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## Birthday Boost for Heartthrob

### Local Musician Lays Down Tracks for Hollywood Horror Film



Homegrown star Todd Morgan (above) poses for a 24<sup>th</sup> birthday portrait in Carmichael Park. Billed as a "Rock & Roll Earthquake," Morgan (with 2005 poster, left) became a State Fair draw at 15. Parents Jerry and Barbara Morgan (right) are the rising star's roadies and supporters.

**Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - It might be a great leap—nobody ever heard of Steppenwolf before Easy Rider—or a small step toward fame for baby-faced heart throb Todd Morgan. One way or another, having original songs in a movie is a super 24th birthday gift for the young performer.

"It all came out of the blue," says the Rio Americano graduate. "The movie producers

needed original music in the 1950s style. Someone I met at an LA industry trade event told them about me."

The upcoming movie is called *All American Horror*. It is independently produced and stars Julia Robert's brother, Eric Roberts. YouTube has the official trailer. As credits roll, Sacramento rock fans will recognize Morgan hammering at keyboards and singing.

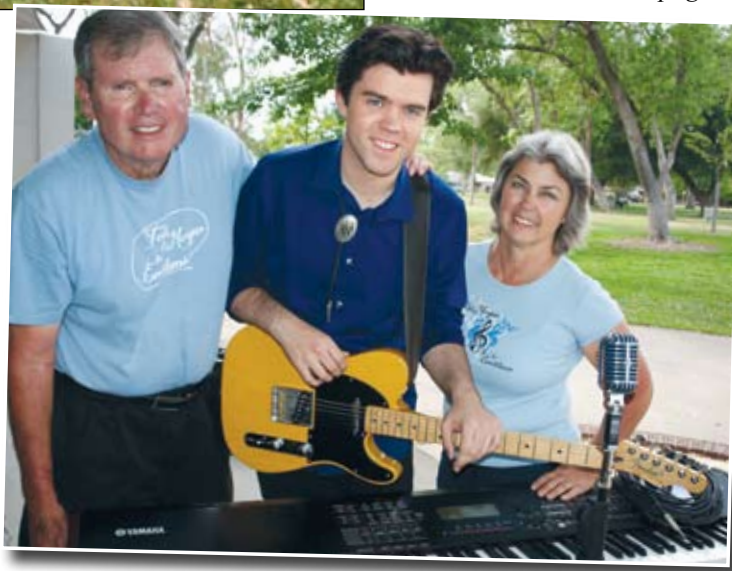
"I had to re-record the tracks; I worried that my voice might

be different (he cut parts of the album at 16) but I think I sound better now." Evidently in accord, the film makers selected six songs for the score. No one will become rich from the deal. "It's not a big-budget movie," Morgan admits. "I'm not banking on anything huge from this. I'm just happy it's happening."

He and his back up group, the Emblems, have more than 2000 regular followers who will be equally elated. Morgan has been a star and a pro musician since he was 15. The teenage phenomenon paid dues at fairs, park concerts, street festivals and car shows. Although parishioners seldom see him on Sundays (he usually sleeps late after Saturday gigs), American River Community Church goers cheered his recent Carmichael concert. "I may not get to church but I'm still a believer," he asserts. "Even if I make it really big, I'll still do things for people around here. I enjoy feeling I'm part of a community."

From his childhood debut, the community has supported Morgan. Girls screamed when he danced at Garfield Elementary talent shows. Screams continued at Winston Churchill Middle School. By then, the dancer augmented his act with boogie-woogie piano. "My parents got me a little keyboard when I was

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## Sacramento County: Back in the Black

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County ended the 2013-14 Fiscal Year \$44 million in the black, recording its third consecutive year of financial improvement. The \$3.7 billion 2014-15 Adopted Budget will be presented to the Board of Supervisors September 9th.

In June during Budget Hearings, the Board prioritized key safety net services including emergency shelter operations, mental health services, homeless outreach and navigation, public health nursing, child abuse prevention, senior financial abuse investigation and prevention, and a myriad of other programs and services for the County's most vulnerable residents.

Also, with last year's numbers totaled, and projected revenues assessed, additional funds are being recommended for public safety services including the Sheriff's Department, Probation, District Attorney, Code Enforcement, Regional Parks, and Animal Care and Regulation.

"Improving economic conditions

and additional revenues combined with our fiscal prudence and restraint will allow us to focus on priorities that serve and protect the public," said Bradley J. Hudson, County Executive Officer. "Having the funds to finance key programs, increase reserves, and retire debt allow us to plan for stability and continuous improvement in the coming years."

Critical County activities recommended for additional funds include \$5 million to the Sheriff's budget, \$650,000 to the Probation Department and \$850,000 to the District Attorney's Office will

address shortfalls identified at June budget hearings; Repayment of \$12.9 million in internal borrowing; Additional Animal Care staff to improve call response and service; Additional staff and fire risk reduction programs in Regional Parks, including the American River Parkway; Community Development projects including enhanced road maintenance, street sweeping, and graffiti removal services, new Code Enforcement Officers and a Community Prosecutor to address problem properties, illegal dumping, and improve the quality of

life in unincorporated neighborhoods; and Additional reserves and contingency funds.

While services are being augmented, the budget acknowledges the fiscal challenges of future years that include increased debt service cost, negotiated salary and benefit obligations, deferred maintenance of County facilities, and \$48.4 million in internal borrowing that remains to be paid Hudson added. The increase in available funds is attributable to controlling costs and an uptick in various revenue sources.

To view all of the

budget documents, visit the Annual Budgets website: [www.ofm.sac-county.net/Pages/AnnualBudgets.aspx](http://www.ofm.sac-county.net/Pages/AnnualBudgets.aspx).

The Board of Supervisors will begin the Budget Hearings at the Sacramento County Administration Building (700 H Street) on September 9th at 2 p.m. The public may attend the hearings and be heard regarding any item of the budget. For additional information, contact the County Executive's Office at (916) 874-5833. ★

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# Doug Ose Schmoozes at Chamber Luncheon



Congressional candidate Doug Ose (second from the left) and Carmichael Chamber of Commerce director Cathy Snow (left) join the buffet line at the Chamber members' luncheon. Caterers are Brandon and Rosalinda Aceves, owners of Carmichael's El Papagayo Restaurant.

**Story and Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Former Congressman Doug Ose's visit to the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce last week followed a recent luncheon that hosted sitting Congressman Ami Bera.

Though contesting the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat, Ose observed the Chamber's bylaws (it may not endorse political candidates) and kept politics out of his speech. Instead, he chronicled his project that saved Gibson Ranch Park, a public facility whose 10-year lease he acquired in 2011, from closure.

When Ose took the lease from Sacramento County, he found a beloved regional asset choked with weeds and overflowing with garbage. Ose and his team cleaned and reopened the 300-plus acre ranch, and in three years, the Elverta facility has hosted over 250,000 paying visitors. Weddings, concerts, and scouting camps occur regularly. Festivals, fun-runs, and soccer games are other weekend attractions. The once derelict park now grosses \$500,000 annually. Ose employs dozens of young people for ranch work. One high school student has even turned several acres into a crop-producing entrepreneurial project.

"When my interns don't want to clean toilets or haul garbage," says Ose, "I tell them I did it myself when I first took over the ranch. I commend the county for thinking outside the box. When they lacked the funds to deliver a service, they found someone who could deliver it. We've turned a lemon into lemonade. Gibson Ranch is the only public park in California that has private management. It proves that leadership matters; that more government is not the answer to all problems."

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# Hummel Conference Coming to Sacramento

By Jan Dalske

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The 2014 Northwest Inter-Chapter Hummel Conference will be held in Sacramento on September 19th and 20th. The San Francisco East Bay Chapter will host the event at the Embassy Suites-Riverfront Promenade in the heart of Old Town Sacramento.

Registration begins on Friday afternoon and the day concludes with a social gathering featuring "Berta Bingo. There will be seminars on Saturday and a sit down, plated luncheon will be served. That afternoon a "Swap and Sell" and a "Silent Auction" will take place. Featured items include eight Hummel figurines, two Hummel themed redwood burl clocks, and a handmade Hummel themed lap-quilt made by Wanda Vaughan of the Heart of the Redwoods Chapter. You need not be present to win.

Saturday evening a Gala plated dinner will take place with entertainment featured by the "Bell Choir" of Davis, CA. If you plan to attend, please register early. Call Joan Mumma (925) 447-5164 or Marylee Johnson (916)359-1225, or visit [www.mumma.org/hummel/conference.pdf](http://www.mumma.org/hummel/conference.pdf) ★

Source: Northwest Inter-Chapter Hummel Conference



# Mark your calendars for Sheriff Community Meeting in September

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - We hope that you and your neighbors will mark on your calendars and plan to attend the next Sheriff's Community Meeting in September.

Residents are asked to give deputies information about any neighborhood concerns that they may have.

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## CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY UPDATE



**By County Supervisor Susan Peters**

Through the generosity of *The Carmichael Times* this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Carmichael.

### Carmichael Founder's Day

Join me on Saturday, September 27, when Carmichael celebrates "Founder's Day" honoring the legacy of Daniel Webster Carmichael who established the community in 1909. The party will naturally be held in Carmichael Park and the official festivities start at 10 a.m. and continue through to 3 p.m. but you can start the morning with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Fair Oaks Lions Club from 8 to 11:30 a.m. It's a great celebration with lots of activities, including a classic car show sponsored by the Cappuccino Cruisers.

And there's much to celebrate as evidenced by more investment occurring in Carmichael. Recently a new Smart and Final store opened on Fair Oaks Boulevard near Engle Road. Carmichael Village Shopping

Center on Fair Oaks Boulevard at Manzanita Avenue is preparing for a major remodel. On the southern end of Fair Oaks Boulevard south of Marconi Avenue, work is continuing on the new Milagro Centre.

Besides private sector investment, Sacramento County improved the boulevard's intersection at Marconi Avenue including the installation of an obelisk monument sign that provides community identity and the large palms similar to the ones along Palm Drive – and more improvements will be starting in 2015 with the undergrounding of utility wires between Landis Avenue and Engle Road followed by the installation of a traffic signal light at Landis and enhanced landscaping adjacent to the "great wall" of Carmichael sign.

### Beautify Carmichael

Mark your calendar to help on the second annual beautification day being sponsored by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce to spruce up the community.

The Chamber is encouraging businesses and homeowners to make a special effort on Saturday, October 11, to improve their properties – a new coat of paint, refresh the landscaping, picking up litter, etc. Last year's effort involved 75 volunteers that organizers estimated contributed a total of 275 hours to bettering the community. Among the projects last year were cleaning up Fair Oaks Boulevard and a portion of Manzanita Avenue, performing maintenance work at Carmichael Park and improving the

landscaping at the triangle where Fair Oaks meets Manzanita.

This year the Chamber is offering assistance to those businesses that want to improve their property. Interested businesses should call the Chamber at 481-1002 for more information.

Thank you for your participation last year and please consider helping again that Saturday morning 9-11 am!

### Free Fall Concert in Old Foothill Farms

Mark your calendar for the annual "Concert in the Park" on Saturday, October 11, at Pioneer Park, 5100 Verner Avenue near Pioneer School, in nearby Old Foothill Farms. The fun begins at 1 p.m. with the concert featuring the John Skinner Band from 2 to 4 p.m.

The concert is being co-sponsored again by Sacramento County and the Sunrise Recreation and Park District with corporate support being provided by McClellan Park, Dignity Health's Mercy San Juan Medical Center, Recycling Industries, Walmart, and California American Water.

In addition to a great selection of family friendly contemporary and easy-listening music, there will be children's activities, and information booths. And remember the best way to enjoy the concert is to bring a picnic, blanket and lawn chairs. ★

*Susan Peters represents the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. She can be reached at susanpeters@saccounty.net.*

# Raley's Supermarket Settles Civil Environmental Case

**Special Report  
District Attorney's Office**

### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

District Attorney Jan Scully joins 25 other California district attorneys in announcing that West Sacramento-based Raley's supermarket was ordered to pay \$1,599,000 in civil penalties, costs and supplemental environmental projects, as part of the settlement of a civil enforcement prosecution, which includes a final judgment and permanent injunction. Raley's cooperated with the prosecution team throughout the investigation into their unlawful practices.

The judgment is the culmination of a civil enforcement lawsuit filed in San Joaquin County to stop the supermarket chain from unlawfully transporting and disposing of retail hazardous waste. The lawsuit claimed that more than 130 Raley's supermarket stores improperly stored, handled, and disposed of hazardous waste and pharmaceutical waste products into company trash bins. Instead of being sent to authorized disposal sites, hazardous

wastes and contaminated materials were being unlawfully transported to area landfills. Additionally, the lawsuit alleges that Raley's failed to take suf-

**"In addition, the settlement requires Raley's to dispose of or destroy all confidential customer medical information in a manner that preserves the confidentiality of the records."**

ficient steps to preserve the confidentiality of their pharmacy customers' information.

As a result of the prosecution, California Raley's supermarkets modified existing policies and have adopted new policies and procedures designed to eliminate the disposal of retail hazardous waste products and pharmaceutical waste into store trash compactors for eventual disposal into local landfills not equipped to handle such wastes.

Hazardous waste produced by California Raley's supermarkets through damage, spills, and returns is now being collected by state-registered haulers, taken to proper disposal facilities, and properly documented and accounted for.

In addition, the settlement requires Raley's to dispose of or destroy all confidential customer medical information in a manner that preserves the confidentiality of the records.

In addition to devoting resources to California environmental compliance with regard to hazardous waste identification, classification, storage, transportation, and disposal, Raley's has agreed to purchase five mobile freshwater purification systems to provide safe drinking water to local communities in California in times of emergency or other pressing need. The mobile freshwater purification systems will be located in Placer, El Dorado, Sonoma, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties, but will be available for use by other counties within the state. ★

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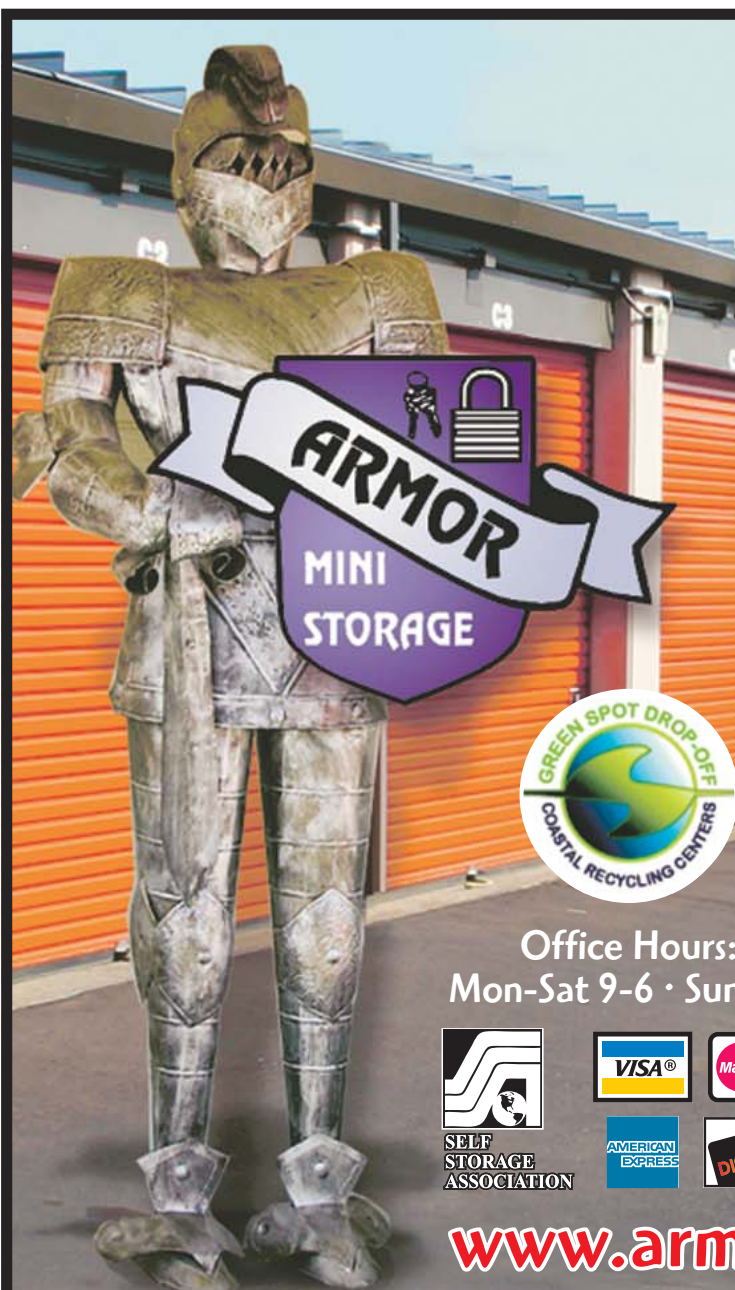
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# El Camino Eagles Win on the Road



Story and photo by Ben Barber

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

The El Camino Eagles headed on the road for their first official game of the season at Rosemont High School. With high expectations for the season, the Eagles came ready to battle. Winning the coin toss, the Eagles chose to defer the kick off, allowing their defensive prowess to take the field. With star linebacker Jim Carter at the helm, the eagles held Rosemont to only four plays in their first series. The Eagles, full of nerves, struggled with three offensive penalties and a fumble, completing only seven plays in their first offensive series, handing the ball back to Rosemont on their own 28 yard line.

The referees continued to let the flags fly into the following series, throwing three flags on Carter for helmet to helmet tackles, the legitimacy of which are

still under debate. Carter, a division one college level player already offered a scholarship from Sac State, had to take his game down a notch. With three 15 yard penalties, Rosemont was able to capitalize and get their first touchdown. Out of the gate, the Eagles went to the air completing a 32 yard pass from Kamani Elam to Kijana Zigler, putting the Eagles on Rosemont's 30 yard line. Two plays later, Elam ran the ball in himself on a sweeping quarterback keeper.

Rosemont answered by marching down the field to be intercepted in the end zone by Zigler. The teams continued to battle on into the fourth quarter with the Eagles controlling the game well into the late part of the second half. Rosemont, on full tilt, opted for an onside kick which they were able to convert into a touchdown, bringing them within one touchdown of the Eagles. Rosemont, lining up

for their second onside kick, was met by a well charged Eagles special teams unit ready to not make the same mistake twice. The Eagles maintained possession from the kick and were able to run the clock down for their first win. Zigler ended with a total of 11 carries totalling 93 yards in close competition with Malik Stewart who carried 12 for 77 yards. Carter ended the game with 12 solo tackles and five assist, totaling 17 tackles and 1 sack.

The Eagles play their first home game this week at the newly renovated Abbott Field against Sac High, a team they met back in 2012 for the division playoffs. JV starts at 5:15 p.m. and Varsity at 7:30 p.m. Get there early to get a good seat and snack.

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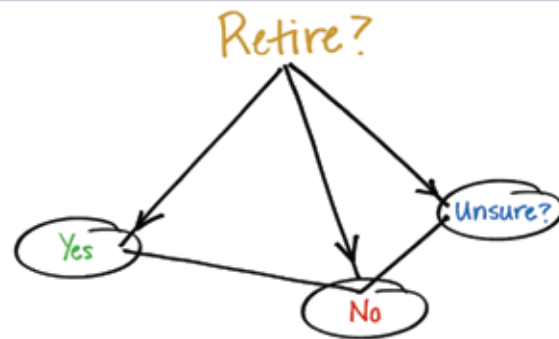
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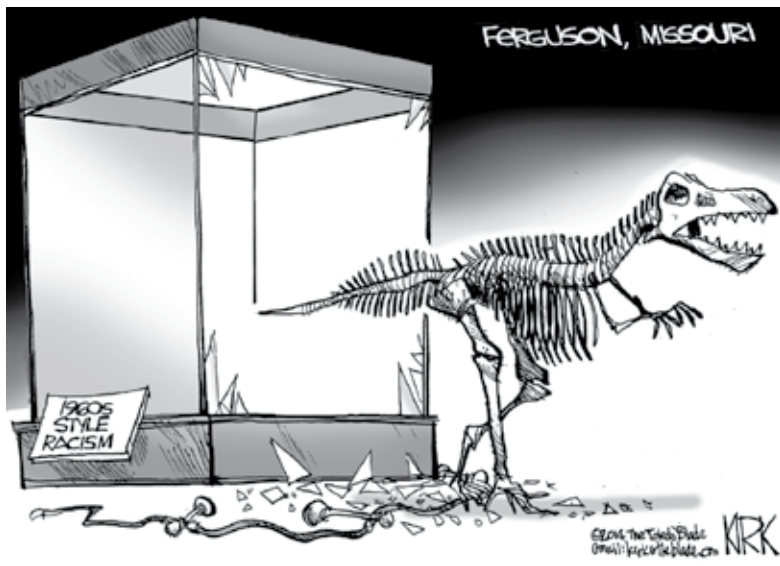
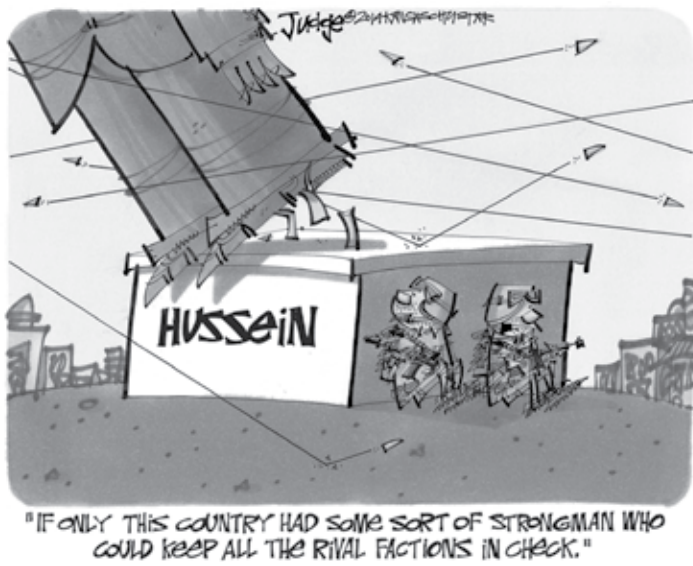
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN  
By Rich Lowry

**Free Rick Perry**

It tells you much about the laughable indictment of Texas Gov. Rick Perry that it has made him a figure of bipartisan sympathy.

Perry was indicted for the offense of vetoing an appropriations bill. Not vetoing an appropriations bill in exchange for a bribe. Not vetoing an appropriations bill as a favor to a donor. Not vetoing an appropriations bill in excess of his lawful authority. But simply vetoing an appropriations bill.

That Perry could, in theory, face more than 100 years in prison stemming from this veto is so mind-bogglingly stupid that even Democrats and mainstream journalists have been taken aback.

The whole matter has its roots in the drunken-driving arrest last year of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary

Lehmborg, a Democrat. Police pulled her over for driving erratically. Video of the stop shows Lehmborg failing all manner of roadside tests. By the time she's at the jail, she's a parody of an entitled public figure. Her behavior is so outrageous that she has to be restrained like Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs."

Her blood alcohol level was about three times the legal limit, and she ended up pleading guilty and serving jail time. Gov. Perry thought, not unreasonably, that because her office houses the state's Public Integrity Unit, she should resign.

Lehmborg disagreed. She exercised her power to stay in her position, and Perry exercised his power to veto funding for her Public Integrity Office as long as she did. You can disagree with one or both of them, but no one was committing a crime.

It was left to a special prosecutor of the very same Travis County District Attorney's Office to concoct one, and manage to get a grand jury to fall for it. The indictment — running barely two pages long — is as substantive as a fifth-grader's book report, and about as legally sophisticated.

The two counts against Perry are that he "misused government property" and engaged in the "coercion" of a public servant. This makes it sound like he

used the \$7.5 million of vetoed funds to buy a vacation house, and blackmailed Lehmborg into indicting people on his whim.

He, of course, did nothing of the kind. The indictment collapses under the slightest scrutiny. As legal blogger Eugene Volokh points out of the first count, Texas laws requires that the official be in possession of the misused funds. Perry never controlled the funds he vetoed. As for the second count, Volokh points to an appeals-court decision that held that "coercion of a lawful act by a threat of lawful action is protected free expression."

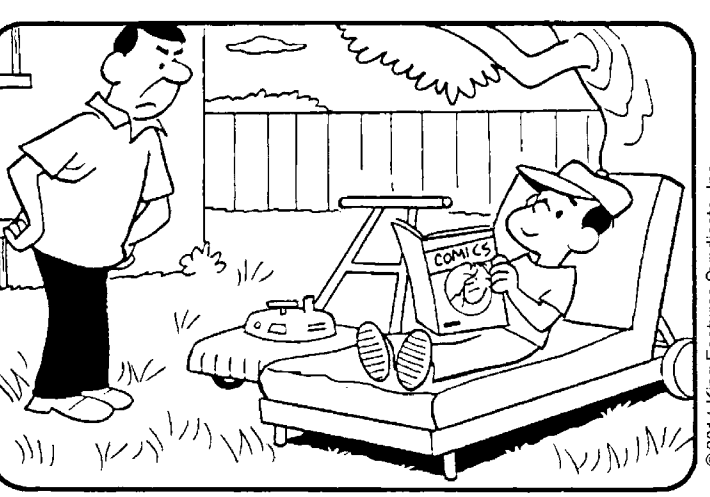
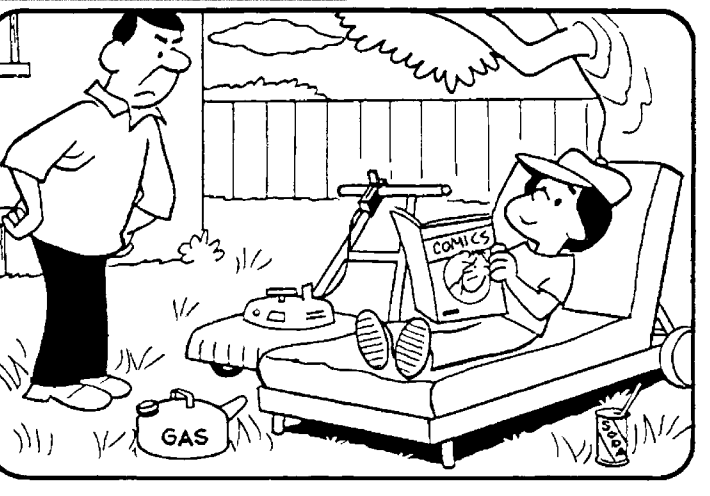
It's hard to believe that anyone thinks that these charges will stand up in court. But that's not the point. The indictment is an undisguised attempt to wound Perry, to create bad headlines, to distract him. On cue, Texas Democrats absurdly called on Perry to resign. The indictment itself is, in short, a naked abuse of power. The Travis County District Attorney's Office is infamous for this kind of thing.

Forget vetoing funding for this office. If there were any justice, it would be shuttered and razed to the ground.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Moms in Training



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While this new event is called Moms in Training, it is open to

Dads as well, and to all adults who want exercise and the opportunity to make new friends while helping a worthwhile cause. Training will be in the Folsom and Sacramento Areas at family-friendly and safe parks. People from throughout the Greater Sacramento Area are invited.

Participants in Moms in Training do two things: 1. Receive advice and coaching from expert runners and walkers and 2. Raise funds to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and its research and therapy

programs to cure blood cancers.

Please join us at Java Mama Coffee in Folsom on September 6, 2014 at 10 a.m. for an information meeting to answer questions about the program.

To learn more or sign up, contact Sheree Corbett at 9(16) 929-4720x1515 or email Sheree.Corbett@jls.org. More information also is available on the website, [www.teamintraining.org/sac](http://www.teamintraining.org/sac). ★

Source: Sheree Corbett, Campaign Manager, Team in Training

# Senator Nielsen Opposes Draconian Groundwater Regulation

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - In the final week of the Legislative session and without public discussion, Democrats in the Legislature are rapidly pushing for legislation that will forever change the way Californians deal with groundwater. Proposed legislation is emerging to create new "groundwater sustainability agencies" to meter, regulate, suspend and charge fees for the extraction of groundwater.

Proposed law changes 150 years of water laws - increasing "water war" tensions and threatening jobs.

"These proposals are sweeping, historical changes that will forever affect people's livelihoods and way of life," said Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber). "Any proposed changes to groundwater must be methodically deliberated in full public view, not behind closed doors."

"The process must be done in a bi-partisan manner and in the open like the approach that resulted in the passage of the water bond," Senator Nielsen added.

Introduced separately, Assembly Bill 1739 (Dickinson)



Sen. Jim Nielsen

and Senate Bill 1168 (Pavley), would require landowners to register their wells and install meters on their pumps. Newly created government agencies will be granted enforcement powers to inspect, with or without landowners' consent, the property or pump to ensure compliance. If the State Water Resources Control Board deems that local agencies failed to comply and or enforce restrictive regulations, then the State intervenes with its extraordinary powers and fee authority. This bill would essentially

create local and state water police, who will have enforcement powers to limit and restrict groundwater extractions.

It is widely anticipated that the State would increase water rights fees in the millions of dollars each year. Yet, landowners do not know the true cost for the administration and management of the proposed regulations; and the financial impact on them.

Following decades of authoritarian environmental laws, lawsuits and now, a severe drought, access to surface water for the agricultural community has been severely reduced. Farmers have been forced to build wells and pump water from their private properties to irrigate their crops and water their livestock.

"These proposed laws do nothing to increase our water supply, which is the root cause of the groundwater overdraft problems in the Central Valley," said Senator Nielsen.

It is not known if AB 1739 and/or SB 1168 will be brought up in committee for public review. ★

Source: The Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

# Sacramento Crop Hunger Walk Walk with the World!

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Crop Hunger Walk will be held on October 12, 2014. Registration is at 2:00 p.m. and the Walk starts at 2:30. The walk has started at the State Capital in past years, but this year it will start at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N Street. Admission to the Walk and Raffle is just a canned food donation.

Because of the change in location, the committee wants to get the information to the public as soon as possible. Church World Service and Sacramento Congregations sponsor the walk. 25% of the money received is given back to the local food banks in Sacramento. Last year we raised over \$25,000.

For more information visit [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org). ★ Source: Charlotte & Eric Linden



# Court Finds That Workforce of Fedex Ground Drivers Are Employees, Not Independent Contractors

Could Be Liable for Hundreds of Millions of Dollars in Drivers' Operating Expenses and Wages

## Report from Full Court Press Communications

**OAKLAND, CA** - On August 27th the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal ruled that a class of 2,300 individuals working for FedEx Ground was misclassified as independent contractors instead of employees. As a result, FedEx may owe its workforce of drivers hundreds of millions of dollars for illegally shifting to them the costs of such things as the FedEx branded trucks, FedEx branded uniforms, and FedEx scanners, as well as missed meal and rest period pay, overtime compensation, and penalties. The case, known as Alexander v. FedEx Ground, covers employees in California from 2000 - 2007. The ruling can be found on the Leonard Carder website at [leonardcarder.com](http://leonardcarder.com).

Judge Fletcher's majority opinion was very clear on the question of whether these workers are employees or independent contractors, stating "We hold that plaintiffs are employees as a matter of law under California's right-to-control test."

The court's decision is the most recent in a series of cases that have methodically proven that FedEx Ground's independent contractor model is built on the legal fiction that its drivers are in business for themselves. The Ninth Circuit decisively rejected that claim. The court's finding in Alexander that drivers in California are covered by California's workplace protection statutes not only impacts one of FedEx Ground's largest workforces but could influence the outcome in over two dozen cases nationwide in which FedEx Ground drivers are challenging the legality of their independent contractor classification. Millions of packages are delivered every day across the state under the control, direction, and supervision of FedEx Ground.

In addition, many trucking companies have been operating under a similar model in which they classify their drivers as independent contractors.

"FedEx Ground built its business on the backs of individuals it labelled as independent contractors, promising them the entrepreneurial American Dream," said Leonard Carder Attorney Beth A. Ross who is a national leader on cases covering the exploitation of workers by mischaracterizing them as independent contractors. "However, as Judge Trott said in his concurring opinion, not all that glitters is gold."

FedEx now requires its so-called contractors in California to hire a secondary workforce of FedEx drivers, who do the same work as the plaintiffs under the same contract. The Alexander decision calls into question FedEx's strategy of making plaintiffs the middle men between the secondary workforce of drivers and FedEx.

"We have heard of many instances where the secondary drivers are earning such low wages that they have to rely on public assistance to make ends meet," said Ross.

Background on the everyday experience for FedEx Ground drivers includes:

- FedEx Ground drivers were required to pay out of pocket for everything from the FedEx Ground branded trucks they drove (painted with the FedEx Ground logo) to fuel, various forms of insurance, tires, oil changes, maintenance, etc. as well as their uniforms, scanners and even workers compensation coverage.

- In some cases workers were required to pay the wages of employees who FedEx Ground required them to hire to cover for them if they were sick or needed a vacation, to help out

during the Christmas rush, and in some cases to drive other FedEx Ground trucks.

- After paying these expenses, a typical FedEx driver makes less than employee drivers at FedEx Ground's competitors like UPS, and receives none of the employee benefits, like health care, workers compensation, paid sick leave and vacation, and retirement.

- In addition, their employment was subject to the whims of FedEx management and FedEx Ground's decisions on staffing and routes left the employee drivers stuck with expensive long-term truck leases on FedEx branded trucks.

The drivers' attorney Beth Ross added, "Nationally, thousands of FedEx Ground drivers must pay for the privilege of working for FedEx 55 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. Today, these workers were granted rights and benefits entitled to employees under California law. To be clear, the Ninth Circuit exposed FedEx Ground's independent contractor model as unlawful."

Among the noteworthy elements to emerge from the litigation, FedEx Ground's practices take advantage of workers and are anti-competitive. FedEx Ground's so-called "contractors" do the same work as UPS and U.S. Postal Service drivers for substantially less pay and without benefits. This plays out in two distinct ways. FedEx Ground saves money and harms drivers and the public by avoiding employment taxes and workers' compensation insurance, and complying with all other workplace protections.

Ross added, "This ruling will have seismic impact on this industry and the lives of FedEx Ground drivers in California." ★

# IRS Phone Scam Calls Continue

The Internal Revenue Service issued a consumer alert providing taxpayers with additional tips to protect themselves from telephone scam artists calling and pretending to be with the IRS.

These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" call-back request.

"These telephone scams are being seen in every part of the country, and we urge people not to be deceived by these threatening phone calls," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said. "We have formal processes in place for people with tax issues. The IRS respects taxpayer rights, and these angry, shake-down calls are not how we do business."

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

1. Call you about taxes you owe without first mailing you an official notice.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.

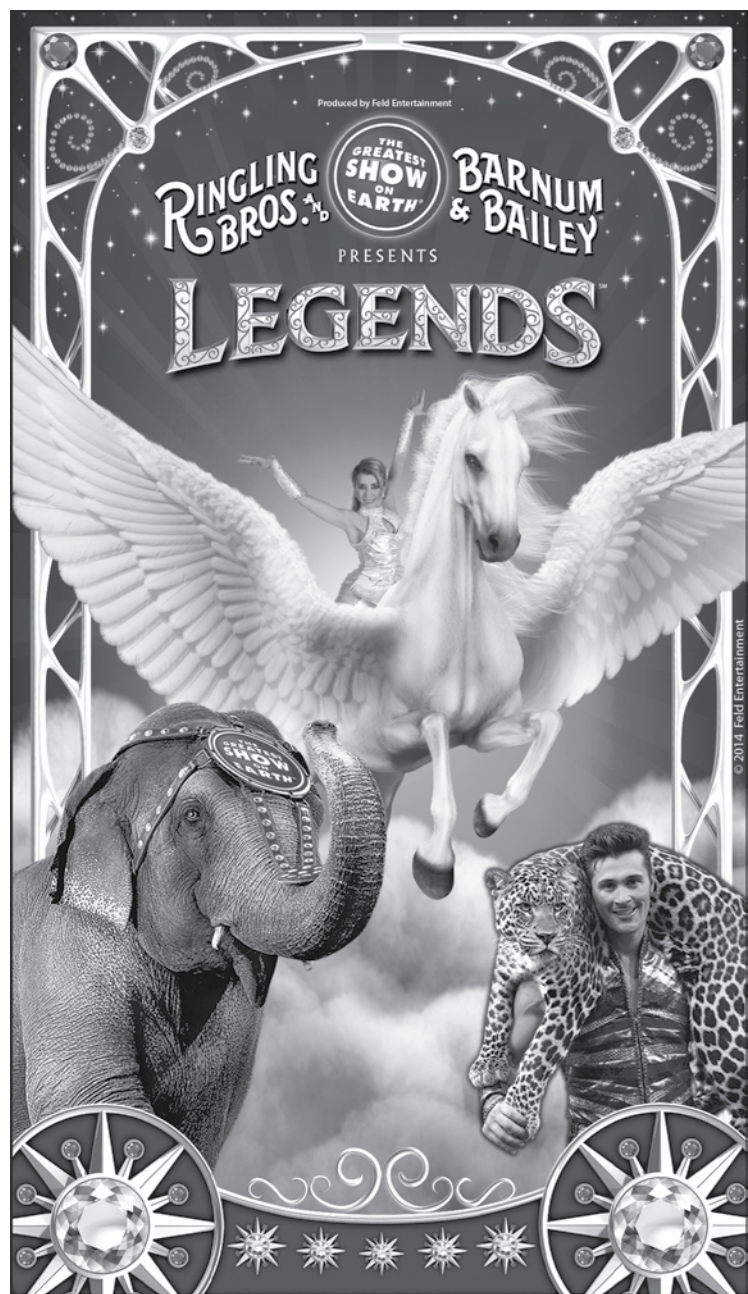
If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1.800.366.4484 or at [www.tigta.gov](http://www.tigta.gov).

If you've been targeted by this scam, also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at [FTC.gov](http://FTC.gov). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use email, text messages or

any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "scam" in the search box.

Additional information about tax scams are available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube <http://youtu.be/UH1xTX4rTRU?list=PL2A3E7A9B8D8A8D41D>. and Tumblr <http://internalrevenueservice.tumblr.com> where people can search "scam" to find all the scam-related posts. ★



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# Sacramento County DA Reports

*Recent cases of interest*



**CASE: Dywon Byrd (08/29/14)**

**PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Andrew Smith, Homicide Unit**

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that the Honorable Michael Kenny in Department 31 sentenced Dywon Byrd to 52 years to life in prison. On July 31, 2014, a jury convicted Byrd of first degree murder of William Stephens and the use of a handgun.

On December 7, 2011, Mr. Stephens was in his car talking with a friend. Byrd approached the driver's side window and asked for two dollars. When Mr. Stephens said no Byrd immediately shot him twice, killing him. The friend escaped unharmed.

Byrd fled in his vehicle. A patrol car spotted him driving without his headlights on and a pursuit followed. Byrd eventually abandoned his vehicle and was arrested hours later when he was found hiding in a backyard shed. Gunshot residue and DNA linked a jacket found in a neighboring backyard to Byrd.

**CASE: Dontae McFadden & Davonte Stinson (08/27/14)**

**PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Samuel Alexander, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit**

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that Dontae McFadden and Davonte Stinson were each convicted by jury of kidnapping for robbery, first and second-degree robbery and multiple counts of being felons in possession of a firearm. The jury also found true that they personally used or were armed with a firearm during the crimes.

In May 2013, McFadden and Stinson approached the first victim as he sat in his car making a phone call. McFadden pointed a gun at the victim's head as Stinson ripped the phone out of his hand and took the victim's keys and wallet, which contained his home address. The defendants locked the victim in the trunk of his car and went immediately to the victim's home. They used the victim's keys to gain entry into the apartment, where the victim's fiancé and small children were at the time. Stinson held a gun to the second victim's head, who was holding her infant child, while McFadden grabbed property from the home. The defendants then fled the scene. On August 20, 2013, McFadden was arrested on a warrant and found to be in possession of a fullyloaded Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun.

McFadden faces a maximum potential sentence of 19 years plus 7 years to life in state prison. Stinson faces a maximum potential sentence of 18 years, 4 months plus 7 years to life in state prison. The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced on September 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16 before the Honorable Marjorie Koller.

**CASE: Jefferson Cortez (08/27/14)**

**PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kimberly Macy, DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit**

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that Jefferson Cortez pled no contest to second degree murder, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs causing injury and possession of methamphetamines.

At approximately 1:30 a.m. on June 20, 2013, Cortez was seen driving on Del Paso Blvd. at a high rate of speed with no headlights on. He then drove onto I-5 going northbound. A witness then saw Cortez's car barreling down the highway at 85-90 mph going the wrong way, driving southbound on I-5 in the northbound lanes. At least four other witnesses, in four separate vehicles, reported Cortez's car coming at them with the headlights on doing nothing to alter his path, forcing them to swerve out of the way to avoid being hit.

Once Cortez neared the Arena Blvd. exit, he was travelling with his lights off and drove toward a Ford Explorer, crashing into it. Upon impact, Cortez's car became airborne and crashed into a Toyota Corolla. The driver of the Corolla died immediately. The five occupants of the Explorer suffered injuries including gashes; head, neck, shoulder and hip pain; bumps, scrapes, and several bruises.

Cortez was taken to the hospital for treatment. It was determined that he was under the influence of a stimulant and cannabis. A sample of his blood showed 0.12 mg/L of methamphetamine. When officers searched his car, they found a glass pipe and a baggie with a white substance. The substance was tested by the District Attorney's Laboratory of Forensics Services and was found to be 3.21 grams of methamphetamine.

Sentencing is set for September 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Department 9 before the Honorable Michael Sweet. It is expected Cortez will be sentenced to 15 years to life in prison.

This case was prosecuted by the Sacramento County District Attorney's DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

*Developing a Can-Do Attitude*



by **Bryan Golden**

A strong can-do attitude is a potent force in your quest for accomplishment. If you have any doubt, consider the alternative, a can't-do attitude? Anyone harboring a can't-do attitude is guaranteed of their results; nothing will work.

Ignore everyone who derides your can-do attitude. You will be criticized as being unrealistic. The critics have nothing to offer you except a sure fire plan for failure.

Anyone can develop a can-do attitude, even those with an entrenched can't-do attitude. If you are one of the people with a negative outlook, take an honest look at where you are. If you are not happy with your situation, the only way to make changes is by changing your attitude.

Often I hear people comment that their attitude will improve once things get better. Circumstances improve as a result of an improvement in attitude. You have to smile in order to feel happy rather than waiting to feel happy before you smile.

Developing a can-do attitude begins with positive self-talk. The words you say to yourself program your mind. By utilizing a positive vocabulary, your brain is directed to achieve a positive outcome. Constantly monitor your self-talk and immediately replace any negative words with positive ones.

Next, you have to believe you can do what you want to do. Your mind will only accomplish those things you believe are possible. When you don't think something is possible, your mind develops a can't-do attitude which prevents

accomplishments.

You need only one reason to succeed. Without vigilance, your mind will conjure up excuses as to why you can't. Additionally, other people will provide you with excuses for failure, whether you ask them or not. Your focus must be on your reason to succeed. Ignore everything else.

Expect to be criticized. Don't get discouraged by it. If you abandon your can-do attitude for the sake of mollifying your critics, you will forsake your desired accomplishment. Critics invariably say you can't do something. If you listen to them, you won't.

To cultivate your belief, act as if you are already successful. Picture yourself having attained what you want. How will you feel once you reach your goal? What level of confidence will you experience? This process stimulates a whole body experience which accelerates your mind's efforts to bring your desires to reality.

You have already experienced this process. Before going on vacation you look at photos and videos of your ideal getaway. When shopping for a car you visit dealers, look at the models you are interested in, and test drive the cars you are considering. When you really want something badly enough you can "feel" it and "taste" it before you have attained it.

A strong can-do attitude includes a focused problem solving mindset. In any quest you will encounter problems. Although problems can be discouraging, all problems have solutions. The challenge is

discovering them. Problem solving requires an open mind. Consider all options, even the ones outside your comfort zone.

Network with other positive, can-do people. They will encourage you and you will encourage them. You don't have to personally know someone positive to be encouraged by their attitude.

Simply learning about an individual's accomplishments, along with how they overcame obstacles is extremely motivating. You can do this through reading, biographical shows, and research on the internet.

Avoid discussing your goals with those who are not supportive. You don't have to, and probably won't change their minds. You will just become frustrated, discouraged, and drained without accomplishing anything positive. It's your life. Live it your way. You don't have to please anyone else.

Developing a can-do attitude will greatly accelerate your accomplishments. A can-do attitude empowers your mind to transform your dreams into reality. You can do whatever you need to do in order to reach your goals.

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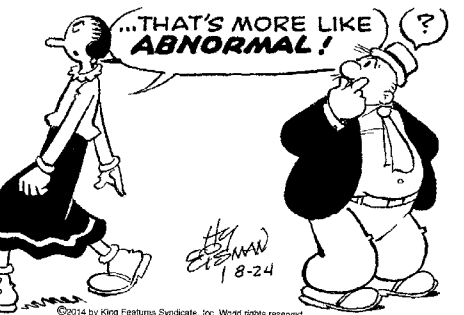
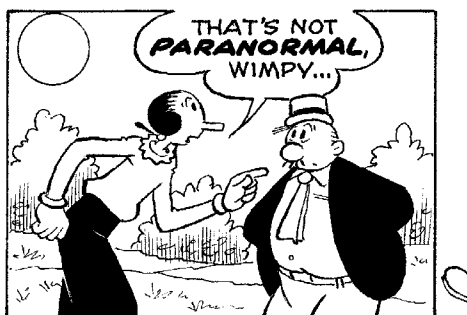
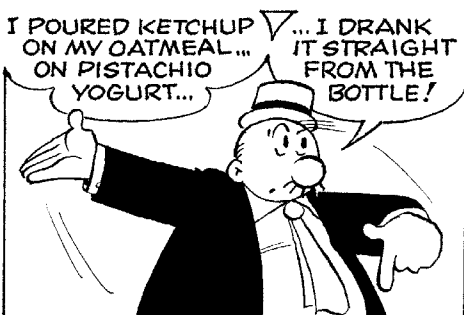
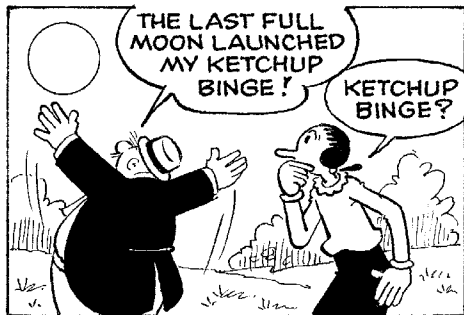
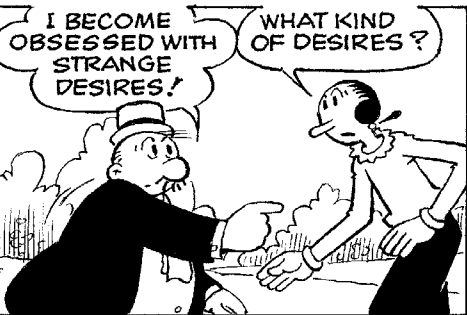
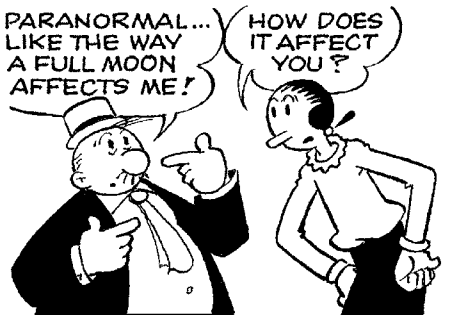
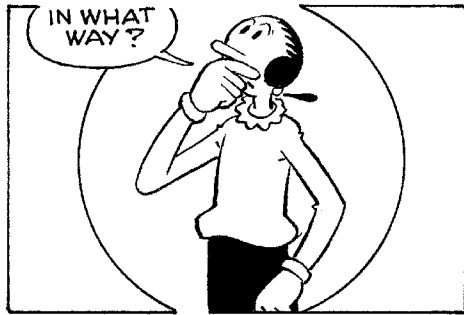
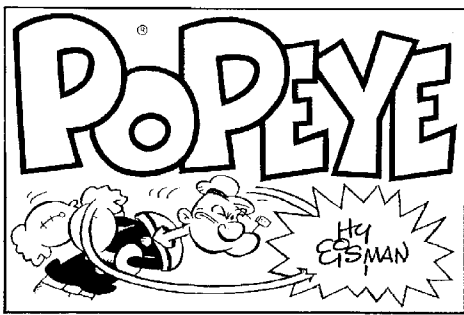
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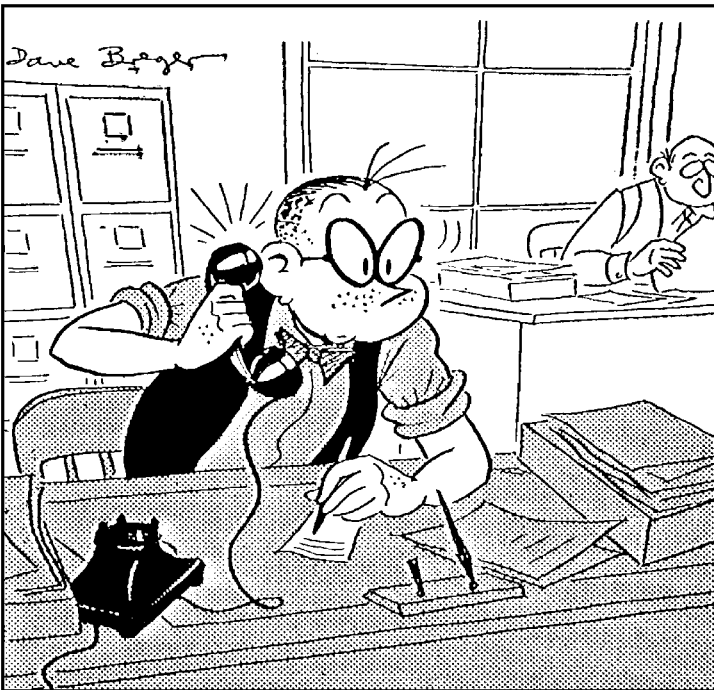
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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Changing your mind doesn't come easily for Lambs, who place a high value on commitment. But new facts could emerge that might persuade you to rethink your situation.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** This is a good time to put that fine Bovine's eye for beauty to work in redecorating your home or workplace. And don't forget to indulge yourself in some personal time as well.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your sense of loyalty to someone who asks for your help is commendable. But make sure there are no information gaps that should be filled in before you move too far too quickly.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Don't let difficult people raise the Crab's ire levels this week. Avoid them if you can. If not, resist telling them off, even if you think they deserve it. Things improve by week's end.

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**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Your suspicions about a colleague might be on the mark. But you also could be misreading the signals you believe you're getting. Do some discreet checking before jumping to conclusions.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Take some time out from your many tasks and see if someone might be trying to reach out to you. You could be surprised to learn who it is and why you might want to reciprocate.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You still might want to do more investigating before taking on a new commitment. Later would not be the time to try to fill in any crucial gaps in what you need to know about it.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A new opportunity should be carefully studied. It might offer some of the things you've been looking for. Or it could contain new possibilities you never considered. Check it out.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You might have to work harder this week to get people to listen to what you have to say. But if you stay with it, you could start to get your message out to many by the week's end.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Although family matters again take up a big chunk of the Goat's time, the week also offers a chance to explore a new career move you'd been contemplating for a while.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Applying your practicality (what does it offer me?) and your creativity (how can I improve on it?) could provide sound reasons for seriously considering that new offer.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The single set will find that keeping their romantic aspirations on high gives Cupid a better target to aim at. Paired Pisces will find that this week helps reinforce their relationships.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You believe in encouraging others to demand the best from themselves. You would be a fine sports coach, as well as an enlightened teacher.

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**Thought for the Day:** "I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." — Sir Winston Churchill

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## COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEW

**COUCH THEATER -- DVD PREVIEW**  
By Sam Struckhoff  
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of September 1, 2014.

### PICKS OF THE WEEK



Clive Owen, Juliette Binoche in "Words and Pictures"

**"Words and Pictures" (PG-13)** -- In a leafy and enchanting New England prep school, teacher Jack Marcus (Clive Owen) acts as a bit of a renegade academic, daring his students to truly experience literature. See, he's a washed-up author who's become quite a drinker and an even bigger windbag. Enter the new art teacher, Dina (Juliette Binoche), a tight-lipped fine-art painter who left the big city. Jack and Dina have lots of pseudo-intellectual banter before falling in love.

The movie's ongoing debate over the superior artistic medium -- words or pictures -- seems more than a little forced. We're watching a movie, so clearly both are just as important, right? For a movie about a witty romance between smart people, it sure takes the slow and obvious route.

**"Brick Mansions" (PG-13)** -- A brutal crime lord has acquired a weapon of mass destruction, and it's up to two hardcore dudes to shut it down with as many awesome stunts as possible. Paul Walker, in his last complete film, stars as a narcotics detective in a near-future version

of Detroit. He's paired with Lino (David Belle), an acrobatic ex-con who's dedicated to getting gangs and drugs out of his neighborhood.

The action is downright impressive: Belle is a legend in the world of Parkour, the sport of moving rapidly over obstacles using only momentum. Without wires or computer assistance, this guy leaps across rooftops and bounces around faster than Daffy Duck. Though it's no fault of Walker's, this movie doesn't stack up to its source, a 2004 French flick called "District B-13."

**"The Hornet's Nest" (R)** -- Real footage from the front lines shows the chaos of war in this documentary made by directors David Salzberg and Christian Turead, using video from journalist Mike Boettcher. In a mountainous region of Afghanistan, along the Pakistani border, the 101st Airborne descends into the Kunar valley to fight Taliban forces running the area. It was predicted to be a day-long mission, but it turned into nine days of fighting. This documentary doesn't go into causes or impacts of the war, but focuses on the astounding experiences of the troops in the thick of it.

**"Palo Alto" (R)** -- Dreamy and disaffected teenagers in a nice California suburb emote all of the angst, longing and confusion in this film about wasted youth. April (Emma Roberts) is a high-school girl who is occasionally teased as the class virgin, and frequently teased for being the favorite of her super-cute soccer coach, Mr. B (James Franco). Teddy (Jack Kilmer) is interested in April, but he keeps getting caught in the bad decisions of his best friend, Fred -- a human vortex of disturbing teen recklessness. First-time director Gia Coppola (yes, related) adapted the movie from a series of short stories by Franco.

**TV RELEASES**  
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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche who made the following sage observation: "We have art to save ourselves from the truth."

• If you live in Waukegan, Illinois, you might be surprised to learn that your property tax is 12 times higher than it would be if you lived in Honolulu.

• If you can't remember the word you want to use, you're suffering from lethologica. But you probably won't remember that when it happens.

• A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.

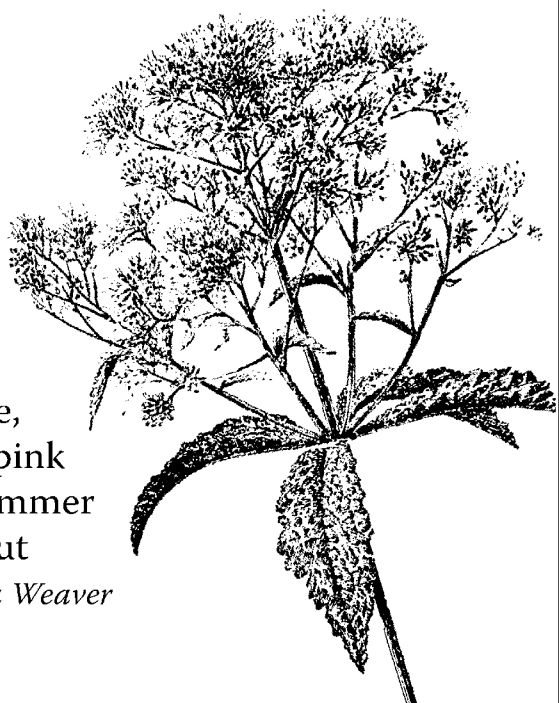
• Have you ever made a bet when you'd been drinking too much, and later wondered what you'd been thinking? If so, it might make you feel better to consider the case of a pilot named Thomas Fitzpatrick. In 1956, he was drinking at a bar in New York City when a rather boisterous argument ensued regarding his flying ability. To prove his skills to his drinking buddies, Fitzpatrick went to New Jersey, stole a small plane and landed it on the street in front of the Manhattan bar -- all while allegedly drunk. The story, remarkable as it is, doesn't end there, however. A couple of years later he was boasting about the incident, but his story was met with disbelief. To prove himself once again, he repeated the stunt.

• The name of the state of Idaho comes from the Kiowa-Apache word "idaaha," which means "enemy."

• Every spring, one of the world's great migrations occurs. At the end of March, 500,000 cranes descend upon an 80-mile stretch of Nebraska land, representing about 80 percent of all the cranes on the planet.

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## The Garden Bug Joe Pye Weed



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# Senator Gaines Issues Statement on Tesla Selecting Nevada for Gigafactory

**SACRAMENTO (MPG)** - Senator Ted Gaines (R-Roseville) issued the following statement regarding the news that Tesla Motors will build their "gigafactory" in Nevada.

"I'm devastated for the 6,500 families who won't have the chance at these jobs unless they move to Nevada. Tesla is a California-born company that the state has invested heavily in and we want it to succeed. It makes complete sense for it to expand

right here, close to its headquarters, yet they are headed out of state.

"It's a clear indictment of our business climate that Nevada is pulling this huge investment away from its natural home. I'm not sure there could be a stronger signal to legislators about how hard they have made it to operate here.

"But while I'm disappointed for California today, I'm going to be single-minded in my mission

to turn our state back into a job-creating, economic powerhouse, and I challenge my colleagues to join me in a bi-partisan effort to ensure that we are the number-one destination for the next gigafactory." ★

*Senator Ted Gaines represents the 1st Senate District, which includes all or parts of Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra and Siskiyou counties*

# Two Great Games for a Great Cause

**SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG)** - On Thursday, September 18th, the North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce will host a golf and footgolf tournament at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, 3645 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento. All proceeds will benefit the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

Golfing registration is at 12:00 p.m. with a putting contest at 12:30 p.m. A shotgun start is slated for 1:00 p.m. Footgolf registration begins at 3:00 p.m., and the shotgun start will be at 3:30 p.m. All registrations

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*Source: North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce*



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# California Catholic Universities Compromised

**Commentary from The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights**

Bill Donohue comments on a decision by the administration of California Governor Jerry Brown forcing Catholic universities to pay for abortion in their health plans:

Governor Brown and his administration caved into requests from pro-abortion groups and reversed an earlier decision that allowed Santa Clara and Loyola Marymount universities to exclude coverage for "elective" abortions in their previously approved health insurance plans. Both schools are now being told to include coverage for all abortions.

Catholic universities have a care service" said the health department's director, Michelle Rouillard. She said the exemptions violated a 1975 state law that required health plans to cover all services that were "medically necessary." She did not say why electing to kill children in utero was "medically necessary."

As part of the exemption both schools had already agreed to cover abortions when they were needed to save the life of the mother, or prevent serious health damage. Loyola Marymount even allowed employees to pay extra if they wished to have "elective" abortions included in their health insurance plans as well. But this was not enough to satisfy abortion-rights zealots.

right and a duty to uphold the tenets of their faith in everything they do. Paying for abortions is in direct conflict with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Not only is this decision morally obscene, it violates the religious liberties of Catholic institutions. The universities should now sue on First Amendment grounds. Perhaps a judge can educate the Brown administration on the need to keep church and state separate. ★

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# Girl Scouts Calls for New Members and Volunteers to Join in the Fun



**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) is making its back-to-school push for girls and adult volunteers to join Girl Scouts, the country's preeminent leadership development organization for girls. With families thinking about how to allocate their free time during the coming school year, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) has released new data showing the organization's benefits for both girls and volunteers.

Results of a summer 2014 pulse poll conducted with over 3,500 volunteers and parents of Girl Scouts in the K-5 age range show positive effects on members of all ages. Ninety-seven percent of parents agree that Girl Scouts has been a positive activity for their daughter, that she has had fun and exciting

new experiences (95 percent), and that she has learned or tried something new (96 percent). In addition, 94 percent of parents say that because of Girl Scouts their daughter feels special, has more friends (95 percent), and is happier (89 percent).

The data shows it is not just girls who benefit: 94 percent of volunteers have made new friends, 88 percent believe their life is better because they volunteer with Girl Scouts, and two-thirds believe their volunteer experience has helped them professionally. Ninety-five percent of Girl Scout volunteers are happy knowing they are making girls' lives better.

"I'm proud of my Girl Scouts who are giving back to their community, while learning what it means to lead others," said Girl Scout Troop Leader Andrea

L'Heureux. "My favorite part of being a Girl Scout volunteer is helping girls find what drives them and encouraging them to pursue their passions in a safe place."

Girl Scouts are trying new activities, giving back to the community and gaining essential leadership skills. Wouldn't it be great if more girls could be part of experiences just like this? In order to guarantee this, we need even more volunteers—women and men, college students, parents and nonparents, retirees, young professionals, and more—to accommodate the growing list of local girls looking to become Girl Scouts.

"Girl Scouts is an amazing model for leadership and truly makes a difference in the lives of both girls and volunteers," said Sarah Sanford, GSHCC's Assistant Vice President, Membership Development. "It's a safe place to belong and filled with exciting opportunities and new experiences. And sometimes I don't know who has more fun, the girls or volunteers!"

Girl Scouts is open to all girls from kindergarten through grade 12. The more adults step forward to volunteer, the more girls will get the chance to be a Girl Scout. Adults over age 18 may become volunteers, and there's training and support offered to every volunteer. Both girls and adult volunteers can join at any time of the year. To join or volunteer, please visit: [girlscouts.org/join](http://girlscouts.org/join). Or attend a local Girl Scout information night; events are now occurring regularly throughout the region and for the next couple months. ★

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# Birthday Boost for Todd Morgan



Todd Morgan's recent Carmichael Park performance drew a mixed aged crowd.

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five," he recalls. "I didn't get serious about playing till I was 11."

During his most formative musical years, Morgan was known at Rio Americano High as "that kid who plays piano." No one knew he could sing. When he wailed "St James Infirmary" at a Carmichael Kiwanis Jazz Festival, a multi-talent was born. "Some people think I have a girlish voice," he admits. "It's not insulting. Vocalists who've influenced me—like Michael Jackson, James Brown and some early Delta blues singers—sang like raw, soulful women." For the record, Morgan is a regular guy. Girls who engage him on band breaks are not wasting their time. "I like pretty girls," he says. "But my ideal relationship is where you can both be yourself. You like to put your best foot forward, but it's good when that best foot is the real you."

The Morgan home evokes Partridge Family memories. The wunderkind's drums, guitar, and piano occupy the front

room; his teenage "Rock & Roll Earthquake" posters complete the décor. A calendar, averaging 10 gigs or recording dates per month, is pinned to the wall. Parents Barbara and Jerry are managers/roadies/techies and devoted supporters.

"When your kid wants to be an entertainer, it's like wanting to be in the NBA," says Jerry Morgan. "The odds against success are tremendous. But we never discouraged Todd. Music's always been his Plan A; he's never had a Plan B. "Maybe he'll get his own place one day. But we like having him here. Sometimes I hear him working on a song at 3 a.m. I get up and listen and think, wow, this is really good stuff."

The irony of an untarnished kid penning adult love songs before his teens was not lost on parents, nor on anyone privy to Morgan's extreme youth. "I am romantic," the singer considers. "With my music, you have to be. I'm naturally drawn to the mystique of things. When I hear songs like 'West End Blues' or 'Chinatown' by Louis

Armstrong, I feel I'm in a different world."

Though 50s and 60s covers are gig staples, Morgan's biggest kick comes when fans request his original tunes. "If people have my CDs it's no surprise," he considers. "But I'm still honored if they put my music in the same class as some of their favorites."

Another feather in his pompadour is the age mix that makes Morgan's audiences resemble Paul McCartney crowds. "I love it when older people say my songs sound like 'real music'," he smiles. If I reach a bigger stage, I don't want my mom to wonder what my music's about. People who supported me early in my career are always going to be important. My aim is to make people happy. To me, that's a respectable goal. ★

Todd Morgan and the Emblems will headline for the Chicken Festival in Fair Oaks Village on September 20. Learn more about the artist at [www.toddmorganandtheemblems.com](http://www.toddmorganandtheemblems.com).

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**Start** The run begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Garden of Honor at Sierra Hills Pet Cemetery where 48 retired K9 Officers are memorialized.

**Date:** Saturday, September 13, 2014 (in honor of Pet Memorial Day)  
**Where:** Sierra Hills Memorial Park & Sierra Hills Pet Cemetery, 5757 Greenback Way, Sacramento, CA (off I-80 @ Greenback)  
**Time:** Gates open at 9:00 a.m. (arrive early for best parking)  
**How:** Register on-line at [www.KidsK9FunRun.org](http://www.KidsK9FunRun.org)  
**What:** 10:00 a.m. Kids K9 Fun Run Starts  
 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vendor, Food and Community booths  
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