AMERICAN KIVER S Denio Awards Aubry Stone: **Fireworks** Scholarships A Man for all Highlight to Local Reasons Homestand **Students** Page 4 Page 16 Page 8 Serving Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Carmichael, Orangevale & Gold River Volume 5 Issue 12 Second Edition for June 2010 **Railroad Museum Celebrating July 4th Debuts New Exhibit** Lights, Camera, Action! "Rails and Reels: Hollywood, Trains and the Making of Motion Pictures," opening July 2 in Sacramento, highlights the shared history of film and railroads. SACRAMENTO The

California State Railroad and Paul Newman. Eventually, Museum is set to debut a visuwesterns gave way to differally appealing exhibit titled ent popular culture genres "Rails and Reels: Hollywood, such as science fiction pro-Trains and the Making of ductions and today's action-Motion Pictures" on Friday, packed thrillers, many of July 2, 2010. The upcoming which continue to incorporate locomotives into their scenes exhibit will feature a variety of railroad-related artifacts, and backdrops. such as scale models of train The opening of this new cars used for special effect exhibit in Old Sacramento crash scenes in the 1939 epic is timed to coincide with the Union Pacific, a full-size completed restoration of the smokestack and headlamp 1891-vintage steam locomoused to "backdate" steam tive Sierra No. 3 at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in locomotives to represent the "old west,", and station signs Jamestown, California. A used in movies, including star in its own right, Sierra "High Noon"; a costume from No. 3 (also known as the the 1979 television movie "Movie Star Locomotive") has appeared in more than Orphan Train; plus sheet music, movie posters, lobby 100 Hollywood movie and television productions. Some cards, original film scripts, and other Hollywood-themed of the films No. 3 starred promotional items from railin will be chronicled in the "Rails and Reels" exhibit at road related films dating from the early 1900s. the Museum. The focus of the exhibit is Located in the Railroad to demonstrate how railroads Museum's Mezzanine Gallery, have played an important role the special exhibit will conin television and film protinue through May 31, 2011. ductions since the very early The California State Railroad days of Hollywood, and how Museum is open daily from 10 they continue to play starring a.m. to 5 p.m. and is widely roles in today's increasingly regarded as North America's "virtual" productions. In the finest and most popular railearly days of motion pictures road museum. For 24-hour America was fascinated with information, visit www.caliwesterns, and locomotives forniastaterailroadmuseum. often starred alongside leadorg or call (916) 445-6645. ing actors and actresses such **Gas Prices Up Again** as July 4 Holiday **Approaches** higher than this day a year ago. Including the change in gas prices in Sacramento during the GasBuddy.com operates over 200 live gasoline pricepast week, prices yesterday were 16.5 cents per gallon higher than tracking websites, including the same day one year ago and SactoGasPrices.com. GasBuddy. are 13.4 cents per gallon higher com was named one of Time than a month ago. The national magazine's 50 best websites and average has decreased 0.4 cents to PC World's 100 most useful per gallon during the last month websites of 2008. and stands 13.5 cents per gallon

as Gary Cooper, Grace Kelley

Firework stands are the Independence Day headquarters for many local fireworks enthusiasts.

by David Dickstein

Sacramento Region Fireworks, those seasonal salutes that spark in the dark, will soon be bursting in the air or dazzling from the ground. Where revelers ooh and ahh depends on whether you go public, such as at displays above nearby Hagan Park and Sunrise Mall, or private if your local jurisdiction allows consumer fireworks. Citrus Heights, Orangevale, Fair Oaks and Gold River do, starting June 28, which is good news for recession-weary non-profit organizations. Thanks to the late John Sullivan, the legendary Sacramento businessman credited for sparking a movement in the mid-1960s that revolutionized the state's fireworks industry, only fundraising non-profits can legally sell in California.

One such group is Fireside Lanes' youth league. "Last year we netted about \$7,000, which was down," said program director Debbie Haggerty. "We're hoping to do better this year, but the economy is still bad so who knows?'

Profits from its TNT Fireworks stand, in its own parking lot at 7901 Auburn Blvd. in Citrus Heights, will help subsidize league fees, uniforms and equipment for households a little light in their bowling bag. Proceeds also are earmarked for tournament travel expenses and scholarships.

"One of the neat things for us is we've been doing it for so long that former youth bowlers are helping in the booth now that they're 18 and older," Haggerty said. "We've come a long way from when the parents helped the kids. It says we're doing something right."

From strikes to spikes, Fair Oaks Soccer Club finds itself in a peculiar situation this fireworks season. Because none of its teams stepped up to run its stand, according to the group's tournament coordinator, a club from Elk Grove will gladly work the seven selling days and reap

the profits.

"Hopefully this will light a fire for a Fair Oaks team to run the stand next year," said Rick Kurianowicz, who admitted that a low return on investment the past two seasons didn't help with recruitment. "When my team had the stand 2 years ago, we only made about \$3,500. It was a tough year with a brand new stand and new location, and the governor telling people not to buy fireworks because of the firestorms throughout the state. It takes 3-5 years to make a following, so I'm optimistic we'll have one of our own teams on board in 2011."

Keeping fingers crossed that soccer supporters will not consider their team geographically undesirable are the Elk Grove Earthquakes. They'll be blending in at the Phantom Fireworks stand in the parking lot of U.S. Tire & Wheel, 5934 Fair Oaks Blvd.

"At the end of the day it's still parents working hard to

support their kids in youth soccer," Kurianowicz said. "And if Fair Oaks is looking for a local reason to support the Elk Grove team, the Earthquakes will be playing in the Fair Oaks Select Cup on Aug. 14-15."

The fireworks these and other local groups will sell through July 4 are of the state-approved variety. Even under "safe and sane" restrictions - items cannot spin, rotate or explode or emit sparks beyond 10 feet - the range of products and prices is wide. For example, both TNT and Phantom have buy-one-get-one deals on three 10-piece boxes of morning glories (wooden sparklers), but at TNT those 60 morning glories are \$2 cheaper than at Phantom. However, Phantom beats TNT's price on a 200-gram multi-tube fountain that's identical except in name; a pair of Phantom's Moondance fountains is \$2 less than TNT's equivalent Purple Rain.

Man Arrested for Attempted Arson to Church



Special report by Sac Metro Fire

Sacramento Region - At approximately 7:00 am this morning (June 20th) the Citrus Heights Police Department was called to 6965 Sylvan Road in Citrus Heights and discovered an attempted arson to the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall.

A flammable liquid was poured, ignited and burned out before it ignited the structure. A Joint investigation with the Sac Metro Fire Arson Unit had

performed subsequent interviews and discovered a suspect. At 7:00 pm that suspect was detained by CHPD and Sac Metro Fire Arson Unit interviewed and arrested 44 year old Jose Louis Orduno.

Orduno faces the following four charges: 1. Felony use of a flammable liquid, 2. Attempted Arson to a Commercial Structure, 3. Terrorist Threats, 4. Terrorist Act at a Religious place of Worship.



Sacramento - Average retail gasoline prices in Sacramento have risen 6.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.09/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.74/g, according to gasoline price website SactoGasPrices.com.

Rolling Stone Rocks BP and Obama's World

by Osha Gray Davidson

Last week, America's top rock 'n' roll mag brought down Afghanistan commanding general Stan McCrystal. It's reporting could now get Interior Secretary Ken Salazar fired too.

In a brilliant article, Rolling Stone's Tim Dickinson has exposed the government failures leading to and compounding the BP disaster - many which continue at present. Here are a few of Dickinson's findings, and a couple he didn't touch on:

The federal Minerals Management Service (MMS), part of the Department of the Interior and created by Ronald Reagan in 1982, had two missions: to promote energy production and to regulate it. But MMS was never designed to give each task equal treatment. Production was always the star. The watchdog role was a cameo trotted out for Congressional hearings.

Instead, MMS was a tool of Big Oil. A former MMS advisor describes a system "in which economic advantages are transferred to a remarkably small number of politically connected actors, while both the environment and the larger economy are harmed."

One MMS policy called "areawide leasing" dramatically increased individual tracts opened for off shore drilling from a pre-MMS lease size of three million acres and under, to 38 million acres upward. The result: smaller independent oil companies were squeezed out of the Gulf, unable to pay for the intensive oil exploration needed for mega-leases.

With only a few giant corporations bidding, the price paid to the American people (who own the drilling rights) plunged from an average of \$2,224 to \$263 per acre. Under MMS, royalties paid the U.S. Treasury by multinational oil companies, like BP, are among the lowest anywhere.

Problems at MMS exploded during the Bush administration. Influence peddling, sweetheart deals with industry, and failures of

oversight were rampant. Oil well inspections became a joke. Some MMS workers allowed oil companies to fill out inspection forms, then merely added their signatures.

As Dickinson points out, the Obama administration was fatally slow in cleaning up the mess at MMS. The rip-off of the American people by Big Oil continued despite Department of Energy Secretary Ken Salazar's declaration that "there's a new sheriff in town."

Under Obama, BP was granted a "categorical exclusion" and freed from preparing an environmental impact plan for Deepwater Horizon. In the unlikely event of a well blowout, MMS approved BP's Gulf-wide Oil Response Plan, a 538-page document that included references to walruses (cut-andpasted from BP's Arctic Drilling Plan), and that listed emergency contacts including a dead scientist and a Japanese home shopping network.

When Deepwater Horizon blew, neither BP nor Obama were prepared. For weeks, the Coast Guard possessed video showing the underwater gusher. But acting on instructions from BP, government withheld the footage and claimed only 1,000 barrels per day (bpd) were leaking, later raised to 5,000. Today, the official estimate is a high of 60,000 bpd, still likely too low.

To date, some 157 million gallons of crude have gushed into the Gulf, equivalent to 14 Exxon Valdez spills. Irreplaceable wetlands, nurseries for fish and shrimp, and migratory bird habitat are dying. Fishermen, with generations spent on the water, are losing their jobs and way of life. The ripples are capsizing families, drowning the tourist industry, obliterating entire communities.

And all because of a failed blowout preventer? No, not really.

It would be a far worse catastrophe to come away from this disaster having learned nothing substantive about what caused so much economic and environmental devastation.

Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes admits that government had a false sense of security about deepwater drilling. They were reassured, Hayes said, by "the NASA kind of fervor" over the industry's "terrific technology." That same fervor doomed Space Shuttles Columbia and Challenger. It's a near perfect analogy.

"Many accident investigations make the same mistake in defining causes," states NASA's report on Columbia. "They identify the widget that broke or malfunctioned, then locate the person most closely connected with the technical failure: the engineer who miscalculated an analysis, the operator who... pulled the wrong switches, the supervisor who failed to listen, or manager who made bad decisions...[The resulting changes] lead to a misguided and potentially disastrous belief that the underlying problem has been solved."

As Richard Feynman, the famed physicist who investigated NASA's Challenger disaster said: "For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for nature cannot be fooled."

The blind faith in "terrific technology" that led to NASA's tragedies is precisely what led to the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe.

Clearly, changes need to be made in oil exploration - including a serious national program to phase out fossil fuels and move to clean and safe renewable energy.

Personnel changes are necessary. The President's choice of Michael Bromwich to restructure MMS (just renamed the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) is a good one. Others may need to be fired, including Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

But personnel changes are the beginning of the process, not the end. It is not only corruption at MMS and arrogance at BP that doomed Deepwater Horizon. It's also our blind faith in technology. If we're unable to change that, then our 21st century technologies will take us full circle: back to the Stone Age.

Read Tim Dickinson's Rolling Stone story at http://www.rollingstone. com/politics/news/17390/111965 © 2010 www.blueridgepress.com. Osha Gray Davidson is author of five works of non-fiction, including Fire in the Turtle House: The Green Sea Turtle and the Fate of the Ocean. His work has appeared in The New York Times, Rolling Stone, The New Republic, Washington Post, and Woman's Day. He lives in Phoenix, Arizona.



By Dan Lungren Member of Congress

From what I have heard from you and your neighbors about fiscal responsibility, I think it would be pretty safe to assume that you have a personal budget of some form or another.

It may not be an elaborate spreadsheet with columns and macros, but you probably have a concrete idea of what you make in a month, what your expenses are in a month, and whether you are going to have a surplus (disposable income) or need to dip into savings because of an unexpected, emergency expense.

Even our children, if they are given an allowance, understand that what they get each week or month is it. They may not like it, but they learn that money does not grow on trees and that they will have to make do with what they have.

It's so simple, basic, and universal you would think Congress would understand - if nothing else - that a budget is crucial to fiscal discipline and stability, that the failure to establish fiscal guidelines will only fuel more spending. Apparently not.

For the first time since Congress passed new budget rules in 1974, the House of Representatives will not craft a budget. The House Leadership has instead decided to give the federal

government an indefinite credit line. Rather than forming a budget so that Congress and the American people know what we can and cannot afford, the Leadership plans to fund the myriad of federal agencies and programs without a budget framework.

The Joint Economic Committee (JEC) has reported that our gross debt amounts to 83.4 percent of our economy (our Gross Domestic Product - GDP). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) predicts it will reach 107.1 percent by the end of 2020. But this is without a 2011 budget. What might a 2011 budget reveal? More importantly, what impact will not having a budget have on our longterm outlook? Economists say that reining in government spending and providing fiscal discipline is needed to create jobs and grow the economy. Failing to pass a budget is missing an opportunity to do so.

We know that 6.8 million Americans have been jobless for six months or longer. Last month only 41,000 jobs were added in the private sector, but more than 10 times that amount were created in government mostly temporary Census jobs. This is a poor substitute for real job growth. Neglecting to pass a budget makes a mockery of claims of transparency.

Most every state in the Union puts a budget together, even in California where the Fifth Season - Budget Season - makes the rest of the hot summer seem bearable by comparison. That's because for all of the ugliness and protracted nature of the process, it finally forces us to come to terms with deficits and spending, two great obstacles to a healthy, job-growing economy.

So, rather than follow the lead of the 50 states, why do we in the United States Congress choose to follow

the example of Greece and other European countries who now face the fiscal wrath of living too large for much too long.

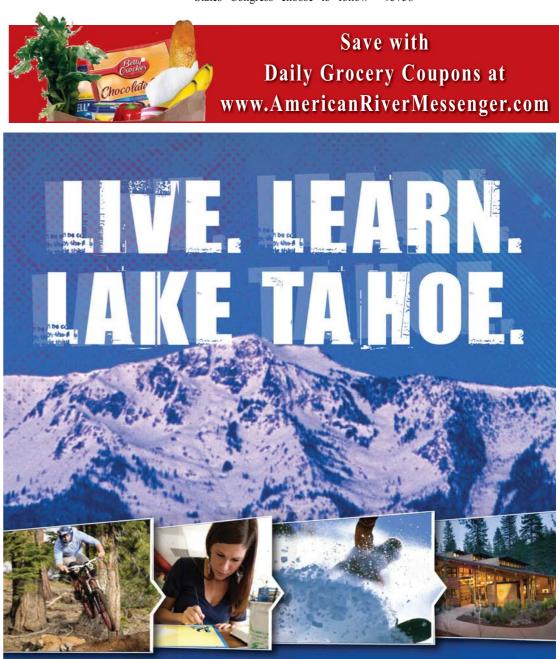
Let's craft a budget, let's debate the budget, and let's vote on it. It is the only way that we can hope to dig ourselves out from under the huge levels of spending and debt we have created for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

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John and Beverly Brown of Gold River Celebrate Their **50th Wedding Anniversary**



Back row left to right: Scott Barbu, Tamara Barbu, Jerry Cadden, Pam Cadden, Seth Tinkham, Vanessa Tinkham, Matt Kimzey, Mark Kimzey. Front row left to right: John Brown, Beverly Brown, J.J. Cadden, Kari Kimzey, Lori Kimzey (not pictured: Vincent Cadden).

John and Beverly Brown of Gold River just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a lavish party thrown in their honor Saturday night (June 12th) at the Masonic Temple in Folsom with 93 guests in attendance.

away as Oklahoma, Washington State, southern California, Oakland and Visalia came out to celebrate their momentous occasion. The party was thrown by their three daughters Pam Cadden (of WA state), Tamara Barbu (of Citrus Heights) and Lori Kimzey (of Fair Oaks). The anniversary couple wore pale blue which was the color of their June 10th,1960 wedding in Visalia, CA.

were John and Beverly's original wedding gown and tux as well as their original wedding photos, wedding album, cake topper, garter, candle holders and the very Bible the Bride carried down the isle in 1960. A recreation of the bride's then Family and friends as far flower bouquet was also made and displayed. Guests signed in on the anniversary couple's original wedding guest book continuing on where the guest list ended in 1960.

The catered affair of breaded salmon and tri-tip also offered a three tier wedding-anniversary cake in white with light blue frosting. Dear longtime family friend Dan Leonard was the photographer and their daughters gave the heartfelt On display at the 2010 party toast. The piece de resistance

of the evening was a 12 minute video that was set to music and showed the anniversary couple's life in photos in a then-to-now montage of their most treasured memories. The couple then danced to "When Your Old Wedding Ring Was New".

It was a special evening full of surprises and treats and the guest comment most heard was "This tribute brought back so many memories of great times and wonderful people." Beverly Brown herself said: "It was a great celebration with wonderful memories". John Brown was quoted as saying: "This evening was a 10+. Our daughters, family and friends outdid themselves".

Ten Scholars Honored with Joyce Raley Teel Scholarships

Program has awarded over \$280,000 to Raley's employees and family members

Sacramento Region - Raley's employees, family members and community leaders gathered recently to honor the tremendous achievements of ten scholars – the finalists for this year's Joyce Raley Teel Scholarship program.

This year marks the 12th year of the Joyce Raley Teel Scholarship Program, which has given a total of \$288,000 to employees and eligible dependents.

Raley's congratulates all the winners. The \$5,000 award recipient was Alexandra Hartline of Fair Oaks. The \$4,000 award recipient was Staci Smith of Oroville. The \$3,000 award recipient was Samantha Crowley of Sacramento.

The \$2,000 scholarship recipients were Devin Hammer of Antioch, Lawrence Padaoan of Suisun and Jewelene Rezendes of Merced. The \$1,000 scholarship recipients were Janie Hironaka of Sacramento, Jayme Telles of Hollister, Samantha Walz of Placerville and Amy Wolfley of Newcastle.

From Alexandra Hartline, \$5,000 scholarship recipient's entry:

'With the words, "Hi, everyone. My name is Alex Hartline, and I will be your Biology 310 tutor this semester. Let's get started." My initial nervousness on that first day quickly transformed into excitement for the exploration ahead of us. The lessons I learned as a Biology tutor significantly shaped my educational goals and cemented my commitment to a career as a librarian. Following my graduation from the University of California, Davis, in June 2011,



Alexandra Hartline of Fair Oaks, the \$5,000 award recipient of this year's Joyce Raley Teel Scholarship.

with an undergraduate degree in History and Art History, I plan on enrolling in a Master's in Library and Information Science program and subsequently embark on a career as a librarian. As a librarian, I will enjoy many of the same things I enjoyed while working as a tutor and as a clerk at Raley's. I will be able to work with students, colleagues and the general public to positively impact the learning process. Also, my skills will

be used to further the cause of higher education and enhance the resources necessary for scholarly research and discussion. My interest in librarianship was spurred by this unique experience in group tutoring, and I look forward to fulfilling my career dreams and serving others in the library.'

The event was held on Wednesday, May 26th, 2010. Source:

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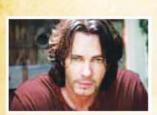
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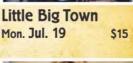


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Denios awards annual education scholarship to local students



l'esha Brown, Rafael Garcia with Ken Denio, President of Denio's Farmers Market & Swap Meet. Denio's awarded annual education scholarships to the local students, honored for dedication to work, school, and the community. Photo courtesy Denio's.

Sacramento Region - Denio's Roseville Farmers Market & nation and willingness to learn Swap Meet announced recently in their school work and in other that employees I'esha Brown and Rafael Garcia have been Denio's Scholarship.

The education award is given annually to young employees who are excelling in the classroom, show initiative and accept new challenges while working at Denio's, and have also volunteered for community service. Both Garcia and I'esha Brown have each received a \$1,000 scholarship from Denio's.

"Both I'esha and Rafael have been great role models for all our young employees at Denio's," said Ken Denio, President of Denio's Farmers Market & Swap Meet. "They are both extremely hard workers who are always eager to take on new challenges and job responsibilities. They

demonstrate that same determiendeavors as well."

Brown, who lives in Antelope, named the recipients of the 2010 has worked as a cashier in food services for over a year. Brown graduated in late May from Center High School and will immediately begin her studies at Sacramento City College. She is enrolled in the college's nursing program and has a goal of becoming a registered nurse. Brown's mother and grandmother are both nurses.

This year Brown has stayed busy with her studies at Center High and working weekends at Denio's, yet has also managed to perform volunteer work at Dudley Elementary in Antelope where her brother, Brandon, goes to school.

"One of my best friends, Cassandra Robinson, won a

Denio's scholarship last year, so this is a great honor for me to be follow in her footsteps," Brown said. "I'm a people person, so I really enjoy working at Denio's, meeting a lot of different people, and learning the true meaning of customer relations. Denio's has provided a lot of guidance and positive feedback that will prove valuable to me in the future."

Garcia, from North Highlands, has been a valuable food services worker at Denio's since December 2007.

He has been attending classes in the Home Builders Institute (HBI) carpentry program and the School for Integrated Academics and Technology (SIATech) for the past two years at Sacramento Job Corps. Garcia graduates from both programs in June and this summer will begin attending the Transportation Communications Union (TCU) program in San Jose. The advanced vocational training school is designed for students seeking careers in either airport or railroad operations.

During the past year, Garcia has volunteered his services to several Sacramento organizations while representing the Sacramento Job Corps.

"I've learned many things while working at Denio's, like how to multi-task, how to deal with customer-related problems, and now thoroughly understand the importance of showing proper respect to both customers and other employees," Garcia said. "Denio's is like a big family to me. Everyone enjoys what they are doing and is really trying to do a good job and make this a great experience for our many customers."

For more information, visit www.deniosmarket.com.



THE SEASONAL CURE

Achooo!!! 'Tis the season, right? Do you have these miseries: Stuffy nose, major headache, your cheekbones feel like they're going to explode, and don't forget, you may have an ear ache and stiff neck to go with the rest of the pain? No, it's not the flu. It's your sinuses acting up, and you may have sinusitis. What a pain! Health experts estimate that thirty-seven million Americans are affected by sinusitis every year, and they spend nearly \$6 billion each year on health care costs. Dr. Murray Grossan says sinusitis and allergies are on the increase, and he's authored "The Sinus Cure" and invented the Hydro Pulse Nasal/Sinus Irrigation System to lead us out of the pain-ridden path. Dr. Grossan practices at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles.

According to the good Doc, "Sinusitis and allergies are worse today than before the antibiotic age." He says that many patients believe antibiotics will cure their sinus problems, but they are wrong. And sinusitis is not a harmless disease. Dr. Grossan states that people often don't see a doctor for a

POPPOFF! with Mary Jane Popp

simple runny nose. They just accept it and suffer with post-nasal drip. But did you know that a chronic runny nose (sinusitis) can lead to chest disease and kidney or arthritis changes? In fact, many cases of sleep apnea and snoring clear up when the nose is cleared.

Dr. Grossan offers seven simple steps to cure your sinus problems without drugs, as well as preventing it in children:

1) Make the diagnosis. There are tests you might need from a physical exam to some medical tests.

2) Use nasal irrigation to keep your nose clean and functional. Basically nasal irrigation is just that: cleaning your sinuses out with mild saltwater, or saline solution. Although it may sound complicated, this easy-to-use and all-natural sinus-cleansing method has many benefits.

3) Consider using alternative therapies with conventional medicine. Holistic treatments are a growing trend.

4) Clean up the air around you. From the bedroom with the highest levels of dust mite allergen in your home to mold and mildew, it all must be considered.

5) Boost the levels of healing nutrients in your body. This can range from foods that help fight

sinus infections like Grandma's chicken soup because the soup helps the cilia of the nose and bronchial passages move quickly so they can defend the respiratory system against contagion.

6) Relax! Sinusitis can be made worse when you're stressed out. There is an extremely close relationship between your inner attitude and daily thoughts and the effect these have on your body and mind.

7) Choose the most effective medical therapies. Medicines may be necessary, and there are many to consider from decongestants and steroids to antihistimines.

The Doc also goes into the possibility of surgery, if necessary. It's all about "The Sinus Cure" and you. If you want more info on the book and the Hydro Pulse, just go to www.grossan. com. Now breath deeply, and say Ooooooommmmm out loud. The Doc says singing it can do wonders!

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

Carmichael to Hold Region's Largest Parade Event



yet! What would a 4th of July be without a spectacular display of colors and sounds that light up the night sky? Yes I am talking about fireworks - a plethora of sparkle, pops and snaps that always incite the patriotism that our country stands for.

Sponsored by Carmichael and Mission Oaks Recreation and Park Districts, the fireworks shoot is scheduled for approximately 9:30pm at the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road. Join us earlier in the evening at 8pm for musical entertainment by the spirited and talented Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band, directed by

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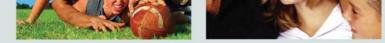
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The annual Carmichael Fourth of July Parade is eagerly anticipated by Sacramento-araea residents.

Carmichael - Although it's taken a bit for our summer weather to catch up with the season, we are going to be basking in the high temperatures before we know what hit us. That means the 4th of July is just around the corner and Carmichael once again has big plans to celebrate.

The Elks Club is hosting the 52nd Annual Parade which starts at 11am this year. The route begins at Marconi and Fair Oaks and spectators can watch as the trail of classic cars, community floats, marching bands, military

units and dignitaries make their way down Fair Oaks Boulevard to Cypress and Manzanita where the parade ends. This year's theme is Honoring Those Who Serve and is sure to pay tribute to the many service units who have aided in protecting this country.

The Carmichael Kiwanis Club is hosting its Annual Pancake Breakfast at Carmichael Park so stop by the Clubhouse for a stack of flapjacks before finding the perfect viewing spot along the parade route. But wait – the day isn't over

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start teaching them about sex-

which is the first time they show any

interest. Make sure you keep it age-

appropriate, and don't over-answer

Neither of these things will amount

to a one-time talk, because they're

both just parts of life. That means

they're ongoing processes that will

last for years. If you have one talk

at an early age with your kids about

money, then they're probably not

going to remember a lot of it as they

get older. If you have just one talk

with your kids about sex at an early

age, you're liable to wind up with a

To answer your second question, I

hate the idea of an allowance for kids,

because it makes the whole situation

sound like welfare. We put our kids on

commission at an early age. They had

chores associated with certain dollar

amounts, and if they worked, they got

paid. If they didn't work, they didn't

get paid. It was as simple as that.

Then, they would split their money

between three different envelopes-

one for saving, one for spending, and

one for giving-and we would teach

Kids need to emotionally connect

work to money at a young age. If

you don't teach them four major

concepts-spending, saving, giving,

and work-you're going to have

major problems by the time they're

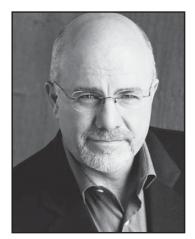
them to do each one wisely.

10 years old!

- Dave

bunch of pregnant teenagers!

questions when they're young.



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.

Teach Them Early

Dear Dave,

How early should I start teaching my kids about money? Also, how do you feel about giving kids an allowance? - Cathy

Dear Cathy,

I think you should start teaching kids about money as early as you

No Pain, No Gain!

Dear Dave,

I've heard you talk to people about "gazelle intensity." What exactly does this mean? - Del

Dear Del,

Basically, it means absolutely going crazy and doing whatever it takes for a little while to get out of debt. I'd much rather endure pain or discomfort for a short period of time and get it over with instead of living my whole life floundering around and accomplishing nothing in the process

Some people probably think I'm using hyperbole when I give people advice on how to get out of debt, but I'm serious about it all. I've lived this stuff, man! There were literally stretches of years when we didn't go on vacation or see the inside of a restaurant. If you want to get out of debt and get control of your money, you've got to be serious and intense enough to makes sacrifices on that level for a short period of time. We call it living like no one else, so that later you can live like no one else.

It's not just dollars and cents we're talking about here. It's also about changing behaviors and mindsets. You don't need to go to Disneyland every year. You don't need to eat out every weekend. Until you're willing to make temporary sacrifices like this-and become "gazelle intense" about taking control of yourself and your money-you're never going to reach your goal of becoming debtfree!

- Dave

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What do California Baby Boomers **Need to Know About Medicare?** Free Simplified information about Medicare and Medigap

On January 1 of 2011, the first "official" California baby boomers will turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare benefits. These early baby boomers are already being bombarded with information about Medicare and Medigap through televised and print ads, presentations, e-mails and phone calls. Adventuresome boomers could go the official government website (medicare. gov) and read the 123 pages of detailed government speak or they might try a new approach. A group of "Early Baby Boomers" started to examine their options and found a lot of information that was often confusing and overwhelming. These Early Baby Boomers have researched and simplified information about Medicare, Medigap and other life questions into a brief and easy to follow web site.

"Since we had difficult experiences with the Medicare information, we thought it might be helpful to share our discoveries and recommendations in a format that was brief and succinct. So, let's hear it for brevity!" says Jean Ramsay, Project Leader of the "Early Baby Boomers."

Their website, (http://www. ababyboomersguide.com), uses

humor to help people grasp the basics of Medicare. This website could be called the "Completely Abridged Guide to Understanding Medicare" because it simplifies Medicare Part A, Part B, Part C, Medigap Supplemental Plans, and Part D the Prescription Plan.

"It is vital for each person to determine what the bottom line will be for themselves. Because of all the hype from various sources, it it is easy to be confused or mislead. Often, in presentations held in hotel meeting rooms, a company presenter will correctly tell potential clients that there is no monthly premium. While this is true they do not mention that by the end of the year, the co-pays and other out-of-pocket expenses could add up to thousands of dollars or more. A very nasty surprise" said Jean Ramsay.

Ramsay continues, "When you grasp the basic framework of Medicare Insurance, you will be better able to have a place to put all the details of your particular situation. Then you can make better informed medical and financial choices."

Medicare is health Insurance for people 65 & older as well as some under 65 with certain disabilities. You can sign up for Medicare and your Medigap Supplemental plan while you are 64 and coverage will begin the first of the month of your 65th birthday. It is good to get your Medicare coverage in place so there is no gap with your current policy. During the open enrollment period at 65 (you can sign up for Medicare Insurance 6 months before and up to 6 months after 65), you can not be turned down due to pre-existing conditions, but if you want to switch policies later, you will have to go through an underwriting process and could be turned down. Ramsay adds, "If you are over 65 and have had continuing credible coverage, don't despair. You are still qualified."

This affiliation of baby boomers also offers their research criteria, recommendations and believes that this easy to follow guide will help their fellow California boomers make informed decisions that will affect the rest of their lives. For more information go to their website at http://www.ababyboomersguide.com



ROCK DOC Bv Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

Eggs from Near and Far

Sadly, intuition does not always Let's say the farmers market eggs agree with reason and arithmetic. Jude Capper of the Animal Sciences department at Washington State University recently took me through the example of buying eggs from the three sources mentioned above. The numbers that follow are just an example – your numbers would vary.

Let's say it's 1.5 miles from a house to the supermarket, 7 miles from that house to the farmers narket, and 27 miles from that

get to their sales booth via a pickup truck, and I go back and forth to where I buy my eggs in a car.

I know it may not seem like it, but 18-wheelers are really quite fuelefficient compared to pickups and cars when you consider all that they haul. Capper tells me they typically get about 5.4 miles on a gallon of diesel (plus, for a refrigerated truck capable of carrying eggs, they burn half a gallon of fuel per hour to keep everything cool). But the truck

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To me, there's nothing like a breakfast that involves an egg. That dose of protein, I think, helps me last at work until noon or even beyond the lunch hour if need be.

Like me, you probably often have a dozen eggs on your grocery list. And when you wake up blearyeyed on a Saturday morning, you face the choice of how you will buy those eggs.

In some parts of the country, there are three choices for procuring eggs. You can buy them at a supermarket, at a local farmers market or directly from a local farm. If you want to support small farms - for any reason - then the second or third choice will be yours. But what if you care most intensely about what are increasingly being called "food miles" and how much energy is used bringing the food from the farm to your doorstep?

Food miles are the number of miles that food has traveled to reach you. It seems intuitively obvious that the lower the number of food miles, the less energy you are causing to be used for your groceries. It's better to buy food produced near you than food grown across the country, right?

same house to a local poultry farm that will sell to the public. (Those numbers fit my situation pretty well, although they were chosen by Capper for another location.)

Now let's think of the food miles of the eggs themselves. In the case of the supermarket, Capper's example has them coming from 800 miles away in an 18-wheeler. Add the 1.5 miles for a person to get to the store and that's 801.5 miles of total driving around before the consumer first picks up the eggs.

"Obviously, on the first analysis, the food miles for the supermarket example are looking grim," says Capper with a laugh.

Even if the semi-truck hauls other goods (like apples) back to where it came from, there's a lot of traveling involved to get eggs and produce to us.

The farmers market example and the local poultry farm case do involve less traveling for each egg. But there are other issues we want to consider since our real concern likely isn't food miles itself but how much energy is consumed getting the eggs from the chickens to our frying pans.

Here are two important facts.

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Capper showed me the arithmetic that clearly shows the most energy efficient way for me to buy eggs for my household is to go to the supermarket, essentially relying on that highly efficient 18-wheeler. And that's not even considering the notion that I'll likely go to the supermarket anyway, to buy laundry detergent, light bulbs, toothpaste and bottles of eye-drops. (What can I say, I swim a lot.)

There are other reasons to buy locally produced eggs, Capper is quick to point out. You might want to support local agriculture, or you might prefer the taste of eggs from alternative systems. But if energy conservation is your primary concern in what groceries you buy, it pays to reason and go with the numbers rather than following your gut.

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.

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 kickoff 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 (time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) upcoming concerts include:-

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

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.

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Scheduled meetings are July 18, August 1, August 15, September 19, October

November 21, and December All meetings will be 19. facilitated by career counselor Joanne Verdon.

information, For more telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

Good Samaritan Sustains Major Injuries in Felony DUI Crash

Sacramento Region - On June 26, 2010 at approximately 1:55 a.m., Ramon Vargas, a 23 year old from Sacramento was driving a green 1995 Isuzu Rodeo on I-5 northbound transitioning to eastbound I-80 in the #2 lane. Germaine Rizak, a 31 year old from Sacramento was driving a white/red 2003 Ford Crown Victoria taxicab on I-5 northbound to the left rear of the Isuzu. Vargas turned his vehicle to the left making an unsafe turning movement directly in the path of the taxicab. Rizak observed the vehicle ahead of his; he applied the brakes but was unable to stop before broad siding the passenger side of the Isuzu. The impact caused the Isuzu to

overturn and come to rest on
its roof.to render aid. Zipay was stand-
ing in the #2 lane of northbound

Alejandro Deharo, a 23 year old passenger in the Isuzu was transported to Mercy San Juan Hospital with head and face lacerations. Two passengers in the taxicab, Josephine Kelly (21 yrs) and Kimberly Rogers (25 yrs) sustained lacerations to their head and face and were transported to local hospitals. Both Kelly and Rogers were not wearing seatbelts at the time of the collision. Vargas was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jai for felony DUI and driving on a suspended driver's license.

Daniel Zipay, a 28 year old from Folsom and his brother stopped at the collision scene

ing in the #2 lane of northbound I-5 transition road to eastbound I-80 placing a reflective triangle in the roadway to alert other drivers of the hazard. Two separate vehicles approached his location and were able to avoid a collision. A third vehicle approached Zipay's location and struck him, throwing him to the ground. The driver fled in the vehicle immediately following the collision. Zipay was transported to UC Davis Medical Hospital with a broken pelvis and broken right leg.

If you have information regarding this collision please contact the North Sacramento CHP Special Investigations Unit at (916) 338-6710.

Pedestrian Killed on Capital City Freeway

Sacramento Region - On June 21, 2010 at approximately 12:50 a.m., Howard Ballin a 54 year old from Antelope was driving a white 2000 Toyota Corolla on southbound SR-51 north of El Camino Avenue in the #3 lane at approximately 65 mph. Roy Pearson, a 48 year old from Sacramento

was crossing the freeway on southbound SR-51 north of El Camino Avenue from the center divider towards the shoulder. Pearson ran directly in the path of the Corolla and was struck and thrown into the #4 lane where he was struck by another vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle that struck Pearson did not stop at the scene. Pearson sustained fatal injuries at the scene of the collision. Witnesses described the second vehicle as a white vehicle.

If you have information regarding this collision please contact the North Sacramento CHP office at (916) 338-6710.

CHP Enhances Enforcement of Cell Phone Use

Sacramento Region - In an effort to reduce fatal and injury speedcaused collisions occurring on county roads, the North Sacramento CHP area had additional officers out patrolling this week. The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) approved the CHP's Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Speed II grant which provides enhanced enforcement on county roadways statewide. During this enforcement period there were 25 citations written for non-use of a hands-free wireless device, 7 stop

sign violations, 6 verbal warnings and one citation for throwing a lit cigarette out of the window.

While speed is a primary collision factor, drivers are also vulnerable to driving distractions such as talking with passengers, eating or drinking, and talking or texting on wireless phones, which increase the chance of getting involved in serious vehicle collisions.

Drivers need to focus one

hundred percent of their attention on their driving at all times. Don't wait until you get behind the wheel before you decide to make a phone call. If you must use your cell phone, remember section 23123 of the California Vehicle Code requires that you use a hands free device. Plan ahead, buckle up, and don't drink and drive.

Tipping Point? Special Report: Recession Recovery

Job demand & hiring trends for local companies in the 3rd Quarter of 2010



Sacramento Region - Eighty percent (80%) of the human resource professionals at the region's top companies say, in a word, no, the recession isn't over. However, when asked about progress toward economic recovery -"Are you looking forward to a better economy now?"- seventy-five percent (75%) of those with the 100 top companies say, yes. While the results indicate optimism for recovery is widespread, Pacific Staffing has discovered that confidence in long-term stability remains a question mark for many of the people who manage other

people in the Sacramento regional economy. HR contacts were also asked if, in their opinion, they expected the company to grow and sixty-six percent (66%) said, yes. Fiftytwo percent (52%) of those responding also believed that jobs were returning slowly and hiring will soon increase in the area.

In the 3rd Quarter, fifty-eight percent (58%) of Sacramento regional companies say they will be hiring. Another fortytwo percent (42%) say no hiring is planned for July, August and September. In direct contacts by telephone May 24- June 21, forty percent (40%) of companies report hiring only for replacements or attrition in the existing workforce. However, the number of companies attributing hiring motivated by growth has risen again in 2010 with thirty-five percent (35%) hiring for new workers in the third quarter.

Twelve percent (12%) of Sacramento regional hiring was also attributed to seasonal demands. Four percent (4%)

of companies planned force reductions, attributing them to seasonal change or problems caused by recession and continuing slow business.

Sales, technical skills and customer service experience are in high demand in the next three months. Sacramento regional HR contacts also report need for warehouse, shipping, product assembly and manufacturing experience in the next Quarter for those seeking employment.

The top challenge ahead for HR pros in the area is concern about how to manage changes in healthcare benefits and costs relating to new laws.

Of the 100 Sacramento Regional Top Companies By Industry, 43% are Service, 32% are Manufacturers, 14% are Construction and 11% are Retail.

How does this Quarter compare to last quarter, or last year? Find out for yourself, for more information & surveys go to www.pacificstaffing.com.

National Bargaining for 96,000 Union Members at Kaiser Permanente Complete SEIU-UHW Members Reach Tentative Agreement with Raises, Full Retention of All Benefits Including Healthcare

Sacramento – On Tuesday, June 1, Service Employees International Union – United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) members from Kaiser Permanente hospitals and their families held news conferences across California to celebrate the impact of the new national labor agreement reached May 27th with Kaiser Permanente.

Concluding months of bargaining for a new national agreement covering 96,000 union members at Kaiser Permanente, the Service Employees International Union -United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW)'s 121-member bargaining team announced a tentative agreement on a new two-year contract that upholds high standards at the nation's largest not-for-profit healthcare provider. The tentative agreement, reached this morning, provides for 3% raises in each year of the agreement, maintains all existing healthcare benefits and protects job security. "Today's agreement is a remarkable achievement in a tough

economy," said Dave Regan, SEIU-UHW trustee. "It recognizes the contribution caregivers make to quality patient care."

SEIU-UHW members, who at almost 48,000, make up half of the 96,000 union members in the 32 unions in the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, will review the tentative agreement and vote to accept or reject it in June before it becomes final. The current agreement expires in October 2010.

"With this agreement, Kaiser continues to set the standard - whether in providing quality healthcare to deductibles and fees for health insurance. But with Kaiser's fiscal health improving and enrollment growing, SEIU-UHW members united across the state to ensure that all their benefits would be maintained.

During the months of national bargaining, thousands of SEIU-UHW members at Kaiser hospitals and clinics across the state held rallies and pickets in support of the 2010 bargaining goals: win raises for all members, maintain all benefits including healthcare, and lock-in long-term job security.

SEIU United Healthcare Workers-

on the American River

Woman Nearly Drowns

Sacramento Region - June 27th, at 5:40 pm Metro Fire's boat 65 was returning from an emergency at Gilligan's Island on the American River. It was by chance that firefighters noticed a raft floating with no body on board. Behind the boat, in the water, without a life vest was a woman struggling to stay

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afloat. Firefighters immediately launched a rescue swimmer to capture the woman just before she went under. The woman who is in her late 30's or early 40's had swallowed large amounts of water and in her words said, "I thought I was going to die." The woman was transported to the UC Davis Med Center for treatment for a near drowning.

If Firefighters did not happen to be at this location at this time this woman would have drown. Metro Fire reminds everyone who plans to recreate on the American River that a life jacket will save your life. the community or offering pay and benefits that keep experienced staff and define Kaiser as one of the best employers anywhere," said Larry Coleman, a nuclear medicine technologist at Kaiser Roseville Medical Center and a bargaining committee member.

Entering negotiations, Kaiser sought takeaways on employee healthcare benefits. Earlier this year managers and non-union employees were required to pay increased West (SEIU-UHW) is the largest hospital and healthcare union in the western United States with more than 150,000 members. We unite every type of healthcare worker with a mission to achieve high-quality healthcare for all. SEIU-UHW is part of the 2.2 million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the nation's fastest-growing union. Learn more at www.seiu-uhw. org.

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The Decision The Boycott Works Both Ways

by Lee Harline

They collected in Caesar Chavez Park at 5 pm. Perhaps 30 demonstrators in white and yellow T-shirts with "Boycott Arizona" on the chest, Arizona's 'Z' was replaced with a swastika. A handful of purple and goldshirted SEIU members joined them. The group arranged themselves in front of an 18'X24' American flag, and surrounded a red banner reading "KFBK = RACISTRADIO!"Thethirdlargest sign was an Obama campaign poster surrounded by small signs reading: "REPUBLIKKKANS = PAY CUTS!", "DON'T FORCE CHILDREN OUR INTO SLAVERY!", "SI SE PUEDES!" [Yes We Can!], and "FIGHT RACISM!" Three weeks prior, during the 'Boycott Debate' the signs were in Spanish. Facing the J Street traffic, commuters escaping the downtown, they waved signs and chanted at the autos. At five forty-five the raucous little group marched across the street to city hall, chanting. Aside from shouts of "Racists!" and "Racism!" it was civil and semi-unenthusiastic. Judging by this group, fighting racism will be tough.

The city council cleared its agenda quickly. A young man spoke for homeless teens; an elderly lady was recognized for her work in creating awareness for the African-American holiday "June-Teenth"; a quick discussion about the site for the new 12 or 16 story courthouse that will fill one city block at a cost of \$440M, maybe. At this point the city council stopped, complimented itself, and then continued on. The marina manager stated the marina is going broke and must raise fees because the boating community can't afford boats, boating, and tie-up fees. Finally it was boycott discussion and voting time.

A city officer named Patty said if the boycott initiative passes there'd be no travel to Arizona on city business and no future contracts with the state. She stated there would be costs to the city of Sacramento, and urged the Feds to please move quickly on border defense. Councilman Robbie Waters made a motion to drop the boycott initiative, stating it was against city council rules, against the city charter and outside their duties. The motion failed. A crying line formed down the center aisle from the microphone

as it did during the "Debate." Andy of the Japanese-American Citizens League said the League supports the boycott - and their Chicano brothers and sisters. A Euro-American, Jim, pointed out the Mexicans are citizens of another country here illegally, and asked how it's possible these people have a right to benefits, medical care, and citizenship rights for their children, rights they haven't earned. An 'open borders' Chicano-American rallier in a yellow 'T' said it's racism and will lead to racial profiling, then added the law was about protecting "white privilege." A Euro-American male stated Arizona's law, SB 1070, isn't about people or racism, it's about evil; about drugs and prostitution; drug smuggling; people illegally intruding into America; tunnels under the border; gangs operating on both sides of the fence; assaults on Border Patrol officers, and American citizens trying to protect themselves. Another Euro-American male declared that Sacramento Police Department "profiles" every day in every way. The mayor Johnson promised to look into that.

Mexican-High-profile American community symbols and community organizers called the Arizona law "state sponsored terrorism" declaring it "anti-ethnic, anti-cultural and xenophobic"; anti poor; discrimination and racism aimed at Mexican "migrants." It was reported that some "migrants" were fleeing Arizona justice, trekking deep into America without money, a place to go and no community support. The bill was declared a violation of civil rights, human rights and soaked in hatred.

The NAACP decried the boycott, and decried the attempt to end ethnic studies in Arizona's K-12 schools. A high-strung Chinese-American man cried the law was absolutely about race! About skin color! Two Euro-American Professors from McGeorge law school said it is definitely racial profiling and vigilantism. Gayle, of the AFLCIO, declared it fascism and incipient Nazism, pointing to the movement to deny American citizenship to children of illegal immigrants in Arizona and several other states, including nonborder states. The conversation went on for nearly two hours. No matter, the fix was in. The handful that had stood to oppose the boycott needn't have come.

The vote was called. To avoid making a decision in public Councilman Cohn fled the chambers; another council member was absent for the evening. The question galloped around the room. Yes. Yes. Yes. And yes. Councilman Waters stood, and in one of the most clear and honest moments of the evening, said "This is a matter that should not be taken up here! What's so hard to understand about that? It is not in our authority to do this! The issue turns on one word: "Illegal!" And consider this: We do \$10 million dollars worth of business with Phoenix alone. They do \$30 million dollars worth of business with us! We'll lose money. One small company in Tempe works solely for our needs. They'll lose! And their people will be gravely hurt." He was silent for a moment. "I vote NO!" Silence. "The City's \$43 million dollars in debt! I want a report on just how much money we lose from this action!" A clerk nodded. "We've declared war on Arizona, but California has more illegals than they have!"

Mayor Johnson, who was for the boycott before he was against it, voted yes. Then he stated to the no borders racialists and progressives, "We must continue to fight! This energy and vigor must continue! We will win!" The chamber erupted in screams and cheers and the mayor's final words melted into the clamor.

The City of Sacramento doesn't represent Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights or any of the large and small towns and villages in unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. It represents the "progressive" sensibilities of Sacramento State, mid-town, downtown, the Pocket Area, Greenhaven, the Fab Forties and the south-end. But Sacramento is the center of the metro; its policies are the attitude and policies for the region. They're how all of us are perceived.

Boycotts work both ways. And this boycott is how we'll be known by people in other cities and states. And what will the Sacramento City Council do when and if the other 17 states considering adopting the Arizona law, or a version of it, do so? Will the city council boycott them? Will they boycott us? Everything government does has a price. The city of Sacramento is \$45M in debt and it's growing. Boycotting the state of Arizona will add to the debt.

Seven Strategies for Creating a New Life After Widowhood

Author offers ways of coping with the loss of a beloved spouse

The statistics are outstanding. According to the United States Census Bureau, there are 11,398,000 widows in the US. This represents almost 25% of the single woman populace of 57,756,000 over the age of 15. Furthermore, 41.9% of women 65 and older are widows.

Susan Beer, herself a widow, found undiscovered strength at the time of her loss and now shares it in her new book, Move on Without Me (Hatherleigh Press, 2010). Move on Without Me is an honest and touching book about the first year of widowhood and explores all the moments of heartache, fear, anger, grief, and, later, insight and courage experienced as the author came to grips with the monumental changes in her life brought about by her husband's sudden passing.

Each chapter explores a unique topic, from how to face challenges, ways to express gratitude, and what strength means. Susan also reexamines the word "widowhood"

and moves beyond the traditional, bleak connotation of a widow to a new definition of hope in spite of heartache. Move On Without Me helps widows come to grips with the past and the present, so they can embrace the future. Susan offers these simple,

hopeful approaches:

Focus on the positives. He is forever in your heart and in your memories. What was enhances you, not depletes you. So, focus on what you gained, not what you lost and be grateful. Start a gratitude list.

Congratulate yourself on your accomplishments. It may just be getting through the day but you did it. One step, one day, after another. Praise yourself as you discover hidden strength.

Acknowledge regrets. You will have regrets. We all do. Transform them into learning experiences.

Make yourself the priority. Be honest with yourself, and others. Only you know what you need, where you are, how you are. No one can answer this or do it for you.

Get up, get dressed and get out. Do something that makes you feel good about you: take a walk, exercise, get your hair done (or even better have your hair restyled), have a manicure, have lunch or dinner with a friend. And while you are out there, smile. Not only does it make you feel good, it attracts more of the same.

Be human. It's okay to be needy. It's like the pregnant woman who craves ice cream with pickles. It's normal. You have suffered a most horrific loss.

Realize that friendship changes as do friends. Some are there for a reason, some for a season and others for a lifetime. Some will bring you grace. Some are waiting for you to say "I am ready." Some are afraid. Some will leave. Some will come. It is simply the way it is.

Moving on is without choice. Be it positively or woe is me, your life continues. How you do so is your choice.

Leaving Granny Behind

by Martha Burk

President Obama's Fiscal Commission--a group of lawmakers, former officials, and other experts charged with developing a bipartisan plan to stabilize our soaring national debt--is primarily holding closed-door hearings. The commission's co-chairman Alan Simpson, a former Republican senator from Wyoming, recently became an instant YouTube star with his rant against seniors as he exited one of the panel's sessions. That put Social Security defenders on high alert about what's going on in these meetings.

Simpson, who is nearly 80, has maintained that the founders Palin and company are strangely of the program never expected anyone to actually live to 65 and collect. "People just died," he has said. "Social Security was

interest groups, that proposal was shot down. But like Freddy Krueger in Nightmare on Elm Street, the nightmare of cutting Social Security never dies --it just returns in a new form every few years.

Tea partiers, egged on by Sarah Palin, were fond of claiming during the health-care debate last summer that government "death panels" were going to off our grannies, even though it was an outright lie. Now that we have a much more serious and credible threat to the well-being of our elderly poor population (the majority of whom are female) in possible cuts to Social Security, silent.

effect on older women, many of whom live alone and depend mainly or entirely on Social Security," she says.

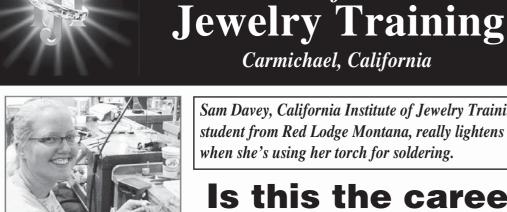
The numbers bear this out. Women depend on Social Security more than men, and without it, close to 60 percent of elderly women would live in poverty. One reason is that women are far less likely than men to have a company-provided pension, and when they do get one it's most often based on a lifetime of lower earnings. So much for Simpson's "greedy geezers." Even younger women would suffer if the program is cut, since they are the majority of caretakers when a spouse dies and leaves young children. who draw Social Security until they're 18. Simpson may have embarrassed some of less flamboyant members of the Fiscal Commission with his outburst, but it remains to be seen whether in their hearts they believe he's right. And whether granny is really in the crosshairs this time. Martha Burk is a political psychologist, women's issues expert, and director of the Corporate Accountability Project for the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO).

never [for] retirement." The program has always been an easy target for deficit hawks and budget cutters because it's so big--the government's largest expenditure, just ahead of the Pentagon. But setting up a target isn't as easy as actually hitting it. George W. Bush found that out when he proposed privatizing the system so we could all invest in the likes of Enron, Lehman Brothers, General Motors, and Goldman Sachs. Thanks to a massive campaign by progressive Not so the progressive groups

that want to preserve the program. Ashley Carson, Executive Director of the Older Women's (http://www.owl-League national.org) and member of the Social Security Works coalition, points out that those same grannies the tea party has apparently forgotten about are the ones who will suffer the most if the program is cut.

Heidi Hartmann, president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, agrees. "Raising the retirement age and other ways of cutting benefits would all have a devastating





Sam Davey, California Institute of Jewelry Training student from Red Lodge Montana, really lightens up when she's using her torch for soldering.

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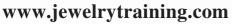
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Aubry Stone: A Man for All Reasons

Aubry Stone occurred in Brooklyn, NY in 1944. After high school the Air Force joined him. They were close for 25 years. Along the way he found a woman bold enough to marry him, work with him building a business and tend a family. Aubry Stone reminds us there's an East Coast. It's nice. He gets to the point even when he's trying to evade your question. He's cursed with honesty.

Stone is the president of the California Black Chambers of Commerce headquartered in Rancho Cordova, and director of the US Black Chambers of Commerce in Washington DC. He's a big guy who seems as if he's not paying attention, but hears and sees more than you. Among Stone's many cherries, two of the sweetest are riding down to Harlem in the Fresh Air Cab Company cab with his family on Saturdays, and he's a proud lifetime member of the Mystic Knights of the Sea lodge. This interview took place May 27, 2010.

Hartline: Who are you, where are you from and what do you want?

Stone: You already know who I am so let's dispense with that. I come from one of the five boroughs of New York, which is to say Brooklyn, and I want to succeed at what I'm doing. Now ask your questions, I might answer them.

Hartline: Okay tough guy, expound at length on Kevin Johnson and the "strong mayor" push.

Stone: One of things I've noticed here in California is that everyone's highly educated, but lacks sophistication. There are things we take for granted on the East Coast that are like firestorms here. I say that in the context that the mayor's been getting counsel from other city mayors in the Midwest and East, but their style of politics is vastly different from California. You don't just drop something like the "strong mayor" idea on the people without preparation. I don't think he did enough groundwork. He comes from pro sports where decisions are made instantly, as you play, as the games moving. He doesn't understand that you don't just take office and take charge of the team, in politics.

To his parent's delight, understand the money impact of a pro team. A library is a nice thing to want. It's a feelgood gesture, a gesture to the past, present and future, and to art and learning. Okay, fine. But bring a major league team to town and the money follows, then you get the library or maybe two libraries, without raising taxes, then you can make any kind of gesture you want at anyone you like.

Hartline: Proposition 8, what do you think?

Stone: Ummm...Very, very divisive. Personally, I believe in live and let live.

Hartline: Then you support homosexual marriage?

Stone: You mean am I in favor of gay marriage? Yeah... yeah, I was...I didn't go public, but I supported it. I couldn't from my position as chamber president because there's a lot of animosity in my community, particularly among the pastors, the African American pastors, which a lot of people don't realize, are ve-r-r-r-y conservative and completely traditional.

Hartline: In terms of the foundation of civilization they're among the staunchest defenders of the traditional family and basic morals in America, and possibly the world. They understand it's the foundation of society.

Stone: Yeah, that's true. But you don't discover how committed they are until an issue like this arises.

Hartline: The Black churches and congregations made the difference in Prop 8's victory. It's clear that without the support of Black pastors and their flocks it probably wouldn't have passed. The African American community voted overwhelmingly for Proposition 8. The "progressives" hate that, but are afraid to condemn the community because of the negative reaction they'd get. Now that'd be a firestorm.

Stone: One of the things that I'm...I'm. You know, it may simply come down to me being African America. I'm sensitive to people laying requirements on other people. Historically there were people who felt just as strongly about keeping my people enslaved. And they too talked about society and the social fabric, and in that case slavery was what Southern society was basing its economy on. So I get very cautious, very cautious, about denying anyone rights. I don't want anyone stepping on anyone's personal rights.



Mr. Aubry Stone

Then you sit them down and speak to them. And don't come up with some hallucination or fantasy statement. You tell them straight-out this is what they do, and this is what me and your mom do. You don't tell them that gays have horns and tails, or they're treating their kids bad, or that they shouldn't have kids at all.

Hartline: Okay, let's say they're homosexual and married, and they want children. They can adopt because once you're married you have the rights and privileges of marriage.

Stone: But you know Hartline, one of the things that causes me anguish are hypocrites. You come to me as you are, and I accept you as you are. It doesn't matter whether you're gay or straight. I either accept you or I don't. It doesn't matter whether you're gay or straight, whether you cheat on your wife or you don't. I don't really care. I like you, we have good intelligent conversations, but don't get into the verbiage of family values, for God's sake. There's always the outside woman, secret episodes in bathrooms and parks, come on, man!

Brother Al, Charles Rangle, Maxine Waters for example. In fact I'd say they're frightened to address it.

Stone: Maybe. But irrespective of the numbers: it's still a woman's choice. If there's a husband involved then it's between the man, the woman and God. End of conversation. End of conversation.

Hartline: Are you doing anything about it?

Stone: We have the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The foundation's agenda is to change the African American community from the ground up. One major category is health. We're looking at childbirth, disease among men, and lifestyles. We've have epidemics in our community. Too many African American men are in prison doing whatever. They come out and give girls AIDS because of sexual activity in prison. I'm highly aware of the statistics in our community. We're attacking low health education levels and high-mortality at childbirth. Our childbirth numbers are near that of a Third World country. That's unacceptable.

stands and tailors and other countless small business owners. I want to take that almostforgotten, vibrant and highly creative thinking, retool it and say, "There's a new playing field again! Let's get out there and win!"

It's like retrenching. You tell folks the things you used to do, like keeping receipts in your drawer or in a shoebox someplace, is a no-no! It's time to fast-forward to the 21st Century, folks. This is the way it is now if you want to be a player. If you're just doing something for a hobby, then do it for a hobby. Don't pretend to be in business. But if you're going to be a business person, this is how it's done. They say, "But this is the way my father did it..." I say go get a CPA or an accountant, a tax advisor; and you get yourself certified and do your best for everyone, white, black or puce.

Hartline: Wait! I keep my receipts in a box...

Stone: Ha! Then you understand what I'm saying. When Ι get people asking why a California Black Chamber of Commerce, that's why.

Hartline: The point being that you're doing more to encourage business and aid upstart businesses than anyone, including the state and other chambers...

Stone: Yes, and we're bigger than they are. I've got over five-thousand members...

Hartline: Right, but this is headquarters for the State Chamber, right?

Stone: Yeah.

Hartline: Looking at the sunrise, what are your goals?

Stone: I want to make a great impact. I want to be part of the solution. To as much a degree as possible I must ensure that my people are not the problem. I've got to figure-out how to create new and dynamic businesses, small, micro, whatever kind, it doesn't matter.

Hartline: The most muscular and determined in America are the Blacks. They've had more to overcome. I'm not patronizing you by saying that. Patronizing is pandering, it's lying and overt hypocrisy. It demeans the struggle and the honest accord the races have reached.

and starvation, but they had a purpose and everyone kept on keeping on. But we're in a different place now. I see the kids, the Asian gangs, and the tears and pain in the eyes of their elders. Black kids killing each other on the street, young Latinos doing drive-bys, and on and on.

Hartline: What's the second goal? You said you had two.

Stone: That's my first, second and third. There are so many elements involved. Create more business! That's first. I want that to be the engine that drives us to employment. I want to create jobs that are real, jobs that produce something, do something that's quantifiable and can be paid for based on their value to people. Lastly, the end run on that idea, is to create wealth in the community. I'd like to develop a series of credit unions or banks, or be in partnership with major banks, and keep the money in the community.

I'm not a Black separatist or anything, but at the end of the day one of the things I told you that prevent us from taking advantage of Obama's Stimulus money was not having shovel-ready projects on the boards, and no capital access. We know the lack of businesses and money means we go outside of our community to buy, and the money's gone (snaps fingers) just like that. It didn't even turn over one time in our community.

By the way, Merrill-Lynch did a study on linkage. It was phenomenal. It showed that every Monday morning in LA \$20 Million from African American churches leaves our community because there's no place to hold it. It goes to a bank in North Carolina, Chicago or New York. The next time we see the money it's on a 28%-interest credit card. That's got to stop! It's very simple: economic community, economic stability. That's what I'm trying to

Hartline: What about his goal of making Sacramento a World Class city?

Stone: A perfect example of the mindset before Johnson is [former mayor] Heather Fargo. All she wanted to do is talk 'green' and plant trees and let things run themselves. When she realized someone was running against her she only had \$28000 in her campaign box. Now that tells you something about attitude, right? She hardly campaigned and thought she'd win because she was the incumbent. If that's not small town, small mind, minor league thinking I don't know what is.

Hartline: It's also arrogant.

Stone: Yeah, maybe. But even if you're a shoo-in a good politician knows you raise a ton of money and you give it to other politicians running for city council or whatever. Twenty-eight grand? Man, that's chump-change for the most powerful office in the city.

Hartline: You landed on it. But bottom line is can you get things done?

Stone: The difference is in understanding why we ought to have a pro team in town rather than another library. If you did a straw poll of, say, a hundred people they'd say a new library. But they don't

Hartline: That's an emotional reactive response, but not necessarily negative. In fact it's vaguely understandable - but too often an excuse.

Stone: I'm just very, very sensitive. I'll give you a case in point: Proposition 209. There's another one.

Hartline: The Bakke Case? It was intended to end race-based preferences and quotas, to level the playing field again by declaring from now on people would win on merit rather than pointspotting minorities for race or income or whatever. Put another way, no more handicapping Euro-American and Asian kids.

Stone: I believe it hurt people and created obstacles. But about the gays: if you're my next door neighbor and you got a gay partner and everyone sees you coming and going ...

Hartline: How do you explain it to the kids?

Stone: Talk to your kids! Just explain it to them. What else can you do? The kids aren't going to say anything until they're 7 or 8 or 9 anyway.

Hartline: I get it, you don't like hypocrites! But you're okay with homosexual adoption?

Stone: No, I just don't like hypocrites.

Hartline: Well that's symptomatic of most that's wrong in society. It's lying and leads to larceny, corruption in politics, and withdrawal of trust and...

Stone: What grinds me the most is lack of integrity! No integrity, no honor.

Hartline: I believe if God demands anything of us, it's exactly that, integrity. You can name anything else you like, but that's first.

Stone: Exactly. We agree.

Hartline: Give me your thoughts on abortion.

Stone: It's a woman's choice. That's it.

Hartline: Yes. Yet abortion's constantly denounced by African-American pastors and the faithful as a Holocaust for the Black community.

Stone: It's true.

Hartline: They're the highest aborting group in the US. The numbers are supported by sociologists and demographers. But the crisis is never mentioned by African-American politicians, Reverend Jesse,

Hartline: Yes, plus the absence of a man in the household.

Stone: Yes.

Hartline: I'm sure you're aware of what life was like for Blacks in America between 1920 and 1960. There were at least 450 Black daily newspapers and countless numbers of Black-owned businesses and a thriving, vibrant society in every major city.

Stone: Uh-huh...I was born in Harlem in 1944. I was a part of it. I grew up in it.

Hartline: And you saw how much crossover over there was, the white Manhattan mob coming into Harlem to soak-up culture...

Stone: Of course, of course! That's still happening and will continue for an indefinite period. You know the impact of integration on our race has had pluses and minuses. One of the minuses is that there was a whole subculture that existed during segregation that thrived within its own parameters. Integration brought a new playing field with new rules. It ended the Negro Leagues in baseball, and guys like Robinson and Mays and Aaron went into the majors. But bottom line is I'm looking at things from the business perspective, when there were nightclubs and cab

Stone: Yeah, I've see it and I feel it every day.

Hartline: African Americans have proved their courage and strength through work and initiative under the most ironclad limitations.

Stone: I agree, but up to a point. After the second or third-generation, whether you're Asian, White or Black, you have a different attitude. Even my daughter, she's seen her mother and father work two jobs on a continuous basis. She's learned to work by watching and by doing, you know? But with any group of people who've had to struggle for their place, identity, respect or whatever for so long, they usually hit a plateau, a plain of almost...what I'd call relaxed stress. Never, "Ha, I ain't got a worry anymore!" It's relaxed stress, an acceptance of current conditions. We'll figure that out and work through it though, we're family.

Hartline: The other group of determined strivers I'd point is the first Europeans.

Stone: Yeah! Yeah! They got their tails stomped at first! I often think about that. Reading early American history, the Pilgrims, the Mayflower Compact; one more winter and they'd've been skinned by the Indians or starved to death. And Jamestown, it's still a mystery. There was disease

build. I want sustained stability, community sustainability.

Hartline: Grade Obama.

Stone: Based on the traditional A, B, C or D?

Hartline: Yep. Stone: B-. Hartline: What's he done well? What's he done poorly?

Stone: I think the first thing he's done well is have a positive psychological impact on America. No matter how he's judged by history, good or bad, he's our first Black president.

Hartline: I understand and agree. Tangibly what's he done?

Stone: Nothing! Somewhere along the way he'll make his bones. But most things start between our ears: how we feel about ourselves, about our neighbors, about what we want to do and what we can do. He's been positive psychologically. Let's hope it lasts. He communicates extremely well. He communicates trust. What you hear is what it is.

If he can pull us out of this economic mess I'll call him President Houdini. Things are terrible, and I don't see a quick end. I think things may get worse before it's over. But he walked in as the banking system collapsed and mortgage loans blew up, and as Europe's bill came due after 40 years of loafing. Let's see what he does. I've met the guy. I like him. But I've lived too long to hero-worship a guy just because he's Black. Deeds, not words, you know?

RT Implements Service Changes



Regional Transit riders face many frustrating changes in their daily schedule.

Sacramento Region - In response to an estimated \$25 million budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2011, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) implemented service changes affecting bus, light rail and complementary paratransit service effective Sunday, June 20, 2010.

The service changes, expected to produce an estimated net savings of \$11.7 million in Fiscal Year 2011, will affect 39 of the 91 bus routes that RT currently operates. RT will discontinue 26 weekday routes, 13 Saturday routes and four Sunday routes.

Late night light rail service will be discontinued. The last trip on the Blue Line leaving the Watt/I-80 light rail station will depart at 8:59 p.m. and arrive at the Meadowview light rail station at 9:47 p.m. The last trip on the Blue Line leaving the Meadowview light rail station will depart at 9:50 p.m. and arrive at the Watt/I-80 light rail station at 10:38 p.m.

The last trip on the Gold Line leaving the Sacramento Valley Station light rail station will

depart at 8:58 p.m. and arrive at the Sunrise light rail station at 9:40 p.m. The last trip on the Gold Line leaving the Sunrise light rail station will depart at 9:43 p.m. and arrive at the St. Rose of Lima Park light rail station (9th & K) at 10:20 p.m. The last trip on the Gold Line to the Sacramento Valley Station light rail station will arrive at 8:55 p.m. (departing from the Sunrise light rail station at 8:13 p.m.).

Americans RT's with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit service will continue to be provided during the same days and hours that RT's bus and light rail service is in operation.

During the last few years, RT has implemented a number of cost-cutting measures - including service reductions, fare increases, a hiring freeze, freezing employee pay and employee furloughs. By September 2010, RT will have reduced its workforce through layoffs and retirements by approximately 180 employees since the RT Board of Directors approved service

changes on March 29, 2010.

Service reductions, combined with approximately \$11.1 million in State Transit Assistance funds expected to be restored to RT and revenue generated by the future expansion of the Park-Pay-and-Ride (parking fee) program, will resolve the \$25 million budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2011.

"It has been well-publicized that RT is faced with the biggest operating deficit in our history," Mike Wiley, General Manager/ CEO, stated. "There is no quick or easy fix to make up the staggering shortfall without making tough decisions. As the economy rebounds, we will focus on rebuilding our transit network and restore critical services that our communities desperately need."

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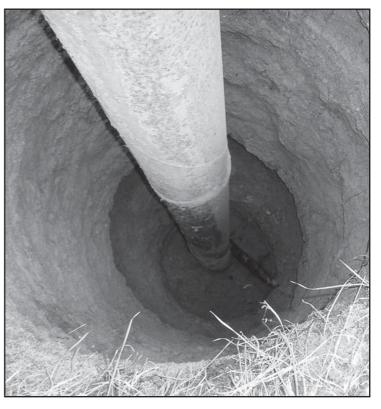
Abandoned Wells a Deep Problem

Sacramento Region Abandoned wells can threaten groundwater quality and are a safety hazard for humans, especially children, and small animals. With these concerns in mind, Sacramento County's Environmental Management Department (EMD) is developing a field survey program to identify abandoned wells and ensure that unsafe or problematic wells are properly secured or destroyed.

According to well drilling records maintained by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), over 16,000 wells have been installed in Sacramento County. Many more hand-dug and uncased wells were undoubtedly installed prior to establishment of the DWR water well database in the early 1950s

Sacramento County relies on groundwater to supply approximately a half of its water needs. Groundwater is obtained both from large water supply wells maintained by local water districts in urban areas, and by individual domestic and irrigation wells in more rural areas not serviced by public water suppliers. Due to deterioration, many abandoned wells allow runoff water carrying bacteria, sediment, fertilizer, pesticides and other surface pollutants to flow directly down into groundwater. This bypasses the natural filtering and degradation processes that can take place as these materials move through the soil. It is therefore crucial that steps are taken to protect this vital resource and help ensure a safe, adequate water supply for County residents, businesses and farms.

Records abound of deaths and



The Sacramento Region is dotted with abandoned wells such as this one, posing a hazard to residents. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County.

injuries to people and animals falling into wells. This underscores the importance of indentifying and properly securing these structures. Open pit wells and large diameter drilled wells are particularly hazardous.

Abandoned wells have been found in Sacramento's rural areas and urban neighborhoods. A resident of Land Park in Sacramento was surprised recently to find an abandoned and improperly capped drilled well in her backyard. She was especially concerned when she discovered her two-year-old granddaughter playing near it. In early 2010, two dogs fell into a 20 foot deep well near Franklin Blvd. They were safely rescued by Sacramento firefighters.

well is not enough to prevent it from becoming a problem. In order to protect the health and safety of the people living near them, these wells should be properly plugged or sealed soon after abandonment. However, there is more to plugging a well than simply dumping something down the hole. Plugging materials must be strong, durable and free of contaminants. Effective well plugging requires experience and knowledge of well construction materials and methods.

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Fair Oaks Theatre Festival!



The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival presents "The Frog Prince," a playful one-hour children's play directed by Nancy Silva. Performances run Saturdays July 3-24 at 10am and noon at the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse. For more information, call (916) 966-3683 or visit fairoakstheatrefestival.com. Pictured: L to R, Kirstin Haag, Matt Contini, Erin Henderson. Photo by Brian Williams

Oaks Theatre Festival and one-hour children's show American River College that will tickle everyone's Theatre will bring music, fancy. The season will laughter and delightful conclude with a return of theatre-under-the-stars entertainment to audiences young and young-at-heart this summer with three family friendly shows that are sure to please. The sweet and silly. "Charlie season opens with "Minnie's Boys," a madcap musical about the Marx Brothers before they were known as The Marx Brothers. It runs FairOaksTheatreFestival. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and some Thursday nights from June 18 through July 25. Opening July 3 and running every Saturday in July will

Fair Oaks - The Fair be "The Frog Prince," a the popular "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," the musical that brings Charles Schulz's loveable characters to life with melodies both Brown" runs August 13 through September 12. For more information, call (916) 966-3683 or visit com

> The Frog Prince -- A Crazy Version of a Classic tale

Kids will recognize and love the wacky collection of characters in this one-hour delight, but they will never guess the ending! This show will have the whole family laughing (from toddlers to grandparents) as it introduces us to the somewhat spoiled Princess Eleanor and to Rick, a rogue of a frog who bears a remarkable resemblance to Humphrey Bogart! Silly surprises, fanciful costumes and a delightfully energetic cast will make this version of "The Frog Prince" a family favorite! (Original children's play by Bob Gerould. Directed by Nancy Silva).

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse - 7997 California Avenue, Fair Oaks, 95628 Dates: Saturdays, July 3, 10, 17 & 24. Two shows each day: 10am and 12noon.

Ticket Prices: All seats \$4. For Further Information: (916) 966-3683 or go to FairOaksTheatreFestival. com.

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By Marlys Johnsen Norris

God calls everyone to repentance. His Word is power and truth. (Ref. Psalms 89: 30-34) His WORD states - If one forsakes My law and does not walk in My judgments; If one breaks My statutes and does not keep My commandments, then I will punish the transgression with the rod and iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless My loving-kindness I will not utterly take, nor allow My faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the WORD that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness, I will not lie.

Truth the Only Way In the Word of God, God said in Genesis 1:26 "Let US make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over everything creeping thing hath creeps on the earth.. Man cheats himself when he does not comprehend and understand God is much greater and more magnificent than one can ever imagine. God created all of us to be loved by the three in One, the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is either who he said he was or he is a liar. If He IS who He said He IS, then a person needs to take notice concerning the words of their mouth. A person is actually insulting Almighty God and His sacrificial blood (there is no remission of sin without the shedding of blood) when they are calling Jesus a liar

and rejecting the calling of God's beloved Son to die for the sins of mankind. He IS the Way, the Truth and the Life and all those who accept Him become God's children because He was willing to come to earth and be born of a woman, then die on a cruel cross for every one of us.. He was resurrected proving He is the Messiah. Only He provided the ONLY WAY, whereby everyone can receive the "free gift" of eternal life. His obedient act of love extends to each one of us!

Marlys Johnsen Norris, Author Marlys5934@sbcglobal.net

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St. Francis Episcopal Church Joins National One Book + One Parish

St. Francis Church, Fair Oaks, is joining churches across the country in the National One Book + One Parish + One Summer 2010 - a grassroots movement to help Christian parishes of all denominations experience a spiritually deeper summer and stay connected by reading one great book together and we invite you to join us.

With parishioners from hundreds of churches throughout the country, St. Francis' parishioners will read together

Episcopal Forgiving Ararat, by Gita Francis' parishioners will be Nazareth. Nominated "#1 Best Beach Read for 2010" and "Favorite Spiritual Novel" by readers on Oprah.com it has been compared to recent bestsellers like The Secret Life of Bees and The Shack, among others. Described as a modern allegory and parable about forgiveness - wrapped up inside a supernatural thriller – it has received fantastic reviews from readers everywhere.

Besides committing to read the book this summer, St.

participating in at least two discussion groups around the book. One meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 and the other on Thursday evenings at 6:00 - both at the church at 11430 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks. Anyone is welcome to join. There are a few copies of the book available in the church office (916-966-2261), for \$11 or you can purchase it at major bookstores, or online from Amazon.com.



By Pastor Ray Dare

Most of your problems in life come from not understanding how much God really loves you. When you don't understand how much God loves you it causes all sorts of problems like stress, worry, guilt, fear and deep relational and emotional problems. That's why Paul said in

Ephesians 3, "I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, vou'll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:17-18 (Msg) God says, "I love you and I want you to feel my love. I want you to understand it. I want you to experience it for yourself!" Now notice the extravagant

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High and deep enough to be everywhere. Paul said in Romans 8, "Nothing can ever separate us from his love...our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow or where we are-high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean..." Romans 8:39 No matter where you are today, no matter what

circumstance you find yourself in, no matter where you go tomorrow...You will never find yourself separated from God's love - never. No matter how deep of an ocean you find yourself in, no matter how deep in trouble you are. You may be in over your head and feel like you're going under and are about to sink...You may be in a deep ocean of despair or distress, you're facing deep financial troubles, or emotional or relational trouble and you think, "Where's God? I'm going under!"

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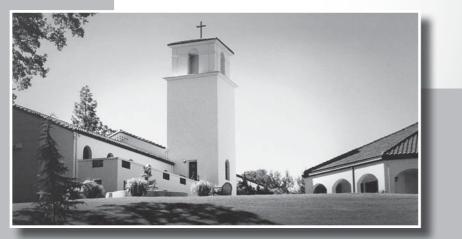
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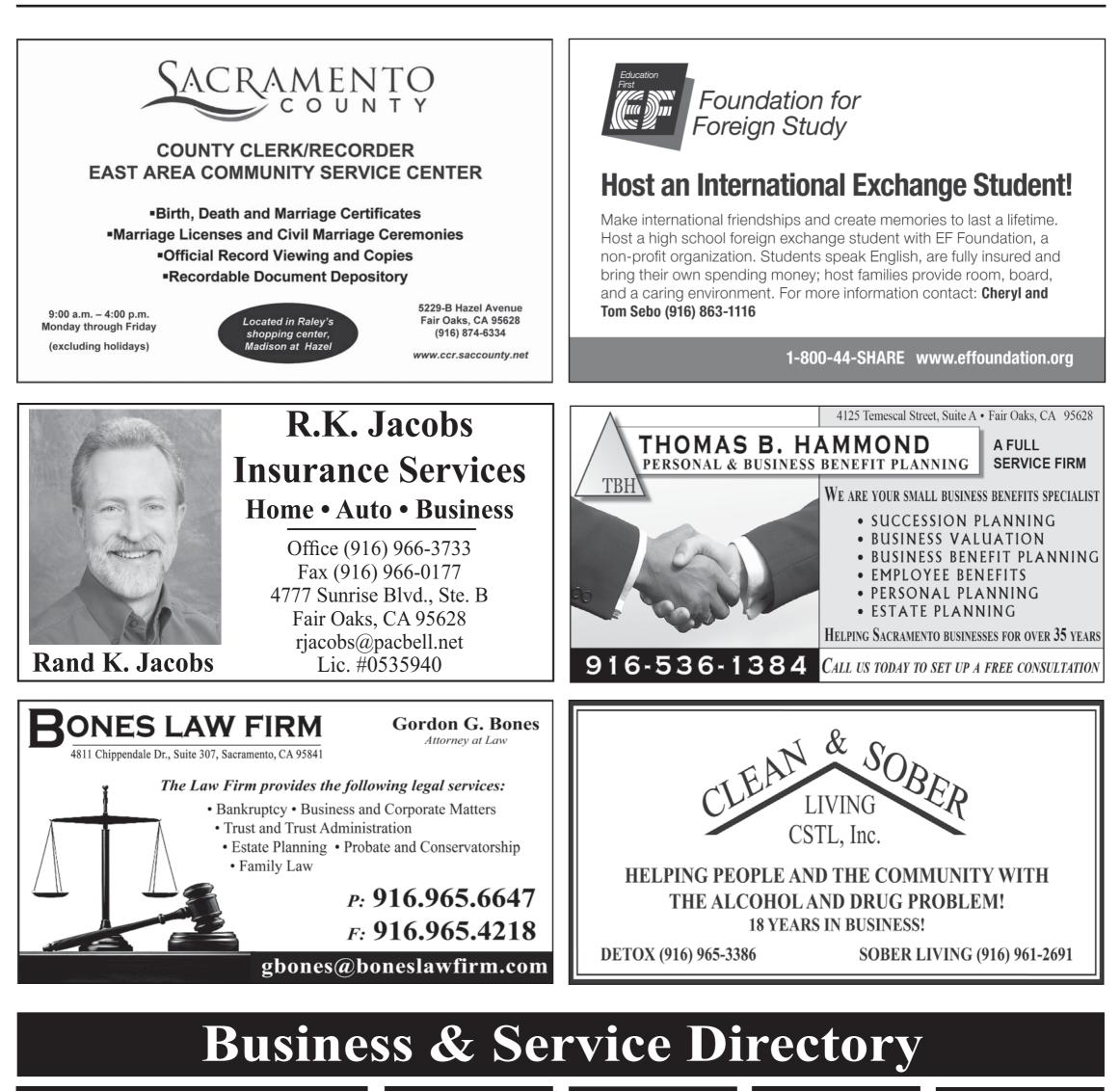
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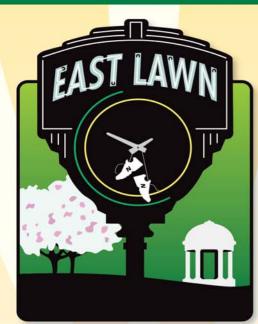
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Paul (Paul Hauck) turns the tables on his ex-wife Polly (Barbara Messmer) when she tries to have him act out one of the murder methods they are putting into their newest mystery novel in Marriage is Murder opening at Arden Playhouse on July 2.

Nick Hall's witty take on one married couple's efforts to write realistic murder mysteries without killing each other is directed by Paul Fearn and stars Barbara Messmer and Paul Hauck.

Ex spouses Paul and Polly Butler write murder mysteries together. They act out the crimes in Paul's apartment: poisoned chocolates and lethal martinis, alibis and fingerprints, bodies in a trunk and bodies all tied up, daggers, guns and even an axe all contribute to the hilarity. Nobody gets hurt, but their egos take some hits as they find that their marriage was mixed up with their work. There are many fast paced comic twists as they attempt to outdo and surprise each other and they learn that marriage, like murder, is in the details. The final witty complication is a real murder which they and the audience should have seen coming. This murderously funny two- character comedy is by Nick Hall, the author of Accommodations.

Marriage is Murder has its Arden Playhouse opening on July 2nd and continues on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm until July 31st. Sunday matinees are July 11th, 18th & 25th, at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 general admission. Tickets can be arranged by calling (916) 332-2582.

Arden Playhouse is located at 5640 Roseville Road, Suite D, Sacramento, and seats 150. Arden Playhouse is a community theater dedicated to continuing its tradition of presenting comedies in a casual setting.

For more information call the theater office at 332-2582, e-mail admin@ardenplayhouse.com, or visit ardenplayhouse.com.

Christian Singles Luau Dance July 10

Carmichael - Christian Singles Network, will hold a Luau Dance for single adults Saturday, July 10, at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645

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Marconi Ave., Carmichael. CSN is the Sacramento area's oldest and largest interdenominational Christian singles group. Some couples also attend (CSN Alumni), and all ages are welcome to attend.

The evening features an early dance lesson in basic dance moves by Declan Cordova at 6 PM (an extra \$5 for this class), and Speedy Intros on the Patio, also at 6 PM, included in the ticket price. A dance lesson in the Hawaiian Hustle by Janine Wright will be taught from 7-8 PM. also included in the ticket price, along with DJ dance music from 8-11:30 by DJ John Maricich. The music, both recent and oldies, is a mix of rock and roll, ballroom, Latin, country and Christian music at all dances. Dress is tropical or casual attire/ The ticket price of \$15 presale or \$20 at the door includes hors d'oeuvres, non alcohol beverages and the dance lessons. Volunteers attend free - please call 530-878-8606 to volunteer. Christian Singles Network, founded in 1992, holds weekly events, with dances every month. The next dance after this is CSN's 18th Anniversary

Dance which takes place August 7 at Carmichael Presbyterian Church. Call the number below for directions or more information. Membership is not necessary to attend, although members get a \$5 discount at the door. All ages and all denominations are welcome CSN has been holding dances 17 years, drawing singles from the Sacramento, the foothills, and beyond to Reno and the Bay Area.

Pre-sale dance tickets are available on line at www.christiansinglesnet.com, or at Berean Bookstore in Sacramento, and Jireh's Bookstore in Placerville; or by mail through CSN, P.O. Box 909, Meadow Vista, CA 95722. Call Christian Singles Network to volunteer or find out more information, 530-878-0606. To receive more information about activities, or directions call the 24 hour event line at (916) 658-0606. The website, www. christiansinglesnet.com, includes directions to the dance as well as information about upcoming events including seminars, getaways, and parties and cruises.

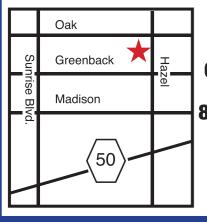
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Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA), center, administers the Oath of the Pony Express Rider to Dean Freitas of Herald Monday afternoon in Folsom.

The National Pony Express Association and area communities celebrated the 150th birthday of the Pony Express on Monday with a series of "Re-Rides" Sacramento early in the day and concluded in the Sierra

foothills at dark. In Folsom, Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) administered the Oath of the Pony Express Rider to Dean Freitas of Herald. Lungren also marked the that began in Old Town day by donating an original copy of President Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural

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Fireworks Safety

by David Dickstein

Every year thousands of Americans are either hurt or have their dreams go up in smoke due to carelessness or use of illegal fireworks. Here are some safety tips to help prevent you from becoming a statistic:

- Observe local laws, use good common sense and always read and follow directions on each firework.
- Use only state-approved "safe and sane" fireworks.
- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass or trees.
- Have a responsible adult present.
- Put used fireworks in a bucket of water and have a hose ready.
- Light at a safe distance.
- Never attempt to re-light or fix a "dud."
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Always store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.



Always use state-approved "safe and sane" fireworks.

Fireworks Highlight Upcoming River Cats Homestand

Sacramento Region – Independence Day is just around the corner and the Sacramento River Cats will be celebrating all week long at Raley Field. A Fireworks Extravaganza will be the grand finale for the celebration following the game on Saturday, July 3. Fireworks will also light up the sky on Friday, July 2 as part of the week-long festivities. The River Cats host topseeded PCL South Division rivals, the Fresno Grizzlies (Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants), July 1-3.

The homestand kicks off June 26 with the recurring Saturday Sutter Health fireworks show as the River Cats face the Tacoma Rainiers (Triple-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners). Also during this four-game series Raley Field will host fans and their dogs for the annual Bark in the Ballpark event presented by Atta Boy on Sunday, June 27 at 1:05 p.m. Special activities



include an appearance by the amazing Skyy Dogs – America's most exciting canine entertainers, a pregame dog parade, a costume contest and special lawn seating for dogs and their owners. Tickets for Bark in the Ballpark are \$12 per dog and \$7 per person and are available for purchase at the Raley Field Ticket Office. On Tuesday, June 29, fans will enjoy an an11:35 a.m. matinee game and have the option to purchase the Businessperson's Top Dog Package which includes a Delta Box ticket to the game, a hot dog, soda and peanuts for \$15.

Additionally, throughout the homestand fans will enjoy River Cats daily promotions, including: Del Webb Seniors Eat Free Mondays, Thirsty Thursdays with \$2 Miller and Miller Lites, Toyota Family Value Fridays with \$1 hot dogs and \$1 desserts, and U.S. Bank Kids Sundays where River Cats sign autographs pregame and can kids run the bases postgame.

With tickets starting at just \$7, fans can experience the excitement of River Cats baseball during the week-long Independence Celebration which includes three exciting nights of fire-works! Please note the July 3 game begins at 6:35 p.m. and gates open at 5:00.

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