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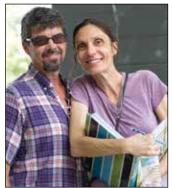
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Creatures Great and Small are Effie Yeaw Stars



by raptor Pickwick. The one-eyed owl was among educators at the recent Effie Yeaw Nature Fest. Coyote Cody (at right) is a resident of the Wild Things Inc. animal refuge near Newcastle. The rescued baby proved a feisty handful for handler Gabe Kerschner.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

Raptors, marsupials, mammals, and reptiles paraded for visitors at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's recent Nature Fest.

The event temporarily boosted American River Parkway animals with 1,100 wannabe naturalists. Up-close wildlife encounters were the main attraction. "It's fantastic to see raptors up close," said a bird watcher. "You see a golden eagle's talons and realize how she can catch a wolf."

A coyote pup called Cody was another crowd pleaser. A resident of Wild Things Inc., an animal refuge near Newcastle, the rescued baby provoked much oohing and aahing but proved a feisty handful for handler Gabe Kerschner.

All animal educators are deemed unreleasable because of injuries or imprintation on humans. "I love showing you this coyote but I'd rather see him running free in the wild," Kerschner told the pup's admirers. California Raptor Center (UC Davis) and the Nature Center provided other ambassadors.

"This event is central to our people to nature." mission." said American River Natural History Association President Liz Williamson, "bringing nature to people and

Learn about the Effie Yeaw Nature Center at www.sacnaturecenter.com.

SCSO Announces New Assistant Director of Marketing and Strategic Planning



Dave Allen. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Choral Society &

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra (SCSO) announced the addition of a new board member, Dave Allen, who will serve as assistant director of closely with board directors to further the vision, goals, and success of the SCSO.

Dave Allen is also known as KCRA's "Chopper Dave," who pilots the Sacramento skies in his trusty helicopter, reporting on the day's news from his eagle-eye perspective.

A native of Maine, Dave relocated to Tacoma, WA, and then studied broadcasting at Eastern Washington University. After his first broadcasting job at KXLY in Spokane,

marketing and strategic planning, working Dave served as a volunteer pilot for the Spokane County Sherriff and helped launch their Air One aviation program. He later produced and narrated a variety of industrial and training videos for the aviation and firefighting industries.

> After serving in Iraq, graduating from the Army Command and General Staff College, and 23 years as a Military Veteran of the

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Wood **Burning** Restrictions Begin

Download Sacramento Region Air Quality App to Get Burn Status

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's annual wood burning law, Check Before You Burn, began Sunday, Nov. 1st. To protect public health, it is illegal to burn any solid fuel, including wood, pellets or manufactured fire logs when particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5) pollution is forecast to be high.

This law applies to residents and businesses in Sacramento County and the cities of Folsom, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento through February. You must Check Before You Burn to find out if burning is allowed in your indoor or outdoor fireplace, wood stove, fire pit or chimney.

New to this year's Check Before You Burn season is the Sacramento Region Air Quality app. With this free app—which is available for Android, iOS, and Windows mobile devices— Sacramento County residents can check the daily burn status, obtain the daily air quality forecast, and get current conditions at monitoring sites in the region.

ible particles that are small enough to enter the bloodstream. Breathing wood smoke increases the risk of asthma, heart attack, stroke, and many other health problems. It is especially harmful for children whose lungs are still developing, older adults, and anyone with a pre-existing heart or lung condition.

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In addition to the mobile app, residents can get the daily burn status by calling (877) NO-BURN-5/(877) 662-8765). You can also follow on Twitter @AOMD; "like" Spare The Air Scooter on Facebook (www.facebook.com/scooter-

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The law applies to all Sacramento residents and businesses with these few exceptions: In homes where wood burning is the sole source of heat; If a financial hardship waiver is approved and renewed each burn season by the Air Pollution Control Officer; and there is an exemption on Stage 1-No Burn days if you use an EPA certified fireplace insert or stove, or pellet stove, and they do not emit visible smoke.

To report a complaint, call (800) 880-9025. First time violations will result in a \$50 fine or the violator can choose to complete and pass a wood smoke awareness course. For more information, visit airquality.org.

Source: Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District ★

Local Film Festival Features "Win, Lose, or Draw"

By Ben Barber, Photos by Kristene Newbold

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the past 16 years, Access Sacramento has sponsored "A Place Called Sacramento" (PCS) Film Festival. Access Sacramento is a non-profit organization that provides media resources to the Sacramento community. The PCS challenges local scriptwriters to write 10-minute scripts about the people, places, and events that make our community such a unique place to live. Every year 10 scripts are chosen to be produced for the festival.

After working as Script Supervisor on the TV pilot RELLIK, Orangevale's Donna Preston was anxious to keep the production ball rolling. "I wanted to use the PCS Festival as an opportunity to showcase the amazing talent and professionalism of the local Sacramento film community," explained Preston. Her script,

"Win Lose or Draw," was one of the 10 scripts chosen. It follows the path of Jimmy Draw, played by Eric Olsson, and Lisa, played by Courtney Conklin. The couple's relationship is strained when the unexpected death of Jimmy's father offers a life-changing opportunity. Sarab, played by Michael Ray Clark, a single father mourning the death of his wife, is caught up in the event. Lisa is forced to make some tough decisions as Jimmy's behavior escalates beyond appropriate levels. "The festival inspired me to write a compelling story with relatable situations and characters," continued Preston.

Actress Courtney Conklin was no stranger to the PCS, acting in a small supporting role in 2013 for the PCS short film "The Lottery Ticket." Conklin and Preston became fast friends while working on the RELLIK pilot. "The Lottery Ticket" was written by local writer and producer Brian Jagger who was

film. Jagger played a major role in making RELLIK a reality for local filmmakers and was excited to show what he could do in his short film directorial debut.

After months of planning, production, and post production, the 10 teams of filmmakers gathered at the Crest Theater, which plays host to the world premiere event each year. After all the films were shown, the audience voted for their favorite; this year's vote was sponsored by Sacramento Casting. Sacramento Casting is the premier resource in town for connecting actors with filmmakers. They provided the technology for the audience to be able to vote via text message, where as in the past, votes had to be tallied manually from handwritten ballots.

After nervous anticipation it was announced that "Win Lose or Draw" was the audience favorite. "Sacramento is

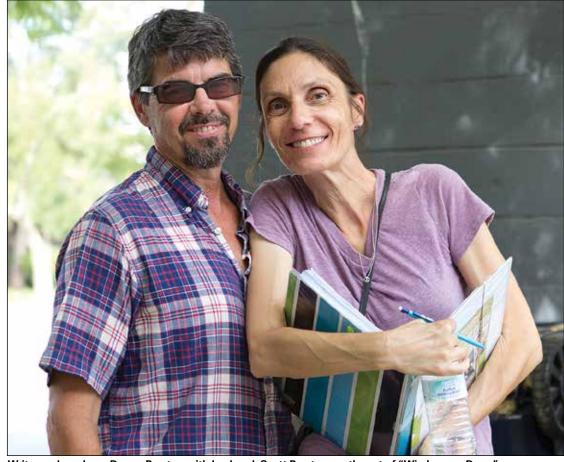
asked by Preston to direct the growing into a fantastic film community and we were lucky to have some of the best cast and crew in the community as a part of this project," stated Jagger. It wasn't the only vote for the night; the 10 writers who had the winning scripts had the opportunity to vote for their favorite

film. "Focused," by Katherine DaSilva, tied with the PCS's first documentary entry called "Death of Del Paso," by Phil D'Asaro.

"Win Lose or Draw" is now being entered into the Seattle International Film Festival where it hopes to be accepted and presented for future org

audiences. "Win Lose or Draw" will be available for viewing on YouTube courtesy of Access Sacramento. For more information on the PCS and "Win Lose or Draw," visit the public pages on Facebook.

Source: AccessSacramento.



Writer and producer Donna Preston with husband. Scott Preston, on the set of "Win Lose or Draw."

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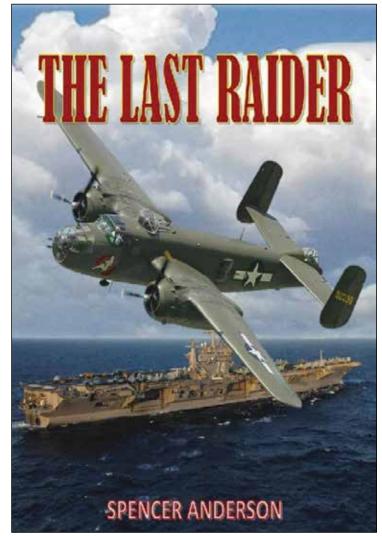
By Sal Arrigo, Jr.

I met Spencer R. Anderson at the recent 10th Anniversary of the California Capital Airshow at Mather Air Force Base. Mr. Anderson, a Vietnam veteran who obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant E-5, enlisted in the US Air Force after he completed his duty as a Civil Air Cadet in Salt Lake City, Utah, and served his country from 1962-1970. Mr. Anderson has also written a book titled. "The Last Raider." A work of fiction with a sprinkling of real-life combat scenarios, it is a good read for those intrigued by rescue missions and dramatic life situations.

As a communications specialist serving under Marine General Lewis Walt at Da Nang Air Base, Vietnam, it was Mr. Anderson's duty to monitor telephone land line communications and make sure no one, including General Walt, mentioned any classified information, or happened to express their political opinion of the Vietnam War while using the telephone.

Vietnam was a controversial war, to say the least. The United States was in a turbulent period in its history and our government was not going to make reparations and rebuild Vietnam while putting a drain on our own economy. "Peace with Honor" was how then-President Richard M. Nixon described the Paris Peace Accord in January, 1973. Upon his honorable discharge, Staff Sergeant Anderson was advised not to wear his uniform when landing in the United States, "as you will be spit on and have garbage thrown at

But Mr. Anderson was "proud to represent [his] country" and he



wore his uniform upon landing in San Francisco. "I was not going to hide as people called me names," he said.

Mr. Anderson had witnessed his buddy die in Vietnam and could not understand how his fellow citizens could treat servicemen and women with such hatred.

Presently, Mr. Anderson and his wife, Carole, follow the air show circuit around the United States enjoying the shows and selling "The Last Raider." He is also an honorary Colonel with

the Commemorative Air Force. Airbase Arizona, an organization dedicated to honor the military airmen and flyers and to preserve and maintain classic wartime airplanes, such as the B-17 and B-25

You can find out more information about Mr. Anderson at www. spencerandersonauthor.com, and more information regarding the Commemorative Air Force at www.azcaf.org.

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National Guard and Reserves, Dave retired as a U.S. Army

A proud father of two daughters who still reside in Spokane, WA, he enjoys golf, skiing, and

horseback riding, particularly equestrian polo.

"Dave's diverse background, dedication, and enthusiasm promise to bring a unique skill set to the arts nonprofit organization as the SCSO continues with our 20th successful concert season," said Jeannie Brown. "The entire SCSO offers up a harmonious welcome to its newest board member, Dave Allen!"

Source: Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra

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Olive Oil Expert Shares Skills at Library Tasting



Olive oil aficionado Maria Farr (and pooch Cassius) with tools of the taster's expertise. Farr will share olive oil knowledge in a tasting event at Carmichael Library on November 10th.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

Born in Argentina and raised in California, Maria Farr has good reason to bless an age-old staple that oils the wheels of Latino kitchens.

"Most Argentinians are of Italian origin," said the Carmichael resident. "My mami had a huge can of Italian olive oil under her sink. She used it in everything she cooked. "As a teenager in California, I wanted our food to taste more American. But mami even cooked our French fries in olive oil. Our mashed potatoes tasted of oil and garlic."

No surprise, Farr grew up with good health, hair, and skin. "Mami gave my hair oil treatments," she recalls. "Olives produce excellent, healthy oil. If I get it on my hands when cooking, I don't wash it off, I rub it in. It's too good to waste. She taught me that."

Mami also bequeathed her only child a second career. After 20 years of teaching Spanish at Sacramento Waldorf School (Fair Oaks), Farr is now exploring more inherited skills. Her rapport with olive oil has made her one of a very few sensory experts recognized by the inter-

national olive oil industry.

Farr will share her knowledge at a free tasting event in Carmichael Library on November 10th. Her program introduces participants to the good, the great, and the ugly of

oil production.

"Certain qualities can only be detected by human taste," she explains, "whether it's virgin, extra virgin or not fit for human consumption. The more virgin (pure) your oil, the more of its heathy qualities you'll ingest. What skill I have was developed by many years of tasting and training," she says.

Honed by UC Davis study, her sensory talent led to a seat on a panel that helps oil producers. The panelist has since sniffed, sipped, swirled (and occasionally spat) hundreds of oils.

Samples are submitted from olive farms all over the world. Panel protocol requires that sensors are isolated with small cups of oil, water, and sliced apples (for cleansing palates).

"Every taster has their own style," Farr observes. "Some swallow, some spit. Our observations are tallied. We also give descriptors—like buttery, nutty or peppery—that producers can use on labels." These tests also identify problems with harvesting, milling, storage, and indicate if improvements are needed.

UC Davis has since discontinued this service but the experts' mission continues. Farr and panelist friends now work for Applied Sensory, a Fairfield consulting company that tests wines, olive oils, and beer.

"The law requires growers and millers' products to be tested by a lab and a sensory panel," she explains. "We're one of only seven panels recognized by the American Oil Chemists' Society. We're paid a stipend but it's fun; we feel that we're also benefitting consumers. People should eat what's good for them."

Some professional tasters cosset palates by avoiding alcohol she confides. "I don't eat the morning of a tasting. I have tea, nothing else. I love the smell and taste of olive oil. I don't want to overwhelm it."

Love for the humble olive extends to cookery. Farr has established a blog to share recipes and knowledge. "My mother cooked from scratch; that's what I do, too," she says. "I can't just open a box and call it dinner. Like mami, I use olive oil in everything—cakes, breads, I even give it to my dog for his coat. I love exploring new recipes. Friends are my guinea pigs. When they ask for a recipe, I know I've succeeded."

Maria Farr's Carmichael Library program begins 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10th. Registration is required via www.saclibrary.org. The library address is 5605 Marconi Avenue.

Future oil tasting programs are planned for Eskaton (Roseville) on November 19th; Eskaton Monroe Lodge (Freeport Boulevard) on December 11th; and Eskaton (Carmichael) on February 4th, 2016.

You can access Maria Farr's culinary blog at www.therenaissancekitchen.com.

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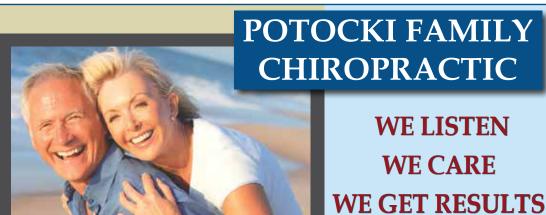
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Dare to Live **Without Limits** Being Understood



by Bryan Golden

Effective communication is essential to successfully interacting with others. We often take for granted that people know what we mean. Although we assume we are being understood, not enough effort is made to verify that this is actually the case.

Are you understood when communicating with others? When your thoughts, intentions, or ideas are misunderstood, numerous problems result. Time is wasted, mistakes are made, feelings are hurt, your intentions are misinterpreted, or people get the wrong idea.

You can be misunderstood when making a point or when responding to what someone else said or wrote. In order to be understood, you have to know what are the desired end results you would like. If your goal is vague or your thoughts disorganized, you won't be able to communicate in a clear, easily understood manner.

In order to be understood, you must understand and adapt to your audience. You have to adjust your communication approach to overcome any barriers. Obstacles may exist because of: age, gender, background, experiences, education, occupation, assumptions, prejudices, stereotypes, attention level, language, culture, mindset, attitude, or emotional state.

The speed of your speech and vocabulary level should be such that your message is easily discernable. Don't overwhelm your listener. Invite questions. Watch for, and be receptive to signs that your listener wants to

respond or ask questions.

Keep it simple and to the point. Avoid complex or verbose communications. Don't wander by including lots of disjointed or irrelevant topics.

In communications, less is more. People have a limited attention span. Taking an inordinate amount of time to get to the essence of what you seek to convey will loose your

As you are speaking, watch the reaction of your recipient. If they don't exhibit the response you expect, or look confused, ask questions to determine the reason for the misunderstanding and make corrections before proceeding.

Communicating while you are angry or upset is easily misunderstood. You will say things you may later regret. Give yourself adequate time to calm down before speaking or writing. Failing to take this approach results in aggravating situations and creating additional problems.

Pay attention to your voice inflection. It can change your intended meaning. If you are distracted, your inflection may not be what you intended. Additionally, when you have an important message to convey, make sure thoughts are focused.

If you use humor, make sure it's appropriate to the situation

and doesn't offend anyone. Whereas it's OK to poke fun at yourself, don't do it to others. You may not mean anything offensive, but many people don't react well to being joked

A friendly, positive attitude makes your message easier to understand. When someone thinks you have a negative message, they get defensive and won't be receptive to what you are trying to convey.

Using questions to get your point across is very effective. It encourages more listener participation than simply making statements. It holds their attention and allows them to feel they are part of a conversation rather than just being lectured

Adapt to your audience. Be clear and concise. Ask open ended questions to verify that you have been understood. Don't just ask yes or no questions such as, "Did you understand me?"

Being understood is a two way process. You have to deliver a clear, easily understood message and your audience must interpret it correctly. When people have no idea of what you said, nothing has been accomplished.

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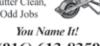
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Game **Plots**

Metal Gear Skews Child Soldiers

By Noah Howard

"Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain" (MGSV) has been, for the past two months, dominating the gaming community in discussions about everything from the value of freedom in gameplay to story construction in a game. It takes on numerous dark themes including disease, alliance, and language—largely with success—but when it finally approaches the theme of child soldiers, it stumbles and falls.

It's admirable that Hideo Kojima, the director, writer, and lead designer of the "Metal Gear" series, at least tried to incorporate such a deep theme into his game, but MGSV needed no extra depth. Even without the child soldiers, it is one of the most symbolically rich and thematically layered games in existence. It encourages and necessitates intense scrutiny, on the same level as a great novel, to fully appreciate.

Though I can hardly say the game is shallow (numerous essays have already been written concerning its symbolic and philosophical implications), "Metal Gear Solid V" handles the theme of child soldiers in a tangential way, lacking in depth or any real feeling of sensitivity. There are the occasional scenes where adult characters will offer some sweet, heroic, or sentimental gesture toward the abused children you encounter over the course of the game, but MGSV finds it sufficient to ultimately turn



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the children into just another type of enemy. Their storyline isn't tragic; it's cold and undeveloped. The only real "character" among the children hardly seems like a child at all, but is written and acted just like a shorter version of another soldier. Some may argue that that's the point: to depict how war changes a child. But MGSV provides no solvency for this dilemma besides dramatized spankings (that sometimes involve joint dislocation) and suppressed kinder-revolutions.

It's ironic that MGSV came out just a few months before "Beasts of No Nation," the Netflix original movie that was widely praised by critics for a depiction of child soldiers that was at least honest and heartfelt, if not factually accurate.

After all, Kojima is a middle-aged Japanese man whose closest encounters with actual war were only the movies he watched as a child. His treatment of the theme of war in

previous "Metal Gear" games worked well because it had a layer of sci-fi futurism that acted as a buffer, allowing the message to shine through without worrying about realism or sensitivity. But by taking on child soldiers, Kojima hits a real-life nerve that he should have avoided. It's difficult to treat such a sensitive and brutal subject with the respect it necessitates without having actually lived through the experience (even "Beasts of No Nation" stumbles here as well).

So while it sounds like I'm trying to dismantle the entire game, I'm not. "Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain" is a meaningful experience that deserves every tenout-of-ten score it received. However, it should serve as a cautionary tale to other developers: don't take on ideas that you can't do justice.

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A Film Review by Tim Riley

STEVE JOBS (Rated R)

When it comes to handling computers, I am so incapable at times in dealing with technical problems that even the Geek Squad will no longer return my calls. But, at least, articles such as this one flow from the relative ease of using Microsoft Word.

On the whole, it would seem not within my realm of comprehension or even desire to be writing a critique of "Steve Jobs," the story of the acclaimed pioneer of Apple who made the computer accessible even to the most unskilled users.

This assignment is approached with some trepidation, but with the knowledge that Aaron Sorkin wrote the screenplay based upon Walter Isaacson's best-selling biography of the Apple founder, it appears the proper roadmap has been drawn.

In a canned interview stuck inside the film's press notes, director Danny Boyle, who does a tremendous job here, notes that the "film is an abstraction," taking events – some of them real, some of them imagined – and pushing them into three acts.

With an almost minimalist style, "Steve Jobs" focuses on the backstage drama attendant to the launch of three new computer products over the course of a fourteen-year period beginning with Apple's formative years.

First, it's the launch of Macintosh in 1984, where Michael Fassbender's Steve Jobs unveils his work in front of a fawning audience that would seemingly fuel the computer genius' tendency to arrogantly believe that his

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GRIPPING DRAMA BEHIND "STEVE JOBS" GENIUS **CAREER TRAJECTORY**

brilliance was undeniable.

Like many brainy masterminds, Jobs is relentless in badgering and hectoring those around him instrumental in facilitating his dream. His most immediate foil is Andy Hertzfeld (Michael Stuhlbarg), who is roundly berated for not being able to get the Macintosh to say "Hello."

Gal Friday Joanna Hoffman (a nearly unrecognizable Kate Winslet) fares little better in her treatment from Jobs, whose neverending grievances and demands would be demoralizing to someone with much less tolerance and inexhaustible endurance.

Over the course of what is essentially a three-act play, Jobs' oldest friend and collaborator, Steve Wozniak (Seth Rogen, playing it straight), endures the humiliation of vainly trying to get the Apple genius to publicly recognize the achievements of the Apple

The personal failings of Jobs are found in his troubled relationship with former live-in girlfriend Chrisann Brennan (Katherine Waterston) and his insensitive unwillingness to accept paternity for their young daughter Lisa (played by different young actors

Arriving backstage on the launch day, Chrisann scratches at the hard exterior shell of the aloof Jobs, making a strong case that his child support payments are woefully inadequate as she and Lisa suffer the hardship of living on welfare.

Even though he doesn't want Lisa to know him as a father, Jobs takes tentative steps to form a tenuous bond with his offspring, and his interest in her becomes more pronounced when she makes a computer drawing. Only in the third segment would he admit

naming a computer after her.

Another constant person in the picture is Apple CEO John Sculley (Jeff Daniels), the man who ironically fired Jobs from Apple in the early going, but keeps surfacing at the pivotal points in Jobs career up to the end of the third-act launch of the iMac in 1998.

Sculley's presence also punctuates the tension of Apple boardroom squabbling where Jobs confronts his employers with the same tortured, angry responses that inform even his everyday interaction with other business associates.

The backstage drama of the second act comes just a short four years later in 1988 when Jobs, having been ousted from his position at Apple, pushes the NeXT cube computer, which proves to be anything but the next big thing in the digital world.

The third act wraps it all up with the 1998 launch of the iMac, and the crowds in the auditorium for the event have grown larger and even more sycophantic for the elusive mad genius behind the curtain.

In patented fashion, Aaron Sorkin delivers fast-paced, sharp dialogue in scenes where Jobs walks and talks with such speed that one is in awe of how his pithy one-liners are so clever and worthy of emulation.

Indeed, in situations where Jobs' arrogance matches his intelligence with ferocious impact on anyone and everything within his path, it's possible to see him as a Shakespearean creation of hugely melodramatic proportions, maybe like King Richard III but without the hunchback and murderous

Though he may not look very much like his subject matter, Michael Fassbender's role is a tour de force performance that could easily be remembered when Academy voters are thinking about an Oscar nomination next year.

Above all, "Steve Jobs" is a psychological portrait of a brilliant man consumed by internal conflicts and personal demons. The result is a fascinating character study which ends so abruptly in 1998 that one may hope for a sequel to finish the rest of the

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Valley and Butte Fire Update



Valley Fire cleanup and debris assessment.

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its federal, state, and local partners continue the assessment and clean-up of household hazardous wastes in the aftermath of the Valley Fire in Lake County, CA and the Butte Fire in Calaveras County, CA. EPA mobilized to the two fire-impacted areas first to clear properties near public schools in Lake County, then more broadly in fire impacted communities under mission assignments from the Federal **Emergency Management Agency** (FEMA).

As of the end of October, the number of properties cleared are as follows:

- •Butte Fire: 610 parcels have been cleared as of Oct 24th, 2015 (approximately 90%)
- Valley Fire: 632 properties have been cleared as of Oct 27th, 2015 (approximately 61%)

Accomplished and Ongoing Response Activities

EPA has three household hazardous waste task forces and one survey team in Lake County to assess residential properties destroyed by the fire. Each task force conducts air and radiological monitoring, and once completed, begins household hazardous waste

characterization and removal. To date, 981 properties have been identified for household hazardous waste assessment and removal. This number is determined by the County as those properties where Right-of-Entry has been granted by the homeowner.

In Calaveras County, EPA has three teams assessing residential properties following a similar process, and three teams from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) are also working in the area. The cleaned-up properties listed above are for all six teams working in Calaveras County. 678 properties have been identified to date.

Response Background

Information The Governor of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr., issued Executive Orders (B-33-15 and B-35-115) in response to the wildfire in Lake, Trinity, and Calaveras Counties to initiate clean-up of burnt debris and ash. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has been assigned to manage the removal and proper disposal of the solid waste and debris left over from the fires. On September 28th, 2015, EPA On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) from the Pacific

Southwest Regional Office in San Francisco, using Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) authority, began clearing properties of household waste in a buffer zone around public schools and performing air and radiation monitoring.

On October 3rd, 2015, EPA received two Mission Assignments from FEMA for debris management and to collect, stage, and dispose of household hazardous waste.

For these tasks, EPA manages the categorization, removal, and appropriate disposal of household hazardous waste and orphaned containers at properties with destroyed residential structures within the Valley Fire boundary in Lake County and the Butte Fire in Calaveras County. Items are collected and brought to the staging area, sorted, and properly disposed. Larger items such as drums and household propane tanks are also removed from the properties before CalRecycle removes the remaining debris. Properties are then sampled to ensure that contaminants have been removed and are suitable for rebuilding.

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- 1. Your relationship with him doesn't feel right in your
- 2. You call him more than he calls you.

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- 3. Your family and friends are unusually going out of their way to warn you about him.
- 4. His compliments don't feel personal as if they could be said to just anyone.
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- 1. The first step is believing in your heart that you deserve someone great so you'll immediately start to put out the right vibe.
- 2. You need to accept you for who you are because every guy senses when you are trying too hard, looking too desperate, or acting like you are having fun when you're
- 3. Some men and women desire more what they can't have. Don't make yourself too readily available.
- 4. Many men date women who

want to change them. If you accept the person you are dating they are and they truly love you, they'll want to change for you. The ones who do this are potential Mr. Right material. I had to interject my big fat opinion before we got to the next tip. In my humble and 44-year marriage experience, find the person you accept and like and then you won't have to worry about change on either side of the relationship. If you like them, why do you want to change them? It gets too messy! OK, no more comments from the peanut gallery.

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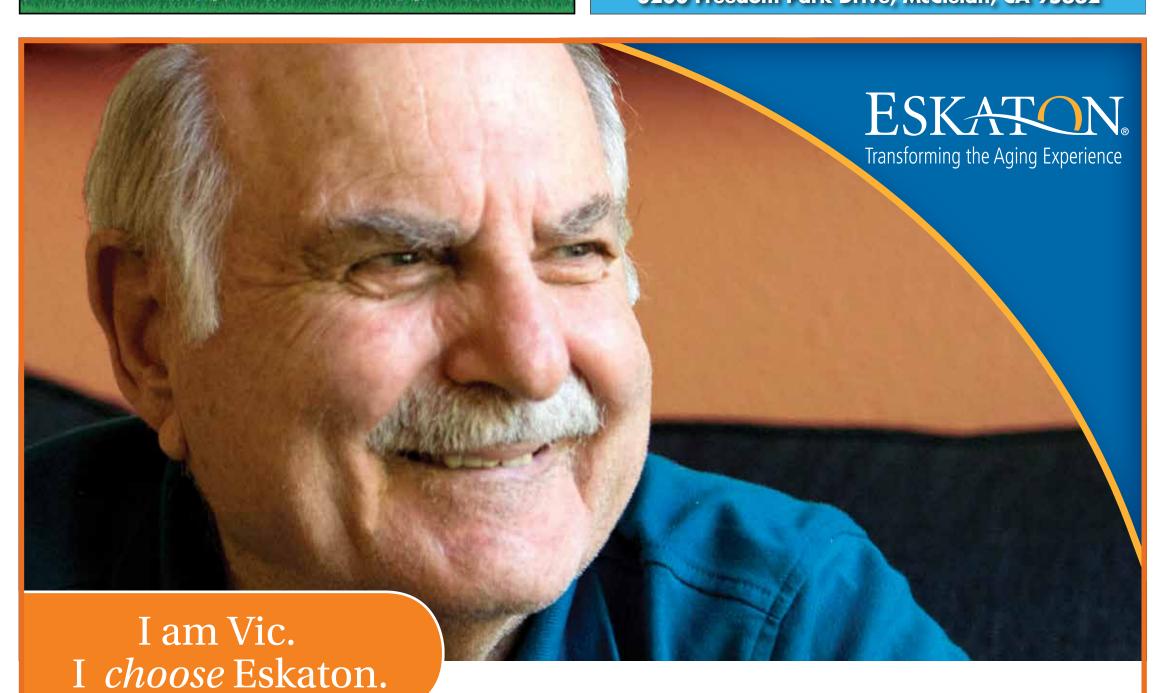




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