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## DVWC Receives CALEMA Funding



DVWC Volunteers and staff. Left to right: Mike Martins, Charolette Martins, Beth Johnson, Pamela McReynolds, Deborah LeVasseur, Robin Bassinger (hat), DVIC Program Director, Elaine Whitefeather, Executive Director, Carol Ching, Board of Director and Founder of My Sisters House, Jenna Leahy, Donna Van Dolah, Donna Brown and DVIC Mascot Dog - Ninja. Photo by Donna VanDolah.

By Leslie Carrara

*Citrus Heights* - Housed in Citrus Heights for the past 10 years, the Domestic Violence Women's Center (DVWC) received California Emergency Management Agency funding recently while 38 trained and accredited volunteers help victims of domestic violence.

The DVWC, a non-profit organization, now has \$250,000, making them the 101st recognized agency in the state, helping women for two years to get their lives back after being abused by partners,

according to Executive Director Elaine Whitefeather. She said that what makes the agency different is that 95% of the women staffed are domestic violence survivors. The center, partnered with All Green, held an e-waste fundraiser on Saturday, July 16 at Greenback and Fair Oaks Blvd. right here in Citrus Heights.

"The impact of domestic violence is a life long scar," Whitehead said. "Healing is about reclaiming the power lost in your moment of pain."

Woman of many hats Donna

VanDolah (marketing, outreach, fundraising and crisis hotline volunteer) said that victims come in all shapes and sizes and that there is no gender preference. Women are housed in Harmony House while male victims are assisted, also.

VanDolah explained that Citrus Heights is centrally located for the center's headquarters as they cover a 50-mile radius, stretching from the foothills to Yolo County. DVWC receives approximately 125 referrals a month from WEAVE, Sacramento County Sheriffs Department, the Citrus

Heights Police Department and area hospitals. VanDolah said that volunteers ride with the CHPD who are trained to respond to domestic violence calls.

Also, Whitehead explained that the CALEMA recognition makes the agency eligible for additional state and federal funding.

A future fundraising event for the DVWC is their Garden of Hope dinner and Hope Awards ceremony at the Citrus Heights Community Center on Oct. 22 and the official ribbon cutting ceremony in Citrus Heights is Sept. 22.

## Veteran's Appreciation Picnic Coming Soon

*Citrus Heights* - The Citrus Heights Women's Club in collaboration with Citrus Heights American Legion Post 637 is busily planning the second annual *Veteran's Appreciation Picnic* to honor our city's active duty servicemen and servicewomen, our Veterans of past conflicts, and their families. The picnic will be held Saturday, July 30 at Rusch Park, 7801 Auburn Blvd. at the Gazebo/Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All Citrus Heights active and retired veterans and their families are welcome.

The event is free for veterans and their families and friends. There will be recognition from dignitaries of the City of Citrus Heights, and local veterans groups. All will enjoy a free hot dog and hamburger barbeque, with beans, chips, refreshments, fresh fruit and dessert.

The Citrus Heights Community Band will help to get the day started honoring veterans of each military branch as they play their anthems. Other entertainment will again include local talent *Old Time Fiddlers*, *Assorted Nuts*, and the "blue soul with a funk rock twist" sound of Dana Moret-Papastathis and Jim Papastathis from Mr. December Band. Additional veteran musicians and friends are expected to stop by throughout the day to join in the tribute.

Activities for the kids include face painting by the Citrus Heights Ambassadors and Princesses, and balloon animals by Janice. There will be drawings for "Thank you for Coming" door prizes throughout the day.

So important to our veterans, resource tables will include *Support for Soldiers* - bringing a bit of home to soldiers through care packages, and *Four Paws for Vets*, providing trained dogs free to qualified vets for their service related needs. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will also be present with information.

Held last year on September 11, the picnic was conceived by several members of the C.H. Women's Club



Long-time Women's Club member Carol Spiker gets a hug from Jay Neeland, husband of Club President Emily Neeland.

whose husbands were veterans of earlier conflicts. Being aware that Citrus Heights Veterans have lacked a 'home' of their own for some time where servicemen and servicewomen, especially of the more recent Mid-East conflicts can meet with others who understand their unique needs, the idea of having a picnic to honor and get to know each other and examine the feasibility of this vision was conceived. The City has been supportive of this endeavor from its inception.

In the end, during these past two years, this event is made possible by the committed participation or our community: from our fellow service organizations, local small businesses and larger companies, to the City of Citrus Heights, Chamber of Commerce, and local Veterans. We could not accomplish this important step in getting to know our veterans and continuing to look at the possibility of having a veteran's hall our veterans can call their own, without them.

Please join us on July 30 to say thank you to our veterans or to allow us to thank you for protecting our freedom here and wherever you are called.

If you or your organization would like to help with this event or if you are a veteran's resource, please contact Bill Muth with the American Legion at [www.chpost637americanlegion.org](http://www.chpost637americanlegion.org) or (916) 207-5788.

Source: CH Women's Club

## City Budget Remains on Course for Citrus Heights

By Leslie Carrara

*Citrus Heights* - One thing is certain-the founding council members of Citrus Heights' incorporation knew to prepare for the worst possible scenario. Case in point, the city now has \$34.6 million in its savings account, according to City Manager Henry Tingle.

Citrus Heights has managed to survive very well during this economic downturn of the last three years without any lay offs or hiring freezes.

The city's annual budget is \$73 million, with monies coming from services permits, sales tax revenues, vehicle license tags and other sources, Tingle said. "We built it up over time," he explained. He went on to state that they have it saved for severe economic hardships, road failure or major capital expenses. This economic hardship that the country is in right now did not affect Citrus Heights, he explained, or the "rainy day fund."

Tingle also said that as part of the incorporation process, the city agreed

to give up property tax revenues for 25 years. In 10 years, the city will be increasing its' revenue as it starts to receive these tax payments.

Tingle explained that the entire cost of the Civic Center, including the Police Department building and the Community Center, had a total price tag of \$29 million, all paid for with cash. City Manager since 1999, he explained that the city's approach is to "take our time. We weren't going to rush." He also added that the publicly owned Community Center paid for itself the first year. "We've been

open one year and eight months and we've had 1400 rentals," Tingle said.

A future project to watch out for is upgrading Auburn Blvd. from Sylvan Corners to Rusch Park. All overhead utilities will be placed underground, and they are going to make this stretch more pedestrian friendly by redoing curbs and gutters. Additionally, the City is adding a landscaped median in an effort to make it safer in this area. Total cost for the project is \$21 million with Phase One bidding going out after the Holidays.

## Gearing Up for Another Upward Basketball (and Cheerleading!) Season

*Fair Oaks* - If you haven't heard of Upward Sports before, get ready to hear a lot more about it this year. Upward Sports ([www.upward.org](http://www.upward.org))

is a non-profit organization that provides kids a fun sports experience based on healthy competition and Christian values. Last year

550,000 K through 6th graders participated in one of the 2,400 leagues and camps throughout the country.

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church began a basketball program only 3 years ago with 39 kids - last season, the program accommodated 278 kids!! For the 2012 season, cheerleading is being added to the program and the number of flyers being distributed to area schools will be doubled - so it will be exciting to see how many participants there are this year! (If you know of any facilities that can accommodate basketball practices and/or games, we need to hear from you!)

On June 9th, the planning for next season began with the annual training session hosted by the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church. 130 volunteers were in attendance representing

15 churches; some from as far away as Mountain View. Churches around the world partner with Upward Sports to provide a positive and family-friendly sports experience that welcomes all in the community.

Volunteers include Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Greeters, Concession Operators, Cheerleading Coaches and Assistants, Referees, Scorekeepers, and much more. Want to join in the fun? No experience is needed - just a love for kids - everything you need is provided. Or interested in your kids or the neighbors playing basketball or cheerleading? Registration begins in September, evaluations will be in October and November and the season starts in January.

For more information, see [www.fopc.org](http://www.fopc.org) or call (916) 966-1042.



## Tower of Power Keeps Sacramento Tradition Alive

*Bump City Dance Party Returns to Benefit Francis House*

Tower of Power brings their high energy show back to The Radisson Hotel Grove for the 18th semi-annual "Bump City Dance Party" Friday, August 12 at 7:30 PM! Best known for hits like "Down to the Nightclub", "What is Hip?" and "You're Still A Young Man", Tower of Power's performances have been bringing excited crowds to their feet for more than 30 years.

Profits from this concert are being donated to Francis House, a Sacramento counseling and resource center for poor individuals and families. Francis House provides a link to caring volunteers, life-changing services and help for those in need. "Give Them Hope" is the theme for this event, which celebrates the life of Francis House Executive Director Greg Bunker, who passed away last December.

Opening the show for Tower of Power will be special guest Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers. This popular Sacramento band has been named three times as the area's "Best Blues Band" by the Sacramento Area

Music Awards (SAMMIES).

Tickets are on sale now at Dimple Records, TicketMaster outlets or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To charge by phone, call (800) 745-3000. This event is "dance party"-style with limited seating. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

The Radisson Hotel Sacramento is located at 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815. For dinner or room reservations, please call (916) 922-2020.



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# School Closure Related to Child Molestation Investigation



CHPD News Release

Citrus Heights – On July 18, 2011, law enforcement officials shut down the Creative Frontiers School at 6446 Sylvan Road in Citrus Heights. The school closure is related to an ongoing criminal investigation by the Citrus Heights Police Department and an administrative investigation by the California Department of Social Services regarding multiple allegations of child molestation.

To date, detectives have identified multiple victims with allegations spanning at least 15 years. The focus of the investigation is the owner, Principal Robert B. Adams. There are no criminal charges pending against Principal Adams and he is not in police custody at this time. All of the alleged victims who have come forward are current or

former students of Creative Frontiers School.

The school’s care license and general business licenses have been suspended pending final administrative decisions by the Department of Social Services and the City of Citrus Heights. Citrus Heights Police detectives also served a search warrant on the property as part of the investigation.

Parents of Creative Frontiers students are encouraged to respond directly to the school, with photo identification.

Citrus Heights Police Detectives are seeking any information regarding victims that have yet to come forward or information regarding unlawful activity at the school. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Joe Rangel at (916) 727-5849 or our dedicated crime tip line at (916) 727-5524

Special Report  
by Leslie Carrara

The Citrus Heights Police Department issued a sealed search warrant July 18, 2011, closing Creative Frontiers School while the owner/

principal is under investigation for alleged molestation of some students.

Police Officer Bryan Fritsch said that the department is moving forward with the investigation “cautiously” as the alleged incidents date back as far as 15 years. Under investigation is Principal Robert B. Adams and according to Fritsch, there is “possibly more than one person facing charges.” Adams is not under arrest at this time.

The school, located at 6446 Sylvan Rd. in Citrus Heights, has a capacity of 200 students enrolled at a time, with student age ranges from pre-school to 6th grade. If former students have a complaint, they can contact the CHPD at 916-727-5849.

Fritsch said that the 15-year time span of the alleged incidents is “shocking”. He said that allegations started coming forward some time ago but he would not pinpoint as to when. The City temporarily removed the school’s business license and the Department of Social Services temporarily suspended the school’s operating license.

Since the search warrant was sealed, there is no information at this time as to the ages and number of alleged victims.

## KOVAR’S CORNER on Real Estate Q&A



By Tim Kovar,  
Realtor/Broker

As we begin to build a foundation of knowledge to help families save their homes or preserve their investments, we start with a question from a Carmichael neighbor.

Q: My wife has been working short weeks at her job, I am a state

employee and our home is at risk. Our finances have suffered significant reductions from when we bought the house in 2001. Now our loan is more than the property is currently worth. A mortgage relief firm says they can help us stay in the house if we give them complete control. Does this sound too good to be true?

A: Yes, it does. Here’s why you should always to be cautious when anyone tells you exactly what you want to hear. As the Better Business Bureau has advised for many years, “if it sounds too good to be true, it likely isn’t”.

Here are three tips in sorting out the truth:

1. When someone says, “Trust me!” As former President Ronald Reagan advised, “Trust but Verify”

before you agree to anything. Think twice, trust your instincts and require references.

2. Give me money and I’ll save your home! Be wary of anyone that wants money prior to performance – especially in real estate. In the vast majority of cases “upfront fees” are strictly prohibited by the Department of Real Estate.

3. Stop making payments! Stopping payments is a strategy of last resort! Stopping payments will cause late charges, additional fees and may damage your credit for a long time.

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# Putting Law Enforcement First



By Roberta MacGlashan

When I first ran for County Supervisor in 2004, I did so with the commitment that law enforcement would be my Number 1 priority as your representative. Ever since, I have been committed to that promise, not only by my words but in my actions. This year's budget demonstrates, without a doubt, that the County's priorities have clearly placed law enforcement at the top of the funding pyramid for the County.

On June 9th of this year, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget that cut over \$60 million in spending from the County's general fund. These cuts were difficult to make, in fact agonizing because of the impacts they will have to so many in our community.

However, there is a bright spot in these reductions: even though we have reduced spending by tens of millions of dollars, the General Fund allocations to the Sheriff and the District Attorney will actually increase in the 2011-2012

fiscal year; a \$432,000 increase to the Sheriff and a \$882,000 increase to the District Attorney.

In fact, since the first budget I voted on as a County Supervisor in 2005, all three County law enforcement departments – the Sheriff, District Attorney, and Probation – have had significant increases in the amount of General Fund dollars allocated by the Board of Supervisors: a 30% increase to the Sheriff, an 18% increase to the District Attorney, and a 35% increase to Probation.

All told, these increases have moved law enforcement from 40% of the general fund in 2005 to 55% in the upcoming 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.

You may be wondering why services have been so drastically impacted when the funding has been noticeably increased. The answer is, quite simply, that costs have risen dramatically and crowded out a lot of the departments' abilities to deliver services.

In particular, pension costs are having a huge impact on the law enforcement departments. Here, too, I have led to start addressing the cost side of the equation.

Sacramento County is one of the first jurisdictions in the State of California to achieve meaningful pension reforms from unions, starting last year with the Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Retirement ages have been increased for new hires, and existing employees are fully funding their share of retirement contributions. The retirement

contributions are especially important, as many police officers in the state do not pay anything towards their pensions, including the City of Sacramento.

We still have challenges, though. Pension obligation bonds issued and refinanced before I joined the Board of Supervisors are costing us dearly, and they are payments that we are required to make. Even though the County workforce has been reduced by 20%, those payments remain the same and must be spread across an ever-smaller number of employees.

I am committed to working diligently through all of these issues, and will continue to ensure that law enforcement funding remains the top priority of the Board of Supervisors. We must address costs as well, and I am committed to continuing my work to find creative solutions and new ways of doing business.

As I continue working to address these important issues, it is incredibly valuable to hear from the residents of my district on a frequent basis. I hope you will take the opportunity to let me know what you think by attending my monthly Community Cabinet Meetings. In Fair Oaks, we meet the third Wednesday of each month at Dianda's in Fair Oaks Village at 7am. While we are taking the month of July off due to the Board of Supervisors' recess, we will be back in August with a presentation from the County's Director of Health and Human Services. I hope to see you there.

# Ballgowns Needed for Formerly Homeless Women to Wear at Annual Gala

Women's Empowerment's annual fundraiser will benefit homeless women and children

Sacramento – Women's Empowerment is seeking used prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses or other formal gowns for formerly homeless women to wear at this year's Celebration of Independence Gala. Plus-sized gowns are especially needed. Dresses can be delivered to Women's Empowerment, 1400 North C Street, Sacramento, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Hours on Tuesday are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dresses are needed by Aug. 1 to allow time for alterations.

"This is a chance for women in the community to let their old dresses take on new life as they strengthen a formerly homeless woman's independence and self-esteem," said Lisa Culp, Women's Empowerment executive director.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration of Independence Gala will take place 5:30-9 p.m., Sept. 22, at The Grand, 1215 J Street, Sacramento,



and will feature a formal dinner, live and silent auctions, live music, and presentations from the graduates and local community leaders. Tickets are \$75 each. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, call (916) 669-2307.

Women's Empowerment is the only job-readiness program exclusively serving homeless women in the greater Sacramento region. The 2009 Nonprofit of the Year has graduated 798 homeless women and their more than 900 children, with 93 percent of them finding permanent housing and 74 percent finding jobs or enrolling in school, despite the current economy. This unique program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes and support services to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures.

For more information, visit [www.womens-empowerment.org](http://www.womens-empowerment.org).

Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications

# Doing Small Things With Great Love



By Pastor Dr. Ronald Harden

In these challenging times, we often focus on what is wrong with society rather than when we get it right. The challenges are so great—the economy, keeping our homes from succumbing to the toxic residential market, protecting our children and loved ones from the threat of war, determining the affordability and value of higher education—that it's a wonder we are able to make any decisions at all!

Mitch Albom offered some important advice once, upon gaining wisdom after experiencing a valuable lesson about life, love and generosity. He said, "The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to

loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning." This concept resonates today more than at any other time and personally speaks to me on an EPIC level! Our small but growing college had been patiently waiting to make the leap to finding a larger, permanent home. We struggled with our search—our timing for construction and financing was a little out of sync with the current economic picture. But we kept our eye on the prize and continued moving forward, knowing that we were making an investment in the lives of future students destined to become remarkable faith-based leaders worldwide.

Late last year, we began an ambitious multi-million dollar fundraising campaign for our new campus home—reaching out to our educational partners, vendors, alumni and community supporters. We found a new location, and with the help of hundreds of small donations, we have relocated to our new college campus. Slowly, we are beginning the build out of our facility to create an educational environment that is designed to meet the needs of our growing student population.

Despite all of the obstacles we faced a year ago when we began our journey, we continued to devote ourselves

to the lives of our students and how they will be able to favorably impact the world as counselors, pastors and leaders of community organizations throughout the world. We had faith that we would persevere and are grateful for the generosity of our devoted family and friends who are helping us to achieve our goals. We are taking very small but important steps in the right direction.

No journey is without its difficulties and struggles. That is what makes us stronger and more conscious of the failure and magnificence of man. So my message to you is to look beyond your personal space and ask how you can help your neighbor, your community, your school, your church, to achieve its goals. We can all make a difference, even in these very challenging economic and societal times, by doing small things for others with a great deal of love. It's amazing how terrific you will feel because of it.

Dr. Ronald Harden is President and CEO of Epic Bible College, located at 4330 Auburn Blvd. in Sacramento, [www.EPIC.edu](http://www.EPIC.edu), one of the region's Top 25 colleges and universities and among the Top 10 U.S. faith-based colleges in the U.S.

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with Mary Jane Popp

## THE BIG EASY

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. I know this phrase has been used before, but it sure fits my trip to New Orleans. Actually, I went to cover the American Library Association convention there, and boy did I get some hot connections with publishers from all over the world like NASA and the big boys in New York from Harper Collins to Simon and Schuster. Will use them for interviews on my radio show POPPPF. You can bet on it.

The best of times fits appropriately in that New Orleans is such a wonderful culture in which you can immerse yourself. It's a lifestyle you can only find on the bayou, and I have lots to share if you plan to go there in the near future. But New Orleans has also faced the worst of times after Hurricane Katrina made the big easy its target! But what struck me most and what I came away admiring is the resiliency of these folks. I guess it's survival of the fittest. I did not hear one complaint. On the contrary, they were grateful to see tourists return and thanked everyone for putting out the helping hand when they were in need. Is the devastation still evident? Yes, in some areas. But, in areas like the French Quarter and many others, you would never know it. But it's not surprising. As they shared with me, New Orleans is over 300 years old, and they are used to disaster. And most important, they always come back stronger than ever. They are a determined people. Change, yes, but always looking to a better future.

This is my fourth trip to New Orleans beginning forty years ago when Rick and I spent our honeymoon in the French Quarter near Jackson Square.

We got to trace those steps, and that made the trip even more memorable. OK. Here are some must-dos. You've got to do the Jean LaFitte Swamp Tour rumbling down the bayou on a pontoon boat. Captain Jason was remarkable as he pointed out the sites in his Louisiana drawl, and remarkably, he would whistle and out came the gators looking for some tidbits. As of last year though, the Feds basically took over the area and no more feeding. Part of it was to keep the area pristine and not allow the gators to lack fear of people. There are still nasty poachers out there that would take advantage of that lack of fear. But they still came up close and personal. We even passed around a two year old baby...Ally-gator. Not to worry. Just a little soft tape around her snoot because they can do some big damage. No cruelty to animals of course.

Then you have to do the river cruise aboard the steamboat Natchez. This is the real thing. This is the last of its kind with real 80 year old engines. It's complete with a traditional dinner buffet. Got to taste some treats like amber fish and Creole pork tenderloin that melted in your mouth. And what would tradition be without Bread pudding and Apple cobbler. The strains of the world-famous live jazz band added the right atmosphere as we steamed up and down the mighty muddy Mississippi. By the way, it is very muddy and still teaming with commerce to this day.

Another fun event is the Ghost and Spirits tour in the French Quarter. Morgan, our guide was raised in New Orleans and took us to places only a lifelong resident could know about and tell all. And lo and behold, we hit a thunderstorm and gully washer complete with thunder and lightning like I haven't experienced in decades. It felt like we were on a Hollywood set, kind of blood curdling, to set the mood. Schucks! I didn't get to commune with any real ghosts, but it was still great.

The Swamp tour, the dinner cruise, and the ghost and spirits tour were all set up by Gray Line tours with lots of time options to fit your schedule. They also offered lots of other tours that will

take you from Katrina areas to plantations to the Garden District to cocktail tours and many more. They set it all up so you can really enjoy your experience!

Now for more of the tastes of New Orleans. You gotta' try the Court of Two Sisters. This site dates back to the 1700's known as Governor's Row and remains the meeting place for the city of New Orleans. We dined in the courtyard under a 150 year old Wisteria tree that spreads like a canopy overhead. We began the evening with true cocktails of the south...a Mint Julep and a Sazerak known as America's first cocktail and also the official cocktail of New Orleans. That set up the evening as we moved on to a tantalizing Turtle soup, then Louisiana Shrimp and Andouille sausage poached in Creole Meunier reduction served over grits. It was super savory. By the way, it's not hot. It's the Cajun you have to watch out for not creole. We finished the evening with Strawberries A La Ray, flambéed tableside along with a Café Royale.

The four days we stayed there in the 21st century transported us a couple of centuries back in time as we walked the cobblestone streets in the French Quarter. There was so much more to do, but it will leave more things to do when I lead my POPP cruise to the Western Caribbean next March 3-10, 2011. We'll be leaving from New Orleans...a little different... aboard Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas to the ports of Jamaica, the Grand Caymans, and Cozumel, Mexico. Got some special amenities for my group too, but I'll leave that for a special column to invite you all to go. And the prices are really great too. If you do want a flyer and more info, just call Kristy 916-721-9202 or 800-721-9212. It'll be a BLAST!!! Good to be back! Talk with you on KAH1 AM-950!!! You can always hear my interviews at [www.kahi.com](http://www.kahi.com). Just click on-demand! And there I'll be.

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#### CLUES

**ACROSS**

1. Hoarders action

6. \*Curiosity's victim

9. Relative speed of change

13. \*\*Remorse\* trip

14. \*\* \_\_\_ in wait\*

15. Taste, e.g.

16. Type of duck

17. Freddy Krueger street

18. Arab country

19. \*Back to this board

21. Prince alternative, Mark Twain

23. Downhill equipment

24. Boxer Oscar De La

25. Masseuse's office

28. Jane Austen classic

30. To-do list entry

35. SAT, e.g.

37. Be sick

39. With great enthusiasm

40. \*\* \_\_\_ does it\*

41. Indolence, abbr.

43. Hawkeye State

44. Tastes like lemon

46. Ancient Greece's columned walkway

47. Actress Barrymore

48. Roundabout way

50. Oldsmobile founder

52. \*This is well if it ends well

53. Point

55. \_\_\_ Angeles

57. \*One's not recommended for storing all eggs

60. \*This can't change it's spots

64. Poet Alighieri

65. \*\* \_\_\_ day now\*

67. Ann Curry's show

68. Eight performers

69. James Bond creator

Fleming

70. Same as hoist

71. \*On your shoulder

72. Bear's hibernation place

73. Come in

**DOWN**

1. Wine and cheese descriptor

2. Wilderness preservationist

John \_\_\_ (1838-1914)

3. Verdi's opera

4. Large amounts

5. \* Do it while the iron is hot

6. Horselfy

7. Be ill

8. Time in Italian

9. \*\* \_\_\_ the benefits\*

10. \*\*Up the \_\_\_

11. One of Romanov's dynasty

12. Poetic "ever"

15. \*Back to this first one

20. Nimbus, pl.

22. \_\_\_ aye Captain!

24. Not a convertible

25. Lieu

26. V-sign

27. Balance sheet entry

29. \*Whose best friend?

31. SWAT attack, e.g.

32. Greek bazaar

33. Handrail post

34. Southern accent, e.g.

36. Novice

38. \*One who parts easily with money

42. Big Dipper shape

45. \*A drop in this

49. Street in Paris

51. Cornfort

54. Characterized by dignity and propriety

56. \*A silver one denotes wealth

57. Composer Johann Sebastian

58. Unfavorable prefix

59. One stair

60. Country singer-songwriter Loretta

61. Miners' passage

62. Tear down

63. One who dyes

64. John Henry " \_\_\_" Holliday

66. National Academy of Engineering

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“Keeping the Faith”  
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Nothing screams “summer” like a family road trip. Even with the explosion of easy-access-information, human beings still long to explore their world. We aren’t content to merely “Google” our surroundings and accept that as a genuine experience.

So, families get up, get out, and get going; especially during these sacred months of warm weather and long days. To the beach, the mountains, the grandparents, the roller coasters, or the local state park, parents and children stream, their SUVs laden with fishing poles, tents, Weber grills, and luggage.

Moms and dads relax, at least a little bit. Kids get sunburned, a lot actually. Relatives get visited and hugged, even those we don’t like. And gallons of ice cream, lemonade, and soda are consumed by thirsty hands and mouths as sugary-sticky as duct tape.

I love these road trips as much as Clark Griswold and Cousin Eddie. I always have, though when I was a kid raised in a poor family, “vacation” consisted of a hot two-hour ride in a rattling station wagon to Aunt Francis’ house, an afternoon at a Civil War Memorial, and dinner at Bonanza. Still, I loved the road, and it felt like a great adventure (believe me, with

## Time to Hit the Road

that station wagon, every trip was an adventure).

I’m traveling more and more these days, not so much out of love for the road – I like sleeping in my own bed – but out of love for old and new friends; out of love for what is happening all across North America. In Atlanta, Peoria, Detroit, Dallas, Paducah, Tucson, and everywhere in between, I find and spend time with people who are over-churched and religiously over-worked, but who are under-graced and under-gospelized.

The practice of their faith has become an albatross around their neck and they want to be free of it, not because they suddenly have given up on faith or hate Jesus, but the contrary: They so love Christ and so value their faith, that to retain these things they love, they must let everything else go. They want simply to worship their God, follow Jesus, and help their neighbors. They hope to do this without all the ecclesiastical machinery we have created.

They meet in coffee shops, in store fronts, around dining room tables, in pubs, and yes, sometimes in church sanctuaries. They have come to understand that church isn’t a place we go. It’s something we become. Church isn’t about buildings or organizations or sacraments. It’s about people and relationships. Church isn’t an institution that should complicate our lives further. Rather, it should set us free and focus our lives on Christ.

I once heard Phyllis Tickle say that every 500 years or so, the church has a rummage sale. Paraphrasing, she said every few centuries Christians scrounge through everything we have stockpiled in our attics and collective storage boxes. We start sorting through it all and discover that some of it is too precious to ever let go. But much of what we find stashed away in moldy storage units has to be moved to the curb.

After all, Christians are a pilgrim-people. This world is not our home and we are built for the wandering, open road. Hanging on to anything beyond what is truly essential will only weigh us down, and hanging on too long will cause us to sink roots where we do not belong.

In my own travels, this – this – is exactly what I discover all over North America: People of faith who have had their rummage sale, and who are now neck-deep in the journey away from religious institution and toward becoming grace-filled, Jesus-following, baggage-relinquishing explorers. They are now light enough to hit the road, living out the great adventure of faith.

What do you say a few of us get together along the way? A cup of coffee down at the corner, a pint at your favorite watering hole, Sunday morning at the red-bricked church-house: You just let me know when and where. I’ll meet you there, and we will hit the road together.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

Where have you been investing these days? Everybody’s investing somewhere. You’re investing your life in something. Some people invest in their life in their careers, in making a lot of money, buying a lot of things, in building up a big nest egg. Every spare minute of their life is invested in answering the questions, “How can make more? How can I achieve more? How can I acquire more?” as if nothing else matters. As if this life is all there is.

The problem with this type of investing is that it’s temporary. Nothing on this earth is going to last. Nothing. Even your life on this earth is not going to last. You get 60, 80, maybe a 100 years. If you want your investments to last you must invest in something with eternal consequence. You must invest your life in something that will outlast it. How do you do that?

## How to Invest Your Life

The Bible teaches three ways.

By Caring. When you care about people who cannot pay you back, God keeps score. Jesus said, “When you put on a dinner, don’t invite your friends, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will repay you by inviting you back. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then, at the resurrection of the godly, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.” Luke 14:12-14. What Jesus is saying here is, don’t forget about the poor. Don’t forget about the less fortunate. Don’t forget about people who are suffering who are hurting. When you help people that cannot give back to you, you are actually storing up treasure in heaven. God is keeping score.

By Daring. Dare to make a difference. Dare to get involved, to volunteer. Jesus said, “Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.” Mark 8:35 (LB) Significance and satisfaction in life come from serving others, not serving self. It’s the only way you’re ever going to feel significance. I dare you to make a difference.

By Sharing. Share whatever you’ve got. Share your treasure, your resources. You don’t just

write a check and say, “I’ve done my duty.” No, you share your heart and your time and talents as well. Then you share your resources. “Tell people to use their money to do good. ...Always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)

God just doesn’t bless you so you can feel good. He blesses you so you can help other people. Whenever you help others and you’re a blessing to them, you’re actually storing up treasure in heaven. What triggers God’s blessing? Caring, Daring, Sharing. I challenge you don’t just invest in the here and now. Get involved in church. Volunteer in some way. Start helping others. Give of your time, talents and treasure and store up treasure in heaven. You’re going to spend a lot more time there than here. This is the best investment of your life because it’s going to last for eternity.

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

Think about a time when you experienced being rejected by someone. How did it make you feel and what emotions rose to the surface? It matters little about what actually occurred to make you acutely aware that what you said or did was rejected by another person. It happened didn’t it? And didn’t you just have to “accept” the fact that the

## Rejection

other person had their own ideas and imparted them to you by rejecting whatever you did or said? There was nothing you could do to change or correct their rejection.

Today there are many people who reject the fact that God exists and He has a divine plan for everyone’s life. That plan includes accepting His Beloved Son as their Savior and Lord of their life. Some people prefer being their own god and reject the plan of Salvation. They hear the truth that Creator/God blesses with the gift of eternal life through His Son who is the Way, Truth and Life and the idea repulses them. However Jesus Christ is the doorway through which absolutely ALL must pass

When God created man, He left within each individual a place for His Spirit of righteousness to reside, help and guide them. God’s plan is that all of us would go to heaven. One must submit to the divinely inspired instructions recorded in the Holy Word of God, and BE supernaturally Born-Again spiritually -- by accepting the Beloved Son of God (Jesus) into their heart and life. (John 3:3)

NO ONE will just automatically gain heaven by keeping their own set of good ideas or rules. Man’s ideas will never satisfy a Sovereign Holy and Just God!

It is hard to understand why anyone would “choose” not to go to heaven and reject God’s plan, but they do. Creator/God is horribly grieved over the rejection of these people. His heart aches in anguish and tears fill his eyes because people will not follow His plan of redemption and accept His gift of everlasting life. Just like us, when rejected our Heavenly Father must “accept” the fact – NOT ALL WILL COME!

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# Transparency Measure is Ripe for Abuse

Commentary by Thomas A. Schatz

The lowest qualified bid by the most competent contestant traditionally wins the government contract. Unfortunately, the “Change” gang now wants to fiddle with this decades-old, generally reliable formula.

President Obama hopes to throw another item onto the scale as bureaucrats weigh bids: political donations. He could sign an executive order any day now that would instruct federal officials to consider the political contributions of prospective government contractors. While this move is being portrayed as a matter of increased transparency, it will actually fuel unintended consequences and indirectly overturn an important Supreme Court decision on free speech.

Forcing companies to disclose political gifts supposedly will expose covert “pay-to-play” schemes and ensure that private industry does not unduly influence Washington’s decisions when awarding lucrative contracts. Rather than depoliticize procurement, this practice would empower public officials to scrutinize a particular company’s political philanthropy. The Obama administration’s supporters could score government deals while opponents leave with empty pockets and a simple message: “If you want our checks, show us yours.”

The executive order could transport such old-fashioned, Chicago-style wheeling and dealing from Lake Michigan to the Potomac.

This executive order — drafted in April — requires contractors to disclose annual donations of more than \$5,000 that were made in the past two years and paid to political candidates, parties or independent political groups. Directors, officers and other top managers would have to declare their personal political contributions from the past two years - even if they were made without their employers’ knowledge or consent.

This order is in part designed to thwart last year’s Citizen’s United Supreme Court decision, which lifted certain restrictions on the donations corporations and labor unions can make to campaigns and independent organizations.

Congressional Democrats quickly tried to counteract that ruling by re-limiting the third-party donations. But a House-approved bill sputtered in the Senate.

Since the legislation will not be passed, Obama is trying to accomplish that same goal through the executive order. A clothing company would have to reveal its donations to a conservative advocacy nonprofit before bidding to manufacture military uniforms. A landscaping firm would have to list its checks to a liberal third- party group before applying to maintain a national park.

Clearly, such rules could foster political discrimination. Obama would enable his administration to deliver literally billions of dollars in government contracts to pro-Democrat businesses while denying billions to pro-Republican firms.

And when the GOP takes the White House again, that administration could turn around and practice the exact same kind of discrimination against Democrat-friendly contractors.

And the favoritism would not necessarily be confined to contracting work. The entire federal government would be made aware of private firms’ political affiliations. Other agencies could use that information to determine where and how to award billions of dollars.

Even the appearance of political favoritism would be a problem.

The Agriculture Department, for example, might hire a company to upgrade 30 regional offices. That firm may have backed Obama’s campaign and other Democratic causes. It also could finish its work on time, under budget, and with elegant results. Nonetheless, a losing, pro-Republican bidder might cry foul — even though it lost to a truly superior bidder, picked by honest public servants with no partisan axes to grind.

When awarding contracts, federal decision-makers should consider only one issue: the bidders’ merits. Officials should evaluate the price and quality of the products and services on offer, the supplier’s performance under previous contracts and how closely each bid follows federal contract rules.

This proposal is generating bipartisan opposition. Connecticut’s independent Sen. Joe Lieberman, who caucuses with Democrats, and Missouri’s Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill, who chairs the Government Contracting Subcommittee, have both publicly opposed the executive order.

Twenty-seven Republicans senators signed a letter urging the president to scrap this plan.

Imposing campaign- disclosure requirements on government contractors sets the table for a feast of patronage based not on the content of each contractor’s character, but on the color of his PAC money.

Thomas A. Schatz is president of Citizens Against Government Waste.


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# Families Enjoy Local Campout

By Leslie Carrara

Citrus Heights – The 10th Annual Campout was held Saturday, July 9 through Sunday July 10, 2011 with the Sunrise Recreation and Park District’s Rusch Park in Citrus Heights hosting a capacity crowd of 65 families. Sponsored by the Residents’ Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights (REACH) and the City, families were able to enjoy dinner, including hot dogs, beans and potato salad, and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. In between, campers enjoyed a bonfire, s’mores, swimming, and musical entertainment by Music Mike. This is the main event REACH sponsors each year, according to Vice President of REACH Jon Paul

Burke. He said that the Campout “is for families who don’t get to go camping and for single moms who don’t have the opportunity.” Also, he said that REACH oversees neighborhood projects. One past project they were instrumental in getting completed was the traffic light at Saybrook and Antelope. Tonya Wagner, REACH president said. She indicated that some of the things they are involved in include picking up trash in neighborhoods and beautification projects. She added that in the near future, they will clean up a wall on Auburn Blvd. just south of Twin Oaks Ave. The REACH association consists of all volunteers with a board of directors and volunteer neighborhood liaisons in 11 Citrus Heights

area neighborhoods. Each area has meetings once a month for residents to speak out on issues, and REACH members then report problems or even good news to the City. The association also works with the Citrus Heights Police Department and Problem Oriented Policing (POP) officers. “The neighborhood association is your link to the police department,” Burke said. Upcoming fundraising events for REACH include selling concessions at Rusch Park and selling water at the Capital Tennis court at the Sunrise Mall on July 12th and 20th. For the campout, families paid \$30 for a maximum of five people. REACH funded the event, which cost \$2500.



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# END of the BENCH

by **Gerry Scholl**

## Tennis, anyone?

That age-old question prompted me to answer, “Why not?” when I had the opportunity last Friday to head out to Capitals Stadium at Sunrise Mall, Sacramento, for some World Team Tennis.

First time for everything. I had never witnessed pro players in live action before. I’d classify myself as a “casual fan” of the game. In the ’70’s and ’80’s I followed it more closely. I’ll typically check in on Wimbledon and a few other key matches from time to time.

The weather was quite pleasant as I entered the venue for the matchup between your Sacramento Capitals and The Newport Beach Breakers. I looked down to the press table courtside and quickly decided, “No way am I sitting there! My vertigo will make me nuts before the warm ups are over!” So I found a seat up high among several of the regulars.

It’s a pretty nice setting actually, despite sitting in a shopping mall parking lot. You could look out over the rim of the stadium to view the Sierra foothills and the valley summer sky at dusk — nice. Don’t mind the top floor of Macy’s hovering to the right.

The pre-match chatter among the regulars centered around their disappointment that Mardy Fish, the top-ranked U.S. men’s singles player, would not appear for the Caps as he nursed an injury. WTT is a little something on the side for the marquee players. Unfortunately, the too loud P.A. announcements and music not conducive to meeting and greeting your neighbors drowned the chances of conversation.

There was a bit of a hush, however, when the Caps’ Dusan Vemic changed shirts on the sidelines after warm ups. I used to look like that (not really). I did think I was an okay player for a hack — way, way back — peaking around 27. My best was the time the wife and I and another couple spent a weekend at a Lake County cabin and played some tennis. We played under assumed names. It was Chris Evert-Jimmy Connors vs. Evonne Goolagong and me, Ilie Nastase. They called me “Nasty” because I was the kind of player who would make drop shots against a pregnant woman.

My talents faded quickly with age. The game was too hard on the shoulders, hips, knees, feet and that nagging old groin injury. I conceded it was a young man’s game.

At Sunrise, play was a little sloppy early on, though Sacramento dominated men’s singles (Vemic d. Lester Cook) and women’s doubles (Vania King-Yasmin Schnack d. Anne Keotharong-Marie-Eve Pelletier) to build a 10-4 lead. The WTT innovative format was interesting and effective and kept things moving along smoothly.

About this time the summer breeze was really cooling things down and I realized I was underdressed. There were a lot of uncomfortable people in shorts and T-shirts. When the action was slow it helped to play Name That Tune with the short music bursts over the P.A. between points (I did very well).

Fortunately, the match heated up as The Breakers rallied to win men’s doubles (Cook-Travis Rettenmaier d. Vemic-Mark Knowles) and women’s singles (Keothavong d. King) with some very impressive play.

The last match, mixed doubles (Knowles-King vs. Rettenmaier-Pelletier), was the highlight of the night. The “Go, Caps!” chant finally caught on with the approximately 2,000 fans on hand. The teams eventually were deadlocked, 18-18, leading to a deciding 9-point tie-breaker.

Knowles, almost 40, defied the “young man’s game” theory at crunch time. Currently ranked No. 30 in doubles and with over 700 doubles victories, among them three Grand Slam titles and a mixed doubles title at Wimbledon, it was Knowles who decided things with an overhead smash for match point. And the fans went wild!

All in all, it was a pretty, pretty, pretty good time out. Check it out this week! But, one bit of advice: Bring a jacket!



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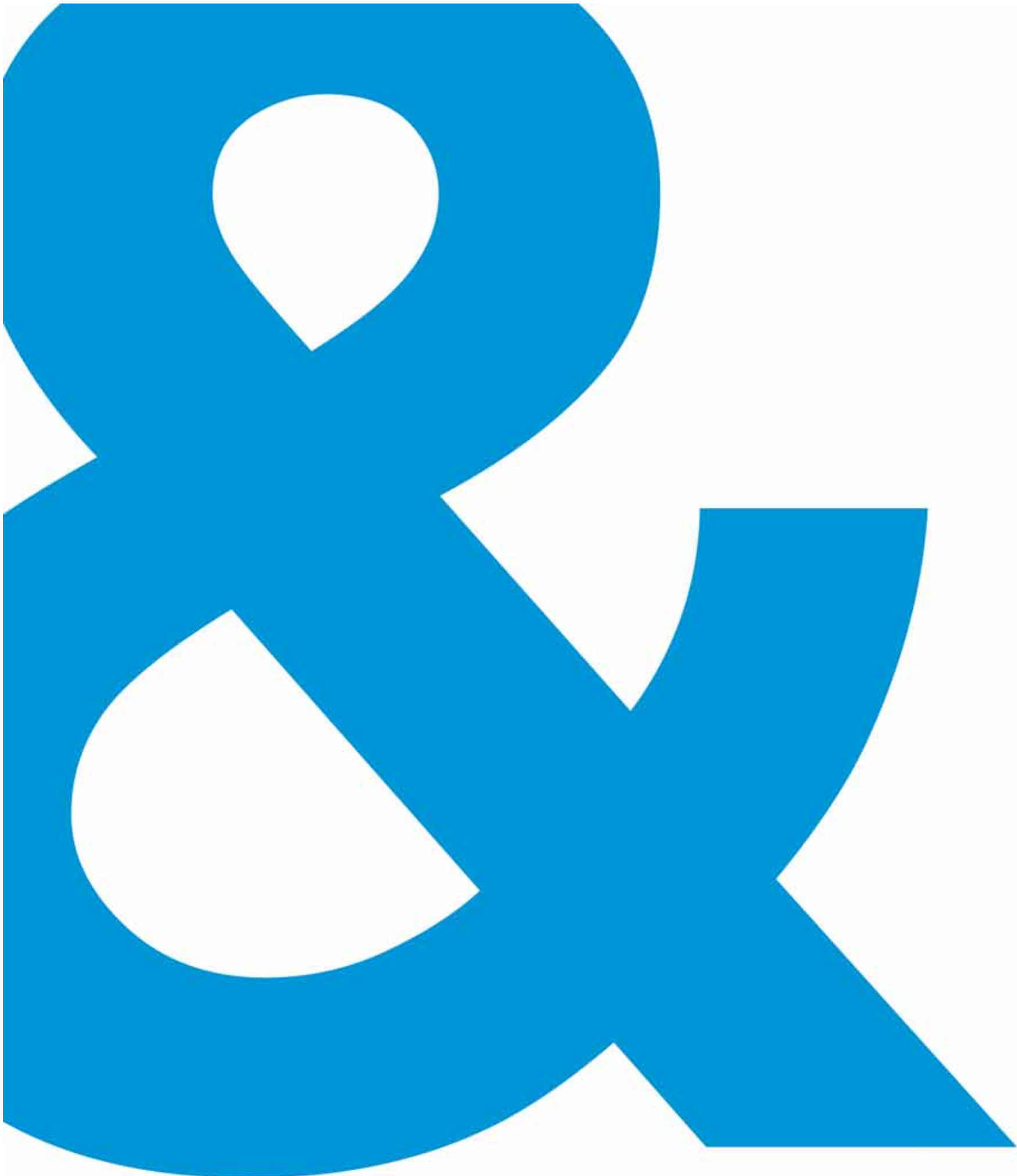
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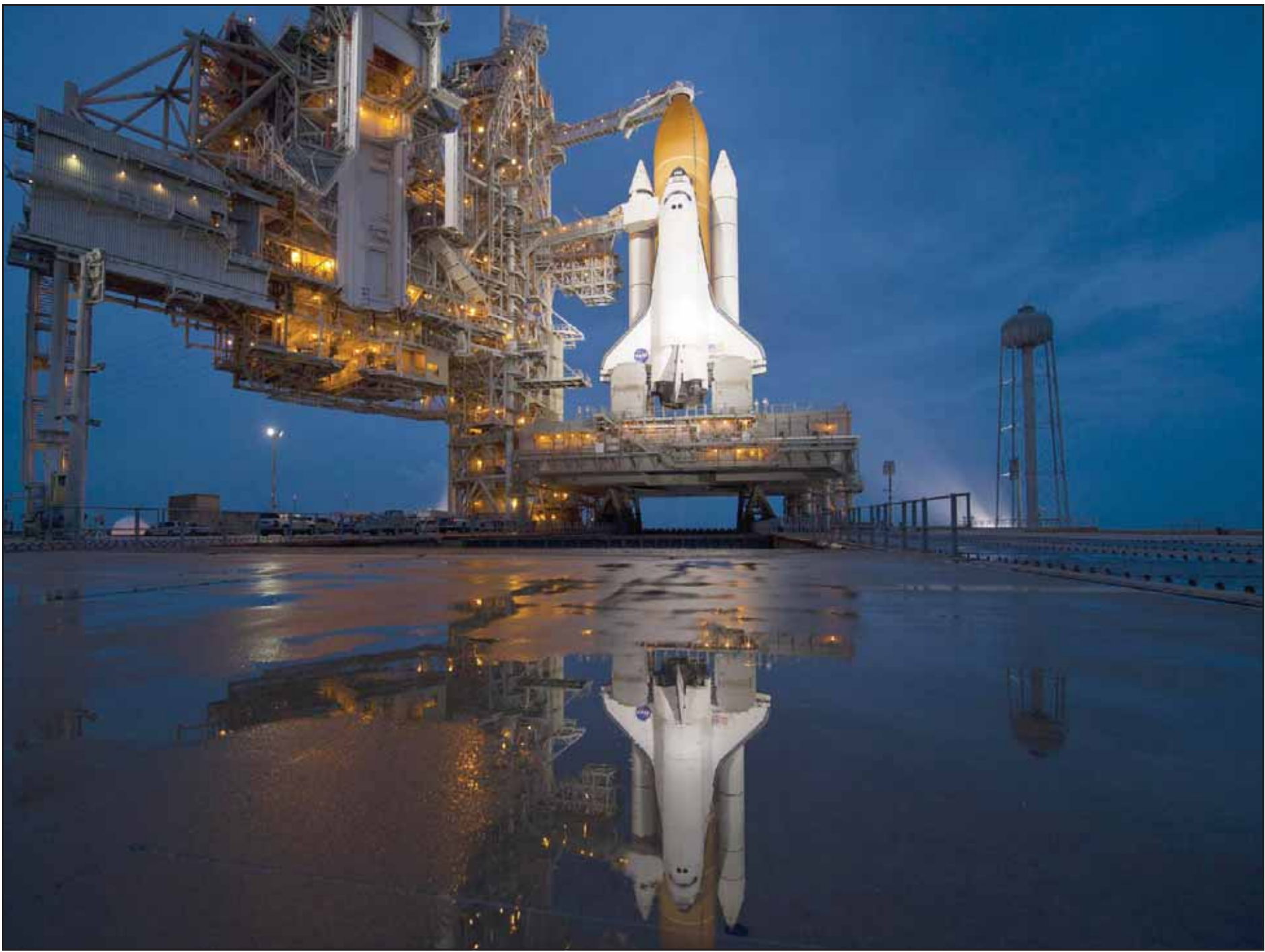
Commentary by Paul Scholl

When the space shuttle Atlantis soon lands after its final flight, our nation will take its place in “Coach” as we hitch a ride with other nations to return to space. Even long-time NASA scientists and astronauts cannot understand why this program would be terminated by the President before we even had another option for returning manned flights to space on the drawing board.

I remember as a child watching the first step of man on the moon. I remember as our nation prayed together as one for the safe return of Apollo 13, then learning of their heroics. I remember watching the first launch of the space shuttle. I will watch and remember its last.

It is a sad commentary on our national leaders that they find it impossible to manage our money well enough to sustain, develop and grow our space program for the betterment of all mankind. NASA could easily be funded simply by cutting the gross waste and incompetence in Washington D.C.

We must demand of our leaders far better than what they are accomplishing now. We must demand that they do what is best for all men and women. Politics is an unfortunate characteristic of human nature. The exploration of space brings us closer to our divine nature. My vote is for the divine.



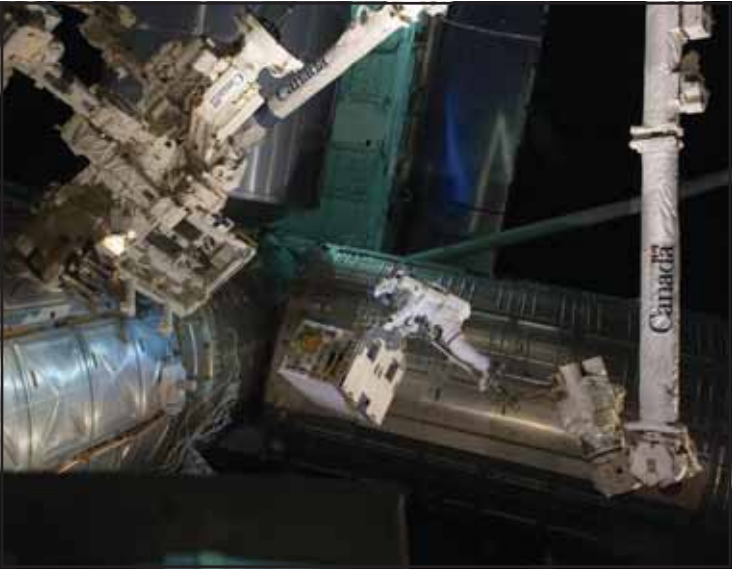
**Reflections:** This image of space shuttle Atlantis was taken shortly after the rotating service structure was rolled back at Launch Pad 39A, Thursday, July 7, 2011. Atlantis liftoff Friday, July 8, on the final flight of the Space Shuttle Program. Image Credit: NASA/Bill Ingalls



**Lift Off!** This image, taken through the window of a Shuttle Training Aircraft, shows the final liftoff of space shuttle Atlantis as it ascended from Launch Pad 39A at Kennedy Space Center on the STS-135 mission, Friday, July 8, 2011. This is the final flight of the Space Shuttle Program, during which the STS-135 crew will deliver the Raffaello multipurpose logistics module containing supplies and spare parts for the International Space Station. Image Credit: NASA/Dick Clark



**Ready for Launch:** The STS-135 crew ride in the Astrovan to Launch Pad 39A to board space shuttle Atlantis on the morning of Friday, July 8. The launch of Atlantis on the STS-135 mission is the final flight of the Space Shuttle Program. Clockwise from the left are: Sandra Magnus, Rex Walheim, commander Chris Ferguson and pilot Doug Hurley. In the back of the van in white is a member of the closeout crew, whose members assist the astronauts with final preparations for launch. Image Credit: NASA/Jerry Ross



**The Shuttle Era’s Final Spacewalk:** Spacewalker Ron Garan rides on the International Space Station’s robotic arm as he transfers a failed pump module to the cargo bay of space shuttle Atlantis. Garan and fellow Expedition 28 astronaut Mike Fossum wrapped up a six-hour, 31-minute spacewalk Tuesday afternoon, performing upgrades and maintenance on the orbiting outpost. It’s the final scheduled spacewalk during a shuttle mission. Image Credit: NASA

## Un-Run for Understanding a Successful Event

By Sal Arrigo, Jr.

*Sacramento Region* – More than 200 people were in attendance as the “Un-Run for Understanding,” an Alzheimer’s Awareness Day, took place at East Lawn Memorial Park in Sacramento on Saturday, July 9, 2011. Several guest speakers shared their knowledge on a variety of topics including caregiving as well as legal issues to consider.

I want to thank our panel, Lynn Dean, elder law attorney; Boyd Jensen, former caregiver; and Mary Kay Walters-Perez from First Call Hospice. In addition, this event would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the support of our dedicated vendors, who provided useful information to those in attendance. Kudos to Aegis of Carmichael, Cimino Care, Primrose Assisted Living, Propp, Christensen & Caniglia, Seniors Helping Seniors, Support for Home, Alzheimer’s Association of Sacramento, Genworth Financial, Devcon Security Services, Alpha One Ambulance, Harper-Davis Financial, Messenger Publishing Group, Jensen Weddings and Films, and Full Moon Graffix.

A special thanks go to Big Jim Hall from 92.1 K-Hits, who emceed our event, and his staff, who helped entertain the kids who attended.



**East Lawn staff unveil the Alzheimer’s Wall of Remembrance.** Photo by Paul V. Scholl.

This local event is the kick-off to the Fab 40’s 5K Run/Walk that will take place on July 7, 2012, beginning at East Lawn. I want to thank in advance the crew from Capital Road Race Management who will

help us with the logistics of this event.

Finally, a huge debt of gratitude goes to the East Lawn grounds crew, who created the magnificent “Alzheimer’s Wall

of Remembrance” memorial area, and to all the East Lawn staff who had the vision to embrace the cause of helping local caregivers dealing with Alzheimer’s disease. I’m proud to be part of this effort.

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The 9th Annual Project SAVE Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2011 at the Catta Verdera Country Club, in Lincoln. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the “shotgun” start will begin at 9:00 a.m. This annual fundraiser is the main source of funding for this model community project that has been proven to prevent and reduce youth violence and bullying behaviors.

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Project SAVE is a collaborative project involving the County Probation Department, County Sheriff’s Office, Sacramento City Police Department, Superior and Municipal Courts, Sacramento County School Districts and community members and is coordinated by the Prevention and Student Services division of the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE).

Entry fees for the October 3, 2011 golf tournament are \$150 per person or \$600 for a foursome. Tournament host, contest sponsor and individual hole sponsor opportunities are also available. Project SAVE is also seeking door prize donations to benefit the program. A short luncheon will be provided at the conclusion of the tournament.

*For more information about the Project SAVE golf tournament, or to find out about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, contact Cheryl Raney at (916) 228-2201 or crane@scoe.net. Source: Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), Tim Herrera, Communications Director.*