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Flights of Angels Sing Thee to Thy Rest



Jenny Amelia Boxer

In the face of an incurable, lethal brain tumor, Jenny Boxer's greatest dream was to care for animals that had no one to care for them. On March 19, 2008, just one month after a Make-a-Wish trip to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, Jenny was granted her angel wings passing over the Rainbow Bridge.

Jenny was born at Sutter Memorial Hospital on August 1, 1996. A premature baby of only 3 lbs, she was a miracle granted to her parents after 7 years of infertility treatments. After a month in the hospital, Jenny went home and grew to be a tall, exuberant girl. Jenny's life was tap dancing, horseback riding, soccer, snorkeling, creating art, playing her saxophone, and touching the lives of family, friends and neighbors. She had an unusual way of connecting with people,

befriending and touching the hearts of other children and adults alike.

Jenny was luminous, a person who truly lit up every room she entered. She was the "champion of the underdog", whether it was a shy and excluded child or an injured animal that had trouble keeping up with the group. Her compassion and empathy for others found her the ambassador for her class when welcoming a new student, or patiently guiding younger children while crafting art or learning to read. She had a creative and whimsical side which often set her apart from her peers, but allowed her to reach out to others, young and old. She sought out life's adventure with a passion for nature, animals and everything in the world around her. A child of unusual wisdom, Jenny would guide us to see the silver lining even during the cloudiest times.

In February 2007, Jenny was diagnosed with a brain stem glioma, an incurable form of brain cancer. Given no chance of recovery, she went forward excelling in school while undergoing extensive radiation and continual chemotherapy, fighting her way forward, searching for some unique combination of therapeutic agents that could offer her time or a cure; in short she lived looking for a miracle. Unfortunately, that miracle was not to be, but before she passed the Make-a-Wish Foundation sent Jenny to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, where Jenny was able to help dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, horses, pigs, and myriad other needy animals with whom she felt such a personal connection as she dealt with her medical challenges. The story of Jenny's wish has inspired people around the globe.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the wonderful loving and attentive doctors and nurses at the Sutter Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Group in Sacramento and Dr. Jonathan Finlay of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. You helped Jenny and made her feel safe while fighting an unwinnable battle. Thank you for carrying us all on this journey.

Jenny is survived by her loving mom and dad, Mary Jane and Brian Boxer of Carmichael, CA; her grandparents, Marilyn Boxer of Kensington, CA and Bridget and Terry Smart of San Antonio, TX; her great grandmother, Pat Smart of Houston, TX; her aunts and uncles, Terence and Aileen Smart of Kapolei, HI, Christopher Smart of San Antonio, TX, Claire Boxer of Santa Clarita, CA, and Larry and Samantha Boxer of Corona, CA; her cousins, Maxwell and Mayako Smart, and Chloe and Katie Boxer. Jenny is also survived by the students, teachers and families of Mary A. Deterding Elementary School in Carmichael, CA where Jenny was a student for nearly 7 years.

To our family and friends we bestow our most eternal love and gratitude for opening your arms to us, and for providing such a safe and comforting journey through many hard days. Jenny's passing has broken many hearts, but her spirit will live on in all who knew her.

"Now cracks many hearts. Good-night sweet princess; and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

In lieu of flowers, Jenny's family asks that donations be made to the following organizations:

CHLA Neuro-oncology Research Fund
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
4650 Sunset Blvd. #29
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Please note on checks: "In Honor of Jenny Boxer."

All donations to the CHLANeuro-oncology Research Fund will go to support on-going research into the treatment of pediatric brain stem gliomas, the cancer that took Jenny's life. The research team is led by Dr. Jonathan Finlay, Director of the Neural Tumors Program at CHLA and the Keck School of Medicine at USC, and Jenny's lead neuron-oncologist. There are no administrative costs; 100% of all funds will go directly to research programs aimed at curing this dreaded disease.

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Local Heroes Honored at Gala Event



The Heart of A Hero 2008 gala event was held at the Holiday Inn on Date Avenue, Sacramento on March 27th. The event provided a very special opportunity to recognize those who are making a positive impact within our community assisting youth.

The evening raised funds for the Campus Life Connection Teen Centers and youth programs.

The 12th annual gala dinner honored the outstanding effort of those in our community as they enhance the well-being and safety of young people.

The Heart of A Hero event has been established to raise community awareness of the need teenagers have for a safe, stable, and drug/alcohol free environment and how such an environment assists in guiding their energy and actions in a positive direction. The gala also recognized the efforts of extraordinary individuals who have assisted youth in the greater Sacramento Valley (Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado Counties).

2008 Heart of a Hero Recipients

While all the nominees are heroes receiving a certificate of recognition, these recipients stood out in their individual categories for special honors:

Heart of a Leader

Counselor mentors Jesse Davis of Strategies for Change and Trino Richard Zavala tied in this category. They each received a plaque recognizing their contributions as community leaders who mentor youth through substance abuse, anti-gang and drug counseling. The Gala audience also voted Mr. Zavala as its choice for hero of heroes, and he received accolades and the Award of Heart of the People for his work with The Effort in Sacramento.

Community Heart

We all get hungry and the Northridge Church of God's "Grab & Go" food assistance program for children received honors in this category. Sam Jones accepted the award for the Fair Oaks program. Pastor Jay Dudley praised the many volunteers who staff the nutrition program providing breakfast to area schoolchildren who would otherwise be hungry in class.

Voices of the Heart

He is well known for his on air radio antics and long partnership with Phil Cowan at Y 92 FM. Broadcaster Paul Robbins was chosen as a singular example of community leadership for his personal 92 mile fundraising run on behalf of Sacramento's Atkinson Youth Services. Sacramento Raley's Stores sponsored the run.

Knowledge of the Heart

Teacher and counselor Scott Evans from Carmichael's Mira Loma High School was selected from among a score local teachers nominated. He stood out for his personal commitment to making education more than facts and figures, providing students with mentoring on issues beyond the classroom.

Spirit of the Heart

The Robinson Community Center has helped change lives, improve family life and create a center for the North Sacramento community. They were honored with the plaque for Dream Builder's Youth Group programs.

Heart of a Servant

The Cosumnes River Fire District helped children explore firefighting as a career during its Fire Camp. For two weeks Elk Grove area children participated in realistic fire fighting drills and learned how fire departments do their job. Many area firefighters provided volunteer

time to give kids positive role models during the summer break program.

Brave Heart 2008

Sacramento Sheriff's Sgt. Pam Irely was leading her Explorer program during the Bull Riding Rodeo event at the California State Fair when one animal broke loose and charged a nearby group of children. Without a thought for her own safety, Irely demonstrated the courage of a true Hero in jumping in front of the charging bull deflecting it from harming the kids. She was injured and hospitalized after being struck and tossed, but not a single child was injured. Her actions made her the outstanding choice as 2008 Brave Heart recipient.

The Campus Life Connection is a non-profit, youth services program free of charge in area communities. Visit www.northareateencenter.com. Those interested in participating in future Heart of the Hero events may contact Jim Vargas, Executive Director, North Area Teen Center, at 486-9893 or 335-0804, or write to: Heart of A Hero, P.O. Box 397, Carmichael CA 95609-0397.

Band Festival-Carmichael Park May 31 & June 1: Noon to 7pm



The Carmichael Recreation and Park District is hosting the Summer Music Concert Series for your listening and dancing enjoyment at the Danny Bishop Memorial Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue.

This summer "kick off" event will feature the LARGEST Community Band Festival in

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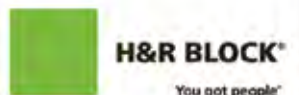
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San Juan School District Receives \$200K from Mercy



From Left to Right: Steven Enoch - Superintendent of Schools, SJUSD, Richard Launey - President, Board of Education, Dianna Batt - Principal, Coyle Avenue Elementary School, Brian Ivie, President, Mercy San Juan Medical Center, Don Myers - Senior Director, Facilities and Planning, SJUSD

Mercy Hospital President Brian Ivie presented the San Juan Unified School District \$200,000 so Coyle Avenue Elementary School can build a new pick-up and drop-off area for parents and students. The presentation was made on March 25th at a board meeting at the district office in Carmichael.

Since announcing plans to build a new patient care wing in 2002, Mercy has collaborated with neighbors, the school district and Sacramento

County to determine ways to improve traffic on Coyle Avenue. Mercy Hospital is also working with the school district and Sacramento County to apply for Safe Routes to School state funding that would make improvements to the neighborhood that would make the area safer for children. They completed a grant application last November and are waiting to hear back from the State of California.



Trouble With Kids? Outsource Them

As long noted, the problem with kids is that they don't come with instructions (which is a pretty embarrassing lapse in the manufacturing process).

But the real problem is: You have to take care of them!

At least you used to. According to a recent article in The Washington Post, more and more parents are outsourcing what used to be basic parental chores, such as toilet training. Initial consultation with a potty expert: \$250.

That's just the beginning. One woman spent "several thousand dollars" for a coach to teach her 8-month-old son to sleep for more than two hours at a time.

"Worth every dollar," she said.

Excuse me? How does one teach an 8-month-old infant how to sleep?

"Look, kid, no more coffee after 8 p.m., unless it's decaf. The same goes for Red Bull and Mountain Dew.

"And those after-dinner cigars aren't such a good idea either, especially in the crib."

Besides, babies are basically machines that eat, sleep and do things that cause you to change their diapers.

You feed them and generally they'll sleep, though we did occasionally use the "take-a-car-ride" routine, which worked pretty well except for the time I suddenly realized I had driven from Delaware to Vancouver and run out of gas.

The article mentioned -- this is true -- a service that charged \$4,000 for five nights of sleep training. I used to dream (so to speak) of working as a mattress tester, but I had no idea sleep was such a well-paying field.

And what do these people do on their day off? Sleep in? Set the alarm clock early?

Which brings me to an important digression (OK, it's not that important, but these tangents have to be justified):

A recent study, presumably conducted by well-rested scientists, said that Americans are getting enough sleep after all.

This, after 80 gazillion stories (more or less) about how Americans are sleep-deprived. I'm sure I'm not the only one who lost sleep over this issue.

You have to wonder if those stories were planted by Big Mattress, the not-so-sleepy cartel that exerts a stranglehold over the bedding industry.

Also, shouldn't the government regulate those mattress ads? They show incredibly refreshed people opening their eyes with a radiant smile and positively bounding out of bed. The only time I ran that fast out of bed was when I had to puke.

No one wakes up that happy, and if they do they need to be locked up before they have a chance to harm others.

But back to the main topic, which I forgot because I was so sleep-deprived (or at least I thought I was). How far will this outsourcing go?

All parents dread the "terrible twos." Perhaps children should be outsourced beginning at age 22 months and then returned in time for preschool (or in more extreme cases, college).

Parents are even paying people hundreds of dollars to take care of such simple tasks as childproofing their homes. I'm sorry, but if you aren't capable of handling this job, you probably need the home childproofed to protect yourself. In fact, you might want to consider the ultimate in baby outsourcing: Pay someone else to have and raise your child.

It would save both of you a lot of trouble.

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Geranium Society Festival and Sale

Saturday, April 26, 2008
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carmichael Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave.

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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carmichael Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave.

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WTT Champs Announce New Roster



Eric Butorac

The Sacramento Capitals picked up two new players today in the World TeamTennis draft concluded in Miami, Florida.

Eric Butorac, a 6'3" left hander will replace former team captain Mark Knowles, who will forego the season to await the birth of his second child. The Rochester, Minnesota native turned pro in 2003 and has three career ATP titles. His current doubles ranking is 45. The Caps picked up Butorac as the second pick in the first round as a result of the trade with St. Louis involving marquee player Anna Kournikova.

Joining Butorac will be 16 year-old Belgium junior player Tammy Hendler. Hendler, a right hander, is the current 18th (career high 5th) ranked junior player in the world. Born in South Africa, she trains in Braderton, Florida. The Caps have a successful track record of drafting up and coming young female phenoms like Nicole Vaidisova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and

Michelle Larcher De Brito.

Returning are fan favorites Elena Likhovtseva and Sam Warburg. Likhovtseva was the 2008 first round Caps protected draft pick. Likhovtseva has played with the Caps for seven years and twice won the WTT MVP Female Player of the Year honors. She is the 2007 Australian Mixed Doubles champion. The 24 year-old Warburg, returns for his third year with the Caps. Warburg recently beat three top 100 players in a row at the Sony Ericsson Open. He was also a Caps protected player in the draft. Warburg, a two-time All-American, prepped at Jesuit High School.

The Caps will have two marquee players this year, Lindsey Davenport and Dmitry Tursunov. Davenport helped lead the Caps to titles in 1997 and 1998 and was a marquee player last season. Davenport began touring again after the birth of her son last year. The 26 year-old Russian star is currently ranked 35th in singles. Early this year, Tursunov won the tour event in Sydney, Australia. Popular coach Wayne Bryan returns to lead the team to a record seventh WTT title.

Sacramento Capitals co-owner Lonnie Nielson feels all the pieces are in place for another successful year. "We'll be competitive, no doubt about it. I guarantee our fans that the players will leave it all on the court this season in quest of our seventh title."

The Capitals will play their 23rd season of World TeamTennis action July in Allstate Stadium, Westfield's Galleria at Roseville, July 3-23. For the second consecutive year, the defending title-holders will host the World TeamTennis Championship Weekend, July 24-27. The Capitals won a league-record 6th King Trophy last July with an exciting win over the New York Buzz of Schenectady, N.Y. Season tickets for 2008, including Championship Weekend tickets, are on sale now at 916-638-4001 ext.111.

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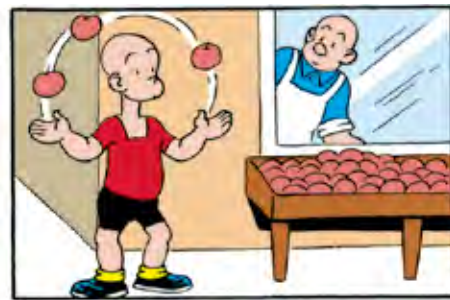
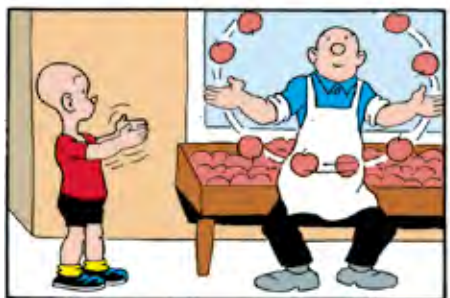
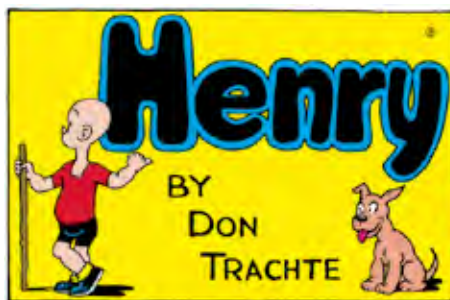
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It Is Enough

How do you know when enough is enough?

If you eat enough you feel full. If you keep on eating, you get sick at your stomach.

A glass of wine makes your meal pleasant and the company more companionable. Too many glasses turn the whole social event into a disaster in which you are the obnoxious star.

It's the same way with wordy columnists. At a certain point, enough is enough.

There's a modern term Americans use to describe the condition when you've been doing something for a long time that has been fun and fulfilling, but has also been strenuous, demanding, challenging -- the way all good things in life should be, an activity you hope has somehow been a benefit to others as well as to yourself.

There comes a time when all really great life activities stop accomplishing what they once did -- when a wordy columnist begins to realize that she has pretty much said everything she has to say at the moment and that there is a need for a little down time, some time to collect and rejuvenate, and maybe feel and see some new things, collect new ideas, even think new thoughts.

Americans call it burn-out. It's how you feel when it has been enough.

Writing is one of those things I love, always have, always will. Writing an opinion column for years has been a fulfilling, even joyous, experience. It is a rare and wonderful privilege to write and to have what you wrote published. It has not been a privilege that I have ever taken lightly.

I have been honored to be published by King Features for several years. My greatest reward has been the letters

written when something I said struck a chord in someone else. Those letters have been heartening, critical, funny, encouraging, but mostly they have been humbling.

What they have shown me is how little I really do know, how unqualified any of us truly are to put ourselves out there as some kind of expert. When real life is involved, what does an opinion matter?

I recently wrote about the super-germs we are creating by the improper use of antibiotics, and I decried the lack of quarantine and attention to hygiene and cleanliness in our health-care facilities.

A few weeks later I received a beautiful card from a woman in New Jersey. She said in 1957 there was a nursery in a Texas hospital in which the staff had become lax in washing their hands. A staph germ spread pneumonia in the nursery and most of the children died.

One of them was her 2-year-old daughter.

I sat and held the card in my hand, tears on my face.

Humbling, humbling.

So as we all get on with real life, I'm going to just shut up and listen for a while, absorb the joys and sorrows of this human experience, and let someone else write words of opinion. Right now, I don't have many opinions, just a great deal of gratitude.

And that is enough.

This is Francis Shrum's final column. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to francis@wccourier.com.

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Riley Reviews

By Tim Riley

MATH GENIUSES BECOME EXCITING WHEN COUNTING TO "21"

21 (Rated PG-13)

Counting cards while playing blackjack in Vegas casinos isn't illegal, but it would be unwise to try to convince a pit boss on the finer points of the law. According to "21," you could end up in the hotel basement, facing the business end of the fists of a casino enforcer, which in the case of this movie arrives courtesy of the very intimidating Laurence Fishburne. Since the mob has given way to corporate sharks, ejection from a casino is more often a case of being asked to leave and never return.

Loosely inspired by Ben Mezrich's book "Bringing Down the House," the story of math geniuses at M.I.T. who beat Vegas at its own game, "21" is an obvious dramatization that seeks to punch up the caper with high stakes action, close calls with security staff and the glitzy seduction of the glamorous Vegas lifestyle. Brilliant college students succeeded at raking in millions by card-counting, but they likely ran the operation as a well-oiled machine that stuck to a serious business model. As a movie is wont to do, "21" glamorizes Vegas as if it were on the payroll of the Chamber of Commerce.

The linchpin of the "21" caper is shy, brilliant M.I.T. senior Ben Campbell (Jim Sturgess), who's been accepted to Harvard Medical School but either needs to win a coveted scholarship or must cough up \$300,000 for tuition. On both counts, Ben's prospects look bleak until he's noticed by unorthodox math professor Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), who runs his classroom as if students were contestants on "Jeopardy." Actually, the professor is on the lookout for talented pupils with an aptitude for numbers.

Moonlighting as the head of a card-counting ring, Professor Rosa recruits Ben to his inner circle of gifted students who take weekend trips from Boston to Vegas for fun and profit. Clandestine meetings take place at night in vacant classrooms, as Rosa instructs his charges on the intricacies of counting cards and employing strategies to evade detection by casino security. Ben is quickly attracted to the cause by the presence of smart and sexy teammate Jill Taylor (Kate Bosworth). It's not surprising, then, that they later find more in common than just a deck of cards. What's a caper without the romantic angle that threatens the whole setup?

Seduced by more than a pretty girl and a ton of money, Ben pushes the limits of his mathematical abilities. In the process, his

exceptional skills rather quickly alienate the team's blackjack prodigy, the mercurial and arrogant Fisher (Jacob Pitts), who proves exceedingly resentful at becoming second fiddle to the newcomer. The estrangement between the two card players kicks in the right note of tension to spice up the plot. Otherwise, we just have to marvel how Choi (Aaron Yoo) and Kianna (Liza Lapira) go about the task of playing spotters, flashing signals about a table being hot or whether it is time to flee in haste.

The signal-calling doesn't come fast enough to save Ben from a particularly nasty encounter with Cole Williams (Laurence Fishburne), an old school security specialist with a knack for finding card counters just by simple observation and gut instinct. Before getting caught, Ben and his crew are very audacious, but since the kids are perhaps too smart for their own good, they get caught up in the idea of their perceived invincibility. "21" turns on a character study of how the mild-mannered Ben is swept up by the glitzy lifestyle. More than just being seduced by the heady rush of gambling, Ben also has a showdown with the professor over his authoritarian style.

In the end, "21" strains to find a reasonable climax to the mounting tension induced by turmoil within the ranks and the unraveling of the team's anonymity. As if playing cat-and-mouse with the casinos is not exciting enough, the plot winds up with a series of double-crosses that seem forced and gratuitous. And yet, "21" is fun to watch because Kevin Spacey is chewing up the scenery as usual.

DVD RELEASE UPDATE

To be sure, there are plenty of newer film titles being released on DVD. I choose instead to point out the new Collector's Editions on some old favorites, which are closely timed to the start of the baseball season. "Bull Durham" is the comedy classic about sex and sport that follows a minor-league baseball fan (Susan Sarandon) and the love triangle she creates in the clubhouse between an up-and-coming pitcher (Tim Robbins) and the mentor catcher (Kevin Costner) assigned to him. The Collector's Edition contains five all-new behind-the-scenes featurettes. The true story of the "Black Sox" scandal of 1919 where the Chicago White Sox threw the World Series is sharply realized in the underrated "Eight Men Out." Lastly, acting legend Gary Cooper stars as the legendary Lou Gehrig in "Pride of the Yankees," featuring seven brand new featurettes.

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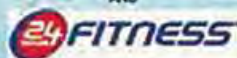
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SMUD owns and operates the Upper American River Project (UARP), a 688-megawatt hydroelectric facility that accounts for 15 percent of SMUD's energy supply. During wet years the UARP can reduce SMUD's power costs by tens of millions of dollars, but during dry years SMUD can see a significant increase in purchase power costs.

To better manage the year-to-year fluctuations in power costs, an automatic rate-adjustment mechanism designed to pass on to customers changes in power costs related to dry weather is being proposed.

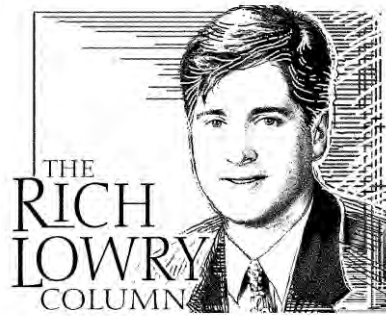
With the HGA, customers would see a credit on their bill after wet hydro years and a charge after dry hydro years. The fluctuation in costs would be limited to a maximum percentage up or down to be passed through to customers.

A community meeting, two public workshops and a public hearing will be held at the SMUD Headquarters Building, located at 6201 S Street, Sacramento.

- April 14, 6:00 p.m.** **Public Workshop**
- April 16, 9:00 a.m.** **Public Workshop**
- April 28, 6:00 p.m.** **Community Meeting**
- May 1, 6:00 p.m.** **Public Hearing**

For information about SMUD's proposed Hydro Generation Adjustment and a copy of the General Manager's Report and Recommendation, visit smud.org. Copies of the report are available at all Sacramento County Public Libraries.

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She Won't Stop

candidate of people power?

She's going to keep coming. The Obama campaign can tout "the math." Pundits can insist she leave the race. Former liberal supporters can complain about her smash-mouth tactics. But Hillary Clinton is not going to relent.

She's not electrifying on the stump, her campaign is dysfunctional, and -- truth be told -- she's not particularly experienced. What Hillary has is a shameless will to power, and a near lock on an old-school Democratic coalition built on working-class whites. That is enough for her to try to pry the nomination from Obama's hands one finger at a time.

When the Obama campaign and its supporters in the press say "the math" rules out Hillary, they mean that she will never catch Barack Obama in pledged delegates won through primaries and caucuses. He probably will continue to lead her by about 100 pledged delegates out of roughly 3,200 total. But nothing says that the leader in pledged delegates wins the nomination.

Both candidates will need superdelegates -- the 800 party poobahs free to vote for whomever they please -- to get to the magic number of 2,025 total delegates. "Math" obsessives assume that the superdelegates will go with whomever has the most pledged delegates. But why?

Obama padded his pledged-delegate lead with overwhelming wins in caucuses that aren't as open and democratic as primaries. In the hybrid primary-caucus state of Texas, Hillary beat Obama by three points and 100,000 votes in a primary where 3 million people voted. But Obama will get more pledged delegates out of the state because he beat Hillary in a caucus where 100,000 people participated. And Obama is the

The Washington Post talked to 80 superdelegates who said that if the race is basically a tie, they will support the candidate who matches up best against John McCain and will make the best president. That is an open question, subject to different answers based on ongoing developments.

It's time for Obama -- as the Hillary character said to the Obama character in the latest devastating sendup of Obama on "Saturday Night Live" -- to "man up." He can't throw the "kitchen sink" back at Hillary. Instead, he has to demonstrate his toughness by connecting with traditional Democrats on bread-and-butter issues, and by reacting to his newfound political adversity with aplomb (i.e., no whining about his press coverage becoming less worshipful).

When Hillary and Bill Clinton talk of Obama as Hillary's pick for vice president, they are targeting Obama's toughness. They surely believe that, faced with a Hillary who will go to the convention and spoil his nomination with a nasty floor fight if she has to, Obama will blink. That for the sake of his party and the cause of change, he'll take a unifying deal that puts him in the No. 2 slot.

Obama is trying to knock down the notion, but has yet to burn his ships behind him by ruling out running as VP in any circumstance. Unless he does, doubts will remain about whether he has the stomach for what Hillary will drag him through.

About this there can be no doubt: When Hillary said at the beginning of her campaign that she's "in it to win it," she meant it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Court Will Rehear Home-School Case



by Yolanda Knaak

The Second District Court of Appeals has decided to rehear the Rachel L. decision, in which judges in the case stated parents have, "no legal right to home-school their children". The outcry by tens of thousands of home schooling families in California was because the decision, as stated, could be applied to all home-schooled children, not just to individuals in the case. According to Pacific Justice Institute, a new round of briefings are scheduled for late April and the court will most likely take several additional months to schedule oral arguments and issue another decision.

According to the Home School Legal Defense Association, under current California law any student between the ages of 6 and 18 maintains the right to be "Home Schooled" in a private school independent study program or

in a parent's home-based private school.

On March 7, 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger released a statement, "Every California child deserves a quality education and parents should have the right to decide what's best for their children. Parents should not be penalized for acting in the best interests of their children's education. This outrageous ruling must be overturned by the courts, and if the courts don't protect parents' rights then, as elected officials, we will."

The latest move by the California State Legislature is ACR 115, which is a resolution that calls for reversal of the anti-home schooling decision. Author Joel Anderson (R-El Cajon) has presented the resolution to the California State Assembly and it has been referred to the Assembly Education Committee. The hearing date has not yet been set and those who would like to make their opinion known should call the committee Chair, Vice Chair and members. Contact information is as follows: Assemblymember Gene Mullin (Chair) 916-319-2019 and Assemblymember Martin Garrick (Vice Chair) 916-319-2074. Contact information for the other committee members can be googled with 'California Assembly Education Committee'.

For comments or questions, feel free to contact me at yk@skyq.com. About the author: Yolanda Knaak has a Masters degree from UCLA in nursing. She is an elected member of the Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee

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Kauai's New Outrigger Resort



by Judy M. Zimmerman

On the eastern shore of Kauai, the new Outrigger Waipouli Beach Resort and Spa opened its doors just over a year ago. My friend and I chose to vacation at this luxurious condominium resort for two important reasons: its strategic island location and the savings we would realize by not eating all our meals in restaurants.

Our superbly appointed kitchen was twice the size of my kitchen at home and included a full-size washer/dryer. The two bedrooms each had an ocean-view balcony and a large, beautifully furnished living/dining room with complimentary High-Speed and Wireless Internet access. A Safeway/ shopping center was only a few minutes' walk across the road, something that turned out to be more important than I had realized. During my visit to Kauai 12 years ago, traffic had not been nearly so congested. Since we were located about mid-way on Kauai's one main road, our plan was

to get an overview of the island the first two days, driving north to the end of the road; then driving around the south end. Both days we discovered a great little restaurant for lunch with such large portions that the take-away boxes became another meal to put in our kitchen's refrigerator. At Ching Young Village, near Kilauea Pt. National Wildlife Refuge and lighthouse on the north shore, we discovered Pizza Hanalei's delicious whole wheat crust, salads, pasta, and fresh-from-the-oven bread and pastries. The service was fast and friendly and most diners chose to sit at picnic tables on the patio. Along the SW route of the island, there was the old plantation town of Hanapepe,

Kauai's "Biggest Little Town", now a haven for art galleries. Fronting the wooden sidewalk in the middle of town was the Hanapepe Caf. Fortunately we had arrived early because the popular café, became packed with all those seeking gourmet vegetarian and Italian specialties. An unexpected delight was a charming young guitarist who played all the "Golden Oldies". If you decide to go to Hanapepe Caf, for dinner on Friday nights instead, there are only two seatings, so it's best to book a reservation a week in advance. At sunset, we preferred to hang out each evening sipping super two-for-one Mai Tai's at our condo's beachside bar.

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Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO

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RT has accomplished a number of major initiatives over the last three decades, including the conversion of the bus fleet to Compressed Natural Gas; and the introduction of light rail to Sacramento in 1987, followed by light rail extensions

to South Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Folsom and the Sacramento Valley Station/Amtrak.

Over the years, RT has experienced steady growth as demonstrated by bus and light rail ridership increases. The average weekday bus ridership for the month of February was estimated at 55,263 – a 3.5 percent increase compared to February 2007. The average weekday light rail ridership for the month of February was estimated at 54,200 – a 9.5 percent increase compared to February 2007.

RT continues to plan for the future transportation needs of the region. The District has embarked on the development of a Transit Master Plan, and will be engaging the community and seeking input in the coming months. In 2009, RT will begin construction of the South Line Phase 2 light rail extension to Cosumnes River College and the first phase of the Downtown/Natomas/Airport light rail extension to 7th Street and Richards Boulevard.

“On behalf of RT’s 1,200 employees, I would like to thank the Sacramento community for their support and patronage, and encourage everyone to discover the benefits of public transit,” Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO, stated.

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The "We Care About Our Kids" Golf at the Ancil Hoffman Golf Course. The North Area Teen Center (NATC) and the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce will team up with "Sports Guy" Pat Walsh to host the event.

The field of play has been limited to 10 foursomes, ensuring speed and quality of play. Local sponsors have three levels of participation providing company recognition, a cart, tee markers and 18-holes of exciting play and Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.

Registration forms will be available March 25. Proceeds benefit the non-profit North Area Teen Center and are tax-deductible.

The NATC and The Chamber have developed various programs for kids in our area. These programs provide healthy and safe alternatives for our young men and women and many times assists those who are "at risk."

For further information call 481-1002.



Cruisin' By Greg Zyla

1940 Panel Truck

Q: Greg, I have a 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery Panel Truck with two doors in the back. I'd like to know how many were produced, and how many are left. I'd also like a ballpark figure of what my '40 Ford is worth.

I've owned it for 24 years, as I traded my '66 El Camino, title for title, for it, even though the Ford was a basket case when I brought it home. Currently, it has a 283 Chevy V-8 engine with 327 heads, a cam and a 350 Turbo Trans. It has a Chassis Engineering rear end with a Nova-style rear setup.

The interior is red crushed velour, and it has tinted windows, tilt wheel, sunroof, Cadillac taillights that are "frenched" in, and lots more. It has Lucas headlights and black cherry paint with clearcoat.

So what do you think it's worth? -- Damon C., Marion, Ind.

A: Damon, in 1940, Ford produced just 2,160 Deluxe Sedan Deliveries. They all rode on a 112-inch wheelbase and came with the popular 221 cubic-inch flathead V-8 that produced 85 horsepower. The transmission was a three-speed manual on the column.

However, your truck is a highly prized custom rod, which falls into a totally different category. As for pricing, that's a difficult question to answer because it all has to do with what a buyer is willing to pay. However, from what I've seen on the television auctions, and if it's as nice as the photo you sent, I'd expect you to attract in the \$28,000 to \$40,000 range, and maybe more with the right buyer.

As for how many are left, I'd say very, very few. The more time that passes, the more your '40 Panel Delivery Truck will be worth.

Write to Greg Zyla in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to gzyla@ptd.net.

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ELKS Install Officers



New Officers of Carmichael Lodge # 2103 are (l-r)(back row) Chaplain Bob Chase, Lecturing Knight Tom Busch, Tiler PER Phil Bayard, Loyal Knight Jeff Hanson, Inner Guard PER Richard Scherrer, Leading Knight Bob Lowe, Secretary Bill Cridland, (l-r) (front row) Organist Judith Usher, Exalted Ruler Shirley Gilmore, Esquire PER Helena Scherrer, and Treasurer Rita Lowe were installed on March 29th. Congratulations!

Monthly Military Retiree/Spouse Meeting:

Our monthly meeting of retirees and family members is scheduled for 9 Apr 2008 at the former McClellan AFB Chapel, Bldg 5726. The meeting starts promptly at 1030 hrs and we have a super duper speaker in the form of Mr Dean Moline who runs the place we are all dying to get into, which is the Sacramento VA National Cemetery in Dixon CA. This is a must meeting for

all retirees and all your questions will be answered by the expert, Mr Moline. Thanks to our outstanding Commissary Staff, coffee will be available. If you have any questions, contact our volunteer staff at 561-7476 between the hours of 9AM to 3PM, Monday through Thursday.

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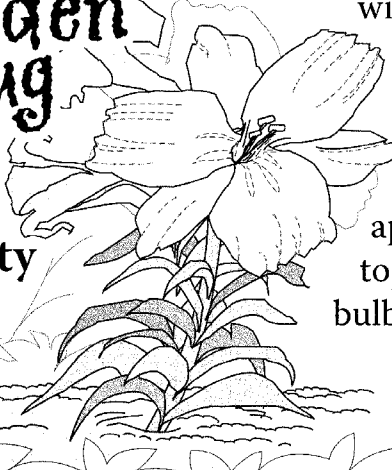
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0802408. Billy R. Butler, 2661 Bell St., Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Butler Motorsports" at 2661 Bell St., Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 3, 2008. Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2008.
BUTLER 80303 4-8-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0802579. Charles Ewers and Kristen Ewers, both of 6205 Kiernan Dr., Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "CPK Enterprises" at 6205 Kiernan Dr., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 6, 2003. Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, 16, 2008.
CPKENT 80304 4-16-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0801860. Taylor Lynn Schaub, 4789 Manzanita Ave. #14, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "The Clean Team" at 4789 Manzanita Ave. #14, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Feb.

19, 2008. Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, 16, 2008.
THECLE 80304 4-16-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0802830. Dextrys, Inc., 201 Edgewater Dr., Wakefield, MA 01880 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "DarwinSuzsoff" at 201 Edgewater Dr., Wakefield, MA 01880. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 12, 2008. Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, 16, 2008.
DARWIN 80304 4-16-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0802571. Maria L. Jasso, 6859 Trovita Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Jose's Gardening" at 6859 Trovita Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 6, 2008. Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, 16, 2008.
JOSESG 80304 4-16-08

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2008-00006480-CU-PT-GDS

WHEREAS, Crystal Erin Szymanski has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Crystal Erin Szymanski to Crystal Erin Barrett. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on May 8, 2008 in Dept. 53, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, Ca 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: March 20, 2008.

Loren E. McMaster
Judge of the Superior Court
Loren E. McMaster
Publish: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2008.
SZYMAN 80401 4-22-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0803697. Donald E. Turner, 2512 Mission Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Don Turner Enterprises" at 2512 Mission

Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 31, 2008. Publish: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008.
DONTUR 80402 4-29-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0803397. Kayak Software Corporation, 2980 Bowers Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "SideStep, Inc." at 27 Ann St. #300, Norwalk, C 06854. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 25, 2008. Publish: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008.
SIDEST 80402 4-29-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0803694. National Audubon Society, Inc., 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Audubon California" at 76 University Ave. #200, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 31, 2008. Publish: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008.
AUDUBO 80402 4-29-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0803167. Top Performance

Auto Service Inc., 5940-B Don Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Top Performance Auto Service Inc." at 5940-B Don Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 19, 2008. Publish: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008.
TOPPER 80402 4-29-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0802950. James K. Laidovsky, 5100 Walnut Place Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Names "JKL Construction; JKL Design-Build" at 5100 Walnut Place Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 14, 2008. Publish: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008.
JKLCON 80402 4-29-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#0803691. Anatoliy Kitsen, 8243 Scarlet Oak Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "I&T Transport" at 8243 Scarlet Oak Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 31, 2008. Publish: April 8, 15,

22, 29, 2008.
I&TTTRA 80402 4-29-08

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2008-00007684-CU-PT-GDS

WHEREAS, Yvonne M. Rees has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Yvonne M. Rees to Beth Yvonne Rees. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on May 29, 2008 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, Ca 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: April 4, 2008.

Shelleyanne W.L. Chang
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008.
REES 80402 4-29-08

Community Events

The Woodside K-8 School Parent-Teacher Organization is having a unique event to help raise funds to purchase new computers for the computer lab by holding its first annual E-Waste Recycling Fundraiser at Woodside School on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families and businesses in the greater Citrus Heights Roseville, Orangevale, Carmichael, and Fair Oaks areas are invited to drive by Woodside K-8 and donate their used/outdated electronic equipment and computer waste. Additionally, cash donations towards the purchase of the new computers will also be accepted. All e-waste and cash donations are tax deductible. Receipts will be given for all donations on the day of the event.

Items accepted include televisions, computer monitors, VCRs/DVD players, computers, laptops, printers, cell phones, telephones, radios, camera, and computer equipment.

Items not accepted include household appliances, furniture, garbage or green waste, lamps/light bulbs, microwave ovens, vacuum cleaners, and bathroom electronics.

The Italian Cultural Center presents three artists' interpretation of the "Faces of Italy." Artists Rod Williams, Glory Bradley and Bud Bradley will be showing two and three-dimensional pieces.

The collection will be open to the public from April 3rd through April 13th. View photographs, sculptures, watercolors, gouache, and pastels in the three artists' interpretation of the people and sites of Italy.

As part of the mission of the Cultural Center, we are pleased to present this fascinating collection of Italy. As a thank you from these artists, fifteen percent (15%) of all sales will be returned to the Center to assist in their building fund and support for the Italian cultural programming.

Hours are on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.; and Weekdays from noon to 5 p.m.

For more information on the artists go to www.3ArtistsAndVal.com or contact Val Williams at

1-530-676-7664.

For more information on the Italian Cultural Society go to www.Italiancenter.net. Call 482-5600.

The Fair Oaks Historical Society invites you and your family to visit its History Center which will be open to visitors on April 13th, during its monthly Second Sunday Open House. While there you will be able to view pictures, maps, documents and artifacts dating back to 1880. Prior to leaving the History Center, we suggest you pick up a walking tour map of the village. The tour walks you past 47 historic homes and buildings and is free to the public. Tracing the meanderings of Fair Oaks Boulevard on the map will make understandable the reaction of a '1902 resident who is quoted as saying, "Our roads are a source of wonder and bewilderment to every stranger who comes into the colony."

The History Center, which is located in the Fireside Room of the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, 7997 California Ave., Fair Oaks, will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Docents will be available during each event to help with local lore and fact. If you can't come in person, please visit our website: www.fairoakshistory.org.

Admission to the History Center is free. For further information please call the Historical Society's Chief of Docents Lois Frazier at 967-2967.

A local private school (Anchor Education, Inc.) is looking for community support to help raise needed funds to better serve its students. Anchor Education, is asking for donations of old cars, trucks, or vans, with free towing included. The vehicle may be running or not, and you may take a charitable tax deduction.

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An aging king tries to keep his kingdom intact in spite of the machinations of his three sons and estranged wife in Magic Circle Theatre's production of the comedy *The Lion in Winter*, opening March 28.

Rodger Hoopman (Scrooge) stars as King Henry, determined to keep his lands and rule intact after his death. But which of his three sons should follow him?

Richard the Lionheart (Dean Shellenberger), Geoffrey (Simon Hunt) or John (Eric Bellah)? Like any head of the house (royal or not), he learns his decisions have little weight up against the opinions of his wife, Eleanor (Debra Hammona), his mistress Alais (Zoe Garcia), the boys themselves, or even King Phillip (David Garrison).

Director Rosemorie Gerould guides this family together through intrigue, double-crossings, backstabbing and surprises with a brilliant script by James Goldman.

Basically, just another family Christmas.

The Lion in Winter will play Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2:p.m., March 28 through April 26, in the Tower Theatre, 421 Vernon St., Roseville. Tickets are \$22 for general admission, \$20v for seniors and students, \$12 for children 11 and under. Call 782-1777 for tickets.

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Metro Fire Receives Kids' Plates Grant



By Jill Conner
Public Education Technician – Metro Fire

Every child has the right to grow up healthy and safe. We at Metro Fire have placed a high priority on injury prevention, especially for children.

One of the other main areas of our injury prevention focus is drowning prevention. Each year in the Sacramento area, far too many children and young adults fall victim to drowning or near drowning.

One way that Metro Fire is working to prevent drowning is through our life jacket loan out program, Operation River Safe. Every year on the major summer holidays of Labor Day, 4th of July, and Memorial Day, Metro Fire, in conjunction with C.E.R.T. (Citizens Emergency Response Team) sets up life jacket loan out stations at places along the river in Sacramento. When people come to the river to swim or raft, they can borrow a

properly fitted life jacket from one of our loan out stations, use it all day and return the jacket to us, all at no charge.

We also have life jacket hand outs at our Fire Stations near the rivers. You can go to one of these Fire Stations and the firefighters there will fit you with a life jacket for you to borrow for the day. Last year we passed out over 1100 life jackets of all sizes to all ages from infant to adult. Unfortunately, we only received 400 of them back.

This is where Kids' Plates comes into the picture. Kids' Plates are the unique California license plates that include symbols like a heart or a star in a personal message. The small extra amount of money that these plates cost is given out in the form of grants to organizations that work to prevent child injury and child abuse.

Metro Fire applied for and received a Kids' Plates grant to purchase \$3000.00 worth of personal floatation devices, specifically sized for children. This grant and the purchase of the life jackets will insure that we can continue this life saving program for another year.

If you want to help to support injury prevention and child abuse prevention programs in California, buy a Kids' Plate for your vehicle or visit Kids' Plates at kidsplates.org or call 1-800-HEY-KIDS.

For further information on our life jacket loan out program, and for a list of the stations that loan out life jackets, you can visit the Metro Fire website at smfd.ca.gov or call the Community Services Division at (916) 566-4000.



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So says Diana Butler Bass (dianabutlerbass.com), author of the book "Christianity for the Rest of Us," who holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is also the author of five other religious books, including "Imagining a New Old Church," lauded as one of the most important books on mainline Protestantism in the last two decades.

According to Butler Bass, there is a quiet revival going on in American religion in its least likely quarters—among moderate and liberal "brand name" Christian congregations, folks like the Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists, the American Cooperative Baptists, in peace churches like the Quakers and Mennonites, and in independent and alternative Christian communities gathering around the "new monasticism" or "emerging village."

Diana Butler Bass speaks to church members and the public on the following dates and hours:

- Dessert and Conversation—Friday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Presbyterian Church at 5645 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael; telephone (916) 486-9081. Call the office for a reservation.

- Diana Butler Bass preaches at CPC Sunday, April 20th at CPC at 8:45 a.m. (Traditional Service) and at 11:00 a.m., (Contemporary Service.)

"Christianity for the Rest of Us" is available for sale at \$10.00 a copy while supplies last at CPC. (Yes, extra copies were ordered for the public.) You also may purchase the book by clicking on dianabutlerbass.com, or checking with your favorite book store.

CHP News



MOTORCYCLIST KILLED ON MARCONI AVENUE

From Officer Lizz Dutton, Public Affairs Officer

On March 18, 2008, at approximately 7:51 a.m., Shakirah Word, a 24 year old from Carmichael was driving a 1996 white Ford Taurus and was exiting an apartment complex parking lot on the south side of the roadway onto westbound Marconi Avenue west of La Vista Avenue. Johnathan Elizalde, a 30 year old from North Highlands was driving his 2005 silver Kawasaki motorcycle on eastbound Marconi Avenue approaching Word's location. As Word began to make a left turn onto Marconi Avenue she did not see the motorcyclist approaching and her vehicle struck the motorcyclist. Elizalde was ejected from his motorcycle and came to rest in the #2 eastbound lane of Marconi Avenue. He was transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Hospital where he was pronounced dead. (Sacramento Coroner's Case # 08-01636). Elizalde was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision; however, it came off sometime during the collision.

Word was driving on a suspended drivers' license. Both Word and Elizalde were on their way to work. This collision is still under investigation and charges are unknown at this time.

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