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Working Families Struggle Citrus Heights Red Light to Make Ends Meet Enforcement Program Starts



County-Specific Measure Proves as Costs Rise and Wages Stagnate, Families in **Sacramento Cannot Meet Basic Needs**

The updated 2008 California Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard reveals that due to rising costs and stagnant wages, many working families in Sacramento County and throughout the state are struggling to afford their most basic needs. An adult with a preschooler and a school-age child in Sacramento County must work more than two fulltime minimum wage jobs to make ends meet.

"The California Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard addresses the widening gap between the rich and poor who struggle to keep pace with rising inflation and increased costs for monthly necessities such as medications, gas and food," says Assemblymember Jim Beall. "I hope that my colleagues will consider this when voting for my food stamp bill, AB 433, which would expand the number of food stamp recipients by eliminating unfair administrative barriers and recognizing the special economic circumstances facing California's poor."

As a result of the rising cost of living, the Self-Sufficiency Standard for Sacramento County has increased by \$8,213 to \$46,061 a year for a family consisting of one adult, one preschooler, and one school-age child, while the minimum wage

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has increased by only \$2,600, leaving families well below what they need to make ends meet. Together with stagnant wages and limited state resources, the rising cost of living has widened the gap between what many working families have and what they need to survive in Sacramento and around the state.

minimum The calculated at \$16,640 a year for California's working families a full-time job, leaves working families well below the threshold of what they must earn in order to meet their most basic needs.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard is based on the costs families face on a daily basis housing, food, child care, health care, transportation and other necessary basic costs - and is calculated for 156 different family compositions. Moreover, the Self-Sufficiency Standard uses geographically specific data to provide a county-specific measure of the true cost of living for working families. In contrast, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is the more commonly-used measure for incom Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Geographically relevant data is used for each county in California, reflecting local market rates for items such as housing, food, health care, child care, and transportation.

"The Self-Sufficiency Standard is fact-based and completely customizable, making it ideal for use by policymakers, service providers, advocates, and families alike," says Jenny Chung of the **Insight Center for Community** Economic Development, a national research, consulting, and legal organization located in Oakland, CA. "This newly updated data provides an accurate tool that legislators can use to evaluate existing and future policy decisions, direct service providers can use to better evaluate their communities' unique needs and secure necessary funding,

advocates can use to express their priorities, and families can use to plan for the future."

Tuesday's release will feature the newly updated data for every county in California. Data will be available online at www.insightcced.org.

Californians For Economic Security (CFES) is a statewide, research-driven coalition wage, dedicated to ensuring that and retired elders can live with dignity and economic wellbeing. A statewide steering committee guides the overall direction of and identifies policy priorities—drawn from the Self-Sufficiency Standard data—to help close the gap between families' income and the rising cost of living in California. CFES is part of a national effort organized by Washington, D.C.-based Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) in 36 states.

CFES is a project of the **Insight Center for Community** Economic Development (formerly NEDLC), 39-year national old, research, consulting, legal organization dedicated to building economic health and opportunity in vulnerable communities. The Insight Center's utilizes a wide array community economic development strategies including: industry-focused workforce development, individual and community asset building, connecting early care and education to economic development, providing legal support to California's legal service programs community-based and organizations, and advocating for the adoption of the Self-Sufficiency Standard as a measure of income adequacy

For more information on CFES or the Self-Sufficiency Standard, contact Jenny Chung by phone 510.206.3171 or 510.251.2600 x124, or email at jchung@insightcced.org.

and an alternative to the Federal

Poverty Level.

Enforcement Program Starts Thirty Day Grace Period Begins on May 5 for **Citrus Heights Motorists**

In an effort to reduce collisions and make City streets safer, Citrus Heights will begin its new red light photo enforcement program on May 5, 2008. Cameras and violation sensors will monitor two of the city's highest-risk intersection approaches – starting with the intersection(s) of Greenback Lane and San Juan Avenue as well as Greenback Lane and Fountain Square Drive.

The program is seen by City officials as an important step to improve the safety and flow of local traffic. However, by law drivers who live, work, or travel through Citrus Heights are granted a 30-day grace period before actual citations are issued.

"Photo enforcement has a greater deterrent effect if drivers are aware it's out there," said Sergeant Eric Mattke, Program Manager for the new safety initiative. "It is important to us that all Citrus Heights drivers know we're using photo enforcement and that they have time to learn about this new

safety program." For the first thirty days when Citrus Heights starts using the red light enforcement cameras only Warning Notices will be issued. The Notices will explain that beginning (June 6, 2008), actual Citations will be sent to violators, who will then be responsible for paying the \$381 fine listed on the Citation. It should be noted that right turns on a red light, without stopping, is also a violation. Drivers must come to a complete stop behind the limit line to make sure the intersection is clear of traffic and pedestrians, before continuing with the right turn.

"Though we are committed to improving the safety of our streets, we want to be as



"Our goal is to make Citrus Heights intersections the safest in Sacramento County. We want red light running to become as socially unacceptable as drunken driving," the Chief added. Citrus Heights' red light enforcement program will be administered by Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., an Arizonabased provider of traffic safety photo enforcement. Redflex is contracted to provide similar successful programs in Arizona, California, Colorado, North Carolina, Ohio and Oregon.

Redflex Traffic Systems has operated traffic safety projects in North America since 1996. Headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona it also has offices in Culver City CA., Fort Collins C.O. and Toledo, O.H., as well as international operations in Australia, and the Middle East. The company is part of the publicly listed Redflex Holding

 manufactures digital traffic cameras (for red-light, speed and toll-violation enforcement)

• operates photo enforcement traffic safety programs under outsourced contracts in U.S. (operating traffic cameras, citation processing ticketing, and court systems)

• operates the longest established traffic ticketing facility in the U.S. (Redflex' Central Processing Center in Scottsdale Arizona)

· has built the world's three most sophisticated automated Citation Processing systems with a combined image processing capacity for over 4 million traffic images annually (for LMT Australia Ltd, operators of the Victoria Police Traffic Camera Office; for the Insurance Commission of British Columbia's Speed Management Program; and for the **Oueensland** Police, Australia).

Ltd group - with world-leading products and capabilities in the traffic management, road safety, defense, transport, security and communications industries. In summary, Redflex Traffic Systems:

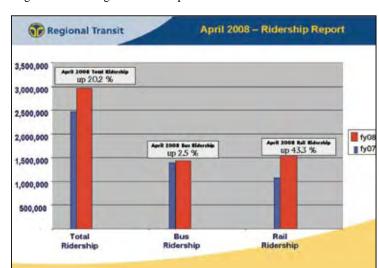
Experiences Record Ridership

Ridership Up 20 Percent, Light Rail Ridership **Up 43%**

With gas prices at an all-time high, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) is experiencing a dramatic surge in bus and light rail ridership.

Overall system ridership has increased by 20.2 percent, compared to the same period last year.

In April 2008, total monthly bus ridership was 1,429,400 – up 2.5 percent from April 2007 (despite a five percent reduction in bus service in January



2008). Last month, total monthly light rail ridership was 1,534,000 - up 43.3 percent from April 2007. Light rail ridership has steadily increased over the past year and has now surpassed bus ridership - unprecedented since light rail service began in 1987. In addition, the positive trend has carried over to usage at RT's 18 free park-andride lots. The park-and-ride lots at the Historic Folsom, Iron Point, Glenn and Meadowview light rail stations are typically at capacity during the weekday commute.

"Rising gas prices and the upcoming closure of the Interstate 5 'boat section' have certainly generated interest in public transit," Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO, stated. "RT riders are putting their money in their pockets, not the gas pump. Now, is the perfect time to try transit."

For route, schedule and fare information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

The Olympics: Bush Shouldn't Go



"The journey of harmony" isn't living up to its name.

That's what organizers of the Olympic Games dubbed the tour of the Olympic torch before realizing that the flame would have to be secreted away during its meanderings. ceremonial It was extinguished at least once in Paris as pro-Tibet protesters besieged it, and in San Francisco it popped up unannounced in unexpected places lest demonstrators create an unseemly ruckus.

If they have a sense of humor, the gods of public relations must be smiling. China celebrated landing the 2008 Summer Olympics as a global PR coup that would seal its status as an internationally respectable power of the first rank. Instead, China is reaping the embarrassment that comes with cracking skulls in Tibet and abetting genocide in Sudan as the world's eyes turn to it as the host of an event devoted "to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity."

If the games weren't a de facto seal of approval, thugs wouldn't pant over hosting them. Hitler worked to keep the 1936 Olympic Games -- awarded to Berlin in 1931 prior to his rise to power -- in Germany. For good reason: historian William Shirer says that turned them into "a dazzling propaganda success for his barbarian regime." In its eagerness to keep the Summer Games in Seoul in 1988. the then-authoritarian state of South Korea didn't crush protesters, thus arguably paving the way for its eventual political opening.

China won't be so gingerly, but to the extent the games

become the occasion for embarrassment for Beijing rather than glorious selfcongratulation, the better. The torch should be harried, and Western leaders should stay away from the opening ceremonies.

All of this is mere symbolism, of course. For China, though, it's the ceremony and the pretty picture that matter most.

President Bush hasn't declared himself about opening ceremony, understandably. If he says he won't go now, he'll lose any leverage over the Chinese. But ultimately he can't go, unless he wants to repeat his father's experienceofrubbingshoulders with Chinese officialdom fresh from a crackdown. Bush has talked about religious freedom more than any other American president. In the past, he hasn't hesitated to irk China, meeting with the Dalai Lama in the White House.

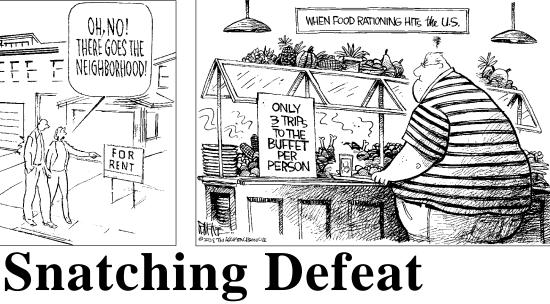
It is the misfortune of Beijing that it has lost the cachet it once had on the left. The country is associated less with Mao's Little Red Book than with capitalist development and rampant pollution, making it an acceptable target for moral censure. It helps that Tibet's most famous representative is a Buddhist monk and that the autonomy of a landlocked Central Asian region at 16,000 feet is a cause safely sequestered from any hint of the American national interest.

Tibet will surely get more restive rather than less as the August games approach. They are simply too good a platform for international attention (the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests began upon a high-profile visit by Mikhail China Gorbachev). respond brutishly and hope its Olympic stage-management still comes off without a hitch.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National

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By Nina May www.RWNetwork.net

Conservatives have this uncanny ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and overplay every hand dealt them. They squandered the Reagan Revolution by parsing and dicing an agenda of positions unobtainable from even the most charismatic, or messianic of candidates. The color required to attain "conservative" credentials on the litmus test appears in no color wheel known to man. The acceptable candidates in this category are whittled to a pencil point that can only scribe the name of Ronald Reagan.

In the hopes that more people would have adopted his manner of principled politics, abandoning the mud fight that is covering the nation in sludge, conservatives have searched diligently for an heir apparent while consistently aborting their own. No one is pure enough, conservative enough, and principled enough to wear that mantel, yet they still hold every elected official to that standard. And, ironically, the country holds the entire Republican Party to that same standard while acknowledging that the Democrats and their party are incapable of feigning an attempt at such lofty heights.

Barney Frank is seen as the voice of all that is virtuous in sexual preference while Mark Foley is run out of town on a rail for his dalliances in alternative lifestyles. Senator Larry Craig is tarred and feathered by the giddy left while claiming the right is homophobic. Tom Delay is driven out of office by an over zealous partisan prosecutor while Congressman William Iefferson government sources to salvage his personal items, including the \$90,000 in his freezer. George Allen can utter a made up word that morphs into a racial slur while the Democrat who filibustered the Civil Rights Bill gets a pass, once again. I'm not really sure what happened to Newt Gingrich, but I am sure he didn't lie under oath or seduce an intern like Bill Clinton did. Bill has had so many sexual

improprieties it would require a certified public accountant to keep track of them and somehow he is the victim and the women are the vile creatures seduced by that siren of the right wing conspiracy. His wife gets the mea culpa senate seat in a state she has never lived in, and a multimillion dollar house she didn't spend a dime on . . . and she is the victim,

not the women her husband abused. We have watched Clarence Thomas endure a "high tech lynching," seen Condoleezza Rice reduced to caricatures of Aunt Jamima and seen Michael Steele have Oreo cookies thrown at him for daring to leave the liberal plantation and express their own political views based on principal. Alan Keyes was all but ignored in his bid for president even though his resume, his intellect, his articulate ability and passion for a country he has always loved, shine like the sun compared to the flickering candle of the finalist in American Idol President, Barak Obama. Why have all these people been held to an impossible standard by both the left and the right? Different reasons. The left has identified all things Republican as akin to the anti-Christ. . . not that they acknowledge there is a Christ, but it is an apt analogy. And the "right", once again, can't seem to get its judgmental act together to recognize good people and get behind them when they are willing to put their lives on the line for the country.

So what we are seeing on the horizon is a perfect storm for a group bound by common philosophy that is at odds with all the participants in the 2008 presidential elections. If conservatives would take a moment from eating their young, look up from the bloodied carcass of fallen comrades they have abandoned in the hunt for perfection, they would see a perfect storm on the horizon.

John McCain has somehow, managed to edge out other candidates who were rejected by conservatives because they were not perfect enough ... or they were too perfect. I can't seem to get my arms around the fact that Mitt Romney looked too perfect, had great credentials, good administration skills but just wasn't good enough. Giuliani was America's Mayor, and granted, Mayor is not a resume topper, but neither is being the housewife of a man who cheats on you and finagles a senate seat in lieu

of candies and flowers. Only Duncan Hunter had a perfect conservative score, yet the conservative elite sat around, wringing their hands searching for a candidate with a perfect conservative score. And even Mike Huckabee is far more conservative than John McCain, yet, he and others were rejected in favor of Hillary and Obama.

from the Jaws of Victory

It has been twenty years since Reagan left office and the only ones who have accomplished anything have been summarily reprimanded and reproached for doing too much, not doing enough, not doing it the right way . . . whatever . . . they have passed and the movement is a dying ember fanning itself in the hopes of igniting a flame of revolution.

This is the perfect storm for such a revolution, if that once powerful group of leaders would give one final gasp of passion and unify their collective efforts to throw down a gauntlet of compromise and ultimate victory.

That gauntlet, to the heir apparent in the Republican Party, John McCain, is very simple and has only two parts. The vice presidential running mate should be vetted by the conservative wing of the party as acceptable, and he will magnanimously acknowledge and agree that if he is elected, he will serve only one term. conservatives can coalesce behind those terms, which would be a miracle, then there could possibly be hope for the future. If not, Hillary or Obama will win . . . depending on who

gets the Democratic nomination. And if McCain does not agree, those who feel they are once again being railroaded and forced to accept an unacceptable candidate, should not sit this election out, but vote their voice and select a write-in candidate who should have been chosen as a running mate. One very positive by-product of losing the general election is that the leadership of the Republican party convenes to elect a new leader as opposed to having one selected by the sitting president. This is the silver lining of a perfect storm.

If Hillary is the nominee, she will be a one-termer with a hostile senate and congress because it will be a known fact that Barak was cheated out of the race. She will be a pariah in the media, in the Democratic Party, and in the nation's eye. She will retaliate with draconian measures to bring her "subjects" in line and a revolt will occur. If Barak wins, the

populace will be crying "uncle" in two years as they struggle to regroup from oppressive taxes, regulations, restrictions and government's tightening stronghold of unrestrained power. And that huge moneymaking machine known as "baby boomers," will begin to slowly grind to a screeching halt as young retirees realize they would much rather spend the rest of their lives doing what they want, not what the government dictates. That young, impressionable group of new voters will be expected to pick up that slack, receiving paychecks that barely cover expenses and their altruistic nature will turn ugly with greed as they realize they have nothing to show for giving the government 50% of their hard earned money. They will expect their young president to have the answer and his response will be to tax and spend more and more. And dismiss the idea that the Clintons will recede quietly into the shadow of the party's new "it" guy. There will be a division in the Democratic party that will make partisan politics seem like a warm memory of the good old days and it will perfectly position Republicans to win in two years, if they can figure out what they stand for.

If either Hillary or Barak wins it will be because McCain would not negotiate with his base and humbly understand that winning the election is impossible without them.

McCain agrees to the conditions, reneges on the agreement to not run a second term he will become Bush 41, surrounded by moderates who actually thought he could win without the base, which ironically was the same reason Dole lost. So McCain can do what is best for the country or he will either Bush himself or Dole himself. And it is between him and the conservatives in the party if they have the courage to press the issue.

If they don't, then they should not complain if they are forced to give allegiance to Hillary or Barak under penalty of whatever. And if they don't, they forever . . . forever . . . lose a position as a serious political voice in the destiny of the country. The perfect storm is brewing and it is up to the conservative base to recognize it and do something about it.

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Put "Memorial" Back in Memorial Day

One Nation United In One to establish the White Moment - Over 300 Million Americans are Asked to Join Together at 3:00 pm, Local Time, on Memorial Day, for the National Moment of Remembrance

All citizens are asked to pause in their Memorial Day activities at 3 pm to respectfully honor the memory of those who died in the service of our nation.

The idea of the National Moment of Remembrance was formed when Carmella LaSpada, a long-time advocate for America's fallen, asked school children, "What does Memorial Day mean to you?" They responded, "It's the day the pool opened." Those young people were not the only ones who misunderstood Memorial Day. According to a Gallup Poll, only 28% of Americans knew the meaning of Memorial Day. Ms. LaSpada was determined to put "Memorial" back in Memorial Day to ensure those who died for our country would never be forgotten. In 2000, Ms. LaSpada inspired Congress House Commission on Remembrance. The National Moment of Remembrance was

The President's Memorial Day Proclamation calls on Americans to observe

the National Moment of Remembrance. The Moment will be observed at the International Space Station, The Statue of Liberty, the USS New Jersey and the Empire State Building. Members of Congress, state and local officials will observe the National Moment of Remembrance, as will the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, and members of our military as well as their families.

Major League Baseball games will pause at 3:00 pm, local time, while 200 Amtrak trains whistle their participation and The National Memorial Day Parade halts for the Moment. Members of Bugles Across America



will play Taps for the Moment at sites throughout our nation.

"The Moment is a time to pause, reflect and remember. It is a portion of our commitment to 'Live Honoring America's Fallen' by showing respect for their sacrificial service. We want our citizens to contemplate the ties that bind us together. We want every man, woman and child to say 'I know why I am free and I respectfully honor those who died for my freedom," said Ms. LaSpada, Executive Director of the Commission. One nation united in one moment.

CONTACT: White House Commission on Remembrance Marjorie Mitchell, 202-783-4665 www.remember.gov

★ VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

When You Buy a **Poppy**

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row ..."

Our use of the poppy to memorialize those who've lost their lives in battle had its seeds in Lt. Col. John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields," in World War I. In 1919 the American Legion Auxiliary started their poppy program when people took the crepe poppies from their coffee and doughnut booth in Milwaukee -- and left cash.

Today the Auxiliary uses the proceeds of poppy donations to support veterans and their families. The poppies themselves are made by veterans as therapy

National Veterans Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

sponsored each year by the VA,

during a week of celebration.

You'll see them around on Memorial Day: members of the American Legion Auxiliary or the VFW at malls or places where lots of people gather, baskets full of poppies at hand.

If you don't spot them, call your local American Legion or VFW and find out where they're going to be distributing poppies. Donate big, take a few, and hand out the extras. Wear your poppy as a remembrance of the sacrifices those who have gone before us.

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Metro Fire CERT Program Graduates New Class

The Sacramento Young Marines volunteered to be Metro Fire's CERT Teams training victims. The children spent their Saturday having fake wounds applied in order to simulate a disaster for the final CERT test.

The CERT Program, run by the Metro fire is a training program for ordinary citizens to learn basic Emergency Rescue. The class, which consisted of 16 men and women of all ages, practiced their training on the children by surveying the area, assessing the injuries and extracting the victims from the disaster area. Once everyone was accounted for and taken to the medical station, The CERT students then bandaged and watched after their victims.

The Young Marines had a lot of fun with the pretend scenario. One boy was to pretend to be a wanderer that escaped from the medical station. The CERT Students **Mount Vernon Memorial Event**

Mount Vernon Memorial

Park will hold its 41st Annual

Memorial Day Tribute on

Monday, May 26th at 11 a.m.

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Sacramento Young Marine Getting help from CERT students

recognized that he had left almost immediately. The CERT Students sent out teams to find where he wandered off just as they were taught. It is a very good feeling to know that besides having the Metro Fire teams available in case of an

ceremony, the missing soldier's

table, a skydiver, and a jet

flyover. Our guest speaker will

be Major General Wm. H. Wade

II, Adjutant General, California

The public is invited to this

free event. Mount Vernon

Memorial Park is located at

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Fair Oaks, one block east of

For additional information call

National Guard.

Fair Oaks Blvd.

916-969-1251.

emergency, they have trained many caring citizens to help.

To learn more about Metro Fire CERT program visit www. smfd.ca.gov/cert.htm or call 916-566-4381. The next class begins October 16, 2008.

Fair Oaks **Memorial Day** Ceremony

The Tenth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 24th at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks, with formal ceremonies starting at 10 AM. Vice Chairman of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District, Thomas Askins will be th Master of Ceremonies. The musical program will be provided by the Fair Oaks Village Singers, Ed Silver, Director, American Veterans Band, conducted by Warren "Bud" Turner, and Bagpiper Dick Marquette.

The Fair Oaks Cemetery District and the Memorial Day Čeremony Committee have finalized plans for one of the most popular and inspiring Memorial Day ceremonies in the area. This year's theme is to honor "The Last Heroes of World War II." Ninety-five new names have been added to the Veterans Memorial Wall. The cemetery will be decorated with hundreds of flags lining its roadways as "The Avenue of Flags."

Covered seating will be available for veterans and visitors. Dedicated seating will be available for veterans of World War II and their wives. The Fair Oaks Historical Society and the Orangevale/Fair Oaks Grange will provide complementary refreshments after the ceremony.

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About SupportOurTroops.Org

Support Our Troops® is a patriotic family organization aimed at protecting the well-being of the troops and their families. They Support Us - Let's Support Them!T Civilian-led, SOT enthusiastically welcomes civilians, active-duty families, veterans, and folks from all political parties. Join SupportOurTroops.Org and show support today. We offer simple, easy, everyday methods through which folks can stick up for those who stick up for all of us: official license plates, ribbons, magnets, apparel, and accessories, knowing that it works to benefit the deployed troops (our neighbors) and their families. Support Our Troops is a nation-wide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with chapters in 37 states to date. Donations at SupportOurTroops.Org help us do wonderful things like this for the troops and their families.

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By Lauren Forcella

Dear Straight Talk: I'm 15 and a sophomore in high school. My mom and dad are going through a divorce because my father is a depressed alcoholic and marijuana addict who refuses to seek help. I have kept hidden the fact that he used to beat me all the time and tell me he wished I were dead, but I recently told my mom about it. Despite his actions, my dad thinks we are very close. I guess he doesn't see what he did as wrong. I want to completely cut him out of my life, but I feel guilty about this decision. I want to know if I am making the right choice. - K

From Mariah, 16: You are making a very good choice and you should not feel guilty about it. My mom is a drug addict and alcoholic, too. Most of my childhood memories are of her in the living room drunk and depressed. When I was in kindergarten, she left us after cheating on my dad. In first grade he let her come back because

Teen needs to cut off abusive parent he felt we children needed a mother

straight talk for teens

figure even though she wasn't a good one. But she left again and over the next two years, she kidnapped us twice and would do nothing to stop her boyfriend from beating up my brothers and his daughter from beating up me and my sisters. To this day my mother is an alcoholic and drug addict. I'm now a sophomore in high school and I didn't have the guts to emotionally cut her off until now. I wish I'd done it a long time ago because it's the smartest thing I've ever done. Now I see that none of this was ever my fault. I have a lot of depression and trust issues, but now,

am starting to deal with them. From Katrina, 15: You are making the right decision. I have nothing to do with my mother for many of the same reasons. I told her she has to enter rehab before I will have anything to do with her.

after cutting her off from my life, I

From Britney, 15: You are making the right choice. I had a verbally abusive boyfriend once who thought it was normal to treat his girlfriend like a piece of trash. Every time I'd start to break up with him he would make me feel guilty and selfish, which I now realize was part of the manipulation abusers are known for. As in your situation, he honestly thought we had a close and normal relationship. Talk to more people about it, a police officer or your best friend. I told my best friend and she made me see that I deserved better. Physical abuse is totally wrong, morally and legally, and will hinder you from going forward with your life. As much as he begs you to forgive him, which he will, don't fall for it.

Dear K: Your father has beaten you repeatedly, told you he wished you were dead, and he assumes you are close. Isn't abuse cozy? That you feel guilty over wanting to leave him is classic. Deep down, you feel ashamed that you weren't "good enough" to win his love. This is the classic pattern that keeps victims in abusive relationships. They keep making excuses for the abuser so they can keep trying to win that love. Listen to the teen panel: Don't fall for it. You will never win it. And until you emotionally separate yourself, you will not be able to work on healing the damage. (And you need to work it so you don't hook up with an abusive boyfriend or husband, which is often the next step.) Bravo for telling your mother, now cut him out of your life and get yourself professional help. You deserve love, not abuse.

Write to Straight Talk at www.StraightTalkForTeens.com or PO Box 963, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Enoch Accepts Position with New District

Superintendent Steven Enoch has accepted an offer to become the superintendent in San Ramon Valley Unified School District effective July 1. Enoch joined San Juan Unified in 2005 and is credited with helping to put the district on improved financial footing, driving the infusion of technology into classrooms, expanding communication with the public, and bringing greater focus to closing the achievement gap among groups of students.

"The decision to leave San Juan has been a very difficult one," Enoch said. "We are a district that is moving forward on many fronts. I am confident however, that with the incredible San Juan teachers and other staff members, including the leadership team and the Board of Education that is now in place, the district will continue the progress we have made in recent years."

will Recruitment immediately for a new superintendent to lead the district. The San Juan Unified Board of Education has already taken action to secure the services of the California School Boards Association to assist with the search. A public forum will be held on May 29 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office, 3738 Walnut Ave., to offer the community a chance to weigh in on qualities they would like to see in the next superintendent.

"We are fortunate to have had Steve with our district for the past three years. He is recognized throughout the state and the nation as an innovator with a passion for

technology and as an advocate for all children," said Board President Richard Launey. "I am pleased that we have a strong leadership team in place that will make this transition period a smooth one. The Board is committed to conducting an expansive search process to be sure that the best candidates are considered as we select a new superintendent."

Before arriving to San Juan, Enoch was Superintendent of the Mead School District in Spokane, Washington. Prior to his work in Spokane, he served as Superintendent of Schools in the San Juan Island School District, located north of Seattle for seven years, and before that, in the Bonsall School District in San Diego County.

POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp LIVE LONG AND **PROSPER** (PART ONE)

Would you like to live to be 120? I'm not talking about a vegetable staring off into space, but a vital healthy doing individual? Dr. Henry Mallek, a pioneer in the field of nutritional science, says it is definitely possible. It all depends on several factors from food and lifestyle to diet. Many trend diets restrict at lease one food group... no carbohydrates or no fat or greatly reduced caloric intake. Dr. Mallek told me the key to long life is staying thin, but here's the part that put a big fat smile on my face. His New Longevity Diet lets us eniov the fun foods we like...red meat, poultry, fish, cheddar cheese, egg yolks, potatoes, and peanuts. And this one made my heart jump for joy... CHOCOLATE !!! I just knew that any food that tastes that good can't be all bad.

In his book, The New Longevity Diet, Dr. Mallek reveals a ground breaking anti-aging program. He told me it's all due to twenty-one little known but essential nutrients...longevity nutrients...that stand between me and 123. They stop the affects of aging, boost immune system health, and promote weight loss. He certainly got my attention. He went on to say that he developed a sensible and accessible plan that can stop the aging process It's all in the foods we eat... literally. We can live not only a long life, but a life of mental and physical vitality too.

That's all well and good,

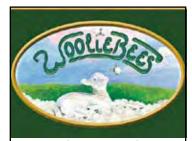
I told Dr. Mallek, but how do I know what foods have which nutrients and how much of each nutrient do I need to keep the 'ole bod running like a top? Don't worry. He covers all that in The Longevity Diet with delicious and simple recipes incorporating life extending foods. The bottom line is that this diet reduces our weight without running the health risks inherent in eliminating essential food groups. His plan shoots not only for lean and mean...but healthy and energetic for a long time. Yeah, a very very very long time!!

Don't know about you, but I've come to hate the whole regimen of taking a hot new vitamin for one ailment, something else for energy, another for anti-aging, and on and on and on that claim to slow down mother and father time. Dr. Mallek quickly pointed out the fact that they CLAIM !!! Is there scientific evidence? He went on to say it takes a multi-factoral nut to stabalize DNA...the factor in cells...to keep that brain and those muscles strong. He made it clear it takes a full array to empower the body to prevent aging.

When next we meet, we'll go through those twenty-one little tweakers that might stop that twinge of Arthritis creeping in on our lives. Til then, STAY HEALTHY... WEALTHY...AND WISE!!!

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Many Republican voters ask me about the office of County Central Committee and want to know what this committee does, and who to vote for. The Republican Central Committee in Sacramento is the legal arm of the Republican Party in this county. The committee consists of unpaid volunteers

elected by Supervisor Districts. The committee is responsible for voter registration and the election activities for all Republican nominees in the general elections. And, the committee has a responsibility to build and maintain a strong, positive Republican presence in Sacramento County. I am recommending the following individuals for election to the Republican Central Committee as they have proven themselves to be dedicated, hard-working volunteers committed to accomplishing the task of building a strong grass-roots Party organization in our County.

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Citrus Heights News & Views 5th Annual Relay for Life of Citrus Heights Ormond Named VP of IT at Heald College



Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. San Juan High School 7551 Greenback Lane Citrus Heights

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Citrus Heights is in its 5th year at San Juan High School and will be June 7-8, 2008. Relay For Life is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society and is held in more than 300 communities in California. Last year in California alone, Relay For Life raised more than \$33 million that will go toward cancer

research and American Cancer Society's free programs and services in the local community.

Community members, businesses and families are invited to sign up as a team for the event on the event www.events.cancer.org/ rflcitrusheightsca and begin fundraising for the event, join an existing team or just donate to help the American Cancer Society fight back against cancer.

For 24 hours at Relay, teams take turns walking the track — because cancer never sleeps. There are ceremonies honoring survivors and those who have lost their battle with the disease, as well as music, games and

other entertainment that fill the day with fun. Survivors and their caregivers are invited to a pre-event breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on June 7. The event kicks off at 10:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies and the Survivor Lap, then walkers fill the track to show their support for cancer research and the mission of the American Cancer Society.

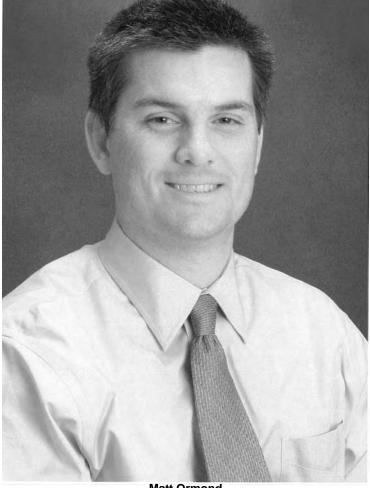
To RSVP and get your tickets for Saturday's 9 a.m. Survivor Breakfast, please call Sandy Thomas at (916) 729-0386. For more information about the Relay For Life of Citrus Heights. call event co-chairs Jessica Mang (916) 595-3761 or Scott Nygard (916) 969-2424. See you on the track!

Heald College today announced Matt Ormond, Citrus Heights resident, has been named Vice President of Information Technology (IT). In this role, Ormond will be responsible for overseeing Heald's engineering efforts, including campus IT operations, network services and application support.

Ormond has worked in Heald's IT Department for 10 years. He started with Heald in 1998 as an adjunct faculty member preparing students for advanced certification in Microsoft Windows technology. In 1999, he became the network administrator for Sacramento campus. Ormond has also worked as the regional IT manager, overseeing six campuses; as the IT manager, overseeing all 11 of Heald's campuses; and most recently as the director of IT.

"Matt's commitment contributions to the success of our students and the College are exemplary examples of what Heald College is all about," said Nolan A. Miura, president and CEO. "Matt's management and IT experience, as well as being a Heald graduate, make him a perfect fit for this position. I am looking forward to additional contributions from Matt as he moves Heald's IT Department forward."

Ormond graduated from the Sacramento Heald Institute of Technology in 1994 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in electronics technology and received an Associate of Applied Science degree in networking technology from Heald in 1996. Ormond received his Bachelor of Science degree in management from the University of Phoenix and



Matt Ormond

is currently pursuing his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

About Heald College Founded in 1863, Heald College is a private career college, with 11 campuses in the western United States. Its mission is to provide career-focused programs in healthcare, technology and business that prepare students for workplace success in the shortest practical

time – generally 18 months or less. Heald College offers associate degrees, short-term diplomas, and certification training programs, and is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). For more information, please call 1-800-88-HEALD or visit www.heald.edu.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL of CITRUS HEIGHTS



The members of Soroptimist International of Citrus Heights would like to announce our current meeting times. SICH meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Denny's on the corner of Greenback Lane and Sunrise Blvd. at 12:00pm. The mission of SICH is to promote the advancement of women through volunteer service to the community.

We are a group of women dedicated to the promoting interest and involvement in our community to better the lives of women and girls.

If you are interested in attending a meeting or finding out more about our club, please contact Sue Green, Membership Coordinator, at (916) 996-4349 or seg1seg@aol.com.

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Dave Terwilliger San Juan Principal **Honored at Crystal Apple Awards**

By Tim Jackson

Dave Terwilliger, retiring Principal at San Juan High School was surprised when he was given special recognition April 29, 2008 at the Crystal Apple Award ceremony honoring teachers from local high schools. Tewilliger who has been in attendance the last four years of this event turned the attention away from himself and stated how pleased he was to see the recognition for the teachers continue. "These hard working and dedicated teachers don't always get much positive recognition," said Tewilliger. "We appreciate the Citrus Heights Stake of the LDS Church continued acknowledgement of their efforts in our community.' Mr. Terwilliger who retires after this year was given a special award by the parents of current and former students who have been influenced by his warm and caring leadership at San Juan High School.

"This is really exciting to be given the Crystal Apple award", said Mrs. Vicky Warren a first year teacher at Casa Roble. A 2007 graduate of CSUS who teaches Health Science has given her students who nominated her plenty to think about. According to 10th grader Samantha McCracken, "She is really good at her job and makes class exciting."

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Dave Terwilliger, retiring Principal at San Juan High School

Toby Harris a seasoned English teacher at Mesa Verde in Citrus Heights was nominated "because he really likes us to use our minds and be creative", said 10th grader Shannon Sewell. Tanner Warner another sophomore student agrees, "He makes learning fun and a joy to be in his class."

The winning teacher from San Juan is another English teacher Mrs. Nicole Kukral who also has served as year book advisor for 6 years. "There has never been a time when I haven't wanted to go to work" Kukral said,

"Because I have the honor of working with phenomenal teachers and students every day." Freshman Bryan Eckern agreed. "Mrs. Kukral is kind, friendly and an excellent teacher."

The program which is sponsored by the Citrus Heights Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gives recognition annually to teachers from San Juan, Mesa Verde and Casa Roble in Orangevale. The winning teachers are nominated by their students who attend early morning religion classes sponsored by the LDS Church.

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Fair Oaks News & Views Spring and Summer Events Honoring the Last H Honoring the Last Heroes

The Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the following spring and summer events

A Taste of Fair Oaks

June 6th (6 p.m. to 10 p.m.): A Taste of Fair Oaks features handcrafted Ales & Lagers, Foothill Wineries, Gourmet Food, Live Auction. Art Exhibit, Live Music, Putting Tournament and Raffle prizes. This event will again be held at the Northridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave, Fair Oaks, 95628. Admission is \$40 in advance; \$48 at the door.



Concerts in the Park

June 12th to August 28th (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.). Concerts in the Park. The weekly Thursday

night Concerts in the Park series is free to the public and is held in the Village Park. The bands are fantastic this year, and the Fair Oaks Foundation for Leisure and the Arts will again be selling ice cream sundaes and root beer floats.

Additional information about these events, as well as other events throughout the year, can be found on the Chamber website www.fairoakschamber.com.

Fair Oaks Cemetery Memorial Day and Avenue of Flags

The Tenth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 24th at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks, with formal ceremonies starting at 10 AM. Vice Chairman of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District, Thomas Askins will be the Master of Ceremonies. The musical program will be provided by the Fair Oaks Village Singers, Ed Silver, Director, American Veterans Band, conducted by Warren "Bud" Turner, and Bagpiper Dick

The Fair Oaks Cemetery District and the Memorial Day Ceremony Committee have finalized plans for one of the most popular and inspiring Memorial Day ceremonies in the area. This year's theme is to honor "The Last Heroes of World War II." Ninety-five new names have been added to the Veterans Memorial Wall. The cemetery will be decorated with hundreds of flags lining its roadways as "The Avenue of Flags."

of World War II

Speaker, Veteran Honored of WWII, PFC John Serpa, USMC will speak on his personal experiences. Other Guest speakers include Assemblyman Roger Niello, and possibly Sacramento Supervisor from 4th District, Roberta McGlashen.

Congressman Dan Lundgren has provided a flag that has flown over the nation's capitol. This flag will fly over the Veterans

Memorial for one year in honor of all Veterans of the Armed Services. The flag honoring the POW's/ MIA's, which was flown over the memorial this past year, will be retired and formally presented to Bob Clouse, Board Chairman Fair Oaks Cemetery District.

A formal Color Guard and Rifle Salute Team from VFW District 17 will provide military honors and assist the Commanders of the local VFW, American Legion and the VFW Auxiliary to the laying of the wreath at the memorial in honor of over thirteen hundred veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

Covered seating will be available for veterans and visitors. Dedicated seating will be available for veterans of World War II and their wives. The Fair Oaks Historical Society and the Orangevale/ Fair Oaks Grange will provide complementary refreshments after

Gala Evening of Gourmet Food, Vintage Wine & Hand Crafted Ales

"A Taste of Fair Oaks" is a Gala Evening of gourmet food, Vintage Wine, Hand Crafted Ales and Lagers, Fine Art, a Putting Contest, and live music will be playing throughout the evening.

present their favorite creations or 6th. Experience a delightful evening of house specialties for tasting. We are featuring foothill and local wineries and regional micro breweries, inviting them to pour samples of their wines and micro brew for guests to taste. Plan Chefs from Fair Oaks and to join this GALA event, being held at neighboring area restaurants will North Ridge Country Club on June

Gourmet Tasting, Good Music, Raffle, Silent Auction and a Hole-In-One putting contest winning \$5000!!!

For additional information call the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce at (916) 967-2903 or check our website: www.atasteoffairoaks.com.

High-Impact Marketing on a Small-Business Budget

BDG Brown Bag, Fair Oaks Library 12pm-1pm with casual networking at 11:30am

Does your company have a communications plan? Many small businesses don't. Yet having a well thought-out, strategic plan for letting potential customers know about your businesses and the services it provides can make the difference between success and failure.

The good news is there are steps

effort but little cash. This presentation will share strategies and solutions that have paid off for cash-strapped startups and struggling nonprofits and give you a start on creating your own strategic communications plan.

Expert Speaker: Bonnie Osborn, WriteAway Communications After receiving her Bachelor of Journalism degree in 1994, Bonnie started out as a reporter and editor for several weekly

you can take that cost some time and and daily publications in Missouri and Southern California, and then went on to work in communication positions for LA County Public Health and several LA-area non-In 2004, profit organizations. Bonnie launched her own company, WriteAway Communications Services, which specializes in comprehensive communications strategies and publications businesses and non-profits.

The Chamber has a temporary change in office hours we will be open Monday through Friday from 10am until noon and again from 2pm until 4pm.





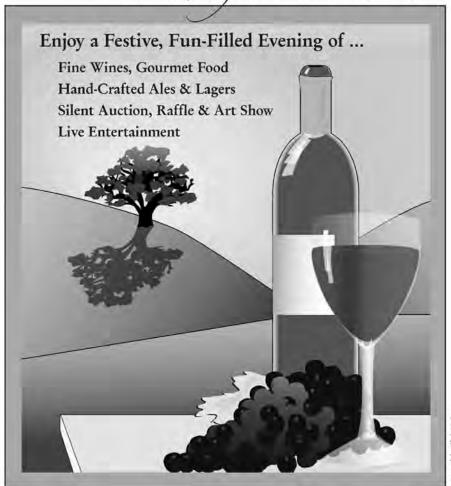


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Metro Fire - Camp Applications Now Being Accepted

It's time again to sign up for Metro Fire's 2008 FIRE CAMP!

Metro Fire's FIRE CAMP this year is from July 22nd to July 26th, 2008. Each day of the day camp allows eighty -11, 12, and 13 year olds' a chance to see and learn the varied disciplines of today's fire service. It is a once in a lifetime experience, which teaches skills. confidence, teamwork and selfreliance, all in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

Parents drop off and pick up their campers at Fire Station 21 located on Greenback Lane every day. The kids are grouped in "strike teams" of eight campers, and each strike team is mentored and supervised by a professional firefighter. Teams learn about the job of a firefighter and experience first hand life safety skills such as:

- · Fire Extinguisher Training
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· And much more!

Through the vision and dedication of over 150 District employees, and supported by local businesses, community groups, and allied public agencies, FIRE CAMP brings youth and public servants together in an atmosphere of support, encouragement, excitement and family.

To attend Metro Fire's FIRE CAMP, applicants must be between the ages of 11 and 13. Preference is given to applicants who live within the Metro Fire District boundaries.

Applications can be found on our web site: www.smfd.ca.gov on the front page. Applications are processed in the order they are received, so the earlier you apply, the better the chance of securing a position in this year's FIRE CAMP. The application deadline to apply is June 9, 2008 at Noon.



Phoenix Community Garden Open House

The 51 members of the Phoenix Community Garden in Fair Oaks invite you to their third annual Open House on Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 10am to 2pm.

Their will be self guided tours,

tips, food and more.

The garden is located in Phoenix Park at Hazel and Kruithof Way, Fair Oaks, 95628 near the VFW Hall.

The Phoenix Community

Parks and Recreation District, exists to promote good gardening techniques, sharing of information, and community camaraderie.

For more information contact Ron at (916) 715-0023 or Gary at





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Carmichael News & Views

Department of Regional Parks Honors Victory Christian Gets It Done **Carol Doersch Outstanding Volunteer**



Left to right in front: Jill Ritzman, Deputy Director Regional Parks; District 3 Supervisor Susan Peters; Carol Doersch; and Marilee Flannery, Supervisor. **Effie Yeaw Nature Center.**

Pictured in back are Supervisors Dickinson, Yee and MacGlashan.

Carol Doersch has volunteered for more than 26 years as a founder and supporter of the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA).

Carol has consistently provided an average of 40 hours each month for many years working in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and the ARNHA.

She has donated over 9,000 hours in founding ARNHA, worked on educational publications such as The Valley Nisenan, and The Acorn, found funding for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, and served as secretary and as ARNHA Board Member, Associate

president for the ARNHA Board of Directors; Carol, an exemplary volunteer, who was a major contributor in establishing the Maidu Cultural Heritage Program through planning and securing of funding for the construction of the Maidu Village at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

Carol shares her love of nature, passion for education, accomplished writing, and dedication to ensuring that the Effie Yeaw Nature Center continues in its mission of environmental and cultural education; Carol serves not only

Board Member, Acorn Contributor, but also as an inspiration to all who share in her vision of protecting and preserving our natural resources.

Carol has enriched every project and endeavor that she has involved herself in.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, honors Carol Doersch Outstanding Volunteer Of The Year in service to the County Sacramento Department of Regional Parks and to the people of Sacramento County.

Smiles for Miles: First 5 California Launches **Mobile Health Tour with Dental Focus**

Hands-on Health Van Offers Health Tips, Games and Giveaways to Sacramento **Families**

In California, almost two-thirds of children have dental decay by the time they reach third grade. That's why First 5 California has dedicated its spring Hands-on Health tour - including a stop in Sacramento County – to educate families about healthy dental care.

In partnership with dental manufacturer Dr. Fresh, First 5 California will offer local families tips and tools to help build healthy dental habits in young children.

During the van's stop at the Sacramento County Fair, kids will receive free Dr. Fresh FireFly toothbrushes and play educational games, while parents learn how to care for their children's overall health. Look for the van at the Fair's special Mommy Mixer, an area geared for mothers and their children.

Perfect for children age 5 and under and their families, this free touring exhibit, in conjunction with First 5 Sacramento, makes it fun for families to learn about health by using storytelling, music and entertainment.

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters



passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support programs for expectant parents and children ages 0 to 5. As part of its public education efforts, First 5 California implements the Hands-on Health mobile outreach tour statewide to teach California families about healthy habits.

Thursday, May 22-Noon to Dusk, Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815

CONTACTS: For information about the Hands-on Health van, call Lindsay McIntyre at (310)

"The students did a great job painting. We completed more work than we ever could imagine", "The students of Victory Christian have been such a blessing to me. I could never have done the work myself. You have a great bunch of kids there." These are just a few of the comments made by grateful recipients of Work Day put on by Victory Christian School on April 30. This annual fundraising event allowed students to take a day away from their books to do something good for their community and to help their school financially. The goal for this event was \$25,000. Students secured sponsors to underwrite their work. "They are well on their way toward the goal as pledges continue to come in, even after the actual event," commented Linda Melody, Coordinator for Work Day. All together the students were



able to do work at William Land Park, McKinley Park, Carmichael Park, a local school, a convalescent hospital, and 10 homes of senior citizens.

For more information, contact:

Development Coordinator Victory Christian Schools 3045 Garfield Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 916-488-5601 ext. 116 lmelody@victorycs.org

Nominations Wanted for Patriots Park "Wall of Honor" in Carmichael

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District is celebrating the construction of a new park on Palm Avenue. This park will offer the latest in park design features along with a special "Wall of Honor."

This unique Wall of Honor will provide a lasting monument to the residents of the district who gave their life while serving their country OR community.

Nominations are being accepted through August 4, 2008 in preparation for the Grand Opening of Patriots Park.

For more information call Tracy at (916) 485-5322x23 or go to www.carmichaelpark. com.

Wall of Honor Guidelines **Definitions**

Patriot-one who loves, supports,

and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion

Honor - good name or public esteem; keen sense of ethical conduct; an evidence or symbol of distinction

A Heroic Act – showing great bravery, or courage

Purpose: The purpose of the 'Wall of Honor' within Patriots' Park is to provide a lasting monument to residents of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District who gave their life for their Country or Community.

Candidates for the "Wall of Honor' within Patriots' Park must meet the following criteria:

- The individual gave their life for their Country or Community
- The individual was a resident of the CRPD • The individual must not have
- been convicted of a felony Nomination and timeline for the

grand opening of Patriots' Park • The CRPD relies on the

community for nominations

- · Nominations must be made by August 4, 2008
- For the grand opening CRPD will approve as many applicants as qualify
- The act of courage can go back to 1945 (the inception of • Nomination may be submitted
- on the official nomination form or in a letter that contains all the pertinent information Review committee consisting
- of: Members of the public safety community (i.e. Police Department or Fire Department), the military community, the community atlarge, or CRPD staff, will make recommendations to the CRPD Advisory Board for approval
- · A public ceremony will be held during the grand opening of Patriots' Park
- A registry with a brief "story" of each honoree of the "Wall of Honor" will be maintained on the District web site

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1:00 Sacramento Concert Band 2:00 Capital City Concert Band 3:00 Sacramento Symphonic Winds 4:00 59th Army Band - California National Guard 5:15 River City Concert Band Bring a lawn chair! Bring a picnic! Spend the day!

SUNDAY

11:00 Three Note Band

12:00 Capitol Pops Concert Band

For more information:

916-489-2576 or mlehr@sbcglobal.net

pcoming Events

Flag Day Celebration

Saturday, June 14, 2008 11:00 A.M. Carmichael Lodge # 2103 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

Members of the public are invited to attend the Carmichael Lodge annual Flag Day ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. to join with our Members in the celebration of the history of our Nation's Flag, the emblem of freedom and the symbol of unity

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks were the first and only fraternal organization to require an annual tribute to our country's flag, long before it became a National Celebration. Included in this ceremony is a history of our flag along with a presentation of seven of our earlier flags by members of our Lodge sponsored Boy Scout Troop #386.

Patriotism is as important today as it has ever been at any time in our Nation's history, and nothing inspires patriotism more as seeing the stars and stripes along with hearing a brief summary of the conflicts in which our countrymen sacrificed so much in the defense of our freedom and continue to do so. PLEASE JOIN US!

La Sierra High School Reunion **Class of 1970**

Date: May 24, 2008

Location: La Sierra Community Center, formerly known as La Sierra High School.

Contact information: Robin L (Ramsthaler) Piet, 173 Springwood LN, Idaho Falls, ID 83404

E-mail: robinpiet@msn.com

Two Events: Friday, 23rd, 7:00 pm Get Reacquainted - \$10.00 Saturday, 24th, 4:00 pm, Longhorn BBQ - \$30.00

Please confirm your reservations by May 10, 2008. In hopes everyone can attend, Scholarships are available. Contact Robyn Piet for information.

Candidates Forum

To Be Held, May 27 The Carmichael Chamber of Com-

merce will sponsor a Candidates Forum, Tuesday, May 27, noon at the Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Avenue.

Assemblymember Alan Nakinishi, District 10 is termed out; so five candidates will be running for an open seat this election. They are David Sander, Jack Sieglock, Paul Hegyi, Alyson Huber and Jim Cook.

Incumbent Supervisor Susan Peters,

District 3 is running for re-election and is being challenged by Warren Hard-

All the candidates have been extended an invitation to participate.

The meeting is open to the public and reservations are required. Cost of the luncheon is \$13.50 prepaid and \$15.00 at the door. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted. To secure your seat call the Chamber office, 481-1002. Deadline for reservations is May 23.

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Orangevale Library Host Old and New Activities Triends of the Orangevale Library Host Old and New Activities Lorraine Shares Her Survivor Story By Loraine Silvera I was given up for adoption at birth. My adopted parents knew



Judy Nissila, (center) newly elected president, Friends of the Orangevale Library, congratulates Putt Curtis (left) and Betts Flores (right) for their work/part on the Bodacious Book Sale to be held June 5-7 at Divine Savior Parish Hall, 9079 Greenback in Orangevale. For more information call a Friend: 916.725.8288.

"For our spring agenda, the Friends of the Orangevale Library, are busily merging the old with the new," says Judy Nissila, newly elected president. "For example, our traditional fundraiser - THE BODACIOUS BOOK SALE—is scheduled for June 5 -7, at Parish Hall Divine Savior Church. The magic begins at 8:30 a.m., when the doors open to thousands of books in every category imaginable!

We take pride in this event in that it is neatly organized yet allows plenty of room for rummaging, just what bargain hunters enjoy. We provide bags, resting areas and a merchandise hold-area for leisure browsing and shopping. Our Bodacious Boutique adds sparkle by offering free, yes, free gifts to those who become members of Friends. And last but not least, the popular Orangevale book, pre-autographed, of course, will be

this remarkable event." Absolutely new, beautiful and spacious is the new look for the existing Orangevale Library. The Grand Reopening held April 3, drew a crowd of over 100 people including featured speakers State Senator Dave Cox, State Assemblyman Roger Niello, County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan, Sacramento Public Library Director Anne Marie God, and Friends President, Judy Nissila.

The impressive remodeled and expanded library features: a bright new area for children, a new exciting space for teens, (including a container for parking skateboards) more computers, new carpeting and furniture, increased seating, a program area, etc. The total square footage is now 4320 (expanded from 3120 square feet). The collection includes 34,000 items—books, periodicals, DVDS, CDs, etc. Funded available. The public is invited to by the Sacramento County Library

Funds, the project cost \$281,000.

A new program, "Leaving a Legacy," albeit still in its infancy, is chaired by Friends vice-president Betts Flores. Per the research, it is estimated that 77% of Americans donate money and time to charitable organizations during their lifetimes. However, only 8% of us remember to include a gift to a non-profit, like the OV Library, in our estate plans or wills. It is typically at our death that we transfer the largest portion of our wealth to others; imagine the effect we could have if a significant number of us made provisions to include the Orangevale Library.

'So, if you've made, supporting non-profits a part of your life, why not think of giving a gift for the generations to come? You will make a difference. The Sacramento County Library Foundation offers free estate counseling for anyone interested. The number to call is 916-264-2893. Donations to the Leaving a Legacy program will be used in the building fund for the new permanent library, which remains a high priority with Friends. The location for the new library is next to the Community Center; look for the sign "Future Home of the Orangevale Library."

Friends of the Orangevale Library, now in their seventh year, take pride in supporting programs, holding books, purchasing fundraisers and staying closely in touch with the powers that be, particularly those who have a major role in decision-making regarding the building of new libraries. In the words of Assemblyman Roger Niello, "What's going to make the biggest difference

nothing about my birth parents or their background. I lived a normal, as normal can get, childhood. I left home at the age of 18 and at the age of 20 started a family with my first born, a son. At the age of 25, I gave birth to my second child, a daughter. At the age of 26, I was diagnosed with cervical cancer and had surgery. All clear with a clean bill of health!

At the age of 27 I found my birth parents and with that came a half sister on my mother's side and four half brothers and a half sister on my father's side. My father and his family had a history of good health and long life. My mother and her family were a different story. My mother at a young age had surgery for cervical cancer. In her 30's she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her mom, my grandmother, carried the gene for breast cancer. My mom's cancer returned in her 50's and took her life at age 57.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 40. underwent a double mastectomy and reconstruction surgery. I also carried the gene for ovarian cancer. Since there are no symptoms for ovarian cancer until it is too late, the doctor suggested preventive surgery. Four months later I had the surgery for ovarian cancer. Both surgeries were difficult not only for me, but for my family. With little time between the surgeries, my family had to carry the load of "Mom" and the household chores. With lots of help from family and friends, I'm on my feet again with a clean bill of health.

Last year I ran the race for Honorary Mayor of Orangevale. I raised over \$14,000.00 dollars -- the highest amount ever raised in the history of the Mayor's



Rich Hall & Cancer Survivor Lorraine Silvera

race. I am currently the well as a director on the board for the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. Last October as Honorary Mayor, my first ribbon cutting was at the Relay For Life of Orangevale. I had also joined a team and did a little fundraising for the event. I had the best time! Everyone was happy and full of energy. I was honored to walk the first lap in my purple survivor shirt with the rest of the survivors. Then again the survivors' lap at dusk with all the luminaria bags lighting the way. The entire event was very wonderful.

It was at that time I decided that I was going to volunteer my time at the next Relay For Life. I had high hopes to help in the second Relay and make it an even bigger event then the first. So here I am, the Team Captain Coordinator for the event. I recruit teams and energize the team captains at the meetings to recruit teammates and fundraise for the fight against cancer. We have more teams signed up then last year already, and a large committee to help in the event. This year is going to be bigger and better. It is a chance for the community to come together in the fight against cancer. After all, we all know someone who has been affected by cancer. We can make a difference!

Why do I relay? For my mother, myself and my daughter. I hope that someday soon they will find a cure for cancer, so that my daughter and so many others will not have to endure the pain and suffering that I went through.

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The investment world can be complex - and trying to navigate it by yourself is a daunting task. That's why you may want to work with a professional financial advisor someone with the experience and resources to help you reach all your important financial objectives.

Your first task, then, is to find a financial advisor with whom you will be comfortable. Ask your friends, relatives and co-workers for referrals, and don't be shy about interviewing a few financial advisors. When you're talking to prospective financial advisors, look for someone who stresses comprehensive financial strategies, rather than individual transactions. Ideally, you will want someone who asks questions such as these:

What are your goals? You'll need a financial advisor who shows considerable interest in your short- and long-term goals. After all, you'll want this person to help you accomplish a variety of things - saving for a new home, sending your children to college, attaining a comfortable retirement lifestyle and so on. Every single recommendation a financial advisor makes should be based on your goals.

What does your family situation look like? A financial advisor will ask you a lot of family-related questions: How many children do you have? Do you plan to send them to college? If so, how much do you hope to contribute to their education? Does your spouse have

a retirement plan at work? Will you attorney, to carry out your strategies of have aging parents that may require leaving the legacy you desire. some type of assistance from you?

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City Wins Two More Awards for Cemetery Project Two Excellence in Communications theme, the event featured a procession The Kilgory Cemetery repowalion. The Kilgory Cemetery repowalion are used as a way to the cuterous and objects on a delication of the content of the content of the content of the cuterous and objects on a delication of the content of the cuterous and objects on a delication of the cuterous and objects of the cuterous and obj

awards have been won by the City of Rancho Cordova for its 2007 Rededication of Matthew Kilgore Cemetery project.

Awarded by CAPIO (California Association of Public Information Officials), the City received an Award of Distinction in the Marketing/ Communications Campaign category and an honorable mention in the Special Event competition.

The Kilgore Cemetery event last May celebrated the renovation and refurbishing of the 134-year old landmark that is located on Kilgore Road between Trade Center and Sun Center Drives. Using a New Orleans that included a jazz band, a horsedrawn carriage with an empty casket, public officials, and members of the community

"Several descendents of Matthew Kilgore, the man who established the cemetery in 1874, were in the procession, as well as several other descendants of families buried in the cemetery," said Alexandra Miller, a member of the City staff who worked on the project.

During the renovation, many of the missing tombstones were located and recovered. The City also re-landscaped the property, built a niche wall, and

The Kilgore Cemetery renovation had already been named the 2007 Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association and was a finalist in the 2007 Savvy Award contest sponsored by 3CMA, a national association for public information officials.

The City of Rancho Cordova, located in Sacramento County, was incorporated in 2003 and will soon be marking its 5th Anniversary. The City is known for its innovative approach to government and its fiscal soundness. City Hall is located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, phone: 916-851-8700, www. cityofranchocordova.org.

Building Board of Appeals Announces Application Deadline

The deadline for applying for a position on Rancho Cordova's Building Board of Appeals has been extended to Wednesday, May 21st. The City Council is scheduled to make appointments at its June 16th meeting.

The purpose of the Building Board of Appeals is to hear property owners' appeals of decisions made by the Building Official regarding the application and interpretation of the building codes.

The Board will be made up of five to seven members who have professional backgrounds in contracting, building, and law as well as members of the general public. The group will meet on as-needed basis, when appeals are requested by property owners, but not more than once a month. The first meeting is tentatively planned for July 10th.

The Board will hear cases that relate to structures or conditions that have been declared sub-standard, unsanitary, or hazardous and the property owners' responsibilitytorehabilitate,reconstruct, correct, or make abatements. When making decisions, Board members will

weigh professional input given in staff reports and provided by applicants and consultants.

Application requirements include being at least 18 years old and have professional experience as a residential or commercial general contractor; electrical, mechanical, or plumbing contractor; electrical, mechanical, civil, or structural engineer; architect; fire service representative; attorney; or utility representative. Public membersat-large will also be considered for

"We are looking for people who have an interest in serving the community and may have a professional knowledge regarding building and safety," said Tom Trimberger, Chief Building Official for

the City of Rancho Cordova.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office that is located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive or on line at the City's website at www. cityofranchocordova.org.

For additional information, please contact Trimberger at (916) 851-8761.

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Education Reform - Back to the Basics

infrastructure, and educate our children. These are the basic responsibilities of government, and all other duties often assigned to it are really luxuries which may not be affordable or even wise investments.

Education certainly is a necessary investment of our tax dollars (although homeschooling is probably an even better option - but that's another op-ed), and it is a fundamental need - even if we in California don't do such a great job of distributing those resources.

As Mayor of Rancho Cordova, I made a commitment to spend time as a "Principal for a Day" at every school in Rancho Cordova. During this tour of more than 20 schools in my community, from 3 different school districts, differences in their approach and levels of funding were obvious but difficult to understand. Why was gifted education so well funded in one district and not in another?

What accounts for the differences? In large part, so-called "categoricals". which are funding programs with formulas that determine how much money a school district can get. There were 62 categoricals at

Categoricals are used as a way to get around a court ruling that requires a level playing field for local school districts, so that children from poor or rich districts anywhere in the state would have access to a quality education. Because they aren't subject to this fairness mandate, categoricals have multiplied as each generation of the state legislature has added its own pet funding streams to the list. Categorical funding streams have grown into a convoluted, bureaucratic, confounding system with enormous overhead costs and few real benefits.

Even worse, this system confounds analysis and measures of accountability. and therefore undermines the public trust that education dollars are well spent or even having any positive impact.

For example, neighboring school districts with similar demographics may receive vastly different funding under the same categoricals leading to public confusion. Districts also spend large sums trying to track and administer these special funding streams, and this of course represents a wasted resource that could be better

spent actually educating kids rather than just keeping up with the paperwork. The Education bureaucracy is focusing on the paperwork rather than the outcomes for kids

There have been efforts over the years to reform this ridiculous system, but as each categorical has it's own constituency (often school districts that have gamed the system or even gotten formulas altered to benefit just their own district) most reform measures have failed.

The system must be simplified into a block grant like arrangement with simple funding rules and lots of accountability and measurements of results. We need to create a system that is focused on needs and real results rather than process. We also need a system that is responsive to local needs and desires rather than those of the bureaucrats and teacher unions. Let's let accountable local officials make decisions that work for us, and hold them responsible for their actions.

David Sander is a conservative City Councilman and local business owner who is currently running for State Assembly in District 10, which includes Carmichael, Rancho Cordova, Gold River and surrounding areas.

Police Now Cracking Down On Your Buckling Up

The Rancho Cordova Police Department will be aggressively enforcing the state's occupant protection laws as part of California's 2008 Click It or Ticket mobilization, taking place May 12-June 1. The campaign relies on heavy enforcement and public education as a means to help California achieve the highest seat belt use rate in the nation. California currently has the nation's fourth highest seat belt use rate at 94.6 percent.

"We want to make sure that all drivers and passengers buckle up on every ride, day and night," said Police Chief Reuben Meeks. "Our officers will be on the lookout for those who are not buckled up and for teens and children not riding properly restrained. We will not accept excuses or give warnings. It's Click It or

California has a primary seat belt law which requires that every passenger in the car, including the driver, is required to wear a seat belt at all times. If stopped and found to be in violation, law enforcement will issue citations without warning. Tickets for first seat belt violations range from \$80 to \$91 for adults and \$330 to \$401 for children under age 16, depending on the county. "We're doing well with nearly 95

percent buckling up, fourth highest in the nation," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "That's 1.5 million more

has continued to climb in recent years, California's teen seat belt use rate lags behind the general population. In 2007, California's teen seat belt use rate was 88.9 percent, well below the state rate of 94.6 percent for the same year.

More than 280 law enforcement agencies statewide will be participating in this year's Click It or Ticket mobilization. Additionally, agencies are encouraged to conduct nighttime patrols in an effort to boost compliance at night.

Funding for officer overtime to support California's Click It or Ticket campaign was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic

For more information contact Rancho Cordova Police Department Detective Gerald Lane at (916) 876-6675.

"Putting on the Dog" in Gold River!

Kay Burton's Bow-Wow Beauties, will hit the doggie runway at 12:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 31, 2008. The location will be on the corner next to Hallmarks in Gold River. This event will benefit the Sacramento SPCA.

Special guest emcee will be Councilman and former Mayor of Rancho Cordova, David Sander.

Bel Air Market, in Gold River, will be selling Hot Dogs, Chile and Sodas at a special price of \$2.00., which will be held outside in front of the Bel Air Market.

A large variety of dogs, all sizes and breeds will be dressed in the latest canine fashions. The pet's performance will highlight the Sacramento SPCA annual Fundraiser.

The show brings people and animals together and helps make the public aware of the need to rescue and adopt the homeless animals.

Big Valley Federal Credit will be one of the local sponsors who will participate in the raffle with proceeds to benefit the Sacramento SPCA.

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> Director, Mary Purvis 721-3824

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CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Fatal collision

On 5/9/08 at 0219 Hrs a pedestrian walking on Baird Ave came across a crashed motorcycle and a male motorcyclist who was lying on the ground and unresponsive. Emergency personnel responded and found the motorcyclist was deceased from what appear to be collision related injuries.

Identification of the rider is pending and the Sacramento County Coroner's Office is responded to the scene. Members of the Citrus Heights Police Department Traffic Team responded to investigate the collision. Preliminary evidence suggests this collision is alcohol related. Toxicology results will be examined to determine the rider's sobriety. Anyone with information on this collision is encouraged to call the Traffic Team at (916)

DUI collision

Male, 37 years old of Sacramento, was riding his motorcycle eastbound on Auburn Blvd near Van Maren when he left the roadway, entered the center median, and struck a large directional arrow trailer that was placed there to warn oncoming traffic of a construction zone.

He was immediately thrown from his motorcycle but walked away and was contacted by officers in a nearby apartment complex. He was found to have a serious head injury and was transported to Mercy San Juan hospital for treatment. He was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence and released pending further investigation.

Members of the Citrus Heights Police Department Traffic Unit responded to the scene to investigate the collision. The Traffic Team expects to have eastbound Auburn Blvd between Van Maren Ln and Crosswoods Circle closed until approximately 0900 Hrs. while the scene is mapped.

Any witnesses to the collision as asked to contact the Citrus Heights PD Traffic Team at (916) 727-5500.

Elderly Woman Drives Into La Bou



Officer Lizz Dutton, Public Affairs Officer On Friday morning at 10:12 approximately a.m., Maxine Ayres, a 79 year old from Sacramento was driving a gray 2005 Toyota Camry on northbound Fair Oaks Boulevard approaching Sutter Avenue. Ayres pulled into the parking lot of La Bou which is located

intersection. Avers drove up to the front of La Bou to park and accidentally placed her foot on the gas pedal rather than the brake. Her vehicle lunged forward over the raised curb and into the La Bou. Her vehicle struck two customers. One customer, Shauna West, a 43 year old from Sacramento was standing in line and Sylvia Mehlhaff, a 71 year old from Carmichael was walking towards the coffee bar. Both were transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Hospital with

in the southeast corner of the complaint of pain to their lower extremities. Ayers was not injured. Due to the elements of this collision, Ayers was issued a DMV priority re-examination.

For any additional information about this news release contact Officer Dutton who will be available at the CHP North Sacramento Area business phone number of (916) 338-6710, Monday through Friday 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. After hours, or if urgent, please contact her by cell phone at 216-5077

Five Car Traffic Collision Involving Chp Motorcycle Officer Officer Lizz Dutton, Public Affairs Officer Olivan applied his brakes and veered Olivan was not wearing his seatbelt.

On Friday morning at approximately 9:35 a.m., Lance Olivan, a 48 year old from Orangevale was driving a white 1989 Jeep Comanche on eastbound I-80 west of Longview Drive at approximately 65 mph in the #2 lane. . Olivan moved to the #3 lane then into the #4 lane with the intent to exit the freeway at Longview Drive. Olivan failed to realize until it was too late, that a white 1993 GMC van driven by Danny Erickson, a 58 year old from North Highlands, was traveling very slow behind a CHP motorcycle unit that was following behind a white 1992 Toyota Camry driven by Harbans Dhaliwal, a 51 year old from Sacramento. Dhaliwal's vehicle had run out of gas and he was standing in the V of the driver's door pushing it off the freeway at about 2 mph. CHP had his emergency 4 way flasher lights

to the right slamming into the right rear of the GMC Van causing it to striking the rear of the CHP motorcycle. The motorcycle was pushed forward and into the south guardrail of the freeway and the right rear of the Toyota. Officer Xepoleas was ejected from his motorcycle and came to rest near the edge of the guardrail. Officer Xepoleas had to grab the guardrail to prevent him from being thrown over the rail which is about a 60-70 foot drop. The GMC Van then veered to the left and struck the right side of a 2007 Ford E450 that was traveling in the #2 lane at 60-65 mph. The driver of the Ford is Gregory Ernst, a 42 year old from Roseville. The GMC then veered back to the right and struck the guardrail on the south side of the freeway where it came to rest. The Jeep Comanche veered back motorcycle Officer Greg Xepoleas to the left across all eastbound lanes and struck the north guardrail. The engine activated and was behind Dhalwal compartment then caught on fire and in attempt to slow motorists down. Olivan was able to exit the vehicle.

Olivan was transported to Mercy San Juan with moderate injuries. Erickson was transported with complaint of pain to his neck and back. Officer Xepoleas was transported by CHP for an injury to his right leg. He has been released from the hospital at the time of this release.

Officer Xepoleas is a 20 year veteran of the CHP and has been a motorcycle Officer for 12 years. When asked if he wanted to speak to the media he said that it wasn't about him. He just wanted people to have a high visual horizon and pay attention when driving, He said people need to be more diligent when they see an emergency vehicle on the side of the road and remember the "move over law".

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CRIME REPORTS

From The Sacramento County Sheriff Time Crime

Fair Oaks

2008-05-01

2008-05-02

2008-05-02

2008-05-06

2008-05-08

Fair Oaks		
2008-04-29	07:25	Burglary Residential
2008-04-29	17:05	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-04-30	00:30	Burglary Business
2008-04-30	17:12	Burglary Residential
2008-05-01	11:45	Burglary Business
2008-05-01	12:00	Larceny/Theft
2008-05-04	08:00	Burglary Residential
2008-05-04	14:00	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-05-06	13:30	Larceny/Theft
2008-05-06	19:00	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-05-06	21:00	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-05-07	07:00	Burglary Residential
2008-05-08	05:40	Larceny/Theft
2008-05-08	13:30	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-05-08	18:20	Burglary Business
Carmichael		•
2008-04-29	00:15	Vandalism
2008-04-29	08:00	Larceny/Theft
2008-04-29	13:30	Burglary Residential
2008-04-29	13:30	Narcotics
2008-04-29	14:30	Vandalism
2008-04-29	14:45	Aggravated Assault
2008-04-29	19:00	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-04-29	22:35	Larceny/Theft
2008-04-30	07:30	Burglary Residential
2008-04-30	13:00	Narcotics
2008-04-30	17:30	Aggravated Assault
2008-04-30	22:00	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-05-01	12:16	Narcotics
2008-05-01	18:00	Vandalism
2008-05-01	19:30	Robbery
2008-05-02	15:00	Vandalism
2008-05-02	18:00	Larceny/Theft
2008-05-03	02:00	Aggravated Assault
2008-05-03	10:00	Vandalism
2008-05-03	18:02	Larceny/Theft
2008-05-03	22:30	Burglary From Vehicle
2008-05-03	23:52	Narcotics
2008-05-05	00:00	Burglary Residential
2008-05-06	00:40	Stolen Property
2008-05-06	23:20	Vandalism
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2008-04-30	08:40	Burglary Residential
2008-05-01	19:30	Burglary From Vehicle

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Larceny/Theft

Sexual Assault

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Convenience store

School/college

Bar/night club

Residence/home

School/college School/college Parking lot/garage Parking lot/garage Residence/home Residence/home Highway/road/alley Vehicle School/college Other/unknown Highway/road/alley Residence/home Grocery/supermarket Residence/home Vehicle Grocery/supermarket Gas/service station Vehicle Residence/home Vehicle Convenience store Residence/home Residence/home Vehicle Vehicle Residence/home

Public use area

Vehicle

Grocery/supermarket

Parking lot/garage

Convenience store

Commercial/office building

Other/unknown

91 Year Old Man Causes Roll Over **Traffic Collision On I-80**



Officer Lizz Dutton, Public Affairs Officer On Friday afternoon at approximately 1:02 p.m., Martin Koplin, a 91 year old from Sacramento was driving a gold 1997 Cadillac Deville on northbound SR-51 taking the Marconi off-ramp. For unknown reasons, Koplin's vehicle traveled off the roadway and struck a light pole on the right shoulder of the off-ramp. His vehicle continued out of control and struck the rear of a blue 1999 Acura that was stopped in the middle lane of the off-ramp for a red traffic signal. The driver, Prudencio Sosa Jr., a

71 year old from Sacramento was not injured nor was his son who was the right front passenger. After the Cadillac struck the rear of the Acura it continued out of control and struck the rear of a green 2005 Toyota Camry driven by Barbara Coulam, a 78 year old from Carmichael. The impact pushed her car forward which caused it to overturn on its side. The Camry struck the rear of a gray 2000 Toyota Sienna driven by Yacharter Yang, a 27 year old from Sacramento. Yang was transporting 5 kids home from school that attended Williams Academy in Sacramento. None of them were injured.

Coulam and her passenger Erna Meyers, an 87 year old from Rio Linda were transported to UC Davis Medical Center. Coulam

sustained minor lacerations to her hands and arms and complaint of pain to her body. Myers received minor lacerations to her hands.

Koplin and his 88 year old wife ILA were transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Hospital with major injuries and are listed in critical condition. A copy of the report will be forwarded to DMV for a re-examination.

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DUI Checkpoint Results

The Citrus Heights Police Department held a Dui Checkpoint on Saturday, 5-10-08-08 from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am. The checkpoint was held on Madison at San Juan.

Citrus Heights Officers arrested four (4) drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. forty-one (41) citations were written. A total of 1,502 cars drove through the checkpoint and officers contacted 685 drivers.

Citrus Heights Police have checkpoints several more scheduled for the upcoming months. The checkpoints are Twenty vehicles were towed and being funded by a grant from the

California Office of Traffic Safety. Drivers are reminded to utilize a designated driver and to not drive if impaired.

Please contact Sgt. Eric Mattke or Traffic Officer Anthony Boehle for further information 916-727-5500.

Rancho Cordova PD Awarded 3rd Place in 2007 Law Enforcement Challenge

The California Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies that recognizes and rewards the best traffic safety programs in California. The Challenge

is sponsored by the California Highway Patrol and applicants are judged on their department's training, public information and education, enforcement activities, and effectiveness in reducing crashes and injuries.

The Rancho Cordova Police Department was awarded 3rd place in its category: agencies with between 26 – 50 sworn officers. This was our first entry into this statewide competition.



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By Calvin and Lisa Wulf

"Excessive Escapes"

"He said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31 (NIV)

"How was your vacation?" his assistant inquires.

"It was fantastic," he replies, propping his tired head on the desk. "We hit the beaches and stuffed ourselves at some terrific restaurants. Then we hiked the peaks and survived the monster roller-coaster. We elbowed our way through eleven airports with

By Pastor Ray Dare

You only have your kids at home

for a season. They're not going to

be with you forever, so you'd better

make the most of it. You'd better

enjoy them while you have them.

Children are to be enjoyed, not

Someday your kids will be grown

and gone. It will be then that your

kitchen will become incredibly

neat! Just the way you always

wanted. You won't have any more

sticky counter tops, spoons down

the garbage disposal or spills on

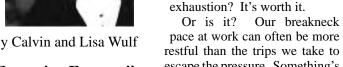
the floor. The refrigerator will no

longer be stuffed with nine cartons

of milk, sticky jelly jars, cool-aid or

messy ketchup bottles. Someday

endured.



escape the pressure. Something's wrong here. In our frenzied need for diversion and distraction, have we aced God out of the equation?

only five flight delays. But I'm

pooped. I'm glad to be back at

We can't wait to get away.

But time is so tight that we

cram mega thrills into a capsule

of a moment. Because our

frantic lifestyle demands an

intense pleasure payback,

every vacation must be a peak

experience. Who cares if we

gain ten pounds and drop from

work so I can get some rest!"

The Lord didn't take an excessive vacation to escape the whirlwind pace of creating the universe. He worked for six days then set apart the seventh day for rest. If God needed a break, perhaps you do too.

Stimulating getaways are fun. But we need another kind of vacation too – one that renews

the soul without exhausting the body. If we want to serve God effectively, we must step away periodically and just be with

Church News

Want to jump off the merrygo-round for a bit? Here's how:

Pace yourself on trips. Keep up your devotional life.

Consider getting away to a quiet place. Maybe even a silent

retreat. · Let God be your tour guide. Rest under his wings.

What's your dream vacation? Action packed trips are fine in moderation. But consider a restful escape. Take time away to discover the great plans Jesus has for you. Perhaps this is your day to step off the roller-coaster for a bit. Plan a cozy little getaway with God.

Living for God (TM) offers resources on Christian living. Check them out at www. livingforgod.net or call (719) 578-8837.

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hearted, maybe disappointed by your

child or children, and the deepest

hurt of your heart is when you think

about that child and you want to

resign from being a parent...but you

Turn Your Life Around



by Marlys Johnsen Norris

Life was given to each of us to enjoy and feel satisfied with something special to cheer about. Life is not to be wasted and thrown into the trash and it is our responsibility to find the happiness we desire from it. Life offers many opportunities when we seek in the right places, when we have goals

for our life and work toward them.

A long range goal is off in the distance but in order to arrive there, we must also have short range reachable goals in the process. Reaching those short range goals help us establish concrete motivation to ultimate reach the long range goal in the future. People who are without goals at all, might be the ones you find sleeping under a bridge somewhere. They lack hope and motivation to seek something better.

The Bible puts it this way—Without a vision the people will perish! (Proverbs 29:18)

In other words you must have a reachable dream or hope for your future or you will die.

Plain and simple words; given as a warning to motivate us toward a positive end result.

Hence finding the happiness we desire for our lives.

Examining our priorities will help us establish realistic goals for our future.

much earlier, because God's miraculous favor falls on those who honor Him. Marlys Johnsen Norris LIFE MESSAGE WORKSHOPS "Intimacy Begins Going God's Way"

When those priorities line up and are

in tune with the laws of God; an added

dimension of His blessings will flow

into your life and the long range goal

will become creatively more attainable

Marlysj@sbcglobal.net

Finding Faith Daily



by Dr. Paul Irwin

(NAPSA)-I remember a time when messages of faith truly came alive for me.

It was a snowy Sunday and I realized that many would not be able to make it to church because of the weather. As I walked up to the church entrance, I passed the Easter lilies that had been so carefully placed along the sidewalk. They were shrouded in snow, with the flowers thrusting through a mantle of white into the morning air.

And the thought dawned on me that the lilies were rising out of the snow and showing beauty and vigor in spite of their circumstances. They proclaimed a clear message that all of us, in spite of our problems, pain and difficulties, can raise the triumphant shout of Easter throughout the year: Christ

is Risen! Faith is all about the proclamation of the eternal presence of the living Christ, the daily experience of a living hope. And, like on Easter, any day can offer a restart for all Christians and a time when we are ready for something new in our

On that snowy day, the lilies were a profound symbol of resurrection for me. Like them, because of our risen Lord, we can bloom wherever we are.

For more information, visit www. bibles.com.

Dr. Irwin is president of the American Bible Society, a nonprofit, interdenominational organization that works transform lives by promoting personal engagement with the Holy Scriptures. Dr. Irwin

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Enjoying Your Kids feel hopeless. You may be broken-

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One by one, they'll grow up and leave your nest, and the house will then begin to resemble a place of order, maybe even a touch of elegance. The clink of fine china and silver no doubt will be heard on occasion and the crackling of the fireplace will echo through the empty hallways. The phone will grow strangely silent. In fact, the entire house will be quite calm and quiet, filled not with the pitter-patter - the noise of little feet- but the memories. You'll spend your time not looking forward to the day, but looking back at what was and reminiscing.

Your children are a gift from God and parenting is the greatest privilege and responsibility in the entire world. Nothing compares to the honor and responsibility of raising another human being to know God.

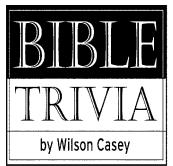
As a parent, you may be hurting inside. You may be emotionally exhausted. You're worried about your kids. You may feel frustrated or disrespected. You may be fearful about the direction that one of them is going. You may feel a little guilty, like a failure in some areas. You may

can't resign, because you signed on If you try to parent on your own, in your own strength, in your own wisdom, you're going to fail. It takes God's wisdom, because human wisdom fails. It takes God's love and God's power, because human

love and energy runs out. As you plug into God, He will give you His power and His love and His wisdom. Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 (TEV) No matter how you feel

emotionally about your kids today, Jesus is ready to help. He's ready to step into the gap, anytime and anywhere. You just need to ask Him. Do that today. Turn to Christ and He will give you His love, power and wisdom as you love and enjoy your kids no matter where they're at

Pastor Ray Dare, New Community Christian Church www.YourNewChurch.org



1. Is the book of Daniel in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From John 8:44, Satan was from the very beginning both a liar and a ...? Thief, Warlock, Heathen, Murderer

3. Who built an altar calling it Jehovah-shalom, meaning the Lord is peace? Noah, Gideon, Jeroboam, Moses

4. From Acts 17, who said, "Surely the Lord is in this place"? David, Solomon, Paul, Stephen

5. In Matthew 3, who was anointed by the Holy Spirit? Jesus, Mark, Luke,

6. Who had a vision of a fiery stream? Daniel, Job, Jude, Peter

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Murderer; 3) Gideon; 4) Paul; 5) Jesus; 6) Daniel Wilson Casey's latest trivia book is available at BearManorMedia.com.

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Going "Postal"

By David Dickstein

Let's table for a moment the pros and cons of "Postal" to first determine who among you might be so offended by the exploitative satire that plunking down a sawbuck to see it would be risky, if not improbable.

Are you fat or a midget or both? Arab? Asian? American? Muslim? German? Jewish? Gay? All of the above? A single "yes" spells trouble in director Uwe Boll's schlocky world. This politically incorrect tsunami also hits women, police, children, celebrities, environmentalists, immigrants and the prudish, homeless, religious and handicapped (physically and mentally, natch).

Stereotypes, sacred cows and taboos run amok like cockroaches to light. But unlike roaches, save for their starring role in the disgusting "Joe's Apartment," "Postal" can be funny. It's just not funny enough – not by a mile and not for a movie that uses an A-bomb to mutilate its victims rather than a more discriminating hand grenade. With satires, less is more, but I guess that's too much to ask from the director of the gratuitously gory – and dreadfully bad -- "House of the Dead, "Alone Dolls" located in a concentration

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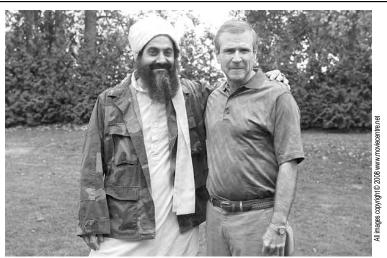
producer, Gary Lashinsky to

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"Postal" latest exploitative satire

in the Dark" and "BloodRayne." If Boll was a concert promoter, he'd have acts like Tower of Power and Bo Bice playing Arco Arena instead of Raley Field and other more appropriately sized venues for quantity over quality sake.

Loosely based on the video game series of the same name, "Postal" follows the story of Dude (Zack Ward), who hates life, starting with his two-timing, twoton wife and trailer park existence. He just got fired from his job and has been turned down for welfare benefits. When he's mugged by a beggar while calling someone up to ask for money, his last resort is to turn to his uncle Dave (Dave Foley), a cult leader with hottie disciples and the IRS on his tail. The only solution to Dave and Dude's problems is a scheme that involves stealing rare "Krotchy

"World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions

oriented arena attraction. Over

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maneuvers, once used by

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acclaimed spectacle.

camp-themed amusement park. "Little Germany," as the place is called, is run by Boll, who plays himself, and funded entirely by the gold teeth extracted from Holocaust victims. Oy.

Offensiveness is in the eye of the beholder, of course, and such outrageousness might actually tickle your funny bone. But if you find yourself turned off by the opening scene of two 9/11 hijackers arguing over the number of virgins they were promised or another later in the film that shows George W. Bush and Osama bin Laden skipping hand-in-hand as a mushroom cloud explodes on the horizon, may the movie gods look the other way as you try sneaking into another theater.

1 of 4 Stars, rated R, 106 minutes, opens May 23

and defend themselves on the

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RILEY REVIEWS



by Tim Riley

VIBRANT "PRINCE CASPIAN" HAS THE MAGICAL, **MYTHIC TOUCH**

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (Rated PG)

Finally, now that we're edging closer to summer, a film suitable for entire family entertainment arrives on the scene. Not surprisingly, it emerges from the work of C.S. Lewis, delivered by a studio that knows how to supply wholesome fun. Disney's "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" is a sequel, artfully realized and stunning in scope, which follows up on the spectacular story that began with "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Once again, the four Pevensie siblings are in the thick of the action as time travelers to reclaim their royal positions as protectors of the magical kingdom of Narnia.

When the story of "Prince Caspian" begins, the Pevensie kids are just ordinary school kids living in World War II-era London. Peter (William Moseley) and Susan (Anna Popplewell), the oldest siblings, are adapting to typical teenage concerns. Edmund (Skandar Keynes), the younger boy who betrayed his sibling for his own selfish gain in the first adventure, has matured, while the youngest, Lucy (Georgie Henley), retains an innocent faith that will serve the group well at a critical time. While waiting in a tube station in Trafalgar Square, the quartet is suddenly transported back to Narnia, discovering that the faraway kingdom where they once served as kings and queens has faded into legend.

More than 1,300 years have passed in Narnian time, and the magical kingdom has been relegated to the backwater of the forested countryside. The land of talking animals and mythical creatures exists as little more than folktales to the Telmarines, a tribe of humans that finds its homeland in a state of political turmoil and intrigue, due to some trickery that seeks to deny the throne to the rightful heir, Prince Caspian (Ben Barnes). Even the mighty lion Aslan (voiced by Liam Neeson) has been missing for a thousand years.

Marked for death by his cruel uncle Lord Miraz (Sergio Castellitto), Prince Caspian has to flee the Telmarine castle. Fortunately, the prince has an ally in



1. Baby Mama	(PG-13)
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2. Harold and Kumar Es	cape
From Guantanamo Bay	(R)
John Cho, Kal Penn	
3. The Forbidden	
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Kingdom(PG-13) Jet Li, Jackie Chan

4. Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Kristen Bell, Jason Segel

5. **Nim's Island**(PG) Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin

6. **Prom Night**(PG-13) Brittany Snow, Scott Porter 7. **21**(PG-13)

Horton Hears a Who!(G)

10. **Deception**(R)

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Hugh Jackman, Ewan McGregor

Kevin Spacey, Jim Sturgess 8. **88 Minutes**(R) Al Pacino, Alicia Witt

9. Dr. Seuss'

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Doctor Cornelius (Vincent Grass), who provides a horn that should be used only in the direct circumstances. The vicious Miraz is anxious to eliminate the prince, since his wife has given birth to a boy who can assume the throne. With adequate warning, Prince Caspian escapes to the woods, where he encounters a Narnian dwarf and talking beaver, both of whom seem eager to enlist the prince's help. Meanwhile, summoned by the magical horn, the Pevensie children arrive not a moment too soon in Narnia, saving the life of Trumpkin the Red Dwarf (Peter Dinklage) and endearing themselves to the natives who would like nothing more than to see Namia

The kingdom of Narnia is populated with all sorts of interesting creatures, including minotaurs, centaurs, satyrs, dwarves, and furry animals, large and small. Aside from Trumpkin's ability to speak volumes just by his darting eyes, the most talkative animal is a feisty mouse with a penchant for sarcasm. The source of great comic relief is Reepicheep (voiced by Eddie Izzard), the diminutive rodent sporting a prominent feather in his hair and wielding a nasty sword.

returned to glory.

That Prince Caspian ardently seeks to reclaim the Telmarine kingdom is hardly a surprise. Enlisting the aid of the Pevensie children in this cause is facilitated by the impetuous Peter's desire to wage an all-out battle against the nasty minions of Lord Miraz so that the Narnians can thrive in a tranquil environment. The parallels to the fight against the Nazis in World War II is noticeably apparent, though perhaps subtly reinforced by the use of the London Underground train stations as a refuge during German bombing raids.

"The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" is truly an epic film with a majestic sweep that is fitting for the imaginative world of C.S. Lewis. Suspense is rampant with the forceful battles between Miraz's overwhelming army and the hardy band of outnumbered Narnians. A lot of the battle scenes are very intense, with some images that seem too violent for a PG-rated film. Nevertheless, "Prince Caspian" is an exciting adventure that does not give short shrift to the emotional pull of the very interesting characters, human and otherwise.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Trivia Answers

1. Utah

2. Harpers Ferry, Va.

3. Rodney Dangerfield

4. Type O

5. The relationship between Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII

6. Pong, a slow-moving table tennis game

7. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John 8. Evil Human Resources Director

9. Jazzercise

10. Barone

CRITIC'S CORNER By DNA Smith

Summer Movie Preview

Even though we're starting with the traditional Memorial Day weekend, the summer blockbuster season began earlier this month with "Iron Man" and "Speed Racer" (two movies you need to check out).

This year looks like a pretty good crop of popcorn flicks: Heavy on the CGI and special effects, and lots of stuff blowin' up real good. Expect a huge number of comic-book-based

Here's a list of the early summer releases you should mark your calen-



Harrison Ford

Indiana Jones and The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — The final Indy film. I don't care if Shia LeBeouf is in it and gonna stink up the joint. I want to see Harrison Ford in that fedora one last time. (May 22)

The Foot Fist Way — It's a lowbudget indie comedy about an inept martial-arts instructor. I saw the trailer for it online and it cracked me up

You Don't Mess With the Zohan Adam Sandler stars as an Israeli commando who fakes his death in order to come to America and follow his dream of becoming a hairdresser

Kung Fu Panda — Animated feature starring the voice of Jack Black. Guess what it's about? (June 6)

The Incredible Hulk — The second attempt in as many years to jumpstart a franchise featuring the Big Green Smashy Thing. It's starring



Edward Norton, so who knows. I just hope it's better than Ang Lee's verion. (June 13)

Get Smart — Steve Carrell takes a stab at filling the phone-shoes of Don Adams' iconic klutzy spy, Maxwell Smart. Anne Hathaway co-stars as Smart's long-suffering partner, 99

Wall-E — The lastest Pixar animated extravaganza tells the story of a lonely robot who finds love. (June 27)

Wanted — "Matrix"y-looking action flick starring Angelina Jolie as an assassin who can bend a bullet's trajectory so that she can shoot around

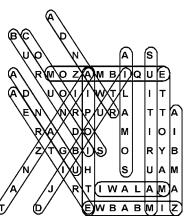
Hancock — Will Smith stars as a down-and-out superhero who needs a public-relations makeover. (July 2)

Hellboy II: The Golden Army -Guillermo del Toro's sequel to the awesome "Hellboy." I've watched the trailer online about 10 times and every time it makes me squeeee. (July 11)

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Lee Hamilton Commentary

In challenging and divided times, it is imperative to find consensus-builders. Americans want results from Washington on the important issues before the country. Making progress on these issues means hammering out solutions that can command broad support, and we need the politicians who can do it.

Our country is closely divided ideologically, with political parties and their adherents ready to scrap over every vote at the polls and every issue that comes before the Congress. Yet if we are to tackle the welter of daunting challenges we face, it will only be because political leaders manage to overcome the forces that divide us. In the current political environment, narrow legislative majorities do not build sustainable policies - solutions that enjoy support among the population at large, and legitimacy among the array of policy-makers who must sign off on them and administrators who must enact them.

Still, as great as the need might be, building consensus on Capitol Hill is about the toughest, most thankless job in politics right

To begin with, the sheer number and complexity of the issues we face means that it is hard for any single politician to devote the sustained time and attention it takes

to gather facts and opinions about a problem, listen to the concerns of the various interests involved, spend time discoursing with colleagues who have opposing views, work with them to find steps they can agree upon, bring in other politicians and interest groups to form a supportive coalition, and then build majority

support in Congress. Pelted with the Iraq war, concerns about the readiness of the US military, constituents losing their homes, a crisis in financial-industry regulation, failing national infrastructure, a global food crisis, an unsustainable health-care system and a plethora of other issues, lawmakers can barely manage to keep abreast of them all, let alone work to find broad-based solutions.

When they do focus on a particular problem, the politics quickly becomes tangled. Because our country is so diverse in so many different ways, it is rare to find solid majorities in favor of a given approach, either nationally or among a legislator's constituents. For instance, public opinion may support the notion that man-made climate change is real and that governments need to address it. but that's where the agreement ends - and where lawmakers' work begins. Building majority support for an approach to this problem is tough work.

Moreover, public opinion is hardly the only thing a politician needs to keep in mind. Washington is full of skilled and often wellfunded lobbyists whose job is to make sure their points of view are vigorously represented at all stages of the legislative process. Because the stakes are so high and so much money is at risk on most issues, legislators often find themselves pulled in half-a-dozen different directions, making consensus even more difficult to forge.

All of this can be overcome, but it takes time, care, and a fundamental willingness on the part of legislative leaders and their followers to achieve it. All of these are in short supply right

now. Members' schedules are so full that the chance for thoughtful deliberation is rare; simply put, there's precious little ti me for the extended conversations and interplay of ideas that produce compromise and agreement.

Nor is there much desire. Years of partisan wrangling and tit-fortat political maneuvering have left Democrats and Republicans wary of one another, unwilling to share credit, always searching for ways to discredit the other side, and interested more in avoiding blame for problems than in setting aside their disagreements to work together on a solution.

And because conflict is more intriguing than harmony, the media often play up and even exaggerate disagreements, setting up an environment that makes it harder for policy antagonists to bridge their differences.

I don't mean by any of this to imply that building consensus has always been and will always be the appropriate approach to making policy. When I first arrived in Congress, when Lyndon Johnson was President and his Great Society was being formulated, he and his party had the votes in Congress and widespread political backing among voters to enact in a matter of weeks Medicare, federal aid to education and the like. They didn't need to build consensus.

Now, however, we live in vastly different times. Narrow congressional majorities, stark political divisions, the echochamber of partisanship, the huge stakes that attend every battle for power - all make it very difficult, if not impossible, to enact responsible and lasting policies by overwhelming the opposition. Building consensus may be difficult, but in today's political environment it is the only realistic course.

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The Political Skill We Need Most Will the Real Republicans Please Stand Up?

Sacramento Republican Activists Launch Effort to Support the Republican Wing of the Republican Party

Limited government, lower taxes and family values are just a few things that voters usually associate with the Republican Party. But recently, elected Republican officials have been actively taking positions against these bedrock Republican values and have supported efforts to increase minimum wage, driving up unemployment; proposed a tax increase on homeowners to pay for fire protection that they are already paying for; and fighting against an effort to protect the definition of marriage, as between a man and a women. Some say you can hardly tell the Republicans from the Democrats these days.

This has caused, a group of Republican Party activists in Sacramento to launch an effort to take back their Republican Party. Today, Support the Platform (STP) officially announced their slate of candidates for the Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee, along with their plans to help Real Republicans get elected. "Our goal is to make sure that we elect Republican candidates to office who actually support Republican values", declared Craig DeLuz, Chairman of STP. "Our values are outlined in our Republican Party platform. And if you want to represent Republicans in office,

we believe you should support

Republican principles." Sacramento The County Republican Party Central Committee (SCRP) is the official arm of the Republican Party in Sacramento County. Thirty-one of the Committee's 44 members are elected by Republican voters in Sacramento County and run by Supervisorial District. The other 13 are positions held by Republican elected officials or party nominees for various partisan offices. "For too long we have allowed our Party to be

controlled by people who are hostile

to what we as Republicans stand

for," exclaimed Mali Currington, a

candidate for the Ninth Assembly

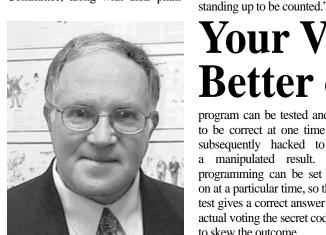
District in Sacramento, "I for one

am glad to see Real Republicans

STP's efforts will start with the upcoming June primary where efforts are under way to elect their slate of candidates to the GOP Central Committee. Additionally, they are asking other Republican candidates to sign the "STP Pledge" declaring their commitment to support Republican values as outlined in the California Republican Party Platform. They also have launched a website www. SupportThePlatform.org to provide readers with up to date news and information on Republicans running for office in Sacramento County and where they stand on the issues

According to DeLuz, "We will be on the radio, on the web and in Republicans' mailboxes letting them know there are still Republicans out there who believe in the values that make this Nation great."

important to Republican voters.



by Fred Foldvary

California should replace all voting machines and scannable forms with papers ballots, hand-counted in each

The problem with computerized voting is that it is an opaque box whose inner operations are unobservable. Hackers can tamper with the programming and with the data, and there is no way to be sure that the tallied voting totals are genuine. A printed record of each vote is better than nothing, but doing a recount with the printed records is costly. And if the recount is itself done with computerized data processing, we are back to square one.

With the use of punched cards or scannable forms, most elections will not be recounted. If the votes for a candidate or proposition are not closely tied, it is unlikely that one side will demand a recount.

Under the current system, mail-in ballots of absentee voters are handmarked but computer-counted. Again, the data processing can be tampered with. Any time a machine tallies a total, the sums are subject to doubt. There is no way to fix this situation. A machine or computer

Your Vote Counts Better on Paper

program can be tested and certified to be correct at one time and then subsequently hacked to produce a manipulated result. Similarly, programming can be set to switch on at a particular time, so that a prior test gives a correct answer but in the actual voting the secret code kicks in to skew the outcome.

The alternative to computerized voting is to hand-count paper ballots. This can be done by volunteers in each voting precinct. Each proposition and government position would have to have its own paper ballot. Observers would watch the voters put the ballots into several boxes. For example, there would be one box for the presidential election, another for the senate election, and so on.

After the polls close, volunteers would hand-count the ballots for each box. In computing, this is called "parallel processing." The task is decentralized into small parts processed simultaneously, and then the results are combined.

Two volunteers would be needed to count each box, and observers would monitor the volunteers. A large hall such as a school gymnasium could be used for simultaneous counting of all the boxes.

After the precinct votes have been counted, the ballots and totals would be delivered to the county seat. There, the results from the precincts would be added up, by hand, with volunteers watching the process. The county totals could then be sent to a state ballot counting center organized by the secretary of state.

The main cost of this process would be printing of the ballots, which should be cheaper than the cost of voting machines and the labor involved in handling the machines. If there are enough volunteers, labor costs would be low.

In the larger elections, many volunteers and a large space would be needed to hand-count the votes for the numerous candidates and issues we have in California. Still, handcounting can be done effectively by dividing the ballots into categories, such as state propositions, local propositions, federal and state offices, and local offices. Paper ballots would be placed in these four boxes, and after the voting is over, the ballots in each box could be sorted into boxes for each ballot measure or office and then counted.

If we want to minimize election fraud and computer glitches, we need to completely eliminate automation and have human intelligence count the ballots in a visible process. Otherwise, democracy itself will be in danger of collapse as voters will increasingly question whether their votes count or whether those who do the counting are really in charge

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Doolittle Opposes Bill to Limit Petroleum Reserve



U.S. Representative John T. Doolittle (R-Roseville) voted today against H.R. 6022, a bill that would halt oil shipments to the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve. In opposing the bill, Doolittle emphasized the need to take real action in order to solve our nation's energy problems and provide relief at the pump.

This country is not running out of energy," stated Doolittle. "We are running out of energy that we are allowed to use. For years Congressional Democrats in places like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and off the coasts of California and Florida. As long as we are unable to access our own sources of energy, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is necessary for

our country's security." "Unfortunately, the passage of this bill is representative of this Congress' inability to provide real solutions to the problems facing Americans. We need to create more energy supply by promoting nuclear power, hydroelectric power, and

accessing our domestic reserves. Instead, what we get is inadequate legislation that will have little, if any, impact on gas prices."

U.S. Rep. John T. Doolittle have refused to allow access to our has served in the House of vast domestic reserves available Representatives since 1991. The 4th Congressional District stretches from the eastern Sacramento Region to Lake Tahoe on the south and runs up the Sierra Nevada range to the high desert of Modoc County on the Oregon border in the north. It encompasses the entire counties of El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, and Sierra. Additionally, it includes the community of Orangevale in Sacramento County and the Oroville area in Butte County.

CA Association of Realtors® Supports "Yes" Vote on Prop. 98

Vote **Protects** Homeowners from Unjust **Eminent Domain Takings**

Imagine someone from your city or community knocking on the door of your home and telling you to move because they have found someone else who will contribute more in taxes than you do. Sound far-fetched? Not if you're one of the thousands of people throughout California currently living under the very real threat of being kicked out of their homes by local governments to make room for more expensive stores and homes. To prevent this egregious use of eminent domain, the California Association Of Realtors® (C.A.R.) today announced its support of Proposition 98 on the June 4 ballot. Prop. 98 will impose an outright ban on the use of eminent domain to take any private property including homes, business and farms - for another private use.

"Proposition 98 on the June ballot will restore fundamental property rights by prohibiting governments from using eminent domain to take private property for another private use," said C.A.R. President William

"Cash-strapped local governments have resorted to abusing the concept of eminent domain to make land grabs they hope will bring in more tax revenue," he said. "What once was a

legitimate means for governments to invest in public infrastructure like roads, schools and parks is now a hammer used to destroy the rights of homeowners.

"While nobody may be knocking on your door today, a "Yes" vote on Prop. 98 will ensure you aren't the next victim tomorrow," Brown said. "We are urging all to vote "Yes" on Prop. 98 on June 4.

C.A.R. also has taken an "Against" position on Proposition 99, which, if passed, would cancel the provisions protecting homeowners in Proposition

Proposition 98:

Limits Eminent Domain to Public Use - Proposition 98 limits the use of eminent domain to public use projects, such as freeways, schools, or parks.

Prohibits Price Controls on Private Property - Proposition 98 prohibits government from imposing rent control or inclusionary zoning ordinances on private property. As units are vacated, price controls will be "lifted." Furthermore, Proposition 98 will prohibit future land use restrictions that act as a "taking" for

the benefit of another private interest. Limits Government Taking for Similar Use - Proposition 98 prohibits government from taking private property to be used for the same

purpose, such as taking property with residential housing to be used for government housing.

Limits Government Seizures to Exploit Natural Resources -Proposition 98 will protect family farms and open space from seizures of their land by government in order to take the property's natural

resources. Provides Full Compensation -Proposition 98 is the only measure that requires full compensation to business owners, even when the property is seized for public projects. Owners will be entitled to compensation for temporary business losses, relocation expenses, business reestablishment cost, and other reasonable expenses.

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Props Fail to Remedy Eminent Domain and Threaten City and County Rent Control

The California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance ("CCEEB"), a coalition of business, labor and public leaders agreed today to oppose Proposition 98, a statewide ballot proposition that aims to prohibit rent control. CCEEB also voted to take no position on Proposition 99 because existing laws already provide property owners with the protections offered in the proposition.

"We agree that eminent domain concerns exist but California's system of protections largely provides adequate due process and fair evaluations but Prop 98 goes overboard and puts at risk essential public works. Our board of directors concluded that this just isn't the way to address the issue," said Gerald Secundy, CCEEB president.

In a related action, CCEEB determined that Prop 99 is a strategic attempt to counter Prop 98 and does not provide any new significant eminent domain reforms or any required changes to existing law. As a result, CCEEB declined to adopt a position on the initiative.

CCEEB strives to advance collaborative strategies for a sound economy and a healthy environment. Founded in 1973 by Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, CCEEB is the only statewide private, nonprofit, nonpartisan association to represent the interests of both industry and labor. CCEEB members include dozens of "Fortune-500" companies as well as leading state and local labor



Sacramento Man Dares to Think Pink

Ted Banzhaf is a man with a vision. Haunted by memories of his young wife's untimely death due to breast cancer, he has taken what began as a family joke and is now turning it into a philanthropic internet empire. Pink Boxers has just opened its internet retail store at PinkBoxers.com, and has joined forces with the American Breast Cancer Foundation to donate all the profits from this business venture to that organization.

Visit the PinkBoxers.com site and you'll see the partner endorsement logo of the American Breast Cancer Foundation and of course - pink boxers - both for men and women. But even in the first few weeks since this site has gone live, word of mouth has driven brisk sales, and Banzhaf has already been busy adding several styles of t-shirts and tank tops to his boxer collection. With a goal to brand Pink Boxers as an overall clothing line, Banzhaf is developing numerous other apparel items to launch in the next few months.

"My wife Linda and I had an on-going joke about the fact I have been wearing pink boxers since I was a kid, and only pink boxers. She used to think it was just the funniest thing," stated Banzhaf. "After she was gone, every time I put on my boxers I thought about her, and decided to build this company as a tribute to her strength." (Click through to PinkBoxer.com to read Linda's Story as told by Ted.)

When asked why he chose the American Breast Cancer Foundation, Banzhaf responded, "What helped me choose to partner with the ABCF was their commitment to early detection,

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which is what would have helped Linda. That is absolutely key in my opinion, because if you detect early, the chances for survival and full recovery are improved exponentially. "And, financial aid programs are great, he continued. That is vital because many women are unable to work while undergoing treatment, which is also incredibly expensive. So a family is not only hit with this terrible disease, but they likely lose one of the wage earners which compounds everything.'

While developing his Pink Boxers concept, Banzhaf met Sacramento-area resident Robert Noble. Noble, who's sister is currently waging her own battle with breast cancer, was immediately interested. (Click through to PinkBoxer.com to read Sunny's Story as told by Robert.) "Who has not been affected by breast cancer? So when Ted started telling me about his idea and how much it would assist the American Breast Cancer Foundation, I wanted to help." With a strong background in sales and marketing, Noble joined Pink Boxers in February.

The newest member of the Pink Boxer family is Todd Wienke, a longtime friend of Ted's. Todd took a seat on the emotional rollercoaster when his wife Susie was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. And, in what seems to be an increasingly alarming trend, Susie, like Linda, had received--a recent 'clear' mammogram.

Banzhaf, who has lived in several cities in--the United States. spent ten years working on Wall Street as in investment banker before landing in Sacramento. With his

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took home the first place prize.

Reyna was recently cast in the

musical "Evita" presented by

the California Musical Theatre in

downtown Sacramento as part of

the famed Music Circus season.

She has also sung the national

anthem before minor league

hockey and arena football games

in Stockton. The 2006 winner,

Gabby Wilson, of Benicia, has

gone on to receive national

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Talent Show was a crowd favorite it a shot," said Norb Bartosik,

at the California State Fair as CEO and General Manager of

strength in finance and an interest in product development, jumping into an internet retail position seemed a natural transition. "Everything has just come together. I designed the product and the packaging and was really pleased with how they turned out," he said. (The distinctive pink and green colors can be seen on the website.)

'It's been hard work, but I am really proud of what we have created and our alliance with the American Breast Cancer Foundation. At the end of the day though, what it really boils down to, is that this is for Linda and all the women who share her story. If Pink Boxers can help some families and maybe save just one woman's life, then it's all been worth it."

Banzhaf hired advertising public relations firm Castle Communications of Gold River to handle the Sacramento media launch of his product the week of May 5th. The "Dare to Think Pink" promotion will feature Sacramento-area media celebrities (men and women) wearing Pink Boxers either over their clothes - or not. There will also be numerous television and radio stations giving away the product. The week will culminate with a Pink Boxers team (wearing Pink Boxers, of course) participating in the Race for the Cure on Saturday, May 10.

For more information on Pink Boxers, go to PinkBoxers.com or contact Ted Banzhaf at (916)

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youngsters."



by Phil Cowan

RememberArnoldSchwarzenegger? The guy who ran Gray Davis out of town by convincing us he was a toughtalking reformer ready to shake up California's stagnant political culture? What happened to that guy? Did he ever really exist? Or did his wife's Uncle Teddy eat him?

That political outsider is nowhere to be found today. He's not a fiscal conservative, not a government reformer, and the gunslinger who came to town looking for a fight is more interested in getting along than getting things done. Arnold Schwarzenegger has become just another member of America's royal class, a politically connected multi-millionaire who has virtually nothing in common with the rest of us.

Who else would lecture us about

The Royal Schwarzenegger's

the need to invest our resources in the fight against "global warming" while he commutes back and forth between Santa Monica and Sacramento on his private jet almost every day? Way to set a good example, Mr. Green Jeans. The rest of us don't have any choice but to reduce our carbon footprint when gas is \$4 a gallon. Your eco-buds refuse to let anybody drill or refine, but it doesn't affect you, so what's the big deal, right?

Keeping it real has to be difficult after you've become mega-wealthy and mega-famous, but it has to be doubly tough for Arnold, having married into America's most royal of royal families. I can't really fault Maria Shriver for being a Kennedy. By all accounts, she's a lovely and decent woman, does not appear to have a penchant for public drunkenness, and, unlike some in her clan, seems a competent driver and swimmer. But her latest book, Just Who Will You Be?, exemplifies how Maria just isn't like the rest of us. After Arnold was elected, Maria lost her position as a correspondent for NBC News, who felt her objectivity might appear compromised while her

husband was California's governor. She found herself at loose ends as a result, and the book is her little life's lesson that "it's never too late to be who you want to be." With all due respect, Ms. Shriver, while that may be a wonderful sentiment, for the vast majority of us, work and career are about more than just self-fulfillment, they are about survival. It's not about being who we want to be, it's about being who we need to be to get by. I'm sure you mean well, but you haven't walked in shoes anything like ours.

while The Schwarzenegger's flit about with their heads in the clouds, doing what the other elites expect of them, those of us who voted for Arnold remain hopeful that he'll come to his senses and remember who he is and why he was elected. For now, his administration remains an utter failure and a fraud, and the Arnold we once knew is just another political girly man whose wife is calling more shots than he does. I think I liked him better when he was a serial groper.

American Lung Association Endorses New Statewide Strategic Plan for Asthma

Asthma Awareness Month Reinforces Importance of Asthma Prevention Management

Bringing much-needed attention to a chronic disease that strikes one out of six kids in the state, the American Lung Association of California today marked Asthma Awareness Month by endorsing the California Department of Public Health's new five-year Strategic Plan for Asthma in California 2008-2012.

The plan provides strategies to improve the health and quality of life of the more than 5 million Californians affected by asthma, and outlines steps to reduce the disease's health care costs - California hospitalizations totaled more than \$763 million in 2005 alone.

"Just as prevention strategies and good asthma management can minimize the risk of debilitating asthma attacks, the new California plan can minimize the impact of asthma on the state as a whole, and especially for the millions who experience the symptoms of poorly managed asthma," said Jim Wilgus, president and CEO of the American

Lung Association of California.

California's new Strategic Plan for Asthma focuses on five goals and 40 objectives within the context of several cross-cutting priorities: reducing asthma disparities, fostering awareness and education, focusing on asthma throughout the lifespan, creating institutional and systems change, and promoting the most health-protective asthma policies. It also calls for new partnerships and collaborations to make California a healthier place for everyone.

"The American Lung Association of California, building upon our existing programs to provide solutions for those with asthma, pledges to continue its collaborative work with state and local organizations and communities on the critical goals outlined in the plan," Wilgus added. "We will continue to help prevent and control asthma so that those with asthma no longer need to experience a high number of asthma-caused missed school and work days, disruption of sleep and family activities, and urgent medical visits.'

In addition to conducting asthma advocacy work and funding asthma-

related research, the American Lung Association of California offers Open Airways for Schools, an education program for children with asthma in grades 3-6, camps for children with asthma, and Breathe Well, Live Well for adults. Residents also can call the American Lung Association's multilingual Lung HelpLine at 1.800. LUNG.USA (1.800.586.4872) to speak with a nurse or respiratory therapist at no charge.

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory condition of the lungs that makes it difficult to breathe. Triggers can include viral infections, allergies, indoor and outdoor air pollution, second-hand smoke and more. Prevention and control strategies include developing an asthma action plan with a medical professional, using daily control medications if prescribed, scheduling regular follow-up clinic visits, having access to quick-relief inhalers and avoiding personal asthma triggers.

For more information, visit www. californialung.org. To read the state's strategic plan, log onto http:// betterasthmacare.org/.

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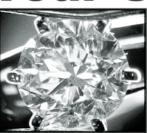
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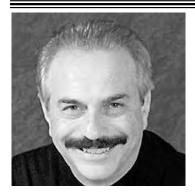
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Does anyone understand justice any

punishment that fits the crime and even to recognize whether a crime has taken place.

It is a mere coincidence, I assure you, that all three of the varied examples of recent injustices take place in the People's Republican of Maryland. They could just as easily have taken place in the People's Republican of Massachusetts or the People's Republican of California or any of several other emerging workers paradises within the late great United

Let's begin with the case of the ambitious pediatric dentist in Rockville. Dr. Ophir Alalouf found cavities among

No one knows for certain how many children this Mengele of the Mouth victimized. Let's just say he was turned in by his colleagues – other dentists who were consulted for second opinions by

... And justice for none

discerning parents wary of Alalouf's fiendish plans for their offspring.

Pretty bad, huh? It's amazing, of course, that Alalouf was caught at all. You can imagine how flagrant his abuse of patients must have been to get the attention of the authorities in Maryland.

such procedures had been performed at Gitmo among known terrorists, the American Civil Liberties Union would be screaming from the rafters, filing lawsuits and making impeachment demands.

So what happened to Dr. Alalouf? What sentence did he get for torturing little 2-year-olds with drills? You better sit down. His license to practice dentistry in Maryland was suspended for four months. I kid you not.

At the very least, I would have sentenced him to have all his teeth extracted. What kind of a deterrent effect is a punishment like a four-month suspension going to have? Maybe other dentists without conscience will make the determination it is worth the risk to perform search-and-destroy missions on the mouths of their unsuspecting patients. Why shouldn't they?

The next example of the inability of authorities to make rational judgments is even harder to believe.

Officer Scott Wheeler was on speed enforcement duty along Route 32 when Stephanie Grissom came barreling along at 71 mph in the 55-mph zone. Wheeler stepped into the road to flag her down. Grissom ran him over killing him.

What did she get? You better sit down. She was fined \$310 for speeding and negligent driving and received three points on her driving record. Seriously, folks, I have gotten harsher penalties for parking violations. What's

going on here?

And here's my last example. A 12-year-old boy hears his mother shrieking for help in the next room. When he enters, he sees a neighbor throttling his mother, Cheryl Stamp, on the ground - hands tight around her

"I kept saying, 'Stop! Stop! Stop!"" explained the boy. "But he just ignored me. He didn't stop. He just kept hurting

The boy said he grabbed a knife and swung, slashing 64-year-old Salomon Noubissie across the neck and opening an artery. Noubissie died. What do you think happened in this case? Did the kid get a humanitarian award? Did he get a merit badge? Did he get a hero's commendation from the city council?

You better sit down, again. Law enforcement officials are currently reviewing evidence on whether to file homicide charges against the boy. I'm not kidding. I wish I were.

You tell me we don't live in a world that is upside down, where black is white, night is day, left is right and right is wrong. Do you see it where you live? Can you believe the fog of stupidity that is wafting around this nation?

Is this what you get when you teach moral relativism in the schools for 40 years? Is this what you get when you discard the Bible as the standard of justice in our world?

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Black Robes Trash Traditional Marriage

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by Bob Unruh

Now California statutes institution limiting opposite-sex couples 'unconstitutional'

The California Supreme Court today trashed society's traditional institution of marriage, opening it up for same-sex duos because retaining the historic definition "cannot properly be viewed as a compelling state interest."

In a 4-3 decision replete with concurring and dissenting opinions filed by individual members of the court, the majority opinion determined state laws specifying marriage as being between a man and a woman were unconstitutional.

"First, the exclusion of same-sex couples from the designation of marriage clearly is not necessary in order to afford full protection to all of the rights and benefits that currently are enjoyed by married opposite-sex couples," the court opined. "Permitting same-sex couples access to the designation of marriage will not deprive oppositesex couples of any rights."

Second, the court said, "Retaining the traditional definition of marriage and affording samesex couples only a separate and differently named family relationship will, as a realistic matter, impose appreciable harm on same-sex couples and their children...

"Third, because of the widespread disparagement that gay individuals historically have faced, it is all the more probable that excluding same-sex couples from the legal institution of marriage is likely to be viewed as reflecting an official view that their committed relationships are of lesser stature than the comparable relationships of opposite-sex couples," the court said. "Finally, retaining the designation of marriage exclusively for oppositesex couples and providing only a separate and distinct designation for same-sex couples may well have the effect of perpetuating a more general premise - now emphatically rejected by this state - that gay individuals and samesex couples are in some respects

'second-class citizens'...' Matt Barber, policy director for cultural issues at Concerned Women for America, accused the court of usurping the role of the legislature.

The California Supreme Court has engaged in the worst kind of judicial activism today, abandoning its role as an objective interpreter of the law and, instead, legislating from the bench. It's absurd to suggest that the framers of the California state constitution could have ever imagined there'd be a day when so-called 'samesex marriage' would even be conceptualized, much less seriously considered. If anyone then had suggested the absurd notion, early Californians would have laughed their smocks off," he said.

"So-called 'same-sex' marriage is counterfeit marriage. Marriage is, and has always been, between a man and a woman. We know that it's in the best interest of children to be raised with a mother and a father. To use children as guinea pigs in radical San Franciscostyle social experimentation is deplorable," he said. "The majority of Americans recognize the fact that legitimate marriage and family are cornerstones of a healthy society. Reasonable people have had enough and are refusing to allow radical extremists to redefine marriage and family into oblivion. So-called 'same-sex marriage' is a ridiculous and oxymoronic notion that has been forced into popular lexicon by homosexual activists and their extremist left-wing allies."

"The people of California decided eight years ago that marriage in our state will be defined as between one man and one woman. Four arrogant, elitist, activist judges decided that they know better than the people how marriage should be defined," said Karen England, of Capitol Resource Institute.

"It is certainly disappointing that the court, in declaring a right to same-sex marriage in the California Constitution, has shown an outrageous lack of respect for a majority of California voters and ignored a long history of legal precedent supporting traditional marriage," said legal counsel

Jennifer Monk of Advocates for Faith and Freedom, one of the organizations that worked on the case.

California Assemblyman Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, said, "With the passage of Proposition 22, the voters of California agreed that marriage is 'between a man and a woman.' PERIOD. The court's decision today is further proof that some activist judges value their own beliefs over the will of the people."

"This ruling defies logic. It is a gross departure from the rule of law. It is outrageous. Traditional marriage is common sense. Yet, this decision is nonsense. No matter how you stretch California's Constitution, you cannot find anywhere in its text, its history, or tradition that now, after so many years, it magically protects what most societies condemn. Samesex marriage is not part of our history nor is it woven in the fabric of fundamental freedom," said Mathew Staver, chief of Liberty Counsel, which also worked on the case.

He cited a dissent by Justices Baxter and Chin, which concluded, "In reaching this decision, I believe, the majority violates the separation of powers, and thereby commits profound error."

Another individual opinion called the majority opinion "legal jujitsu."

The ruling disposed of several individual challenges to California's marriage statutes that arose after the state's voters, by a margin of 4.6 million to 2.9 million, adopted a law that states California would recognize only marriages involving one man and one woman.

That same plan now is being proposed for a constitutional amendment by the ProtectMarriage.com campaign, a broad-based coalition of profamily organizations, churches and individuals. The organization already has collected about 1.2 million signatures to put the issue on the ballot this fall, although those still must be verified.

That's now needed, the campaign says, because even though voters overwhelmingly passed the Proposition 22 law, that was a "regular statute" within the outlines of the California Family Code. But politicians and judges have been bypassing it, and chipping away at it, to ignore the will of the voters, the campaign says.



San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, who launched the battle over same-sex marriages in California

For example: San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom thumbed his nose at California voters by issuing marriage licenses to thousands of homosexual couples and court decisions have undermined Proposition 22 and marriage by affirming legislative plans to give "domestic partners" the full legal status of married spouses.

The battle dates to 1996, when then-Assemblyman William J. "Pete" Knight introduced legislation to protect traditional marriage. It failed by one vote in the state Senate.

He later led the Protection of Marriage Coalition to gather more than 600,000 petition signatures and qualify Prop 22 for the ballot, an effort that was approved by 61.4 percent of the voters in 2000.

It reads, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or in California." recognized

State lawmakers, however, immediately began passing laws to give same-sex "domestic partners" the legal status of married spouses in various sections of the state law, and outgoing Gov. Gray Davis in one of his final acts, signed into a law a plan conferring the full legal status of

'domestic partners." A judge who heard the resulting

married spouses on homosexual

legal challenge found that Proposition 22 limits only the word "marriage," not the legal status of

marriage. Then came Newsom's San Francisco action, openly defying Proposition 22 by issuing 4,000 "licenses" to same-sex duos. The state Supreme Court stopped that, finding Newsom didn't have the authority to rewrite state law, but left the door open for new legal challenges, which prompted the cases decided today.

And the dispute has continued. Just weeks ago WND reported that a new San Francisco plan that could be the last step needed to eliminate marriage from society was being advanced in the California State Senate.

SB 1066 by Sen. Carole Migden, a Democrat, gained approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee. "This bill functionally abolishes

marriage," warned Thomasson, president of Campaign for Children and Families. "Why get married, since you can get all the 'goodies' of marriage without the commitment of marriage?"

He also said the decision will galvanize the people of California to participate in the amendment campaign. "The people will have the last word," he told WND.

The proposal, according to Concerned Women for America of California, "extends California domestic partnerships to any two persons who share a common residence and are over 18. This means that all marriage benefits would be given to mere roommates..."

"The California legislature has already given away marriage benefits to same-sex couples without the consent of the people by passing existing domestic partnership laws," the group said. "Migden asserts that SB 1066 is 'a very practical expansion that absolutely reflects the new family unit today.""

Six different cases stemming from the San Francisco situation were consolidated on the appeal, and Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel and dean of Liberty University's School of Law, was one of those arguing on behalf of traditional marriage before the

high court. Staversuggestedthefundamental constitutional right to marry includes rights and obligations that cannot be eliminated, because they come from the inherent nature of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

"Marriage is more than a private relationship between two people who love each other," he said. While it is a private relationship, marriage serves a public purpose to preserve society's interest in procreation and to provide the optimal environment for children.'

Supporters of the constitutional amendment plan say that is the only way to stop politicians and courts from "re-defining marriage." They note that about two dozen other states already have added such provisions to their constitutions. In fact, of 28 states where such a vote has come before voters, it had been approved 27 times.

Staver told WND earlier the state has an interest in protecting the institution of marriage, which predates government, in order to encourage responsible procreation among opposite-sex couples.

"Among opposite-sex couples, procreation is sometimes planned and sometimes unplanned. Children are thus the natural consequence of opposite-sex relationships. Providing for the next generation is essential to any society, but providing an environment that encourages stable relationships for the wellbeing of children is critically important," he said. "Marriage thus provides encouragement for opposite-sex couples to unite for the sake of children. Same-sex couples do not need marriage to encourage their unions, because such relationships never produce unplanned children."

When Newsom launched his activism for same-sex marriages, Liberty Counsel filed a lawsuit on behalf of Campaign for Children and Families and its executive director Randy Thomasson.

The California Supreme Court eventually ruled 7-0 that the mayor lacked the authority to issue licenses to same-sex couples. But the court voted only 5-2 to overturn the licenses that already had been issued. Then several of those duos, as well as the city and county of San Francisco, filed a series of lawsuits challenging the state's marriage laws.

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I've been in the news business for more than 30 years, but lately, it seems, authorities have lost any ability to tell right from wrong, to mete out

his young patients where none existed.

Kerry Schmitz, Senior Civil

Engineer for the Sacramento County

Stormwater Program, has been selected

for the California Stormwater Quality

Association (CASQA) Board of

Directors. Ms. Schmitz will serve as

Secretary on the CASQA Board of

leadership in stormwater quality

to CASQA," stated Scott Taylor,

Vice Chair for CASQA's Board of

Directors, "Her engineering and project

management skills make her a leader in

the field and an extraordinary asset to

The 11 individuals who comprise

CASQA's Board of Directors are

elected for staggered two-year

"Ms. Schmitz brings excellent

Directors.

Kerry Schmitz Selected for Board of Directors terms by the membership and meet bi-monthly at various locations

> throughout California. As Senior Civil Engineer, Ms. Schmitz oversees Sacramento County's Stormwater Program and Improvement Plans as she works to clean urban stormwater runoff and to protect the local watershed. Mr. Schmitz graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Environmental Engineering. Active in her profession, she has served on the Executive Committee for CASQA for the past two years.

> CASQA assists the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) andmunicipalities throughout the state of

California in implementing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) stormwater System mandates of the Federal Clean Water Act. In fulfilling this purpose, CASQA recommends objectives and procedures for stormwater discharge control programs that are technically and economically feasible, provide significant environmental benefits, protect our water resources, promote advancement of stormwater management technology and that effect compliance with State and Federal laws, regulations and policies. CASQA holds bi-monthly public meetings. For announcements and agendas see www.casqa.org.

Regional Transit Master Plan



Creating A New Transit Vision...Together



The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) provides bus, light rail, neighborhood shuttle and paratransit services for the Sacramento region. As part of its planning efforts for the future of the region's transit system, RT is updating its long-range Transit Master Plan (TMP). This will provide a New Transit Vision for the next 25 - 30 years, and set out an updated set of policies, projects and program for delivery.

Everyone is invited to get involved! Your ideas and comments will help shape the future of transit in the Sacramento region. Please join us at an open house to learn about the TMP and provide your input:

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Regional Transit

Moving You Forward



By Delia Fling

"Things are never as good as they seem nor as bad as they seem". Heard that one before? From my many years of experience in financial markets this is one of the truest axioms out there. Those who bought homes 3 years ago did in fact buy at the top of the current real estate cycle. However, as we all know (or at least should know) real estate is a long-term investment and an illiquid one at that, (unfortunately another conveniently forgotten fact).

We Californians have been distracted away from these truths because of the unprecedented active real estate market in our state, mostly propelled by investors, and significant inflows of population California dreaming. Things got out of control when expectations changed from long term to short term gain. This subtle change of expectation was urged along by the "I want it now" popular attitude. I promise you, if everyone who bought a home in the last few years believed it was a longterm investment with a long term financing package to go with it, there would be a minimal downturn

Manage Expectations, The Time is Now!



FINANCIAL in the real estate market.

Then we have those who treat their homes like ATM machines. You know who you are; you used that money on depreciating "toys", (boats, cars, etc.) Unfortunately most of those loans need to be refinanced because they where only fixed for 3 or 5 years before adjusting. Again, short-term expectations cause a problem. If those were 15 or 30-year loans, homeowners could wait this part of the cycle out. On the contrary, these homeowners have a predicament, their properties aren't worth what they need be for refinancing; the payments are no longer affordable, and so they are being forced to sell them short. Short sales happen when real estate is sold for less than the mortgage debt. Short sales cause even more problems for the seller and for the rest of us. Simply they drive real estate values

down even further. If you in fact withdrew equity out of your real estate and put it into liquid investments (stocks, bonds, annuities) or businesses, I applaud you. You have your PhD in financial literacy. These folks took their money out to make more money and have access to it to boot! These are the people who we are to depend on, to help get us out of this mess. You see, they have the where with all to go out and buy real estate for investment at the current dirt-cheap prices. This will help increase demand, which should start stabilizing real estate values.

Sacramento Real Estate has been making headlines again. Per the National Association of Realtors, Sacramento has the dubious distinction of having had the largest national price drop in median home prices. The median home price in Sacramento is down 29.2% to \$258,500. That's down from \$365,300 from the first quarter of 2007. Does anyone hear a bell ringing?

Interest rates are at artificially depressed levels, and home prices are extremely low, reasonable expectations would be to buy now... and laugh all the way to the bank.

Here at TransPac, we invite you to explore reinvesting some of your liquid reserves back into real estate. Let us give you a complementary analysis of your potential purchases. Our expectations are solid and realistic!

Delia Fling is a Mortgage Planner with TransPac in Citrus Heights. Please direct all questions or comments to deliaf@ transpacllc.com or 916-284-0066.

Cooling and Energy Saving Tips

Summer's hot temperatures are just around the corner so plan now for ways to keep your home cool and save money on summer energy bills.

The most important factor in cooling your home is not to let it heat up in the first place. Good insulation, caulking and weather stripping help keep the heat outside during the summer. So do shade trees, overhangs, awnings and shades. Limiting the use of household appliances that emit heat also helps.

- Keep windows closed during the heat of the day.
- Draw blinds and draperies during the day to keep the heat
- Set the thermostat at 78 degrees or higher in the summer. You will save about 5 to 10 percent on the operating cost of your air conditioner for every two degrees of cooling you're willing to give up.
 - Give appliances a break

during hot summer afternoons and evenings. Many appliances create added heat and moisture making your air conditioner work harder. Limit the use of ranges and stoves, dishwashers, dryers, washing machines, and other heat-producing equipment

when the temperature is cooler. Avoid keeping unnecessary lights turned on.

during midday. Use them in the

early mornings or late evenings

- Prepare cool meals such as salads and sandwiches. If you must cook a hot meal, wait until later in the evening when it's cooler.
- Adjust ceiling fans to turn counter-clockwise in the summer, usually this means that the switch on the fan should be in the "down"
- Change your air filter regularly. An air conditioning unit with dirty filters can use 5 to 10 percent more energy than necessary.
- If you have a refrig freezer in the garage that is not about energy saving programs and full, consider getting rid of it. financing.

These appliances tend to be older and therefore less energy efficient causing them to run continuously in very hot environments.

 Set timers on pool and spa pumps to run before 1:00 p.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

 SMUD's Shade Tree program offers free shade trees for customers whose homes have an eastern, western or southern exposure that heats up during the summer.

Vacation Tips

are dripping.

o Set your air conditioner thermostat at 85 degrees or higher.

- o Put lights on a timer to save energy and give the house a "lived in" look.
- o Draw the drapes on windows facing the south and west.
- o Shift the water heater to the lowest setting.
- o Check to make sure no faucets

For additional ways SMUD can help you save energy and money, logon to smud.org for information

Department of Industrial Relations **Targets Illegal Employers**

Industrial Relations (DIR) today launched the Insurance Coverage Program, an enforcement program designed to identify and target employers who fail to carry workers' compensation insurance. DIR Director John C. Duncan announced the new program today at Northern CA Workers' Comp Forum in Monterev.

"Through this enforcement program we will be able to systematically identify unlawfully uninsured employers to prioritize as enforcement targets," said DIR Director John C. Duncan. "By partnering with other agencies we are leveraging our resources to seek out illegally operating employers and to level the playing field for those who follow the laws."

Under California law, all

insurance or file a certificate to self-insure. The DIR's Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (Labor Commissioner's Office) is charged with identifying and targeting violators. Senate Bill 869, signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007, authorizes DIR to use funds from the Workers' Compensation Administration Revolving Fund for the enforcement of the Insurance Coverage Program. Any penalties collected during the enforcement process will be credited back to the special

Through agreement an developed among the agencies, employers without workers' compensation insurance may be identified by matching data from the Employment Development Department, employers are required to Uninsured Employers' Fund,

Insurance Commissioner, and other sources. The new law also requires the Labor Commissioner to create and post annually by March 1 a report on the division's

"Employers who do not cover their employees with workers' compensation insurance impose a burden on injured workers, other employers and taxpayers," Duncan added. "By operating illegally, these employers gain an unfair advantage in the marketplace and we will not allow that to continue."

For more information about DIR, visit the Web site at www. dir.ca.gov. Employees that have work-related questions or complaints can call the California Workers' Information Hotline at 1-866-924-9757.

California Court Rules in Favor of Gay Marriage woman) and made it unconstitutional Recently



By Yolanda Knaak

A divided 4-3 California Supreme Court ruled against Proposition 22 (marriage only between a man and a under the California Constitution. As you may recall, Proposition 22 was voted into law by 61.4% of the people of California in 2000. The Justices decided that there is a fundamental constitutional right to same-sex marriage. Civil unions, as an "alternative" for same-sex couples was considered by 4 of the 7 justices, to be a violation of the state equal protection clause. Unless it is challenged in court or Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger intervenes, it will become law in 30 days. Massachusetts is the only other court to rule that marriage laws are unconstitutional discrimination; other courts that have rejected that argument are Maryland, New York and

ProtectMarriage.com submitted 1.1 million signatures for a constitutional marriage amendment to keep marriage between a man and a woman. Currently signatures are being verified to place it on the ballot in November. If that amendment is passed by a majority of California voters, it will overturn the court's ruling from 5/15/08. For those who would like to express their views to the Governor his phone is (916) 445-2841.

For comments or questions, feel free to contact me at yk@skyq.com. About the author: Yolanda Knaak has a Masters degree from UCLA in nursing. She is an elected member of the Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee.

Regional Transit Hosts Open Houses to Discuss Transit Master Plan

Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) provides bus, light rail, neighborhood shuttle and paratransit services for the Sacramento region. As part of its planning efforts for the future of the region's transit system, RT is updating its long-term Transit Master Plan (TMP). This will provide a new Transit Vision for the next 25 - 30 years, and set out an updated set of policies, projects and program for delivery.

In developing the detail and content of the long-term TMP strategy, RT will consult with a wide range of stakeholders and incorporate as many views as possible. The approach to this complex exercise is to develop three broad future "Scenarios" that can be used to test a mix of land use, population, employment, housing and transit options.

Scenario A is described as "Base Case – Financially Constrained to Existing Sources," which examines the implication of a continuation of existing transit service provisions and the cost to RT to provide the same level of transit service to an increasing population.

Scenario B is described as "Blueprint and MTP2035," which would develop a set of TMP policies and projects that would be consistent with the land use assumptions adopted as part of the Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG) "Blueprint" process. It would also incorporate the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP2035) that includes a range of proposed transit investments over the six-county Sacramento region. The transit network in Scenario B

would be designed to support the Smart Growth principles of the Blueprint and the land use priorities of the various local jurisdictions, including the capital projects planned by RT.

Scenario C is described as "An Integrated Transit Solution -Mobility for All," which will go beyond Scenario B to examine whether there is a more costeffective and targeted package of measures that could be implemented by RT to achieve the TMP Aims, Goals and Objectives and support the wider Blueprint objectives. A key theme is "putting the passenger first' where transit is the priority. The key elements of Scenario C include improving access to the transit network; quick, direct and frequent service; expanding the transit network and increasing service frequencies; improving and simplifying the network and fares; and enhancing the waiting environment at stops and stations. This Scenario would also include expansion of the light rail system to Elk Grove, Citrus Heights and Roseville; Commuter Rail; Bus

RT staff will present the three Scenarios to the community for review and comment at eight open houses. The public is encouraged to attend an open house to learn about the TMP and provide input:

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City of Citrus Heights Council Chambers (6237 Fountain Square

Tuesday, May 20 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

paratransit services.

City of Rancho Cordova Council Chambers (2729 Prospect Park

Wednesday, May 21 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Community Service Center – North Central (2500 Marconi Avenue) Thursday, May 22 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Community Service Center - Florin (7000 65th Street, Suite B)

Wednesday, May 28 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sacramento State Alumni Center (6000 J Street)

Thursday, May 29 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Tsakopoulos Library Galleria

(828 I Street - East Meeting Room)

For more information or to fill out an online survey, visit www.sacrt. com and click on the TMP logo. Attendees who may need

special assistance to participate in the meetings are asked to call 916-556-0302. RT will provide meeting materials in alternative formats or make arrangements for sign language interpreters and sighted guides upon request. Notification at least 72 hours before the meeting will allow RT to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meetings.

PG&E Asks Customers to Conserve **Energy as Temperatures Rise** supply. PG&E expects to have days when PG&E's system

Utility Calls Critical Peak Pricing Event Tomorrow; CPP Customers to Start Energy Conservation during Peak **Demand Hours**

Triple digit temperatures are forecast for many parts of California this week, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company is asking Critical Peak Pricing customers to voluntarily conserve

energy. PG&E does not anticipate any power supply shortages this week but does expect to see higher than average electricity demands for May. Therefore, the utility is declaring a Critical Peak Pricing (CPP) day tomorrow, urging its CPP business customers to conserve energy during peak demand hours of noon to 6:00

Energy conservation plays a key role in helping the state balance the demand for energy with available sufficient electric supplies with adequate reserves for its customers in northern and central California, but customers can help ensure that supplies remain adequate by taking these simple steps:

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PG&E will voluntarily curtail usage at its facilities throughout northern and central California during this conservation effort.

Through PG&E's Critical Peak Pricing Program, business customers receive lower rates during the summer season in exchange for a higher rate during designated critical peak day hours on no more than 12 hot summer

demands increase and an event is initiated. Participating customers receive an event notification by noon on the business day before the CPP event is called. CPP customers receive 100 percent protection from energy bills higher than what they would have paid under normal rates for the first 12 consecutive months of program participation.

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Insurance Company to Offer Eminent Domain Insurance

By Jon Coupal

When the subject of unusual insurance policies comes up, people usually think of Lloyds of London, the venerable insurance syndicate that has been insuring almost anything for over 300 years. In addition to writing mundane policies, Lloyds has insured Tina Turner's legs, Keith Richards' fingers and even Tom Jones' chest hair.

Now we have a San Diego firm offering to write policies that some observers might find just as odd but, sadly, could be a prudent investment for California property owners. The Ward Group LLC, in partnership with the AmWins Group, Inc. is offering to write policies to protect property owners against losses suffered if they become victims of eminent domain -- the government taking of private property. A Home Value Safeguard policy would provide up to \$200,000 to cover loss of market value when the home is taken, plus up to \$50,000 to relieve the expense of moving.

The use and abuse of eminent domain has become a major issue since the 2005 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the case of Kelo v. the City of New London. In this case, the city

wanted to take the middle class homes of Susette Kelo and her neighbors to make way for a development including an office building for Pfizer, the giant pharmaceutical company. The court said there were no federal constitutional protections for the homeowners -- even if the property would not be used for public purpose -- as long as the city could claim that there was some "public benefit." (Of course, the plain language of the Constitution refers to public "use," but so what?) In this case, the public benefit was higher tax revenue. However, the Justices added that individual states were free to establish more stringent protections for the owners of private property.

Not surprisingly, most states reacted very quickly to this horrendous decision by making it more difficult to take private property from unwilling sellers to be turned over to other private interests, while maintaining the traditional power of government to use power of eminent domain for public purposes like schools and roads.

California is notably absent from the list of states providing these protections to property owners. Here, government can continue to take homes, business, farmland and even houses of worship to be turned over to private developers for strip malls and other profit-making projects.

While some property owners may want to consider eminent domain insurance, there is even more powerful insurance being offered on the June 3rd ballot, and it's free. Proposition 98 will bar governments from seizing private property to be turned over to other private interests, without interfering with government's legitimate ability to acquire property for truly public projects, like roads, dams and fire

If voters approve Proposition 98 three weeks from now, they can take great comfort in knowing that their property will not be taken by greedy governments looking to increase tax proceeds. And isn't providing peace of mind what real insurance is all about?

For more information on Proposition 98, visit www.yesprop98.com.

Jon Coupal is President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association - California's largest taxpayer organization - which is dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and promoting taxpayers' rights.

CHUCK BALDWIN LIVE

Birds of a Feather

By Chuck Baldwin

There is an old adage that, for the most part, has proven itself to be true: "Birds of a feather flock together." In other words, one can discern much about a person by the company he or she keeps. Accordingly, here is a sample of the quirky company of Senator John

As Jerome Corsi recently reported, John McCain has long enjoyed sizeable funding from the ultraliberal gazillionaire George Soros, and from liberal Massachusetts Senator John Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry. (See the report at http://www.worldnetdaily. com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=56177)

Question: Why would ultraliberals such as Soros and Kerry give so much money to a "conservative" Republican? Answer: They know that McCain is anything but a conservative. In fact, McCain is so liberal, he actually discussed becoming John Kerry's Vice Presidential running mate on the Democratic ticket in 2004.

Dr. Corsi also reported the fact that McCain has chosen Juan Hernandez as his Hispanic outreach director. A former Mexican government official, Hernandez is a man who openly advances a "Mexico first" policy everywhere he goes.

Corsi wrote, "In an appearance on ABC's Nightline in 2001, Hernandez said, referring to Mexican immigrants in the U.S., 'I want the third generation, the seventh generation, I want them all to think "Mexico first."" Neither John McCain nor any of his spokesmen have repudiated Hernandez' sentiments.

(See Dr. Corsi's report at http://www. wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_

Is it any surprise, therefore, that John McCain has agreed to speak at the upcoming annual conference of La Raza ("The Race")? As most readers probably know, behind La Raza is a radical Hispanic group that advocates a militant "reconquista" of the Southwestern United States.

John McCain is also known to have surrounded himself with corporate lobbyists, who, for all intents and purposes, seek only the success of their international corporation employers, not any "conservative" principle.

Noted columnist Cliff Kincaid recently wrote, "Not all conservatives thought the [New York] Times was off-base in going after McCain's ties to lobbyists. These activists are angry that McCain is surrounded by lobbyists who put corporate interests ahead of conservative interests. They note, for example, that it has been impossible to get McCain to firmly commit to opposing the U.N.'s Law of the Sea Treaty. McCain has also indicated support for the International Criminal Court."

See Kincaid's column at http://www. aim.org/aim-column/more-dirt-on-

In addition, World Net Daily recently reported that McCain's family fortune (via his current wife) is tainted with connections to organized crime. The WND report begins by saying, "John McCain's personal fortune traces back to organized crime in Arizona, through his father-in-law, according to a report published by a multi-news agency team called Investigative Reporters and Editors Inc.'

See the WND report at http:// www.worldnetdaily.com/index. php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=57354

In addition, a pro-abortion group has endorsed the now self-touted "prolife" candidacy of John McCain. "The Republicans for Choice Political Action Committee decided that McCain was the best candidate to make the Republican Party pro-choice following Rudy Giuliani's withdrawal from the race, reported CNS News today."

See the report at http://www. lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/ feb/08020605.html

And if all of the above is not enough, "Two of Sen. John McCain's top

advisors and fundraisers are among several Republican and Democratic presidential campaign officials whose lobbying firms have been paid more than \$15 million by foreign governments since 2005.

"The firms of McCain senior advisor Charlie Black, who until recently was the chairman of Washington-based BKSH & Associates, and campaign co-chairman Thomas G. Loeffler, who heads the Loeffler Group in San Antonio, received millions of dollars lobbying the White House, Congress and others as agents of nearly a dozen foreign clients in recent years . . . " As it turns out, Red China and Mexico are the top employers. (Source: The Washington Times. See the report at http://www.washingtontimes.com:80/ apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080411/ NATION/299288489/1001)

If it is true that "a man is known by the company he keeps," what does this say about Senator John McCain?

And for readers who would like to contribute to my 2008 Presidential campaign, I will mention this once, that a special Memorial Day "Money Bomb" has been created at http://www. freedommoneybomb.com/

Plus, I do not hesitate to state that the only national party that is 100% pro-life, that is committed to securing our borders against illegal immigration, and that is dedicated to preserving our nation's sovereignty and independence by opposing NAFTA, CAFTA, and the burgeoning North American Union is the Constitution Party. Here is the web site: http://constitutionparty.com

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The End of Cheap Oil is Now



By Mark Hertsgaard

Never underestimate a politician's ability to pander. With gasoline prices nearing \$4 a gallon and the summer driving season approaching, presidential candidates John McCain and Hillary Clinton have responded by calling for a consumer holiday from the federal gasoline tax. But both McCain and Clinton must know that blaming taxes for soaring gasoline prices is absurd. The tax hasn't changed. What has changed is the price of crude oil, which hit a record \$119 a barrel in April.

Get used to it. Contrary to McCain and Clinton's feel-good simplifications, there's no easy answer to this problem. Gasoline prices are rising-and will continue rise-because global demand is outstripping supply. Combine America's gas-guzzling with millions of new middle class consumers in China and India, and global demand is bound to increase for years to come (absent a global economic depression). Meanwhile, global oil supplies are essentially flat. This mismatch pushes up prices.

The real issue that McCain, Clinton and anyone truly serious about gas prices must confront is peak oil. Peak oil theorists do not suggest that the Earth will surrender its last drop of oil anytime soon. Rather, they contend that the world's oil supply has, or soon will, hit its upper limit, and then shrink. This, the end of abundant oil, spells the end of cheap oil. As limited supply confronts growing demand, the result will be volatile higher prices and shortages

that could bring back the gas lines of the 1970s. And that's just for starters. The modern world needs cheap oil like the human body needs oxygen; remove it, and we could be headed for economic decline, resource wars and social chaos.

Conventional wisdom says the market will solve the problem: higher prices will call forth more supply. But a growing number of oil industry insiders are disputing that and instead backing the peak oil thesis. Though largely unnoticed by the media, a decisive moment in the debate came last September, when James Schlesinger declared that the "peakists" were right. You don't get closer to the American establishment than Schlesinger, who served as head of the CIA, Secretary of Energy, and adviser to oil companies. In a speech to a conference sponsored by the Association for the Study of Peak Oil, Schlesinger said, "It's no longer the case that we have a few voices crying in the wilderness. The battle is over. The peakists have won." Schlesinger added that many oil company CEOs privately agree that peak oil is imminent, but don't say so

One who does is Royal Dutch Shell CEO Jeroen van der Veer. Without using the term peak oil, he warned this year that, "After 2015, easily accessible supplies of oil and gas probably will no longer keep up with demand."

The United States, with its two hour commutes, three car families, atrophied mass transit and petroleum-based food system, is most vulnerable to an oil shock. But similar vulnerabilities exist in most industrial societies, not to mention China and other emerging economies that are only now getting a taste of

oil-fueled modernity. Ironically, peak oil could actually harm the environment, making climate change worse. One might think that less oil would mean less consumption and lower carbon dioxide emissions. But the modern world is addicted to oil. If peak oil arrives before the addiction is broken,

societies will likely do whatever is necessary to keep their addictions fed. That is already happening in Canada, where Exxon-Mobil and others are mining so-called tar sands-a very dirty fuel that carries a much greater carbon footprint than conventional

Luckily, there are smarter ways to fight both peak oil and climate change. The first step is a massive investment in energy efficiency-by far the quickest, cheapest way to reduce consumption. This will buy us time to deploy alternative fuels, reduce demand via better mass transit and less sprawl, and green our economies. Plug-in hybrid cars, for example, get over 100 miles per gallon-double what today's generation of hybrids achieves. And if plug-in hybrids rely on electricity generated by solar, wind or other green energy sources, they will fight both climate change and peak oil.

More encouraging news: some top government officials understand what needs to be done. For example, David Paterson, the new governor of New York state, has spoken in detail about peak oil and the necessity of investing in energy efficiency and alternative energy sources.

As it happens, Governor Paterson is a strong backer of Senator Clinton. Maybe they should talk. And they should invite McCain-and Senator Obama-to join them. Peak oil seems poised to become the next big idea commanding the attention of governments, businesses and citizens the world over. We need our presidential candidates to talk sense about it, not use it to make cheap political points.

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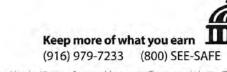
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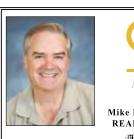
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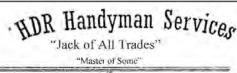
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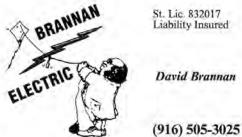


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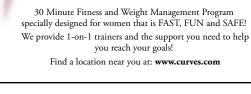
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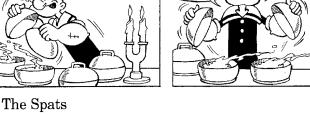








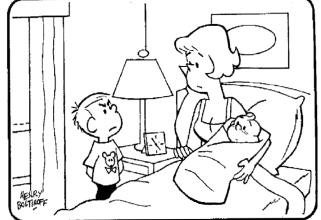




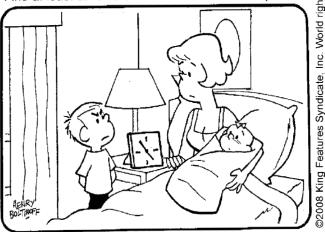




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common blood type? 5. MOVIES: Who was the movie "Anne of the Thousand Days" about?

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books of the Bible's New Testament, in order? 8. COMICS: What is Catbert's title in

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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All Answers on Page 12 **Contract Bridge**

WHEN TO WIN A TRICK

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable **♦** J 8 3 **♥** K Q 7 WEST EAST SOUTH **♦** K Q 10 9 6 **♥** A 8 4

The bidding: East North Pass

Opening lead - king of clubs.

A frequent objective of defensive play against a suit contract is to try to run declarer out of trumps. If this can be achieved, the defenders may then be able to cash tricks in their own strong suits, or may even establish some trump tricks of their own.

In today's deal, West applied this principle to perfection and, as a result. wound up defeating what looked like a surefire game contract The defense started with three

rounds of clubs, South ruffing the third. Declarer then led the king of spades, but West wisely refused to take his ace. The nine of spades was led next, and again West played low When East showed out on the second spade, declarer knew he was a goner.

At this point, West still had the A-5 of spades, while South had the Q-10 in his hand and the jack in dummy. However, West was in full control of the outcome. If declarer continued with a third trump, West would take his ace and force South to ruff a club, thereby establishing his five of trumps as the setting trick and also allowing him to collect his fifth club for down two.

Declarer therefore decided to salvage what he could from the deteriorating situation. He ran his diamonds until West ruffed with the five. The only other trick West could then get was the ace of trumps, and South finished down one. Note that if West had taken the ace

on either the first or second round of trumps, South would have been in the driver's seat, since a club return could then be ruffed in dummy. By holding up his ace until precisely the right moment, West guaranteed winning the crucial battle for trump control and so ensured defeat of the contract.

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La Sierra High School Reunion **Class of 1970**

Date: May 24, 2008

Location: La Sierra Community Center, formerly known as La Sierra High School. Contact information: Robin L (Ramsthaler) Piet, 173 Springwood LN, Idaho Falls, ID 83404 E-mail: robinpiet@msn.com Two Events:

Friday, 23rd, 7:00 pm Get Reacquainted - \$10.00 Saturday, 24th, 4:00 pm, Longhorn BBQ - \$30.00 Please confirm your reservations by May 10, 2008. In hopes everyone can attend, Scholarships are available. Contact Robyn Piet for information.

Magic Circle Theatre "Those good and crazy people, our married friends."

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Company is sponsored by Jensen Smith C.P.A.s, and will play Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 and Sunday afternoons at 2:00, May 9 - June 14, 2008, in the Tower Theatre, 421 Vernon St., Roseville.

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The Genealogical Association of Sacramento

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The program "Finding Unusual Sources" will be presented by Donna VanLone. For more information call (916) 682-8004 or (916) 689-4524. Visitors and new members are welcome.

River City Run, on June 1st

The Sacramento Group of the Sierra Club is having their River City Run, on June 1st. The event includes a 5k and 10 run, a 5k & 10k walk, plus a Kid's Fun Run. The run will start in Old Sacramento at Waterfront Park and follow the Bike Trail along the river, through Discovery Park and back. Runners start at 8:30 a.m., walkers, strollers, & wagons start at 8:35 a.m. This event benefits programs that inspire, encourage, and teach steps toward sustainable living.

Registration prior to May 24th is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 6 years to 16 years. Registration after May 24th is \$30 Register online until May 27th at www. rivercityrun.org. Register in person at Fleet Feet Sports, 2311 J St, Sacramento on Friday, May 30, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday May 31, from 10 a.m. to 6 pm. Waterfront Park in Old Sacramento on June 1, 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. All entries receive a 100% Recycled Cotton/ EcoSpun T-shirt.

NKF Sacramento Kidney Walk

The National Kidney Foundation's Sacramento Kidney Walk will be held on Saturday, May 31 at Serrano Village Green in El Dorado Hills. Enjoy music, entertainment, refreshments, kids' zone, raffle prizes and a Wellness Center while raising funds for services that benefit kidney patients and their families in the Sacramento area.

Register for the Sacramento Kidney Walk at www.kidneynca.org or call the NKF office at (916) 448-2200

First Annual Garage Sale May 31

The Domestic Violence Intervention Center presents Our First Annual Garage Sale. The sale is being held at the Citrus Heights Lion's Club at 7521 Community Dr., C.H. 95610 from 7am - 4pm. All proceeds will be donated to the DVIC. All donated items have been donated by the Community and the Volunteers of the Center. The DVIC is a non profit, all volunteer Agency. We help victims of domestic violence and their children. The DVIC is located at 7250 Auburn Blvd., C.H. 95610. We are opened 10am - 4pm. Our office # is 916-728-5613 and our crisis line 24/7 is 916-728-7210. Our website is www. dvinterventioncenter.org

Mercy Hosts Free Lecture on Atrial Fibrillation

Mercy General Hosts Free **Lecture on Atrial Fibrillation** Cardiac Surgeon Richard Kaplon and Electrophysiologist Gearoid O'Neill to Discuss New Treatment Options on June 7, 2008

Leaders in cardiac care, cardiac surgeon Richard Kaplon and electrophysiologist Gearoid O'Neill will provide an update on atrial fibrillation treatments and the newest technologies and therapies, including surgical ablation and catheter ablation. Atrial fibrillation is a disorder found in about 2.2 million Americans.

During atrial fibrillation, the heart's two small upper chambers (the atria) quiver instead of beating effectively. Blood isn't pumped completely out of them, so it may pool and clot. Health problems associated with atrial fibrillation are very significant, including stroke and even death. About 15 percent of strokes occur in people

with atrial fibrillation. The fast heart rates associated with atrial fibrillation also lead to heart failure, palpitations, fatigue, shortness of breath, chest pain, and fainting. The likelihood of developing atrial

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.C.C" Your Body 2008 The 2nd annual "R.O.C.C Your

Body" to benefit the River Oak Center for Children will be held on Friday, May 30, 2008 at The Spa Simply Skin, 2625 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Sacramento 95864, from 6 to 11 p.m. River Oak provides professional care and therapeutic services to children in our community who struggle with serious emotional and behavioral

"R.O.C.C Your Body" is proud to support River Oak in its campaign, "Roots and Wings: A Campaign to Rebuild Lives" raising funds to build a new Treatment Complex that will provide comprehensive assessment and personalized services to low income and vulnerable children "This event will support an important cause in our community - the children who have faced trauma, loss, neglect and abuse, and as a result, are dealing with emotional and behavioral challenges and are in need of professional care", said JJ Diepenbrock, owner of The

Spa Simply Skin.



This year the spa grounds will be transformed into "Mystique", a "Cirque du Soleil" style experience, featuring a "Euro Bar", a champagne bar, a "VIP" red-carpet valet service, a "VIP" lounge and MC Kelly Brothers, former morning news anchor of KFBK, making sure guests are having a memorable evening. The evening will include a posh fashion show featuring cutting-edge designers from New York and Los Angeles. Health and wellness experts will be on hand to provide free spa

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Rollingwood Racquet Club Unveils Totally Renovated Fitness Center Environments. Rollingwood Racquet

Club's new Fitness Center opened May 15, bringing a dramatic change to the Club's facilities for fitness in Fair Oaks and Orangevale, both in the Greater Sacramento area. Rollingwood has shaped up to be one of the areas premier fitness venues, carefully designed to enhance the membership experience.

Upon entering the club, a brand new reception area has the feeling of a luxury 5-star hotel with warm earth tone colors, a tiled floor and attractive lighting featuring slim lines and curves. Make the turn just by the doors to the swim center, and you will access one of the most prominent features of the improved facility, a vast, open fitness area that has doubled its original size. Not only is the new exercise environment more open and colorful, it has plenty of periphery areas for functional training and stretching. Warm colors throughout and natural light spilling in from the window high above still remind you that you are at Rollingwood. Fresh space deserves new equipment and Rollingwood is adding the best.

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Volkssports (sport of the people) began in Germany in the 1970's and US military families couldn't wait to bring the sport to the US. There are over 300 clubs in the US and Sacramento boasts the largest club in California—the Sacramento Walking Sticks. These walks are all non-competitive and people find out quickly that when they're walking with a group; they walk further and faster because they're engaged in conversation while looking at sights they've never seen before.

The Sacramento Walking Sticks have a monthly meeting that everyone is welcome to attend. They are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m., at the SMUD Customer Service Center, Timberline III meeting room, 6301 St, Sacramento 95819. Our next meeting will be on June 12th. For those people who like to walk, they can meet at 5:00 p.m. at the front of the SMUD Customer Service Center Building for a 3-mile walk in the surrounding neighborhood. Dinner will follow.

Get Out and Walk During Arthritis Awareness Month

(NAPSA)-Arthritis, the most common cause of disability in the United States, affects one in five adults and nearly 300,000 children. It is predicted that by the year 2030, 67 million people will be affected by arthritis, up from current prevalence estimates of 46 million people. What's particularly disturbing is that the prevalence of osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis, continues to rise even though it can often be prevented by staying active.

Patience White, M.D., chief public health officer for the Arthritis Foundation, is not surprised that these numbers continue to rise. "Americans continue to become more sedentary despite overwhelming evidence that there are tremendous benefits from walking as little as 10 minutes, three times a day. If we continue to ignore the importance of movement, as the nation's baby boomer population ages, the prevalence of arthritis will become staggering.

Fortunately, starting a walking program is easier than you might think. Dr. White's recommendations include:

Walk Three Times a Day Walking for exercise should take low-to-moderate exertion. When you first start your program, your goal may be walking 10 minutes every day. Once this no longer requires much effort, consider increasing your goal to 10 this goal, change your route to include a slight incline. While it's important to consult your physician about your personal exercise plan and goals, also listen to your body! Consider keeping a journal to document your goals and the path to getting there.

Stretch - It is important to stretch before and after walking. Remember



The Right Step-A simple walking plan could help reduce your risk of arthritis.

that walking involves more than just your legs, so be sure to stretch your

lower back, chest and arms as well. Bring a Friend - Having a walking partner is a great way to stay motivated! Not only can you encourage each other to stay active, but talking as you walk is a great way to pass the time. Whether minutes three times a day or 30 minutes a neighbor, co-worker or even man's several times each week. As you reach best friend, find someone to walk with

and make a schedule that you can both

Maintain Your Ideal Weight - As people gain weight they increase the stress placed on their joints, particularly their knees. Not to mention that being overweight may cause a person to become tired quickly and not able to follow a healthy exercise regimen. Before beginning a walking program, work with a health care professional to determine your ideal weight and the best plan for getting there.

Celebrate Your Success - While the best reward for your efforts is better health, it's okay to treat yourself as well. Reward yourself as you reach each new goal. Celebrate by buying a new pair of walking shoes, new workout clothes or an MP3 player loaded with your favorite walking

Part of the Arthritis Foundation's efforts to get Americans walking is through its annual Arthritis Walk event held each May during Arthritis Awareness Month. Arthritis Walk events are held in communities across the nation to help raise awareness and generate funds for research and programs. Walkers can sign up alone or as part of a team and can come out to support a family member or friend. Dogs are welcome in most sites, too.

To learn more about getting involved in an Arthritis Walk near you, visit www. arthritis.org or call (877) 232-2898.

Polo Extravaganza for Local Charities Eight individual clubs of Soroptimist Some of the charities benefiting from International, and in partnership with The Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association, are coming together to host The Soroptimist Polo Extravaganza - 2008. The event will raise funds for local charitable service agencies who serve at-risk children and women in the area. In addition to a spirited polo match between two teams of Northern California volunteer polo players, the event will include wine & beer tasting, a gourmet buffet dinner

from Red Bag Catering, live & silent auctions with a chance to Dine with the "Dining Divas" of Sacramento Magazine, a raffle with a 7day Holland America cruise to Mexico or the Caribbean as first prize, music, and a ladies fancy hat contest. The event will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at the Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center at 7200 Lone Pine Drive, Rancho Murieta, Ca. Chairman of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Jimmie Yee will be honored as the "visiting royalty"

the proceeds of the event are: Women's Empowerment, who prepares homeless women for employment opportunities; The After School Program in Del Paso Heights, An Arts enrichment program; The Crisis Nursery, which provides safe care for infants and small children during stressful family situations; St. John's Shelter providing services for homeless women and children; the Teen age Dating Violence Prevention Program of Family Shalom; Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Center of Yolo County and other Soroptimist services and scholarships. The Polo Extravaganza will be a

unique and entertaining way to provide much needed funding for these very important and badly needed services. Ticket price is \$55.00 before June 15th and \$65.00 afterward. For information regarding sponsorship opportunities, or ticket reservations please see www. sacpolo.net or call (916) 457-3002. The Soroptimist Clubs participating

are; S.I. of Sacramento, S.I. of Metropolitan Sacramento, S.I. of Sacramento North, S.I. of Sacramento South, S.I. of Placerville, S.I. of Rio Cosumnes, S.I. of Woodland and S.I. of West Sacramento. Each of these clubs

works to improve the status of women and children in their respective areas. Soroptimist International is the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women and was established in 1921 in Oakland, CA. There are currently over 100,000 Soroptimist members in 120 countries worldwide. The local Clubs have provided various services throughout the Metropolitan area for many years. Recent projects have included funding the fencing and irrigation for the Community Gardens in Del Paso Heights; funding the Arts and Crafts Room at the Thomas P. Raley Branch of the Boys and Girls Club as well as providing over 2000 volunteer hours at the branch; funding 40 performances of the Fantasy Theatre at under funded elementary schools in the area; provided badly needed funds for My Sister House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence in the Asian and Pacific Islander communities, funding the purchase of a cargo van for W.E.A.V.E. (Women Escaping A Violent Environment); donating \$5,000 toward the construction of an amphitheater for Camp Ronald McDonald; and, donating funds to CCHAT for playground equipment for hearing impaired children.

Dusty Baker International Baseball Academy

The Dusty Baker International Baseball Academy returns this year and celebrates its 25th Stewart, Shawon Dunston, Jim winner Carsten C.C. Sabathia. Barr are among the twelve former major leaguers and veteran group providing instruction to students age groups; 9-12, 13-15 and 15-20 at the Sacramento area site. Approximately 5800 of the 7900 previous academy participants have moved on to high school, college and profession baseball. This is a fantastic learning experience and training program for young baseball players.

and will "throw in" the first ball to start

the polo play. The celebrity announcer

for the event will be Dave Bender,

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Thoroughbred Racing Returns to Cal Expo in August Horse racing fans can always bet on still available for purchase with boxes general parking season pass

a good time at the Cal Expo Sports & Wagering Center, but now they can bet on some sweet summer savings as well. Cal Expo & State Fair is inviting horse racing fans to purchase season box seats for the upcoming Thoroughbred meet which is scheduled to run Aug. 20 -Sept. 1 during the California State Fair.

Dark days are Aug. 25 - 26. Prime location season boxes are

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closest to the finish line only \$650 for the season and \$550 for boxes furthest from the finish line. The season box seat package is valued at over \$1,100 and includes: Six (6) California State Fair admission tickets per racing day (66 total) Six (6) box seat tickets per racing day (66 total) Six (6) official racing programs per day (66 total) One preferred parking season pass One

Those interested in purchasing a box for the racing season should contact Kate Phariss at (916) 263-3047 or Brittany Clark at (916) 263-3048. Call early as to insure seat availability. After July 15, boxes will be available to purchase by the day and may not be available for the entire season.



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The Dave Russell Band Rocks the House at Pow Wow Days



The Dave Russel Band performed Saturday night at the Pow Wow Days. They played a variety of styles that had plenty of feet on the dance floor.



"Road-King" Keenan proposed to an unofficial first for Pow Wow Days

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SCSO's Mozart Requiem Heralds Upcoming Los Angeles Performance



Left to Right: Donald Kendrick - Conductor, Sandra Rubalcava - Soprano, Oksana Sitnitska - Mezzosoprano, David Robinson - Tenor, Elias Mokole - Bass

By Andy Opsahl

The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra's (SCSO) haunting performance of Mozart's Requiem left the audience spellbound at the Sacramento Community Center Theater on Saturday, May 10. The production's second half spontaneously brought attendees to their feet with Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, a choral expression of God's light.

Conductor Donald Kendrick led the large 225-member choral orchestral team from memory, deftly leading and guiding the musical forces through the nuances and

drama that the evening's performance demanded. The orchestra's precision and sense of ensemble were selfevident and tonally and rhythmically the SCSO choristers were at their best throughout the evening.

The Requiem's first two eerie movements inspired cathartic meditation. A voice-like clarinet contrasted against somber strings and evoked images of a funeral procession. The third movement, known as the "Dies Irae," exploded with operatic drama. The text is from a medieval poem describing the day God destroys the world and divides the wicked from the righteous. The seventh movement, called the "Sanctus," provided the work's one moment of joyful relief. The chorus thundered its Godfearing exaltation of "Hosanna in the highest." The "Agnus Dei" carefully guided the piece back to its soft, mournful conclusion. The Requiem focuses mostly on the chorus with some quartet writing for soloists interspersed. While Soprano Sandra Rubalcava, Tenor David Robinson and Bass Elias Mokole acquitted themselves very well with their expressive singing, the finest solo performance of the night was given by mezzo-soprano Oksana Sitnitska. Her powerful voice in that cavernous theater really brought the audience to attention and added to the drama of

the evening. Mozart's Requiem entered popular culture by way of the 1984 film Amadeus, a fictionalized account of one of Mozart's jealous colleagues, Salieri. The Requiem was Mozart's final work before his death in 1791. He completed only the first two movements. His student Sussmayr finished the famed mass of the dead based on the Mozart's remaining sketches. The Requiem is widely viewed as one of the most influential pieces of classical music ever

written. While Requiem Mozart's ingeniously expressed darkness, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna provided

the healing light attendees needed. If you have never heard this piece, visit Amazon.com and buy it. Many view it as the greatest choral work of the 20th Century, and, interestingly, it was written near the end of the century in 1997. The piece is a collection of Latin sacred texts referencing light. It was inspired by the death of Lauridsen's mother, whom the composer considers his muse. Lux Aeterna's five movements meld into each other so smoothly you barely notice where one ends and the other begins. No vocal solos exist in this majestic piece. A stunningly complex blend of voice parts gave a symphonic sense of light reaching every corner of the theater. A shimmering orchestra, under Kendrick's expressive hands, added nuance and pathos to the evening's performance.

The beloved work was a fitting conclusion to the SCSO's 12th season, which included its daring, but triumphant production of Sir Edward Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius. A few big risks have marked the SCSO's 07/08 season, one of which still awaits the organization when the group gambles \$45,000 to take the Mozart/Lauridsen concert to the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles this summer. Lux Aeterna was premiered by the Los Angeles Master Chorale, making the city of angels a potentially challenging crowd to please. The good news is the SCSO is ready for the challenge when they make their debut on Friday, June 27th at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

The SCSO happily announced that its 2008-2009 season will be held at the UC Davis Mondavi Center. That is fantastic news. SCSO concerts have always been outstanding at the Sacramento Community Center, no thanks to the building's challenging acoustics. If the SCSO's loyal fan base thought the group sounded fine in that venue, they're in for a warm sonic surprise when they attend SCSO 2008-2009 performances at the Mondavi Center.



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"Only the Brave," starring Lane

Nishikawa and Tamlyn Tomita

comes to the Crest Theatre, Saturday,

Japanese American 100th/442nd

Regimental Combat Team. "Only

the Brave" is the first motion picture

about the 100th/442nd Regimental

Combat Team as seen through the

eyes of the men who lived it. Written

and directed by award-winning writer

and playwright, Lane Nishikawa,

the movie was actually based on the

experiences of 4 Nisei uncles, as

well as other veterans who shared

their memories with him over the

years. The film captures the personal

tragedies and sacrifices of soldiers,

played by Jason Scott Lee, Mark

Dacascos, Yuji Okumoto, Greg

Watanabe and Ken Narasaki during

the final days of their rescue of the

"ONLY THE BRAVE" has been

endorsed by U.S. Senator Daniel K.

Inouye (a WWII veteran and Medal

of Honor recipient who lost an arm

while serving with the 100th/442nd),

U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, former

U.S. Congressman Ed Case, and such

organizations as the 100th/442nd

Veterans Associations of America,

the Japanese American Citizens

League, the Organization of Chinese

Americans, and the Japanese American

The film is the final chapter in

National Museum.

Texas "Lost Battalion."

200 Regional Artists Featured in Crocker's 30th Art Auction

artists while raising funds for **Crocker Art Museum**

The Crocker Art Museum will bring together regional artists and art collectors to raise funds for education programs during the 30th annual Art Auction on May 31. The event returns to Cal Expo for a second year while the Museum is under construction, allowing more than 200 of the regions most distinguished artists to participate.

The event, which begins at 5 p.m., includes silent and live auctions, an elegant outdoor dinner buffet by Bella Bru Café and Catering, and heated competition as attendees bid on their favorite artworks by the likes of Pat Mahony, Mark Bowles, Robert Brady and more.

"The Art Auction is my favorite event at the Crocker," said Lial A. Jones, Museum Director. "It's the perfect way for patrons to support both the Museum and practicing artists. The beginning collector and the seasoned connoisseur will certainly find works they'll want to take home."

The 2008 Art Auction is sponsored by Genovese, Burford and Brothers Financial and Insurance Services, Inc. Fine wines will be provided by Bogle Vineyards and Renwood Winery.

Fundamental, Sierra Oaks Elementary,

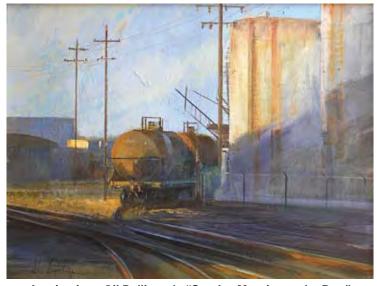
and Thomas Kelly Elementary were

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Auction item Gil Dellinger's "Sunday Morning at the Port"

Patron tickets are \$200 and on sale now, general tickets are \$150 and are available on April 18. Tickets can be purchased by calling (916) 808-7843. More information can be found at crockerartmuseum.org/auction. An online preview of the artworks up for auction is available.

The Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885 and continues as the leading art institution for the California Capital Region and Central Valley. The Museum offers a diverse spectrum of

special exhibitions, events and programs to augment its collections of California, European and Asian artworks. The Crocker is located at 216 O Street in Downtown Sacramento. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday; Thursdays until 9 p.m. Admission is free on Sundays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information on exhibits and events call (916) 808-7000 or visit crockerartmuseum.org.

SJ Schools I arn Distinguished Award Gold River Discovery Center, Cowan

Instruction Jack O'Connell.

This year, the selection criteria for the Distinguished School program were more stringent than ever. Schools wrote a substantive narrative application and then were subject to an extensive site

The California School Recognition exemplary and inspiring public schools

with the California Distinguished School Award. Although participation

For the current year, 839 elementary schools submitted applications and were identified for eligibility on the basis of their Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress results.

is voluntary, the award is highly sought after by schools in all areas of the state. Elementary and secondary schools are recognized during alternate years.

June 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Admission Best Short Film from the Hawaii is \$10.00, and free admission for International Film Festival. In the Veterans of WWII and the Korean early 1990s, HIFF also screened the PBS adaptation of Nishikawa's This motion picture takes viewers critically-acclaimed one-man show, on a haunting journey into the hearts and minds of the forgotten heroes of World War II – the all-volunteer.

Japanese-American

"I'm on a Mission From Buddha" for which he received the Profiles of Excellence Award from ABC-TV for his contribution to the Asian-American culture.

during WWII that includes "Forgotten

Valor" – which won the award for

experience

While growing up in San Francisco, Nishikawa returned every summer to Wahiawa with his sister to live with his grandparents. His passion for his homeland has also led to long stints back on the islands working on plays - including the premiere of "When We Were One," performed at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center in 2000. Several years ago, Nishikawa spent a ten-week residency helping 28 immates at the Maui County Correctional Center write and perform their play – later voted Best Play of the Year by the Maui News in 2004 – which he directed at the Maui Arts & Culture Center.

A Mission From Buddha Production, "ONLY THE BRAVE" was produced by Karen Criswell, Eric Hayashi, and Jay Koiwai and funded in part by grants from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program and donations from families of veterans who served in the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service spearheaded by the National Japanese American Historical Society.

The Nisei War Memorial Hall

Movie to Benefit War Memoria
Sacramento movie premier of Nishikawa's filmed trilogy on the stands as the last reminder of wh stands as the last reminder of where Sacramento Japantown once thrived and prospered. The center of Sacramento's Japantown was located between 3rd & 4th streets, between L and M. In 1956, the Japanese American community purchased the Flower Garden Restaurant. They renovated the restaurant into the Nisei War Memorial Hall, a community center in honor of the Nisei Veterans who fought in World War II.

> Thanks in part to Mikuni Japanese Restaurants, all movie proceeds are earmarked for the renovation of the Nisei Hall building. This building was designated as a Japanese American Civil Liberties Monument, yet renovations are desperately needed. There are codes that need to be brought up to standards, among them, ADA compliance, electrical rewiring and asbestos abatement to name a few of the issues plaguing this historic property.

Tickets are available through www. thecrest.com and at The Crest Box Office, 1013 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. For theatre information only: 916-44 CREST.

To order "Only the Brave" DVD's or for further information about the movie, visit www. OnlytheBraveMovie.com.

Since 1987, the award-winning Mikuni restaurants have blended traditional Japanese cuisine and sushi with American innovation. Mikuni currently operates five dining locations in the Sacramento region, a sixth location in the Village at NorthstarTM at Northstar-at-Tahoe ResortTM in Truckee, California, and will soon add restaurants in Denver, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada.

schools represent many different kinds of communities, organizational Program is now in its 23rd year and structures, and student populations," identifies and honors the state's most said State Superintendent of Public

Spiegel and Whitford Awarded
San Juan Unified announced its two before-school, after-school, and lunch potential," Whitford wrote. "T District Teachers of the Year today as part of Day of the Teacher celebrations. Earl Legette Elementary sixth grade Teacher Marilyn Spiegel and Bella Vista High School biology Teacher Anne Whitford were selected to represent all teachers for the 2008-2009 school.

Spiegel began her teaching career in San Juan Unified in 1998 after a successful career as a professional chemist and parasitologist. After being an active parent volunteer in her sons classrooms, she decided to obtain a teaching credential and share her passion for science with students. She is active on a number of different fronts having secured nearly \$30,000 in grants over the last six years and serving on the district's science adoption committee and the California Department of Education's content review panel for the STAR exam. She is also an active member of the Legette teacher/student guitar ensemble when she is not offering

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time tutoring.

"I treat students with respect, I hold them accountable, and I challenge them," Spiegel wrote in her application. "I do not accept wasted time and talent. I celebrate their success and help shoulder their disappointments and sorrow."

Whitford began her teaching in 1988 and joined San Juan unified in 1995. She is active inside and outside the classroom teaching AP biology courses while serving as the advisor to four different clubs including the Bella Vista Science Olympiad team. She is also the head swim coach. Whitford has also been an active member of the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program which offers support and development to new teachers.

"I truly believe that all students have the means to succeed. If a student is happy, having a good time, and enjoys their environment, they will reach their potential," Whitford wrote. "That is what I ask out of every student, to reach their potential. I let them know that I expect them to do their best, and each student may have a different best, but be proud of their own best."

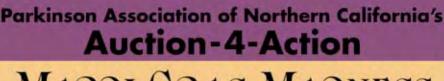
San Juan Unified annually selects two teachers who exemplify the hard work, care, and dedication brought into the classroom every day by the district's 2,300 teachers. Any member of the community can nominate a teacher who must then complete a written application and then complete an oral interview if selected. The decision is made by a panel of former district teachers of the year.

Both Spiegel and Whitford now advance to the county competition where they will have to complete additional paper applications and undergo an interview by a county Sacramento County will panel. name two county teachers of the year in early September.

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Proceeds to benefit the Nisei War Memorial Hall Movie proceeds are earmarked for the renovation of the Nisei Hall building, thanks in part to Mikuni Japanese Restaurants. This build ing, designated as a Japanese American Civil Liberties Monument desperately needs renovations.

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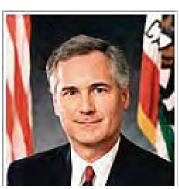
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June 3rd Republican **Primary Race:** Congress District 4

By Yolanda Knaak



Tom McClintock

Most know that John Doolittle is retiring and there is a heated race for Republican nominee. Some voters have already received their absentee ballots, candidates are listed here in alphabetical order by last name: Attorney Suzanne Jones, Senator Tom McClintock, Former Congressman (District 3) Doug Ose, and, Spokesperson Theodore Terbolizard. The candidates have a wide spectrum of qualities and endorsements and a summary of each is listed below.



Suzanne Jones

Suzanne Jones graduated in 2005 from Lincoln Law School and works as an attorney for the Sacramento City School District. She is a long time resident of Roseville and prior to law school she worked as a civil servant for the Department of the Army in Saudi Arabia and Germany. According to her website, Jones4congress. com, she would foster a small business environment, work to lower taxes, decrease the size of government, discontinue the alternative minimum tax, enforce current immigration laws, improve national security and reform the VA system. In speaking with her, she believes in traditional marriage and equal rights for civil unions.

Tom McClintock has a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from UCLA, he started out as a newspaper columnist

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and was Chief of Staff for Ed Davis. McClintock has served approximately 19 years in the California State Legislature, both as an Assemblymember and currently as a State Senator. He serves on several committees and is Vice-Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee. Tom McClintock is endorsed by a long list, NRA, Eagle Forum PAC, National Right to Life, The California Taxpayer Protection Committee and the California Republican Assembly, to name a few. His platform as detailed on his website, TomMcClintock. com: Bring fiscal sanity back (to) the federal government, securing our borders, enforce our current immigration laws, protect our homes from unnecessary wildfires, improving national defense, return local control to our children's education, reducing the burden of taxes on our families and businesses by making Bush tax cuts permanent and give freedom to our businesses to grow and



Doug Ose Doug Ose has a degree in Business Administration from UC Berkley. He is a businessman and a former Congressman for District 3. He touts himself as a "hero for taxpayers" and he authored a resolution approved by Congress reaffirming the words "under God" in the Pledge. Looking back at his voting record, according to, 'On The Issues', Doug Ose $voted\,NO\,on\,forbidding\,human$ cloning for reproduction and medical research, and then NO on a Constitutional Amendment banning samesex marriage(Sept 2004). He also voted NO on military border patrols to battle drugs and terrorism (Sept 2001). Doug Ose is also endorsed by a long list of groups: California Narcotics Officers

Association, Crime Victims United, Peace Officers Research Association of California, California Farm Bureau Federation, and Republicans of River City to name a few. According to DougOse.com, his agenda is to set a new course in Congress, "Revive America's entrepreneurial spirit", secure our nations borders, "restore faith in Congress by respecting money", defending America by strengthening our military, protect our freedoms by limiting government in our daily lives and holding the bureaucracy accountable for the money it spends and the



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Mercy San Juan Acquires World's Most **Advanced Robotic Surgical System**



Mercy San Juan Medical urologists and a gynecological Center has become the first hospital in the Sacramento area to offer patients the world's only robotic surgical system with 3D highdefinition vision. This \$1.6 million upgraded model of the da Vinci robotic surgical system also includes a fourth robotic arm, with all arms having greater range of motion than the earlier models.

What does this mean to patients? It means more surgeries can be performed in a minimally invasive manner, resulting in:

Smaller, more precise incisions, Less pain, Less scarring, Quicker recovery time, Less risk of nerve damage.

"As one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals each of the last two years, I see it as Mercy San Juan's responsibility to explore and acquire state-ofthe-art tools our doctors can use to give our patients the type of care they deserve," says Brian Ivie, Mercy San Juan's President.

At the outset, five Mercy San Juan surgeons - four EndoWrist® instrumentation

oncologist – will operate this technology to perform surgeries including removal of prostate, gynecologic and kidney malignancies.

The precision of the da Vinci can be especially effective for prostate cancer, minimizing the risk of nerve damage that could lead to erectile dysfunction. For gynecologic procedures the precise, comprehensive dissections made possible by the da Vinci afford a more complete cancer surgery and the ability to more accurately determine staging of the disease.

Using the da Vinci Surgical System, the surgeon operates while seated comfortably at a console viewing a 3D image of the surgical field. The surgeon's fingers grasp the master controls below the display, with hands and wrists naturally positioned relative to his or her eyes. The system seamlessly translates the surgeon's hand, wrist and finger movements into precise, realtime movements of surgical instruments inside the patient.

of the da Vinci Surgical System enable surgeons to perform more procedures through 1-2 cm incisions. At all times, the system remains under complete control of the surgeon.

Mercy San Juan Medical Center is a back-to-back national winner as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals, according to Thomson Healthcare. The 260-bed facility serves more than 150,000 people each year from north Sacramento County, South Placer County and beyond with a broad array of quality programs and services. Doctors are the cornerstone behind teams of healthcare professionals who have earned national recognition for Mercy San Juan's Trauma Center, Cardiac Services, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Stroke Center and Bariatric Surgery program. Mercy San Juan is part of Catholic Healthcare West, which also operates Mercy General Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Folsom and Methodist Hospital.



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