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## Five Star Liquor Goes Up in Flames

**3 Alarm Fire Races Through Attic, Forces Crews To Defensive Operations Just Prior To Partial Collapse.**

At approximately 6:20 am on March 22nd, a Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Engine Company responded to an internal alarm in a commercial building at Gibbons Drive and Walnut Avenue. Upon arrival the crew found the building charged with smoke and immediately called for assistance, requesting a commercial structure response. This 1st alarm assignment made an interior fire attack on the building with heavy fire involvement overhead. The incident quickly escalated to a 2 alarm fire 11 minutes later, then a 3rd alarm 13 minutes after that.

As the 3rd alarm assignments responded to the scene, the Incident Commander ordered all personnel out of the building as concern grew over building collapse. The operations at that point became defensive rather than offensive. Minutes later, as aerial ladders began setting up for overhead water streams, a portion of the roof overhang collapsed, followed by sections of the main roof area.

Crews on the ground set up hose streams from a safe distance outside the structure while the aerial water streams were also utilized. In addition to 9 command and support staff, 8 engine companies, 5 truck companies, and 2 medic units responded for a total of 61 personnel on scene.

No fire personnel were injured and the building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The building housed a liquor store, a deli, a beauty salon, and a 4th occupancy



Early Morning Blaze Destroys Businesses

that was undetermined at this time. The building loss is estimated in excess of \$1.5 million.

As the defensive operations were ordered and the 3rd alarm units were no longer needed, some units were released to respond to a second commercial building fire that broke out nearby in the AT&T building at 4111 Marconi Av. This fire was in the employee break room of a 2 story commercial building. A 2nd alarm was called but was kept in staging, the 1st alarm assignments were able to handle the fire.

## Jean Runyon Honored



awareness and interest in the arts to the benefit of artists, galleries, and museums in this region and beyond. As a longtime supporter and former board member at CCAS, we have witnessed first-hand her exceptional influence and generosity.

The event will be held in the wonderful art-filled home of Cheryl and Chris Holben who have graciously opened their doors to us for the evening. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase a brick, to be installed in CCAS, honoring Jean's tremendous contribution to the local arts community and to support CCAS arts programming.

In addition to delicious appetizers and fabulous conversation, there will be an outstanding silent auction featuring several artists' signed books and work by Linda Fitz Gibbon, Terry Hollowell and David Hollowell as well as others.

Tickets are available online through Paypal at [www.ccasac.org](http://www.ccasac.org) or call 498-9811 for further information. CCAS Member (per person) \$50 / Non-member (per person) \$75.

The Center for Contemporary Art, Sacramento will be honoring Jean Runyan, Chairwoman of Runyon Saltzman, & Einhorn, on Saturday, April 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. through decades of encouragement, support and service Runyon has graciously raised

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# Government Can Provide Vision During Tight Fiscal Times

terms of our infrastructure deficit, which is estimated at nearly half a trillion dollars. While California is a great leader in many areas, in this one it is near the bottom of the pack. This is unacceptable, and we must renew the commitment to strong, usable infrastructure that was made fifty years ago under the visionary administration of Governor Pat Brown.

Though our tax dollars go to support a variety of state services, the investment in California's public infrastructure enjoys a special status --it is the one service government provides that affects Californians across all age, income, and geographic divisions. Today, I remain as firmly committed as ever in my desire to restore this most vital of government services and make it a priority

This said, our budget deficit allows us to look to new, more efficient ways to forge public-private partnerships to deliver desperately needed state infrastructure. Governor Schwarzenegger has stated that we must find creative ways to leverage our state investments to attract private sector investment. I would agree, and fortunately, a long list of very successful national and international projects exists to guide us in these efforts.

Public-private partnerships combine the ingenuity, flexibility, and access to capital of the private sector with the vision of the public sector. Governments can do certain things very well, but because it acts as a

monopoly when it comes to infrastructure development and improvement, it can't drive down costs and provide services in a way that private sector entities in competition with one another are able.

State Government should continue to set standards, establish the rules of the game, and provide vision. Government is good at doing the initial groundwork, such as coordinating the purchase of right of ways, and ensuring the proper environmental processes are taken. Government can lead, but leading often involves delegation.

This year, I have introduced AB 2600, legislation to allow for the establishment of public private partnerships in the development of state highways and other public projects. With limited resources available to us, and such a huge backlog of need, it is crucial that we make efficient use of the money we have available. This includes leveraging private investment to form these partnerships.

As we enter into discussions over this legislation and other proposals for the innovative development of public infrastructure, the State does indeed need to take a leadership role. But in this case,

leadership can be provided in ways other than seeing the process through from beginning to end. In this case, the old cliché about hiring good people and then getting out of their way comes to mind. Provide the vision, set the rules and processes, then get out of the way and let the private sector do what it does best.

In reference to the proper balance of government and the private sector, Chinese government leader and the first socialist to allow free market practices, Deng Xiaoping once said: "I do not care if it is a black or white cat, as long as it catches rats," in defense of his policies.

If there are functions that government performs well, then, government should be doing those things. But if there are ways in which the private sector is better able to deliver services to the public, it is the imperative of government to create structures that facilitate such excellence. Public-private partnerships are a win-win that allow government to do what it does best, while also recruiting the private sector to do what it does best. These combined efforts mean a better product for the citizens of California, and it is that for the sake of which we serve.

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

As you all know by now, the State Legislature has a deep budget hole to climb out of this year. However, because the silver lining of crisis is opportunity, the focus of this year's legislative session should be to find ways to move forward that do not cost a great deal of money, ways that were unable to gain traction in years prior because other, easier, options were on the table.

In previous columns, I have communicated to you my strong desire to repair this state's crumbling transportation system. Our system of roads, highways, and bridges is in need of repair and is only getting worse. This need hasn't changed with our budget situation. By many accounts, we are a 3rd world country in

## Dusty Baker International Baseball Academy

The Dusty Baker International Baseball Academy returns this year and celebrates its 25th "Silver" Anniversary. Dave Stewart, Shawon Dunston, Jim Barr are among the twelve former major leaguers and veteran group providing instruction to students age groups; 9-12, 13-15 and 15-20 at the Sacramento area site. Approximately 5800 of the 7900 previous academy participants have moved on to high school, college and profession baseball. This is a fantastic learning experience and training program for young baseball players.

Active outstanding graduates are current major leaguers Geoff Jenkins, Derek Lee, and Darren Oliver and the 2007 Cy Award winner Carsten C.C. Sabathia.



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# Caregiver Seminar April 5th

By Bernardine Ford

Afflicting approximately one in every 199 people in the United States, Lewy Body Dementias (LBD) are a collection of related brain disorders. The common ties between these disorders are the presence of "Lewy bodies" (abnormal protein deposits) in the brain and varying combinations of certain cognitive, motor and psychiatric symptoms.

Lewy Body Dementia exists either in pure form, or in conjunction with other brain changes, including those typically seen in Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. However, the symptoms of Lewy Body Dementias vary from person to person and can change from day to day, making it very difficult to diagnose.

So mark your calendars for April 5th and don't miss "Understanding Dementia and Lewy Body Dementia", an educational seminar. Denise Davis, Program Director for the Alzheimer's Association's Northern California/Northern Nevada-Greater Sacramento Area, said, "I am so excited about collaborating with the Parkinson Association of Northern California (PANC), Lewy Body Dementia Association (LBDA) and the Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center on such an exciting and timely education symposium for family caregivers and individuals with dementia. We are hoping to continue this collaboration with a care recipient and caregiver support group for persons with Lewy Body Dementia--the first in the Greater Sacramento region!"

"Understanding Dementia and Lewy Body Dementia" will be on Saturday, April 5th. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar

starts at 9:00 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church at 924 San Juan Road in Sacramento. The seminar is free but you must register in advance by contacting PANC.

There will be two excellent speakers. Dr. Shawn Kile, neurologist from the Sutter Neuroscience Medical Group. Dr. Kile has a special interest in treating cognitive disorders and has published articles on traumatic brain injury, encephalopathy, complex partial seizures, neuropsychiatric disorders, and dementia.

Also speaking will be Dr. Vicki Wheelock, movement disorder neurologist, specializing in Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, and dystonia, and she has expertise in deep brain stimulation. Dr. Wheelock is an Associate Clinical Professor at UC Davis Medical Center.

In addition to these two wonderful speakers, the collaborators will all be on-site. All four associations are excellent resources and will have lots of resource materials available. If you are interested in respite care for the seminar time period, please contact Del Oro Resource Center (early as this is limited). There are continuing education units available for each of these professions: nurse, CAN, HHA, LCSW, LMFT, RCFE Administrators, and Nursing Home Administrators. Please contact PANC for more information.

The collaborators are reaching out to the Dementia and Lewy Body Dementia community and are planning to form a Lewy Body Support Group. More information about the Lewy Body Support Group, including the opportunity to join, will be available at the seminar.



## Know Thyself (Or At Least Pretend To)

Greek thinker Socrates, most famous for being named Sexiest Philosopher of the Year in the March 17, 435 B.C. issue of People magazine, exhorted his followers to "know thyself."

For all his supposed wisdom, there's no record of him ever telling his students to simply Google themselves, which makes you wonder if Socrates, despite his renowned abs, wasn't just another celebrity windbag like Dr. Phil.

But despite this lack of guidance, we have learned to look ourselves up. According to a recent survey, 47 percent of Americans have already Googled ourselves, which means, sadly, that roughly 47 percent of us are disappointed.

I recently Googled "Don Flood" and -- this is absolutely true -- here's exactly what came up: Don Flood Photographer -- a New York and Los Angeles-based photographer "specializing in beauty, fashion and celebrity portraits."

What's more, there were links to photo shoots of stars like Anne Hathaway, Mischa Barton and Eva Mendes, who I couldn't help but notice appeared to be wearing invisible clothing.

Wow! Until I Googled myself, I had no idea I was a bicoastal Beautiful Person whom movie babes visited so they could disrobe and be photographed.

If only my friends could see me now! Heck, if I could only see myself now.

Unfortunately, though I don't like to disappoint people -- especially myself -- I realized there was a slight problem. After carefully sifting through my memory, calendars, appointment books, etc., I was able to conclude that I had neither met nor photographed Eva Mendes, either with clothes or without. I suspected the same was true of the others.

Obviously, I had become the victim of identity theft, only my situation was far worse. This guy hadn't merely assumed my identity. He had somehow hacked into my brain and stolen my fantasy life and, worse, he was living it!

Clearly, this Don Flood was an imposter. Or maybe I was the imposter.

On the other hand, it wasn't all bad. At the next high-school reunion, I would be able to tell classmates they could keep up with me by Googling "Don Flood" and checking out the portfolios. (It wouldn't exactly be lying.)

Another way of getting to "know thyself" is to write a memoir, which is similar to an autobiography, except you get to make up way more stuff.

One recent example is Margaret Seltzer, who under the name Margaret B. Jones wrote "Love and Consequences," a riveting memoir of a half white, half Native American girl who bounced around foster homes and began running drugs for the Bloods street gang of Los Angeles at age 13.

Her actual life, as opposed to her memoir life, was somewhat different. According to the New York Times, she was a white girl who had grown up with her birth family and graduated "from the Campbell Hall School, a private Episcopal day school in the North Hollywood neighborhood."

Notice the difference in tone? That's the secret to a best-selling memoir.

Let's say you recall your mother baking holiday cookies. That may be a pleasant memory, but it won't sell books. But adjust it slightly -- write that your earliest childhood memory was of your mother strung out on heroin in front of the Christmas tree -- and you've got yourself a solid chapter.

Now I'm thinking about writing my own memoir. It would be about all movie stars I've photographed. I think it could work if I can get that other Don Flood to supply the photos. It's the least he could do.

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## 4-H in Your Area!

By Natasha Elbert



Did you know that you have a local 4-H Club near you? 4-H offers wonderful projects that educate kids through the use of local volunteers. It also teaches leadership and offers opportunity to do active community service.

The American River 4-H Club has many projects for all ages. Currently we have active projects in Horse and Pony, Scrapbook, Bicycle Repair, and Beginning 4-H. Come visit the club meetings located at 6000 Stanley Ave., Carmichael.

We have meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. You can contact Don at 974-7440 if you have any questions.

4-H is not just about animals. Today volunteers offer education in Computers, Science, Leadership, and much more. Visit [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org) to learn more.

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# RWA Launches Water-Smart Garden Contest

## Front Yard Makeover is Top Prize in Second Annual Event

Sacramento, Calif. – The Regional Water Authority (RWA) and local water providers today announced the return of a popular contest aimed at showcasing the beauty of waterwise landscapes in the Sacramento region. The second annual Ultimate “Be Water Smart” Garden Makeover Contest opens today and culminates in a \$40,000 front yard makeover for the grand-prize winner.

The makeover, which will transform a thirsty yard into an attractive model of water efficiency, will feature a custom water-smart landscape designed by Cheryl Buckwalter of Landscape Liaisons as well as equipment and services donated by RWA’s partners.

Runner-up prizes include a professionally designed, custom water-wise landscape plan by Joseph Pattin of Garden Retreats, and two trees in 24-inch boxes chosen for the winner’s location using the “River-Friendly Landscaping Guidelines” published by the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership.

Key contest sponsors include Landscape Liaisons, Garden Retreats, Atlas Disposal, Roseville Shade Tree Program, Pavestone, Bedrock Pavestone, Curb Pro, Capital Nursery and photographer Michelle McKnight.

The contest is aimed at helping local homeowners save water and money by incorporating water-wise gardening concepts such as low-water use plants and trees into their landscaping. Outdoor water use accounts for more than half of all residential water use in the region. Last year’s winning makeover of a front yard in Folsom drew rave reviews and introduced many residents to the idea of attractive, water-efficient landscapes. More than 700 contest entries were received.

“Water-wise landscaping doesn’t have to be cactus, as we demonstrated with last year’s contest,” RWA Chair Joe Dion said. “If we can encourage more people to be water-smart in their yards and gardens, it will help our region save water and energy.” Homeowners can enter the contest by completing an entry form that also signs them up for a free Water Wise House Call.

To be eligible for the grand prize, entrants must sign up for and

complete a free Water Wise House Call with their water provider. During the house call, a trained water efficiency professional will visit the customer’s home free of charge to check the irrigation system and provide a custom watering schedule. If requested by the customer, the trained professional will also check indoor plumbing fixtures for leaks and provide free water-saving materials and devices.

For more information about Water Wise House Calls, please call the “Be Water Smart” Hotline at 888-WTR-TIPS (888-987-8477).

Entry forms can be downloaded at [www.rwah20.org](http://www.rwah20.org) and mailed by June 16 to “Be Water Smart” – the Ultimate Water Smart Garden Makeover Contest, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 220, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

RWA is a joint powers authority representing 22 water providers in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources. For more information, see [www.rwah2o.org](http://www.rwah2o.org).


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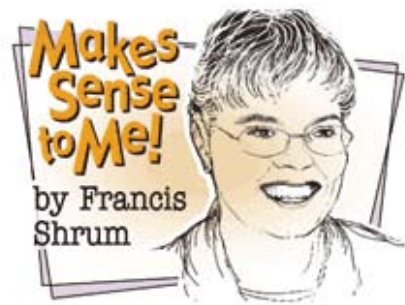
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# Southern Hospitality



# Riley Reviews

By Tim Riley

**DISNEY'S "ROAD TRIP" PAVED WITH ITS STANDARD COMIC FARE**

Most people just want someplace to live -- a place that is safe and warm, where they can eat, sleep and spend time with people.

Unfortunately, some people don't seem to make much distinction between a home of their own and your home.

Take, for instance, the family in Montgomery, Ala., who had been gone from home for a week last October. When they returned, they found their house so terribly ransacked it was almost unrecognizable.

As the father began to search through the rubble, he was astonished to see one of the thieves stroll in through the back door -- wearing one of his hats.

The homeowner wasn't one of those trash-and-let-live sort of people. He promptly produced a firearm and made the intruder clean up the place -- an indignity the thief complained loudly about when police arrived. He was expecting another kind of Southern hospitality, I guess.

The police laughed, according to news reports.

Oddly enough, on the same day, a woman in Decatur, Ala., came home after an extended absence and found a strange man asleep in her bed, a woman walking around in her clothes and another man who strode up and demanded to know what she was doing in his house.

Apparently the female intruder was quite a gracious Southern lady, however -- she even offered to leave the house if her presence there "was causing a problem."

Meanwhile, a couple of days later, in a little Wisconsin community called Two Rivers, there was another incident with blatant

disregard for the principles of Southern hospitality.

A woman awakened in the night when she heard her dog barking. She went to investigate. She found a young man sorting through items in the back seat of her neighbor's van.

She promptly informed her husband, who went out to confront the young man who was taking liberties with his neighbor's goods.

They scuffled, and in the melee the young man lost his jacket, his shirt and one shoe and sock before the resident did the only logical thing to do with this unwanted guest. He sat on him.

The 200-pound defender of home and hearth sustained some scrapes and bruises, but the intruder was quite effectively detained until police arrived. The news story doesn't say this, but I'd guess the police laughed when they arrived on this scene, too.

All these would-be guests found out, however, that there is still one place you can always go when the rest of the world closes its doors in your face. There is a place where you will always find unconditional acceptance.

These rejected guests were readily accepted into county jail, where they were served food and given free lodging and clothing. In fact, they were so welcomed by their host that they had to pay cash money just so they could leave.

Now that's Southern hospitality at its finest.

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## COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (Rated G)

Once the bad boy of comedy, Martin Lawrence has mellowed so much in recent years that it was inevitable he'd end up in G-rated Disney fare like "College Road Trip." Even last year's "Wild Hogs," with its PG-13 rating, was racier. Unless he gets back to his nightclub stand-up routines with haste, Lawrence may be doomed to endless sequels of "Big Momma's House," and that's no way to enhance a career. It's bad enough that he's upstaged by a scene-stealing pet pig.

Lawrence's James Porter is a control freak, particularly when it comes to dealing with his precocious teenage daughter Melanie (Disney Channel's singing sensation Raven-Symone). Police chief in a Chicago suburban town, James is anxious for Melanie to attend Northwestern, if only because it's a short ride from home and he can keep an eye on his first-born child. Smart and ambitious, Melanie has other ideas about her college future, one that focuses singularly upon acceptance to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

After making a good impression on judges at a mock trial, Melanie is invited for an interview at Georgetown, and for spring break she plans a road trip with school buddies Nancy (Brenda Song) and Katie (Margo Harshman). But the girls-only trip to check out prospective colleges is disrupted by the insistence of James to escort his daughter. The meddlesome father is so neurotic, crazy and overprotective that it's only a matter of time before things start to go horribly wrong.

Early on in the trip, James discovers that his young son Trey (Eshaya Draper) and the pet pig are stowaways in the back of his police SUV. Trey and the pig are the gifted members of the family. Often they play chess together while taking a bubble bath. The bright pig, who should be a candidate for a college interview, is a comic foil for James, usually because the lovable pet has an unnerving way of eyeballing the police chief.

The accident-prone father's plans to protect and serve his daughter go awry at every turn. For one thing, an effort to bypass highway traffic turns into disaster when the SUV ends up at the bottom of a ravine. Circumstances force the family into a carpool with an impossibly cheerful father-and-daughter team on their own road trip. Decades removed from his last film, Donny Osmond plays Doug Greenhut as so maniacally perky while singing showtunes with his daughter Wendy (Molly Ephraim) that he's borderline psychotic. It won't even take a second song to

get the feeling the Greenhut family belongs in a padded cell.

"College Road Trip" goes the extra mile to put father and daughter in a constant state of bickering and bantering, with plenty of slapstick situations thrown in almost at random. James will do his manipulative best to undermine Melanie's desire for independence, even staging phony encounters on the Northwestern campus. Then there are the serious hijinks of the family pig causing complete mayhem at a hotel wedding, resulting in the party tent collapsing and the bride ending up with a face full of wedding cake.

Other mishaps include the family hitching a ride with a busload of Japanese tourists who love to sing karaoke, and this is an invitation for yet one more opportunity for Melanie to sing a rendition of "Double Dutch Bus." At the last leg of the trip, James and Melanie hitch a plane ride with a USA diving team, not realizing that their sport had nothing to do with water.

Befitting the Disney tradition, "College Road Trip" is filled with sentimental family bonding and an abundance of life lessons. Given that the market for family films is so greatly underserved, this film has enough laughs for the younger audience it intends to attract. You can drop off your kids for "College Road Trip" and not worry about the consequences.

## DVD RELEASE UPDATE

More than twenty years ago, Tom Hanks starred as the fun-loving guy who was going to marry the girl of his dreams in "Bachelor Party." His wacky buddies decided to have a blowout party at a fashionable hotel. Comic mayhem ensued. Attempting to recapture the magic of that film is the direct-to-video release of "Bachelor Party 2: The Last Temptation." Not for lack of effort, this indirect sequel doesn't measure up to the inventiveness of the original.

"Bachelor Party 2" tries too hard by pushing the envelope of the "sex comedy" with an overabundance of booze-soaked debauchery. Harland Williams is the only recognizable person in this movie, though the publicity advertising touts ultra-sexy Emmanuelle Vagier for being named one of Maxim's Hot 100 Girls. One of the bachelor's buddies gets the wrong idea about the pretty girls at the sex addicts' convention. As the blowout weekend takes place in Miami, it's not surprising that the hotel is full of bikini-clad hotties and strippers bent on seduction. "Bachelor Party 2" is probably the adolescent male's idea of a sendoff for a buddy headed to matrimony.



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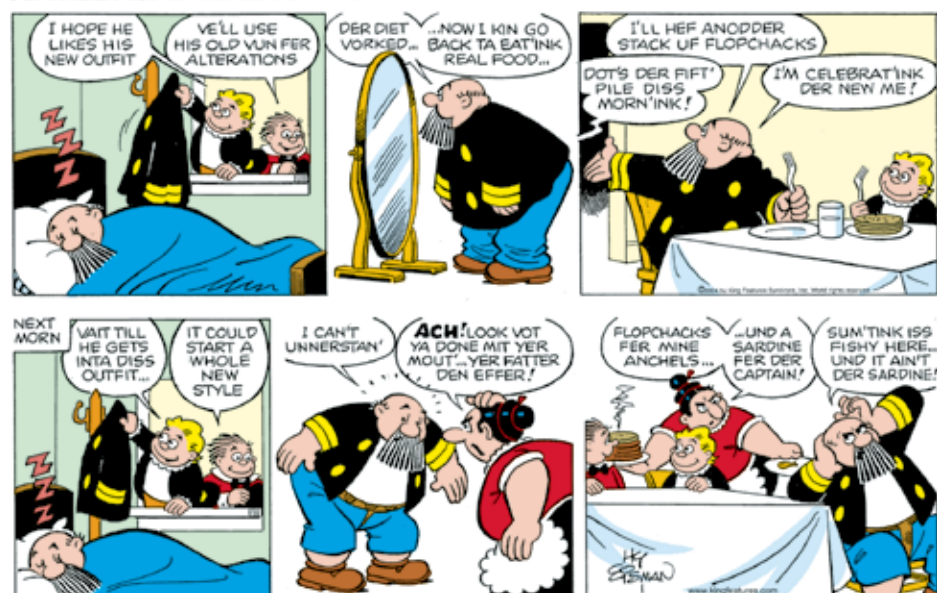
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# Republican Senator Applauds Veto of Measure to Unionize Child Care Providing Grandparents

Action Saves State \$60 Million Per Year

Sacramento - Today, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed SB 867 by Senator Gil Cedillo - a bill that would have allowed for the unionization of child care workers. The Legislature's fiscal experts estimate that the cost of this proposal would be \$60 million each year.

Senator Dave Cox, Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee - a committee whose members are in charge of reviewing proposed bills that require state funding - issued the following statement:

"I want to thank Governor Schwarzenegger for recognizing the financial impact of this bill. This measure would have caused the state to spend more money - at a time when the state is already spending borrowed money.

"This measure would have allowed unionized child care workers to receive

higher payments forcing the state to fund fewer child care placements. The bottom line is that the state would have spent millions more for fewer services to families.

"The Legislature must take this opportunity to begin serious budget discussions today. These debates cannot be delayed until the summer as it has been done in previous years. The state of our economy is too important for us to procrastinate.

"We must have our legislative leaders in both houses to fully engage all members and go through the budget program by program to set our priorities."

Senator Dave Cox represents the residents of the First Senate District, which includes all or portions of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties. Contact his office at 916-651-4001, or via email at senator.cox@sen.ca.gov.

Answers on page 11

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Data
- 6 Irving or Grant
- 9 Choose
- 12 Wahine's welcome
- 13 Pigeon's sound
- 14 Actor McBride
- 15 Libyan money
- 16 Hide
- 18 Pollen-producing organ
- 20 Kiln
- 21 Jackie's second mate
- 23 With it
- 24 De Mille or Moorehead

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- 25 Unuttered "alas"
- 27 Wild West transport
- 29 Overlook
- 31 It may be lead or grease
- 35 Anorak
- 37 Heavy reading?
- 38 Theme
- 41 Mine car contents
- 43 Gripe repeatedly
- 44 See 20-Across
- 45 Odium
- 47 Set
- 49 Rendering dumbfounded
- 52 Smack
- 53 Dance syllable?
- 54 Musical link
- 55 Billboards
- 56 Switch places?
- 57 Artist Max
- 6 Take
- 7 Werewolf's inspiration
- 8 Thither
- 9 Lindbergh's view
- 10 Aspect
- 11 Pinball infractions
- 17 Appealing to the mind
- 19 Skinflint
- 21 "- was saying, ..."
- 22 Semi, e.g.
- 24 Time of your life?
- 26 Optimistic
- 28 Here and there?
- 30 U.K. fliers
- 32 Appropriate
- 33 "- Little Teapot"
- 34 Journey segment
- 36 Eucalyptus eaters
- 38 Starbucks flavor
- 39 Egg-shaped
- 40 Bivouac array
- 42 Obliterate
- 45 Physicist Otto
- 46 Basin accessory
- 48 Green (Pref.)
- 50 Greek consonants
- 51 Obtain

## DOWN

- 1 Craze
- 2 Hogan's "American Gladiators" co-host
- 3 Give over (to)
- 4 Just one of those things?
- 5 Jessica Parker or Michelle Gellar

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- Educate yourself regarding the Child Tax Credit. Families can cut their tax bill or increase their refund by up to \$1,000 per qualifying child.
- Speak with a certified tax planner to make sure you're withholding the appropriate amount from your paycheck.
- Take advantage of the tax benefits a retirement account offers.
- Cover medical costs with a health care account if it's available at your job. The money is taken from your paycheck pretax.
- Get tax benefits and plan for your family's future with a 529 college savings plan that grows with your child-tax free. For practically effortless savings, you can link the plan to the Futuretrust college savings program to earn a 1 percent rebate on all purchases-even more at some partners. Filing Taxes-simple, if you've planned properly.
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- Remember, the tax deadline is the date on which your previous year's tax obligations must be fully paid and your tax return forms are due in April. If your tax adviser recommends filing for an extension, make sure you pay any estimated tax due-otherwise, you'll owe the government



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# Impact at 130 Miles

an aging weather satellite with no warning, then denying they had done it, and doing it at an orbit so high that 1,600 pieces of space debris will clutter Earth's orbit for years.

The Chinese test -- of a system explicitly designed to target satellites -- didn't produce much outrage from arms controllers. It's long been an axiom of arms control that whatever the U.S. does is dangerous and a provocation to other countries, while our adversaries are merely forced into hostile or irresponsible acts by our recklessness. But the U.S. position on space -- like our position on the high seas -- is that everyone should have full and free access to it for peaceful purposes.

This is how deep the Chinese and Russian commitment to the peacefulness of space runs: They want to have the option of launching ICBMs out into space where they will travel undisturbed until they re-enter Earth's atmosphere on their way to visiting untold devastation on a target. The Chinese could make a genuine gesture toward peace in space by ending their rapid buildup of ICBMs, but their true interest is in preventing us from checking their missile threat.

Space has been weaponized at least since the Germans launched V-2 rockets against Britain. Today, we use satellites not just for commercial purposes, but for intelligence and military command and control. That's the reason the Chinese are so keen to be able to shoot them down. Space isn't a pristine last frontier unsullied by human competitiveness and ferocity, but an extension of our flawed world down here below. It can be dangerous, which is why it's a comfort that we are building defenses against threats more serious than a tank of hydrazine.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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Somewhere 130 miles above the Pacific Ocean, tumbling around the Earth at 17,000 mph, a disabled spy satellite met a fiery end late last month -- destroyed by a U.S. missile-defense interceptor.

The spectacular hit marks a definitive turn in the debate concerning missile defense, from whether it's technically possible to whether it's ethically desirable. The same people who had argued for years that missile defense couldn't be done now will complain that it constitutes a nefarious "weaponizing of space."

The U.S. normally isn't in the business of shooting down satellites. It took out the dead National Reconnaissance Office satellite because it had a full, 1,000-pound tank of toxic rocket fuel that there was some slim chance could fall on a populated area when it re-entered the atmosphere. Now, the hydrazine fuel appears to have burned up in an explosion in space, and small pieces of the 5,000-pound satellite -- about the size of a school bus -- will fall harmlessly to Earth.

The satellite wasn't a missile launched with just minutes warning, but hitting it is still a major success for our missile-defense system. The window for a successful strike was about 30 seconds, the speeds involved were mind-boggling and the same technologies that would be deployed against a missile were in play.

The Chinese immediately lashed out. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that they will continue to monitor "the possible harm caused by the U.S. action to outer space security." The Chinese commitment to "outer space security" was recently exemplified by their shooting down

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# Rock On, Home Schoolers! Sacramento Young Marines Graduation 2008



## By Phil Cowan

In our inexorable march toward Orwellian-style government control over all that we do and think, another attempt has been made to corral those dangerous radical anarchists, the home schoolers. Judge H. Walter Croskey, of the Second District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles, recently ruled that California law requires school-age children be taught by credentialed teachers, whether in a public or private school, or even at home. Got that, home schoolers? Without a teaching credential, you're not qualified to teach your kids, and you might be subject to criminal prosecution if you try.

This isn't the first time the state has attempted to squash home schooling. Back in 2002, then-State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin issued an ominous memo that said essentially the same thing, warning parents who home school that they were in violation of California law without a credential, or unless they had their child's education supervised by a credentialed teacher. That memo didn't change a thing, and neither will Judge Croskey's decision.

I've known many home school families over the years, some who are close friends, and not one of them has produced an uneducated dunderhead. One cannot say the same for the public education system, which has produced millions. For those who would point out that my evidence is purely

anecdotal, I invite you to go online and look into a number of studies that clearly indicate that home schooled students achieve consistently higher scores on standardized tests than public school students. Most of these studies, especially the more recent ones, were conducted by home school advocates, but that's largely because public education gave up such research years ago. It kept making them look bad.

There is a primary reason why these kids are better educated, regardless of where the child is taught: parental involvement. In any education setting, when a child's parents take an interest in their outcome they have a much higher opportunity for success. A public school teacher can have the highest qualifications imaginable, and it won't matter one bit to a child whose parents don't care. Parents willing to send their kids to private schools obviously have a keener interest in their education hence they tend to outperform public school students. Home schoolers, by definition, care deeply about their child's education, and the results speak for themselves. The failure of kids in public schools isn't an education problem nearly as much as it's a parenting problem.

So why, if the state is really acting in the best interest of the kids, would they attempt to undermine such success? Some of it is big government, nanny state goons, who think anybody who chooses to educate their own kids is a religious-zealot-gun-nut on a par with the Branch Davidians. Some of it is teacher's union stooges who fear any threat to their funding or power, which is based on the universal need for more teachers, more teachers, MORE TEACHERS! The good news is this court decision won't stand. It will be appealed, and if a higher court won't overturn it, Governor Schwarzenegger has made it clear that the issue will be addressed in the legislature, allowing home schoolers to keep on schooling. How about that? Arnold, standing up for a conservative principle!

Photo by Amanda Morello



Private First Class Samuel Warren and family with Gold Star Mother Deborah Getz.

By Amanda Morello

Saturday March 22, the Sacramento Young Marines held their second Graduation and Promotion Ceremony at the Naval Marine Corps Operation Center on Elder Creek Road. The 6 month old unit had quite a turn out. Saturdays event had 16 graduating recruits and 5 Young Marine promotions. Their first Graduation, last September, had a graduating class of 4. Over 100 family, friends and supporting organizations attended the ceremony.

The Sacramento Young Marines distributes an Honor Recruit Award at each graduation. Due to the large size of the unit, 3 very deserving recruits were chosen. Award recipient are Samuel Warren of Sacramento, Levi Getz of Sacramento and a special award that will be sent to David Henry who moved out of state. Even though David no longer lives in the Sacramento area, he will still receive his award, "Once a Young Marine, Always a Young Marine".

The unit has become very popular with

many Pro Troop Organizations. The Adult Leaders of this unit thought it would be fitting to make an addition to the name "Honor Recruit". The new name for each award became "The Army Ranger Kristofer Douglas Scott Thomas Honor Recruit Award" was given to Samuel Warren, "The Marine Corps Lance Corporal Micheal Williams Honor Recruit Award" was given to Levi Metz, "The Navy Seal Marc Alan Lee Honor Recruit Award" was given to David Henry. Each of these awards are named after Fallen Heroes and were distributed to the award recipient by The Gold Star Parents, Deborah Getz of Never Forget Our Fallen, Joseph Williams and Debbie Lee of Move America Forward.

For more information about The Sacramento Young Marines, visit their website at [www.sacramento-youngmarines.com](http://www.sacramento-youngmarines.com) or call Executive Officer Joseph Nelson at 916-863-1985

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# River's Edge Senior Living Community To Premiere Its Performing Arts Series

River's Edge, Hank Fisher Properties' elegant senior living community in Campus Commons, premieres its "Behind-the-Scenes" Performing Arts Series on Sunday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. Actors and acting interns from The B Street Theatre will perform selections from the company's two upcoming productions: The Swan and Rumpelstiltskin.

B Street's Managing Director Bill Blake will introduce the actors and scenes as well as share insider stories. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Plans call for the series to continue monthly

on the last Sunday.

"Sacramento is rich with performing arts companies," said Executive Director Steve Sarine, "and we want our residents to be introduced to them. So we are bringing them something special and promoting cultural opportunities for Sacramento's seniors."

River's Edge is located at 601 Feature Drive, near the intersection of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Howe Avenue. The performing arts series will continue monthly on the last Sunday of each month. Seating is limited so reservations are required. Call (916) 921-5131.

# Watt Avenue Traffic Collision Results In Serious Injuries

From the California Highway Patrol

On March 20 2008, at approximately 5:45 a.m., Christopher Nicholson a 37 year old from Sacramento was driving a white 1989 BMW 325i on northbound Watt Avenue south of Edison Avenue in the slow lane at an unknown speed. For unknown reasons, Nicholson lost control of his vehicle and it began to rotate counter clockwise, crossing all northbound Watt Avenue lanes. His vehicle traveled over the center median and was struck broadside on the right side by a grey 1993 Honda Accord that was traveling southbound on Watt Avenue. The driver of the Honda, Dennis Tran, a 40 year old from Sacramento was transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Hospital with a broken ankle. Nicholson was transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Hospital and is listed in critical condition. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of this collision.

This collision is still under investigation.

# King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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One of the General Public member position's term expires in May, 2008. Each member will serve a three-year term, and receives compensation of \$75.00 per meeting.

SMAQMD, which encompasses all of Sacramento County – including the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Galt, Isleton and Sacramento, is a local public agency designated by the California legislature to develop, implement, monitor and enforce local air pollution control rules, regulations and strategies. SMAQMD is part of a regional federally designated "severe" ozone non-attainment area.

Applications for the vacant seat can be obtained at the SMAQMD office located at 777 "12th" Street, on the Third floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by contacting Virginia Muller at 874-4809. Completed applications must be returned to Ms. Muller at the address above. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE SMAQMD OFFICE BY MARCH 28, AT 5 P.M.

**Shop talk**  
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**Cruisin'** By Greg Zyla

Wheel-Hop Blues

**Q:** Greg, I have a 2000 Firebird Trans-Am. In the winter, I experience wheel hop under hard acceleration; in the summer, I don't. Why is this? -- L.K., New York

**A:** L.K., your Trans Am is equipped with high-performance tires (probably Z-rated), and these tires perform differently in cold weather than they do in the summertime. Cold weather and roadways reduce the amount of traction these same tires offer in summer. The proof is in the fact that the wheel hop only occurs in cold, winter weather.

If wheel hop plagues you in the summer, the cause could be shocks or other suspension pieces. Also, remember that your traction and overall handling and cornering characteristics are negatively influenced when the weather is freezing and the roads are cold. As for snow on the road, park your rear-drive "F Body" Trans-Am, as these cars are horrible in the snow with the summer tires. If you must drive in snow, get snow tires.

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**READER RESPONDS:** Greg, thanks for telling my story to your readers about the connection my family had to the Lozier, Kaiser-Frazer and Graham automobiles. One note of interest is that there was a corporate split in 1915-16 with the Lozier car. Lozier continued to build cars in Detroit for a couple more years, while H.A. Lozier came to Cleveland to build the H.A.L. as a more economical product. How one did that with a Widely-12 Motor, I don't know, but the car did perform well.

Also, an item that my father used his screwdriver on was the Cleveland motorcycle, which was a good thing in its day until it was re-engineered. -- Robert Shamleffer, Willoughby, Ohio

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By Delia Fling

For those of you who have not been paying attention, getting a home loan isn't what it used to be. Not only have many programs been eliminated but also a large number of the lenders that once offered them no longer exist either. Don't get me wrong, there are still a plethora of lenders out there nationally, but what they are offering the borrower is getting more, and more restrictive.

The rules as you know them have changed considerably. Many of you who have first and second loans will be shocked to know that they have virtually disappeared - one loan with Mortgage Insurance is the new replacement. A new problem in itself is arising...you may qualify for the loan but not the mortgage insurance which spells NO loan! The Mortgage Insurance is only totally tax deductible if your household earns less than \$100,000 a year, another problem for many. There are too many rule changes to list here, but you get my point.

If refinance is your situation, it is vital that you have a reality check on the value of your home. Do not count on some Internet site as truth, much less what your brother-in-law said. These sites only provide a very loose guesstimate.

Just this week alone I had to break the news to borrowers that those numbers were off as much as 20%! You see the foreclosures are starting to make a significant impact on comparable values in Sacramento and surrounding neighborhoods. Each bank owned sale in your neighborhood gets recorded just like a regular

home sale. These low priced transactions are then in the public domain. These transactions have to be considered by professional appraisers when they have to evaluate the value of your home. The result is pushing property values down more.

There are pockets of Sacramento that have survived the wholesale markdowns...but their numbers are dwindling. Even if your need for a refinance isn't imminent, investigate what is happening in your neighborhood.

Secondly, your credit score has always been important...but now more than ever. Please, please do not let this fact escape you. Even if you have a good income and assets in reserve...if your score is just average you run the risk of having virtually little or no options available to you. Unlike property values, credit scores can be improved with the right kind of advice and strategy.

From the buyer's perspective, well what can I say, every 10 years or so buyers get a break in California. Buyers currently have a window of opportunity to find incredible properties at ridiculously low prices. Any buyer who is still waiting for the bottom of the market may still be waiting after the trough in the real estate market has past. Remember no one rings the bell at the bottom! Buyers however must be made aware that many loan programs, that existed just months or weeks ago, are no longer available. Make sure your mortgage professional is keeping you informed of the changing landscape. As a trained mortgage planner my job is to help you through the maze of options and opportunities available to you. Give me a call; I'll be glad to help!

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 Publish: March 11, 18, 25, 2008.  
 PRESTI 80302 3-25-08

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

To Whom It May Concern:  
 Venture Pizza LLC is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at 2069 Arena Blvd. 3100, Sacramento, CA 95834-2320 with 41 - On-Sale Beer and Wine Eating Place license.  
 Filed: Feb. 15, 2008  
 Publish: March 25, 2008.  
 VENTUR 80304 3-25-08

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0802420.**

John O'Connor and Vicki O'Connor, both of 7013 Lincoln Oaks Dr., Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Kitchen In A Pinch" at 5841 Jameson Ct., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 3, 2008. Publish: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2008.  
 KITCHE 80302 4-1-08

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0802361.**

Lance D. Urke, 1511 Mendota Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Urke Plumbing" at 1511 Mendota Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Feb. 29, 2008. Publish: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2008.  
 URKEPL 80302 4-1-08

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0802289.**

On-Point Underwriting, Inc., 2002 Summit Blvd. #900, Atlanta, GA

30319 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Spectrum Wholesale Insurance Services" at 2002 Summit Blvd. #900, Atlanta, GA 30319. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Feb. 29, 2008. Publish: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2008.  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**

#34-2008-00004755-CU-PT-GDS  
 WHEREAS, Jarrod Elliot Unruh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Jarrod Elliot Unruh to Jarrod Elliot Hodgson. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on April 18, 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: Feb. 29, 2008.  
 Shelleyanne W.L. Chang  
 Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2008.  
 UNRUH 80302 4-1-08

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF N**

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. Dexters, Inc., 201 Edgewater Dr., Wakefield, MA 01880 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "DarwinSuzsoft" 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 Garden-

ing" 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.  
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## Community Events

With more seniors retiring at younger ages, many are remaining active by giving back to their community through volunteerism.

An old adage states that the best way to judge a society is by how we treat the most vulnerable among us. It's estimated that 69% of people turning 65 this year will need some form of long-term care in the future, whether in the community or in a care center. One meaningful way to assure cleanliness, safety and appropriate care of the residents. They also investigate complaints and solve problems for LTC residents.

If you are interested in giving the generous gift of your time as an ombudsman, contact Ombudsman Services of Northern California. No previous experience is required. Training and on-going support are provided. Volunteers set their own schedules, and the average time volunteered is approximately 20 hours per month. Many older adults living in skilled and assisted living facilities have out-lived friends and family, having an advocate on their side can mean the world to them.

If you have the time in your life to be of service to others and a desire to continue to learn then please investigate what it is to be a Long-term Care Ombudsman. An orientation will be held on Wednesday, March 26, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at 3950 Industrial Blvd., Suite 500 West Sacramento, 95691. The training will begin April 7th through April 24th, followed by a three-week internship. Space is limited; please contact Leza Coleman, Volunteer Coordinator 375-3313 or email at lcoleman@snc.net. Please visit our web site for more information at www.osnc.net.

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, cast 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.

[www.CarmichaelTimes.com](http://www.CarmichaelTimes.com)

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 Thoughts turn in spring to outdoor events. An April 6 orienteering meet in an American River park can provide some map and compass skills for those activities.

The meet, at Sacramento Bar in Fair Oaks, is sponsored by Gold Country Orienteers and will feature courses for beginning, intermediate and advanced orienteers. Beginning instruction will be available.

Orienteering is a versatile and exciting sport for individuals and families. Using a map, compass and a set of clues, you navigate from point A to point B to find a series of markers. The sport is easy to learn and fun. It can be done as a competitive race or a leisurely hike. It is ideal for children and families ... and for serious athletes looking for a challenge. Sacramento Bar is on the north side of the river and is part of the county's American River Parkway.

Registration will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Courses can be started between 10 a.m. and noon. The cost is \$5 for each individual or team going out together and \$2 for a second map or second course.

Take Highway 50 to Sunrise Boulevard. Go north over the river to Fair Oaks Boulevard and turn left. Take the immediate left on Pennsylvania and follow the river signs to the parking area. The parking fee is \$5 per car. For more information, visit [www.goldcountryorienteers.org](http://www.goldcountryorienteers.org) or contact Jennifer at 922-8671 or [jkerrt1561@yahoo.com](mailto:jkerrt1561@yahoo.com).

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 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](http://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](http://www.Italiancenter.net). Call 482-5600.

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 Army Private Jason M. Herrera has graduated from Basic combat Training at Fort Jackson, in Columbia, South Carolina. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the

Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Carol Gutierrez of Haskell Avenue, in Carmichael, CA, and grandson of Manual Herrera Sr. of Kin Road N.E. in Rio Rancho in New Mexico.

Herrera is a 2002 graduate of Placer High School, Auburn, California.

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 Army Private, Ryan Bodlak has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studies the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Bruce Bodlak of Keller Circle, in Folsom, CA, and grandson of JoAnn Bodlak of Feather River Way, in Sacramento.

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 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](http://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.

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 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 Rosemarie Gerould guides this family get-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.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

**Answer**

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## Pro-Troop Group Celebrates 5 Years Of Security - Antiwar Groups Respond With Aggressive Protests

March 19, 2008 marks the fifth anniversary of the US-led invasion of Iraq, in which thousands of Americans who volunteered to serve put their lives on the line to liberate millions of Iraqis and protect the national security interests of the United States, which was attacked by radical Islamic terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001.

The nation's largest pro-troop organization, Move America Forward (website: <http://www.MoveAmericaForward.org>) commends these brave warriors for their service to our country.

"We're proud of every man and woman who has served honorably in this struggle against America's maniacal enemies and we'll never forget how much we owe them," said Melanie Morgan, MAF's chairman.

Debbie Lee, a MAF spokesman whose son was the first Navy SEAL to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom, said, "My son so believed in what he and his buddies were doing over there. I know he's proud of everyone carrying on that fight today. I, too, am so proud of our men and women who continue to stand for our country."

Meanwhile, antiwar radicals are using the occasion to promote their agenda of retreat and defeat in America's battles against terrorism. Many such groups are overtly attempting to disrupt people's business and cause havoc, at a time when antiwar protests have been growing palpably more bitter and violent.

Violence against recruiting centers has become a widespread and dangerous phenomenon, now quickly gaining

momentum, as revealed in "The Sedition Report," a document presented by Move America Forward at the National Press Club last week.

"We most sincerely hope that no one is hurt and no property is damaged in today's protests, but we'd be pretty surprised," Morgan said. "I personally saw an anarchist from the 'World Can't Wait' defy a Berkeley police officer while others from the group dumped a load of garbage in the streets."

More than a dozen arrests had been made in the San Francisco Bay Area already as of this writing.

Anti-war organizations are claiming today that support for the war in Iraq is plummeting.

The opposite is true, according to the left-leaning Pew Poll, which reports that 53 percent of Americans believe we are winning in Iraq, due to the change in tactics from the surge, commanded by General David Petraeus.

Move America Forward is hosting no events today, in hopes of minimizing the disruptiveness of the day's demonstrations, but will participate in an event this Saturday in front of Berkeley, CA's Marine office, which has been at the center of a political storm. That event is being organized by Eagles Up, another pro-troop organization. ([www.eaglesup.us](http://www.eaglesup.us))

"It hurts my heart so deeply when I see groups like SDS and World Can't Wait fighting against this war when our troops are the ones fighting for our freedom," said Gold Star Mom Debbie Lee.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

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