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Niello Honors Style Media Group as Small Business of the Year



Assemblyman Roger Niello with Terry Carroll (l) and Wendy Sipple (r) of Style Media Group

Sacramento - Assemblyman Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) has recognized Style Media Group of Folsom as the 5th Assembly District Small Business of the Year. Launched in 2003 by the husband and wife team of Terry Carroll and Wendy Sipple, Style Media Group is one of Northern California's largest publishers, producing over

130,000 monthly publications as well as websites and live events. Style Media Group continues to grow and employs 22 people, with double-digit growth expected in 2010. From the beginning, with the publication of FolsomStyle magazine and which now includes Style magazines that cover eastern Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado

counties, Style Media Group has given back to the community. Terry and Wendy made it a part of their mission statement to support the communities they would serve in every way they could, and they currently support over 60 non-profits each year. In addition, they fund their own program called E.T.C. (Educating the Community) whereby they have paid for over 100 local residents to take college courses.

The husband and wife team also spearheaded a fundraising initiative started to help build universally accessible playgrounds in the area, the 1st of which was just completed and dedicated in Folsom. Style Media Group was honored at a luncheon in downtown Sacramento sponsored by the California Small Business Association.

The luncheon honored small businesses from around California who were selected by their State representatives to receive the award.

"I am pleased to see businesses in my district with the kind of entrepreneurial spirit and community dedication that Style Media Group has displayed for the last 7 years. Small businesses provide jobs and create opportunities for millions of Californians. In the State Legislature, we need to work harder to create the business climate necessary to allow them to thrive," said Assemblyman Roger Niello.

Whitman Wins Nomination

MPG Staff Report

Meg Whitman trounced the rest of the field with an astounding 64.2% of the votes for the Republican nomination for Governor of the State of California in last night's primary election, distancing herself early on from Steve Poizner by approximately 37%. Former Governor Jerry Brown received 84.1% of the Democratic vote for their nominee.

In her acceptance address for the nomination, Meg Whitman said "We begin a new journey together tonight. We have it in our power to build A New California. There is a clear choice in this election. California is in crisis. And we certainly cannot save California's future by repeating the failures of the past.

It's time for a different style of leadership. A new beginning. Not glitz, not glamour, not glibness, but guts. A governor with the guts to do the hard work required to turn California around!

Together we can end Sacramento's war on job creation and make California a great place to grow a small business. We can force the politicians to stop spending more than taxpayers can afford. And we can stand up to a bureaucracy that puts its own growth and power above classroom teachers and good education."

Carly Fiorina won the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate by gaining 56.5% of the vote. Tom Campbell finished second with 21.8%. Fiorina garnered 952,072 votes, with 30,369 coming from Sacramento County. Fiorina will take on Barbara Boxer, Democrat, in the November



Meg Whitman, Republican Nominee for Governor

election. It is expected to be the greatest challenge to Boxer's seat in the Senate to date. Boxer won the Democratic nomination with 80.5%.

The **Sacramento County Sheriff** race will face a run-off in November, as Scott Jones gaining 45.65% and 49,225 votes to Jim Cooper's 41.80% and 45,066 votes. Bret Daniels finished third with 12.03% and 12,971 votes.

In one of the hardest fought nomination races, the State

Assembly Fifth District, Andy Pugno, receiving 13,030 votes, outdistanced Donald Thompson who received 5,235 votes, Suzanne Jones who received 3,764 votes, Craig DeLuz who received 3,497 votes and Mike Edwards who received 3,201 votes. Richard Pan defeated Larry Miles for the Democrat nomination, 10,646 votes to 6,359.

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Rancho Cordova Public Works Director Named Manager of the Year



Cyrus Abhar, fourth from left, was honored for his Manager of the Year award at a recent Rancho Cordova City Council meeting. Pictured: Mayor Ken Cooley (left); Steve Hiatt, President of the American Public Works Association, Sacramento Chapter; Ted Gaebler, Rancho Cordova City Manager; Abhar; Vice Mayor Robert McGarvey; Council Member David Sander; and Council Member Linda Budge.

Rancho Cordova - Cyrus Abhar, Public Works Director for the City of Rancho Cordova, has been named the 2010 Manager of the Year: Engineering and Technology by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Sacramento chapter. Abhar has headed Rancho Cordova's public works department since the City incorporated seven years ago. Under his leadership, the City has secured more than \$40 million in grants for public works program. He served as a member of the Highway 50 Corridor Partnership. The partnership, whose primary objective is to develop a coordinated transportation plan for the

corridor area, received the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) "Salutes!" award in 2006.

Written by members of his Public Works Department staff, Abhar's APWA nomination noted that despite the volatile economy "no employees have been laid off and employee morale and satisfaction rate is very high".

A registered professional and traffic engineer and a licensed land surveyor, Abhar has more than 27 years of experience in civil engineering, public works administration, and business management. He is a member of the Capital Southeast Connector's Agency Staff Advisory Committee,

the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority board of directors, and the American Public Works Association, Institute of Transportation Engineers.

The APWA is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.

The City of Rancho Cordova, CA was incorporated in 2003. City Hall is located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive; (916) 851-8700 (phone), (916) 851-8787 (fax), www.cityofranchocordova.org (website).

Lisa Stanton Named CFO of the Year

Sacramento - Lisa Stanton, Chief Administrative Officer at the Sacramento County Airport System was named on June 4th as CFO of the Year in the Public Agency category by the Sacramento Business Journal at a ceremony at the Sheraton Grand Hotel

"An award like this is not earned alone," said Stanton. "My success is aided by a strong team of dedicated, professional managers who ensure the day-to-day financial operations of the County Airport System run smoothly. With strong team management, I am able to focus on complex business issues such as the Big Build, preparing for the final issuance of last Airport System Revenue Bonds required to fund the completion of the program.

Stanton has 23 years experience in airport business management and finance as both a consultant and airport manager. Presently, she oversees two critical divisions within the Sacramento County Airport System: the Finance and Business Administration division and the Information Technology Division. She also directs financing of the Airport System's \$1 billion capital improvement program, the Big Build - the largest capital improvement program in Sacramento County history.

"The Sacramento County Airport System is a regional economic engine," said Stanton. "The challenge of using a private sector business



Lisa Stanton

approach within the constraints of the public sector environment requires me to draw upon my strengths daily."

"Lisa's ability to identify new opportunities to reduce cost and increase effectiveness in a government organization continues to contribute to the Airport System's success as a service provider in a highly competitive environment, said G. Hardy Acree, the Sacramento County Airport System's Director of Airports. "With her no-nonsense, bottom-line business approach, Lisa has implemented procedures and seized opportunities to ensure the continued success of the Big Build program, despite the challenging economy."

Stanton's previous positions include: Deputy Director of Finance and Administration and

Manager of Properties and Business Development at Sacramento County Airport System; Principal for Black & Veatch Airport Consulting; Associate Director at Ricondo & Associates; and Sr. Consultant with KPMG Peat Marwick's Airport Management Consulting Practice (now Jacobs Consultancy).

Stanton earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from San Jose State University, where she graduated with distinction. She also received International Airport Professional (IAP) accreditation from Airports Council International and the International Civil Aviation Organization. She is the first female IAP in the State of California.

Lisa is the Second Vice-Chair for the Airports Council International - North America Finance Committee and will serve as Chair of the Finance Committee in 2012. She is also the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Capital Air Show Group, the producer of the annual California Capital Air Show.

Sacramento County Airport System is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county's four airports: Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field.

For more information, visit www.sacaairports.org.

How to Strengthen Congress



By Lee H. Hamilton

This is an uncomfortable time to be a member of Congress. Survey after survey registers deep dissatisfaction with Capitol Hill and, more strikingly, with the individual politicians who make it up. An AP poll in April found that half of those surveyed intended to vote against their own members of Congress. A Washington Post-ABC News survey painted an even more dire picture, with the Post writing, "Members of Congress face the most anti-incumbent electorate since 1994, with less than a third saying they are inclined to support their representatives in November."

Sometimes I think that criticizing Congress is America's favorite indoor sport. And it's not just your average citizen who does it. Members of Congress themselves like to join in, and so do Washington's army of lobbyists and, often, the White House. It is hard to find a voice that defends the Congress.

Some of the institution's unpopularity can be traced to issues of the moment, such as worries about high levels of federal spending, the health-reform debate, and lingering concern about the economy.

But the truth is, Congress' low standing is not of recent vintage — its abysmal approval rate of 16 percent in a March Gallup Poll was actually two points higher than in July 2008. Indeed, its approval has been on a long, slow decline since 2002, according to Gallup. The troubles Congress faces, in other words, are more deep-seated than any given public-policy issue.

So the question is no longer what's wrong with Congress. Far more important is to ask what can be done about it. For, counter-intuitive as it

might seem, we need to strengthen Congress, which over the decades has become too timid and weak. It has fallen far short of the role the Founders envisioned for it, and in doing so has put our constitutional system at risk by becoming less representative, accessible, and deliberative. By allowing itself to become a weakened branch, Congress has made representative democracy itself more precarious.

I often ask the question, "How far down the road can you go in strengthening the executive and weakening the legislature, and still have representative democracy?" We're perilously close to finding out, which makes strengthening Congress one of the most important challenges we face.

Here's my list of the most important priorities:

First and foremost, Congress needs to reassert the considerable powers it has been granted by the Constitution: the power of the purse, the ability to set the national policy agenda, and, whenever it comes up again, the decision to go to war.

Our Founders envisioned Congress as a co-equal branch with the presidency, but in recent years it has lacked a strong institutional voice, either because it was too diffident or so tied up in knots that it could barely stand up for itself. Members simply must take much more seriously their oath of office to uphold and defend the Constitution, not the President. It won't change overnight into the robust, co-equal branch the Founders envisioned, but it could be far more assertive in exercising its prerogatives.

Steps beyond this include:

Strengthening oversight. Tough and continuous oversight holds the President accountable, prevents government missteps, and helps it to learn from its mistakes. Congress simply does not pay enough attention to the implementation and management of the programs it enacts. Most fundamentally, oversight is about Congress' responsibility to make sure the federal government is serving the American people.

Restoring the deliberative process. Democracy is above all

about process — how we arrive at decisions and new policies matters immensely. Yet Congress today frequently shortcuts the deliberative process established over the years. It is Congress' job not just to pass laws, but to do so in a way that allows it — and the people it serves — to understand the issues before it, reconcile competing views, and find a way of moving forward even when not everyone agrees.

Reducing excessive partisanship. Hard-hitting partisan competition can be healthy, but not when it becomes mean-spirited, blocks dialogue, and gets in the way of productive governance. Stalemate in the cause of partisan gain robs Congress of its credibility.

Strengthening ethics enforcement. Members do not sufficiently understand how important integrity is to the standing of Congress. Quite simply, Congress cannot rebuild its public standing unless Americans trust that its members act always in the public interest and always in a manner that reflects credit on the Congress.

Curbing the influence of special interests. Too many Americans believe Congress is beholden to well-heeled interests. The root of the matter is the money they pour into campaigns and their success in influencing the legislation that Congress passes. Only informed voters can judge whether an individual member allowed narrow interests to outweigh their own — and the general public's — interests. The absolute transparency to the voter is essential.

Strengthening citizen participation. Much of what I've suggested above is Congress' responsibility. But making Congress a stronger, more responsive institution ultimately will rest with ordinary Americans.

Citizens need to take responsibility for remaining informed — and not just by reading material coming from one ideological side; for backing candidates who respect Congress as an institution, and don't merely run against it; for rejecting misinformation and especially appeals to extremism; and for insisting that their own members of Congress work to build, rather than destroy, consensus, comity, and common sense.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Health Reform by Cloward and Piven Seeks Fall of Capitalism



By Richard Amerling, MD

Richard A. Cloward and Frances Fox Piven were Columbia University sociologists who founded, in 1966, the National Welfare Reform Organization, a "parent organization" of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). They advocated what became known as the "Cloward-Piven strategy," which "seeks to hasten the fall of capitalism by overloading the government bureaucracy with a flood of impossible demands, thus pushing society into crisis and economic collapse."

This is an instructive prism through which to view the recent health care legislation. The legislation pushes millions into Medicaid, whose costs are already crushing state and local taxpayers into powder. Flooding it with new beneficiaries will hasten its bankruptcy. Likewise, Medicare is to be cut by \$500 billion at a time when the baby boomers will be enrolling. The program is already running at a deficit, and will simply be unable to provide seniors the same level of service they currently enjoy. In other words, both systems will implode.

At the same time, incentives for employers to provide health care will be lessened, and many will drop coverage, sending millions to the government cooperatives for coverage. These policies will be heavily subsidized by the taxpayer, and will dramatically swell an already very bloated public sector. We are already mired in debt, and still bailing out Fannie and Fred with tens of billions of dollars each quarter, and with no end in sight. The health bill may be the coup de grace for our struggling economy.

Doctors are not blind, nor are they asleep. Many understand that "unsustainable" means collapse

is inevitable unless Washington does an about-face. How is the medical profession responding?

Two articles published this week provide a glimpse into the future. Scott Gottlieb writes in the Wall St. Journal, "In 2005, doctors owned more than two-thirds of all medical practices. By next year, more than 60% of physicians will be salaried employees. About a third of those will be working for hospitals." On the other side, the Houston Chronicle reports that Texas physicians are not only declining to take new Medicare patients, but that "new data shows 100 to 200 a year are now ending all involvement with the program. Before 2007, the number of doctors opting out averaged less than a handful a year." The article quotes Dr. Susan Bailey, president of the Texas Medical Association: "This new data shows the Medicare system is beginning to implode. If Congress doesn't fix Medicare soon, there'll be more and more doctors dropping out and Congress' promise to provide medical care to seniors will be broken." In other words, the "Cloward-Piven strategy" is being implemented.

How to reconcile these reports? We are moving towards a dual system in medicine. There will be hospital-based physicians who will be mostly salaried, full-time or part-time employees. Their primary loyalty will be to their employer. They will follow protocols and guidelines, and work shifts. They will be assigned patients, rather than develop their own practices. They will eventually come under the heavy hand of the SEIU. As hospital revenues suffer under ObamaCare, they will find themselves increasingly burdened. Quality of care will deteriorate.

Outside the hospital setting will be a thriving, private, medical marketplace, anchored by a growing number of private physicians who are opting out of Medicare and other third party arrangements. These doctors will develop busy practices, and will be able to stay in business by setting their own rates, cutting overhead, and controlling their volume. They will be able to spend enough time with patients to ensure a high quality experience, and will work to keep patients healthy and out of the hospital. Unmoored

from price controls, the cost of good care will plummet. Doctors, labs, and imaging facilities will compete on quality and price. There is no reason why an MRI shouldn't cost \$100 in a competitive marketplace.

Patients must understand the reality of what is about to happen. As of this writing, Health Savings Accounts are still available. Get them while you can! Creating and funding an HSA is the best way to insure against the coming implosion of government-run health care. Even seniors on Medicare should set up these accounts. They should also consider opting out of Part B, which pays for doctors' services, since they will have difficulty finding private physicians who will accept Medicare. They will still have Part A in case they need hospitalization.

Like the doomed Korean ship the Cheonan, our health care system has been torpedoed. It hasn't sunk yet, but it will. Man the lifeboats! <http://www.aapsonline.org/>

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Dr. Amerling's position on Obama's healthcare reform: ObamaCare, beyond the enormous costs and dislocations, directly inserts itself into the doctor-patient relationship. It will make the practice of Hippocratic Medicine—"I will prescribe regimen for the good of my patients according to my ability and my judgment. I will keep them from harm and injustice."—all but impossible.

Dr. Amerling resides in New York, NY and can be reached at: richard.amerling@gmail.com, 646 637 8546

Hazel Avenue Road Closure @ American River Bridge Full Closure & Traffic Restrictions Friday, June 11 (7 PM) to Monday, June 14 (6 AM)

When/Where: Starting Friday, June 11 at 7 PM, there will be a full closure of Hazel Avenue at the American River Bridge between Gold Country Boulevard and Curragh Downs Drive. Information about the closure is as follows:

- The closure will impact all northbound and southbound traffic on Hazel Avenue including vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.
- American River Parkway and bike trail access on the south side of the American River will not be affected by the closure. Access will continue to be

provided across Hazel Avenue at the Gold Country Boulevard intersection.

- Access from Hazel Avenue to the bike trail on the north side of the American River will be closed.
- Hazel Avenue and bike lanes and trails will be re-opened to the public at 6 AM, Monday morning, June 14th.

Detour Routes: The public is advised to avoid this area during closure hours as there will be significant impacts to all roadway users. Detours will be in place to guide motorists around the construction area.

Bridge Construction: The full closure is needed as part of the Hazel Avenue Improvement Project, which will widen the roadway from 4 to 6 lanes. Bridge widening work the weekend of June 11, requires that Hazel Avenue be closed to all traffic.

Closure Period: Sacramento County understands the challenges and inconvenience that commuters, residents, businesses, bicyclists and pedestrians will experience during the closure period and ask for the public's patience and cooperation as we work to complete this project.

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This is a public service to all widows and widowers and there is no charge to attend the social other than the meal they chose.

Sunday Support

Any and all widows or widowers are invited

Every Sunday from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

In the meeting room of the WPAC office. Enter from the back parking lot at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Realizing how difficult it is to go into new social situations when one is first widowed, the Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support each Sunday from 3:00 pm - 5:00pm with some going to dinner as a group following the session. The Widowed Persons Association is designed to be of help to recently widowed men and women, but any and all widows and widowers are welcome as a community service by WPAC. Participants do not need to be members and there is no charge.

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Citrus Heights Police Department Announces New Promotions



Lieutenant Gary Hendricks

Police Department (CHPD), is proud to announce the promotion of Gary Hendricks to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Hendricks began his career with CHPD as a founding member of the agency in 2006.

Spanning 22 years, Lieutenant Hendricks' law enforcement experience includes having served in two other police departments as well as a district attorney's office, all in California. Lieutenant Hendricks possesses strong leadership skills with an extensive background in criminal investigations, critical incident management, patrol operations, and customer service – all of which are highly regarded

by CHPD. Lieutenant Hendricks is highly educated, having earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from California Universities. As part of our department's original team, his highly successful track record is recognized throughout our organization and community.

Examples of Gary's leadership include our impressive, award winning K9 Team and, as

Supervisor of the department's Firearms Team, Gary has been instrumental in ensuring that all staff receives first-class training. Gary Hendricks joins the ranks of our Lieutenants with strong support and distinction.

Christopher W. Boyd, Chief of Police for the Citrus Heights



Patrol Sergeant Dave Moranz

Police Department (CHPD), is proud to announce the promotion of Dave Moranz to Patrol Sergeant.

Dave joined our department as a founding member in 2006 and came to CHPD with over 17 years of experience in law enforcement. Sergeant Moranz performed extremely well in a competitive process just as he has throughout his law enforcement career.

Dave maintains an outstanding track record, demonstrating strong leadership skills and a commitment to the citizens he serves. Over the last year, Dave has been recognized for service to the community

by the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce. His most recent assignment was as a Detective in the Investigations Division. There, Dave was instrumental in solving an attempted murder case by tracking down a shooting suspect in 90 minutes, ultimately sending him to prison.

Dave Moranz joins the ranks of our Sergeants with strong support and distinction.



Christopher W. Boyd, Chief of Police for the Citrus Heights

CHPD Hosting "Tip-A-Cop" Fundraiser

Event held at Elephant Bar Restaurant in Sunrise Mall to benefit the Special Olympics

Citrus Heights - On Monday, June 14th from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m., Citrus Heights Police Officers will trade in their handcuffs and badges for serving aprons at the Elephant Bar Restaurant located at 6063 Sunrise Mall for a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser. During the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser, Police Officers will collect tips from restaurant guests to benefit Special Olympics Northern California.

Tip-A-Cop is part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) campaign. LETR, which includes an international series of relay runs and special events like Tip-A-Cop, is presented by more than 85,000 law enforcement officers worldwide to help raise money and public awareness for Special Olympics. LETR is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness

vehicle for Special Olympics through which funds raised go directly to local programs in states or countries where the funds are generated.

The public is encouraged to support a worthy cause and join the Citrus Heights Police Department at the Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in the Sunrise Mall parking lot (facing Sunrise Blvd.) on Monday, June 14th from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please call (916) 727-5500 with any questions. The Citrus Heights Police Department, established in June 2006, is proudly serving the residents, visitors and businesses of the City of Citrus Heights. The Citrus Heights Police Department is dedicated to public safety. The CHPD team includes sworn police officers, a skilled motor traffic enforcement unit, K-9 officers, SWAT operations,

Special Investigations Unit, Dispatchers and Communications personnel, Records, Crime Scene Investigators, Community Service Officers and a variety of non-sworn Staff and Volunteers.

For more information, please visit <http://www.citrusheightspd.net>

Special Olympics Northern California is a free year-round sports training and competition program for children and adults with developmental disabilities. More than 13,000 athletes compete in over 170 competitions throughout the region in 15 sports. Programs are free to all eligible athletes. Financial support comes almost exclusively from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations. Find out how you can be a fan and visit <http://www.SONC.org>.

City of Citrus Heights General Plan Update

Citrus Heights - The City of Citrus Heights is pleased to announce the release of the preliminary draft update to our General Plan as well as the associated Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan. Both of these documents will be discussed at a workshop on June 16, 2010. These plans will guide the City to increase the number of "complete streets" in the City and explore ways that the community as a whole can reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The General Plan Update is a

public process and community participation is a large part of the project. We encourage all residents of Citrus Heights to become involved in this exciting project. Wednesday, June 16, 2010 6:30 - 8:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers
7117 Greenback Lane
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Missed the last couple of workshops? You can view videos of the workshops on-line at www.chgpupdate.net

under the GPU Meeting and Workshop tab. You can also sign up at www.chgpupdate.net for the City's E-Notifier service to receive future electronic mailings on this project.

The draft documents are available for viewing and printing on the General Plan Project website at www.chgpupdate.net

For additional information contact the Planning Division at (916) 727-4740.

Free Summer Concerts in Citrus Heights

Citrus Heights - The City of Citrus Heights and the Sunrise Recreation and Park District are proud to once again launch the Summer Concerts in the Park series. The concerts, all of which are free-of-charge, will kick-off on Sunday, June 13th and continue on various dates through August 8th. The concerts take place at Rusch Park, 7801 Auburn Blvd., in Citrus Heights (at the corner of Auburn & Antelope).

Scheduled performers for the upcoming concerts include:-

Sunday, June 13th:
Capitol Pops Concert Band
(time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

Sunday, June 27th: The Zeps
(Led Zeppelin Tribute Band)
(time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, July 11th:
River City Concert Band
(time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, July 25th:
The Swing Masters
(time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, August 8th:
The Blue Blazes
(time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

Bring your own chairs and blankets and come out to enjoy some festive music in the scenic Rusch Park surroundings. If you have any questions, please call the Sunrise Recreation and Park District at 725-1585 or the City of Citrus Heights at 727-4703. You can also visit the City's Web site for more information: <http://www.citrusheights.net>.

Join Citrus Heights for the 11th Annual...
Red, White & Blue PARADE

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Mount Vernon Memorial Day Tribute Draws Thousands of Patriots

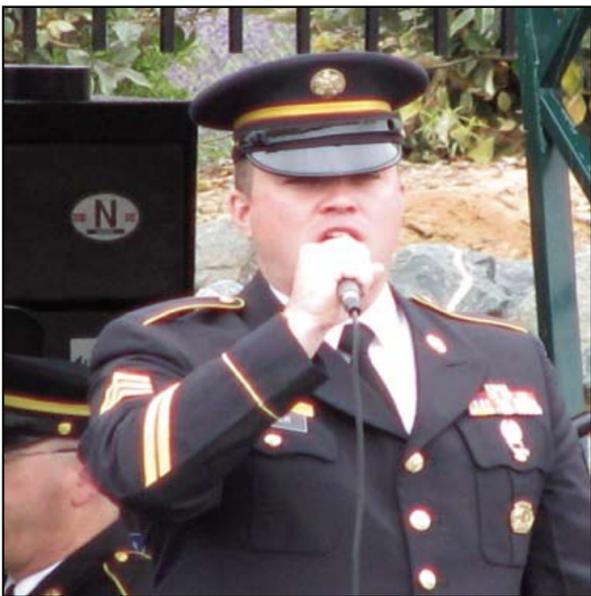


"A Table Set for One" ceremony was presented honoring all those who have fallen in great service to our country.

Fair Oaks Memorial Day Ceremony Honors Women Air Force Service Pilots



American Legion Riders from Fair Oaks to West Sacramento turned out in big numbers. Pictured here are Don Troutman, Sue Fischer, Mel Pierson, Sheila LaPolla, Ben LaPolla, Brian Hopper, Scott Safley, Ron Stadman, Faynetta Stadman, Terry Huerta, Doug Kemmis, Jane Kemmis, and Bob Rudge.



Patriotic music was performed throughout the event, including the Armed Forces Salute Medley.

Fair Oaks - The 43rd Memorial Day Tribute was held at Mount Vernon Memorial Park in Fair Oaks on Monday, May 31st. The annual event once again drew thousands of American patriots to the park.

The National Anthem was performed by soloist Ms. Christie Fleeman. The Invocation was offered by Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Helman of the California Air National Guard. This year's patriotic musical salutes were performed by the 59th Army Band. Music included "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Gettysburg", and an Armed Forces Salute Medley.

The guest speaker was Mr. Jon R. Cavaiani, Sgt. Major (Ret) U.S. Army, who has received the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was a 23 month Vietnam prisoner of war.

Skydiver Jim Wallace wowed those in attendance with his descent into the park with a large American flag in tow, a favourite of the younger patriots who patiently waited with their parents through the event.

A special "thank you" goes out to all those who volunteered and supported this year's program; including local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sacramento Metro Fire District, the staff at Mount Vernon and the Al Shusterman Agency.

Fair Oaks - The Eleventh Annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held Saturday, May 29th at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks. Formal ceremonies started at 10 AM. Chairperson of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District, Thomas Askins was the Master of Ceremonies. The musical program was provided by the Fair Oaks Village Singers, Ed Silver, Director, American Veterans Band, conducted by Warren "Bud" Turner, and Bagpiper Kurt Baird.

This year's theme was to honor "The Women Air Force Service Pilots". The cemetery was decorated with hundreds of flags lining its roadways as "The Avenue of Flags." Honored Speaker this year was Brigadier General, Mary J. Knight, Adjutant General for the California National Guard, who serves as Director of the State of California's Military Department. Other Guest speakers included Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan and Peter Tateshi, representative from Congressman Dan Lungren's office.

Congressman Dan Lungren has provided a flag that has flown over the nation's capitol. This flag will fly over the Veterans Memorial for one year. The flag honoring All Veterans of the Armed Services, which was flown over the memorial this past year, was retired and formally presented to Bob Clouse, Board Chairman Fair Oaks Cemetery District.

A formal Color Guard and Rifle Salute Team from VFW District 17 provided military honors and assisted the Commanders of the local VFW, American Legion and the VFW Auxiliary to the laying of the wreath at the memorial in honor



Brigadier General, Mary J. Knight, Adjutant General for the California National Guard and Tom Askins, Fair Oaks Cemetery District.



American Veteran's Band, the oldest performing Veteran's Band, led by "Bud" Turner, Director.

of over thirteen hundred veterans who are buried in the cemetery. refreshments after the ceremony. Covered seating was available for veterans and visitors. Dedicated assistance and extra muscle for the set-up and take-down needs. Volunteers from the community representing Clean and Sober Living assisted with the flag decorations. The Fair Oaks Historical Society and the Orangevale/Fair Oaks Grange provided complimentary



The "Folding of the Flag" ceremony was presented and described in traditional form. This ceremony touches the heart of all who hear its symbolism.



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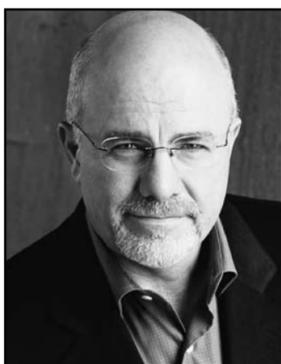
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Dave Says



Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert, popular national radio personality and the author of three New York Times bestsellers – *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace Revisited* and *More Than Enough*. In them, Ramsey exemplifies his life's work of teaching others how to be financially responsible, so they can acquire enough wealth to take care of loved ones, live prosperously into old age, and give generously to others.

Forget Mortgage Accelerator Plans

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about mortgage accelerator plans? Can you please explain them?
- Doug

Dear Doug,
Basically, there are two types of mortgage accelerator plans floating around out there. First, there's the old bi-weekly mortgage where you make half of a payment every two

weeks. This will drop the length of time you'll pay on a 30-year mortgage down to about 22 years. Most companies will charge a fee to service these programs, but I think that's ridiculous. There's no way I'd pay someone to do this for me.

Think about it. There are 26 two-week periods in a year, and 26 half payments equals 13 whole payments. So, you're making an extra payment each year. That's why your mortgage gets paid off early. You can accomplish the same thing by writing a check for the principal only once a year. If you want to get really detailed, you can do the same thing each month by writing a check for one-twelfth of a payment.

The other kind of mortgage accelerator plan out there is a total rip-off. I'm talking about one where some companies will try to sell you a \$3,500-piece of software tied in with a home equity line of credit, or HELOC. These things are often called money merge accounts. In this situation, you pay your bills out of the HELOC, and your paychecks are deposited against the HELOC. Then, they'll apply whatever's left against your mortgage, and it "magically" pays off your mortgage faster.

The problem is that no matter how many times you move the shell, the pea is still underneath. Whether you use a HELOC or just a yellow pad to make a budget, if you want to make extra principal payments on your first mortgage, you have to live on less than you make. And there's no way I'm paying some rip-off company \$3,500 for the

privilege. Talk about stupid! You can do that on your own by making a decision to sit down every month with a pen and a piece of paper and write out your own monthly budget.

Now you know why I'm not a big fan of mortgage accelerator plans you have to buy. Here's the truth, Doug. There's no easy, magical formula when it comes to getting out of debt. It takes a lot of hard work and discipline. You can accelerate your own early mortgage payoff by living on less than you make and learning to control the person you see in the mirror every day!

- Dave

Leave Something in the Account!

Dear Dave,

If I understand your budget plan, we're supposed to allocate every dollar toward something. If we did that, it would leave our account balance at zero. What do you do if your bank requires you to maintain a minimum balance in your account and charges you a service fee if you don't?

- Kristina

Dear Kristina,

I think you misunderstood my plan. When doing a monthly budget, you should allocate every single dollar of monthly income, not every dollar in your account.

Your monthly budget should be based on income minus outgo. You always want to have a balance of some kind in your accounts. Otherwise, you'll end up paying a visit to the land of bounced checks, kiddo. And that's not fun for anyone except the bank, because they'll charge you for the trip!

- Dave

*Please visit www.davesays.org for more financial advice.

Drexel Students Honored By Board of Supervisors For Volunteer Community Work



Supervisor Jimmy Yee Tobey Oxholm, Senior Vice President of Drexel University and Dean of its Graduate Center in Sacramento, along with student leaders Larry Mandelberg, Tipton Russell, Scott Freeman, Barbara Bernardin, Jennifer Dzakowic, Paul Green, Marcella Gonsalves

Sacramento – The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors recently commended seven student leaders at Drexel University's Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento for their classmates' work as volunteers on projects to benefit the community.

Members of Drexel's Sacramento Graduate Student Association (GSA) and Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III, Senior Vice President of Drexel University and Dean of its Graduate Center in Sacramento, were present at the Board of Supervisors meeting to accept the honor.

"At a time when it is easy to withdraw and wait for the economic storm to blow over, Drexel's students are reaching out and investing in their communities," the Resolution reads. "The Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, recognizes and thanks the inaugural students of Drexel University for their civic engagement, and expresses their appreciation to the board of the Sacramento Graduate Student Association for their leadership."

The Resolution notes that public service takes resolve and commitment: "Drexel's students are exceptionally dedicated because they are all working adults whose lives are complicated by children and elderly parents, by jobs that are demanding, and by a difficult economy."

The graduate student leaders to whom the Resolution was presented were Kyle Glankler, President; Larry Mandelberg, Vice President; Jennifer Dzakowic, Secretary; Scott Freeman, Treasurer; and board representatives Paul Green, Barbara Bernardin, Tipton Russell, Sr., and Marcella Gonsalves.

Among the volunteer projects that Drexel's graduate students have participated in were the Great American River Clean Up; working the telephones for a KVIE fundraiser; donating blood to BloodSource; collecting toys for the Department of Health and Human Services; collecting professional clothing for the Sacramento Food Bank, entering a team and collecting donations for the Run to Feed the Hungry and

the Komen Race for the Cure; and cleaning a section of the Sacramento bike trail during Earth Week. In each of these projects, Drexel's faculty and staff have also participated.

"The students at Drexel's campus in Philadelphia have a long-standing tradition of being involved in their community and we wanted to establish that same tradition here in Sacramento," said Glankler, an MBA student at Drexel who visited Drexel's campus in Philadelphia earlier this year. "The graduate students in Sacramento see ourselves as the future leaders of this region, and we want to demonstrate that we care deeply about our community. We want to be among a group of people that is helping make this a better place to live and work. It's nice to be commended by the Board of Supervisors, and we thank them for the honor, but we're not in it for the recognition. We rolled up our sleeves and got to work because we care."

The Supervisors commendation notes that: "despite substantial demands on their time and the added pressure of pursuing a graduate degree from one of the country's top-ranked universities, the students of Drexel University have taken it upon themselves to make sure that public service is a constant part of their graduate education." Glankler, for example, recently had his second child this year, in addition to working as Roebelen Construction, one of the region's premier contractors.

"Drexel students balance demanding jobs, family responsibilities and the academic challenge of being a graduate student," Oxholm said. "Despite their hectic schedules, our students manage to make time to volunteer on a number of great projects in Sacramento. We are proud of the great work our students are doing and their commitment to the community."

"Now that Drexel has brought their top-tier nationally recognized graduate programs to Sacramento, we truly have world class education opportunities that link the East coast

with the West coast," said Mandelberg, an MBA student and Citrus Heights resident. "I am incredibly proud and blessed as a member of the first group of students at the Drexel's Center for Graduate Studies. As a Drexel alumni, I will strive to live up to and extend the reputation they bring with them."

"To be recognized by the Board of Supervisors is an honor and a testament to the positive impact that Drexel has been able to have in such a short time," said Freeman, another Citrus Heights resident and an MBA student. "Two years ago hardly anyone knew who Drexel was. In that brief period I've been able to work alongside my classmates and watch them evolve into leaders who make a positive impact in their vocations and communities."

Founded in 1891 in Philadelphia, Drexel has earned a reputation for being on the cutting edge of higher education, and is ranked fourth most innovative university in the country by U.S. News & World Report. In 2009, Drexel University was honored as one of the top 10 universities in improving the economic, cultural and social life in their urban communities.

Drexel opened its doors in Sacramento in January 2009 and by the end of March 2010, over 250 students had enrolled in its graduate programs. It is now enrolling students in programs that will start this coming fall – the final cohort for the "inaugural students" who will enroll before the Center's first cohort has graduated.

The eight graduate programs offered this year are designed for working professionals and focused at the heart of Greater Sacramento's growth and economic development initiatives – entrepreneurial business, health, higher education, and information technology.

For more information on the Center for Graduate Studies, visit www.drexel.edu/sacramento, call (888) 389-3781 or (916) 325-4600, or attend one of the Information Sessions held every other week at the Center. The next Information Sessions will be May 22, June 16 and June 30.



ROCK DOC

By Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

What scientists call the "First Law" tells us that energy in our daily lives is neither created nor destroyed – only transformed. It's the chemical energy bound up in natural gas and oxygen that makes heat in your furnace, or electrical energy in my toaster that burns my bagels each morning.

But although energy is never destroyed, it certainly can be "wasted" or put to purposes we people just don't appreciate. My favorite example of that is an overheating pickup engine's radiator, boiling over vigorously on a mountain grade in the summer time.

My four cylinder "little rig," as we say in the rural West, gets about 31 mpg on the highway. I like them apples! But wouldn't it be grand if that figure could be doubled? We would not be defeating the First Law, just using energy transformations more efficiently. And I'm glad to say I've seen a prototype of a device I think could do that – and economically, too. The little engine that could is called a fuel cell. There are several types of them; I'll just concentrate on two, first the one

that's simpler but expensive, then the more complex but practical one that may revolutionize our world.

I've taught freshmen college students about the first one. It runs like a battery, you could say, but one that never needs charging because it uses fuel. Fuel cells have advantages over batteries. Batteries are very heavy (come to my house and carry in the boat battery in the fall or back out in the spring if you doubt this statement). And batteries, for what they weigh, don't put out much oomph.

The simple kind of fuel cell draws in pure hydrogen gas to an anode (negative) plate, with oxygen fed at the same time along the cathode (positive) plate of the device. There has to be a membrane and a chemical "soup" in the middle of the cell, but what matters for our purposes is that if you connect the negative to the positive parts you get an electrical current. You can run a light bulb, power a fan, or do any other form of work you care to with the resulting electricity. And the great thing about the fuel cell just described is that its only waste product is pure water.

But fuel cells like this are expensive. The catalyst inside them is made of platinum. And the hydrogen gas fuel is pretty scary stuff – hydrogen burns explosively with even the smallest spark. That's one reason why, although engineers have long been able to make desktop fuel cells for special applications (or showing students the principles of how they work), your car isn't running on one today. But what if there were a second-

generation fuel cell that ran not on hydrogen, but on mundane fuel like gasoline, diesel – or even coal or processed plant matter? All those materials could supply hydrogen to the fuel cell, even though not in pure form. And if they were consumed in the controlled manner fuel cells use to oxidize fuel, they would produce electricity, again like a battery.

Here at Washington State University Dr. Jeongmin Ahn and his students are developing these "solid oxide fuel cells." One of the great things about this next generation fuel cell is that it doesn't require platinum as a catalyst, using much cheaper nickel instead. Another feature of the fuel cells that knocks my socks off is that one model can run on waste heat. That's important, and here's why.

A standard car is about 25 percent efficient, meaning it uses 25 percent of the gas you put into it to get you from Point A to Point B, but it wastes 75 percent of the gas as heat! If a good measure of that waste can be fed into a fuel cell, it can help to power the car using an electrical motor – a new sort of hybrid vehicle.

"We can double the miles per gallon of cars using that technology," Ahn said to me. "Easily." I surely like the sound of that.

Dr. E. Kirsten Peters, a native of the rural Northwest, was trained as a geologist at Princeton and Harvard. Follow her on the web at rockdoc.wsu.edu and on Twitter @RockDocWSU. This column is a service of the College of Sciences at Washington State University.

Fuel Cells on the Horizon

Orangevale Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon

What's happening: The OV Chamber has started an exciting new format with a guest speaker and power networking to be sure you get the most from your membership. Our guest speaker this month will be Joe Ellering from GLOVE (Greenback Lane Orangevale Envisioning). He will update us with ideas to make Greenback Lane and Main Street a

more beautiful place, and he'll also take your ideas and suggestions.

When: Monday, June 21, 2010 Noon - 1:30 pm

Where: O'Connor's Santa Maria Grill, 9267 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA (988-0112) This is in the OV Chamber complex.

Price: \$10 for Members, \$15 for Non-Members. Please pay at the door.

To RSVP or for more information about joining the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce contact Maggie at the Chamber office 988.0175 or ovchamber@sbeglobal.net

Karaoke Champions Invited to Compete

3rd Annual California State Karaoke Championship presented by KSFM 102.5 at 2010 California State Fair - \$2,000 Prize Pool Up for Grabs

Sacramento - The California State Fair, along with KSFM 102.5, is proud to present the third annual California State Karaoke Championship. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 17 at the Promenade stage, fairgoers are invited to cheer on these talented amateurs as they sing their way to stardom. The championship round will begin at 8 p.m. Back by popular demand, the championship draws talented winners of karaoke competitions from all over California.

Current California State Karaoke Champion, Rachel Balterzore, had a great experience at last year's competition. "I'd never been in anything like that before, and I had never sung in front of so many people," Balterzore explained.

"Everything boils down to song choice. You just have to pick the right song and go with it, and remember to have fun!"

Contestants will be judged in five categories: stage presence, crowd reaction, costuming, vocal ability and overall performance. The championship winner will receive a plaque with the title of 2010 California State Karaoke Champion, \$2,000 cash prize and transportation to the Regional competition of the U.S.A. World Karaoke Championships! Prizes will also be awarded to the runners-up.

HOW TO ENTER
Any California Karaoke fan is invited to compete. Prospective contestants must have already won a karaoke competition that took place between September

7, 2009 and June 15, 2010. Contestants are required to provide a form of written confirmation of winning a competition in order to participate, and must fill out the entry form found online at www.bigfun.org under the "Contests and Competitions" tab. No entries will be accepted until the State Fair verifies all contestant application information. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all positions are filled.

For more information, please contact the California State Fair Entertainment Department at (916) 263-3141 or e-mail entertainment@calexpo.com. Media may contact the California State Fair Media Center at (916) 263-3237 or e-mail media@calexpo.com.



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State Awards Region \$65 Million for Interstate 80 Improvements



Carpool lanes help the region's freeway system by making travel easier for carpoolers and also allowing for commuter buses to offer improved service.

Sacramento Region - The California Transportation Commission recently awarded \$65 million for high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on Interstate 80 from west of Interstate 5 to Watt/Longview where the new lanes will connect to the existing HOV lanes to Placer County. Construction on the project is scheduled to start in March 2011. The funds come from nearly \$190 million in northern California cost savings from projects funded by Proposition 1B, the voter-approved bond measure from 2006.

The funding through the CTC is especially timely in closing a large funding gap and making it possible to coordinate construction of the HOV

lanes with highway rehabilitation investments along the corridor; a total of \$171 million will be invested. Construction activities are anticipated to begin once the CTC funding is secured in the fall. The high-occupancy vehicle lanes are part of the Sacramento region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035, but were not expected to be complete until 2015. The CTC funding helps the delivery timeline considerably and makes it possible to transfer nearly \$100 million in Measure A funding for the I-80 HOV lanes to the I-5 HOV project, thereby moving up the delivery of that project as well. High-occupancy vehicle lanes, commonly known as

carpool lanes, help the region's freeway system, by making travel easier for carpoolers and also allowing for commuter buses to offer improved service. The CTC's action on the CMTA savings also included \$3.5 million for the El Dorado County Transportation Commission to extend HOV lanes further east in El Dorado County. SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.

Source: SACOG

Grassroots Efforts for Effie Yeaw gets County's Attention

Carmichael - When sixty-five people came to the May 12th "Efficiency Workshop" between the Sacramento County Regional Parks Department and the Board of Supervisors, to voice their support for keeping the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's programs intact, it made an impact. Attendees wore green attire and stickers with the American River Natural History Association's logo to persuade the County to choose the nonprofit to run the Nature Center as funding will end July 1st. "They had no idea how many people would spend a Wednesday afternoon to show the County we are concerned about the budget cuts coming to the nature center and want to have input in its future. Two big blocks of green shirts in the audience sent a powerful message," said meeting attendee, Liz Williamson. "We are not just complaining about the budget cuts, we are motivated to find solutions," said Shellie Horton,

active Friends of Effie Yeaw member. Public pressure for transparency in finding new management for the Nature Center resulted in Requests for Proposals being sent to four nonprofits; The American River Parkway Foundation, The County Office of Education (operators of Sly Park Education Center for children), The Discovery Museum and ARNHA. "A coalition among these groups would be the best case scenario for the Nature Center's current survival and for it to flourish in the future," said Carol Doersch, ARNHA Associate Board member. "But ARNHA is ready to go it alone if that is the way things turn out. ARNHA has supported the Nature Center for 29 years and will continue happily and efficiently," added Doersch. The Sacramento Zoo and Fairytale Town are held as successful examples of nonprofits taking over venues formerly run by a government entity, but they both continue to receive

funding from the City of Sacramento, thirteen years after their transition. Sacramento County's proposed budget ceases all funding of the Nature Center and Preserve on July 1st, a move that Williamson described as "wildly irresponsible". The Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center and Preserve will continue organizing to see the County continues to provide some funding to the center and its programs and to fight any interruption of programs during the transition. Since its start on Earth Day, www.saveeffieyeaw.org has had over 900 visitors and over 2100 hits. "Once people found out the severity of the situation the Nature Center is in, the response was overwhelming. The future of the Nature Center looks a lot brighter, but we still have a long way to go," said Heidi Kuehner, website creator.

Source: www.saveeffieyeaw.org

Niello Co-authors Law to Protect Children from Violent Sex Offenders

Sacramento - Assemblyman Niello declared his commitment to the safety of California's children by signing on as a coauthor of Chelsea's Law - Assembly Bill 1844. This legislation, introduced by Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher in partnership with Kelly and Brent King, parents of Chelsea King, is focused on ensuring the protection of children from violent sexual predators.



Assemblyman Roger Niello

Chelsea's Law is named for Poway teenager Chelsea King, whose life was taken in February by a convicted violent sexual predator. Chelsea's Law will increase penalties for all sex crimes against children, strengthen California's one-strike provision for violent sexual offenders, expand GPS monitoring and establish "Safe Zones" to prevent released offenders from loitering in parks and other public areas where children congregate. "Public safety is the first responsibility of government, especially where the most vulnerable among us are concerned," stated

Assemblyman Niello. "This legislation is long overdue, and I am pleased we are moving forward in a bipartisan manner supported by a broad coalition of law enforcement organizations." "Chelsea's Law is the first step in our effort to fix the problems in California's public safety system that failed Chelsea King and continue

to place our kids and communities at risk," stated Fletcher. "With Kelly and Brent King leading the way, we have channeled all of our energy into this effort to create lasting change in Chelsea's name that will make every California child safer. I thank Assemblyman Niello for joining our cause." In addition to the leadership from the King Family, Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher and Assemblyman Niello, Chelsea's Law is being driven by a network of over 85,000 "changemakers" from around the world in addition to law enforcement groups, crime victim advocates and concerned citizens. "Through Chelsea, Californians are speaking up and speaking out. We are thankful to each co-author for listening to that collective voice and taking the necessary steps to reform our laws," said Kelly and Brent King. Chelsea's Law passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 20th.

Child Deaths Soar in Sacramento County According to Report

Homicides Due to Abuse and Neglect Increased 300 Percent in 2008

Sacramento - The Child Abuse Prevention Center presented its Child Death Review Team Annual Report to Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, June 1. The study revealed that 166 children died in 2008, with a four-fold increase in child abuse and neglect homicides from 2007 to 2008. In total, 12 children were victims of CAN homicides in 2008 up from three in 2007. A majority of the offenders were biological parents and half of the CAN homicide decedents had prior Sacramento County CPS history. "In a time where child services are being threatened by budget cuts, numbers like this paint a very real picture about the need for funding to protect children and educate parents," said Sheila Boxley, president and chief executive officer of the CAP

Center, which delivered the report. "Many more children will suffer or die if funding continues to be slashed." The report also showed that infant sleep-related deaths are at their highest level since 1993 and 25 percent of all 166 child deaths were preventable. A CAP Center analysis showed that when funding for child abuse prevention programs was cut in the county, child abuse rose sharply. When funding increased, abuse fell dramatically. "It's not a hard concept to grasp," said Boxley. "When we invest time and funding in child abuse prevention, the rewards for children and taxpayers are enormous." Other findings in the report included:

- 13 percent of all deaths involved maltreatment
- African American children died at a rate two times higher than Caucasian children
- All 27 infant sleep-related deaths occurred in unsafe sleeping environments
- The number of child suicide deaths continues to rise.

For more information, or a copy of the report (available after June 1), visit www.thecapcenter.org contact Sheila Boxley at (916) 244-1921.

About the CAP Center
The CAP Center is a state, national and international service, training, research and resource center dedicated to protecting children and building healthy families. The CAP Center's mission is to prevent child abuse, neglect and abandonment. To learn more, visit www.thecapcenter.org.

Sacramento's 19th Annual HIREvent Comes June 15th

Sacramento - Sacramento's Annual June HIREvent returns for its 19th year with an impressive lineup of job opportunities on Tuesday, June 15, from noon to 4pm at the Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave (near Madison & I-80). Jobseekers will find a roomful of exciting prospects with many

of the region's top employers. Representatives from a number of public and private-sector organizations will be present, seeking to fill immediate openings in a variety of fields. Those who want to fine-tune their resumes can get free, personal consultations with employment experts.

Jobseekers should dress for success and be prepared for a productive afternoon, because all the employers will be eager to hire. This free event is sponsored by KCRA 3, KQCA My58 and Job Journal. For more information on this and other HIREvents, visit JobJournal.com or call 888-THE JOBS (843-5627).

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	Aug 26	CAPITOL POPS CONCERT BAND Broadway, Popular, Patriotic	The Chateau at Carmichael Park (916) 481-7105

Rancho Cordova Receives \$400,000 Brownfields Grants

Rancho Cordova - The City of Rancho Cordova has been selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants that are awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Brownfields are abandoned or under-used industrial and commercial properties where redevelopment is complicated by possible environmental contamination. Rancho Cordova's two grants, which total \$400,000, will be used to identify and revitalize sites in the south Sunrise and Folsom Boulevard corridors. There are an estimated 15 hazardous substances sites and 44 petroleum release sites, encompassing 6,445 acres in the City. The first grant of \$200,000 will be used to establish an inventory of sites, conduct environmental site assessment, and support community outreach activities. The second \$200,000 grant will be used at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

"This is exciting news for the City," said Curt Haven, Economic Director for the City of Rancho Cordova. "The funding will allow us to identify brownfields sites so they can be cleaned up. This will enable more development opportunities for both the public and private sectors." This is the first time the City's Redevelopment Agency has applied for the competitive brownfields grants. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. The City of Rancho Cordova, CA was incorporated in 2003. City Hall is located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive; (916) 851-8700 (phone), (916) 851-8787 (fax), www.cityofranchocordova.org (website). For more information, please contact Micah Runner, the City's Redevelopment Manager, at (916) 851-8783.

Sutters Fort Offers Two Flag Focused Community Events in June

Living History: "Revolution! The Bear Flag Rebellion!"

As part of the ongoing interactive, entertaining and educational Living History program, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park presents a lively re-enactment of the Bear Flag Rebellion demonstrating how loyalties were put to the test when California, for a short time, became its own Republic. With docents in head-to-toe period attire, visitors will step back in time when rebels captured Sonoma and General Vallejo was brought to Sutter's Fort, forcing John Sutter to declare his allegiance and eventually raised a new flag over the fort. Don't miss the one-day-only Living History re-enactment of "Revolution! The Bear Flag Rebellion!" For more information about this event, or other events and activities, call 916-445-4422 or

visit www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort
Where: Sutter's Fort State Historic Park 2701 L Street, Midtown, Sacramento
When: Saturday, June 12, 2010
Time: Fort hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$6.00 per adult (18 and older), \$4.00 per youth (ages 6-17), free for children 5 years and under

Demonstration Days: "The Many Flags of Sutter's Fort"

Throughout our nation's history, flags have always conveyed powerful and symbolic messages for all to see. To learn more about many historically significant flags in California's history, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is offering

a special demonstration day event "The Many Flags of Sutter's Fort" on Saturday, June 19. This visually-exciting event will give visitors an opportunity to see the various flags flown over the years at Sutter's Fort and learn about the sometimes dramatic stories behind the flags. For instance, three flags flew over the Fort in one year alone during a politically tumultuous time in our history! For more information about this event, or other events and activities, call 916-445-4422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort

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Honoring Young Women Who have Earned Girl Scouts' Highest Awards

From Jennifer Lemos, MCC, Girl Scouts

Sacramento - The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts, was awarded to 55 Girl Scouts at Recognition of Excellence Ceremonies in Sacramento and Modesto. "The Recognition of Excellence ceremony is our opportunity to celebrate the efforts our older Girl Scouts have made in contributing to our community," said director of program for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California, Loretta Kitch. Girl Scout Gold Award projects address a valid community need in which the girl strives to make sustainable and lasting changes. Nationally, only 5.4 percent of Girl Scouts eligible to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award complete their project and receive the award. Local awardees were; Laura Anderson, Jenny Horton, Kaitlin

Kelley and Sarah London of Carmichael, Jamie Estopinal of Fair Oaks, Laura Lapham of Gold River and Victoria Payne of Orangevale. Certificates for recognition from the United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, California House of Representatives, and the State Senate were presented to the award recipients. Other high ranking awards were also presented at this ceremony: the Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest award in Girl Scouts and the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Rose Award. "Earning [My Girl Scout Silver Award] was a way for me to give back to my community and to work independently and confidently as a mature young woman, which I believe is the ultimate purpose of Girl Scouts," said Girl Scout Silver Award recipient, Kate Ely. Keynote Speaker for the Sacramento event, held at the

Doubletree Hotel on May 16th, was Carol Corrigan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California. 2010 Local Council Award Numbers are: 55 Girls have earned their Girl Scout Gold Award, 70 Girls have earned their Girl Scout Silver Award, 16 Girls have earned their Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Rose Award, 4 Girls have earned their Bridge to Adult Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award has evolved from a long line of Girl Scout leadership awards going back as far as 1919. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout between ages 14 and 18 years old can earn. Currently between 5-6 percent of eligible Girls Scouts earn the Girl Scout Gold Award annually. The Gold Award recognizes the work of Girl Scouts who demonstrate leadership culminating in 65 hours or more dedicated toward a service project with a lasting impact on their community.

QB Daunte Culpepper Signs With Mountain Lions

Sacramento -- Quarterback Daunte Culpepper has signed with the Sacramento Mountain Lions of the United Football League. Culpepper will be reunited with his former Minnesota Vikings head coach Dennis Green, who will lead the Mountain Lions into the second UFL season, which kicks off this fall. Green previously selected Culpepper, who is a three-time NFL Pro Bowler and also played for the Miami Dolphins, Oakland Raiders and Detroit Lions, with the 11th pick of the 1999 NFL Draft. "My goal for this year was to get on the field and play football," said Culpepper, who threw for 24,153 yards and 149 touchdowns during a stellar NFL career. "When the opportunity came for me to sign with the UFL and play for coach Green in Sacramento I could not resist. I am impressed with his approach to the game and to his players.

"I am also excited to be reunited with my college coach Mike Kruczek as the offensive coordinator. I am expecting to have a lot of fun running a wide-open offense and being a part of the United Football League. California here I come!" Coach Green said: "Bringing a player of Daunte's caliber to the Mountain Lions is a major step forward not only for the team but also for the UFL. He is a player who will excite the fans here and will be an integral part of the team we are building that we hope can bring a championship to Sacramento. On a personal note, I am delighted to be reunited with Daunte." Culpepper's arrival in Sacramento will also create a rivalry with last season's defeated UFL Championship Game finalists the Florida Tuskers. The quarterback enjoyed a standout college football career under Kruczek at the University of Central Florida, where he rewrote the UCF record

books. On October 21, the Ocala, FL, native will return to his home state to face the Tuskers at the same Florida Citrus Bowl venue where he rose to prominence with the Knights. Among his career highlights, in 2004 Culpepper passed for a league-leading 4,717 yards, a Vikings-record 39 touchdowns and was named to his third career Pro Bowl. He also broke Dan Marino's NFL record for combined passing and rushing yards, amassing 5,123 total yards. His 2,323 rushing yards from 2000-2004 also made him only the fourth quarterback in NFL history to run for more than 2,300 yards in a five-season period. In the NFL, Culpepper was named the starter in 2000 and led the Vikings to a 7-0 mark, eventually finishing 11-5 with a berth in the NFC Championship Game, losing to Las Vegas Locos head coach Jim Fassel's New York Giants.

Celebrate Father's Day and Help Suit Up Homeless Dads this June

Sacramento - Celebrate the Dad in your day, join us to make fathers feel special this June. Bring in an old business suit to donate to those who need business clothes for interviews. Robinson's will give you a ticket to see the new movie, "Karate Kid" starring Jackie Chan, (tickets are limited to the first 100 who donate at all 18 area locations) and everyone will receive a free month of Family training, a \$79.95 value, to experience real martial arts with your own kids! Getting a job is a huge challenge when you have been out of work as many have during the recession. Getting a suit for that all important job interview

is often financially impossible when you have to choose between food for your family and clothes for yourself. Help us help homeless Dad's find a new job by donating your Dad's old suit and he can get a new one. Food donations go directly to area families. Visit www.robinsonstk.com for a drop off location near you, or call 916-481-6815. Join Sacramento's first family name in martial arts, Robinson's Taekwondo to honor Dad this June. Drop off your donation at any of the eighteen Robinson's locations throughout the

Sacramento area in June. We'll make sure the clothes get to fathers who need them. In 2009, Robinson's and generous members of the community donated over six hundred suits, shoes and accessories to Sacramento Food Bank, The SETA Hillsdale Career Center and Sacramento Job Corps. "Karate Kid" starring Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan premieres June 11, 2010. Ticket giveaways are limited to the first 100 people who donate at any of the 18 Robinson's Tae Kwon Do locations. Free Family Training for 30 days available to all who donate during this community drive.

Safety First on Airport Roads

Sacramento - As construction continues on the Big Build and the summer travel season heats up, officials at Sacramento International Airport are urging drivers to slow down and be cautious. Due to the high volume of vehicle traffic and multiple crosswalks, the speed limit drops to 10 mph in front of the terminals. At this speed, drivers can easily stop for pedestrians or cars pulling out from the curb. Pedestrians should use marked crosswalks and be aware of oncoming traffic. In addition, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Airport Division has recently increased traffic enforcement at Sacramento International Airport. Mobile phone use is extremely distracting to drivers, and the airport encourages everyone to hang up their phones while driving. To avoid circling the terminals and talking on the phone, airport officials recommend using the free Cell Phone Parking Lot located near the airport entrance at I-5. The lot has no gate and drivers may wait there for up to three hours. Unattended vehicles are prohibited.

International Airport. The Airport Ambassador Program is looking for new volunteers. Ambassadors help travelers with many types of questions, including directions, information on tourist attractions, airport services and more. The Airport Ambassadors provide a valuable service to Sacramento County Airport System. Therefore, the airport supplies each volunteer with a polo shirt, vest and an employee parking pass. The airport also throws parties for the volunteers, includes them in Airport System updates and provides other perks. The minimum volunteer commitment is two four-hour shifts a month. Not all shifts are available, but the schedule can be flexible. Airport Ambassadors must be at least 18 with an active email address and basic internet skills. For more information or to sign up for a new volunteer info session, please contact Karen Doron at (916) 874-0662 or via e-mail at doronk@saccounty.net. Airport Seeks Holiday Entertainers The Sacramento County Airport System is soliciting proposals from professional and amateur musicians to entertain passengers during the holidays at Sacramento International Airport. The Airport's

holiday entertainment program has grown from a small assemblage of school choirs to support two weekend visits by Santa Claus in 2000 to a robust performance schedule exhibiting a broad spectrum of musical entertainment celebrating the region's artistic and cultural diversity. Performances are scheduled during peak passenger traffic hours to entertain passengers and guests alike, reducing the impact of the busy holiday travel periods on International Airport's travelers and their friends and family. For more information, visit the airport's Business Opportunities webpage at <http://www.sacairports.org/int/opportunities/Requests.html>. Construction on I-80 The summer road construction season is underway. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is conducting several construction projects on Interstate 80 between Colfax, California and the Nevada State line. Travelers heading to Sacramento International Airport from these areas may experience delays through mid-October 2010. For more information on the project, visit <http://www.getacross80.com>. Source: Sacramento International Airport

Weekly Writing Workshops Held at Rancho Cordova Library

Sacramento - Learn writing tips and improve your writing style at free workshops every Thursday, at 6 p.m., through August 5, at Rancho Cordova Library, 9845 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento. Led by Sacramento Poet Laureate Bob Stanley, the workshops encourage writers to bring something

they have written to share with others, including poetry, short stories, and short-prose essays. A special writing workshop is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, May 27, at the Brookside Restaurant meeting room, 9819 Horn Road, Sacramento. The workshops are sponsored by the Friends of Rancho Cordova

Library and the Sacramento Poetry Center, and supported through a generous grant from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. For details, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit sacilibrary.org.

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Reason and Emotion Collide in Boycott Debate

Special Report
By Perry Hartline

Sacramento - The Arizona boycott, open border, amnesty and reconquista organizations were out, armed with slogans and signs. They were attended by a menagerie of lawyers, community organizers; civic leaders in suits; and potbellied central labor council figures.

In Sacramento city hall's polished-glass and butter-yellow marble rotunda, thirty-or-so people milled about hoping for seats in-chamber. Four 30-ish, manicured men in suits who feed off local government stood chatting and laughing. Twelve anti-boycott, pro-Arizona citizens stood silent, holding the flag of the United States. To their left eight practicing ethnic Mexicans surrounded a large sign in Spanish.

Painted faces in high-heels waving microphones towed cameramen panning for head shots. Newspaper reporters squeezing pens and pads propped the thin crowd with photographers.

The city council chamber was stuffed, the air fuzzy and warm from bodies squeezed belly-to-butt, and nostrils breathing down necks. The media packed the forward areas and blocked the aisles with cameras for close-ups of Mayor Johnson and the city council members, particularly Councilman Fong, who called for the boycott resolution. About Three-fifths of the citizens came to encourage Fong and demand the City of Sacramento officially boycott the state of Arizona for passing SB 1070, the law that adopted Federal immigration law and applied it to state law, only less stringent. The remaining two-fifths had come to oppose Sacramento telling Arizona how to govern itself.

City Attorney Eileen Tiechert stood and read the law, SB 1070, to the citizens. She did so clearly and correctly. SB 1070 sounded reasonable and straightforward, and brief.

The Ground Rules

Each side was allowed an equal number of speakers, with two minutes to make remarks. The anti-boycott supporters would lead. Most were blue-collar workers, tradesmen and small business people, and included two unemployed people. They had no leaders, lawyers, politicians, community organizers or venerated community symbols to stand with them.

The people here aren't financed by government grants. They aren't funded by Federal, state or community programs and funds. They have themselves, a dream handed to them by dead white males 234 years ago, and a feeling of doom that the dream is vulnerable and being destroyed. They've come to do combat the way Americans always have against wrong, they're using individual initiative. Nervous, disorganized, unschooled in public speaking, inexperienced in community organizing and public protest, they're the average American standing up to say "NO!" to a threat. Some of their remarks follow.

Geo Riley, California Republican Veterans Association a Native American and Jew. [Riley?!] "Considering the city's forty million dollars in debt why are you worried about Arizona?" Riley asked, "How many of you have actually read the law, or ever had it read to you, until tonight?" Riley scanned the room. Perhaps fourteen or fifteen hands went up. Councilman Fong didn't raise his hand. The Mayor didn't raise his hand.

Carl, an African-American, "I don't feel sorry for people who break the law! They should not be rewarded!



Kevin Johnson lays the ground rules for the debate.
Photo by Mike Giles.

Why should they be? Why should we let them in? Why do we have a border? So far they're doing more harm than good. The people of Arizona want help. The government should be working alongside them, not fighting them!"

David, "I'm dismayed we're talking about this! This law mirrors Federal law! We're a nation of laws! We can't pick-and-choose which law to break and which one to enforce. And why does Mexico get special treatment? Why? Has anyone ever looked at what the Mexicans do to illegal immigrants? How the Guatemalans are beaten, raped and put in jail? Is that okay?"

A woman, name unknown, a legal immigrant from Central America spoke passionately to those who would boycott, "You here!" She turned to the crowd, "**Fix Mexico first!** You should not be forgiven because of sympathy! I waited in line. I'm here legally. I attended classes for years, learned English, and studied our government. Take your Spanish signs and demonstrate in front of Calderon!"

Paul Smith, "You're considering boycotting Arizona. What'll you do if seventeen other states adopt Arizona's law? Will you boycott them too? And what does this tell people all over the world, in the Philippines, Ireland, Vietnam, who want to come here and be Americans?"

Dan Starr, "I was a marine in Iraq." Some in the audience clapped, more snorted or sighed. "I support the Arizona law! But here! **Here are people wearing Che Guevara T-shirts! Carrying signs in Spanish!**" He paused, "What does this tell us? You don't care! Illegal immigration's okay with you, by doing that, by supporting illegal immigration, you're opposing legal immigration!"

Lars, currently unemployed. "Arizona's law is lesser than the Federal law, which is not enforced. All Arizona wants is for the Feds to do their jobs. Only lawbreakers need to worry. Federal law is the highest law. Not to support it is treason. Your oath of office requires you to enforce the law, not boycott it. The city council is trying to do economic damage to people who are trying to save themselves.

Crystal Taylor, an elegant, African-American woman. "This is a legal issue! No one in this room should be opposed to it. Boycotting Arizona means you support illegality!"

The Boycotters Rise

SB 1070 is condemned by a troop of speakers. A female ACLU lawyer, lawyers from various Hispanic organizations, and a poetry reading college professor describes the law as xenophobic and inherently racist; that it's racial profiling; it's mean-spirited

and anti-human and an overt attack on Latinos to preserve "white privilege." They say a boycott of Arizona is the only way to 'send a message' and fight this example of racism and inhumanity, and to support human rights. Mayor Johnson was continually assaulted with comparisons to the Civil Rights struggle, and Rev. King's name was used freely throughout the night.

Former Police Chief Arturo Venegas. "This is a racist law! It's an outrageous attack on those least able to protect themselves! **It is the civil rights issue of our day!**" His remarks were followed by cheers, shouts and applause.

President (?), La Raza Lawyers Association. "The express intent of this law is to achieve attrition through law. It discriminates against everyone, Blacks, Asians, and Hispanics, anyone not "Caucasian like me." It's a hate-based law and must be abolished! We must stand up to it! We must say 'NO!' A boycott is the only way."

Melinda Guzman, Attorney, "This is Federal preemption. It's not just racial profiling; it bans ethnic studies, and even accented teachers. Soon kids will be turning in their parents to authorities. Let the Feds do their job! Tell Arizona to back off! **Boycott Arizona!**"

Central Labor Council representative. "This law is racism! It's racist and it's anti-worker, pure and simple!" The meeting broke up late. Mayor Johnson conducted himself well, and reprimanded speakers only four or five times.

At this writing no other country has open borders, the Arizona immigration law is favored by 73% of Americans, and seventeen states are considering adopting it or some form of it. In May the city of Boston adopted tough new immigration ordinances and is enforcing them. The most recent (June 2) Quinnipiac poll shows Americans want strong enforcement of existing federal law, not "comprehensive immigration reform," or reform followed by amnesty or linked to citizenship.

Current immigration policy and Southern Border Defense is the result of the past four administrations ignoring the problem deliberately. The Bushes wanted cheap labor, Clinton and Obama wanted voters.

Those who would boycott Arizona offer no rational reason for doing so. Those who would repeal the law offer no solution to securing the border.

As of this writing the City of Sacramento has yet to vote on Councilman Fong's resolution. What is described here can be viewed on your government public access channel, only it's six hours longer.

Election Results,
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Results of the Statewide Propositions

PROP 13 - Yes 84.5% 3,200,194 votes - No 15.5% 588,582 votes

Limits On Property Tax Assessment. Seismic Retrofitting Of Existing Buildings. Legislative Constitutional Amendment

A YES vote on this measure means: Earthquake safety improvements made to unreinforced masonry (such as brick) buildings would not result in higher property taxes until the building is sold.

PROP 14 - Yes 54.2% 2,077,100 votes - No 45.8% 1,761,410 votes

Elections. Increases Right To Participate In Primary Elections

A YES vote on this measure means: All voters would receive the same primary election ballot for most state and federal offices. Only the two candidates with the most votes—regardless of political party identification—would advance to the general election ballot.

PROP 15 - No 57.5% 2,147,745 votes - Yes 42.5% 1,593,698 votes

California Fair Elections Act

A NO vote on this measure means: The state ban on public funding for political campaigns for elected offices would continue. Candidates for the office of Secretary of State would continue to pay for their campaigns with private funds subject to current rules. Existing charges related to lobbyists would not change.

PROP 16 - No 52.5% 2,015,297 votes - Yes 47.5% 1,830,278 votes

Imposes New Two-Thirds Voter Approval Requirement For Local Public Electricity Providers. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Results as of our deadline. Not all results are final. Sources: <http://vote.sos.ca.gov/> and <http://sacresults.e-cers.com>

Tiny Fish Wreaks Havoc On Small Business

An ill-advised plan by environmentalists and the federal government to save a tiny fish called the delta smelt is causing many small businesses in California to lose access to life-giving, food-growing water. The plan has reduced the pumping of much-needed water through a series of canals, pumps and reservoirs from Northern California to the southern part of the state and as a result, thousands of small businesses and farms are not getting the water they desperately require to run their businesses.

"It may seem comical that a fish the size of a human finger could wreak havoc on the most populous state in America, but for many small businesses in California, the case of the delta smelt is no laughing matter," said John Kabateck, NFIB/California state director.

The NFIB Small Business Legal Center has filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of a lawsuit filed on behalf of small, independent farmers and businesses affected by the reduced pumping. One study estimates the staggering economic losses in the Central Valley alone at up to \$1.6 billion — with job losses as great as 80,000.

The Central Valley Project

A NO vote on this measure means: Local governments generally could continue to implement proposals involving the start-up or expansion of electricity service either through approval by a majority of voters or actions by governing boards.

PROP 17 - No 52.1% 2,004,410 votes - Yes 47.9% 1,848,768 votes

Allows Auto Insurance Companies To Base Their Prices In Part On A Driver's History Of Insurance Coverage. Initiative Statute.

A NO vote on this measure means: Insurers could provide discounts to their long-term automobile insurance customers, but would continue to be prohibited from providing such discounts to new customers switching from other insurers.

More Elections Results

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

Phil Serna – District 1 with 10,367 votes

Jimmie Yee – District 2 with 15,746 votes

Don Nottoli – District 5 with 17,568 votes

US Representative Nominations

District 3

Democrat Ami Berra, with 33,751 votes

Republican Dan Lungren, with 49,843 votes

State Senate District 6 Nominations

Democrat Darrell Steinberg with 44,230

Marcel Weiland with 24,459 votes

State Assembly District 5 Nominations

Democrat Richard Pan with 10,646

Republican Andy Pugno with 13,030 votes

Secretary of State Nominations

Democrat Debra Brown with 1,496,956

Republican Damon Dunn with 1,075,337 votes

Lieutenant Governor Nomination

Democrat Gavin Newsom with 937,982

Republican Abel Maldonado with 675,854 votes

Board of Equalization District 2 Nominations

Democrat Chris Parker with 165,611 votes

Republican George Runner with 178,675 votes

Superintendent of Public Instruction (Non-Partisan)

Larry Aceves with 595,739 votes

Tom Torlakson with 571,006 votes

Insurance Commissioner Nominations

Democrat Dave Jones with 916,838 votes

Republican Brian Fitzgerald with 716,331 votes

Attorney General Nominations

Democrat Kamala Harris with 553,771 votes

Republican Steve Cooley with 734,744 votes

Treasurer Nominations

Democrat Bill Lockyer with 1,503,024 votes

Republican Mimi Walters with 1,280,928 votes

Controller Nominations

Democrat John Chaing with 1,493,452 votes

Republican Tony Strickland with 884,272 votes

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and the State Water Project are the two water systems that pump necessary water from the north to the south. In 2005, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service granted the projects permits to operate the systems, finding that the pumping of water would not seriously threaten the smelt population.

Environmentalists sued, arguing that in areas where the water has to be pumped uphill, the pumps can trap and kill smelt. By the end of 2008, the FWS succumbed to pressure and limited the amount of water that can be pumped through the systems. As a result, thousands of small businesses no longer get the water they need to sustain their companies and crops. California's water agencies have called it "the most drastic cuts ever to California water."

The new lawsuit supported by the Legal Center has two main arguments. First, there is no significant scientific connection demonstrating that the fish killed during pumping actually threatens the existence of the smelt.

Second, there are legitimate questions about whether FWS has the authority under the Endangered Species Act to regulate the water

systems. The FWS claims that it has authority because of the Act's language granting authority in cases affecting commerce between states. However, the smelt exists only in California, and is neither bought nor sold in any commercial transactions.

"The case is important to NFIB members and all small business owners because it is a prime example of overregulation — unsupported by science and law — directly affecting the ability of entrepreneurs to make a living," said Karen Harned, executive director, NFIB Small Business Legal Center. "We urge the court to overturn the Fish and Wildlife Service decision so that these businesses can regain access to the water they need to run their companies."

The NFIB Small Business Legal Center is a 501(c)(3) organization created to protect the rights of America's small business owners by providing advisory material on legal issues and by ensuring that the voice of small business is heard in the nation's courts. The National Federation of Independent Business is the nation's leading small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals.

Gubernatorial Hopefuls Debated in Citrus Heights

By Eric Marks

With the primary election coming down to the wire, two people running for the states' highest office made an appearance at the Citrus Heights Community Center on Thursday, June 3rd. Bill Chambers and Larry Naritelli took time to visit with the citizens and to participate in a two hour long debate sponsored by the GOPtrumpeter.com.

While both Chambers and Naritelli are not polling as well as Meg Whitman and Steve Poizner they made it clear that their political views are no less valid.

In addition to the crowd, the debate was broadcast on the internet and 380 stations carried the feed live online, according to Andrew Bower of Red Dog Records who filmed and posted the debate.

The debate focused on several issues, including the hot button topic of illegal immigration, employment and water rights.

On the topic of water rights, both candidates debated the need to balance the environment and farmers need for water for crops and animals. Naritelli drew a round of applause when he stated that the

federal Constitution opens with the line "We the people, not we the fish!"

Another hot topic was illegal immigration and the candidates were both in agreement that something has to be done and the status quo is not sustainable.

"The only amnesty policy that we should consider would be for those individuals who came here legally and have not fulfilled their obligation to renew their documents...(In addition) we need to modify our immigration laws...in order to stop the practice of granting citizenship to a child who is born here of illegal

immigrants," Chambers said in an interview with the Messenger.

Naritelli said that the state can do a better job of controlling its porous border and one way to do this is to control the incentives for crossing illegally.

"The first thing we should do is to end the incentives for illegal immigration. No one here gets free health care, the illegal aliens do... we need to send the National Guard to the border...why should we taxpayers have to pay for the illegal immigrants? We can and should bill the countries for which they

(aliens) came from...if we charge them, and then they will control their borders better," Naritelli said.

David and Kim Birchell of Rocklin attended the debate and came away with respect for both candidates but believe Naritelli is the person for the job.

"He is pro-Reagan, a constitutionalist and knows what it will take to get the state back above the water again. We all know that our country and state were at its best when Ronald Reagan was in office," said Kim.

Kim's husband David agreed and added that he feels Naritelli is the best

man for the job because of his fiscal background and corporate experience.

"Larry comes from several accounting and controller backgrounds in the corporate climate, understanding the intricate situation the state is in fiscally...it is my belief that job-growth and business solvency in this state needs to be directed by someone with sufficient understanding of the state of businesses in California," said David.

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Rep Lungren Welcomes America Speaking Out



Congressman Dan Lungren

Washington DC - Rep. Lungren (R-CA) issued the following statement after the unveiling of America Speaking Out, a program which invites the American people to join the process of building a new policy agenda for America. Through America Speaking Out, the American people will be given a voice in setting the priorities for a national agenda. At town hall meetings, online at AmericaSpeakingOut.com, and through new communications tools, all Americans will have an opportunity to be a part of this effort.

"Americans have been speaking out but Washington is not listening. Democrats in charge of Congress have pursued a partisan agenda, rather than addressing the concerns of the American people. Whether forcing a government takeover of health care, passing a National Energy Tax, stacking up record deficits, or ignoring our nation's jobs crisis, the actions of this Congress have been against the will of the American people. America is ready for its voice to be heard in Washington, and the nation deserves a government that acts to implement the priorities of the people. "House Republicans are offering the country a new set of policy solutions, but rather than handing an agenda down from the Washington DC, we want to include the American people in building it. We are committed to our principles of smaller, more accountable government. However, we believe that leadership requires the humility to listen to the American people and a recognition that any new agenda should start with them. So to show

that the voices of the America people can still make a difference in Washington, we are introducing America Speaking Out and giving citizens a new opportunity to lend their ideas to the creation of a new national policy agenda. "I encourage all Americans, regardless of party affiliation, to be a part of this unprecedented dialogue of ideas. Throughout the summer we will be engaging the American people to solicit their priorities and discussing how our principles can be applied to America's challenges. "This project will feature innovative web tools and mobile applications that will bring town hall meetings directly to anywhere Americans are discussing our nation's challenges. Changing the course of our nation and the way Washington works will require the American people to continue to speak out and for Congress to start listening. Through America Speaking Out, the people will have a voice in Washington, as well as a group ready to act on their behalf."



By Jon Coupal, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Like the proverbial wolf that continues to lick the knife blade because it enjoys the taste of its own blood, the Democrats are back with another huge tax increase. At a time when the state's economy and taxpayers are still staggering under the burden of last year's \$12.6 billion tax increase, Democrats are pushing a plan to raise taxes by yet another \$5 billion and to borrow an additional \$8.7 billion. Among the proposals are extensions of the increases in the sales, income and car tax that were approved last year by the usual suspects, but were due to expire after two years. This goes to prove the adage that there is nothing so permanent as the temporary. In a recent column, Joel Fox, the president of the Small Business Action Committee, provided a number of excellent examples of "temporary" taxes that seem never to disappear. Among those is the federal telephone tax established to pay for the Spanish American War, which remained in place for 108 years after the war ended. Politicians know how to play the game. To minimize opposition to a new tax they market it as temporary. But once taxpayers become

Licking the Knife Blade

accustomed to paying it, they look to extend it or make it permanent. For a California example, look at the 1.25% sales tax increase Pete Wilson backed in 1991 to deal with a budget gap. A half-cent was supposed to be temporary, but when it came time to expire the Legislature placed it on the ballot promoting it as necessary for "public safety." Voters -- by then used to paying the higher tax -- swallowed the hook and we continue to pay the entire 1.25% increase initiated almost twenty years ago. As for the borrowing, our state's credit is so bad, lawmakers want to borrow money against the California Beverage Recycling Fund in an arrangement known as securitization. Basically, it would allow them to spend money on current programs by guaranteeing repayment with future recycling revenues. What most Californians think is a fee designed to make sure that beverage can and bottle litter is picked up, and that those resources are recycled, turns out to be just another Ponzi scheme by the Sacramento politicians. However, it clearly illustrates the contortions through which lawmakers will go to allow themselves to continue to spend regardless of the economic realities or the burden it places on ordinary taxpayers. Average Californians do not have to be told times are tough. An unemployment rate of 12.6% -- over 21% when the underemployed are counted -- may be just a number to most people, but virtually everyone knows the real impact of our failing economy because they have a friend or family member who is unemployed, even if they themselves continue to have a job. These statistics represent real suffering by real California families.

Legislators should not deceive themselves. Only part of the problem is linked to the national recession. The state's problems pre-date the recession and reflect a deeper policy-induced crisis. These tax grasping politicians would do well to review the 2010 edition of Rich States, Poor States, an economic competitive index of states by economist Arthur Laffer and published by the American Legislative Exchange Council. In the category of economic outlook, California ranks 46 out of 50 with 50 being worst. It is no coincidence the states ranking near the bottom are high tax states that are suffering a high level of domestic out-migration, which Laffer calls the "moving van effect." In other words, people and businesses are mobile; they can leave unfriendly economic states and move to tax friendly states. In domestic migration, California ranks a dismal 49, meaning that taxpayers are fleeing our state. However, in spite of the evidence, lawmakers move inexorably forward toward economic collapse. In an almost cartoonish satire of their lack of concern for the interests of average taxpayers, last week, the four legislative ringleaders behind the 2009 tax increase blithely traveled to Boston to accept Profiles in Courage Awards from the Kennedy Foundation for their raising taxes in face of public opposition -- and in defiance of logic. Meanwhile, those California taxpayers who have not left the state, soldier on without accolades. Jon Coupal is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association -- California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

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In the beginning it was love that caused God to create the world and everything in it. It was love that caused Him to create man in His own image. And it was love that caused Him to take a rib from Adam and create a woman for Adam to love. And that love began the human race. Love is certainly what makes the world go around! Scripture tells us that God is love and love certainly is the most powerful force in our world. Last night as I watched Christian



You can Overflow with Love

or part of any helping profession you know how physically, emotionally and spiritually draining loving people can be. Many volunteers are "running on fumes". How can we keep on giving and giving unless we take time to refill our love tank? There are three things we can and must do if we are going to overflow with love towards others.

First, we must take care of our bodies. We must take time to rest, we must eat a balanced diet, and we must exercise. It's fitness or fatigue! Secondly, we must recharge our emotional health by finding time for solitude. As Rick Warren said, "Come a-part or you will come apart." Like Jesus, we must get away from it all and take time to be alone. We need to change our pace, do something fun and be around people that make us laugh if we want to recharge our emotional reservoir. Thirdly, we

must seek God's supply. The Holy Bible teaches that God is Love.

1 John 4:7-21. God wants to pour His love into us so we can be so full that we slosh all over people! Love is one of God's gifts to us and it's ready for the asking. So ask God to fill you daily with His love. As you draw close to God you will find it much easier to be close with others. You will have God's eternal love bubbling up inside of you. You won't have to spoon it out in small careful doses. You can overflow with love.

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Perfectionism is based on the fear of God rather than the love of God. You may think, "But doesn't the Bible say the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom"? Yes, but you must understand what that word "fear" means. Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." The word for "fear", means "reverence" or "to be in awe of." God doesn't want you to be afraid of Him, He wants you to love Him. Jesus didn't say if you're afraid of me you will keep my commandments (John 14:15) He said if you love me you will keep my commandments.

But doesn't the Bible say, "Be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect"? Again you need to understand the word "perfect." Matthew 5:48 (KJV) "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." That

word perfect means "mature." The Message paraphrase puts it this way, "Grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others..." God knows you can't be perfect, that's why Jesus came to earth in the first place. He came to do for you what you couldn't do for yourself. Now all you have to do is accept it. Accept what He's done for you.

Life's greatest burden is trying to measure up to what God has already said no man can measure up to. Life's greatest burden is trying to get what God says you already have in Christ: His love, His acceptance and forgiveness.

If you've never opened your life to Jesus Christ, today is the day to do it. Say, "Jesus I realize that I can't live a perfect life and today I realize that you don't expect me to. I don't understand it all, but I realize you love me and I want you in my life. I want to accept your grace, what you've done for me. I ask you to forgive me and come into my life make the changes that I need and want."

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By Pastor Ray Dare

Does God like you? You may hesitate to answer that if you don't understand grace. You may be in a prison of perfectionism... thinking that you have to be perfect for God to love you. How do you get out? There's only one way. There's only one cure for perfectionism. Grace. Receive God's grace. Let Him give it to you. Grace is God giving to you what you don't deserve... His love, His forgiveness, His acceptance. It is the most important theme in the Bible. The Bible says that God's love for you is not based on your performance. That's why Christianity is called Good News. If you don't get anything else, understand this: God loves you unconditionally. The Bible teaches us we cannot please God by our performance.

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Citrus Heights police have investigated collisions in this area wherein alcohol has been a factor, thus increased education and enforcement are needed in this general area. Anyone with questions regarding this operation may contact Sergeant McVay at (916) 727-5500.

Sacramento Choral Society's Celebrates Inaugural Stained Glass Cathedral Series



The Sacramento Choral Society opens their performance at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Sacramento - The Sacramento Choral Society's recent Stained Glass performance at the recently renovated Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday June 5th to yet another standing-room-only audience confirmed that their Sacramento audience is absolutely delighted to have them back singing in downtown Sacramento.

Conductor Donald Kendrick and the SCSO Board are proud and delighted with their inaugural sold-out mini-series in the Cathedral that has been tastefully and artistically renovated.

Built in 1889 by Irish Bishop Manogue and renovated in 2005 under the guidance of Bishop Joseph Weigand, the 121 year old venue continues to be intricately linked to the history of Sacramento itself. Both Jane Stanford and Margaret Crocker wished to see the Cathedral become a center of culture and art. The SCSO is delighted to help realize this vision for the good of the community.

The SCSO's inaugural concert held at the Cathedral honored the great music of the English Cathedral tradition with works by Vaughan Williams, Sir Hubert Parry, Stanford and Malcolm Archer. The recent SCSO performance on Saturday, June 5th featured a tribute to the music of the great Cathedrals of Europe, focusing on music of the Italian School, the French School, the Austrian School, the Venetian School and the English School. Soloists Yoo Ri Clark, Tania Mannion, Pedro Betancourt and

Daniel Yoder soared in Mozart's stunning Coronation Mass. Baritone Daniel Yoder later brought radiant joy to the audience with his solo work in John Tavener's God is With Us.

The SCSO congratulates and thanks the Diocese of Sacramento, and particularly Bishop Weigand, who over saw the Cathedral's recent restoration. The City of



Daniel Yoder, Baritone, Yoo Ri Clark, Soprano, Donald Kendrick, Conductor, Tania Manion, Mezzo Soprano and Pedro Betancourt, Tenor, greeted hundreds of enthusiasts of the Sacramento Choral Society at the post-event gathering.

A unique pre-concert stained glass talk by glass expert Bill Cummings and the Cathedral head docent Denise Fracchia brought the history of the building alive. Both speakers focused in specific windows as they related to works on the program and pointed out unique differences in the European and American glass before "the windows went to sleep" during the concert after the sun had set.

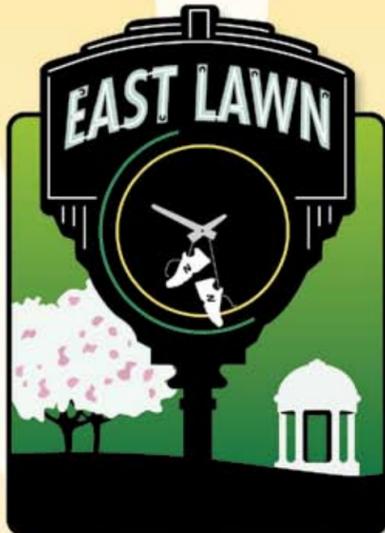
A huge crowd celebrated with the SCSO at a post concert reception in the lower level of the Cathedral where the SCSO unveiled its new Carmina Burana release.

Sacramento and the SCSO are both grateful to Father Kiernan and his staff for such a warm welcome to this magnificent venue. The SCSO is particularly pleased to have the support of the Parish Manager Tom Waddock and his warm hospitality team of docents and volunteers.

The SCSO plans to launch its 15th season with a concert at the Cathedral on Saturday, October 30 at 8 PM entitled Vespers at the Cathedral.

For more information, please visit the SCSO website soon: sacramentochoral.com.

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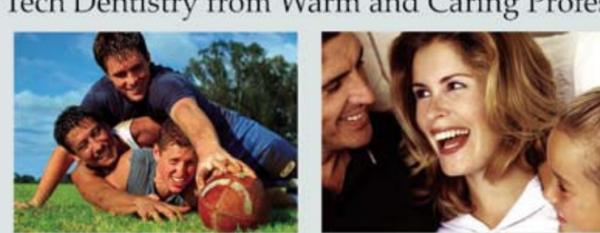
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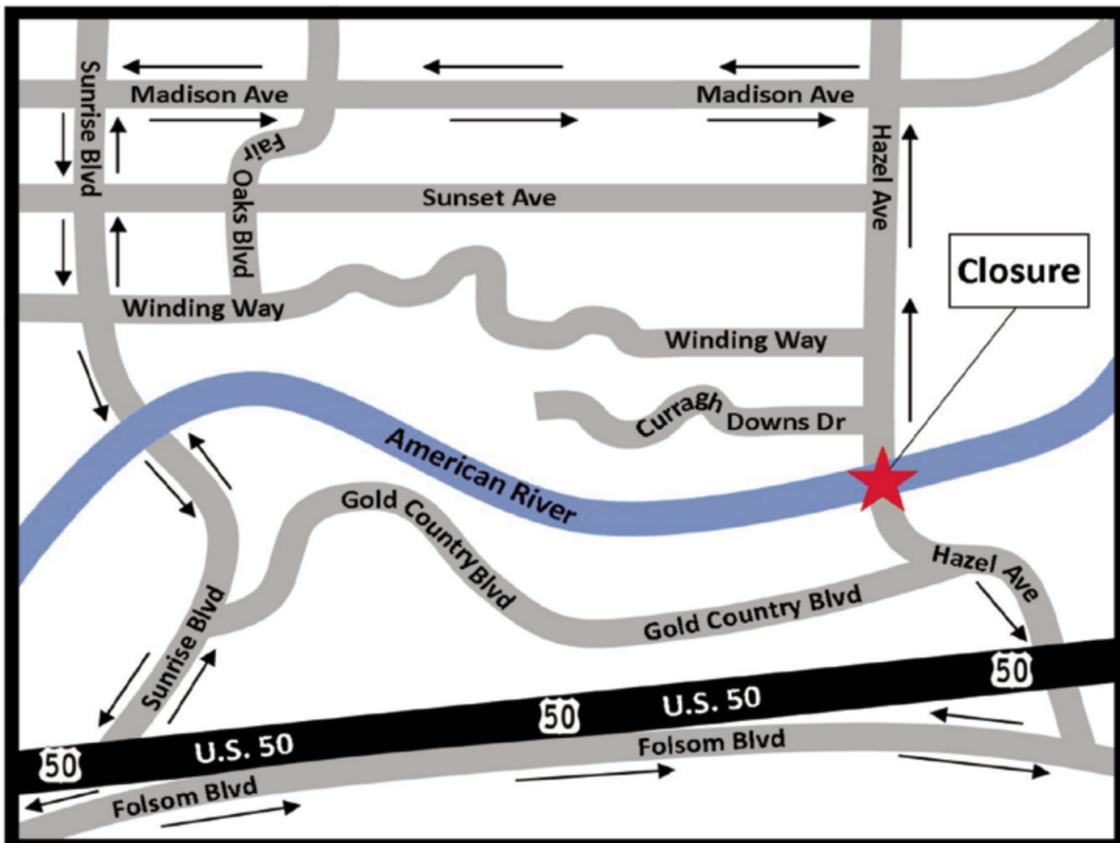
- The closure will impact all northbound and southbound traffic on Hazel Avenue including vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.
- American River Parkway and bike trail access on the south side of the American River will not be affected by the closure. Access will continue to be provided across Hazel Avenue at the Gold Country Boulevard intersection.
- Access from Hazel Avenue to the bike trail on the north side of the American River will be closed.
- Hazel Avenue and bike lanes and trails will be re-opened to the public at 6 AM, Monday morning, June 14th.

Detour Routes: The public is advised to avoid this area during closure hours as there will be significant impacts to all roadway users who use south or north bound lanes of Hazel Avenue. Detours will be in place to guide motorists around the construction area. A map of detour routes is included in this ad.

Bridge Construction: The full closure is needed as part of the Hazel Avenue Improvement Project, which will widen the roadway from 4 to 6 lanes. Bridge widening work the weekend of June 11, requires that Hazel Avenue be closed to all traffic.

Your Patience is Appreciated: Sacramento County understands the challenges and inconvenience that commuters, residents, businesses, bicyclists and pedestrians will experience during the closure period and appreciates your patience and cooperation as we work to complete this project.

Contact Information: Please contact Steve White (Project Manager) at 916-874-5354 or whitest@saccounty.net for additional project information. For information after-hours or over the weekend, call the Hazel Avenue Improvement Project Field Office at (916-539-0260). Check www.sacdot.com for more information about this project.



Taste of Fair Oaks



Fair Oaks - Jody Reese of Vitek Mortgage of Sacramento and friend Terry Porter of El Dorado Hills enjoyed the many wines, great foods and high spirits of this year's Taste of Fair Oaks event, held June 4th at the North Ridge Country Club in Fair Oaks. The event drew hundreds of people from around the area to taste a vast variety of wines from local wineries, sample great foods from local restaurants and to help raise funds through raffles and auctions for VIVA, Volunteers in Victim Assistance, an organization that assists those who have suffered from violent crime in the Sacramento area. The festive 17th annual event was hosted by the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce.

Don't Get Thin, Get Healthy At June 17 Luncheon

Loraine Holden, author of the popular book, "Don't Get Thin, Get Healthy" will be the featured speaker at the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon, Thursday, June 17, noon at the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, 7997 California Ave. Her extensive background in biology and medicine combines hands-on work with patients and researching the relationship between

disease and biochemistry. Holden believes you should concentrate on being healthy, not on losing weight. The meeting is open to the public and reservations are required. Cost of the luncheon is \$17 for members with reservations and \$20 for walk-ins and non-members. The entree is grilled Beef and Chicken Kabobs. To reserve: www.fairoakschamber.com or call 967-2903.

DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint

Citrus Heights - The Citrus Heights Police Department held a DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, May 21st from 7:30 pm to 3:00 am. The checkpoint took place on Madison Avenue at San Juan Avenue. DUI / Drivers License Checkpoints involve vehicles being stopped randomly as they drive through a specific location. Drivers are briefly contacted to determine if they are impaired; and/or licensed. Unlicensed drivers may have their vehicle towed. Those drivers found to be under the influence are arrested.

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Fair Oaks Historical Society

SECOND SUNDAY Open House

The Fair Oaks Historical Society invites you and your family to visit its History Center which will be open to visitors on June 13th, from 1pm to 4pm, during its monthly Open House. The History Center is located in the Fireside Room of the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, 7997 California Street, Fair Oaks.

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Here is a thought you might not have considered if you are looking to refinance your mortgage – a cash-in refinance.

A cash-in refinance is exactly what it sounds like. Instead of borrowing against your home equity as you would in a cash-out refinance, you're bringing additional money to the table to pay down your loan principal. And this is becoming the hot new trend in mortgage refinancing.

Cash-in refinancing was nearly unheard of a few years ago. With real estate value soaring, cash-out refinancing was the way to go. Borrowers were borrowing against the seemingly endless growth of their home equity. When housing prices declined, it is not surprising that cash-in refinancing is growing just as popular.

Advantages of cash-in refinancing

Cash-in refinancing offers several advantages that make it worth

considering, particularly at a time when banks have tightened their lending standards. First, it makes it easier to qualify for a refinance-if your home has lost value and perhaps is even "underwater" (you owe more than your property is worth), bringing additional cash to the table can improve your equity position.

Increasing your equity in the property can help you qualify for a better mortgage rate, particularly if you keep the equity at 20% or less.

Putting up additional cash can also bring you back "above water" and make it easier to qualify for a refinance in the first place. Even if you can't get back to positive equity, putting up a bit of cash might bring you within the range of 110 percent refinance available through the government's Making Home Affordable Program, particularly if you are presently stuck at a high rate or in an adjustable rate mortgage.

A better return on your money

Another reason to think about a cash-in refinance is as an investment.

Consider this: If you are only earning 1-3 percent on a certificate of deposit (CD) or savings account, you can probably get a better return putting that money toward your mortgage. If you can refinance your mortgage in the 5.25 percent range, any additional money you put in is effectively earning you 5.25% range interest, since from a profit and loss perspective, interest you don't pay is the same interest earned. In fact you'll earn even more, considering the mortgage interest is usually tax deductible.

I would like to offer to look at your current situation and see if a cash-in refinance might help improve your financial situation. Please feel free to contact me; with over 18 years experience, I pride myself as a professional mortgage planner.

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with Mary Jane Popp

MOOD FOOD

We've always known that eating right makes for good health. But eating for optimal emotional and mental health? You bet! Psychologist, Dr. Udo Erasmus, one of the leading authorities on the role nutrition plays in mental and physical health, says you can feed your mood with food. Dr. Erasmus has been featured in hundreds of publications around the world from the New York Post to The London Times. According to the good Doc, "Foods containing specific nutrients can boost our IQs, calm nerves, elevate our moods, improve our concentration, even alleviate symptoms associated with hyperactivity and learning disorders." Dr E says the first step is to add appropriate foods or nutrients to the diet to remedy deficiencies. Mind you, these are not instant fixes. You can expect to see a gradual lessening of your symptoms over a period of several months. Here are a few of his suggestions:

DEPRESSION: Foods containing fatty acid Omega 3, like cold water

tuna, salmon, herring, and mackerel, have been found to elevate mood. For vegetarians, flax, sunflower, and pumpkin seeds are rich sources of essential fatty acids.

APATHY AND MENTAL FATIGUE: Women often find feasting on iron-rich liver, remedies oxygen levels throughout the body which helps create an energetic attitude toward life.

ANGER: Turkey and Chicken, as well as bananas contain tryptophan, a building block of serotonin, which produces a mellowing effect.

CAN'T CONCENTRATE: Improve concentration with greens on a short term basis, Omega 3 rich flax and safflower seeds over the long term. When concentration difficulties are extreme, mega doses of Omega 3 and Omega 6 oils have proven effective.

LOW SEX DRIVE: Chocolate has often been used to jump start the libido because it contains theobromine, which induces feelings of euphoria and happiness. Brazil nuts are rich in selenium which helps sperm production. Oysters, long considered an aphrodisiac, are rich in zinc, an important for sexual function.

INSOMNIA: Magnesium, a muscle relaxer, can be found in green vegetables. Calcium, which works in conjunction with Calcium, is plentiful

in milk and cheese.

VIOLENT BEHAVIOR: Can be treated with fatty foods containing the essential fatty acids, or with concentrated supplements containing Omega 3 and Omega 6.

LEARNING PROBLEMS: Vitamin B foods help focus the mind. They include green leafy vegetables, seafood, and whole grains. Don't forget foods rich in essential fats to nourish the brain, which is comprised of 60% fat. Also, cereal containing fiber was found to assist learning skills in a recent university test.

MIGRAINE HEADACHES: Five daily glasses of pure water along with regular consumption of fiber-rich food will help flush headache-producing toxins from the body.

It's a start, and hopefully we can get back on the road to happy health and marvelous mood. Let's face it, how we look at life counts too. Is the glass half full or half empty? Dr. Erasmus is the author of "Fats That Heal Fats That Kill" and "Right Fat Diet Plan". If you'd like more info, call check out my Website at www.fitnessfats.com. Feel better? I DO!!!

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"Hogue In The Morning" Launches on KTKZ AM 1380



Eric Hogue

Sacramento – KTKZ 1380 Capitol Hour host, Eric Hogue, launched

his 2nd live show on KTKZ 1380; "Hogue in the Morning" from 7-9 am Monday through Friday. Hogue in the Morning will be Sacramento's only local, live political talk show.

Eric Hogue will continue to host The Capitol Hour from Noon to 1:00 pm in addition to "Hogue in the Morning".

Eric Hogue is a 30-year radio professional. Hogue started his career in Northeastern Ohio, working the markets of Cleveland, Akron and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on both television and radio handling talk radio and sports play-by-play. Hogue and his family moved to Sacramento, California in 2000 and he is nationally known for his launching of the historic

Gray Davis Recall in 2003. In 2004, Hogue received the Andy Anderson Award as Salem Communications' "Talk Host of the Year".

Eric Hogue frequently guest hosts for national talkers Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved, Dennis Prager and Roger Hedgecock. In 2007 Hogue made a brief attempt to run for State Assembly, bowing out of the race to return to 1380 KTKZ and his 10-year tenured microphone covering the Capitol of California. Eric Hogue is a contemporary, relevant and uniquely conservative Republican and is often referred to as "the most politically connected talk show host in Sacramento."

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Air Force Airman Nicholas D. DeHart 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.

He is the son of Julie Landrum of Streng Ave., Citrus Heights, Calif.

DeHart is a 2006 graduate of Elk Grove High School, Calif.

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BANDIT A Sacramento Hero



"Bandit"

By Kay Burton

Bandit is a 4 1/2 year old, 84 lb., K-9 Officer. Recently you may have heard about Bandit who has recovered from a gunshot wound. He was injured while on duty when police exchanged gunfire with a suspect in a home invasion in the Sacramento area in March. Bandit received a bullet wound to the neck. After a four hour surgery and a stay at the VCA Animal Hospital he has recovered. Bandit's partner is Sacramento Police Officer Gary Dahl. The two

work together and live together. Bandit is a German Shepard from Czechoslovakia. When he arrived from the Czech Republic he had very little training. He was tested and he was very thin, never had a bath and he looked and smelled very bad. His later tests showed he had 4 parasites in him. He was tested at the K9 vendor in Riverside, Ca; and he was purchased pending the Vet report. Except for the parasites he passed the Vet test with no problems. He then went through an 11 week training course that covered patrol work, handler protection building searches, narc detection and article detection.

Currently Bandit has been on the street for 1 1/2 years and has had numerous apprehensions, suspect surrenders, narcotic's finds and article finds. During several of his arrests he has been punched, kicked & choked. Bandit is also S.W.A.T. certified. Bandit is a hero. During one arrest, Bandit was fighting a gang member hiding in an attic who had

just stabbed another gang member. While Bandit was engaged (biting) with the suspect, they fell through the ceiling into an apartment crashing through a kitchen table. Bandit remained engaged (holding on to him with his bite) until Officer Gary Dahl got into the apartment and the suspect surrendered.

Officer Dahl does demos for children; he will ask them how do you think Bandit got his name? He tells them, "It's because he steals your heart."

At home Bandit is spoiled with love'n and dog treats by Mrs. Dahl, he follows her all around the kitchen like a wide eyed puppy.

By the way, "Bandit" and his partner Sgt. Gary Dahl will be honored guests of the Gold River Villagers at a luncheon on Wednesday, 23, North Ridge CC.

Kay Burton is a longtime columnist and supporter of the SSPCA and other rescue groups. To share your family pet story with our readers, email: Kayburton1@comcast.net

Cristo Rey High School Graduates First Class



Photo courtesy of Cristo Rey High School

Fifty of them have been accepted into four-year colleges and universities, including Boston College, St. Mary's College, St. Johns University, Drexel University and Loyola University.

The unique high school, which started with its first class of students in 2006, is part of a network of private Catholic high schools that provides college preparatory education for students of limited means. A key part of the program is that students work five days per month at an employer, learning valuable life skills and helping to pay the cost of their education.

"We are thrilled to recognize our first group of students that has been with us since the beginning," said Ward Fansler, president of CRHS. "Over the last four years, these individuals have gained vital skills and a well rounded education. They've got bright futures ahead, and I couldn't be any prouder."

The ceremony was held at St. Ignatius Church in Sacramento. Over 600 people attended.

Sacramento — Cristo Rey High School, a private college preparatory school for motivated students from families with limited financial means and where students

help pay for their education through an innovative work-study program, honored its first incoming class, as they graduated on June 2. A total of 53 students graduated.

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