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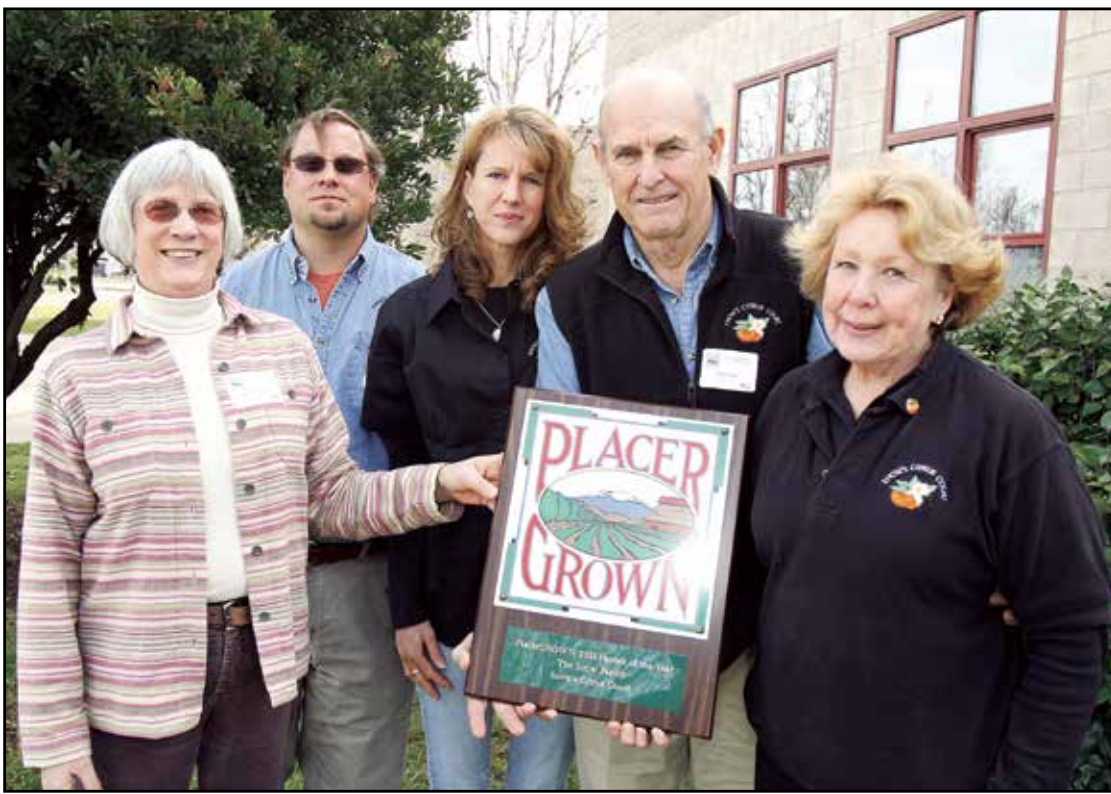
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## Snow Family Named Farm Family of the

## Auburn is Cooking!



The Snow Family of Newcastle receives the PlacerGROWN 2011 Farm Family of the Year Award. Photograph provided by PlacerGROWN.

Auburn – PlacerGROWN honors the Snow Family of Newcastle, owners of Snow's Citrus Court, as the 2011 Farm Family of the Year. Larry and Ralene Snow purchased a home on two and a half acres on Powerhouse Road in Newcastle in 1974. Larry, an Air Force test pilot, was stationed at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento at the time, but looking ahead to retirement. From Chinese friends, Ralene and Larry knew that mandarin oranges are associated with luck, and had purchased mandarins from local growers to give to their friends during Chinese New Year. That, plus the fact their daughters Tiffany and Tshandy had fallen in love with the mandarins they found on untended trees while riding horses in the neighborhood,

set them on a mission to create a mandarin grove on the star thistle covered acreage that was their first home away from a military base. The Pilz, Struble, Russell, Aguilar and a few other families had been growing mandarins and other citrus in the county for some time, but Larry and Ralene could not find a local source of trees. They purchased their first few trees from Angelo's Nursery in Penryn, and after several years of repeatedly visiting Fowler's Nursery were finally able to purchase 100 mandarin trees. Once the trees were in the ground, they tried to learn as much as they could about citrus production. With so few local growers, and no consciousness of sharing experiences or educational opportunities, they worked hard to learn how to tend the trees. In 1979 they

harvested their first crop and started building a market for their fruit. By the early 1990s they realized that with such a short season, they needed to find ways to extend the season to create a year-round business. At about the same time, the agricultural community recognized a need for an agricultural marketing organization and PlacerGROWN was born. Ralene Snow became the organization's market development coordinator, organizing workshops to help the county's producers find new markets for their products. Along with PlacerGROWN's efforts and the Snows' own market research, Ralene and Larry recognized the opportunity to create value-added products. Ralene's mandarin orange syrup, a popular feature at Newcastle Firemen's pancake breakfasts and early Mountain

Mandarin Festivals, became one of their first commercial products. Their products are all made in Auburn, which is very important to them. In 2004 Tshandy's husband Bob Bonk joined the family business. Bob, a long time friend of Tiffany's husband Scott, has a background in marketing and sales and ran a restaurant for 15 years. He witnessed the decline of small farms in his native New Jersey, and saw opportunity in Placer County, where there is a culture of stewardship and respect for the land. Tshandy and Bob have brought important contributions to the family business. Tshandy manages the website, and Bob has become very involved in the Foothill Farmers Market Association, currently serving as Board President. Today the Snow's small acreage is a highly productive grove of mandarins, navel and blood oranges, lemons, limes, kumquats and a few experimental citrus varieties such as Australian finger lime. They have achieved their early goal of a year-round business, with a well-developed customer list and products that are staples at stores, restaurants and farmers markets in Placer County and beyond. But more than anything, what shines through in this family's business is their pride in what they've accomplished and their plans for the future. "I'm proud of what we do and how we do it", says Tshandy Snow. "I love working with my parents and the people who mean the most to me. Bob and I are happy that we can continue to expand on what they created." It is abundantly clear that the Snows appreciate being part of a thriving agricultural community. "We get much more than we give", says Ralene Snow. PlacerGROWN is happy to extend this recognition to the Snow family as 2011 Farm Family of the year.

participated in this event for 25 years. Others are still deciding what to serve. This is not a concern for those who come to sample from the tasty dishes. They only know that they will find wonderful flavors and yummy goodies. Auburn 49er Lion Norm Kendall, who is spear-heading this year's event, says that there is still space for more chefs. It is not too late to sign up. If you would like to join the celebrity chefs or if you would like ticket information, simply call (539) 613-8244. Tickets are \$15.00. The Auburn 49er Lions and the Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice are happy to invite everyone to attend this year's Celebrity Chef Cooking for Community Service event. Not only does it benefit the Auburn community, it is a fun event for all who take part in tasting the delicious food. To learn more about the Auburn 49er Lions club, contact them at auburn49erlions@gmail.com



49er Lions (L-R) Cindy Harris, Norm Kendall, Stevie Rea, Chuck Parcher plan to get Auburn Cooking. Photograph by Val Buonincontri.

Auburn – The 25th annual Celebrity Chef cooking for Community Service event is drawing near. On March 3, 2011, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., area cooks will be welcomed to the Placer building of the Auburn Gold Country Fairgrounds. They will each present their special creations to the hungry attendants: lasagna, enchiladas, lemon bars, lemon chicken, pulled pork, brownies a la mode, protein shakes, broccoli salad and much more. The silver anniversary event, hosted by the Auburn 49er Lions Club, is being held this year to benefit the Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice. The hospice program provides quality, caring service to terminally ill patients and their families who live in the Auburn area. All patients are served regardless of their ability to pay. The Celebrity chef event has been held in Auburn for 25 years. It has become a family favorite. It is also a favorite event for area cooks. One lasagna-maker boasts that he has

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## Historic Gladding, McBean to Host 24th 'Feats of Clay' Art Show in Tours



The beehive-shaped kilns are the main attractions of the popular tour.

Lincoln – Gladding, McBean—the 136-year-old maker of clay products in Lincoln, Calif.— will open its historic grounds and beehive-shaped kilns to host thousands of visitors during "Feats of Clay XXIV" April 24 to May 30. Trained docents will guide visitors through the facility from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Tours start every 30 minutes. Tours are the main attraction, and the factory opens for tours only during this special celebration. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Lincoln Arts, organizers of the event, at (916) 645-9713. Entry fee is \$12. Visitors must be aged eight or older. Comfortable closed-toe shoes are a must as the 90-minute tours

tours require much walking. A tour highlight is the opportunity to see an exhibit of some 80 sculptures that have been selected from the 1,500-plus entries in an annual competition of artists from the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Winners of this year's competition will be shown in creative displays, half of them in a massive obsolete 35-foot-wide "beehive" kiln. The tours include a ride on a 120-year-old wooden freight elevator. In addition to viewing the winning sculptures, visitors will see an exhibit of molds, examples of architectural work done at the plant, and large photo murals of plant activities made from original glass and film negatives. Gladding, McBean's major

manufacturing today is clay sewer pipes. But they also do special restoration projects for worn-out or damaged artifacts of terra cotta pieces that were originally created for buildings throughout the world. It was in 1884 when the company built a two-story office building in San Francisco, using terra cotta trim made at the Lincoln plant. The building attracted much attention, and in the years that followed, Gladding, McBean and Co. became a leader in producing architectural terra cotta facades for important buildings. Even the distinguished-looking red roof tiles at Stanford University were a Gladding, McBean product. Major creations adorn buildings, theaters and schools all over the globe.

A major lode of rich red clay known as terra cotta was discovered in Lincoln in 1875. Being abundant and of excellent quality, the clay was used to produce sewer pipes. The special clay remains plentiful in Lincoln and the company will keep production going for several more decades. Proceeds from the event benefit the Lincoln Arts and Culture Foundation, supporting local cultural programs, including a summer concert series, after-school art classes, and school arts programs. Lincoln is a few miles north of Sacramento off California highway 65. Reservations are required: 916-645-9713. Or visit the Lincoln Arts website: [Lincolnararts.org](http://Lincolnararts.org)

# A Self-Employed Carpenter's Continued Thoughts on the Future

Commentary by Jim Kearns, Whiskey & Gunpowder

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My first article on this topic concerned the sharp contraction of the residential construction industry in the U.S. I am a self-employed carpenter. The main thrust of that article was that the housing market is not going to recover to anything approaching its zenith.

Bloomberg Business reported in January that housing starts fell again in December to a 529,000 annual rate. The annual rate in a good economy is considered to be a million new homes per year. The recent peak in 2005 was 2 million homes. Nationally, production for the residential construction industry has dropped about 75% off its peak. Inflation, lack of wealth, and rising energy costs preclude any great gains in housing output in the near future. The majority of the skilled construction workers will be doing something other than residential construction in the near future.

What is it that we'll be doing? First off, we are craftsmen. "Craftsman" is a mind-set, a personality type. Throughout history, craftsmen have exchanged their labor, skills, and ideas for the expendable wealth of those who have it. That is the ball upon which we need to keep our eye. Many of us will likely still be craftsmen in the next economy.

The best-run construction companies will be able to get lean enough to live through the hard times and carve out a niche in the new residential construction industry. Most companies and individuals will not make it back. The current overextended financial situation in the U.S. will cause our world to "shrink." Inflation and sharply rising fuel prices will force a lot of economic activity back down to the community level.

Many things that we currently take for granted will become more difficult to obtain. Acquiring food, fuel, heat, and shelter will take on a greater importance in the day-to-day life of the middle class. I'm not talking about the Apocalypse. I'm just saying that things will not be as comfortable as

they once were. You and your fellow middle classers will be conducting more business within your neighborhoods and communities.

What do we craftsmen do in the transition? First of all, keep your hand in the old construction game as long as you can. Do not create new debt for yourself. Do not bid jobs so close to the bone that you have no wiggle room. If something goes awry, and it usually does, you will have either new debt or legal problems.

Speaking of new debt, get out of your old debt. The leaner you emerge from this transition period, the better your choices will be. If you have any liquid assets, consider owning some physical silver. Cash will be eaten away by inflation. Gold is too hard to trade casually, too dangerous to possess. Silver, cash, and labor hours are excellent barter items. Barter will be big at the community level. Be prepared to swap your skills for someone else's.

As a craftsman, imagine using your set of tools and skills to create or assist in what is going to be needed for a local economy. Think along these four lines as a start...repairing versus replacing, expensive petroleum, rental property, and food. It is likely then some or all of your skills can find a home in these areas.

Today and in the future, broken items will be repaired to a much larger extent than in the past. We will cease in large part to be a throw-away society. Learn how to cut glass. Windows and doors can be repaired, instead of replaced. Learn to rebuild a door or window frame. Make use of used and recycled materials. Start sorting the debris from your jobs, de-nail and store reusable items.

Petroleum product prices will rise faster than the inflation rate. Supply is flat, and demand from Asia will continue to increase steadily. Home heating will be increasingly augmented by wood stoves. Learn how to rebuild old wood stoves and install them. Firewood will be needed. Can you produce firewood efficiently enough to make a profit? Diesel fuel will be expensive. Does anyone in your area already make biodiesel? If

not, look into it how it is done.

You probably have a truck; combine your errands with others to cut down on fuel usage and earn yourself extra cash or barter. If you have a wood lot or access to one, what about a sawmill? You and others will always need lumber. The scrap can be used for heat. You could run the mill on biodiesel or alcohol. Dare I even bring up the possibility of a still?

There will be an increase in the need for rental properties. Being a landlord is not for everyone, but if you have the initial assets, why not use your skills to become a landlord? Buying older buildings and converting them into multiunit apartments takes lots of capital and labor, but should be a profitable endeavor in the next decade. Unfortunately, foreclosures will continue, and those families will be renting their next living space. Look carefully and thoroughly into this option before jumping in.

Some of your neighbors will look into animal husbandry and gardening to secure some of their food supply. They will need help: shelters, outbuildings, fences, and access to water. Look into how to build and use a smokehouse. Know who in your community does butchering. Build a business relationship now. Canning will become more important. Consider one good outdoor summer kitchen for the neighborhood. Canned food and veggies are good barter, and so is home-baked bread and home-brewed beer.

Start small with any of these new directions. Keep yourself in the residential housing trade as long as possible. If you can, make a transition into a service or manufacturing sector of the economy as well. Keep as many options open as possible.

Imagine this transition period as a river to be crossed. The banks of the old economy are behind us. The current is fast, the obstacles are numerous. Don't allow yourself to drift with the current. Use your craftsmanship as your paddle, drive yourself forward, and steer around the rocks. Pick your path through the transition and aim for your spot on the opposite shore. The craftsmen that emerge from this transition period prepared and on course may well find themselves involved in a life more gentle and satisfying than the one they left.

Regards,  
Jim Kearns

## Sons in Retirement Invite You!

Auburn - Sons In Retirement Branch 79 (Auburn) is an active group of retired men who promote the independence and dignity of retirement. We currently have 183 members who meet on the third thursday of each month at the Auburn Elks Lodge for lunch. There is always a speaker or similar program and all senior men are invited to come see what SIRs is all about.

SIRs offers a variety of activities such as Friday Golf at Black Oak, bowling at Foothill Bowl on fridays at noon, and fishing meetings are second thursdays at 8 at Max's Restaurant. This year we've added dining out and disc golf. Activities are continuing to expand to meet the wide range of interests of the members.

There are no dues. The only requirement is attending 7 lunches per year. For further information, contact Big SIR Ken Hansen at 916 622-2757.

# Criminals Steal Billions of Dollars from Government and Private Health Insurance Programs

Commentary by David Sayen  
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U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



Each year criminals steal billions of dollars from government and private health insurance programs. Fraud takes money away from seniors and taxpayers, and drives up healthcare costs for all of us.

That's just unacceptable. What's the U.S. government doing about it? The Obama Administration has a zero-tolerance policy toward health care fraud and abuse, and it's paying off. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we have more tools and resources to stop fraud.

Last year marked the largest annual recovery of Medicare and Medicaid dollars in U.S. history. More than \$4 billion stolen from federal healthcare programs was recovered and returned to the Medicare Trust Fund, the U.S. Treasury, and other government programs.

We're making it crystal clear that fraud no longer pays. We're actively going after thieves with the help of the Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team, also known as HEAT, and Medicare Fraud Strike Force prosecution teams in cities across the nation.

In fiscal year 2010, 140 fraud-related indictments were filed against 284 defendants who collectively billed Medicare more than \$590 million. And 146 defendants were sentenced to prison for an average of more than 40 months.

We're moving away from the old "pay and chase" system of paying healthcare claims. Through the Affordable Care Act, we'll be better able to stop fraud before it happens.

For one thing, the new law created a rigorous screening process to keep crooked providers and suppliers out of Medicare and Medicaid.

medical services and supplies have been billed to Medicare in your name.

Make sure you haven't been billed for something you didn't receive. And that you weren't charged twice for the same thing.

Read your Part D Explanation of Benefits carefully, too.

When you no longer have any use for these documents, shred them. Don't just throw them in the trash where anyone can fish them out.

What should you do if you suspect fraud?

Keep in mind that most providers are honest, and they sometimes make honest mistakes. So something that initially looks like fraud might be a simple error.

Call your doctor, health plan, or medical equipment supplier to see if the problem can be resolved. If the provider doesn't help you with questions or concerns, or if you can't contact them, you can do any of the following:

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). A Medicare representative at this toll-free number can take a fraud complaint from you.

- Call the U.S. Health and Human Services Department's hotline at 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477).

- Send an e-mail to the HHS Office of Inspector General at [hstips@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:hstips@oig.hhs.gov).

If you don't want your name used during the investigation, we won't use it.

You can also talk to someone at the Senior Medicare Patrol, a wonderful organization that trains seniors to help detect and stop fraud. In California, call 714-560-0309 and ask for Anne Gray.

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By using advanced modeling software, Medicare and state Medicaid agencies will be able to spot billing trends that may indicate health care fraud. This software is similar to what credit card companies use to detect credit card fraud. And Medicare and state Medicaid agencies now have the power to temporarily stop payments in cases of suspected fraud.

People often ask what they can do to protect themselves against fraud. There are several things you can do, both to protect yourself and to help in the battle against health care fraud.

Start by protecting your personal information. Always treat your Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security numbers like a credit-card number. Never give these numbers to a stranger.

Don't carry your Medicare or Medicaid card unless you'll need it. Only take it to doctor appointments, visits to your hospital or clinic, or trips to the pharmacy.

If someone shows up at your front door, or tries to sell you something over the phone, don't give them your Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security number - ever. If they say they represent Medicare, don't believe them.

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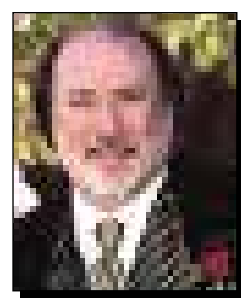
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# Placer County Fair Association responds to

*The following is a released statement from the Placer County Fair regarding the recent grand jury report concerning the County's contract and the All American Speedway.*

Placer County – On February 1, the Placer County Grand Jury published a report regarding the County's contract with the Placer County Fair Association to operate the Fairgrounds and the five year old renovation of the All American Speedway facilities.

The CEO and Board of Directors of the Association are working with County staff and officials to support the County's response to the Grand Jury. Per Joan Bartosik "Since

taking the CEO position in the spring of 2010, the Board and I have been in discussions with the County towards an agreement that will address the concerns of the County, the Fair Association and the community. In 2008, and again in 2010, we had a sound study performed at the Speedway and complaints have been significantly reduced due to additional sound restrictive walls and new policies put in place. In fact there were no complaints at the end

of the season following our biggest race."

Wayne Vineyard, President of the Placer County Fair Association states, "We are confident that all the issues identified in the Grand Jury report will be addressed and resolved in a timely fashion. We are looking forward to our annual Placer County Fair which showcases the talents of our community and a safe racing season at the All American Speedway."

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## Around Town

with Loyce Smallwood



Auburn Transitions: As the new kid on the block, Shauna Glorioso, owner of Used Saddle Connection atop Sacramento Street in OT Auburn exudes enthusiasm for her consignment store showcasing hand-tooled saddles, sequined western wear, cowboy boots, outerwear, wall art and even western books. Stop by and see this inviting store and extend a welcome to the friendly and upbeat Shauna.

We also say goodbye to OT Desserts located below Used Saddle Connection where Reese/Tammy Browning have closed shop and continue to put their collective efforts into their very successful OT Pizza just across the street where you'll

probably find coffee and sweets to accompany that oh-so-popular pizza. Carry on Browning Family.

Across the street in the mall, we send Happy Eighth Anniversary wishes to The Silver Store owner Mimi Lovisa. Up Lincoln Way across from the Auburn Courthouse at Courthouse Coffee it's business as usual at this popular eatery/coffee shop complete with dazzling view to the courthouse. Downtown Auburn will welcome Donna Arz of Healing Light and her alternative health practitioners on March 1 when Arz occupies the Victorian style building on Lincoln Way next to the State Theater.

Across town we see an icon of service fading into the sunset as we bid farewell to Southwest Silver Owner Syl Bruce who has been retailing Downtown— starting in the mall on Lincoln Way with

owner Bill Bradshaw— for over 25 years. Happy Retirement Syl. Musically speaking, catch the merry StringAlongs uke group entertaining the Seniors at the DeWitt Center in Auburn on March 3rd at 12:30; and the beat does go on.

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The focus is on optimizing connexin function. Connexin molecules are found in every cell in your body and when they are open (functioning properly) they can connect your cells together and enable cell-to-cell communication. Continuous cellular communication helps promote a stronger, healthier mind and body and may reduce the risk of developing cancer, heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's, hypothyroidism, and eye disease. And let's not forget weight loss and weight management being another key to the Molecular Fitness Lifestyle. By increasing connexin function and reducing lowgrade

metabolic acidosis, your body can metabolize fat. All that from a little thing called connexin molecule!

What I liked best is that you can measure progress everyday with his Personal Health Information Tracker and track your health trends, giving you the opportunity to detect changes in your body and share results with your healthcare provider. Together, you can make better decisions about your current and future health.

Dr. Tanelian's Molecular Fitness is based on his rigorous disease prevention research, integrating over seven thousand scientific studies on the connexin molecule. Dr. Tanelian has his M.D. and PhD from Stanford University and has been a professor at the University of Texas in neuroscience, bio-medical engineering, and pain management. All you have to do is google **Dr. Darrell Tanelian** and there is gobs of info on the good doc. He is an Anesthesiologist and highly regarded researcher. Your health is the best gift you can give yourself. Let's do health together!!!

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



## MOLECULAR FITNESS

The Molecular Fitness lifestyle is a science-based preventative and restorative program and the first to address health and wellness at the molecular level. This all sounds well and good until I queried **Dr. Darrell Tanelian**, author of "Molecular Fitness" about some of the statements he has made like exercise may not be all it's cracked up to be and supplements could cause you more harm than good. Dr. Tanelian can completely change the way you treat your body. My POPPOFF Radio Show was a buzz!

As for the exercise part, the good Doc does not say never exercise, but if you do not hydrate correctly, you can be doing major harm. His directness about supplements is astounding in that he feels if not taken properly,

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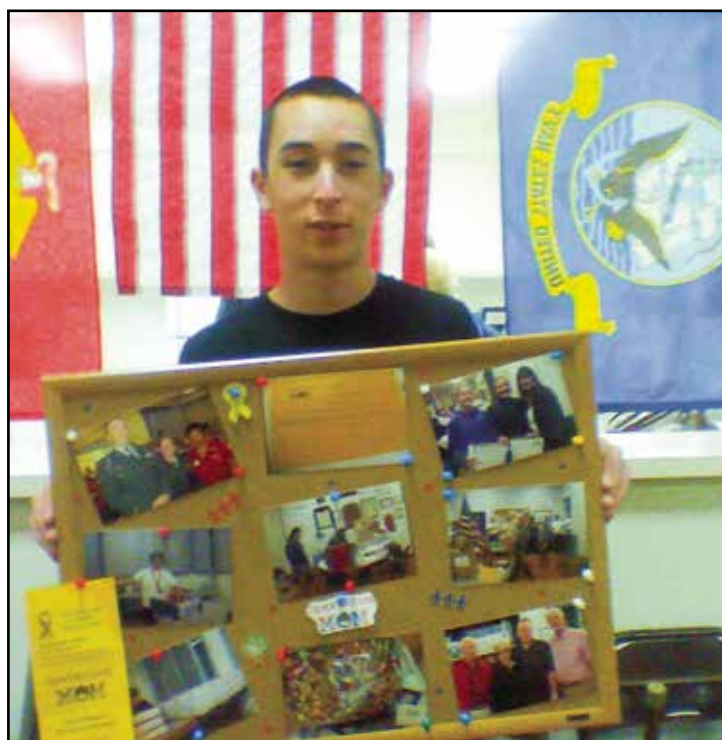
From Pat Thomas

Auburn - For our military men and women deployed overseas, Grocery Outlet, located on Grass Valley Highway in Auburn, will make every day in February Valentine's Day. You can show your love and support by helping Operation: MOM with your donations.

John & Nancy Stevens of Grocery Outlet will post "Sunbursts" on most needed products required for packing and dispatching each month to Troops from Placer County and beyond. Bins will be set up with a complete list of products Operation: MOM packs each month.

Here is what it is all about! Several excerpts from thank you letters received. A Petty Officer from Auburn, "I just wanted to take this time out to show you how grateful I am for all the time and effort you put in to making the lives of our Military members (myself included) easier. The goodies you send are SUCH a morale boost for the guys and gals". A helicopter rescue engine mechanic, "We send Lots of Love from Iraq. Take care and keep doing what you do. It really helps a lot of ladies that are deployed".

Volunteers send one hundred packages out monthly and pack at Colfax Veteran's Memorial Hall, 22 Sunset Circle, Colfax at 6PM the third Tuesday of each month. One box weighs about 7-9 pounds and it is awesome what one box includes. Last year we mailed 1262 boxes overseas at a cost of \$10.70 for an individual and \$12.70 for a unit box.



Andrew Huie belongs to the ROTC program at Whitney High in Rocklin and came to volunteer for packing night for Operation:MOM, a non profit organization. Andrew is holding up pictures of the last month's Packing night at Colfax Veteran's Memorial Hall. In January we shipped 102 packages at \$10.95 each. Postage has gone up and it now costs 25 cents more for each box. Can You help?

\*Operation: MOM is a non-profit organization and a support group for our military families. Help us continue to make a difference with your donations of product and for postage. Contact Operation: MOM at phone: 530 908-0751 Pat Ryan Group Leader, P.O. Box 8002 Auburn, CA 95604 Email: pcooperationmom@gmail.com Website: www.operationmom.org



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# Board of Equalization Specialists Verify Business

Placer County – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) sent letters to more than 8,200 retail businesses in 4 different zip codes statewide notifying them of upcoming visits by BOE specialists. The zip codes receiving letters this month are: Reseda (91335); La Puente (91746); Palm Desert (92260); and Roseville (95747).

These visits are part of the Statewide Compliance and Outreach Program (SCOP) that was launched in September 2008. The BOE Specialists have visited more than 197,000 businesses statewide, with 282 zip codes receiving notifications.

The goal of the SCOP program is to verify that all businesses are properly registered, so there is no unfair

business advantage over those businesses that are properly registered and reporting their taxes and/or fees. The SCOP program has found that more than 3.5 percent of businesses operating in California do so without the appropriate permits or licenses that allow for collection of sales and use tax, as well as other taxes and fees. Non-compliance is a part of the tax gap of more than \$2 billion sales and use tax gap — the difference between the amount of taxes owed and the amount of taxes paid.

The BOE specialists conduct checks for seller's permits of all storefronts and other known business locations. When the specialists visit, business owners are asked business-related questions and are not asked for personal financial information. If an owner has specific questions about the inquiries from the BOE specialists, they should call their regional SCOP team contact. For general information or for forms and publications, contact the Taxpayer Information Call Center at 800-400-7115.

There are seven teams of

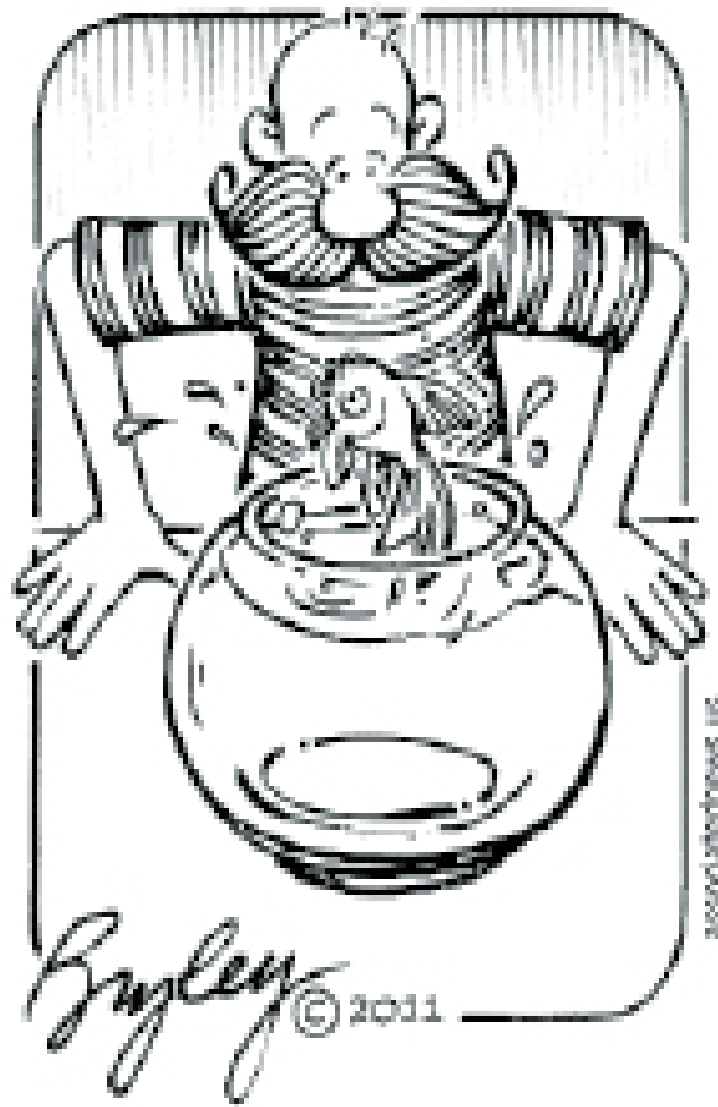
approximately eight people each located throughout the state that conduct door-to-door visits based on zip code. Registered retailers, as well as service industry businesses, will be checked for appropriate permits and licenses. Those businesses found to be out of compliance will be given instructions on how to register with the BOE and given information about other necessary licenses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

For more information on the Statewide Compliance & Outreach Program (SCOP), visit [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/SCOP\\_Overview.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/SCOP_Overview.htm).



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Reportedly, Johnson & Johnson has been seeking medical releases from recipients so that their claims adjusters can speak with you directly and possibly take down statements without your having counsel present — an unwise action for any recipient to do.

Having a defective hip implant in your body clearly demands having your own lawyer. You must be very cautious with dealing with the manufacturer or its representative without proper legal representation.

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**“Keeping the Faith”  
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Dr. Paul Brand was one of God’s great gifts to the world and to modern medicine. The son of English missionaries to India, Brand came home to Britain in preparation to follow in his parents’ footsteps. He studied to become a physician, and he honed his surgical skills as a doctor in the midst of the German bombing of London during World War II.

Afterwards, Brand returned to India and remained there for decades, pioneering in the study and surgical treatment of Hansen’s disease, or as it is more commonly known, leprosy. Hansen’s disease, which destroys the nerve endings of the skin, results in limbs simply dying. It is a horrible, disfiguring condition, and amputation is sometimes the only medical recourse.

Dr. Brand was called in to consult with a patient who had suffered with extreme leg pain for years but would not consider amputation. But finally, the pain became too much to bear: “I can’t stand it anymore,” the patient told Dr. Brand, “Take this leg off!”

The patient, who worked in the medical field himself, made one morbid condition before submitting to surgery. He asked that the amputated leg be preserved in a massive jar of

## The Pickled Pain of the Past

formaldehyde so he could sit it on a shelf and jeer at it. “Hah! You can’t hurt me any longer, leg!” the patient planned to squawk each day at the jar. Yet, the leg got the last laugh.

The amputee developed something called phantom pain. Phantom pain is the feeling of real pain from a limb no longer there. It remains a mystery how it happens, but it is possible for the brain’s neurons to be programmed to receive the signal of pain and hurt, even when the source of pain has been removed.

For Brand’s patient, he had hated and struggled with that bad leg for so long that the throbbing sensation lodged in his brain. The old source of his pain sat on the shelf and taunted him even when the suffering should have ended.

We all keep a collection of pickled limbs on our shelves and in our memory banks. And the pain these produce is no shadowy phantom; the suffering is all too real. Bad decisions, former relationships, an ill-fated rendezvous, bygone injustices and defeats: Even with these things in our distant past, they still hurt.

Is there a way to get well, to stop the pain? I think so. The greater part of the pain and regret we carry around with us (or what mocks us from the shelf) is the result of not accepting this truth about ourselves: We are not irredeemable and damaged goods. Rather, we are the objects of God’s undying, unending affection.

Sure, we’ve all heard that “God loves the world,” but it is so much more personal than that. God loves

more than the world, he loves you. And he does so with such profoundness, that none of your failings, baggage, hang-ups, or preserved and pickled attachments – “nothing in all of creation,” the Apostle Paul said – will ever separate you from God’s love.

If our past and memory banks can contain it, God’s love can overcome it, and it is that kind of individual love – deep, abiding, and unshakable – that changes us, eases our pain, and sets us free. For the power of unearned, untainted, undeserved, unstoppable love is the greatest power in the universe.

Once in a religious discussion and agreement with another, I was asked rather accusingly, “Don’t you love God?” My answer was simply, “I don’t know,” because sometimes I don’t know how true my love for God is. It waxes and wanes with my circumstances, mood, and the levels of caffeine and serotonin in my bloodstream.

So no, I don’t know how strong my love for God is because it is a frail, human love subject to my limitations and the number of pickled limbs I keep on the shelf of my mind. But I do know that God loves me. I know that God loves you, and that makes all the difference.

*Ronnie McBryer is the author of “Leaving Religion, Following Jesus.” He writes and speaks about life, faith, and Christ-centered spirituality. Visit his website at [www.ronniemcbrayer.net](http://www.ronniemcbrayer.net).*



**Commentary by  
Dr. Fred DeRuvo**

Muzzammil “Mo” Hassan of Buffalo, New York, is guilty of brutally killing and beheading his wife, something he never denied. Ironically enough, Hassan and his wife – Aasiya Hassan – originally started their TV studio because they wanted to combat what they felt were negative stereotypes toward Muslims in general, which they believe began shortly after the 9/11 attacks.

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However, in 2009, Hassan killed his wife by stabbing her and then did what radical Muslims seem to be best when they’re not spewing their hate-filled rhetoric: *beheaded Aasiya*. Hassan claimed that he was the victim of spousal abuse and police have stated that they had been called to the Hassan home previously for domestic violence but did not elaborate.

When the killing was first discovered, the belief that this may have been what Muslims refer to as an “honor killing” was downplayed by Hassan’s attorneys. Honor killings occur when a male Muslim believes that either a wife or daughter (or some other female relative) has brought dishonor to their home by doing something as simple as being seen alone with another male. Of

course, nothing happens to the single male that the woman was with, nor does anything happen to the Muslim man/men who carry out the honor killing in Islamic countries.

Hassan, who was married previously and had two children from his recent marriage and two from his previous marriage, had gone through four lawyers, firing all of them except the fourth, which he retained as an advisor and Hassan became his own attorney.

As more of these types of situations come to the fore, possibly more people will come to realize the truth about Islam. In spite of what many Muslims would have us believe, it appears that radical Islam is more of the norm, instead of the exception to the rule.

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**By Marlys Norris,  
Christian Author**

The closer one walks to God the more aware they are when involved in any sinful act or emotion that deters the flow of God’s amazing inspiration. The closeness to God is hindered or stopped and one feels dry as a dead bone. Sin always makes one feel alone and abandoned even though one knows the Word of God states He will never leave or forsake us. And one thing so wonderful about God is—His mercy and loving grace allows our spirits to be gently humbled. He never stops loving us even when we drift away.

## God’s Amazing Inspiration

When God graciously created us with a free-will, He knew there would be times when we would fail Him and ourselves. We will never fully understand or comprehend just how God’s love for His children is always so constant and unchanging. We know we can be restored into His loving graces when we recognize our condition and submit in obedience to His discipline.

Haven’t we all met believers whose countenance and words of love for God make us fully aware that they certainly have a special connection? We want to be in their company as often as possible because we enjoy them and they uplift our spirit. And not only that, but we sense that they truly care about us. And more so, they care about their world. We see and experience the very same spirit in them that is like Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Being with them we deeply desire that kind special connection with God/Jesus for ourselves.

King David in the Old Testament, best expresses his own dilemma regarding his sinful acts in the

Psalms. God always brought him back as David humbled himself before Him. God understands our frailties so much better than we understand ourselves. When we go to Him with a humble and contrite heart He gladly welcomes us back. Possibly one can identify with the struggles of David’s journey to love, serve and walk with God. He graciously confesses his sinfulness and records the cries of his heart for all of us to read. He desires to again enjoy the flow of God’s amazing inspiration of meaning and purposes for his life and he desires to be in God’s perfect will once again. And my friend it is available to each one of us as well! How wonderful is the plan of God for every life. We all must do our part to seek and find it! God will always do His part when we do ours!

*Marlys Johnsen Norris, Author  
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“Intimacy Begins Going God’s Way”  
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## Group of Paralyzed Wheelchair Warriors Bring Leading Research Scientists

Roseville—Research for Cure has secured the attendance of the two leading scientists in spinal cord injury research as keynote speakers on April 9, 2011 at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville. Oswald Steward, Ph.D and Hans Keirstead, Ph.D, super-star scientists, will speak at the dinner, a benefit for the Reeve-Irvine Research Center, University of California, Irvine – recognized world-wide as the number one center for spinal cord injury research.

Dr. Oswald Steward, Director of the Reeve-Irvine Research Center, will discuss the huge breakthrough that has the neurology world so excited – for the first time, robust regeneration of nerve connections

that control movement in spinal cord injury.

Dr. Hans Keirstead, world-renowned expert in embryonic stem cell research, will talk about his latest leading research in spinal cord injury, spinal muscular atrophy, ALS and clinical trials.

This opportunity to meet these scientists is being presented by Research for Cure Northern California, a non-profit organization recently moved to Roseville that is entering its tenth year of fundraising for the Center. Comprised of spinal cord injury survivors, their families and friends, this all-volunteer group has raised nearly half a million dollars for the Reeve-Irvine Research Center, allowing

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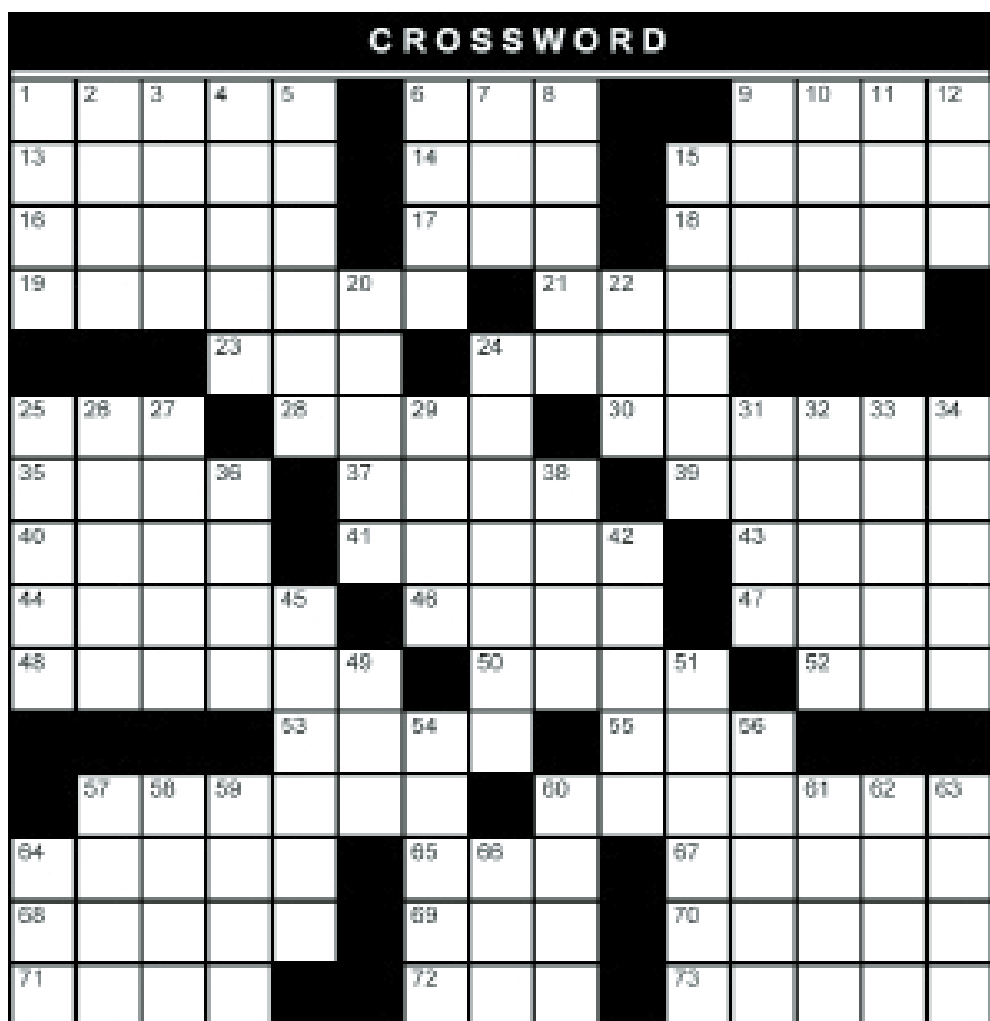
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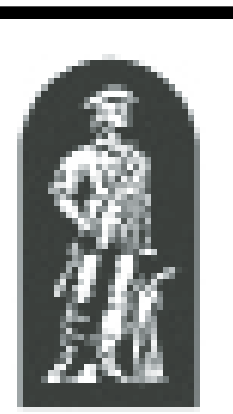
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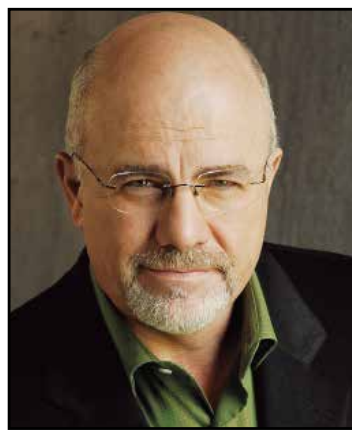
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We have \$21,000 in credit card debt, and ongoing medical expenses for our special-needs child. My husband works very hard, but only makes about \$25,000 a year, and we're living in a 30-year old trailer. My dad is willing to help us pay off some of the debt, and get us moved into a house, if we'll get financial counseling. Is there a better way out of this situation?

- Sheryl  
Dear Sheryl  
If you're going to have to make payments to your dad, in other words, if the money is going to be a loan, don't do it. The borrower is always slave to the lender. If you really want to ruin family events, have debt to

your parents. It twists you up inside, and it'll be especially hard on your husband.

Now, if this is going to be a gift, and there are no expectations of repayment being made, that's a little different. But if you were my child and I wrote you a \$21,000 check, I'd expect you to go into financial counseling and start saving money for your child's future and for yours. That's only reasonable. You guys obviously aren't wasteful yuppies spending money right and left, but having a family and raising kids in the Dallas – Fort Worth area on \$25,000 a year is tough – even without the credit card bills you're talking about.

Another thing I'd advise is that your husband get on a five-year game plan to improve his earning potential. Sit down with him, hold hands, and let him know he can be anything he wants to be. Then, help him decide what he wants to be in five years, what he wants to be making five years down the road, and the steps he's going to take educationally or in terms of training to achieve that goal.

He's a hard-working man, but today's culture doesn't reward hard work alone. You've got to engage the gray matter a little, and boost your brain power, too. You make more money when you *plan* to make more money!

- Dave

## Relationship fix

Dear Dave,  
I have three stepchildren, the oldest of which is married and has a

little baby. The only time we hear from him is when they want money. We don't mind helping out once in a while, but his wife just seems lazy. She stays at home all the time, and doesn't help bring in anything. What can we do to fix this?

- Cindy

Dear Cindy,  
When your relationship with someone is based on you giving them money, then you don't have a relationship. But there may be other reasons they aren't calling very much.

If you say things about his wife being lazy when you do talk, it probably makes them both angry. If this is the case, they may only call when they're desperate enough to put up with your comments about her. Plus, taking care of a baby is one of the hardest full-time jobs around. The value or importance of what someone does isn't always reflected in a paycheck.

But I don't think you should be giving them money all the time, either. You could try gently giving advice, instead. Maybe they need to be on a budget, or perhaps they should be spending less.

Regardless, I'm always against perpetuating relationships that are based on handing out money!

- Dave

**\* Dave may be coming to your town this spring. For more information, please go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/category/events/>.**

# Woman Who Defrauded Elderly Man Gets Jail Sentence & Must Pay Back \$240,000

From the Office of Placer County District Attorney

Placer County – A 55-year-old woman who pretended to be a licensed vocational nurse was sent to the Placer County jail for nine months Wednesday and was ordered to pay back \$240,000 to an 85-year-old Foresthill man whom she defrauded over a period of years.

Debra Leigh Kelly, who was also placed on four years probation, was given the sentence by Placer County Superior Court Judge Frances Kearney following her guilty plea to a felony count of theft or embezzlement from an elder.

Kelly had also pled guilty to misdemeanor counts of impersonating a licensed vocational nurse and practicing a trade without a valid license.

In a court hearing earlier this month, Kelly, who also resides in Foresthill, repaid \$30,400 to the victim, leaving a balance of \$209,600 that she must repay.

Kearney also banned Kelly from being in the presence of elderly adults unless there is a legal guardian or licensed caregiver there to supervise.

Prosecutor Jim Deslaurier said the case began in early 2005 when the victim hired Kelly to help care for his ailing wife. Kelly had falsely advertised herself as a licensed vocational nurse, Deslaurier said.

The victim's wife died a few months later, but Kelly befriended the victim,



Debra Leigh Kelly, 55, sentenced for defrauding an elderly Foresthill man

telling him she was owed a significant amount of money from a civil lawsuit stemming from a horse-training accident.

Pending that settlement, Kelly said she needed a loan and she began borrowing money from the victim, telling him she would repay him as soon as her civil case was finalized. The loans continued for more than four years and the amount reached \$240,000, Deslaurier said.

During that time, Kelly's civil lawsuit settled, but she received significantly less money than she had represented to the victim, Deslaurier said.

"It amounted to just a couple of thousand dollars," he said, adding that Kelly did not tell the victim about it and continued to borrow money from him.

Eventually, a member of the victim's family learned of the loans and

contacted Placer County Sheriff's detectives, who investigated Kelly and forwarded their findings to the District Attorney's Office. Charges were filed against Kelly last June.

At Wednesday's sentencing, a granddaughter of the 85-year-old victim told Judge Kearney about the hardships that Kelly caused her grandfather.

She said her grandfather sold all of his stocks and investments to keep funding Kelly. He took out a \$50,000 equity loan, couldn't keep medical and dental appointments and kept the thermostat in his home at 58 degrees to keep heating costs low, she said.

"He slept in a parka coat at night and lived in multiple sweaters during the day due to the inability to afford propane for heat," she said.

The victim applied for senior low-income programs to pay off other bills, couldn't afford Christmas and birthday gifts for family members and sought out lower insurance coverage for his home and vehicle, she said.

The granddaughter said the victim "did not sleep well for five years" because of the money worries and the embarrassment and fear that other members of his family would find out that he had loaned out so much money.

"The hardest part for him was to realize that he was being lied to," she told the court.

# Man Who Kidnapped Woman Faces 30 Years to Life in Prison

From the Office of Placer County District Attorney

Placer County – A man who kidnapped a woman in a carjacking incident in 2009 is facing a state prison sentence of 30 years to life after changing his plea Thursday in a Placer County courtroom.

Rick Anthony Cooley, 32, a Sacramento resident and three-strike offender, entered a plea of no contest to a felony count of kidnapping during the commission of a carjacking. He also admitted to special allegations that he had committed prior serious or violent felonies for which he served prison time.

Superior Court Judge Colleen Nichols accepted the plea and set



Rick Anthony Cooley, 32, a Sacramento resident and three-strike offender was sentenced to prison

Cooley's sentencing for March 17.

The incident occurred on Nov. 12, 2009, when a woman who was driving to work was struck

from behind by another vehicle on Vineyard Road west of Roseville.

When she got out to exchange information, the other driver, identified as Cooley, punched her in the face and forced her back into her car. He then drove her car, leaving his own vehicle on the roadside with the engine running.

Prosecutor Doug Van Breemen of the Placer County District Attorney's Office said Cooley drove around for about four hours before returning to an area near the original crime scene and releasing the woman.

The victim contacted a local resident, who then called the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Cooley was arrested later that day, Van Breemen said.

# Detectives Seeking ID of Gas Station Robber

From the Office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner

Placer County – A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of an armed man who robbed an Auburn gas station early Tuesday morning January 25. The suspect also bound the hands of a newspaper delivery woman who unwittingly interrupted the robbery.

A close-up photograph of the suspect was obtained by Placer County Sheriff's detectives and shows the white male, who appears to be 18-25 years old, as he exits the Chevron station at 13381 Lincoln Way in Auburn. He wore a striped beanie over shoulder-length blond hair. He is described as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds. He had on a red T-shirt and a black camouflage jacket.

The robbery occurred at 2:22 a.m. when the suspect approached the male clerk inside the store and pulled out a silver semi-automatic handgun. He pointed the weapon at the clerk and forced him to the front counter and told him to empty the cash register.



Closeup of the suspect who appears to be a white male, 18-25 years old.

As the clerk was complying with the suspect's demands, a woman delivering newspapers walked into the store, not realizing what was happening. The suspect walked up to the woman, forced her behind the counter, and then proceeded to tape her hands together. The suspect then grabbed the money and fled to his dark-colored pickup truck, which had been parked at the gas pumps.

The truck had a chrome grill and chrome lining over the wheel wells. He fled northbound on Lincoln Way.

Anyone with information on the suspect's identity is urged to contact Detective Mike Simmons at (530) 889-7894. To remain anonymous and be eligible for up to \$1,000 in reward money, call Placer County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-923-8191.



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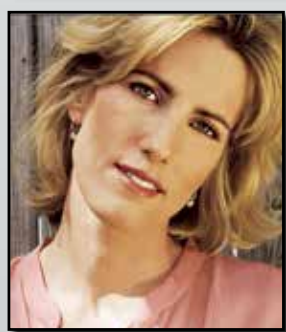
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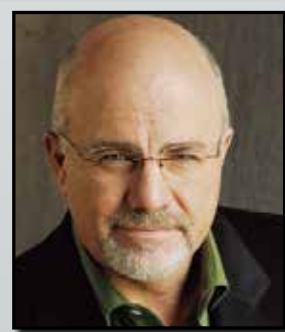
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12 – 12:30pm: Study-Grow-Know  
12:30 – 7pm: Big Cletus Country Music  
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# Arts, Entertainment and Other Fun Things to do!

## StringAlongs Delight Audiences



StringAlongs Uke Leader Vic Yeakle Serious on his Fiddle

By Loyce Smallwood

Auburn—Who doesn't smile when listening to ukulele players enjoying themselves and that's exactly what happens—smiling—when The StringAlongs uke group entertains: Audiences are delighted and they smile back and they even sing along to the old favorites. The

StringAlongs play to amuse themselves and to entertain the audience which usually consists of residents at local care homes, the Auburn Library in March and community fundraisers such as the recent Taste of Chocolate Fundraiser in OT Auburn. The StringAlongs enjoy the music and delight in sharing the music with the Auburn community, having the distinction of being the only uke group in Auburn. Vic Yeakle, a talented luthier/musician/vocalist, leads the band and is at the ready with The StringAlongs to play for fun/food/funds.. The repertoire is predominantly Country Western with some Hawaiian and Pop in the blend and the band includes a harmonica and drum in the lively mix. Catch The StringAlongs performance on March 3rd at 12:30pm at the DeWitt Senior Center, Auburn. For more information contact Loyce! at loy@foothill.net.

## Book Sale Fundraiser

Penryn – A book sale fundraiser will be held Feb. 26 & 27, 8am-noon, for Wildlife Care Association of Sacramento wildlifecareassociation.net Thousands of items will be sold including 10,000+ books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and audio books. The sale will be held at 2166 Swetzer Rd., Penryn.

Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes and audio books are welcome.

For more information about the sale or directions call 916-663-1608 or email lyn4animal@aol.com.

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## Reading Boosters Welcome!



Placer County – Have a passion for promoting the importance of reading? Want to support the improvement 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 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 Granite Bay Library, 6475 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay, at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 22. For more information, contact PALS at 530-886-4530 or PALS@placerlibrary.org.

## AARP 1474 – St. Patrick Celebration

Auburn – On Thursday March 3 at the Auburn Senior Center, 11577 E Avenue, Auburn, CA.

Our program chairperson, Gladys Brown-Korf, has planned for the "UKES" group to sing classic, country pop and Hawaiian songs for us.

The group leader is Loyce Smallwood.

AARP 1474 kitchen crew will be serving corn beef and cabbage. Please bring a side dish to serve six(6) to eight(8) people.

Please remember to bring your own table service (plate, silverware and etc.)

AND we encourage everyone to wear green just for fun.

You don't need to be a member to attend and enjoy a fun afternoon.

P.S. don't forget a can or two for the Auburn Food Closet.

Publicity Chairperson  
Doris I. Dennis

## Placer County Master Gardeners present "The Fourth Annual Gardeners' Gathering"

Placer County – This event is a great opportunity for gardeners of all skill levels to come together and learn about their shared passion – gardening and also have the benefit of enjoying a delicious lunch. Master Gardeners' will be available to answer questions during breaks and after the event; they will also have free University of California publications to share.

When: Saturday, March 5, 2011, RAIN or SHINE!!!

Where: Historic Blue Goose Fruit Shed, downtown Loomis, CA. This facility is handicapped accessible.

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Price: \$25 includes lunch – pre-registration required

Note: Limited to 125 Seats

Register: On-line using a credit card at <http://ceplacer.ucdavis.edu>, or in person at UCCE Placer Office (check or cash only) 11477 E Ave., Auburn, CA (in the Dewitt Center)

Topic: Who Are the Good Guys Here? Beneficial Insects – identify them, encourage them, protect them.

Presenter: Patty Kiehl, instructor, Sierra College, Horticulture Department

Topic: Easy Care Roses for the Common Garden. Easy to grow roses

and how to care for them.

Presenter: Charlotte Owendyke, immediate past president, Foothill Rose Society

Topic: Can I have a Better Lawn? Use less water, fewer chemicals and spend less time mowing your lawn.

Presenter: Michael Connelly, representative for Florasource

Topic: Pruning Do's and Don'ts. How to prune landscape plants including conifers and Japanese Maples

Presenter: Scott Paris, owner High Hand Nursery

Contact Placer County Master Gardeners at 530.889.7388

## On the Road Again



Grass Valley—The Sierranaders will have their spring show "On The Road Again" at 7:30 PM on March 26 at the Bear River High School auditorium, at 11130 Magnolia Rd,

Grass Valley, 95949. Turn East onto Combie Road off Hwy 49, about 13 miles North of Auburn; pass through two stoplights, the road name changes to Magnolia Road, the high

school is on the left.

The show is about a bus trip across the US. In addition to the chorus & our chapter quartets, we will have as a guest quartet... Highway 95, who were second place medalists at FWD 2010. The auditorium has plush seats, in tiers, and has an excellent sound system. The songs are all well known, sung A Cappella... no screeching guitars or pulsating drums, with words you can understand, and possibly even sing along with.

Cost is only \$15. Come and enjoy some fun and harmonious singing. Tickets can be ordered/reserved by calling 530-392-8227 (530-EZ AT BBS). A discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

## Celebrate Mardi Gras in Nevada City!

Nevada City – Gaily masked characters, wacky parade entries and Cajun cookin' come to the Sierra foothills March 5-6 as Mardi Gras 2011 is celebrated with Old West style in historic Nevada City, California.

Nevada City's main drag, Broad Street, becomes a West Coast Bourbon Street as merry spectators fill the downtown historic district for the annual Mardi Gras parade.

Nevada City is known for its classic

small town spirit and lively community events. With a population of just 3,000, Nevada City swells to thousands more for the annual Mardi Gras celebration.

Visitors should plan to arrive early to get a good vantage point along the parade route. Out-of-town visitors should book local accommodations early.

Nevada City is located on the scenic western slope of the Sierra,

midway between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. From Sacramento, take eastbound Interstate 80 to Auburn and Highway 49 north to Nevada City. From Marysville and the north valley, take eastbound State Route 20. From Reno, take westbound I-80 and westbound State Route 20.

For more information, contact the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce at (530) 265-2692 or (800) 655-NJOY or see [www.nevadacitychamber.com](http://www.nevadacitychamber.com).

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# River Cats Reduce Online Fees

Game Tickets Available for Purchase Online Now



**Sacramento Region** – Individual game tickets for the Sacramento River Cats 2011 season are available now, accompanied by reduced online convenience fees for fans purchasing tickets online at Ticketmaster.com. The River Cats begin the 2011 season on Thursday, April 7, when they host the Tacoma Rainiers (Triple-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners) at Raley Field, at 7:05 p.m.

“We are always looking for ways to make the River Cats experience more memorable and affordable for our fans. So, we are excited to announce that online convenience fees will be reduced

by up to 50 percent when purchasing tickets through Ticketmaster,” said River Cats President, GM and COO, Alan Ledford. “This decrease will make River Cats baseball even more affordable and accessible during the upcoming 2011 season.”

The Raley Field Ticket Office will open for the 2011 season on Saturday, March 12. With tickets

starting at just \$7, fans can ‘Catch the feeling’ and experience the excitement of River Cats baseball all summer at Raley Field.

2011 River Cats Season Tickets, Mini-Plans and group outings can be purchased by calling the River Cats Ticket Hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487). The Raley Field Ticket Office will open on Saturday, March 12 for the 2011 season. For more information about the 2011 River Cats season and promotional schedule, visit [www.rivercats.com](http://www.rivercats.com). For information on other events at Raley Field, visit [www.raleysfield.com](http://www.raleysfield.com).

# Man Sentenced to Prison After Pleading Guilty To Drunk Driving Charge

From the Office of Placer County District Attorney

**Placer County** – A 51-year-old Truckee man with a history of violence and substance abuse has been sent to prison for 25 years to life after pleading guilty to a felony charge of driving in Placer County with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher.

Douglas Harold Doyle, whose criminal record includes a 1987 alcohol-related vehicular manslaughter conviction in which a 52-year-old schoolteacher was killed, was given the lengthy sentence under the state’s three-strike law.

Placer County Superior Court judges agreed with a prosecutor’s assessment that Doyle had run out of chances, and they rejected a defense attorney’s motion to remove one or both of Doyle’s previous felony strikes prior to his Feb. 2 sentencing by Judge Colleen Nichols.

In an opposition motion filed last year with the court, prosecutor Christopher Cattran of the Placer County District Attorney’s Office cited five felony convictions, four misdemeanor convictions and four prior sentencings to state prisons, including one in Nevada, as proof that Doyle merited both a third felony strike for his latest DUI and the 25-years-to-life sentence.

Besides the manslaughter case, Cattran wrote about Doyle’s drug and drunken driving convictions, his repeated parole violations and two domestic violence convictions, including an incident in 2007 in which he injured a girlfriend by striking her in the abdomen with a sword.

“The defendant’s prior performance on parole and probation



Douglas Harold Doyle, 51, was given the lengthy sentence under the state’s three-strike law.

has been woeful,” Cattran wrote.

The prosecutor noted that Doyle had been released on parole from prison just four months before he was stopped on August 17, 2008, for driving erratically on Highway 89 near Alpine Meadows Road. His blood alcohol level was measured at 0.13 percent, Cattran wrote.

In his conclusion, Cattran wrote that Doyle, based on his criminal history, “is not outside the spirit of the three strikes law.”

“The defendant’s criminal conduct makes him a serious and continuing danger to society,” he wrote. “There is no reason for the defendant to escape the consequences of the choices he has made to repeatedly break the law.”

In an August 2010 pretrial hearing known as a Romero motion before Judge Larry D. Gaddis, Doyle and his attorney sought to avoid the felony third strike by having one or both of his previous strikes stricken from his record.

They blamed Doyle’s criminal problems on the use of alcohol, and the defendant vowed to stop drinking and that he’d follow any court-ordered alcohol-abuse programs.

Also present at that hearing was the daughter of Julie Fenley, the Tahoe City schoolteacher who was killed by Doyle in the 1987 manslaughter case on Highway 89.

The daughter, Kathleen Fenley, spoke to the court and expressed reservations about Doyle’s ability to lead a crime-free life.

“I am concerned that Mr. Doyle’s behavior over the last 23 years indicates that he’s not willing to do the work to come out and be a contributing member of society,” Fenley told Judge Gaddis.

She said that she had known and seen Doyle for many years in both a professional capacity and within the citizenry of the Tahoe-Truckee community and that he had “caused people a lot of harm along the way – repeatedly.”

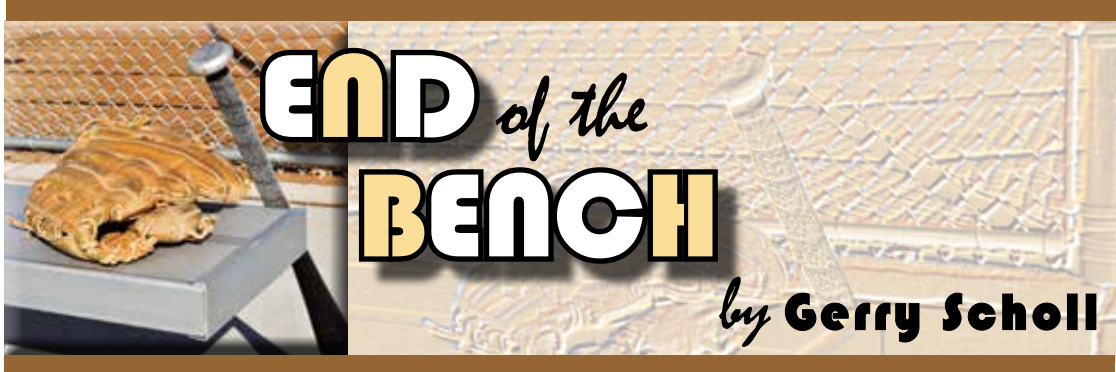
Fenley was concerned that Doyle, when drinking, might kill or harm someone else.

“My fear is that he will continue to drink and drive, continue to have a disrespect for the law and continue to commit crimes,” she told the court.

Gaddis denied Doyle’s motion to remove either of the two felony strikes in the August hearing, and Doyle subsequently entered a guilty plea in December to driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher with a prior conviction for vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Doyle also admitted to special allegations of having the two prior strikes and to special allegations of having served prior prison terms.

At Doyle’s sentencing last week, Judge Nichols denied a renewed motion by the defendant to have one or both strikes stricken from his criminal record.



How about that Super Bowl anyway?

Since I just started this new gig last week, I’ve got a little catching up to do. I really should pay homage to the big game...to the whole Super Bowl experience...as viewed by your typical sports fan.

But before we get started, let’s listen to a bunch of knuckleheads tell us who they think is going to win the big one...for about four hours! No time for that; there’s a killer macaroni salad to make. Then it’s hit the showers and trim those troublesome wavy wild gray hairs from the beard. Find a clean pair of pants that still fit and a long shirt to wear untucked so the top button on those pants could be set free! And off to the races to find a good spot on my buddy’s couch. Sure is a lot of traffic right now...

A look around the room and it’s the usual suspects. A handful of locals and most of the older guys from the softball team. Most of the wives have given up on this deal, though some must still be helping out because the food’s pretty good. That’s a good dip, and that potato salad, and that skinny-noodle thing again with the brown sauce and extras. A couple slices of ham with mustard and a couple beef—don’t have the vegetarians

in the family here looking over my shoulder. Hey! I’ll be back for more and more, but there’s a better seat!

Wait! What’s that noise! Oh. The flyover!

OK! Let’s kick it off! No? Not yet? Commercial, commercial, commercial. That’s alright. Gives me time to get a couple more bucks down in the pool. Is this illegal? To me it’s not gambling. After all these years I’ve never won a thing. Put my kids’ names in once and my son won fifty bucks (made him give me half for gas money). Commercial, commercial, commercial. Funny how the host and the guy who runs the pool win so often. Hmnnnnnn?

Oh, wow, the game’s on. Steelers got nothin’ and the Packers are driving. Whoaaaaaa...touchdown! Nice! Gotta root for the Packers, even after what they’ve done to the Niners in the past. This Aaron Rodgers kid seems like a fine young lad (Would you want him to date your daughter?) That Ben Roethlisberger...a pretty sketchy fellow at best...keep him outta here.

Comm., comm., comm. Kickoff. Runback. Comm., comm., comm. Interceptionnnnnnn...touchdown, Packers; 14-0. Comm., comm., comm. Kickoff. Runback. Comm.,

comm., comm. Gotta get more food.

Comm., comm., comm. What’s happening? 21-10 at the half. Comm., comm., comm. I’ve had enough. I don’t need these babies telling me how to invest money I don’t have, or these dogs and ponies selling me beer I don’t like. And I prefer Sun Chips over Doritos, though the Nacho Cheese ones are great for taco salad. Oh. There’s the Black Eyed Peas giving their own act a black eye. Think I’ll go outside and digest.

Game on? Ok. Steelers making a game of it; interesting. Looks like they’re gonna come up short. A late Packer drive and field goal could do it. Can Big Ben pull a miracle? No! 31-25, Packers. Good for them. Could the Niners or Raiders do this next year? Not likely.

But you know what the Super Bowl really means to me? “Pitchers and catchers report soon,” as my old catcher and battery mate reminds me. Softball spring training is right around the corner. Time for those New Years resolutions that wait till mid-February to kick in. Think I’ll start with my “less-cream diet.” Less cream in my coffee. Less sour cream on my omelettes. Less whipped cream on my smaller portions of after-dinner ice cream.

# Man Gets 10-Year Prison Sentence for Drugs & Weapons Case

From the Office of Placer County District Attorney

**Placer County** – A 27-year-old man who was arrested in an undercover drug bust in Roseville has been sent to state prison for 10 years after reaching a plea arrangement with Placer County prosecutors.

Patrick Wayne Grady of Sacramento received the sentence Feb. 4 from Placer County Superior Court Judge Colleen Nichols after entering a plea of no contest to a felony charge of selling a controlled substance.

Grady also admitted to special allegations that he was carrying firearms in the drug deal. Those admissions enhanced the number of years on his prison sentence.

A co-defendant in the case,



Patrick Wayne Grady, 27, of Sacramento, was sentenced on a felony charge

Breaonna Nunes, 21, of Sacramento, failed to appear in court for the hearing, causing Nichols to issue a \$25,000 bench warrant for her arrest. The drug and weapons charges against her remain unresolved.

Nunes is the ex-girlfriend of Ruben Cesar Salgado, the former California Highway Patrol officer who was convicted of soliciting the murder of an informant in a drug deal in which Salgado had been previously arrested and charged. Salgado is now serving a three-year prison sentence.

Just hours after Salgado was sentenced in a Roseville courtroom on Oct. 4, 2010, Grady was arrested in a car parked outside a hotel on Harding Boulevard in Roseville for trying to sell drugs to undercover police officers. Nunes was in the car with him and was also charged.

According to the District Attorney’s criminal complaint, Grady brought methamphetamine into Placer County to conduct a sale and he had loaded guns in the vehicle.

# Watershed Protection Grants to be Considered

\$10 Million in Watershed Protection Grants to be Considered at Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s March 3 Placerville Board Meeting Board to Visit Wakamatsu Silk Colony and Coloma State Park

**Auburn** – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s (SNC) Governing Board will consider the approval of \$10 million in bond-funded watershed conservation grants and will make a field trip to both the SNC-funded Gold Hill Ranch Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony and the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma on March 2-3.

“The projects under consideration will provide jobs and a variety of benefits to the Sierra Nevada Region, including reducing the risk of large damaging fires, restoring meadows, supporting working ranches, and improving water quality,” said SNC Executive Officer Jim Branham. “This work is important to all Californians who enjoy the water, scenic beauty, and other resources the Sierra Nevada provides.”

Nonprofit organizations and government agencies apply for the funds through a competitive process. The funds come from Proposition 84 the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act (2006). Over the past five years, the SNC has already distributed approximately \$30 million in Proposition 84 funding. (A listing of project recommendations for the 2010-11 solicitation is included in the meeting agenda.)

The board will tour the historic

Wakamatsu site near Placerville, which was recently purchased by the American River Conservancy, with the support of a \$1 million grant from the SNC in 2009. The next stop on the tour will be nearby Marshall Gold Discovery State Park.

The board will also hear an update on the SNC’s Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative (SNFCI) to assist local communities as they work to ensure public forest lands are managed in a way that will improve forest health while contributing positively to the local Sierra economy. All 22 counties in the SNC Region endorsed SNFCI in 2010.

“The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is focused on the well-being of Sierra residents, our watersheds, wildlife and forests,” Branham said. “SNFCI is designed to help us work with those who manage our forests and those who live in the Sierra to find sustainable solutions that will make our forests healthier while creating local jobs and assist in our economic recovery.”

The board will be updated on development of the SNC’s geotourism efforts, as well as its strategic plan, which will guide the organization’s actions over the next three years.

The field trip will begin at the main parking lot behind the Cary House Hotel, 300 Main St. in

Placerville, at 1:15 p.m. The board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 3, at Placerville’s Town Hall, located at 549 Main Street.

The public is welcome to attend both events and should plan on providing their own transportation for the field trip. Additional information about the meeting, the tour and SNFCI can be found at [www.sierranevada.ca.gov](http://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 \$30 million in grants for projects including fuels reduction, conservation easements and acquisitions and watershed and habitat restoration. Funding for these projects comes from Proposition 84 passed by voters in 2006. The SNC’s main source of operational support is from the Environmental License Plate Fund.

The SNC Governing Board meets quarterly around the Sierra Nevada Region, which spans 25 million acres, encompasses all or part of 22 counties and runs from the Oregon border on the north to southeast of Bakersfield. Six of the 13 voting members are county supervisors from within the SNC Region.



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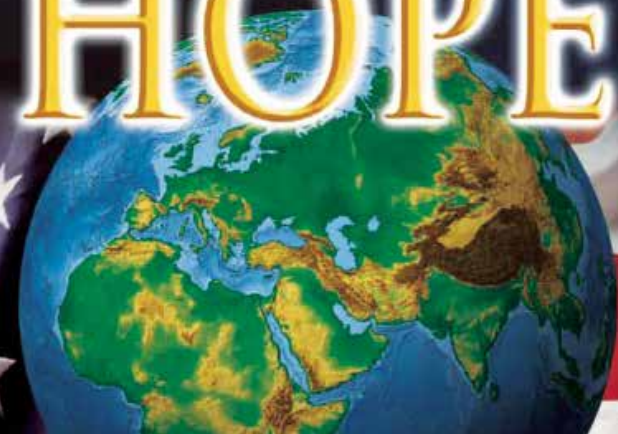

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