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Activities include dog games such as paw painting, musical sit, a costume contest, and more. The theme for this year's costume contest is "your favorite animal." There will also be a vendor fair and tours of the adoption center. Guests are invited to bring photos of pets to participate in the "So Ugly They're Cute" and "Cutest Pet" contest. The event is sponsored by The Eagle 96.9, Sacramento's Classic Rock, which will broadcast live from



the Placer SPCA.

Also at Pet Fest, join the Swab-a-Thon by Canine Heritage Breed Test. Tests will be available to purchase to find out the genetic heritage of dogs, accurate for over 100 breeds. This is a perfect opportunity for owners of "mutts" to find out just what breeds

are in their best friend's family tree. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Placer SPCA.

Currently, the Placer SPCA waives the adoption fees for adult cats, over one year. All animals adopted from the Placer SPCA have received a behavior assessment, spay or neuter surgery, rabies vaccine (over four months), and a microchip, and adopters receive a voucher for a free veterinary exam.

For more information, please visit the Placer SPCA website at www.placerspca.org/petfest or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387. As Placer County's local companion animal welfare experts, the Placer SPCA works toward the day when every adoptable companion animal in Placer County has a home.

Stroller Strides Gives "Strength for Motherhood"



Stroller Strides is a total fitness program that moms can do with their babies. Photo provided by the Auburn Parks & Rec Department.

Auburn – In January of 2011, the Auburn Recreational District partnered with Stroller Strides of Auburn to bring two new classes to mothers and babies in the greater Auburn area. Stroller Strides of Auburn is owned and taught by Shannon Smith. Shannon is nationally certified to teach prenatal and postnatal fitness. Shannon is a mother of six and enjoys the opportunities that Stroller Strides offers. "I have a heart for young mothers and a desire to bless them. I love Stroller Strides and the opportunity it gives me to connect with other moms! I want to listen to, encourage, support, and empower mothers to be the best they can be for their children, their families, their world, and themselves!" cites Smith.

Fit4Baby is the other class taught by Shannon through ARD. Fit4Baby

is a program designed to strengthen the body for all the changes it will experience during pregnancy. The 60-minute class includes cardio, strength, flexibility, and balance training. Fit4Baby is designed to accommodate all stages of pregnancy and various fitness levels. "I love how great I feel after the workout. I know that it's a great thing to do for my baby and me!" – Sasha Pelletier, expectant mother of one. For more information and to sign up for these programs visit www.auburnrec.com.

Motherhood is an incredible journey, one that encompasses all things beautiful and is nothing short of a miracle. Mothering is also an act of sacrifice and hard work. Taking care of Mama is just as important as taking care of Baby. Stroller Strides is giving women across the country the

"Strength for Motherhood." Stroller Strides is a total fitness program that moms can do with their babies. It includes power walking and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using exercise tubing, the stroller, and the environment. It's a great workout for any level of fitness.

Stroller Strides understands that life is about finding balance and nurturing minds and spirits as well as bodies. LUNA Moms Clubs, powered by Stroller Strides, does just that: support, connect, empower, make a difference. They offer fun and playful activities with babies, and build a tight community of likeminded moms to share advice, tips and most importantly laughter. LUNA Moms also offers 'Moms with a Mission' community service projects and 'Moms Night Out' activities. LUNA Moms is offered free to the community.

ARD and Stroller Strides of Auburn are hosting 'Healthy Mama, Healthy Baby', a community event focusing on prenatal and postnatal health and fitness. It will be held on Wednesday, May 25, from 6 – 9pm, at Regional Park in the Lakeside Room. It promises to be a fun filled evening with raffle prizes, give aways, educational workshops, and local vendor booths all geared to the new and expectant mama. It's a free event and all are welcome! For more information please contact Shannon Smith at 530-863-3298, or online at www.strollerstrides.net/auburn

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Ask the Dementia Whisperer...

By Laura Wayman, O.A.A.C. Chairperson, Author, CEO, Dementia Expert

1. What is Dementia?

Dementia describes a group of symptoms that are caused by changes in brain function. Dementia symptoms can be caused by many conditions. A common list of dementia symptoms can include:

- Asking the same questions repeatedly
- Becoming lost in familiar places
- Inability to follow directions
- Disoriented about time, people, and places
- Neglecting personal safety, hygiene, and nutrition
- Slowed ability, or loss of ability to process information
- Short term memory loss

People with any form of dementia lose their abilities at different rates.

The most common cause of dementia symptoms in older people is Alzheimer's Disease (Lewy-Body Disease is the second leading cause), and Multi-infarct dementia (sometimes referred to as Vascular Dementia).

2. When should I be concerned if

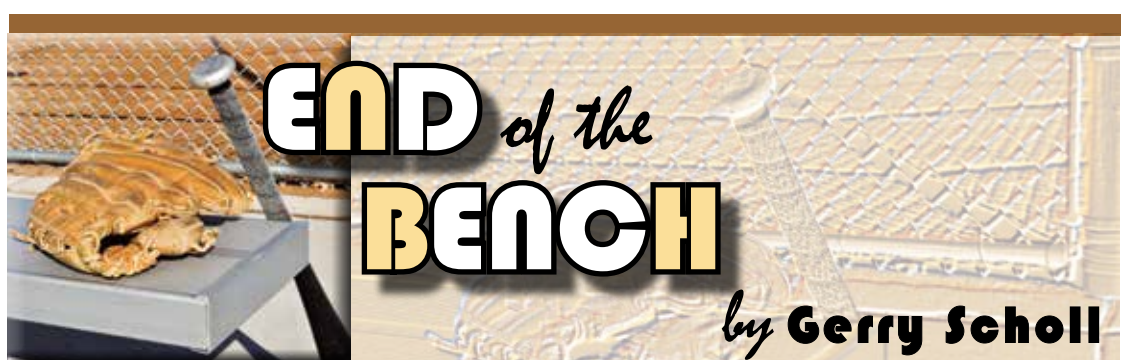
my loved one is exhibiting any of the above dementia symptoms?

The sooner, the better! Dealing with dementia symptoms, especially in your own parent, can stretch the limits of your sanity. Sometimes you may not even notice the first symptoms of dementia-for example-the slow decline of your aging parent's memory. Other symptoms of dementia (common symptoms are listed above) may continue to appear, disappear, and re-appear, at different rates, until you can no longer ignore them and you are forced to take action. Family members want to stay in denial that these symptoms are not caused by a form of dementia, often waiting to seek help until a serious crisis occurs or it is too late. The above mentioned symptoms are not a part of normal aging. If your loved one is exhibiting any of these symptoms, seek the services of a medical professional that is experienced with all forms of dementia. Ignoring them will usually not make them go away, and symptoms of dementia are insidious, often mixed with periods of what appears to be normal behavior, yet all the time progressing to a more serious state of decline. Early detection of the cause of the dementia, educated planning,

and informed proactive care intervention is always more effective for all concerned.

Feel free to contact me for more dementia care information. If you are providing dementia care for a family member, or as a professional care provider, and feel you would benefit from more training, support and education, please email me at laura@lovingapproach.com, visit my website; www.laurawayman.com, or purchase my book *A Loving Approach to Dementia Care*.

The Older Adult Advisory Committee is responsible for advising the Department of Health and Human Services and the Board of Supervisors on the needs of Placer County's older adults. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday, at 1:00 PM. More information may be found online at: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/hhs/adult/IHSS/OlderAdultAdvisoryCommission.aspx> or by calling the Public Authority at (530) 886-3680.



"Say Hey", The Greatest Ever

It's pretty hard for me to accept that Willie Mays turned 80 years of age. A childhood icon is deep into the latter stages of the life cycle. Saturday, May 6, I was feeling rather old.

I grew up with Mays as a key figure in my life every baseball season. As a little kid I couldn't contain my excitement just hearing his name on the radio. Every at-bat or every time he got on base my little body would fidget with anticipation. I knew something great was about to happen. If it didn't, there was bitter disappointment.

I was not alone. Every kid in the playground baseball games of the 60's imitated Mays' style. You tried to copy his trademark "basket catch" every chance you could and hoped each day for an opportunity to make an over-the-shoulder catch, just like Willie's famous one in the World Series. Daredevil base running was always part of the games, but Willie's powerful swing was impossible to replicate, try as you might. You just wanted to put up great numbers like Willie always did. And everybody wanted to wear No. 24.

Following Mays and the Giants was part of the daily routine for young ballplayers... constant companions. You would try to listen to every game; take your transistor radio to school so maybe you could catch the end of the day games after class, or use your earplug and hide the radio under your pillow for night games. Night road games were the best because you could hear the



whole thing on a clock-radio and play out the batting stances and action in the privacy of your bedroom or out in the backyard. You would make up your own fantasy games and lineups and play them out with a deck of baseball playing cards and keep a box score and stats and everything. In the backyard wiffle ball games and school grounds baseball games you had to be quick to call "dibs" on being Willie Mays.

There weren't nearly enough games on television back in the day, but you got to watch the Giants against the Dodgers a lot and occasionally on the Game of the Week. You got to see enough of Mays that you could picture him in your mind's eye thanks to the word pictures through the radio and the famed voices of Russ Hodges and Lon Simmons. You could hear in their voices that they certainly thought Mays was the greatest of them all.

Personally, I followed most of the great ones through the years and have

seen sons of the greats have great careers and retire. But I've never seen any player exude to complete package as Mays did.

Henry Aaron had great power numbers but wasn't nearly the defender Mays was. Roberto Clemente had the great arm, batting average and clutch hitting ability, but not the same power nor the flair as Mays. Pete Rose could hit for average and annoy the opponents all day, but lacked the power threat of Mays. Mickey Mantle had it all, but injuries and his off-field antics curtailed his production and career. Frank Robinson had it all, but just not quite to the level of Mays. Rickey Henderson, the greatest leadoff hitter and base stealer of all time, played with great joy and flair, but lacked Mays' power. Mays did everything and more, and things that no one else could do, even Barry Bonds. And he did it with an enthusiasm and flamboyance and excitement that stirred the baseball souls. Believe me, I could go on and on with this, but every player I come up with will come up just a little short somewhere.

Now, of course, I haven't seen every player ever. But all the stories or film clips of those prior to the late 50's haven't impressed me enough to think anyone moved around the field like Willie. To those readers who never had the chance to watch the Say Hey Kid play, I feel sorry for you. To those who think any other baseball player was the greatest ever... WRONG!!!

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1. Give this and they take a mile
5. 4 qts.
8. *Original one had six frigates
12. Small, olive-gray bird
14. *Given name of civil rights advocate Wells
15. Fairytale dust-sprinkler
16. Sour in taste
17. 1985 Oscar-winning Kurosawa movie
18. Small island
19. *FDR's response to Great Depression
21. *U.K., France, Russia to U.S. in WWII
23. Salt in Mexico
24. Radio station location
25. Women's undergarment
28. Bum
30. *Famous doctrine introduced in 1823 was named after him
35. *Cold War enemies, slang
37. Novelty dance of 1960s
39. Middle measurement
40. Relating to the ear

DOWN

1. He was "Terrible"?
2. Bon Jovi hit "Have a ____ day"
3. Captain's team
4. Shepherds' flocks
5. "My ____" song
6. Dental group
7. Hawaiian veranda
8. Not yet final or absolute
9. Wheel shaft
10. Competes
11. Up to present time
13. African sorcery
15. Kind of talk shared by lovers
20. Upward
22. An escapee who's "on the ____"
24. Renaissance man's jacket
25. * ____ vs. Board of Education, 1954
26. Like poodle skirt today, e.g.
27. Farewell in Paris
29. Slope or hillside
31. Indian flatbread
32. Saudi Arabian money
33. Tributary of Missouri River
34. * ____ Allen, key founder of Vermont
36. Heroin, slang
38. *49ers quest
42. Halves of diameters
45. Sultan's cloak
49. Loose it on casual Friday
51. Folie ____ or shared psychosis
54. NBA venue
56. Spread by scattering
57. *The Louisiana Purchase transaction
58. Backward arrow command
59. Dignified manner
60. Flock cavities
61. Number of judges on Supreme Court
62. In a little while, old-fashioned
63. *Cobbler, cobbler, ____ my shoe"
64. Janitor's tool
66. Insane

Local Fishing Club to Present "Tackle Box Tactics"

Auburn - The Rooster Tails Fishing Club of Northern California, Inc. will share fishing techniques and tips at the monthly breakfast meeting on Friday, May 20 at the Auburn Elk's Lodge, 195 Pine Street, Auburn, 95603. Join our members to network with fellow fishermen and women and enjoy a wide selection \$12 buffet breakfast. This fun and informative meeting will begin at 7:30 A.M with table top displays. The buffet breakfast is available from 8:00 - 9:00 A.M. and the presentation will start promptly at 8:30 A.M. Spring fishing is in full-swing with

a bountiful supply of fresh water and feisty sport fish. Sport fishing provides enjoyment of our abundant natural resources as well as delicious table fare. Guys and gals interested in polishing-up their fishing skills are invited to a special presentation on tackle, technique, and tips for catching fish with detailed information that novice and expert anglers can use for shore and boat fishing. The 28 year old, 135-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 the 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 www.roostertailsfishingclub.org. For more information on attending Rooster Tails Fishing Club of Northern California, Inc. meetings, contact Jim Petruk, Club Chairman, 530-887-0479, or petrukji@pacbell.net.

Colfax Man Arrested for Homicide

From the Office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner
Placer County - Placer County Sheriff Detectives arrested Lee Konnerth (35) of Colfax for homicide. Deputies responded to a residence on Catskill Drive in Colfax Sunday evening after an off-duty police officer requested assistance. The off-duty officer was in the area and heard a gun shot. He went to investigate and discovered a female victim lying on the porch. The officer detained two males at gunpoint until deputies and medical personnel arrived. The

Lee Konnerth, 35, of Colfax

female victim was pronounced dead at the scene. All parties knew each other and the death appears to be the result of a domestic violence incident. Detectives arrested Lee Konnerth for homicide and he was booked at the Placer County Jail. The other male was released after questioning. The victim of the Colfax homicide has been identified as Sarah Burr (30) from Grass Valley. Sarah was the girlfriend of suspect Lee Konnerth. Cause of death is pending but preliminary cause is gun shot wound. The investigation is continuing.

Auburn Parolee Arrested

From the Office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner
Placer County - An Auburn parolee who was prowling behind a north Auburn apartment and looking in the windows was arrested early this morning by Placer County Sheriff's deputies Steven Allen Shade, 43, didn't go down without a fight. Shade refused to comply with orders given by the deputy who was chasing him from the area behind the Terracina Oaks Apartments. When Shade repeatedly ignored a deputy's commands and kept reaching into his pocket, the deputy used his Taser to control the suspect.

Steven Allen Shade, 43

center at 5:50 this morning to report that a man was outside of his rear bedroom window, peering inside. The area behind the apartments is a gated and secured area that Shade had entered through a damaged area of fencing. When deputies arrived, Shade ran up a hill behind the apartments and along the canal until deputies caught him in a field. Shade was transported to a local hospital for removal of the Taser prongs, per policy, and then to the Placer County Jail. He was booked on charges of resisting arrest and prowling. He is being held without bail due to a violation of his parole.

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World's Top Coin Collectors in Town Next Week to Purchase All Types of Coins!

By **KEN MCINTOSH**
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots next week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1965. Those that bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1965. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1965 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If it is rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000 according to Eric Helms, coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold, says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes can be worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on common coins made of silver. Helms explains that all half dollars, quarters and dimes made before 1965 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

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The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at over \$1,400.00 per ounce near an all time high. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell, you will be paid on the spot - it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free. If you're lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

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