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66 Pot Dispensaries Closed



One of the many pot dispensaries closed on October 27th by Sacramento County. Staff Photo.

By Nora Heston

Sacramento County – Sacramento County's plan for closing down marijuana dispensaries in its unincorporated areas has proven successful with reports of 66 dispensaries closed as of October 27, said county officials.

"Since dispensaries were never legal in the unincorporated

county, enforcing the law and closing these operations down was the right course for Sacramento County to take," said Brad Hudson, County Executive, according to a press release dated October 20. "After completing a series of public meetings in pursuit of a regulatory ordinance, I will be recommending to the Board of Supervisors that we

discontinue pursuing any kind of regulatory permitting plan, and maintain the status quo of keeping them illegal."

Hudson said the recent enforcement activity by the federal government, as well as the success of the county's enforcement activities and recent court decisions, also helped to influence his decision regarding the matter.

While the individual dispensaries closed for various reasons, the county enforcement actions, as well as federal pressure, have been a significant factor, said Chris Andis, Communication and Media Officer.

According to a the press release, the county's enforcement actions include administrative penalties of up to \$1,500 per day as well as injunctions against facilities and property owners to shut down facilities. Liens against the property for unpaid penalties will also be used. Property owners are responsible for administrative fees even if the business has closed and is no longer in operation.

"I supported [the] decision to penalize businesses and property owners that are operating in violation of county codes and regulations," said Susan Peters, Sacramento County Supervisor for the third district. "This stepped up action by Sacramento County is having a positive impact."

The 66 closed dispensaries include six of the eight stores located on Fair Oaks Boulevard, Peters said.

Money collected from the fines enforced as part of the county's plans for closing illegally operating dispensaries go back into the efforts, Andis said. "The Board of Supervisors also appropriated \$135,000 of General Fund revenue for this purpose."

The county is still working to close the other 33 known establishments," Andis said.

Hawaiian Chieftain is an Educational Gem



Topsail ketch Hawaiian Chieftain is on display in Sacramento to provide educational tours. Photo by Ron Arel, Coastal Images.

Sacramento Region – The topsail ketch Hawaiian Chieftain arrived in Sacramento this month for its annual visit focused on helping young people understand the amazing maritime history of California and the west coast. The two-masted sailing ship has tied up at Old Sacramento, Front and L Streets, and will stay through December 13.

Built of steel in 1988, Hawaiian Chieftain is a replica of a typical European merchant trader of the turn of the nineteenth century. Her hull shape and rigging are similar to those of Spanish explorer's ships used in the expeditions of the late 18th century along the Washington, Oregon, and California coasts. During most of the year, she accompanies the brig Lady Washington on voyages to more than 40 ports along the coast. Hawaiian Chieftain is 109 feet, nine inches long, and her mainmast rises 75 feet off the water.

The ship will host K-12 school groups, as well as home-school groups, service organizations, seniors groups, and church groups for one-hour and three-hour education programs. Space is still available for the education programs on weekdays and weekends. The programs feature a number of on-board stations focused on navigation, basic oceanography, and the lives of 18th century mariners. Program schol-

arships are available for qualified schools. To qualify, a public school must be designated Title I by the U.S. Department of Education, which means at least 40 percent of the school's students receive free or reduced-price lunch. For information on scholarships and scheduling, contact Roxie Underwood, 800-200-5239, education@historicalseaport.org. Hawaiian Chieftain will also open for walk-on tours to the general public.

Most tours are scheduled for Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A \$3 donation per person is appreciated. No sailing programs for the general public are scheduled. The ship will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) public development authority based in Aberdeen, Wash. that owns and operates the tall ships Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington, the Official Ship of the State of Washington. GHSA provides educational, vocational, recreational and ambassadorial activities and experiences that promote and preserve the maritime history of Grays Harbor, the Pacific Northwest, and our nation while serving the needs of the community.

CHPD and the City of Citrus Heights Announce Annual Holiday Referral Program

Citrus Heights – The Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) and the City of Citrus Heights are pleased to announce the kick-off of the Third Annual Holiday Referral Program. The Police Department and City have again partnered with various local service clubs, schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and community members to brighten the holidays for some of our Citrus Heights families.

This unique community-involved program was created to spread joy and holiday cheer to certain residents of Citrus Heights

by providing participating families with food, household items, and toys/clothes for the children. We rely heavily on the community to help make the effort a success. Participation can include the donation of items, adopting a family, volunteering, referring a family into the program, or all of the above!

This year we are facilitating an additional approach to collecting donations. You and a group of friends, neighbors, service clubs, co-workers, church members, etc., are invited to select a category in which to focus your donations.

The goal will be to collect 100 items in each category. In so doing, we can provide all of our families with "like" items, maintaining consistency in our giving. We are looking to adopt 100 families and provide food, toiletry baskets, modest gifts for the adults, and toys and clothes for the children.

To refer a family for consideration, an application must be completed and submitted to CHPD. A "Holiday Referral Program Application" can be picked up at the front counter of CHPD or found

online at www.citrusheightspd.net.

Completed referrals can either be dropped off at the department or mailed to CHPD at 6315 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, California, 95621. Applications will be accepted from Monday, October 31st thru Monday, November 14th, 2011.

If you are interested in adopting a family, donating items or have any questions regarding the program, please email Cassandra Roesser at the Police Department at croesser@citrusheights.net or call (916) 727-5561.

CHPD Wins Best Cruiser Design

Citrus Heights – The Citrus Heights Police Department's newly built patrol car is the 2011 Best of COPSWEST winner for Cruiser Design. The new patrol car is a Ford Police Interceptor outfitted with the necessary emergency lighting and technology to meet the demands of today's police officer. The Department will build several of these new cruisers during the next few months.

After five years of demanding use serving the community, the Department is in the process of updating the entire patrol vehicle fleet. During the development of the new cruiser, the Officers, Chief, City Manager and City Council all had an opportunity to provide feedback regarding functionality

of the components and technology added to the vehicle.

Chief Christopher W. Boyd stated, "Being awarded Best Cruiser for the 2011 COPSWEST show by the California Police Officers' Association is an honor and testament to the hard work of everyone at Citrus Heights PD". This project reflects the police department's vision of being a city with active community involvement, quality neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and innovative government.

The project also highlights the Department's core values of teamwork and fiscal stewardship by generating new ideas.

In the near future the updated fleet will be patrolling Citrus



Heights. These new cruisers represent the Police Department's commitment to the community to provide the highest quality police service.

COPSWEST is the largest law enforcement expo in the West. The expo encompasses a

tradeshow and education offerings for law enforcement and is produced annually by the California Peace Officers' Association.

Approximately 2300 individuals and hundreds of industry vendors from California and surrounding states attend this expo.

Sheriff Community Meeting Schedule

Sherrie Carhart, Crime Prevention Specialist for the Sacramento County Sheriff North Division, announced the upcoming Fall Community meetings, open to the general public.

In Orangevale on the 2nd Tuesday, November 8, 6:15pm, Orangevale Recreation and Park District at 6826 Hazel Ave., (south of Oak).

In Fair Oaks on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:15pm at La Vista School, 4501 Bannister Rd, F.O.(North of Winding Wy) Cancelled this month due to Holiday.

In Carmichael on the 3rd Tuesday, November 15, 6:30pm at Del Campo High School, Library, 4925 Dewey Drive.

For more information, contact Sherrie at scarhart@sacsheriff.com.



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American Legion to Hold Veterans Day Service

Citrus Heights – The Citrus Heights post of The American Legion #637 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a Veterans Day service on Friday, November 11, 2011, at the Veterans Memorial and gazebo located at the Sylvan Cemetary at 7401 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights. This Service will honor those who served our community, state and nation.

This event is hosted by The American Legion, Citrus Heights Post #637, Cdr. Ken Hicks (916) 965-4773 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Invited speakers are Supervisor 4th District Roberta MacGlashan, Citrus Heights Mayor Jeannie Bruins, Citrus Heights Police Chief Christopher W. Boyd and the Citrus Heights City Council members.

Others present will be Citrus Heights Boy Scout Troop #228, the Folsom Harmony Express and Kelly Gorton playing “Taps.”

The order of activities as follows:

10:30 A.M.
Veterans assemble at south end of cemetery.
(Spanish-American War section) The Procession along the “Avenue of Flags”
Concluding at the Veterans Memorial.

11:00 A.M.
Memorial service in the cemetery’s gazebo3 with local leaders and performers.

Rancho Cordova Plans Special Veterans Day Event

Rancho Cordova – “Honoring Our World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans” is the theme of the 6th annual Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 11th, at 10 a.m. in the Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Sacramento VA Medical Center, 10535 Hospital Way in Rancho Cordova.Sponsored by the City of Rancho Cordova, the Department of Veterans Affairs Northern California Health Care System, and Heritage Community Credit Union, the ceremony will pay tribute to all U.S. military veterans with special recognition given to service men and women from WWII and Korean and Vietnam Wars.

“The City’s annual tribute to American veterans is always noteworthy but having Veterans Day be on the 11th day in the 11th month in 2011, we wanted to make it extra special so we are having a complimentary barbecue after the ceremony,” said

Rancho Cordova Mayor Robert McGarvey, an Air Force veteran.

The program’s keynote speaker will be Brigadier General Lawrence Haskins, Deputy Commander of the California Army National Guard. Other guest speakers will include Francis Smith, a WWII Navy pilot; Brian O’Neill and Kevin Kasnick, Department of Veterans Affairs Northern California Health Care System; U.S. Congressman Dan Lungren; Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli; and Mayor McGarvey. Emcee will be Retired Lieutenant Colonel Bob Burns, Sr. who is a WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veteran.

The 59th Army Band, known as “The Governor’s Own”, will head the musical entertainment. “Thank you, Soldiers” and “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” will be sung by Rancho Cordova’s Mitchell Middle School Choir. Lyle Seeband will play “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes.The ceremonial placing of the wreaths will be done by Ed Vandiver, Mike Mavrakis, and Gary Young from the National Sojourners, Inc.; and Phelps Hobart, Pacific Central Region of the Navy League.

The Navy Sea Cadets will do the presentation and retiring of the colors and the 21-gun salute will be fired by the Motor Transport Maintenance Group from the U.S. Marine Corps 4th Maintenance Battalion.Crystal Image, a county and western band, will provide background music during the barbecue. Event volunteers include the Rancho Cordova Knights of Columbus, the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge, Blue Star Moms, Boy Scout Troop #363, and Rancho Cordova Volunteers in Neighborhood Services (VINS).

For more information, please call (916) 851-8700.

“Vettes for Vets” Corvette Car Show

Sacramento – The California Automobile Museum will host a special display of “America’s Sports Car,” the Corvette, leading up to the annual “Vettes for Vets” all-Corvette car show on Saturday, November 5 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

At the Museum, there will be unique examples of Corvettes from October 29 through December 3. The public is invited to come to the Museum during normal business hours and see the display, which will include six generations of Corvettes and is sure to thrill guests of all ages!

On November 5, the Corvettes on display at the Museum will be joined by many other Corvettes at the all-Corvette car show honoring all veterans. This car show will benefit veteran’s groups as well as the California Automobile Museum. Military (retired and active duty) and spectators are encouraged to come and enjoy the day both at the car show and at the Museum where, with their military identification card, they will receive free admission for the day (and on Veteran’s Day, November 11).

The car show will be located just south of the Museum at 2400 Front Street beginning at 10:00 a.m., where spectators can enjoy (for free admission) the sights and sounds of vendors, food, veteran displays, raffle prizes, and trophies for the cars.

Corvette owners can join hundreds of their sister Corvettes for the all-Corvette car show by either pre-registering (\$10) at www.CalAutoMuseum.org or at 9:00 a.m. at the gate on November 5 for \$15. Registration for the car show includes two free Museum admission passes. This event is located on a paved and partially covered lot and will be held rain or shine. The

“Vettes for Vets” car show is sponsored by Performance Chevrolet and Corvette Care.

Media interested in developing special editorial content for the annual “Vettes for Vets” car show and display can contact Deborah Davis to arrange interviews and photo opportunities before and during the event.

The Museum is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve, exhibit, and teach, the story of the automobile and its influence on our lives. The Museum’s collection of more than 150 cars gives visitors the chance to witness firsthand the evolution of the automobile from its invention to today’s alternative-fueled experiments that will someday be tomorrow’s cars.

The Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., taking the last admission at 5:00 p.m. and stays open until 9:00 p.m. every third Thursday of the month.

Senator Gaines Recieves Perfect Score on 2011 Taxpayer Report Card

Sacramento – Senator Ted Gaines (R-Roseville) recently announced that he has scored 100 percent on the California Taxpayers Association’s (CalTax) 2011 Voting Record.

Gaines was one of only 30 state legislators out of the 120 Assembly and Senate members to receive the top score. “I am honored to stand with taxpayers in the fight against the over-spending crisis that plagues Sacramento,” said Gaines. “As a small business owner, I am familiar with the hurdles and burdens hardworking taxpayers face every day. California should be creating opportunities for individuals and businesses to thrive, not stifling

their growth with excessive taxes and onerous regulations.” CalTax’s legislative report card is designed to hold lawmakers accountable for their actions and to inform taxpayers how their lawmakers represent them on key issues.

Founded in 1926, CalTax is a non-partisan, non-profit organization whose mission is to protect taxpayers from unnecessary taxes and to promote government efficiency. The 2011 Voting Record is based on a compilation of the highest priority bills on which CalTax took a position. Most bills used to evaluate and grade voting records dealt with tax increases or those that threatened taxpayer protections. “I remain committed to defending taxpayers and opposing tax increases,” said Gaines. “California’s taxpayers deserve to keep their hard-earned money in their pockets, not to support Sacramento’s irresponsible spending addiction.”

The 2011 CalTax Voting Record, with descriptions of the bills used in the report, is available at CalTax’s website at www.caltax.org. Senator Ted Gaines represents the 1st Senate District, which includes all or parts of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento and Sierra counties.



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Letter To Fair Oaks From New Supervisor



Supervisor, Susan Peters

Hello Fair Oaks!

The district lines for all five members of the Board of Supervisors have been adjusted because Sacramento County’s overall population increased by 195,289 residents over the last 10 years, or a 16% increase according to the U.S. Census. Previously Fair Oaks had been divided with the “Bird Tract” area in District 3 but now as a result

of redistricting the entire community is unified under a single supervisorial district and I am honored to serve as your new representative on the Board of Supervisors where I have been serving since 2005.

I am no stranger to the area having lived in Fair Oaks at one time and retained a connection when my brother had a home in the community. I have regularly attended the Fair Oaks Theater Festival, participated in this year’s Memorial Day ceremony sponsored by the Fair Oaks Cemetery District, and enjoyed my first Chicken Festival in September. I support the community and recently joined the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce and the Fair Oaks Historical Society.

As your voice on the Board, I am determined to insure that our local government is focused on the right priorities, taxpayer monies are accountable and managed well, and decisions are based upon sound information and research to enable Sacramento County to attract new businesses, revitalize area

business districts and maintain our neighborhoods.

I hope you will not hesitate to share your views with me -- and please consider signing up for my monthly electronic newsletter to receive the latest news about Sacramento County. You can sign up by visiting my web page [bos.sacramento.net](#).

The morning Fair Oaks Community Coffee Meetings started by Dave Cox when he was supervisor and maintained ever since will continue although no meetings will be held during November or December due to the upcoming holidays. A new meeting schedule is being developed for 2012 starting in January and the dates will be published on my web page and in my electronic newsletter. As before, these meetings provide an opportunity to learn about Sacramento County activities as well as what’s happening in Fair Oaks.

I look forward to representing the entire community of Fair Oaks.

Sincerely, Susan Peters

Local Levee Improvements Set To Begin

Sacramento – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District, in cooperation with the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board, will be repairing two levee erosion sites along the south bank of the American River between Watt Ave. and the Mayhew Drain, weather permitting, between November 2011 and July 2012.

Be on the lookout for approximately 25 trucks making up to 150 trips per day, entering, exiting and operating on top of the levee during construction periods. Flag-personnel will guide equipment along the narrow levee road during construction. Detour signs, maps, temporary fencing and points of contact for more information will also

be posted along levee access points and detour routes, redirecting pedestrian and recreational traffic safely around closed levee portions and occasionally onto adjacent streets.

“We are communicating directly with local residents, neighborhood and school leaders,” said Corps project manager Dave Cook. “Construction will be intermittent but ongoing for quite a while, so we want to make sure they are aware of what’s going on and provide communication avenues for updates during the project.”

As part of the Sacramento River Bank Protection project, the Corps began annual erosion surveys of the Sacramento River System in

1997. The surveys identify and inventory dozens of erosion sites along the Sacramento River and its tributaries. More than 100 sites have been repaired and repairs on the highest ranking sites continue each year. This year, the Corps will also begin repairs on sites along the Feather and Sacramento rivers.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District provides flood risk management, navigation, watershed planning and ecosystem services in parts of eight western states, including California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon and Wyoming.

Source: U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers

7 Year Old Child Dies While Crossing Street

From Officer Lizz Dutton,
Public Information Officer,
The California Highway Patrol

On October 27, 2011 at approximately 1:20 p.m., Teresa Cazares, a 37 year old from Sacramento was driving a silver 2002 BMW on northbound Howe Avenue just north of Burney Way. Cazares’ vehicle was traveling in the #1 lane at approximately 40 mph. Several young children

were walking northbound on the east shoulder area, headed home from school. Two of those young children, both boys, began to cross the street to the west side of the roadway not within a crosswalk. The first child was able to cross the road safely; the second child hesitated, per witnesses, and was struck by the BMW. The child received major head trauma and was transported to UCD Medical Hospital where he died from his

injuries. The child, Tevon Webb, was seven years old.

Alcohol and/or drugs are not a contributing factor in this collision. This collision is still under investigation.

This tragic fatality is an opportunity to remind parents and caretakers to educate our young children on the importance of crossing in crosswalks and to be a good example and use crosswalks ourselves.

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Sacramento County DA Reports

Recent cases of interest

CASE: Casey Daniel Brown (10/13/11)
PROSECUTOR: Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Marv Stern

District Attorney Jan Scully announced that 26 year-old Casey Daniel Brown was sentenced yesterday by the Honorable Lawrence Brown to 16 years to life in prison for the second degree murder of 68 year-old Bernice Nickson.

On April 10, 2010, Nickson was sleeping on a bus bench near 8th Street and Capitol Mall at about 4:00 a.m. when Brown walked up to her and engaged her in a conversation. After a short talk Brown walked away, but then returned shortly after and stabbed Nickson. The murder was captured by a nearby exterior video camera. The murder weapon was located in a planter area where Brown dumped it.

Sacramento Police Department detectives were able to obtain a good description of Brown from a Downtown Plaza security guard that talked to Brown a few minutes later. Brown was arrested for the crime on April 12, 2010.

Brown is a resident of the State of Washington. He was in Sacramento as a student attending a technical college learning auto mechanics.

CASE: Gary Vue & Chong Vue (10/14/11)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Eric Kindall

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that Gary Vue and Chong Vue were sentenced by the Honorable Steve White to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the first degree murder of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Officer Steve Lo in October 2008.

Gary Vue received an additional 20 years in prison for his discharge of a firearm. Both defendants were then remanded to the State of Minnesota to serve out their sentences for the July 2001 shooting death of Za Xiong in Minneapolis. California will take custody of Gary Vue and Chong Vue if and when they complete their Minnesota terms.

CASE: Jennifer Ann Dalton (10/14/11)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Chris Ore

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that Jennifer Ann Dalton was sentenced by the Honorable Helena Gweon to 40 years to life in prison for the second degree murder of her husband.

In July 2009, Jennifer Dalton shot and killed her estranged husband, Craig Dalton, in the garage of their Elk Grove home.

CASE: Travis Eugene Britt & Devin Merritt (10/13/11)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Michelle Becker

District Attorney Jan Scully announced that prison inmates Travis Eugene Britt and Devin Merritt were convicted by jury for assault on another inmate at California State Prison, Sacramento.

Britt and Merritt attacked another inmate on the yard, punching him in the head and upper torso area. The victim was transported to UCD Medical Center with serious injuries, including multiple facial fractures, a broken nose, and a laceration on his left eyebrow.

Britt was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Oros to 28 years to life in prison. Merritt's sentencing is set for October 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 28 in front of Judge Oros.

CASE: Robert Hammons & Christina Martinez (10/13/11)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Sheri Greco

District Attorney Jan Scully announced that Robert Hammons and Christina Martinez were sentenced yesterday to life in prison without the possibility of parole by the Honorable Allen Sumner.

Hammons and Martinez were convicted by jury last month for the first degree murder of Clayton Skinner. The jury also found true the special circumstances allegations that the murder was committed during the commission of a robbery and a burglary. Hammons was also found guilty of assaulting the victim with a deadly weapon a week prior to the murder.

In June 2004, Hammons and two teenaged brothers met the victim at a convenience store near his home. The victim invited them back to his home to look at a car he was selling. Hammons used a steering wheel car club to assault the victim. The following week Hammons along with his girlfriend Martinez and the two brothers returned to the victim's home to steal his valuables. When the victim attempted to defend himself Hammons beat him to death with a steering wheel car club.

Arrest Made in Fatal Motorcycle Crash on Capital City Freeway

From Officer Lizz Dutton,
Public Information Officer,
The California Highway Patrol

On October 24, 2011 at approximately 8:50 p.m., Robert Wilson, a 64 year old from North Highlands was riding a blue 2003 Suzuki GZ 250 motorcycle northbound on SR-51 north of El Camino Avenue. Wilson was traveling in the #3 lane at approximately 65 mph. A white Volkswagen Beetle was traveling northbound on SR-51 north of El Camino Avenue, in an unknown lane, negotiating through traffic and approaching the motorcyclist. The left front of Volkswagen struck the right side of the motorcycle causing Wilson to be ejected into the #2 lane. Shortly thereafter, a red 1998 Mitsubishi Eclipse traveling in the #2 lane was approaching the collision scene. The driver was unable to take evasive movement and struck Wilson. Wilson sustained



Sequoia Jones, 22, of Sacramento. CHPD Photo.

fatal injuries at the scene.

The driver of the Mitsubishi stopped at the collision scene. The driver of the Volkswagen initially stopped at the scene but moments later, fled the scene in their vehicle. The Volkswagen was located a short time later, unoccupied, on eastbound I-80 east of Madison

Avenue. The California Highway Patrol is currently investigating the identity and location of the driver of the Volkswagen.

On October 26, 2011, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Sequoia Jones, a 22 year old from Sacramento met with investigators for an interview regarding the above collision, however; she invoked her rights and refused to give a statement. Jones was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail on the following charges: 20001(a) VC-felony hit and run and 192 (c) VC- vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. Her bail was set at \$500,000.

Any additional information about this release should contact Officer Dutton who will be available at the CHP North Sacramento Area business phone number of (916) 338-6710, Monday through Friday 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Roseville Man Dies in Fair Oaks Traffic Collision

From Officer Lizz Dutton,
Public Information Officer,
The California Highway Patrol

On October 21, 2011 at approximately 2:27 p.m., Robert Jacobs, a 32 year old from Roseville was driving a 1998 Chevy Cavalier in the #2 lane on westbound Fair Oaks

Boulevard west of Los Molinas Way at 40 mph. For unknown reasons, Jacobs allowed his vehicle to drift to the right, traveling onto the right shoulder and into a drainage ditch. The impact caused his vehicle to become airborne and overturn. The Cavalier struck a cinder block mailbox then landed on its roof. Jacobs was wearing his seatbelt,

however; he sustained fatal injuries at the scene.

Alcohol and/or drugs do not appear to be a contributing factor. This collision is still under investigation. If you witnessed or have any information regarding this collision please contact the North Sacramento Area CHP at (916) 338-6710, Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m.

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Brown Hails \$1.8 Billion Bond Sale

Sacramento – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. said on October 20th, 2011 that the sale of \$1.8 billion in general obligation bonds will help create tens of thousands of jobs and bolster economic recovery efforts by funding major infrastructure projects throughout California.

“When we invest in infrastructure, we provide a homegrown economic stimulus to create jobs and ensure our state is prepared for the challenges of the future,” said Governor Brown. “Investor confidence in California’s fundamental strengths, combined with an on-time, balanced budget, means that we can make important investments to boost the state’s economic recovery and put Californians back to work. I want to congratulate Treasurer Bill Lockyer and his team for negotiating a successful sale for California.”

When Governor Brown came into office, state agencies and departments had more than \$13 billion dollars of bond proceeds that had accumulated. He directed agencies and departments to prioritize and expedite the expenditure of those funds. As a result, he was able to cancel last spring’s bond sale and reduce the amount of bonds sold this fall, avoiding hundreds of millions in higher debt payments each year.

State agencies and departments report that all of the proceeds from today’s bond sale will be expended by June of 2012. In addition, agencies and departments are continuing to implement the Governor’s directive to commit unspent bond proceeds to infrastructure projects throughout the state. This means unspent bond proceeds will have been reduced from \$13.4 billion in January of 2011 to \$3 billion in June of 2012.

The following is a summary of how proceeds from yesterday’s bond sale, as well as existing bond balances, are being put to work:

CALTRANS

Caltrans will be able to start 26 new projects, with a total

(multi-year) construction cost of \$1.2 billion, with this additional \$450 million in bond proceeds. These projects are designed to increase traffic flow by adding lanes, widening roadways, and installing traffic management systems. These 26 projects are expected to create an additional 30,000 jobs.

These new Caltrans projects described above are expected to leverage an additional \$2 billion in non-state funds.

The existing balance of bond funds will fund 320 ongoing projects through June 2012, with 20 of these projects started in August by using existing bond funds more efficiently. These projects have a total (multi-year) construction cost of \$6.6 billion.

These existing projects will leverage approximately \$9 billion in other non-state funds.

Local Streets and Roads

A total of approximately \$38 million in bond proceeds will be used to start roughly 70 local street and road projects. The majority of these projects are general maintenance projects on local roads, such as sealing and resurfacing, but many cities and counties have combined these funds with other local or federal funds to complete larger road projects.

K-12 School Construction

Existing funding for K-12 school construction will be fully expended by December 2011. The additional \$1 billion provided in the fall 2011 bond sale will fund the start of approximately 450 new projects, which is anticipated to consist of approximately 250 modernization projects, 130 new construction projects and 70 other projects. Exact projects will be identified by the State Allocation Board.

California Community Colleges

Community Colleges will be able to start five new construction and modernization projects with the \$24 million in additional bond proceeds.

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)

CIRM’s approximately \$190 million in existing proceeds, plus the additional \$50 million, will be used to fund the following program activities:

The first Food and Drug Administration-approved clinical trial for a human embryonic stem cell therapy (for spinal cord injury). CIRM’s \$25 million commitment to this project has been matched by a \$29 million commitment of private funds.

14 Disease Research Teams that are proceeding towards clinical trials of therapies to treat diseases ranging from HIV/AIDS to dry macular degeneration (a common cause of blindness) to neurological diseases such as ALS. One of these awards is a \$20 million loan which has generated approximately \$20 million in additional funds by the company receiving the CIRM award.

Training and internship awards to fund the training of almost 900 promising new scientists and technical staff at the University of California, California State University, California Community Colleges and other institutions in California.

CIRM-funded research and related matching funds are expected to create or retain approximately 5,000 jobs per year and more than \$60 million in new state and local tax revenues.

The current portfolio of stem cell research at CIRM, including the grant programs scheduled through June 2012, have resulted in over 100 scientists and 1,000 other highly-trained researchers being recruited to the state. The Stanford Stem Cell Institute estimates that each of these researchers will bring an average of \$1.5 million in research funding to California, for a total of \$150 million of additional research funding and associated jobs.

Natural Resource Agency

The current balance of approximately \$4.2 billion is being used by the Resources Agency, including the Department of Water Resources, to fund 7,696 ongoing projects, including over 3,000 parks and trails construction projects, over 1,000 restoration projects, over 600 flood projects and 600 water projects.

These projects have also leveraged approximately \$3.5 billion in non-state funds.

Departments are using these funds to start an average of 125 new projects per month and this rate is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

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ACROSS

1. Widest key on keyboard

6. Sold at the pump

9. Roman public space, pl.

13. A Hawkeye

14. Female reproductive cells

15. Los ____ CA

16. Fork tooth

17. In king and queen sizes

18. “It kept the corral closed?”

19. “Gateway to the West

21. “Calamity Jane’s partner

23. Old age, archaic

24. EU money

25. French lake

28. Show off, as in muscles

30. Moral principals

35. “____-stevan”

37. “Chuckwagon 101: “No one ____ until Cookie calls”

39. Symbol of a clan, especially American Indians

40. ____ receiver

41. What dryer does

43. East of Java

44. Offered by Abraham

as sacrifice to God in Old Testament

46. ____ pea

47. Incision

50. She starred in last “Pirates of the Caribbean”

52. Affirmative response in some northern states

53. W on a light bulb

55. “Bola, e.g.

57. African quarter in which the citadel is located

60. “Oklahoma was famous for this

64. Alfred Hitchcock in his own movie, e.g

65. Judge at Simpson trial

67. Sheep’s clothing to wolf

68. Oneness

69. ____ de toilette

70. Ceremonial elegance and splendor

71. Warren Beatty’s Oscar-winner

72. “Type of trader

73. They can be dangerous for boats

DOWN

1. Small drinks

2. Rotterdam or Singapore, e.g.

3. Absent soldier

4. “Water carrier

5. Completely cover

6. Loads

7. “ ____ Maria”

8. Hindu holy man

9. “Don’t give me any ____!”

10. Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.

11. “Big ____ Candy Mountain”

12. Left after fire

15. Novelist Louisa May ____

20. Moved lazily

22. Wrath

24. Gone the way of the dodo

25. “Meriwether

26. An advice or dispatch boat

27. Mothball substitute

29. Van Gogh started with two of these

31. Gremlins

32. Mediterranean boot

33. Similar to Cecilia

34. “Trailblazer Jedediah

36. “How cowboys preferred whiskey?”

38. Singe, as in ahi tuna

42. Phlegms

45. “One is harder to find to these days

49. Flight boss

51. Caustic remark

54. Rick Riordan’s “The Lightning ____”

56. Derive

57. Walking helper

58. Among

59. Several of these in a tennis match

60. Frown

61. Irritate

62. Defender of skies

63. New Jersey’s NBA team

64. Mutt

66. Greek “t”

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“Keeping the Faith”
By Ronnie McBrayer

Years ago I accepted a friend’s mysterious invitation to attend what he said would be the “greatest Halloween celebration” I would ever experience. He wouldn’t share much more than that. So we met for dinner and then traveled deep into the spooky Tennessee hills to where a little community church was hosting, much to my chagrin, a “Hell House.”

For the uninitiated (oh, lucky you!), a Hell House, also known as a “Judgment House,” is an evangelical-revivalistic adaptation of a Haunted House. At each Hell House the script is pretty much the same. A small group of attendees is led through the designated area and witnesses scenes of violence or tragedy, scenes typically acted out by high school or college students from the local church.

These scenes may involve a group of drunken teenagers killed in a car accident, a frat house drug overdose, or a horrid suicide. In that Hell House I was snookered into years ago, the main script revolved around a school shooting complete with copious amounts of fake blood, cracking firearms, and a horde of the dead and dying. The manifestations are many, but the outcome is always the same: Somebody is going to die and go straight to hell.

The attendees watch as the dearly departed take their ill-

The Hell House Really Burns

prepared stand before the judgment of God, only to be dragged away by the howling, soul-thirsty demons to burn in eternal fire. After all this shock and awe, and with half of the attendees usually in tears, it creates just the right moment for the Hell House organizers to present a tract or brochure from the church, to give a spontaneous altar call to repentance, or to conduct some plain old fashioned fear mongering.

My friend thought I would benefit from seeing such a thing, hoping that I would lead my own congregation in hosting a Hell House the next Halloween. He was wrong. I’m not a fan of those things, and as soon as the school shooting scenario began to play itself out, I went home.

Halloween is a strange holiday, and not because of the costumes, ghosts, and goblins. Like so many of our holidays, it is a muddled fusion of the pagan with the Christian. When the world started to turn toward Christianity many centuries ago, and the church was consecrating heathen worship sites and customs left and right, day and night, a lot of the paganism was kept for adaptive purposes.

Since then (and even before) the rites and rituals have gotten so jumbled together, that looking back, it is sometimes impossible to tell where paganism ended and Christianity began. This doesn’t stop some believers from working very hard to redeem October 31st. In fact, they work so hard at it, they go backward rather than forward, calling on the elements of fear,

coercion, and dread more than hope and redemption.

Hell Houses put emphasis on a horrible, dare I say, pagan concept of God. God is portrayed not much differently than an eternally angry executioner who takes delight in sending virgins and sinners over the edge into the volcano.

God becomes a terrifying hobgoblin rising on the night of Samhain or an insatiable Zeus hurling lightning bolts from Mt. Olympus until someone can appease him. The message of the Hell House is intentionally crystal clear: “Be afraid. Be very afraid.”

Halloween or not, I believe the words of the Disciple John, who was casting off so much pagan misconception in his own day. He said, “God is love, and love expels all fear. The thought of being punished is what makes us afraid, and this shows that we have not fully experienced God’s perfect love.”

So here is the contrast in sharp focus: Paganism imagines what we must do to keep God from hating and destroying us. But faith leads us in joyfully celebrating and living the perfect mercy and love of God. The choice is the life of fear, or the life of love. The difference between these two makes all the difference in the world.

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Cultivating the Fine Art of Casual Loafing

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Storm clouds were brewing like fresh morning coffee in the normally placid parsonage this past week. I will not say that things got out of hand, which is not to say they did not. I just will not say.

I sensed a growing controversy between my wife and myself. Its genesis came about because of some silly mix-up, I assure you. Usually, mix-ups come about because of some misunderstanding and boy, do I sure miss my understanding. I have misplaced mine for so long I honestly cannot remember when I had it last.

If my memory serves me, and it has not to date, the last time I had a glimpse of my understanding, I was standing at some altar repeating the words, “I do.” After that, life has been a glorious blur. The faux pas between us simply was a matter of attitude. My better half took the high road and I, per usual, took the low road. The reason I take the low road is simply that when I fall, and falling for me is inevitable, I do not have far to plummet.

Regrettably, this past week we experienced a clash of attitudes. I can sum up my attitude in life quite nicely: Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow. Who knows? I may forget the whole thing by then, something I am renowned for around the parsonage, if you know what I mean.

On the other hand, my life’s companion firmly believes in doing things ahead of time. For instance, by the end of August all her Christmas shopping is finished, wrapped and stored in the garage waiting for the Christmas tree. She has a wonderful knack for planning. What I want to know is how does she know if I am going to be naughty or nice? Usually, I give in to my better half. After all, that is what a great marriage is all

about; give and take. As a dutiful husband, I take everything she gives me.

This time, however, an important principle was at stake. Some things in life are worth fighting for and this represented one of those times.

For years, I have suffered from a condition known as Afternoon Siesta Syndrome. Each afternoon I stretch out for an hour of rest. In that hour, I meditate on some of the more important issues of life. I cannot tell you how many significant problems I have resolved during my daily afternoon forty winks. I say I can’t tell you not because I don’t want to, but when aroused from my snooze I can’t remember the solution. All I know is that somewhere in the recesses of my mind are wonderful resolutions to some of the most intricate problems facing our world today. In this regard, I do not know how often my wife has said to me, “You need to see a psychiatrist.”

This leads me to the subject of our difference this past week. I am a firm believer in the “Art of Casual Loafing.”

Loafing gets such a bad rap because so many amateurs try their hand at it. Let me say right here that loafing is definitely not for the inexperienced. A level of skill and expertise that only comes from diligent practice. Personally, I have invested over 50 years in the Art of Casual Loafing, which qualifies me as some sort of an expert on the subject. I am a proud, card-carrying member of the ACL union. I could have been elected president but we have not got around to elections yet. Many, and when I say many, I am especially including my companion, take loafing as something that comes rather easy.

Oh, quite contraire, Mon Frère. Nothing could be further from the truth. My spouse thinks loafing is a tragic waste of time.

She thinks things need doing in a timely fashion, like “right now.” The garbage must be taken out “right now.” The backyard needs mowing “right now.” The groceries in the back of the car need brought in “right now.”

A person can take this “right now” business too far, if you ask me. I like to take things a little more casual than that. This “right now” hang-up can create some serious stress in relationships; especially between hers and mine. “There’s no time like the present,” my wife often tells me with a look in her eye defying me not to do what she just requested. To her, “right now” is very important. When I want to resolve a difficulty, I resort to the Bible.

This was no exception. Much to my amazement, the word “now” occurs in the Bible 1,356 times, which is rather impressive. I never thought of it before. What I discovered startled me. I had to admit that in certain things my dear wife is correct. Some things must be done right now.

Two Bible verses emphasize the importance of right now. In the book of Isaiah, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18 KJV). Then, in the New Testament “... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2 KJV). “Right now” is the best time to address your relationship with Jesus Christ.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

I was read this week that coal miners have two big fears. One, of course, is the fear of a cave in. There could be an explosion and they could be trapped down in a cave. The greatest fear that miners experience is the fear of black lung, which is the fear that they inhale carbons and coal dust into their lungs and finally the stuff accumulates so much that it suffocates them. Miners say, “What we fear the most and what kills us is the small stuff.”

Most of us would agree that part of our biggest problems is the little things in life that get us down. Have you ever had “One of Those Days”? A dozen minor problems equal one bad attitude. They just all add up. They get to you. The frustrations.

The acid test of your Christianity is how you handle the little things in life. That’s the bottom line. How you handle the little, insignificant irritations and frustrations of life. The Bible says in Philippians 2 that what makes a Christian different from anybody else is his attitude toward the little things in life. Philippians

How to Cope with Daily Frustrations

2:14, “Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe.” The Bible says that if you have an attitude of being a grateful person, a positive person, not being a complainer, you will be so unique that you stand out like a star in a dark night. You will be one in a million.

Life is largely made up of little things. Your faith is not so much determined on how you act on Sunday, but how you act on Monday. It’s the real issues of life and your attitude that make the difference. So how do you handle the daily frustrations of life?

Ask God to fill you with His love. The difference is what’s inside of you. That’s what makes the difference, not the situation. The difference is how you choose to respond. I squeeze a tube of toothpaste, what comes out? Not necessarily Aqua-fresh. Whatever that tube is filled with is going to come out. If by mistake they had filled that toothpaste tube with Crest, then when you squeeze it Crest is going to come out. If they filled it with Silly Putty then Silly Putty’s going to come out. What I’m saying is, whatever is inside the tube when it gets squeezed and put under pressure, that’s what comes out.

When the world puts the squeeze on you, what comes out of your life? If you’re filled with love, when the world puts pressure on you, love is going to come out. 1 Corinthians 13 says “Love is never irritable.” Love is self-giving, not self-serving. We get irritated, frustrated, mad, uptight because we think everyone and everything has to revolve around us. When it doesn’t, we get irritated. Love concentrates on the other person. A loving person would realize that the clerk has probably had a tough day and already had fifteen people griping at her. She has a right to be a little edgy. Love says, “I make your needs, my needs.” That’s the type of people we want to be.

Make this your prayer, “Jesus, I need Your help with daily frustrations. Help me not to be negative. I don’t want to be a complainer. Help me to realize when I’ve brought it on myself. Help me to see how You would respond to every situation. Lord, fill me with Your love so that I see the needs of others and not just my own.”

See you soon, Pastor Ray
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By Marlys Norris,
Christian Author

Our very presence as a Christian is objective to people of the world. Satan’s world hates one who has become a Christian and follows the precepts of the Bible. Our countenance and lives are full of light and the darkness in them hates God’s light. Some people don’t understand why our existence and any verbal or written communication seems to offend, no matter what it is about. Our very presence and words bring “conviction” to their inner-soul regarding the life they are living that is obviously separate from God’s plan for their life. We don’t even know what or why it

Accused???

does cause negative reactions. We don’t have to even say anything directly to them. They automatically take it personally knowing just enough about what we believe to cause them guilt. Of course they believe we are doing or saying something to them, even if you are not, they consider everything as an attack and accuse with judging them!

From out of no-where comes this accusation one does not understand. One wonders why me and why now! Is it a misunderstanding of the words written or spoken is the first question that comes to mind? In some cases one might even have a first negative reject response of anger or total silence for why they feel accused. But what good does any reaction or silence have in resolving any accusation? Absolutely none!

So what does a Christian do when faced with this kind of dilemma? First one must surrender themselves and the incident into the loving hand

of God because He is the only One that can heal and mend the problem. Anything one would say might just complicate the problem more, so one must just “Let it Go and Let God.” When they do, it now becomes God’s concern and battle to teach and reach the other person who has accused unjustly. If they honor God with church worship, God’s messenger will teach them.

Most probably incidents like this will occur in every Christian’s life. It indicates they are truly “walking the walk” God has intended for their life and others are observing their life that it is one of their personal conviction desiring to please God, first and above all, with everything they do and say. So Rejoice and Praise God because He is using you (even if it hurts) to reach someone touching your life.

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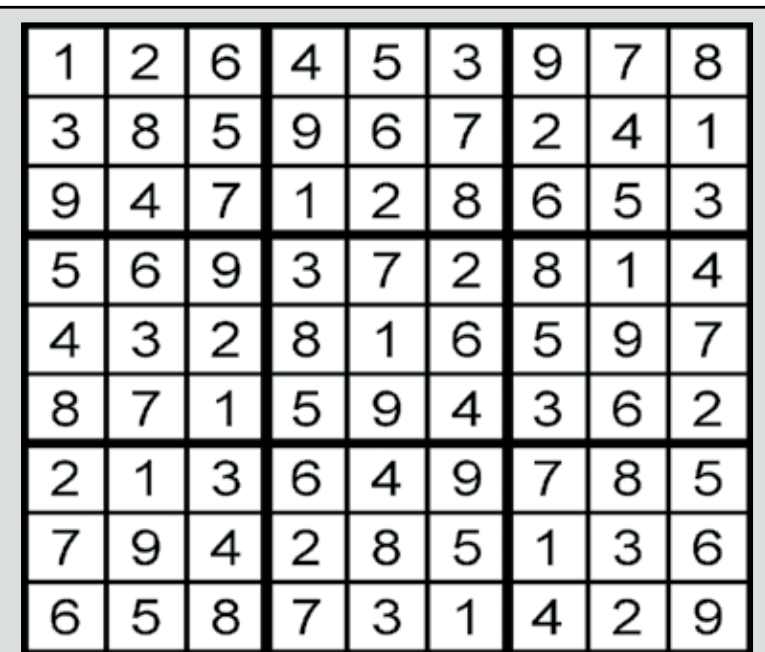
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Lungren Votes to Repeal Burdensome Tax Provision

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Dan Lungren (R-Gold River-CA) issued the following statement on 10/28/11 after Congress voted—in a bipartisan manner—for H.R. 674. This bill would prevent a three percent withholding tax that would have been yet another burden on our economy. Under this withholding, federal, state and many local governments will be required to withhold three

percent of all government payments made to contractors and suppliers. “I am continuing to support legislation that helps create an environment that will assist businesses to hire more people. Americans are struggling to find work and it is paramount that Congress takes the necessary steps to restore certainty and place the country on a path to economic growth. “As of now our House Republican Plan for

America’s Job Creators has sent the Senate over 10 pro growth jobs bills. H.R. 674, which is supported by the President, now heads to the Senate. I hope they will quickly act- as we have—and pass this bill. We owe it to the American people.”

Congressman Dan Lungren serves as the Chairman of the House Administration Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees.

Lungren Co-sponsors Initiative for Underserved Veterans

Congressman Dan Lungren (R-Gold River-CA) signed on to co-sponsor a bipartisan initiative to help underserved, homeless veterans.

The resolution, introduced Monday by Congressman Jeff Denham (R-CA), would establish a National Underserved Veterans Awareness Week November 6-12. The week would consist of ceremonies, activities and volunteer services to bring awareness and care to veterans and promote education on the

available resources offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“I am committed to the obligation we have to the men and women who have put their lives on the line for our nation,” said Lungren. “This resolution not only honors and recognizes the contributions that all veterans have made to protect and defend our way of life, but will also help provide information and resources needed for those who are facing physical, psychological and financial challenges.”

The National Underserved Veterans Awareness Week would include Veterans Day, which was originally established as Armistice Day in memorial of the Allied victory in World War I on November 11, 1918.

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Spooktacular!

By Leslie Carrara

Citrus Heights – This year’s Third Annual Spooktacular was a huge success and complete with entertainment, a pet Halloween costume contest, and a magician.

Sponsored by the Antelope Crossing Business Association (ACBA) and the City of Citrus Heights, the Spooktacular was held at Antelope and Tupelo in the shopping center parking lot just west of the I-80 interchange on Sat., Oct. 22.

ACBA Board Member Dale Covey said that the annual event is one of the ways to keep the energy going and to keep activities going in the area. They change locations each year, so next year it will at Zenith and Antelope, just across the street.

At Antelope and Tupelo, Albertson’s and Rite Aid are former tenants. Covey said that new businesses have come to the area in both shopping centers, including Andrew’s Furniture, O’Reilly’s Automotive, Mercy Pet Hospital, and Just Send It Postal, which is in the Raley’s shopping center. As far as the larger buildings that Albertson’s and Rite Aid worked out of, they have had “lookers, but no one



Dale Covey and Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

has signed on the dotted line,” Covey said.

About the Spooktacular, Covey said that they had a “grand show. There was fun and activities for everyone. It was a beautiful day for an early fall event.”

The Antelope Crossing area is on the move as the Sacramento Regional Air Quality Infill Streamlining Program awarded Citrus Heights a \$100,000 grant. “The project is to develop a vision and concept plan for Antelope Crossing to capitalize on the location, provide for a mix

of uses, improve connectivity between the shopping centers and the residential area surrounding it and intensify uses,” according to an Antelope Crossing flyer distributed at the Spooktacular.

Also, Antelope Road was recently redeveloped in the area, making turns safer and improvements easing up on the congestion it was known for. Covey indicated that as well as the ACBA and the City, the Chamber of Commerce is also involved in this part of Citrus Heights.

Rancho Cordova Hosts Enterprise Zone Conference

Rancho Cordova – George Runner, District 2 Board Member of the California State Board of Equalization, will be the keynote speaker at the California Association of Enterprise Zones’ annual conference at the Sacramento-Rancho Cordova Marriott, November 16th to 18th. The hotel is located at 11211 Point East Drive in Rancho Cordova. A training event, the annual conference attracts Enterprise Zone managers from California’s 42 Enterprise Zones, tax consultants, accountants, and others.

Runner, who was elected to the Board of Equalization in 2010, served 12 years in the State Legislature: three terms as Vice Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee and as a State Senator from 2004 to 2008. He and his wife, California State Senator Sharon Runner, are the authors of Jessica’s Law. He also



George Runner
State Board of Equalization

authored the California Amber Alert. The conference program will also feature representatives from the State Department of Housing and Community Development and the Franchise Tax Board.

Title sponsors of the conference are ADP as the private sector sponsor and Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network as the public sector sponsor. Platinum sponsors are Ernst and Young, First Advantage, Moss Adams, Romo Incentives Group, the Sacramento Enterprise Zone, and the Tax Credit Company.

The Enterprise Zone program was established in 1984 to provide special business and tax incentives to support the attraction, expansion, and retention of local businesses.

For more information about the conference program and registration, contact Micah Runner, Economic Development Manager for the City of Rancho Cordova which is hosting the conference, at (916) 851-8783 or visit the conference website at www.caezconference.com.

Pharmacy Choice & Access Now (PCAN) Opposes Obama Administration Decision

Sacramento–Pharmacy Choice & Access Now (PCAN) expressed disappointment in the Obama Administration and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the decision to approve California’s recent proposal to cut Medi-Cal provider reimbursements. The cuts, in conjunction with California’s March 2011 budget, will result in a significant reduction in health care access for millions of Californians.

“We are frustrated with the Obama Administration’s recent actions to approve reimbursement cuts that would threaten health care access for Californians on Medi-Cal,” said Becky Warren, spokesperson for the Pharmacy Choice & Access Now (PCAN) coalition in California. “It is disappointing and baffling that the administration would introduce key provisions to expand healthcare access through the Affordable Care Act and approve Medi-Cal cuts, which

completely call into question their commitment to California’s citizens.”

According to a recent poll conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, 36 percent of Medi-Cal enrollees indicate that they have been denied medical care because Medi-Cal coverage was not accepted.

With cuts to Medi-Cal provider reimbursements, that percentage is likely to rise as costs increase for the many pharmacists, physicians, nursing home attendants, dentists, optometrists and others currently providing vital care and services for millions of Californians.

“We need to repeal these cuts so that Californians who depend on Medi-Cal are able to have the same access to medical care as those covered with private insurance,” continued Warren. “Our number one priority is the health of all Californians and when patients are already facing difficulties in finding physicians and securing appointments, we believe any

cuts to health care coverage are a step in the wrong direction.” PCAN plans on supporting all efforts to prevent these cuts from being implemented and will work with organizations committed to improving access to health care in California.

Pharmacy Choice and Access Now (PCAN) is a coalition of consumers, local business and pharmacists across the nation committed to preserving quality and affordable health care and pharmacy services for patients. We are committed to providing the most cost-effective solutions in the areas of health care and pharmacy services to enable states around the country to help solve their budget woes, while maintaining quality care for children, families and other Medicaid-served populations.

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Jesus Removed

Commentary From Jay Sekulow
ACLJ Chief Counsel

For nearly 60 years, a statue of Jesus has graced the side of Big Mountain in Montana, a memorial constructed to honor World War II veterans by members of the 10th Mountain Division war heroes. Now, the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF), an atheist group dedicated to destroying the religious heritage and foundation of this nation, is fighting to have it removed.

The statue of Jesus was made to replicate the shrines seen across the European countryside, which these heroes said gave them comfort as they fought to defend our nation and our way of life.

Until now, the U.S. Forest Service had leased the small plot of land the statue stands on, cared for by the Knights of Columbus and many veterans of the 10th Mountain Division; but because of FFRF's complaint, the U.S. Forest Service may refuse to renew the long-standing lease, forcing the time-honored display to go.

The ACLJ is taking a stand, fighting to keep this display, this memorial that has meant so much to those who sacrificed their lives for our country, in place. Every time the FFRF and other anti-Christian groups mount an attack on our nation's heritage, the ACLJ



has been there to stand in the gap, to defend the National Day of Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Motto.

This time they are stepping up their vicious rhetoric, calling this nearly 60-year-old war memorial "a ruse and a sham." The U.S. Forest Service initially bought in to FFRF's ridiculous argument, refusing to renew the lease. However, when the local community voiced their outrage at the assault on this war memorial, the Forest Service agreed to reconsider the lease and solicited public comment. That is why your voice is so important.

If there was any question about the constitutionality of this display, the fact that the Forest Service is opening up to public comment should make it clear that this is not a constitutional crisis but just more political correctness run amuck.

Join us in voicing your support for this statue of Jesus atop Big Mountain. It is a memorial that has meant so much to the World War II heroes of the 10th Mountain Division.

We have met these outrageous anti-Christian challenges before, and together we will do it again. Please take a stand to protect this statue of Jesus from the anti-Christian forces that wish to erase our nation's heritage.

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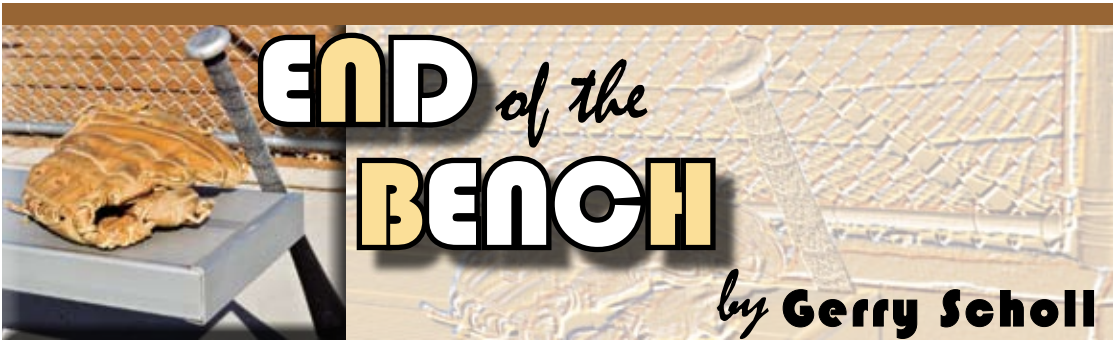
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The Stanford Cardinal had all of that going on Saturday night as they rallied from a 20-10, second-half deficit in Los Angeles to defeat USC, 56-48, in triple-overtime.

The visitors (8-0, 6-0 in the Pac-12) were lucky they didn’t face a much larger hole early. An obvious Stanford pass interference and a USC dropped pass, both in the end zone, kept the Trojans from scoring two touchdowns in the first half.

The Cardinal were lucky regulation time ran out before USC (6-2, 3-2) could kick a winning field goal. In the end, they were lucky to recover a fumble in the end zone on the game’s final play.

Through it all, though, QB Andrew Luck, a Heisman Trophy favorite, led four late scoring drives, including a 76-yarder that tied the game with 38 seconds left in the fourth quarter, sending it to overtime.

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The top three college teams in

the BCS rankings, LSU, Alabama and Oklahoma State, are all very, very good. Stanford, now No. 4, will need both “lucks” if it is to fulfill its national title ambitions.

Sunday, the San Francisco 49ers were very glad that running back Frank Gore is just so, so good. Gore carried for more than 125 yards (134) for the fourth straight game as the hosts methodically whipped Cleveland, 20-10, to advance to 6-1.

Just lucky, I guess, were the Oakland Raiders that this was their bye week, because they haven’t been good since QB Jason Campbell went down to injury. The break will give new QB Carson Palmer a chance to learn his teammates’ names.

Speaking of new quarterbacks, Tim Tebow is lucky to be getting a chance to play for the woeful Denver Broncos, but is showing that he is just not that good.

As luck would have it, the St. Louis Cardinals (way too much cardinal red for my liking this week) completed their magic carpet ride to their 11th World Series title, defeating the Texas Rangers, 6-2, in Game 7 Friday night. Leading, 3-2, a decisive two-run rally in the fifth inning featured no hits, three walks and two hit-batsmen. Classic?

It was a remarkably classic Game 6, however, won by St. Louis, 10-9, on a walk-off homer by Series MVP David Freese in the 11th inning. Twice the unlucky and under-performing Rangers

were within one strike of winning their first World Series.

There was plenty of drama, but overall it was not a particularly well-played Series. The Cards were pretty lucky that the Rangers’ defense was very poor and their pitchers served up so many fat pitches to hit at critical times. Except for Chris Carpenter, the St. Louis pitching wasn’t much better. There weren’t any Roy Hallidays, Cliff Lees, or, regrettably, any Tim Lincecums, Matt Cains or Brian Wilsons on the mounds in this one.

The Cards were lucky that the Brewers’ Prince Fielder hit a home run in the All Star Game to give the National League home field advantage for the Series. That clearly played a role in the momentum of the final two games in St. Louis.

It was manager Tony LaRussa’s third title, second with St. Louis. He announced his retirement Monday. Leaving with the third most wins all time, he should consider himself lucky that his team came back after being down three games to two. His sure-to-be Hall of Fame legacy might have been tarnished by the Game 5 loss in Texas.

His well-documented communications issues over the phones with his bull pen crew, that may have cost St. Louis that game, prompted a lot of unflattering talk and ink post game.

Upon retirement, his great career is well deserving of a gold watch... a golden parachute... some gold stars... and a gold phone.

Federal Injunction To Be Filed Against California Open Carry Ban

Commentary from californiarighttocarry.org

On December 15, 1791, Virginia became the 10th of 14 states to approve 10 of the 12 proposed amendments to the United States Constitution; giving the Bill of Rights the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to go into effect.

On December 15, 2011 a Federal Civil Rights Lawsuit will be filed seeking an injunction against a California law that was passed in 1967 which makes it a crime to openly carry a loaded firearm.

Ironically, the law recently passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown (AB 144) making it a crime to openly carry even an unloaded handgun has greatly simplified the lawsuit. Under a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision in May of 2011 it would have been necessary to show that the California law which requires openly carried firearms to be unloaded until one was in grave, immediate danger was a “substantial burden.”

With the passage of AB 144, this will no longer be necessary. The

California Legislature has created a mirror image of the landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court. The decision, issued in 2008, held that the individual has the right to openly carry a loaded firearm for the purpose of self-defense; except in certain “sensitive” places such as schools and government buildings. The High Court held that a law banning handguns, even though it exempted long guns (rifles and shotguns) was unconstitutional.

Two Federal lawsuits which had been brought in California to obtain permits to carry handguns concealed failed, in part, because the Federal judges cited the exception to California law for openly carrying a loaded handgun when one was in grave, immediate danger. With the passage of AB 144, that exception no longer exists. The Chief Federal Judge for the Southern District of California said she was unable to rule on whether or not the section of the California Penal Code making it a crime to openly carry a loaded handgun before one was in danger was constitutional, because neither party challenged the constitutionality of the law (Penal

Code section 12031). The attorney for the defendant in that case, the Sheriff of San Diego County argued that the Heller decision did not apply outside of the home. The attorney also argued that the Second Amendment should not apply to the County of San Diego because it was located near the Mexican border. The Federal judge in the case did not buy either of those arguments.

The lawsuit seeking an injunction to California Penal Code section 12031, to the extent it makes it a crime to openly carry a loaded firearm for the purpose of self-defense will be brought in the Federal Central District of California.

California Right To Carry is a California nonprofit registered with the California Secretary of State. It does not solicit or accept public donations for its organization. Operating expenses are provided entirely by its membership. 100% of the donations to the legal fund will be used for the Federal lawsuit. None of the money goes to the organization – California Right To Carry. Donations are not tax deductible.

Check Before You Burn

Sacramento County – Check Before You Burn Starts November 1 in Sacramento County and its Cities The fifth season of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District’s Check Before You Burn program starts November 1 and runs through February 29, 2012. Residential wood burning will be restricted or prohibited on days when fine particle pollution is forecast to be high. The law is in effect in Sacramento County and its cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento. Residents are required to Check Before You Burn.

The District will restrict or prohibit the use of indoor and outdoor fireplaces and wood stoves, and fire pits and chimneys that burn wood, pellets, manufactured logs or any other solid fuel to keep fine particle pollution down. A voluntary request to discourage burning will be issued when air

pollution levels are on the rise.

Check Before You Burn Categories:

Stage 2 – All Burning Prohibited. All burning is prohibited in any device when fine particle pollution is forecast to exceed 35 micrograms per cubic meter. It is illegal to burn any solid fuel, including wood, manufactured logs and pellets.

Stage 1 – No Burn – Unless Exempt. It is illegal to burn when fine particle pollution is forecast to be 32-35 micrograms per cubic meter unless EPA certified fireplace inserts or stoves, or pellet stoves are used. Burning Discouraged – Voluntary Burning is discouraged when fine particle pollution is forecast to be 26-31 micrograms per cubic meter. The AQMD asks you to voluntarily choose not to burn. Legal to Burn When the forecast is 25 micrograms per cubic meter or lower then it is legal to burn and the use of manufactured fire logs is

acceptable at this level.

If you choose to burn please follow clean burning techniques in order to burn as cleanly as possible. Exemptions: The following exemptions apply to both Stage 1 and Stage 2 categories: Homes where wood burning is the sole source of heat. Financial hardship waiver approved by the Air Pollution Control Officer – must be renewed each burn season; Devices that operate exclusively with natural gas or propane cooking devices; Ceremonial fires related to specific religious activities.

Enforcement: Enforcement will be through complaints (800-880-9025) and sightings of visible smoke by Air District enforcement staff. First time violations will result in a \$50 fine or a requirement to complete and pass a wood smoke awareness course. Fines for subsequent violations are higher. Check Before You Burn: 1-877-NO-BURN-5 (1-877-662-8765). Visit www.AirQuality.org

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Congregants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Orangevale and Citrus Heights will perform a choir concert titled “A Season of Hope” on Nov. 4 and 5.

Carmichael/Fair Oaks – The Carmichael Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will perform a musical concert titled “A Season of Hope,” featuring patriotic numbers, sacred music and spirituals, at 7 p.m. both Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5, inside the chapel located at 8267 Deseret Ave., Fair Oaks. “A Season of Hope,” which is free and open to the public, features an 80-voice choir, soloists and instrumentalists from congregations in Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Orangevale and Citrus Heights.

“The theme of ‘A Season of Hope’ has been carried over each year with the purpose of ushering in the holiday season with music of hope and inspiration,” said Scott Seamons, co-director of the concert and choir.

The program this year includes patriotic selections, including “America the Beautiful,” “Heal Our Land” and “An Armed Forces Salute”; religious and sacred music, such as “Count Your Blessings,” “Miracles,” “Amazing Grace” and “Did You Think to Pray?”; American Heritage spirituals, including “Joyful, Joyful” and “Ain’t Got Time to Die”; and favorite selections from years past – “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “You Raise Me Up” and “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

“A Season of Hope” will be a joyful experience for those who attend,” said co-director Beverly Tracy. “The music will move you as we sing in gratitude for our blessings and for those who make sacrifices to protect our freedom.”

In addition to the concerts on Friday and Saturday, a dress rehearsal will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3. Admission is free for each concert, including the dress rehearsal, and all seating is first-come, first-served. The event is most appropriate for adults and children 8 years and up, and Sunday dress is encouraged but not mandatory.

For more information, please email seasonofhopecarm@gmail.com. The Carmichael Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints consists of eight congregations in eastern Sacramento County, including one specifically for single adults in their 20s and another for the deaf community throughout the greater Sacramento region. To find the congregation in your neighborhood, go to www.lds.org/maps.

Healthy Teeth Happy Smiles

Oral health begins even before children start teething. Are you establishing positive dental habits early to ensure your child’s teeth are healthy? Paying attention to your child’s oral health early can prevent problems down the road such as chronic pain, impaired chewing and speech development, as well as reduced concentration and self-confidence.

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Looking for a children’s dentist? Questions about fluoride? Visit First 5 Sacramento’s NEW dental website at: www.first5sacdentel.org. The website features children and parent dental care and resources in English, Spanish, Russian and Hmong including videos highlighting local dental programs; tip sheets; local dental resources; and a section dedicated to dentists that focus on training modules for children’s dentistry.

The latest Sacramento County fluoridation map is also on site so you will know if you live in an area with fluoridated water. Fluoride plays an important role in the healthy tooth development in children and helps prevent the early stages of tooth decay.

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Research shows that a child’s brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what

parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child’s growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on tobacco products to support programs for expectant parents and children ages zero to five. In the last year, First 5 Sacramento distributed approximately \$16 million a year in Prop 10 revenues to programs and services that meet local needs. Each county has a First 5 Children and Families Commission providing unique local services for that county. Surrounding First 5’s include: First 5 Yolo: (530) 669-2475; First 5 Placer: (530) 745-1304; and First 5 El Dorado: (530) 672-8298.

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by David Dickstein

Family Films



Happy Feet Two Opens Nov. 18, rated PG happyfeettwo.com

The animated original had a happy ending where all the penguins were dancing their webbed feet off, led by Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood), who went from zero to hero and got the girl. Well, he and that girl have now made a son, Erik, but he’s got no dancing feet. When Erik waltzes away from home there’s more going on in the Antarctic than a runaway kid. The parents solicit help from the penguin nation to restore order.

The Muppets Opens Nov. 23, rated G muppetmovie.com

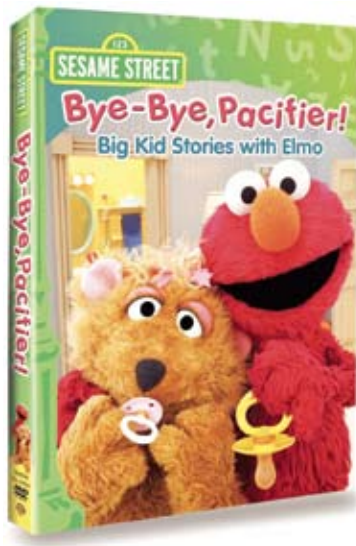
So much for Disney keeping the Muppets wholesome. Seven years after buying Jim Henson’s empire, the Mouse House is going with scripts that contain the word “fart” and not trying for a G rating. For the franchise’s first feature movie since 1999’s “Muppets in Space,” Kermit the Frog and gang put on a show to save their old theater. Amy Adams and Jason Segel head up the human cast.



Puss in Boots Just opened, rated PG pussinbootsthemovie.com

Puss in Boots sets out to prove that one of his nine lives can be entertaining without Shrek and Donkey in the animated picture. Antonio Banderas voices the

catty character who swashbuckled in all but the first of the four “Shrek” features. This tale is set before all that, focusing on when he tried to steal the goose that lays the golden eggs with the help of Humpty Dumpty (Zach Galifianakis) and street-wise Kitty Soft Paws (Salma Hayek). Very few similarities between this and the rest of the “Shrek” franchise, which is fine, and except for a storyline that derails near the end, it’s a lot of fun. Scary moments might be too much for little ones – hence the PG rating. Grade: B



Family DVDs

Bye Bye, Pacifier! Big Kids Stories with Elmo (ages 2-4, released Nov. 1, rated G): Elmo isn’t the most mature Muppet on Sesame Street, but he thinks he has the goods to teach preschoolers how to deal with stress, starting with

among the annoyance. Grade: B+

Cars 2 (ages 5-12, released Nov. 1, rated G): This vehicle-starring vehicle is a lemon without lemonade with racecar Lightning McQueen taking a backseat to Mater the tow truck in the hero department. The gasoline-guzzling gang goes globe-trotting in the sequel, but getting there isn’t half the fun. Pixar-Disney’s first critical misfire still grossed nearly \$200 million at the domestic box office, so the trip wasn’t entirely wasted. Grade: C-

Dora the Explorer: Celebrate with Dora (ages 3-8 and older, released Nov. 15, not rated). The three-DVD box set will have youngsters celebrating Halloween, Christmas and some birthdays with the 7-year-old Latina heroine whose adventures take place in tropical settings. Problem solving and teamwork are part of every episode in this 291-minute collection, along with learning a bit of Spanish. Grade: A-

LeapFrog: Phonics Farm (ages 3-7, released Nov. 8, not rated): Preschoolers are taught to link letters with their respective sounds by introducing the entire alphabet along with the most common sounds each letter makes. A puppy named Scout acts as guide around a farm filled with extraordinary animals. The DVD comes with a curriculum commentary for parents, a storybook, three sing-along songs and a music video. Very edutaining. Grade: A

Santa’s Magical Stories (ages 3-11, just released, not rated): Merry 3-disc compilation of animated TV specials includes seven Rankin/Bass stop-motion titles, topped with a newly re-mastered deluxe edition of “Frosty’s Winter Wonderland” and “Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” Two other favorites are “The Year Without a Santa Claus” (featuring the hot and cold debut of Heat Miser and Snow Miser) and “Rudolph’s Shiny New Year.” Grade: A

