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## New Natural Wonders Forever Fund Supports Permanent Protection of Placer Landscape



**At the Auburn School Park Preserve, Placer Land Trust presented their founding gift of \$100,000 to the Placer Community Foundation to establish the Natural Wonders Forever endowment fund.**

Shown in photo: Fred Yeager, President of the Board for Placer Land Trust; Jeff Darlington, Executive Director of Placer Land Trust; Larry Welch, Board Member for both Placer Land Trust and Placer Community Foundation; Veronica Blake, CEO of Placer Community Foundation; and Jeff Birkholz, Board Chairman for Placer Community Foundation.

Auburn - On the first day of spring, Placer Land Trust is renewing its commitment to permanently protect our natural and agricultural lands for future generations in Placer County. Placer Land Trust has established the Natural Wonders Forever endowment fund at the Placer Community Foundation to provide a secure and sustainable source of annual earnings needed to manage and steward protected land ... forever. "This endowment fund will grow over time with investments from the trust and from community members,"

states Jeff Darlington, Executive Director of Placer Land Trust. "When you contribute through the Natural Wonders Forever fund, you become part of a community effort to protect our rural heritage and quality of life." Establishing the fund at the Placer Community Foundation furthered a partnership that has grown between the two organizations over the years. Members of the respective boards of directors have worked together on philanthropic projects such as the Auburn School Park Preserve, and Placer Land Trust's fundraising

campaign to acquire the 1,773-acre Bruin Ranch on the Bear River. "It made sense to open the Natural Wonders Forever fund at the Placer Community Foundation because they are a trusted, local resource for donors and they offer the financial stewardship necessary to manage endowment funds such as ours," states Fred Yeager, President of the Board for Placer Land Trust. The Trust made an initial gift of \$100,000 to start the fund. Endowment funds work by investing the principal of a charitable

gift—using only the interest to make grants in the community. For the Natural Wonders Forever fund, the result is a pool of gifts that continue to grow and support the work of Placer Land Trust for generations to come. "Our board believes in the work of Placer Land Trust," states Jeff Birkholz, Chairman of the Board for Placer Community Foundation. "We are very pleased to be the charitable conduit for people to support their work. Through this fund Placer Land Trust can continue to preserve the natural landscape we all enjoy in Placer County."

In 1991, a handful of community leaders felt that the rapid development in Placer County needed to be balanced with the protection of its rural beauty. These visionaries launched the Placer Land Trust, which today has worked with willing landowners to permanently preserve over 7,000 acres of land across Placer County - including critical natural resources, healthy watersheds, scenic and recreation lands, and working farms and ranches. Placer Land Trust was accredited by the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission in 2008, and in 2010, completed its largest project ever, the acquisition of the 1,773-acre Bruin Ranch on the Bear River. More importantly, today Placer Land Trust is a sustainable organization, with five staff, dozens of volunteers, 500 contributing members, and the fiscal health to fund its ongoing obligation to manage and steward our region's protected lands forever. To donate to the Natural Wonders Forever Fund visit [www.placercf.org](http://www.placercf.org) or call 530.885.4920.

## Toastmasters Awards International Speech and Contest Winners



**Left to right: Area 63 Governor Elizabeth Dedmon (Placers Gold Toastmasters), Speech contest Winner David Sawka (Voices of Lincoln Toastmasters), and Placers Gold Toastmasters President Pam Alexandra.** Photo provided by Placer County Toastmasters.

Auburn - The Area 63 Toastmasters International speech and evaluation contests were held at the Placer County Community Development Resource Center on March 19th. The host club was Placer's Gold Toastmasters in Auburn (<http://placersgold.freetoasthost.com>). The event was chaired by the Area 63 Governor Elizabeth Dedmon. David Sawka from the Voices of Lincoln Toastmasters club (<http://volt.freetoasthost.net>) came first in the Speech contest. He entertained the crowd with his story about his superdad. He talked about how he learnt compassion, love, and commitment from his dad. He used excellent vocal variations, and wonderful gestures to make the speech very memorable. The first runner-up was Joe Gencur whose speech was titled "Words Matter". His speech was on a 7 year old child who wanted to play soccer and how he made a difference in this child's life. Kathy Culverson was second runner-up with her speech on raising a child with special needs. All the speakers did an excellent job and showed off their speaking skills, their wonderful vocal variety and gestures.

It accentuated sincerity. She gave Emma suggestions on how she could improve on her talents in the future by better communicative use of hands and modifying the title of the speech. David Sawka came in second place and Robert Hipwell from the Articulators club placed third. The speech and evaluation contest winners go on to compete in the Division level contest to be held in Sacramento on April 2nd, 2011. Once they win the Division level contest, they go on to compete at the District and then the International levels. Toastmasters is an International Organization that helps foster better communication, speaking, listening, and thinking skills - vital to fostering self-confidence, personal growth and enhanced leadership potential. Through participation in the Toastmasters Communication and Leadership Program, people from all backgrounds learn to speak effectively, conduct meetings, improve leadership skills, teamwork, delegate, and motivate. Placer's Gold Toastmasters in Auburn is a friendly, encouraging club and is open to the public. Visitors are always welcome to see firsthand what Toastmasters can do for them. They are proud to be a community of strong mutual respect and support. The club meets at the 3091 County Center Drive in Auburn (west of Highway 49, at the corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive) at the Placer County Community Development Agency Building every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:00 P.M. Members and visitors may bring their bag lunch to the meeting if desired. You can get more information about what Toastmasters can do for you at <http://placersgold.freetoasthost.com>. You can contact them at [placertm@gmail.com](mailto:placertm@gmail.com) or 530-889-4251. The other club in Auburn is Gold Country Toastmasters (<http://goldcountry.freetoasthost.biz>)

## William Jessup University, Sierra College Foundation Partner to Assist Former Foster Youth

Placer County - William Jessup University and the Sierra College Foundation are asking for donated laptops to support a new program called "Fostering Care in Education" and designed to assist former foster youth. More than 150 students who have aged out of the foster care system are currently attending Sierra College. William Jessup University and Sierra College Foundation are partnering together to expand a program to help former foster youth succeed. "Our goal is to equip these students with a laptop for the start of the 2011

fall semester," said Kathleen Tucker, Director of the University Fund at William Jessup. "We want to reach out to our surrounding communities for more donated laptops to support this much needed program." WJU's Information Technology department will erase and reimage the donated laptops and install the Microsoft operating licenses purchased by Sierra College Foundation. "We appreciate the support that William Jessup University is providing to Sierra College students," said Sonbol Aliabadi, Executive Director

of the Sierra College Foundation. "The needs of these young people are often overlooked." Unfortunately, many foster youth generally grow up in numerous homes with few life skills or tangible items to call their own and are sent out into the world with no money or source of income. Laptops can be donated at the Sierra College Foundation office, located at 5000 Rocklin Road in Rocklin or contact the Foundation office at 916-660-7020. WJU's Advancement Office is also accepting laptops, at 333 Sunset Boulevard

or call 916-577-1811 for more information. The Sierra College Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization that raises money from private donors to support students, college programs and the future of Sierra College. The Foundation gives the community the opportunity to invest in the development of quality educational opportunities. For more information, please visit [www.sierracollege.edu/foundation](http://www.sierracollege.edu/foundation) or call 916-660-7020.

## Local Agencies Offer "Spring Into Safety"

Placer County - Law enforcement and fire agencies in the Foresthill community are keeping the "public" in public service by hosting "Spring Into Safety" on Thursday, April 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Foresthill Veteran's Memorial Hall. The Placer County Sheriff's Office, Foresthill and Iowa Hill Fire Protection Districts, California Highway Patrol, US Forest Service,

California Department of Fish and Game, and other public protection agencies in Foresthill, will present information on a variety of topics ranging from gun safety, carbon monoxide poisoning prevention, traffic law updates, hunter safety provisions, and more. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the sheriff substation sergeant, Foresthill and Iowa Hill Fire

administrators, resident deputies and highway patrol officers, game wardens, forest service law enforcement officers, the high school resource officer, and sheriff and fire volunteers and cadets. A variety of safety literature will also be available for reference. Rescue vehicles and special equipment will be on display outside for viewing before the event. Child care for kids over the age of five

will be available on-site; by prior appointment only. Each family will receive a prize ticket upon arrival entering them in a free drawing to win a ride in a sheriff or fire vehicle and to be taken out for dessert with a public safety representative. For more information, and child care reservations, please call Community Services Officer Amanda Rogers at (530) 889-6922.

Kimber Goodman from Placer's Gold Toastmasters in Auburn was judged the best evaluator of the several contestants in the evaluation contest. She wowed the crowd and came out on top with her evaluation of Emma Santa's speaking skills using her gentle, and masterful wordsmith skills. Kimber's eloquent and descriptive use of words, along with her wonderful gestures and vocal variety made her evaluation the best one hands down. She praised the meritorious aspects of Emma's speech and how her speech affected her. She said Emma had a natural and sincere skill and said Emma conveyed her words with her voice very well.

# Upward Sports Brings Community Together



Auburn - Parkside Church of Auburn just ended their first season of Upward Sports Basketball for grades kindergarten through 6th grade. Week after week kids and their parents along with a devoted team of volunteers participated in a "safe for the whole family" basketball league that literally brought the community together. How can you go wrong

with a motto that says "Every child plays, every child learns, every child is a winner,"?

The idea for the Upward Sports basketball league came from the Lead Pastor, Donny Crandall. To get things started Mr. Crandall spent a countless number of hours going into every local elementary school and church he could find in the area and distributed brochures about Upward Sports. His goal was to bring children and families together in a safe environment and give them a non-expensive way to enjoy the sport of basketball. This year close to 100 children signed up and every family had a blast!

Because this year was so successful Parkside Church is expecting to at least double in attendance next year with reports of a sister church experiencing a 300% increase in attendance from year #1 to year #2. One thing is for sure and that is that Parkside Church is committed to doing what it takes to be "a church for the community" and they are looking forward to the future as they use Upward Sports as the vehicle to bring the community together one family at a time.

For more information about Parkside Church please call 530.823.9911 or check out their website at [www.parksidenaz.org](http://www.parksidenaz.org).

# Silent Angels Assist Touch of Home



Rosemary Frieborn of Used Book Store at Raley Shopping Center and her two rescue dogs donating books to Operation: MOM for packages for the troops.

From Pat Thomas, Operation: MOM

Auburn - A small group of gals got together a year ago to "do good" in our community. A recipient dubbed

the group "Silent Angels". Each month one member picks a project, the month of March, Mary Fischer, picked Operation: MOM. This is a non-profit organization which

supports our military and their families. Over 100 "Touch of Home" packages are sent monthly to our deployed. A returning Marine spoke to Operation:MOM recently and let them know some favorites were, coffee, reading materials, turkey and beef jerky. Rosemary Frieborn agreed to donate 500 books for 60 hours of volunteer work at the used book store in Auburn. Rosemary has been running the book store located in the Raley's shopping center for a year this March. She has been raising funds for the local SPCA. She is no stranger to helping in the community, she ran the Cat House located in the Dewitt center, then moved to the Lincoln Way location. Sounds like everyone will win on this project!

If you wish to get involved, contact, Operation MOM: Pat Ryan Group Leader; [pcoperationmom@gmail.com](mailto:pcoperationmom@gmail.com) or stop by the used book store and sign up to volunteer hours. Thank you for your support!!

# Placer Food Bank Seeks Donations for Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Placer County - Placer Food Bank is currently seeking donations of hand-crafted ceramic bowls for their Empty Bowls fundraiser set for May 3 and 4, 2011. The event is the first of its kind for the non-profit, which is modeling the fundraiser after the nationwide movement to raise hunger awareness and funds by hosting a simple meal. The empty bowls symbolize those who do not have enough to eat.

"We have seen a tremendous increase in the number of individuals

who rely on local food pantries and feeding programs for supplemental or emergency food," noted Dave Martinez, Executive Director of Placer Food Bank. "Over the past three years the number of individuals we serve has grown 168 percent. Currently the need has outpaced our ability to fund it," he added.

The Food Bank expects to serve approximately 400 individuals at the event, and is relying on the generosity of ceramic artists, art students and

hobbyists to provide the hand-crafted bowls. "The bowls are the highlight of an Empty Bowls event and guests will be able to select from the bowls on display," Martinez commented. "I understand that some long-time Empty Bowl participants have built up quite a collection of bowls."

Individuals interested in donating one or more bowls for the event can email the food bank at [info@placerfoodbank.org](mailto:info@placerfoodbank.org), or contact Mary at 916-521-4456.

# "Tutor Time": Helping Students One-on-One

[www.greaterplacer.assistanceleague.org](http://www.greaterplacer.assistanceleague.org)



Left to right: Assistance League member Gail Wood and Rock Creek School teacher Mrs. Lopez King discuss a classroom assignment.

Placer County - Since the year 2000, member volunteers from Assistance League® of Greater Placer have gone into local schools to help students in the lower grades, by tutoring them one-on-one. Last year, 33 members donated 696 hours to this program, assisting 212 students. Currently there are 36 Assistance League volunteers providing support at three schools in Auburn and one in

Roseville. Tutor Time Chairman, Sally Klink explains that tutors help students with math, reading, and other academic subjects. This philanthropic tutoring program is appreciated by the schools more than ever, in light of the current cuts to education funding.

Assistance League member, Gail Wood, helps in the kindergarten class of Mrs. Lopez King at Rock Creek School. She says it's fun to

see the students respond when she's helping them. Mrs. Lopez King said, about the program, "It's fantastic! I don't know what we would do without them. It's a gift." Susie Hardman, Office Administrator at Rock Creek School, stated, "We are fortunate to have Assistance League partner with us at Rock Creek. With the tutors' help, students have a better understanding of things they learn in class."

The Operation School Bell® program originated in 1958 in Bakersfield, California and began in 1992 in the Greater Placer communities. This Assistance League program provides new school clothing, shoes, personal grooming kits, backpacks, school supplies, dictionaries, educational puppet performances, and Tutor Time (tutoring) to public school children in need ranging from Head Start through 12th grade.

Funds for all Assistance League programs come from fundraisers, donations and money raised by selling reusable clothing, household items and furniture in our Thrift Shop at 1263 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn.

# Rejection of ObamaCare Gives Lawmakers, Governor Opportunity for Do-Over

By Assemblyman Dan Logue

Democrats and Republicans alike are anxiously waiting to see whether the job-killing, government-run health care law signed last year by President Obama survives its legal challenges. Just last month a federal judge deemed the "lynchpin" component of "ObamaCare"—the individual mandate that requires everyone to purchase the kind of health care coverage the government thinks is best for you—to be unconstitutional.

Although California has "taken the lead" in advancing ObamaCare, which could cause the collapse of our entire health care delivery system, it is not too late for lawmakers and the Governor to see the writing on the wall and seize the opportunity for a do-over.

As Vice-Chair of the Assembly Health Committee, I feel that now is the time to embrace reforms to make health care more affordable and accessible. Adopting fiscally-responsible reforms can improve the economy and reduce the number of

uninsured, without growing government or raising taxes.

Jobs are leaving California because Sacramento has made it too expensive to create and retain them. This includes health care. Costly mandates and high taxes imposed by the Legislature have made health care more expensive for providers and employers.

Instead of nationalizing health care, why not move into the 21st century and give patients more affordable health care choices by allowing out-of-state health plans to sell their products across state lines in California?

Let's allow Californians of all income levels to take advantage of personal health accounts, whereby individuals set aside money in tax-free accounts for health care. These contributions are often matched in whole or part by the employer. For those on a fixed income, charitable and taxpayer-subsidized contributions to a personal health account could replace our archaic Medi-Cal system.

The key to reform is empowering patients to decide for themselves how to spend health care dollars.

But replacing ObamaCare with a single payer, or government-run, health care system is the wrong approach. Under government-run health care, visiting the doctor would be like visiting the DMV - long lines, higher costs and bureaucrats making health care decisions for you. This will mean higher taxes and fewer jobs.

Working families oppose government-run health care because they know it will hurt their wallets and the economy. It's time Sacramento listens to the people for a change and works together to give Californians the affordable health care options they are seeking. Reforming health care the right way may be just the boost we need to get our economy back on track.

Assemblyman Dan Logue, R-Linda, represents the 3rd Assembly District in the California Legislature.

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# Dollars and Sense

by James J. Scherer, MBA, CPA



## Paid While You Wait

there yesterday, only to wait, doing absolutely nothing, as hours passed by. Our work slogan became "hurry up and wait". I remember one particular time when my squad boss told us to quite complaining about it. He said don't worry about the waiting because "it all pays the same". And just that fast a light went on. We got paid to wait! This fact soothed our impatience and made all the difference.

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newspapers articles, etc.

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Time your sells and buys—Current markets are on a roller coaster. Be vigilant of potential opportunities.

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I supplemented my college expenses working for the U.S. Forest Service. In late August we were always invited to Southern California. You know, to help save the multimillion dollar houses from burning up.

Government is always in crisis mode. This means they create a crisis, and then expect you to snap to attention as they bark orders to solve the crisis. Fire fighting is no different. At every juncture point we had to be

Commentary by William Diehl, Whiskey & Gunpowder

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Before the mid 1950s, there was no "retirement" as we use the term today. A 1950 poll showed most workers aspired to work for as long as possible. Quitting was for the disabled. Life did not offer "twilight years," two decades of uninterrupted leisure courtesy of the U.S. taxpayer.

Just since 1960, the percentage of men over 65 still working has dropped by half. And the average retirement age keeps falling. It's down to 62, which gives the average man 18 years to be retired in its current meaning. It is not unusual to see people ending their careers in their mid-fifties.

This is one of the monumental changes in the fabric of society wrought by the government that has so altered the integrity of the people.

As someone on a payroll until the age of 79, and now employed on a non-compensated basis, I came to see that I was regarded as something of a freak. Was I trying to set some sort of record? Had I failed to accumulate a large enough estate?

There seemed to be some feelings too that I was somehow un-American, and a poor reflection on a generation that is supposed to be enjoying the good life.

Observing my generation opt for leisure, I see all sorts of adaptations. One described his life in Florida as meeting the same three golfers on the first tee at the same time each day for nine holes, then lunch in the clubhouse, nine holes after lunch, shower, gin and tonic, and then back to the condo to dress for dinner. When asked if this was the routine for every day, he said, "No, I help my wife clean on Tuesday."

This is what I'm supposed to aspire to?

Another friend, in answer, said,

"I sleep as late as I can because I don't know what to do when I get up."

The remark heard most frequently is "I've been so busy since I retired, I don't know how I ever had time for my job" or "Retirement is so wonderful, I should have retired sooner."

At this point it might be in order to ask — "Busy doing what?"

Many of those who retire at 55, 60, 65, or 70 are some of the most experienced, knowledgeable, and capable people in the workforce. Rather than occupying positions that might be available to younger people, they could be creating and expanding job opportunities for others.

There is a sense of self-worth that comes from working to a purpose that is essential to well-being, whether the task involves major responsibility or physical exertion, as both require diligence and daily attendance.

How did we come to this slough of despondency? Like so many of our present disorders, it was the siren call of the great white father in Washington: "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

With Social Security, Medicare, and public pensions, the government has created a large new class of dependents who see no necessity to save or to accept responsibility for themselves, their offspring, or their parents.

As this fatally flawed scheme proceeds toward disaster, the beneficiaries are so insistent that their benefits be maintained and are such a strong political force, that few congressmen have the temerity to say publicly what everyone knows: payments cannot be sustained. Those who are working are paying benefits that will not be available to themselves.

Buddha on his deathbed admonished his followers to, above all, observe strenuousness. How

strange that sounds in today's world. Our culture denies this essential virtue to our seniors, who have become dilettantes.

As we observe able-bodied citizens hiking the malls or sampling the midnight buffets on the cruise ships, we are struck by their purposelessness, and the overwhelming boredom they manifest. There is no need to arise in the morning, or any necessity to go to bed on time. Their reason for existence has ceased. They have lost the respect of those who support them, and lost their self-respect in the process.

A story is told of one who had led a long and eventful life. When the time came to cross the deep lake, he was pleased with the skiff and the oarsman as well as his welcome and the accommodations furnished him. The surroundings were beautiful, the weather pleasant, and the food more than adequate. After a few weeks, he wanted to try his hand at gardening again, but that could not be arranged. After repeated requests to work in the dining hall or on the grounds, he cried in exasperation, "This is no better than Hell." The reply came from above, "Where did you think you were?"

Irving Babbitt reflected on the nature of work, how it was seen in the past as a God-given calling, and indeed served to define a person. With the loss of vocation has come a loss of identification.

To remedy this loss does not require legislation or public awareness. The solution is within the grasp of everyone who has decided to continue to be productive. It often means a change in occupation. It may mean giving up benefits and accepting a lower wage, or no wage at all. But a reason for living, and a retention of identity, are surely sufficient remuneration.

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## PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

### Annual Inspection of the Holding Facilities in Placer County

The Placer County Grand Jury releases a report on the annual inspection of holding facilities in Placer County.

Auburn – Placer County Grand Jury conducted annual inspections of all holding facilities in Placer County on March 18. The Grand Jury concludes

the overall operations of the holding facilities within the County are clean, organized, and well maintained. However, the Grand Jury recommends a new motor be installed for the sally port gate at the historic Auburn Courthouse, which can be electrically and manually operated, and replacement of the Sheriff's

Substation at Burton Creek. The report is available at the <http://www.PlacerGrandJury.org>. The Placer County Grand Jury is an investigatory body with the authority to act as a watchdog on local government, investigate citizen complaints, and assist in criminal matters at the request of the district attorney.

### Annual Inspection of the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility

The Placer County Grand Jury releases March 18 report on the annual inspection of the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Auburn – The 2010-2011 Grand Jury inspected the Juvenile Detention Facility on September 22, 2010, and found it to be clean, well maintained,

and appropriately staffed. The web-based security cameras are installed and fully functional. The medical service provided to the minors, by California Forensics Medical Group (CFMG) is efficient and trusted by the staff and minors. The Grand Jury recommends staffing the third classroom with a certificated

teacher, with relevant credentials. The report is available at the <http://www.PlacerGrandJury.org>. The Placer County Grand Jury is an investigatory body with the authority to act as a watchdog on local government, investigate citizen complaints, and assist in criminal matters at the request of the district attorney.

### The Placer County Grand Announces Sessions to Learn About Serving on the Grand Jury

Auburn – The current 2010 – 2011 Placer County Grand Jury is sponsoring two (2) one-hour Meet and Greet sessions to give prospective jurors the opportunity to discuss the workings of the Grand Jury.

Session 1 will be held:  
WHERE: Placer County Office of Education, Burns Room, 360 Nevada Street, Auburn  
WHEN: Tuesday, April 5, 2011,

at 7:00 PM  
Session 2 will be held:  
WHERE: Bill Santucci Justice Center, Second Floor Jury Conference Room, 10820 Justice Center Drive, Roseville  
WHEN: Friday, April 15, 2011, at 3:00 PM  
At each session, there will be a brief presentation about the Grand Jury followed by time to meet and

question previous jurors about their experiences. More information about the Placer County Grand Jury is available at the <http://www.PlacerGrandJury.org>. The Placer County Grand Jury is an investigatory body with the authority to act as a watchdog on local government, investigate citizen complaints, and assist in criminal matters at the request of the district attorney.



## Around Town with Loyce Smallwood

Auburn - Dynamic Downtown: Check out St. Luke's Victorian Attic Thrift Shop DT Auburn on Lewis off Lincoln Way where on Monday you'll run into colorful, veteran volunteer Anne Holmes who clearly enjoyed herself at the recent Mardi Gras fundraiser which drew an all-day crowd helping to bring in funds for St. Luke's many community causes. Down Lincoln Way next to the State Theatre in the Victorian-style building is the newly located but veteran alternative health practitioner Donna Arz and her Healing Light Institute and associates including a chiropractor, an acupuncturist and massage therapists Phyllis Ingmire and Michele McCreery. And speaking of our local radio station KAH1, the

vivacious and spirited personality/ host Mary Jane Popp will be sharing her media and writing experiences with the public at the SPARKS gathering Thursday, March 24 at 1:30pm at Courthouse Coffee in OT Auburn where fellow authors Ron Montana and Edna Sparkes will probably be at the ready to book-talk their own tomes. Montana serves as an Officer of The Grange and can also be found at The Grange flea market on Bell Road in Auburn on the First Saturday of the month selling his assortment of goods. The lively Sparkes stays active volunteering and on Fridays can be found out at DeWitt Placer School for Adults embellishing her ceramic creations along with Yours Truly. On March 26 on the KAH1 Seniors First program on 950AM at (ouch!) 6am you can grab a listen—or stream later—to The StringAlong's merry uke group led by talented Vic

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Anne Holmes at St. Lukes Mardi Gras Fundraiser

## Who Objects to Free Speech?

Commentary by Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

Free speech has always been one of our most cherished rights. It has come under attack repeatedly by those who find it to be an inconvenient and unwanted obstacle to the attainment of their political goals. Sometimes, those in positions of power ignore the First Amendment and issue laws and regulations to silence their opponents. Other times, politicians or citizens work on an unofficial level, resorting to influence or intimidation to achieve censorship.

President John Adams signed the Sedition Act to criminalize "false, scandalous, and malicious writing" against the government or its officials. Americans didn't like the federal government censoring expression or presuming to determine truth, so they canned Adams in the next election.

Abraham Lincoln jailed newspapermen whose comments on the Civil War were not to his liking.

In 1935, Franklin Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act, effectively curtailing employers' freedom to talk with their own employees about their company's financial condition and the affordability of wages and benefits.

Both Roosevelt and Richard Nixon imposed various wage and price controls. Since prices are the language through which present value is communicated between potential buyers and sellers, they essentially banned a form of free economic speech.

The assault on free speech seems to have accelerated in recent years. Freelance censors on the left have prevented dozens of conservatives from giving scheduled speeches on college campuses by shouts, chants, and even physical aggression.

A favorite tactic of global-warming propagandists has been to try to suppress dissenting views by urging reporters to ignore opposing

viewpoints. Stephen Schneider, from his well-funded government perch at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, called it "journalistically irresponsible to present both sides" of the story. Al Gore used to tell journalists not to waste time interviewing global-warming skeptics.

Under the Patriot Act, the FBI is empowered to issue gag orders against those whom they investigate—even harmless little old ladies.

The Obama administration seems particularly unfriendly toward free speech. Consider just a few examples:

- The president's FCC diversity officer, Mark Lloyd, has lamented that private media companies almost thwarted Hugo Chavez's "incredible" revolution in Venezuela, and wants to impose punitive fees on radio stations that broadcast conservative talk shows, lest they interfere with the accomplishment of the Obama revolution.
- The president's Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, publicly warned health-insurance companies that there would be "zero tolerance" for statements that contradicted the official party line on Obamacare.
- In December, the Federal Communications Committee (on a party-line 3-2 vote) imposed "net neutrality"—an innocuous-sounding phrase that disguises the elementary fact that the government wants some control over the Internet, the kind of power that the Chinese government has. (Incidentally, Verizon has filed suit against this unconstitutional power grab.)
- In his book, Democracy and the Problem of Free Speech, President Obama's head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Cass Sunstein, asserted, "the First Amendment ... is not so much a matter of protecting rights as ensuring sound public judgment through the process of public deliberation."

Sunstein believes that "people should be exposed to materials that they would not have chosen" and favors policies like federal guidelines for coverage of public issues and taxpayer-funded panels of "experts" to insure "diversity of views." So much for the principle of letting Americans listen to what they want.

In November, Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) mused publicly about the FCC shutting down Fox News and MSNBC (not exactly an equal trade, since relatively conservative Fox has multiples of the viewers of relatively liberal MSNBC) so that Americans could "have some faith in their government." Yep, don't let the people hear about what our great leaders are doing in Washington!

More recently, some voices on the left have exploited the tragedy in Tucson to rail against free political speech. (Personal disclaimer: I can't stand strident rhetoric and am on record in advocating self-restraint from hateful rhetoric.) The left shows a remarkable lack of confidence in the attractiveness of its agenda by resorting to attempts to suppress opposing points of view. Thomas Jefferson wrote, "It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself."

Rather than attempt to censor those with whom we disagree, let us welcome a vigorous debate. If you don't like what you hear, turn it off, but don't deny others the freedom to speak or hear various viewpoints. Jefferson again: If an opinion or argument "be false in its facts, disprove them; if false in its reasoning, refute it. But for God's sake, let us freely hear both sides if we choose."

Amen  
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## Dennis Prager to Speak April 4 in Orangevale

The lecture at Temple Or Rishon, located at 7755 Hazel Ave. in Orangevale, is Monday, April 4 at 8 p.m. Prager will be exploring the topic – "What Jews and Christians can learn from each other."

Tickets to attend the lecture only are \$25. Prior to his speaking engagement in Orangevale, the public can attend a dinner with Prager. The dinner is at 6 p.m. and costs \$125 per person.

To attend the dinner, receive an autographed copy of a Prager book, and reserve priority seating at the event, the cost is \$180. At the end of the lecture, there will be an opportunity to purchase Prager's books and to have them autographed.

To purchase tickets for the event or for more information, visit [www.dennispragerlecture.eventbrite.com](http://www.dennispragerlecture.eventbrite.com)

Prager is best-noted for his conservative political and social views emanating from Judeo-Christian values. He has lectured on all seven continents, in 45 U.S. states, and in nine of Canada's 10 provinces. Prager covers a variety of topics, from political issues to morality and religion. A skilled linguist, Prager has lectured in Russian in Russia, and in Hebrew in Israel. The "Dennis Prager Show" is a highly popular, nationally syndicated radio talk show that airs live on KRLA AM 870 in Los Angeles. He began broadcasting on KRLA in 1982 and his show became nationally syndicated in 1999 and can now be heard on approximately 75 stations nationwide.

The "Dennis Prager Show" airs locally on Sacramento radio station KTKZ AM 1380, from 9 a.m. until noon on Monday through Friday.

# Wall Street Costing California a Staggering \$650 Billion

**Sacramento Region** – A new statewide report released March 16th by the RE-Fund California, a coalition of homeowner and community organizations, shows that Wall Street foreclosure costs have hit California taxpayers and homeowners with a staggering \$650 billion price tag since 2008. In planned events throughout the state today, the groups will call on the banking industry to stop costing California communities and to support the solutions to the crisis they helped create. The groups and their supporters will announce the Homeowner Protection Package, a bold legislative package that will reduce foreclosures and raise roughly \$8 billion in revenue in 2011. The report, Home Wreckers: How Wall

Street Is Devastating Communities, brings to light the full impact of the foreclosure costs statewide and for each county that adds up to a minimum of \$650 billion and as much as \$1 trillion. This report is the first time the full set of costs to homeowners and taxpayers have been quantified in California—the hardest hit of all states with the most number of foreclosures. The costs to the state outlined include:

**Homeowner Cost:** Home value losses to foreclosed homes and neighboring homes total a minimum of \$632 billion—\$337,379 value loss per foreclosure to the surrounding community.

**Property Tax Cost:** As housing values decline, property tax revenue

losses are estimated to at least \$3.8 billion—\$2,058 property tax loss for every foreclosure.

**Local Government Cost:** Foreclosure-related costs for multiple agencies and multiple levels of government for maintenance of blighted properties, sheriff evictions, inspections, public safety, trash removal, and other costs are estimated to be \$17.4 billion and higher—\$19,229 cost for every foreclosure.

The report can be found by clicking: <http://www.homedefendersleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Home-Wreckers-Report-March-16-2011.pdf>

The legislation is one of three bills in the Homeowner Protection Package—a bold set of policy solutions to address the foreclosure crisis, including:

**Wall St Foreclosure Fee to Recoup Losses – AB 935 (Blumenfeld):** This bill would impose a fee of \$20,000 on a foreclosing party in order to mitigate the economic impact of foreclosures on cities, counties, schools districts and the state.

**Fair and Legal Modification – SB 729 (Leno/Steinberg):** This bill would require loan servicers to give homeowners a yes or no decision on their loan modification application before beginning the foreclosure process. It also allows homeowners to bring legal action with specified remedies when serious violations occur.

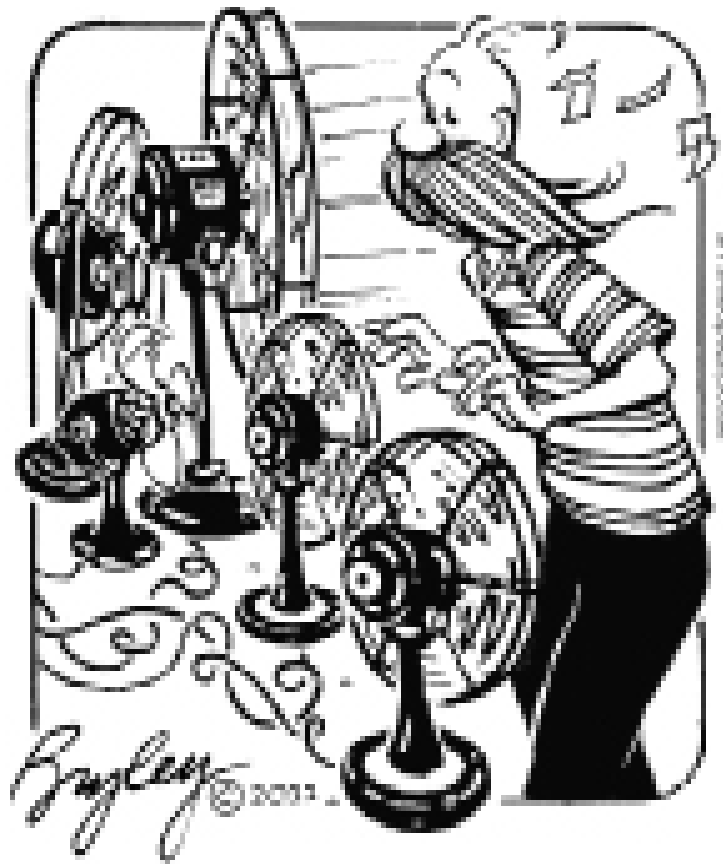
**Mortgage Title Transparency – AB 1321 (Wieckowski):** This bill would mandate recording of all mortgage deeds/trusts and assignments,

and payment of the requisite fees. It would also require that the mortgage note be filed prior to issuing a Notice of Default to ensure that the foreclosing party has the right to foreclose.

“The big banks caused the economic collapse, got bailed out with taxpayer’s money, are back to paying themselves millions in bonuses, and what do we get?” asks Peggy Mears, a leader of the Home Defenders League. “Californians are paying the price, over and over again, for the greed of the big banks.”

“Foreclosures uproot families, devastate communities, and contribute to our budget crisis,” said Assemblymember Bob Blumenfeld (D-San Fernando Valley). “While some profit from it, our state pays the hidden costs of foreclosures. My bill will help stop this downward spiral by creating a financial incentive to help keep families in their homes.”

The RE-Fund California coalition is led by the Home Defenders League (a project of the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment), PICO CA (People Improving Communities through Organizing), CRC (California Reinvestment Coalition) and SEIU Locals 1000, 521, 721 and 1021.



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## Loomis Student Earns Gonzaga University Honors List

**Loomis – Todd M. Ryland of Loomis** was named to the Gonzaga University President's List for fall semester 2010. Students must earn a 3.70 to 4.0 grade-point average

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## Seekers Wanted; Organized and Otherwise

hanging out everywhere. I wish they were more organized. I wish they would take the time to clean up themselves and their notebooks.

Yet, they are eager, excellent students, so I have to learn to set aside some of my obsessive-compulsive disorder and "cleanliness is next to godliness" proverbs and just help them where I can. Besides, I would rather have them be willing and curious but cluttered students than orderly and tidy slackers.

The same can be said about those who seek a relationship with Christ. Not all these seekers can be found inside the church or at the regular scheduled time of weekend worship. This doesn't mean there is no value to what happens in our houses of worship on Sunday (or whatever day one gathers), or that gathering in community isn't important.

It simply means that some very sincere seekers of Jesus may not come to us wearing their Sunday finest and polished wingtips. They may not have a big, red, memorized Bible tucked neatly beneath their arm. They may not have all their beliefs hammered out.

On the contrary they may be confused, conflicted, or plain clueless when it comes to life and their beliefs. Their personal, relational, and family

lives may be a disastrous mess (with scrap and crap everywhere). They may be rusty and moldy in places. But this doesn't mean these folks aren't on the path or that God isn't very busy in their lives.

Artist Andy Gray wrote a parable about a little boy who once stumbled upon a mysterious open door. In Namia-like fashion he entered to discover a beautiful garden inside, and in the midst of the garden, a great table heavy with a hearty feast. People were gathering to eat and celebrate.

In the crowd the child saw a man with a warm smile and inviting eyes standing at the head of the table. The boy wondered aloud, "Who is he?" The nearest guest answered, "He is the host of this feast. He opened the door and invited us in. He loves us."

The boy's eyes brightened and he moved toward the host. But the guest stopped the child and said, "If you do not know his name or the story of how he opened this door, you cannot be here. You must leave."

Ronnie McBrayer 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).

## Celebrate Positive Moments

someone has witnessed hearing or been present when an individual accepts and receives Jesus as Savior and Lord. And aren't these moments truly precious enough to deserve a personal celebration? Praise the Lord and sing Hallelujah!

This might give you an idea to celebrate one of these special moments and create a beautiful memory for your life. The day I became a Christian (July 24, 1968) was a special day that changed my life forever. This was a special moment when I finally understood God's personal love and forgiveness for me, bringing meaning and purpose into my life. I wanted to celebrate and honor God, so in 1988 on my twenty year of my Spiritual Birthday, I gave myself a special birthday party at a local restaurant inviting (about 40 people) family and friends as my guests to celebrate with me. Requesting no gifts on the invitation, on each place I had a special gift and program for each guest. Our church choir director played special music for the group to sing and I shared my testimony. This special moment provided me an opportunity to speak freely about my faith and trust in Almighty God sharing the Scriptures that had guided

my life. It was a joy sharing with the group—about the marvelous things God had accomplished within like enabling me to speak in front of people while they were enjoying a lovely meal.

Some special Scriptures were: "For God so loved the world, he sent that who gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". (John 3:16) "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33) "I can do all things through Christ Jesus". (Phil 4:13) "In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your Salvation in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13) and "adopted into God's family".

Pray about celebrating your special moments, God is smiling at you!

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By Marlys Norris,  
Christian Author

We celebrate births, birthdays, graduations, weddings, funerals but when it comes to special spiritual moments all too often we let them slip by without much thought. Most of the time people just automatically accept things what is said and done, never really celebrating those positive moments in their life. Positive precious moments like: (a) when someone informs you that God has heard and answered their prayers; (b) when someone shares that they have had a new revelation as to God's move in their lives; (c) of a person's healing, deliverance, repentance and/or commitment to follow Christ's teachings as Lord of their life; (d) and/or when

## Dealing with My Recent "Drug" Problem

By Rev. James L. Snyder

It all began for me about four months ago. I was busy with my work when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and interrupted me.

Really, I do not mind interruptions. An interruption, from anybody, is a wonderful excuse to stop what you are doing and take a break. The older I get the more breaks I seem to need.

"I think we ought to take a vacation," she said.

Well, when my wife comes up with a good idea she comes up with a good idea! I did not know if we were voting on it but if we were, she had my vote 100%. In my book, there is never a bad time to have a vacation.

"That sounds like a great idea," I said, thinking in the back of my head of all the places we could go and have a great vacation. "Did you have any place in mind?"

By the expression on her face, I knew she did. As far as I was concerned, any place would be fine with me. I am not choosy when it comes to having a good time. The only requirement is, having a good time.

After some discussion, we saw that it would take about four months to clear our schedule and coordinate it with the rest of the family. Having that done, we set about preparing for our vacation.

It seemed like forever but finally the day arrived for us to embark on our vacation. The place she chose for us was about a three-hour drive from our home. Just far enough to be away from home and yet close enough to get there in quick time. I never did like vacations that took two or three days to get there. By the time you get there and unpack, it's time to pack up and head for home. Where's the fun in that?

We arrived at our destination late Sunday evening, checked in and settled down for an evening of rest and relaxation. My vacation gear

includes, a laptop computer, my Bible and my Kindle. With those three things at hand, I am in virtual heaven.

The first thing on our schedule, at least on mine, was oversleeping. You know you are on vacation when you really don't have to get up in the morning. My plan was to sleep until the Sandman could not stand it any longer.

Early the next morning, and when I say early I mean before noon, I heard somebody say, "Well, are you ready?"

When I am on vacation I'm not very good with questions especially when they come before lunch time. After I have had a ravishing repast, I am up for any question you can throw at me.

But at this moment all I could say was, "Huh?"

One of the things that my wife does not like is when I answer her question with another question. But at the time, I was in a self-induced state of fogginess.

I rubbed my sleepy eyes and saw before me a well-dressed lady ready for something. I stared for a few moments before recognizing that it was my wife. The lump on her side of the bed turned out to be a bunch of pillows. How long she had been up is not something that I should be guessing.

"Hurry up," she said, "we're going to be late."

In my sober-challenged condition, I had no idea what she was talking about. Thinking she had scheduled an appointment that we had to be at, I drug myself out of bed and headed for the bathroom. I brushed my hair, combed my teeth and shaved my legs.

When I emerge from the bathroom, she was standing at the door with her car keys in hand smiling at me like she seldom smiles at me, and said, "I'm so excited I can hardly

wait to get started."

It was then that the whirlwind began. For the next four days, I was drug to every thrift store within a 25-mile radius. After the 27th thrift store they all began looking the same to me.

She drug me to a thrift store and I drug her "treasures" to the car.

I lost all track of time but somewhere during the day we had what he called "our light lunch." But I remained in the dark about the whole thing.

By the fourth day, some of the fogginess began to dissipate. I needed a plan and I needed one quick.

We were in one thrift store when the idea struck me. Back in a corner, almost hidden from sight, were several bookcases crammed with books. I had one of those "Aha" moments.

I found the shopping cart, went back and filled it with books. All kinds of books. Most of the books were five cents to a quarter. I pushed the cart around an aisle and there to my delight was my wife. She took one look at me, tapped her wrist-watch and said, "Come on, it's time to go."

For the next two days, I enjoyed some quiet time with my laptop computer, Bible and Kindle. Amazingly enough, my drug problem was cured.

I thought of one of my favorite Bible verses. "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding." (Proverbs 17:28 KJV).

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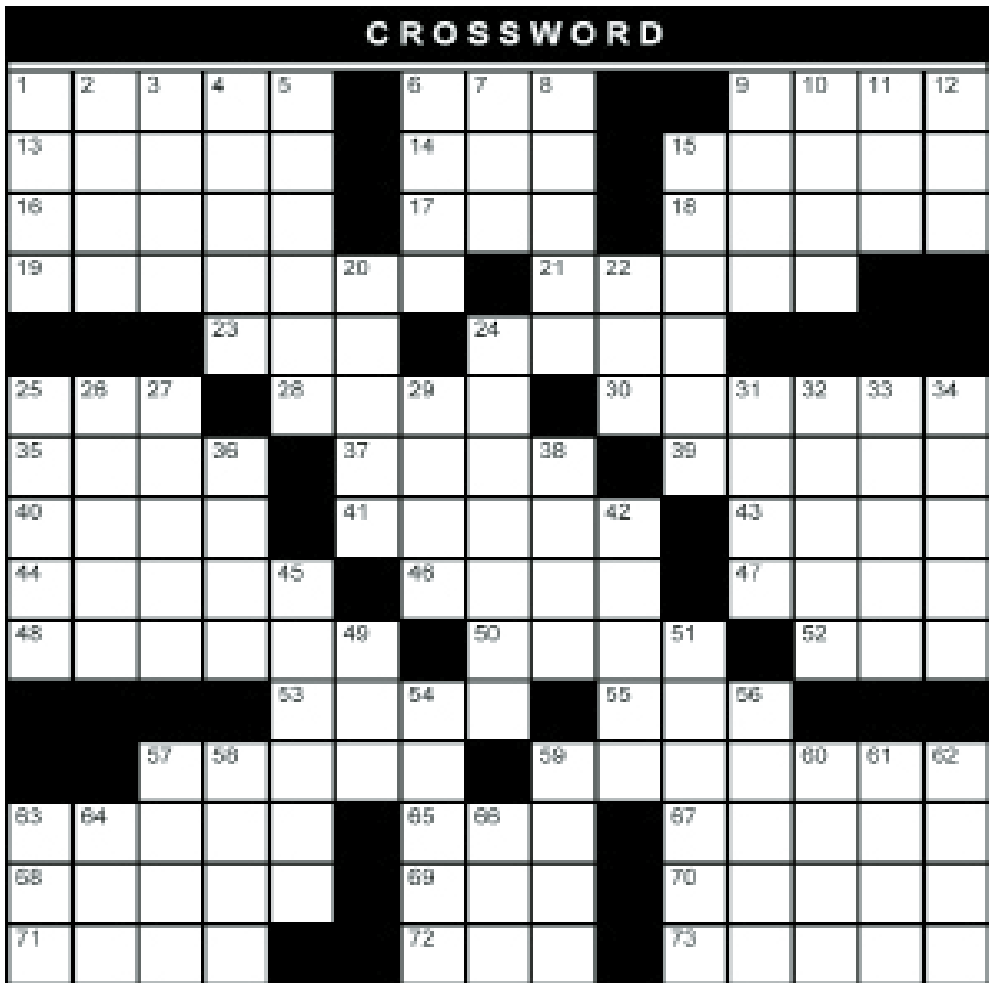
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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1. Major tool and home appliance manufacturer</p> <p>6. Alternative to planted grass</p> <p>9. "___ the first stone"</p> <p>13. Each and all</p> <p>14. Hula dancer's necklace</p> <p>15. Classic rock song in which this name is repeated in title</p> <p>16. Make another map</p> <p>17. "It's in the title of Sun Tzu's famous book</p> <p>18. Blood carrier</p> <p>19. "Lawyer turned writer</p> <p>21. City by a bay</p> <p>23. Of a female</p> <p>24. ___ contendere</p> <p>25. Arabic garment</p> <p>28. Infamous Roman tyrant</p> <p>30. Light unit, pl.</p> <p>35. "Dalai ___</p> <p>37. Inconclusive</p> <p>39. Rent again</p> <p>40. Jet black</p> <p>41. "Steve Martin's other job</p> <p>43. Financial company T. ___ Price</p> | <p>44. Ingredient in a mocha</p> <p>46. White-tailed sea eagle</p> <p>47. D'Artagnan's sword</p> <p>48. "Perhaps best known for his suspense thrillers</p> <p>50. Mail carrier</p> <p>52. Right-angle building extension</p> <p>53. "There's no I in ___"</p> <p>55. Swedish shag rug</p> <p>57. Done during prayer</p> <p>59. "English fantasy writer from 20th century</p> <p>63. E.T., e.g.</p> <p>65. Flo Rida's hit</p> <p>67. Establish validity</p> <p>68. Equipped with feathers</p> <p>69. Victorian period, e.g.</p> <p>70. "Arthur Hailey bestseller</p> <p>71. Engineer, abbr.</p> <p>72. Nod up and down</p> <p>73. Angry growl</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1. "Novelist Elizabeth ___</p> <p>2. Last word on walkie-talkie</p> <p>3. 18-wheeler</p> <p>4. "Neal Stephenson's "Snow ___"</p> <p>5. Often found between two last names</p> <p>6. Shaq's best shot?</p> <p>7. Old-fashioned over</p> <p>8. Mark that indicates something is to be repeated</p> <p>9. "Fly the ___"</p> <p>10. Sign of a saint</p> <p>11. Take a seat</p> <p>12. "Mortenson's "Three Cups of ___"</p> <p>15. "He's most known for Western fiction</p> <p>20. Entertainment complex</p> <p>22. "___ About Eve"</p> <p>24. Alchemist's panacea</p> <p>25. Often follows "smart"</p> <p>26. Hindi courtesy title</p> <p>27. It merged with BP in 1998</p> <p>29. "She's fascinated with vampires</p> <p>31. Being nothing more than specified, as in "a ___ child"</p> | <p>32. Run off together</p> <p>33. Handrail post</p> <p>34. "Romantic novelist</p> <p>36. Shakespeare's "at another time"</p> <p>38. Electrically charged particles</p> <p>42. Reproduction, informal</p> <p>45. Be present at</p> <p>49. Last letter of the alphabet</p> <p>51. Kind of fairy, pl</p> <p>54. Better to avoid this when dark?</p> <p>56. Ohio metropolis</p> <p>57. "King of horror?"</p> <p>58. Not ever</p> <p>59. "Start of "The Night Before Christmas"</p> <p>60. 9th letter of Greek alphabet</p> <p>61. "Never" without n</p> <p>62. ___ Gwyn, famous mistress of Charles II</p> <p>63. "___ Maria"</p> <p>64. Computer network</p> <p>66. Mining product</p> |
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**A Film Review by Tim Riley**  
**BATTLE: LOS ANGELES**  
 (Rated PG-13)

It's likely not coincidental that John Wayne's name is mentioned during the contemporary war movie "Battle: Los Angeles," where the Marines are engaged in pitched battles with an alien force. This intense and sustained combat film, full of severe violence and destruction, had it been filmed at the height of the Vietnam War, would conceivably have been a nice fit for Wayne as a gung-ho Green Beret leader. Of course, the cinematic icon would not, in this case, have been slugging it out in the jungles of Southeast Asia. Today's Los Angeles, mostly paved over with plenty of concrete and asphalt, is a different kind of jungle, particularly when the invading alien force is of the extra-terrestrial kind that is undaunted by the urban landscape of freeways and dense neighborhoods.

"Battle: Los Angeles" starts off with the obligatory set-up of the main characters gearing up for the inevitable confrontation. It means finding out that Marine Staff Sergeant Michael Nantz (Aaron Eckhart), a grizzled veteran of the Afghanistan war who's about to retire, is going to have carry his platoon on his shoulders, including his superior officer, a lieutenant (Ramon Rodriguez) who has not been tested in battle. When meteors start destroying coastal cities around the world, the baptism of fire for Nantz's platoon comes with an immediate deployment from Camp

**Riley Reviews**

**GRITTY WAR MOVIE FIGHTS ALIENS IN "BATTLE: LOS ANGELES"**

Pendleton to a forward operating base at Santa Monica airport.

The invasion of Los Angeles begins in Santa Monica, and within no time the surfside city is overrun by the invading force. What's curious about this full-scale assault is that the strange alien creatures are not immediately revealed, and even when they are eventually seen they appear to be nothing more than heavily-armed metal-clad robotic creatures. There are very few close-up looks at these metallic beasts, as if the production company had a limited number of them on hand for duty. The early "Star Wars" films never seemed to stint in their budgets for storm troopers and other oddball aliens. "Battle: Los Angeles" looks as if it was inspired more by Steven Spielberg's "War of the Worlds," and I don't recall that film being remarkably credible.

Nantz's platoon includes the usual array of military suspects, and with few exceptions, none of them is particularly memorable. It's the rainbow coalition of grunts, such as the virgin private new to combat, the Nigerian doctor seeking citizenship, the nervous corporal about to get married, and the soldier who deeply resents that his brother lost his life under Nantz's command in the Middle East. The most memorable character, other than the Staff Sergeant, is Michelle Rodriguez's Air Force Tech Sergeant Elena Santos, who joins forces with the Marines on their mission to rescue a group of civilians caught behind enemy lines at the police station in Santa Monica.

Though fraught with great peril, the mission appears simple enough: retrieve the civilians within three hours before the Air Force carpet bombs Santa Monica into oblivion.

Of course, it's no easy task getting in and out of Santa Monica while going up against a superior fighting force. Since the film is almost entirely shot from the point of view of Nantz's platoon, there's little sense of the greater war that has apparently engulfed the entire planet. Instead, the action is confined to the tight spaces and close quarters of wherever Nantz and his group happen to be waging battle, whether outside the police station, inside abandoned buildings, or on a freeway devastated by overturned vehicles and collapsed off-ramps.

"Battle: Los Angeles," even though it has some terrific special effects, camouflages its lack of originality with satisfying displays of sheer firepower and explosive action. Take away the aliens, and it could easily be a standard World War II film with the good guys fighting the Nazis. "Battle: Los Angeles" will find its followers in those who crave the non-stop action that simulates a videogame battle with alien creatures. The dialogue is fairly limited, with Aaron Eckhart and Michelle Rodriguez carrying most of the conversation. Some nifty visuals are also thrown in to give many scenes an authentic look of the obliteration of California's largest city, and that alone should go over big with anyone living north of the Tehachapi Mountains.

**TELEVISION UPDATE**

Considering the topic of this week's film review, it seems only fitting to note that Lifetime Television has just launched an all-new reality series, "Coming Home," featuring U.S. armed forces service members' surprise family reunions across the country after serving long tours of duty overseas. "Coming Home" follows the unforgettable and inspiring reunions of members of all five branches of the military with their spouses, children, parents and other loved ones as they return home from active duty throughout the world. Hosted by former "American Idol" finalist Matt Rogers, each of the program's 13 hour-long episodes will highlight five reunions featuring service members and their emotional stories.

**Auburn AARP Easter Potluck**

Sent by Publicity Chairperson  
 Doris I. Dennis

Auburn—On Thursday April 7th, beginning at noon at the Auburn Senior Center, located at 11577 E Avenue Auburn, our program chairperson, Gladys Brown-Korf,

has planned for us to enjoy Tammy Silva's group doing the Hawaiian, Hula Hula. Our AARP 1474 kitchen crew will be serving up a delicious ham for us. Please bring a side dish to serve six(6) to eight(8) people and remember to bring your own table

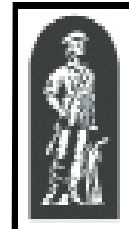
service (plate, silverware and etc.) We encourage everyone to wear Easter colors just for fun and maybe you will even win a prize for looking the most like Easter. Don't forget you don't need to be a member to attend and enjoy a fun afternoon.

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# POPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

## B AND B BREAKAWAYS

With the economy still tanking, lots of folks are looking for shorter vacations and closer to home. If you are in that category, have you thought about staying at a B and B? Bed and Breakfast stops are not what they used to be. I got the insider info from **Mary White**, President of [www.BnBfinder.com](http://www.BnBfinder.com). Mary is hailed by professionals and consumers alike as the most informative and noted expert on B&B travel. She even told Martha Stewart about B7Bs. She even wrote the definitive book on B&Bs called **"Running A Bed and Breakfast for Dummies"** for those interested in starting up their own B&B. When she came to my radio show POPPOFF, she had some super ideas for travel this summer that can be fun and save you bucks!

There are benefits to staying at a B&B including:

- 1) G&G...good value and great experience.
- 2) One of a Kind...since no two B&Bs are the same.
- 3) Worth the Buck...B&Bs are cost effective and generally charge less than hotels when you take into account all you get.
- 4) On the House...Don't forget the amenities and special perks offered at Bed and Breakfasts. Complimentary wireless internet, cable TV, DVD library, free parking, and complimentary snacks like hors d'oeuvres, cheese and wine put hotel mini bars to shame.
- 5) Food for Thought...It's not called Bed and Breakfast for nothing. Gourmet breakfasts at B&Bs are often made from scratch using the freshest ingredients, local produce, and innovative creations from Award winning chefs.
- 6) Quick Escape and/or Romantic Hotspot...B&Bs have become synonymous with getaways. They usually meet the expectations of any wanderlust traveler

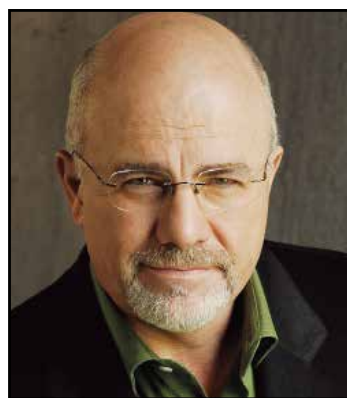
According to Mary, many Inns offer gas-saving specials to make your trip worth the drive. There are so many Inns that specialize in various outdoor options like Hiking, Biking, Walking, Nature Trails, Horseback Riding, Romantic picnics. Some Inns even

have specialty offers like Culinary Getaways, Murder Mystery events, Spa Packages, Family vacations for all ages, Golfing, Military specials, Vow renewal, Wedding, Anniversary, even Babymoon Packages...a getaway before the little one arrives to pamper yourselves to get ready for those sleepless nights. You can even go green with eco friendly packages. There is really something for everyone.

And you can find an Inn that will suit just about every locale. If you want to make it a destination driven stop, check out the Inns from Alaska to California with whale watching to Maine and all its scenery. But if you just need a couple of nights away, Northern California has tons of stops with just the right ambience for you.

If you want more information, whether it's to travel from Inn to Inn, or to start your own Inn, then check out "Running A Bed and Breakfast For Dummies" and go to [www.BnBfinder.com](http://www.BnBfinder.com) to get information on any venue that would make your day. There are Bed and Breakfast Inns all over the country and around the corner. There's one out there just for you. Just relax and enjoy!

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



*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.*

### Buy Now or Wait?

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I just relocated for my new job. Right now we're renting an apartment, and we should make about \$15,000 on the sale of our old house. Should we use the money from the sale of our house to pay off all our debt, or go ahead and use it as a down payment on a new home now?

- Brian

Dear Brian,  
Traditionally, lots of people would

# Dave Says

tell you to use the money now to help save up for a down payment. The problem is that I'm not traditional at all.

I love real estate, and I want you guys to own your own home again. But even more than that, I want to see you two get out of debt and stay out of debt!

I know this wouldn't be a popular plan with some folks, but if you've got no debt – along with a decent, inexpensive place to hang your hat for a couple of years – you'll be able to save money like crazy for a fat down payment. It will also give you time to become familiar with the area and find a place you both really like.

When you lose the debt, Brian, you gain control of your largest wealth-building tool – your income. That's when the fun begins!

- Dave

### Sisters Should Have Asked!

Dear Dave,

I'm one of five sisters, and our parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary is just around the corner. My two oldest sisters made plans for a party without consulting the rest of us. Now, they want everyone to chip in \$1,000 to help pay for things. I'm trying hard to

get out of debt, and I just don't have that kind of money right now. How can I be fair about this?

- Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

A \$5,000 party is pretty big stuff. Since you weren't asked about this ahead of time, and had no say in anything, fair would be for you not to pay a dime! That kind of planning without consulting the people involved and helping pay for the event is way out of line.

Don't let your big sisters lay a guilt trip on you, either. This has nothing to do with how much you love your parents. It has everything to do with communication and consideration, or in this case, a lack of these things on their part.

Just let them know, in a firm but loving way, what your situation is right now. Tell them you'd be happy to chip in what you can, but it won't be anything close to \$1,000.

And tell them next time to check with their little sisters before hatching up an expensive plan like this!

- Dave

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**END of the BENCH**  
by **Gerry Scholl**

It's been raining basketballs for days upon days upon days.

If you have ever played the game, this time of year with all the March Madness stuff really gives you the itch to go back out and shoot a little hoop. If it didn't hurt so much for about a week afterward—the feet, the knees, the legs, the back—I might try it. Maybe when the weather clears up I'll do it anyway. I'll seek out some lonely outdoor court somewhere, where I can shoot a dozen or more airballs in private before finding the rim. There will be no jumping at all and the only competition will be against my own physical limitations.

It's such a great game. Every year when March rolls around I really miss it. So, like many of us, I live it vicariously by getting way too involved with my NCAA Tournament bracket. I pull that thing out of the newspaper and read over the team summaries and start predicting my winners and losers. It is most certainly a guilty pleasure. With all that's going on in our world today—The Worldwide Bracket of Madness—this is a true escape mechanism. So let's escape for awhile...

What kind of a name is "Jimmer" anyway? Jimmer Fredette of BYU is putting on quite an offensive show—a joy to watch. How about Butler and its' continuing Cinderella story. After the Bulldogs' last-second win over Old Dominion, in their one-point

win over Pitt the emotion of winning or losing changed hands four times in the final few seconds. Undersized Michigan rallied from a 15-point deficit only to fall short of overtime against defending champion Duke on a missed shot at the buzzer. The first day alone saw four games decided in the last five seconds. Though I picked them to win, it was great to see Louisville and coach Rick Pitino go down at the hands of Morehead State and its' wild man in the middle, Kenneth Faried. And many more...

There's a lot to like about the college game. It bugs me to hear the criticism that college basketball is depleted by so many young, bright stars leaving school early to go pro. Let 'em go. They aren't playing for their schools or their teammates anyway. They're only playing college ball as a stepping stone to the big bucks. Let them open up roster spots for others to fill.

Sure, the pro playoffs have the greatest players playing at the highest level; and that's top-notch entertainment. But when a champion is crowned I feel no emotional attachment whatsoever. It's sort of, "That was cool. So what? Who cares?"

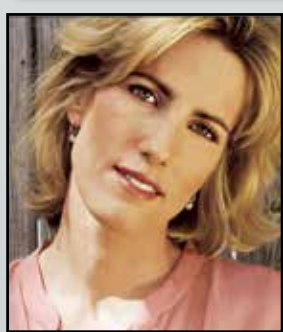
In the college game the raw emotions are genuine and make a better connection. In the tournament every game is an elimination game, and that adds so much. The players

are giving all-out effort all the time. Only a handful of them will ever make the big time. School spirit, hometown spirit, team spirit are very real.

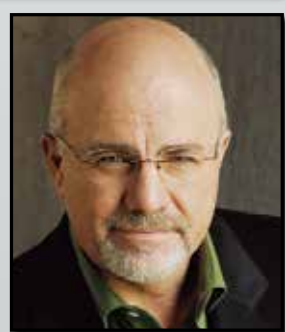
Of course there is some bad basketball at times; bad shots, bad decisions, bad coaching and officiating. But, as a former gym rat and weekend warrior, maybe that is the connection. I can surely relate more to that than I can to the things LeBron James and Kobe Bryant can do. The college roller coaster is so much closer to my experience as a player.

That seems to be the perspective that is missing from most of the talking heads—that of the player. They criticize worthy teams that aren't selected for the tournament for complaining about it. As a player you really want that slim chance to play for it all if you feel you deserve that chance. The NIT is criticized for its' mere existence. As a player you like the opportunity to prove the NCAA selection committee wrong and the chance to play your final game at the basketball mecca that is Madison Square Garden. Now you have the College Insiders Tournament in which teams play "pay-in games"—their schools paying an entry fee to be part of the field. As a player you're happy to have more games to play.

I wish I could play one more game.



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We are seeking *Players & Sponsors*. **Gold:** \$ 1,200, **Bronze:** \$ 300, **Silver:** \$ 750, **Hole Sponsor:** \$ 175

**Benefits go to local charities.**  
For more information contact *Pip Stoutenburg (530) 823-8160*

## Racing Comes to Loomis!

**Loomis**—The 2nd Annual Loomis Soapbox Derby is coming again this year on Saturday May 7th to Loomis. This "Little Rascals" style racing event is open to all ages and looks to be even larger this year. Last years event brought 35 cars and 82 racers from all over the area.

"We know of many more cars that are being built this year", states Rick Judd, Principal at Loomis Grammar School. "There will also be more participation in the Principal's Cup this year, which I intend to win again. We're also looking forward to the rematch of the Sheriff's vs. the Fire Department, a Teacher's Challenge

and a Celebrity Race" stated Judd. "We also have 6-10 'Loaners' available for kids to use throughout the day for \$5."

This year's list of participants building new cars include: The Loomis Fire Department, Placer County Sheriff's Department, Nationwide Insurance, the Loomis Lions and the American Legion.

The event will also include display of professional race cars from an NHRA Drag Team, NASCAR teams, Sprint Cars, Desert Race Trucks, art booths by ReCreate, face painting and Displays from the Placer County Sheriff K-9 Patrol. Food Booths by

Taylor's in Loomis, Jimmy T's BBQ Sauce, and Trailhead Coffee will fill out the many booths at the Derby.

The entry fee is only \$5 for Students and \$10 for Adults. Admission to spectators is free.

The event is located in the Boyington Parking lot of Del Oro High School. Gates open to the public at 9AM, racing begins at 10AM and goes till 3PM. Marquee Races, including the Principal's Cup are around noon.

Information and rules for the event can be found at <http://www.loomispc.org/events/Soapbox.html> or contact Dave Albright at (530)263-2540.

## Free Gardening Workshops

**Auburn** — Come join the Placer County Master Gardeners for two FREE great gardening workshops, both are to be held at the Senior Garden in the Dewitt Center, 11477 E Avenue in Auburn.

**When:** March 26th  
**Time:** 9-11am  
**Topic:** Learn about efficient and effective irrigation methods for your vegetable garden.

**When:** March 27th  
**Time:** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Topic:** The "Starting a Vegetable Garden" workshop will provide important information about how to start a vegetable garden, from choosing a site and gardening method, to soil preparation and much more.

This workshop will feature a special program for

children with fun gardening related activities. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions and they will have free UC publications available. The workshops are held outside, so please dress appropriately. Workshops will NOT be held if it's raining. Call 530-889-7388 for more information.

## Placer Theatre Ballet Unveils New Production

**Coppelia**, for Spring 2010 Tickets on sale now at [www.PlacerTheatreBallet.org](http://www.PlacerTheatreBallet.org)

Placer Theatre Ballet unveils their version of a classical ballet, Coppelia, on April 30 and May 1, 2011 at Placer High School. Shea Wing, Placer Theatre Ballet board president to direct as artistic director for Coppelia.

"Ballet's light-hearted, romantic comedy...A story of mistaken identity and a beautiful mechanical doll, Coppelia leaves young and old alike bemused by the antics of two confused sweethearts, Swanhilda and Franz."

include representatives from: Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, Auburn, Loomis, Antelope, Folsom, Grass Valley and Colfax.

**WHERE:** Placer High School Theatre 275 Orange Street (Corner of High & Agard) Auburn, California  
**WHEN:** April 30 and May 1, 2011 Saturday shows at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday shows at Noon and 4:00 p.m. All Seats Reserved — \$11-\$18 (plus service charge)

Group discounts available by phone Tickets on sale March 19, 2011 Tickets by phone: (916) 630-7820 Tickets online: <http://www.placertheatreballet.org>

**WHO:** Shea Wing, Placer Theatre Ballet Board President and Artistic Director for *Coppelia*  
**HOW:** Additional information, including a photo gallery and on-line ticketing, is available on Placer Theatre Ballet's website: <http://www.placertheatreballet.org>

## Gold Country Wildlife

**Penryn** — A book sale fundraiser will be held on March 26 & 27, 8am-noon, for Gold Country Wildlife. 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](mailto:lyn4animal@aol.com).



## 12-Piece Professional Orchestra to Accompany Placer High Students "Into the Woods"

**Auburn**—*Into the Woods* ponders the question: "What happens after 'happily ever after'?"

Placer High School students are currently rehearsing for their Spring musical, *Into the Woods*. A 12-piece professional orchestra is rehearsing concurrently, and will accompany the students in a full-scale rendition of the Sondheim classic. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales and follows them further to explore the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests.

These days, it has become standard practice, even on Broadway, to pare the orchestra down to as few instruments as possible in order to save money. "I just couldn't do that for *Into The Woods*,"

said David Dwelle, who is conducting the orchestra. "The score is full of gorgeous instrumental features that help to tell the story. We want to allow our audience to hear the show the way it was intended to be heard." *Into the Woods* is a Tony award winning musical (Best Score, Best Book) with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine.

The show runs from March 24 through April 9 at the Placer High School Auditorium. March 24, 25, 26, 31, April 1, 8, 9 at 7:00 and March 26 and April 9 at 2:00. Ticket prices are \$12 general admission and \$8 for children, students, and seniors. Tickets can be reserved by calling (530) 745-5805 or online at [www.PlacerMusical.com](http://www.PlacerMusical.com).

## Art Studio Trek "Art and Chocolate" Open Studios Tour



Tavyn gets some instructions on art styles from Darlene Engellenner  
Photos by Robyn Eifersten

Yellow and Black Stripes on Copper: art by Darlene Engellenner

April 30th and May 1st marks the 5th Anniversary of ART STUDIO

TREK! Enjoy the combined efforts of 19 artists at 13 studio locations in

the Roseville, Rocklin, and Granite Bay area.

Celebrate this free weekend event and share in the artists' personal creative endeavors. There will be a vast array of talent, art and even an opportunity for you, the guest! Visitors will be eligible for door prizes and original art. It will be a time of creative celebration in this artist community as artists demonstrate art techniques and offer their artwork for sale. Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 10am-5pm free maps at [www.ArtStudioTrek.com](http://www.ArtStudioTrek.com)

## Wild West Week in Auburn

Grab your hat and pull on your boots! The Wild West Stampede in Auburn, CA has been a tradition for more than 75 years, making it one of the oldest rodeos in Northern California. Wild West Week's finale is two days of PRCA Rodeo featuring Bull and Bronc Riding, Roping, Barrel Racing, Mutton Busting, Rodeo Dances, and shopping at the Cowboy Corral. The Budweiser Clydesdales will be featured in 2011 with full exhibitions.



**Wild West Stampede**  
**April 23 & 24 – PRCA Rodeo**  
**Gold Country Fairgrounds**  
**1273 High Street, Auburn, CA**

**Wild West Week**  
**April 20-24 – Local business and western events each day.**

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**Tickets in advance – save with pre-sale packages on-line**

[www.AuburnRodeo.com](http://www.AuburnRodeo.com)  
**Public Information: 530 889-BUCK**

## Bingo Round-Up

**Loomis** — Assistance League® of Greater Placer's annual **Bingo fundraiser** will be held Wednesday, April 20th at the Blue Goose Fruit Shed in Loomis. It will be a time for high excitement to **win cash prizes**, to bid on fabulous **auction items**, and take a chance on **raffle drawings**. And there will be plenty of time to enjoy the satisfying foods and drinks offered at the event. There are two sessions: **1-3:30 and 6-8:30.**

**Presale Tickets are available for**

**\$20.00 per session** at the Assistance League Thrift Shop in Fiddler Green Plaza on Highway 49 in Auburn (530-885-1982) or at Blue Goose Produce in Loomis. Tickets are also available by mail on our website [www.greaterplacer.assistanceleague.org](http://www.greaterplacer.assistanceleague.org): select Fundraising, then select Bingo Round-Up Fundraising to print form.

All monies raised from last year's Bingo Round-up Fundraiser helped Assistance League continue its

philanthropic programs that are administered by over 200 women volunteers in our local communities. Some of these programs include school clothing and supplies for over 1100 children, 805 teddy bears to comfort traumatized children, 3700 dictionaries to third grade students, clothing for 51 adults re-entering the work force, classroom tutoring and life skill classes.

*Play Bingo and support your local community!*

## Reel Classy Broads

**Auburn** — The Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center serves up a real treat for all classic movie fans with its upcoming annual Film Festival on April 8th through 10th, 2011. This year's theme is "Reel Classy Broads" and includes six films featuring some of Hollywood's most famous divas from the 30's, 40's and 50's. The venue is the State Theater, 985 Lincoln Way, in Auburn.

The schedule of films is as follows:

**Friday April 8 – 7:30PM:**  
**The Women – (1939)**  
Comedy/drama starring Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell. An all-female cast (125 total) - even all the animals who appear in the film!

**Saturday April 9 - 11AM:**  
**The Thin Man - (1934)**  
Won an Oscar for Best Picture - 1935 Academy Awards. Starring Myrna Loy, Maureen O'Sullivan.

**Saturday April 9 - 3PM:**  
**Double Indemnity - (1944)**  
Won Oscars for Best Picture, Best

Director (Billy Wilder), and Best Actress (Barbara Stanwyck) – 1945 Academy Awards. Also starring Edward G. Robinson.

**Saturday April 9 - 7PM:**  
**All About Eve - (1950)**  
Classic story of betrayal starring Bette Davis, Thelma Ritter, Marilyn Monroe. Won Oscar for Best Picture – 1951 Academy Awards.

**Sunday April 10 - 3PM:**  
**A Star Is Born - (1954)**  
Won Oscar for Best Actress (Judy Garland), Best Actor (James Mason) and Best Music – 1955 Academy Awards. This is one of Garland's classic performances as a showgirl.

**Sunday April 10 - 7PM:**  
**Philadelphia Story - (1940)**  
Romantic comedy starring Katherine Hepburn in arguably her best role, and Jimmy Stewart who won an Oscar in 1941 as Best Actor for his performance. Individual tickets are \$9 at the door. Early arrival is encouraged to guarantee seating. Festival passes which are

good for admittance to all six films, are \$45, and can be purchased in advance at: [www.livefromauburn.com](http://www.livefromauburn.com). The box office opens 90 minutes before showtime for each performance.

**Opening Night Reel Classy Gala** - \$12.00  
Friday, April 8 at 6:00 pm

Menu by **Club Car**.  
Wine, beer and soft drinks available for purchase from the State Theatre Beverage Bar.

*Live Music by Gypsy Standard Time.*

There is limited seating for the opening night gala, and reservations are required. Purchase advance tickets online or call (530) 885-0156.

For further information, contact:  
**Janis Wikoff – c/o Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center**  
**981 Lincoln Way**  
**Auburn, CA 95603**  
**530-885-0156**  
[www.livefromauburn.com](http://www.livefromauburn.com)

## Gem, Jewelry, Fossil, Mineral Show

**Event Date(s):**  
**March 26 and 27, 2011**  
**Venue / Location Information:**  
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds  
**Address:** 800 All America City Blvd (off Washington)  
**City:** Roseville • **State:** CA  
**Event Time / Additional Information:**  
**Saturday—March 26 – 10am-5pm /**  
**Sunday—March 27 – 10am-4pm**  
**Contact Info:**  
**Jim Hutchings, 916-995-7380**  
**Web site:** [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

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This show is our annual fund raising event which supports our year round education center, located on the Roseville Fairgrounds. We are a 501(C) nonprofit organization, dedicated to education for adults and youth, in the area of Earth Sciences, and associated arts.

**ALSO YEAR ROUND – Do you like Rocks? How about Lapidary—the cutting and polishing of stones? Like to polish stones for jewelry fabrication? Ever wonder what that rock in the yard might be? Come visit our show, take a tour of our shop, and for kids get info on "Rookie Rock Rollers". This is the "Roseville Rock Rollers" 49th Annual Show, but you can find us all the time @ [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com) with monthly educational meetings, for adults and kids @ the Roseville Fairgrounds on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM.**

**More Info: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)**

# Vehicle Burglary Suspects Arrested

From the Office of Sheriff Edward N. Bonner

Placer County – On March 19, 2011 at 6:00 pm an alert Target Store Security Guard observed two suspects enter the store on Bell Road in Auburn. The guard recognized the two male suspects from the week prior where the suspects had used a stolen credit card. Store Security monitored the subjects and contacted the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Deputies responded to the location as the suspects attempted to use a stolen credit card. When the suspects exited the store they were detained by the deputies. The suspects were found to be in possession of twenty California Driver's Licenses. Investigators contacted 20 separate victims who reported their purses and other items had been stolen when their cars were burglarized in Placer and Sacramento



Stacy Alan King, 22



Michael Raymond Adame, 28

Counties. The suspects had been targeting vehicles at gyms and night clubs for several months. The suspects then used the victim's credit cards to purchase electronic items and gift cards. The suspects were identified as Stacy Alan King, 22 years old from Sacramento and Michael

Raymond Adame, 28 years old from Sacramento. Both suspects were arrested for burglary, identity theft and numerous other felony charges. Both suspects were booked at the Placer County Jail with a \$50,000.00 bail.

# Man Who Carjacked and Kidnapped Woman Receives 30 Years to Life in Prison from Judge

From the Office of Placer County District Attorney

Placer County – A man who carjacked and kidnapped a woman in a 2009 incident west of Roseville was sentenced March 17th to 30 years to life in state prison. Rick Anthony Cooley, 32, a Sacramento resident and a three-strike offender, was given the lengthy term by Placer County Superior Court Judge Colleen Nichols, who also scheduled a restitution hearing for April 14. Cooley was convicted after entering a plea of no contest on Feb. 17 to a felony charge of kidnapping during the commission of a carjacking. In addition, he admitted to special allegations that he had committed three serious or violent felonies for which he served prison sentences. The incident involving the



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

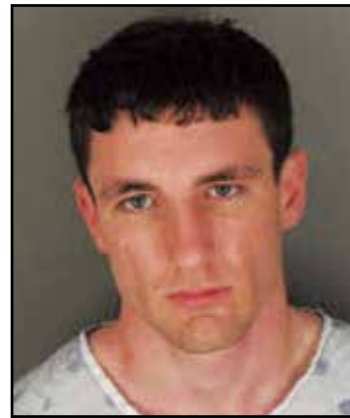
carjacking occurred on Nov. 12, 2009, when a woman who was driving to work was struck from behind by another vehicle on Vineyard Road near Roseville. The woman got out of her car to exchange information with the other

driver. However, that driver, later identified as Cooley, punched her in the face and forced her back into her car. He then got into her car and drove away, leaving his own vehicle on the roadside with the engine running. Cooley drove around for about four hours with his kidnapped victim before returning to an area near the original crime scene. He released the woman there and again drove away in her car. The victim contacted a local resident, who then called the Placer County Sheriff's Office to report the crime. Investigating officers were able to track the crime to Cooley because his abandoned car was registered in his mother's name. Cooley was arrested later in the day without incident, according to Placer County Deputy District Attorney Doug Van Breemen, who prosecuted the case.

# Defendant in Sierra College Stabbing Incident Gets 11-Year Prison Sentence

From the Office of Placer County District Attorney

Placer County – Paul Thomas Heintz, who was found guilty by a jury of attempted murder in a 2009 stabbing incident at Sierra College in Rocklin, has been sentenced to 11 years in state prison by a Placer County judge. Heintz, a 24-year-old Rocklin resident, stabbed a former friend several times in the abdomen in a fit of rage because the friend had begun a relationship with a woman who had previously gone out with Heintz. During Friday's sentencing, Placer Superior Court Judge Colleen Nichols, who presided over the jury trial in September, also placed Heintz on five years parole after he gets out of prison and said hearings on restitution owed to the victim will be scheduled in the future. Heintz was found guilty by a jury on Sept. 30, 2010, of felony counts of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. The jury also found that special allegations of inflicting great bodily injury and use of a deadly weapon, a knife, were true. Evidence at the trial established that Heintz, who was a student at Sierra College, hated his former friend and classmate, Alex Abrahamian, because the latter had begun seeing the woman that



Paul Thomas Heintz, who was found guilty by a jury of attempted murder was sentenced to prison.

Heintz had dated on two occasions. On March 24, 2009, Abrahamian, who was on spring break from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, came onto the campus at Sierra College to see old friends, including the woman, who was a student there. Heintz testified during the trial that he became upset when he saw Abrahamian and the woman in front of the science building. After the woman left, Heintz ran after Abrahamian with a knife and jumped him from behind, stabbing him at least five times in the torso. Several other students on campus rushed to Abrahamian's aid. One of them stopped the attack while two others tended to the victim's wounds. Abrahamian suffered major injuries and underwent three

surgeries, according to Placer County Assistant District Attorney Jeff Wilson, who prosecuted the case. Heintz testified that he snapped and wanted to hurt Abrahamian but that he had no intention to kill him. The jury determined that a special allegation that the attack was premeditated was untrue. In a court hearing last month, a letter written by Abrahamian, now 23, was read to the judge by a victim's advocate for the District Attorney's Office. Abrahamian, who was not present at that Feb. 9 hearing nor at Friday's sentencing, wrote that he was angry about opportunities taken away from him during his long period of recovery. "Enduring months of extreme pain, multiple hospital visits and relearning to walk and run were not in my plans for spring and summer of that year," he wrote. "The scars I have on my body act as a constant reminder of those very dark days that will haunt my memories forever." Wilson, the prosecutor, said at last month's hearing that it was only by "a matter of inches" that Abrahamian was still alive from the knife attack. He noted that a number of letters of support were submitted to the court by friends and family of Heintz. "They are well meaning," Wilson said. "But they have little understanding of the other side of Paul Heintz – the angry side that lashes out violently. He is a public safety risk."

# Roseville Gang Member Receives 36 Years to Life in Prison

From the Office of Placer County District Attorney

Placer County – A 39-year-old Roseville man with a history of gang involvement has been sent to state prison for 36 years to life by a Placer County judge who noted that the defendant has spent nearly 80 percent of his adult life in jails and prisons. Jose Vincent Rubal Jr., a three-strike offender, received the sentence Tuesday after Superior Court Judge Jeff Penney denied the defendant's motion to dismiss prior serious felony strikes in hopes of getting a lesser prison term. Penney said Rubal's criminal history showed convictions on six felonies and five misdemeanors, numerous violations of probations or paroles and involvement in a prison gang. At least two of his prior crimes involved assaults with a knife, Penney said. The judge calculated that Rubal has been an adult for 7,953 days and that he has served 6,350 of them in custody, or 79.8 percent of his life behind bars. Penney said Rubal has also had a history of drug use and that he has gone through drug rehabilitation



39-year-old Jose Vincent Rubal Jr. of Roseville was sentenced for most recent convictions

programs. However, "these do not seem to work," he said. "The prospects for the defendant leading a stable, crime-free life in the community are unlikely," Penney said. Prosecutor Tracy Lunardi of the Placer County District Attorney's Office said Rubal's most recent problems began Dec. 16, 2008, when Roseville police tried to make a traffic stop on him. Rubal abandoned the vehicle, which was registered to him and which contained drugs and a gun, Lunardi said. Rubal, who was on

parole, was arrested two months later in Oklahoma, she said. While in custody in the Placer County jail, Rubal made phone calls in an effort to solicit fellow gang members to take responsibility for driving his car in the 2008 incident. The phone calls were recorded by jail officers, Lunardi said. On Oct. 5, 2010, Rubal entered a plea of no contest to felony charges of transporting a controlled substance and solicitation to subordinate perjury. Rubal also admitted special allegations of having two previous violent or serious felony convictions under California's three-strikes law. Lunardi said Rubal had "worked long and hard to earn a life in prison." She cited such activities as continued drug involvement, the two stabbing incidents and the ordering of gang members to assault young men who didn't want to join his gang. The prosecutor credited the Roseville Police Department and its Crime Suppression Unit with bringing Rubal to justice. "They did a fantastic job in getting one of the worst gang members in Roseville off the streets," she said.

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# The Tea Party vs. NPR



Commentary By  
Dr. Paul Kengor

"The current Republican Party, particularly the Tea Party, is fanatically involved in people's personal lives and very fundamental Christian," said NPR's Ron Schiller to two undercover reporters. "I wouldn't even call it Christian; it's this weird evangelical kind of [movement]."

Not knowing he was being videoed, Schiller continued: "The current Republican Party is not really the Republican Party, it's been hijacked by this group; that is, not just Islamo-phobic but really xenophobic. I mean, basically, they are, they believe in sort of white, middle-American, gun toting—I mean, it's scary. They're seriously racist, racist people." (Click here for transcript and here for video.)

Schiller is being heavily criticized for these comments, as is NPR and elite liberal thinking in general. Schiller, NPR Foundation president and vice president for development (until these comments), is the Left's latest exhibit in smearing the Tea Party movement as bigots, racists, fascists, Hitler-ites, followers of Attila the Hun, Torquemada, Genghis Khan, or whatever other handy demon.

Yet, what's telling about Schiller's comments is their lack of factual basis, an even greater sin from a man whose business, and erstwhile employer, is the reporting of facts. His comments are a PR problem for NPR, furthering the perception that NPR is not about unbiased reporting but primarily about opinion—a leftist opinion camouflaged as objective news.

As evidence for my perspective, I'd like to share some statistical

information on the Tea Party movement. This information was widely published and is easily available to anyone, least of all a major news organization like NPR.

In March 2010, Gallup did a comprehensive survey of the Tea Party (click here). Gallup is the most respected polling firm on the planet, and not conservative. The headline Gallup chose to highlight its study speaks for itself, "Tea Partiers Are Fairly Mainstream in Their Demographics."

That study found that 49 percent of "Tea Party identifiers" are Republicans while 43 percent are independents and 8 percent are Democrats. The majority are not Republicans.

As to Schiller's strange "evangelical" comment, the study found that a little over a quarter of Tea Partiers describe themselves as "pro-choice" on abortion, suggesting a stronger libertarian presence than a uniform "evangelical" movement. That's no surprise to anyone who has observed the Tea Party even casually.

The Tea Party movement was inspired by the breathtakingly reckless spending by the Obama-Pelosi-Reid Democratic leadership that took power in 2009. Its issues are far more economic/fiscal than religious/moral. There's a more discernible Ayn Rand "Atlas Shrugged" element than a Jerry Falwell "Moral Majority" feel—and Rand was no evangelical.

Generally, Gallup's survey indeed found that the Tea Party was "fairly mainstream" in its demographics.

At the same time as Gallup's study, another survey was released, by Rasmussen. Particularly interesting about this survey was that it gauged public opinion—i.e., how others viewed the Tea Party. Overwhelmingly, by 62 percent to 12 percent, Rasmussen found that "Mainstream Americans" judged the Tea Party "closer to their views" than the Democratic Congress. By 68 percent to 16 percent, Americans deemed Tea Party members "better informed" than members of Congress.

This suggests, as a matter of statistical fact, that NPR's Ron Schiller is the extremist when it comes to Tea Party views. That's a claim I can make from data—which Schiller

never offered.

This information is out there, and has been for a while. I know it because, I, too, work in a field where reporting and analysis must be based on information. Anytime I talk to someone who has been to a Tea Party rally, I ask questions. Before I form or adjust an opinion, I want to hear actual experiences. And beyond anecdotal examples, I'd like some hard data.

How could an NPR person—the pinnacle of the liberal news profession—ignore such information?

The answer is more psychological-political than logical. Many liberals despise the Tea Party movement because of its roots in opposition to Obama-Pelosi-Reid. Really, though, the Tea Party was inadvertently created by liberals—or, at least, by their reckless spending policies in Washington.

Yet, for many Obama supporters, that kind of careful analysis of opponents is jettisoned. They'd rather transmogrify their detractors into devils and gargoyles than try to understand them and perhaps even answer them.

In Ron Schiller's take on the Tea Party, we have a member of the liberal elite constructing a reality of his own making, one that flies in the face of evidentiary experience, of thoughtful inspection.

Unfortunately, Schiller is far from alone. And isn't it ironic that he, NPR, his former boss at NPR, Vivian Schiller (no relation), are losing—actually, resigning? They are losing to perceptions of NPR—correct perceptions of NPR's bias, perceptions that are grounded in reality, in actual examination.

Americans are gathering facts on the folks at NPR, and they don't like what they're hearing.

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# So you're turning 65. Congratulations

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



So you're turning 65. Congratulations! It's time to start taking advantage of your Medicare benefits. And just how do you do that?

First, a quick overview of the benefits. Medicare Part A pays for hospitalization, and many eligible people don't have to pay premiums for it. Part B covers doctor's fees, outpatient care, home health care, screenings for cancer, glaucoma, diabetes and other diseases, and other medical services. Part B has a monthly premium, which for most beneficiaries is \$115.40 in 2011.

Part C is Medicare managed care and Part D is prescription drug coverage.

In most cases, if you're already getting benefits from Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), you'll automatically get Part A and Part B starting the first day of the month you turn 65. (If your birthday is on the first day of the month, Part A and Part B will start the first day of the prior month.)

You'll get your red, white, and blue Medicare card in the mail 3 months before your 65th birthday. If you don't want Part B, follow the instructions that come with the card, and send the card back. If you keep the card, you keep Part B and will pay Part B premiums.

If you aren't getting Social Security or RRB benefits (because,

for instance, you're still working), you'll need to sign up for Part A and Part B.

It's easy to do. You can sign up by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. If you're 65 or older, you can also apply online for Part A (if you don't have to pay premiums) and Part B at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement). The whole process can take less than 10 minutes.

You can sign up when you're first eligible for Part B. If you're eligible for Part B when you turn 65, you have a 7-month window that begins 3 months before the month you turn 65, includes the month you turn 65, and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65.

But make sure you sign up early! That way you'll avoid any delay in getting your benefits. The best time is the 3 months before you turn 65. Then you'll get coverage the month you actually hit your 65th birthday.

If you wait until the last four months of your Initial Enrollment Period, your start date for coverage may be

delayed for as long as 3 months. You may also face a penalty in the form of a higher Part B premium.

If you didn't enroll in Part A and/or Part B when you were first eligible because you were employed and covered under a group health plan based on that employment, you have a Special Enrollment Period. That means you can sign up any time while you or your spouse are working and you have employer or union group coverage. Or you can enroll during the 8-month period that begins after your employment ends or your group health coverage ends, whichever happens first.

Usually, you don't pay a late enrollment penalty if you sign up during a Special Enrollment Period.

But here's an important caveat: If you have COBRA coverage or a retiree health plan, you don't have coverage based on current employment. You're not eligible for a special enrollment period when that coverage ends.

For more information about enrolling in Medicare, visit [www.medicare.gov/MedicareEligibility](http://www.medicare.gov/MedicareEligibility). You can also get free, personalized counseling from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Call 1-800-MEDICARE to get a number for your state's SHIP, or to ask other questions about Medicare.

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## State Water Project Allocation Increases to 70 Percent

Sacramento — The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today (March 16th) increased the 2011 State Water Project (SWP) allocation to 70 percent of contractors' requests, up 10 percent from the January figure.

"As a result of recent precipitation and good water supply conditions, we have increased the allocation," said DWR Director Mark Cowin. "However, we will continue to conservatively plan for future water needs as we progress through the remainder of the rainy season."

The State Water Project water allocation will increase from 2,503,276 acre-feet to 2,920,488 acre-feet attributable to recent precipitation, runoff and the above-average snowpack.

In 2010, the State Water Project delivered 50 percent of a requested 4,172,126 acre-feet, up from a record-low initial projection of 5 percent due to lingering effects of the 2007-2009 drought.

Precipitation so far this winter is approaching average for the entire water year (October 1-September

30). With recent snowfall in the Sierra and other mountain ranges, statewide runoff is about average for the date and expected to go above average.

Statewide, snowpack water content is 129 percent of average for the date and 125 percent of the average, April 1 seasonal total. Additionally, a majority of California's reservoirs are above normal storage levels.

Lake Oroville in Butte County, the State Water Project's principal reservoir, is at 113 percent of normal storage for the date. It currently is holding 2,973,694 acre-feet, which is 84 percent of its 3,537,600 acre-foot capacity. Spills were made from the reservoir this week to maintain flood control space. Lake Shasta north of Redding, the federal Central Valley Project's largest reservoir with a capacity of 4.5 million acre feet, is at 117 percent of normal storage for the date, which is 91 percent of its capacity.

Current storage and snowpack levels are good news for California's agricultural communities and

municipal water users.

The State Water Project delivers water to more than 25 million Californians and nearly a million acres of farmland.

Projections of SWP deliveries are adjusted through the winter and early spring as hydrologic conditions develop. DWR is conservative in its projections since farmers and others can suffer if expected amounts cannot be delivered. In November, DWR's first estimate for 2011 was that it would be able to deliver 25 percent of requests. The initial estimate — always low because it is made before the months of heaviest precipitation — was raised to 50 percent in December, and more recently rose to 60% in January.

SWP deliveries were 60 percent of requests in 2007, 35 percent in 2008, and 40 percent in 2009.

The last 100 percent allocation — difficult to achieve even in wet years because of pumping restrictions to protect threatened and endangered fish — was in 2006.



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