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## RT Faces Major Service Challenges

## Millions of Dollars for Region at Stake



Photo from Sacramento Regional Transit website

Service changes will be implemented on Sunday, June 20th

**Sacramento Region** - To address an estimated \$13 million budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010 and a cumulative \$25 million budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2011, the Sacramento Regional Transit

District (RT) held a public hearing to discuss proposed service changes for implementation on June 20, 2010. The public hearing was held on Monday, March 8, in the RT Auditorium.

RT ridership and fare revenue have been adversely affected by the downturn in the economy, state furloughs and high unemployment. Fare revenue is now projected to be approximately

\$7.9 million below budget and sales tax based revenues dedicated to transit continue to decline.

State sales tax revenue, which experienced a decline this past summer of 8.8 percent, was further reduced by 10 percent in mid-February, for a total reduction of 18.8 percent or \$2.6 million for Fiscal Year 2010, and is expected to further decline by 14 percent or \$3.9 million in Fiscal Year 2011. In addition, Measure A local sales tax revenue is expected to experience a \$2.6 million reduction for Fiscal Year 2010 and potentially another \$3.9 million reduction for Fiscal Year 2011.

Despite a number of cost-cutting measures, including service reductions in September 2009, fare increases in January 2009 and September 2009, a hiring freeze, freezing employee pay, employee furloughs, and 60 layoffs scheduled for April 2010 - the RT Board must now consider the reduction,

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*Special Commentary by Linda Budge and Kevin Hanley*

As neighbors in the greater Sacramento region, our fates are tied together. The air we breathe, the roads we drive, and where we work and learn cross jurisdictional boundaries. As the U.S. Census Day approaches on April 1, it's important to every community that everyone take the Census. For every man, woman and child not counted, we will lose \$17,000 over 10 years.

If just one percent of people in our six-county region sit out, we will lose \$380 million. Dozens of state and federal programs allocate funds to your community based on how many people live there. Every 10 years, the Census is used to make sure every community across the country gets a fair count.

The potential losses to our community are real—and we've

already been feeling them for the last decade. Sacramento County is one of the top ten hardest to count places in the country. That adds up to an enormous loss for our schools, roads, and services.

We need to count everyone re-gardless of ethnicity, country of origin, or the circumstances in which they live. Our representation in Congress for a decade is based on how many people are here on April 1. It's too important for anyone to not be counted. Tell your friends, family and neighbors to take the Census. Your answers won't be shared with other government departments, but by filling out the form, you will help fund schools, roads, and services for your community.

*Linda Budge is a Rancho Cordova councilmember and Kevin Hanley is an Auburn councilmember.*

## Are You Getting Ready For Some Spring Cleaning?

## Citrus Heights Community Marching Band Holds Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser



Sacramento County reminds residents to properly dispose of rubbish

**Sacramento Region** - Do you have old sofas, broken or old appliances, and other types of rubbish or landscape debris taking up space in your garage? Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Code Enforcement is reminding residents about the many options they have to get rid of rubbish and bulky items.

"It is important that people dispose of their garbage in a safe and green manner," said Paul Philleo, Director of the Department of Waste Management and

Recycling. "Whether you take your garbage to a County facility, or call us to make an appointment, the County is ready to help you dispose of rubbish safely."

Disposing of rubbish legally also helps prevent illegal dumping. Did you know that if illegally dumped trash is traced back to you, you could be held liable even if you didn't do the dumping? That's why it important to be sure to hire a licensed rubbish hauler to protect you, neighborhoods and the environment.

"Illegal dumping contributes to blight, drives down property values, encourages additional illegal dumping, is harmful to the environment and costs tax payers thousands of dollars to remove the junk and rubbish," said Carl Simpson, chief of Sacramento County Code Enforcement.

There are three disposal options available:

- **Make an Appointment** - The Department of Waste Management & Recycling provides its customers with a once-a-year pick up of bulky waste by appointment. Call 875-5555 to schedule pickup if your collection service is Sacramento County.

- **Do It Yourself** - There are several licensed facilities where you can dispose of junk and rubbish for as little as \$20 a load. To find out more about these facilities, visit <http://www.sacgreenteam.com/facilities/default.htm>

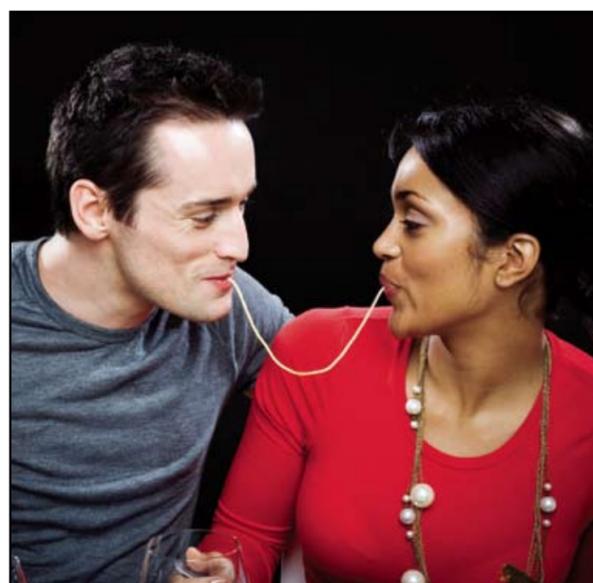
- **Hire a Licensed Hauler** - Contact the County's Business License Unit at 874-6644 to verify a hauler license, or visit <http://www.illegaldumping.sacounty.net>

**Citrus Heights** - The Citrus Heights Community Marching Band is hosting a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on Saturday, March 13th in the auditorium at Rusch Park that is located at 7801 Auburn Boulevard in Citrus Heights.

Providing background Italian music from 5 to 6:30 p.m. will be the Golden State Accordion Club. The marching band will perform at 6:30 p.m. Adding to the festivities will be two Opportunity Drawings that will include a performance by the marching band as one of the grand prizes. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$8 each or \$15 for two. Tickets for children, 10 and under, are \$5. The menu will include meat-sauce or vegetarian spaghetti, salad, green beans, garlic bread, cake and the diner's choice of soft drinks, water or coffee. For more dinner information or to purchase tickets, call (916) 725-0198.

Since the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band was started in 2004, it has performed at many area parades, events, and fundraisers. The band has won



Come enjoy a great dinner and support the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band!

numerous awards and trophies—the latest was 1st place at Roseville Christmas parade. Band members range in age from 12 to 85 years. Both youth and adult majorettes are part of the performance. Adam Sartain is the Band Director.

The group has added a beginning band this year. "If you play a band instrument and would like to pick it up again

or even just want to learn to play music for the first time, you are invited to join us," said Kody Tickner, Beginning Band and Marching Director.

Sponsors of the band are the Hearts for Parks, Sunrise Recreation and Park District, and the City of Citrus Heights.

For more information, please contact Tickner at (916) 467-6783 or at [chcmb@hotmail.com](mailto:chcmb@hotmail.com)



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# POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

## GRANDMA'S HOME REMEDIES

She grew up in the Bayous and cotton fields of Louisiana. There were no drug stores or medical clinics to turn to back in those days. So she became interested in the study of medicines and tonics made from locally-growing swampland plants and herbs that her mama and grandma used to cure anything from bites, blotches, cold, flu, fever, and aches to warts, minor cuts even kidney stones. It might have tasted bitter, and the smell might be awful, but they worked. **Willie Gene Harrington** loves to trade home remedies with all she meets, and she shared some interesting remedies with me on my POPPOFF Radio Show. By the way, she goes into some great detail in her book *"Home Remedies From The Bayou"* in which she shares some one hundred clever home remedies. Here are some of her reme-

dies that she says works about every time. And she ought to know, she has tried most of them.

**Thorn and splinters:** If you can't reach it with a sewing needle, use a cloth to tie a piece of salt pork fat on the skin where the object is imbedded. Go to sleep and the object will be lying on the fat in the morning when you wake up. Of course, you might think breakfast is being served in bed.

**Coughs:** Mix a little whiskey and honey together. Take two tablespoons. Hey, even if it doesn't work, you'll probably feel better.

**Insect bites:** Tobacco or snuff juice applied to the bite relieves the pain.

**Ear aches:** Drip warm milk into the ear.

**Hyperactive children:** Tea made from maypop leaves.

**Minor cuts:** Mix sulfur and lard into a paste and apply.

**Varicose veins:** Eat some huckleberries. Tasty anyway.

**Reduce a fever:** Rubbing alcohol rubbed on the body.

**Kidney stones:** two tablespoons of Crème of Tar Tar mixed in four ounces of orange juice. Drink this mixture six times in one day every year and never develop kidney stones.

**Warts:** Put a paste made of powdered Mayapple root onto almost any skin growth to reduce its appearance and new healthy skin will grow in its place.

**Boils:** Glass bottle heated and put against the boil.

**Insect bites and stings:** Tobacco or snuff juice relieves pain.

**Stop Bleeding:** In an emergency, use cold mud.

**Fresh breath:** Chew on mint leaves.

**Soar throat and cough:** Warm butter and lemon in a large spoon and sip.

I guess we sold our ancestors short. They had lots of remedies that are coming back. It's sort of what's old is new again. If you want more information about these home remedies, just go to [www.natureslegacy.net](http://www.natureslegacy.net).

Willie Gene Harrington has lots more to share with you in her book *"Home Remedies From The Bayou"* that will both help and surprise you. Maybe I should start taking that castor oil my grandma' used to tell me would keep me young!!!

Join Mary Jane for the **KAHI Noon News Monday - Friday and then again for POPOFF 10 PM - Midnight.**

# Hometown Hero

## Air Force Reserve Airman Tanya N. Crooks



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Air Force Reserve Airman Tanya N. Crooks graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Chong Crooks of Data Drive, Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Crooks graduated in 2004 from Cordova High School, and received an associate degree in 2009 from San Joaquin Valley College, both of Rancho Cordova.



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# Red Cross Accepts Largest Donation for Haiti Relief

**Sacramento Region** - Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross accepted their largest check for the Haiti Relief and Development Fund on Tuesday, March 9 from Raley's President & CEO, Michael Teel. From January 16 through February 13, all 134 Raley's, Bel Air, Nob Hill Foods and Food Source stores featured donation boxes for Haitian earthquake relief at their check stands, which brought in more than \$149,000.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of so many Raley's customers and employees," said Teel. "It's a true testament to our community's giving spirit - we knew many people wanted to aid relief efforts in Haiti, and by converting our Food For Families



Michael Teel, Raley's President & CEO thanks everyone who donated.

collection boxes so 100% of donations benefit the American Red Cross, we received a tremendous response."

"I applaud the initiative that Raley's has taken in responding to the devastation and destruction in Haiti by spearheading a month-long collection to support the Red Cross relief efforts," shared CEO of the Sacramento Sierra

Chapter, Dawn Lindblom. To represent the supplies that these funds will provide for the people of Haiti, the Red Cross had on display and explained the type of relief items still being distributed in Haiti including blankets, tarps, kitchen sets and hygiene items.

Attending the check presentation were Michael Teel, Raley's President & CEO, Dawn Lindblom, American Red Cross Sacramento Sierra Chapter CEO, Steve Turner, American Red Cross Sacramento Sierra Chapter Board Chair, Jennifer Teel-Wolter, Raley's Communitarian, David Fluitt, Raley's Pharmacy Supervisor and Haitian Aid Mission volunteer. The check was presented at the Raley's Supermarket located at 4900 Elk Grove Boulevard in Elk Grove.

## State Fair Volunteer Group Offers Money for College

**Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program Now Accepting Applications from California Students**

**Sacramento** - In periods of economic uncertainty it is often education programs, scholarships and grants for students that dry up, leaving some of the most promising students without support to cover college expenses. In anticipation of that trend, the Friends of the California State Fair have announced that it will continue its scholarship program for the 2010-2011 academic year. California college students and graduating high school students are eligible and must submit an application by Friday, March 12, 2010.

This year, 24 scholarships will be awarded in the following areas: arts, general studies, agriculture, international studies,

teaching credential programs, fair management, business, sports management, history, viticulture, enology and culinary.

"Intimeslike these it is even more important to maintain a support base for California's students," said Friends of the California State Fair Executive Director Harry Moos. "The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is committed to offering more than \$27,000 in aid to ensure that some of California's finest young people receive the financial support they deserve."

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of personal commitment, goals established for their chosen field, leadership potential and

civic accomplishments. All applicants are also eligible for the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance \$5,000 outstanding candidate scholarship.

The Friends of the Fair Scholarship Program was initiated in 1993 and is a collaborative effort of the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair and the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council.

Scholarship applications can be found online at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org) in the Competitions tab.

*The 2010 California State Fair will be held from July 14 to August 1st at Cal Expo in Sacramento, Calif.*

## River Cats Launch Search for "Voice of Summer" at Raley Field

**West Sacramento** - The Sacramento River Cats will host auditions to determine who will be their 2010 Raley Field Public Address Announcer, team officials announced today. The PA Announcer, whose voice will be an iconic representation of the ballpark experience to the countless River Cats fans in the region, will take the microphone at all 72 River Cats home games and all home playoff games.

Those interested in auditioning must submit a reading three scripts to the River Cats by Monday, March 15th. Scripts are available at [Rivercats.com](http://Rivercats.com). Submissions can be made in one of two ways; Email

a digital file (.wav, .wmv or .mp3) to the River Cats at [promotions@rivercats.com](mailto:promotions@rivercats.com). Email must include applicant's name, age and contact info (email and phone number), or mail an audio CD or a video (DVD, miniDV or VHS), to the River Cats at "River Cats PA Announcer Search, 400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691." All mail submissions must also include applicant's name, age and contact info (email and phone number).

After March 15th, a limited number of applicants will be selected to take part in live auditions at Raley Field on Saturday, March 20th, after which the River Cats will pick a winner. The team will announce

the winner prior to Opening Day.

The River Cats begin their 2010 home schedule on Friday, April 16th when they host the Reno Aces (Triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks) at Raley Field at 7:05 p.m. Tickets for Opening Day at Raley Field are currently available only through purchase of River Cats Full Season Tickets, Mini-Plans and group packages. 2010 River Cats Season Tickets, Mini-Plans and group outings can be purchased by calling the River Cats Ticket Hotline at (916) 371-HITS(4487). For more information about the 2010 River Cats season, visit [www.rivercats.com](http://www.rivercats.com).

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by Marlys Johnsen Norris

It has been said, "One picture is worth a thousand words". Looking at a photo does reveal the outward appearance of someone. They may be beautiful in the eyes of the one who handed you the picture to view because they really know and possibly love person. And of course, if it was a picture you were handing to someone to see, you would undoubtedly feel the same way. To be honest, looking at a photo of someone we do not know gives us little or no feeling of compassion at

## Images of Love

all. It's when we actually do know someone we connect! Someone many years ago had a vision in their minds eye and painted what they believed Jesus might have looked like. We have accepted his vision as actual and real and many of us have displayed similar photos or paintings in our homes and churches. Through the years others have drawn or painted similar images. (Take a look at a Northern California artists paintings at [www.jansmall.com](http://www.jansmall.com). And see what I mean.) Looking at Jesus picture actually make us feel closer to the One who came down from heaven and saved our souls. But we must not worship the picture but the person of Christ. We forget He may have looked very different. We do remember everything Jesus life exemplified. His life embodied love as he

taught mankind about living an abundant life. We recognize the healing power of God. His dynamic character touched many lives in his short span of life. He showed and demonstrated to us - God's love, grace and mercy. Father-God desires everyone to learn Jesus is the One who purchased forgiveness of every sin by His death, shed blood and resurrection for all those who accept Him as Savior and Lord. And Jesus alone is the provider of the greatest "Valentine" of love mankind could ever receive - the Gift of Eternal Life - enabling one to live in God's home in heaven forever.

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*"Intimacy Begins Going God's Way"*  
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*"God Moves Mountains, It was a Miracle"*



by Pastor Ray Dare

There's a trap that will rob the joy and the freedom from your Christian life, if you allow it. Conformity. You begin living for the approval of others. You walk like they walk, you talk like they talk, do what they do to be accepted. You become more concern what other people think of you than what God thinks of you. "What will other people think? How do I look? How do I look to other Christians? How do I look to everybody else?" I forget about God. I'm trying to impress you by the way that I act or don't act. The Bible says this is a trap. "The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that." Proverbs 29:25 (Msg) This verse is talking about the fear of rejection.

When we start worrying more about what other people think than what God thinks it causes all kinds of problems. It causes us to conform to peer pressure. We act one way at church and another way at home or work or school or with a certain group of friends. Why? Because

## How to Avoid People Pressure!

we're afraid of rejection. It keeps us from speaking the truth. It prevents us from giving and receiving love. Past hurts prevent future relationships. It causes shyness and loneliness. If you're afraid of rejection, you end up building walls around your life rather than building bridges. You won't get close to anybody. It produces depression and unhappiness. Living for approval of others is a miserable way to live. I don't want to live this way and I don't want you to live this way. How do we overcome the fear of rejection? We learn to live for an audience of One.

There's a myth behind the fear of rejection that needs to be exposed. The myth is, "I must have everybody's approval in order to be happy". You do not. But a lot of people subconsciously believe that. "I've gotta be liked and approved of by everybody in order to be happy." That's not true! You do not need everybody else's approval to be happy. You do not. The fact is God already likes you. There's nothing you can do to get Him to like you any more than He does right now. So if God likes you and you like you and others don't like you,

guess who has the problem? The truth is there are some people in your life that you're never going to please. Some of you are still trying to earn the approval of father or mother or spouse or whoever and the truth is you may never get it. That's not saying anything about you - that's saying a lot about them. It's their problem. It's because of who they are, not because of who you are. But here's the good news: you really don't need it. *You don't need it.* You don't need their approval to be happy. The Bible says in Romans 8:31-33, "If God is with us, no one can defeat us. He did not spare his own Son but gave him for us all. So with Jesus, God will surely give us all things. Who can accuse the people God has chosen? No one, because God is the One who makes them right." That means you don't have to worry about other people rejecting you because God is for you and you plus God equals majority! If God accepts you, who cares what anybody else thinks? Learn to live for His applause only.

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## Man Dies in Mobile Home Fire

Sac Metro Fire Report

Citrus Heights - at 7:39 am Firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire 5935 Auburn Blvd. Fire companies arrived to find a mobile home heavily involved with fire. Our search efforts located a male in his 60's who was overcome by the fire and did not survive. It took 20 Firefighters 8 minutes to bring the fire under control. No Firefighters

were injured and the damage is estimated at \$50,000.00. The fire originated in the occupants bed and was fed by an oxygen generating machine that intensified the fire.

Metro Fire wants to remind our citizens that a working smoke alarm and a practiced escape plan is still your best defense against a home fire.

## DUI Driver Crashes Into Gas Pumps

Carmichael - On February 24, 2010, at approximately 10:35 p.m., Jason Metune, a 26 year old from Sacramento was driving a green 1991 Ford Explorer on eastbound Fair Oaks Boulevard turning northbound onto Walnut Avenue at an unknown speed. As Metune began to negotiate the turn, he made an unsafe turning movement and lost control of his vehicle, traveling over the raised curb and into the 76 gas station parking lot, striking a metal gas pump. The impact caused the Explorer to be engulfed in flames. Metune and his passenger exited the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. Approximately forty-five minutes

after the collision, the 21 year old male passenger and Metune returned to the collision scene. The passenger was transported by family to the Methodist Hospital of Sacramento for lacerations to his head. Metune was transported by CHP to Mercy San Juan Hospital for cuts, burns and abrasions.

Metune was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail for 23153 (A) VC Felony driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, causing bodily injury, 20001(A) VC- Felony hit and run, causing bodily injury, 14601.1 (A) VC- Driving on a suspended driver license and 16028(C) - no proof of insurance at a collision scene.

## Passenger Dies in Traffic Collision

Orangevale - On February 21, 2010, at approximately 2:17 p.m., David Clarke, a 29 year old from Citrus Heights was driving a 2002 Ford pickup northbound on Hazel Avenue south of Oak Avenue in the #1 lane at approximately 40 mph. Michael Raggio, a 51 year old from Orangevale was driving a 2003 GMC Envoy southbound on Hazel Avenue south of Oak Avenue in the #1 lane at approximately 25 mph. As Clarke's vehicle crested a rise in the roadway, he observed that traffic was congested directly in front of his location. He applied the brakes of his vehicle in attempt to

stop and his vehicle began to rotate in a counterclockwise direction traveling into the two way turn lane and into the southbound #1 lane of Hazel Avenue. The front of the Ford struck the left side of the GMC. Clarke sustained minor injuries. Raggio was transported to Sutter Roseville with major injuries. A passenger in the left rear, Phyllis Raggio, a 73 year old from Orangevale was transported to Sutter Roseville where she later died from her injuries. The roadway was wet at the time of this collision. Alcohol and/or drugs were determined not to be a contributing factor in this collision.

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# "I Have Good News..."



By Roberta MacGlashan

One of the most unfortunate budget-induced losses to the communities I represent has been the loss of the Problem Oriented Police (POP) deputies in the Sheriff's Department. While I proposed an alternative budget that would have saved funding for these positions, a majority of the Board of Supervisors was not willing to cut other programs in favor of this essential public service.

But, I have good news: We will once again have POP services in the unincorporated communities of the Fourth District - Antelope, Fair Oaks, Gold River, and Orangevale. The funds come from a

neighborhood program budget set aside for each Supervisorial District each year. In the Fourth District, projects from Park District Youth Boards to the Antelope Ditch landscaping project have received a portion of their funds from this source. I have been very careful with how I have used these funds the last few years, and as a result had some money left over.

I made the decision to allocate the remaining funds to pay for POP staffing until the end of this fiscal year. While it will not be the full-blown program that it once was, the resource will be substantial in addressing ongoing neighborhood problems before they become serious criminal issues.

Over the past six months, two Sergeants in the Sheriff's Department - Kate Adams and Eric Buehler - have been attempting to address these issues almost entirely on their own. Sergeant Adams has been responsible for Antelope, along with North Highlands, Rio Linda, and Foothill Farms. Sergeant Buehler has been working to address issues in Fair Oaks, Gold River, Orangevale,

Arden Arcade, and Carmichael.

Needless to say, these two Sergeants have been quite busy on their own.

I am pleased to know that they will now have some support, at least in the Fourth District. This has been one of the most valuable programs to me as a Supervisor, and I was very concerned when budget cuts caused it to be eliminated. While I cannot make any predictions about next fiscal year, I am reassured to know that this dedicated resource will have an impact through the end of June.

In the meantime, I hold monthly meetings and am more than happy to pass on concerns to the Sheriff's Department that are raised at my meetings. We meet in Orangevale on the first Friday of each month at Annie's on Greenback Lane, and in Fair Oaks on the third Wednesday at Dianda's in the Fair Oaks Village. In March, we will be hearing about the upcoming 2010 US Census, and in April I will be hosting the new Library Director. I hope to see you there.

County Update from Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan.

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### Family Films



**Alice in Wonderland**  
Opens March 5, rated PG  
disney.go.com/  
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In a match made in Hollywood heaven and brokered by Disney, Tim Burton lends his trademark brand of gothic whimsy to an update of Lewis Carroll's trippy tale of a girl who falls down a rabbit hole and into a fantasy world inhabited by anthropomorphic creatures. Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter adds to the promise of delicious insanity in his seventh time working under Burton's direction – sixth for co-star Helena Bonham Carter, who just happens to be the director's domestic partner.

**How to Train Your Dragon**  
Opens March 26, rated PG  
howtotrainyourdragon.com

Teens who think they have it rough today should consider themselves lucky they're not Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, whose saga is set around the 10th century. The heir to the Viking chieftom must prove his worthiness to his tribe and father by hunting down the fiercest dragon in the land. Trouble is, a hero Hiccup is not.

## Films and DVDs for the Whole Family

Voice cast of DreamWorks' animated 3-D feature includes Gerald Butler, America Ferrara and Craig Ferguson.

**Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang**  
Opens March 25, rated PG  
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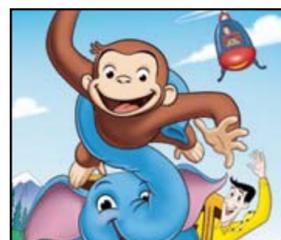
The 2005 original didn't even reach \$50 million in domestic box office receipts, but that hasn't stopped its star, writer and executive producer – and Universal – from making a sequel, this one set on a farm. Emma Thompson reprises her role as the homely, yet effective nanny who knocks sense into misbehaving children through discipline and magic. Think "Supernanny" crossed with "Nanny and the Professor." Maggie Gyllenhaal and Ralph Fiennes co-star.

predecessor, not much for grown-ups. Grade: B+.

**Elmo's World: Let's Play Music** (ages 2-5, just out, not rated): Combining animation and live action is this delightful title, the 19th compilation in the series starring the popular little red monster from "Sesame Street." A visit by violinist Miri Ben-Ari is a treat along with the bonus of 16 pages of downloadable activity and story sheets. Grade: A.

**Ponyo** (ages 3-7, March 2, rated G): Sweet-natured and, yes, even magical is this Americanized re-dubbing of a 2-year-old Japanese movie. Noah Cyrus, younger sister of Miley, voices a goldfish princess who longs to become a human after swimming away from home and being rescued by a 5-year-old boy. All ages will embrace the lessons of friendship and gorgeous animation. Grade: A.

**Where the Wild Things Are** (ages 5-10, March 2, rated G): Surprisingly deep for a movie based on a book with a mere 10 sentences, this is a charming adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic tale about an unruly boy who goes on a mysterious adventure after being sent to bed without supper. The story is brought to life through live-action puppetry, off- and on-screen human performances and computer animation, but even so it might be too sedate for youngsters expecting whiz-bang action. Grade: B+.



### Family Home Entertainment

**Curious George 2: Follow That Monkey** (ages 4-9, March 2, not rated): No Will Ferrell or theatrical release this time, but that shouldn't tarnish the entertainment value of this feature-length animated sequel starring the world's most beloved mischievous monkey. His latest adventure, a separate story from the 2006 original, centers on helping a baby circus elephant be reunited with her family. Like its



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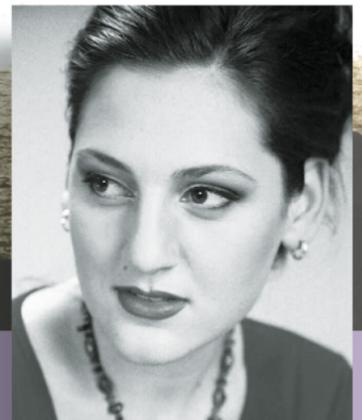
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