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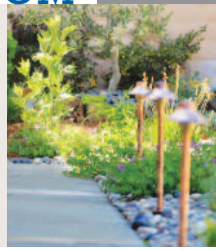
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Auburn shows Placer High grads the green

Scholarships total \$500K during 'Money Night'

BY GUS THOMSON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Placer High School graduates are finding local financial support worth about \$500,000 as

they move on to higher education.

Wearing their green graduation robes, graduating seniors receiving awards joined with donors Wednesday to celebrate achievements and take part in scholarship presentations at the Auburn campus.

"Tonight is about celebrating those students who are moving forward with their educational aspirations, whether at a community college or a four-year university, and the monetary benefits they are receiving to help them along on this very costly venture," said Katy

Chamberlin, counselor at Placer High.

Scholarship season starts in February, with new scholarships – many from the community – posted every couple of weeks at Placer.

The Auburn Gold Country Rotary Club awards scholar-

ships for not only academic achievement but also to a student going on to technical training. As well, President Ralph Smith said that the club's "bootstrap" scholarship is awarded to students who have persevered in the face of daunt-

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She's run aground



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Boat careens across 3 lanes of Interstate 80

Travelers on westbound Interstate 80 through Auburn may have thought they were seeing things around 7 a.m. Wednesday when a 24-foot boat careened across three lanes of traffic and came to rest along the shoulder of the fast lane. Ron Bighaus (pictured) and Mike Deberg of Loyalton were heading west on 80, bound for a deep-sea fishing trip out of Berkeley, when the trailer carrying Bighaus' Renault craft apparently hit the guard rail, causing the boat to come off of the trailer and slide from the No. 3 lane to the fast lane and into the median strip. Bighaus and Deberg were uninjured, but traffic was tied up for more than an hour.

Dutch Flat invites all to 'Spring Thing'

History, environment the stars of mountain gathering

BY GUS THOMSON
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Ask North Fork American River Alliance president Jim Ricker whether his group is winning and he'll likely tell you that they're "holding their own."

The Dutch Flat resident's group's mission is to preserve the wild and scenic nature of the North Fork of the American River, which flows from the Sierra to the American River confluence.

State and national wild-and-scenic designations on many stretches of the river were declared in the 1970s, and the alliance and Auburn-based Protect American River Canyons (PARC) continue to press for further protections.

Ricker said Wednesday that PARC is advocating wild-and-scenic designations for the north fork American River in an area upstream from Lake Clementine that's part of the Auburn State Recreation Area.

Meanwhile, the alliance is fighting suction dredge mining on rivers like the north fork and waiting for the latest court deci-

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Penryn church to make a joyful noise celebrating new pipe organ

Hope Lutheran Church to hold dedication recital Sunday

BY GUS THOMSON
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PENRYN – The sound is crisp with plenty of presence as Pastor Jonathan Kehren bends into a hymn, his fingers adeptly finding the keys.

Above him, pipes recently installed send the music out into the Hope

Lutheran Church sanctuary.

It's a new sound for the church, tucked away on Hope Way in Penryn. For the past few years, the 40-year-old church organ had been on its last legs, and a piano was brought in beside it to provide Hope Lutheran with music for services.

With the prospects of not being able to save the old one, Hope Lutheran started raising \$35,000 three years ago to purchase a new pipe organ. The congrega-

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Pastor Jonathan Kehren tests out the new Hope Lutheran Church pipe organ, which also has digital features. The Penryn church will hold a dedication recital Sunday.

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Today's high

54°
Tonight's low

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