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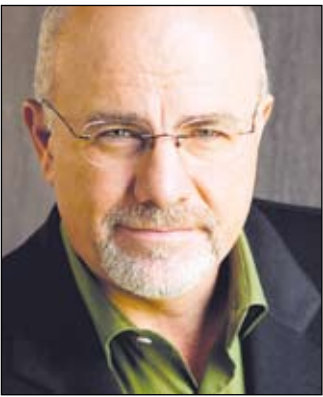
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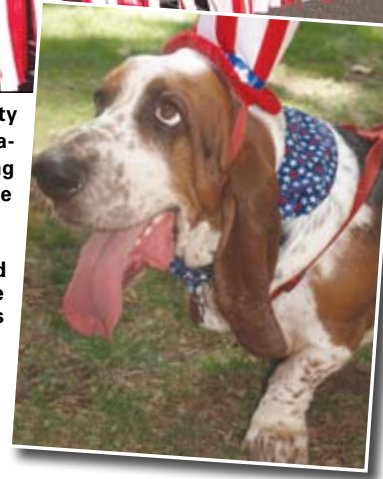
Getting the Party Started Carmichael Honors Glorious 4th



All the way from Isleton, the Party Line Express locomotive Chug-a-Bug, (above) was a bubble-blowing hit that was judged best kids' theme entry.

Carmichael families (left) honored their Grand Old Flag from the parade sidelines. Shaded spots were at a premium.

Like many pets, patriotic pooch Winston (right) felt the heat while putting on the dog.



**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - A thousand sizzling patriots last week joined the Carmichael Elk's July 4th pageant. Hot as it seemed, Fair Oaks Boulevard was 15 degrees cooler this year than 2013's tar-melting 110 degrees.

Hugging the shade, many thousands of sidewalk patriots cheered the spectacle's 56th year. Paul Scholl was this year's Grand Marshal. Scholl, Carmichael Times publisher, is a community leader whose late mother was Grand Marshal for Fairfield's 2008 parade. Celebrating his own July 4th birthday, Scholl said the Carmichael occasion was a "reminder from my parents never

to forget the duty to serve others."

While Congressman Ami Bera and Assemblyman Ken Cooley loaned VIP presence, participants from churches and non-profits demonstrated that, on this uniquely American holiday, community is where the heart is. A dozen volunteer organizations fielded contingents of more than 50 people, including Carmichael's Church of God. This organization took a trophy for best reflecting the parade theme - "America, Living the Dream." Kiwanis and Rotary club entries won awards. Pre-teens in the Combined Catholic School Band were awarded as the parade's only marching musicians.

Beauty queens, civic leaders, and business folk adorned convertibles and floats. Marching

contingents included the parade's largest unit: a massive squad of football players, cheerleaders, and boosters from Del Campo High. At the parade vanguard, the school's Junior ROTC unit marched in solid formation.

As evening temperatures dropped to the comfortable 80s, pyrotechnics dazzled. A record crowd of 5,000 applauded live music and fireworks at the La Sierra Community Center.

The July 4th event sponsors included: Carmichael Elks, Carmichael Kiwanis, Carmichael and Mission Oaks Park Districts and the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce. For information on the 2015 July 4th celebrations, call (916) 485-5322. ★

See more 4th of July photos on page 3.

Job Demand Hiring Trends for Local Companies in the 3rd Quarter

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A robust market in California's capital city expects to add as many new workers as it hires for replacements within existing workforces in the 3rd quarter of 2014. In a direct telephone survey of Sacramento's top regional employers, fifty percent (50%) say hiring is motivated by expansion of existing workforces, and eleven percent (11%) also attributed seasonal demands for seeking workers in July, September and October.

Attrition, or replacements among the existing workforce motivated the other half expecting to see applicants. Pacific Staffing discovered just twenty-nine percent (29%) of Sacramento companies contacted directly between May 21st and June 11th are not hiring. While service and manufacturing companies were driving the majority of hiring anticipated in the third quarter, construction firms were almost evenly split, and just

one retail firm surveyed was not looking for help. Also signaling continued robust employment in the area, not one company noted any plans for layoffs in the next quarter. Several firms also mention that retention of current workers was a growing concern and noted finding adequate numbers of qualified applicants as another challenge.

Skills Demand?

Demand for technical skills continues to drive recruiting out

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Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner



Volley ball gold medalist Gabe Gardner (center) was hero to 115 children who attended a National Olympic Day event at the La Sierra Center in Carmichael.

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Instructed by a real live Olympian, volley ball clinics were a recent sell-out at the La Sierra Center in Carmichael.

One of thousands of events that celebrate Olympic Day internationally, the program immersed 115 children in the Olympian values of respect, friendship and excellence. At 6 feet 9 inches, Carmichael-based Gabe Gardner was a towering role model. Now a commercial realtor, he competed in 2004 and 2008 Olympics and brought a team gold medal home from Beijing.

Pawed by hundreds of small hands, the trophy added much event appeal. "A gold medal is special to everyone who sees it," explained the star. "Few people imagine they might ever touch one."

The Carmichael Park District program provided free instruction by age group and featured precision-throw contests for young participants. Winners received volley balls signed by the superstar teacher.

San Diego-raised Gardner, 38, is among many California athletes who annually volunteer their skills for Olympic Day. "There are potential stars at every clinic," says the father of two. "It's rewarding. You hope to give kids inspiration to dream big and go forward. As time passes in an athlete's career, it's good to remember you were once that kid." ★



The athlete dwarfed pupils during instruction clinics. Carmichael Park District hosted the program.

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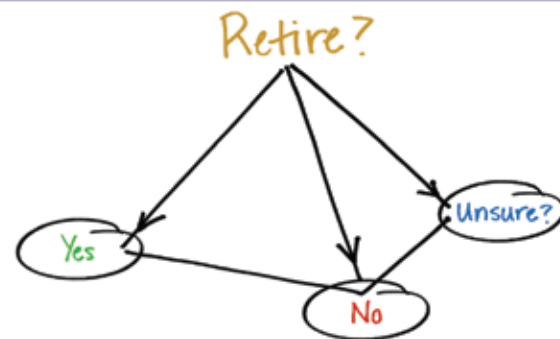
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Hey Carmichael, it was a real blast serving as the Grand Marshal for this year's parade. Thanks you to all our neighbors for the congratulations, the compliments and the honoring of America. The photos on this page are just a few of those taken of the wonderful people who turned out to celebrate. **Paul Scholl**



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Reports from Sacramento Metro Fire District

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NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA (MPG) - Just after 12:30 p.m., Metro Fire crews were dispatched to 4950 Watt Avenue for report of a storage unit on fire. Crews arrived to find multiple units heavily involved with fire. Due to the layout of the structure, the fire was spreading quickly, in multiple directions.

Firefighters on five engines, four trucks, and one medic from Metro Fire and Sacramento Fire extinguished the fire, ventilated the structure and protected adjacent units from extension. A total of seven units were damaged by fire, while the aggressive tactics of crews on scene saved another 20 units and their contents.

No firefighters or civilians were injured in the fire. Arson Investigators on scene have determined the cause to be improperly discarded smoking material in one of the units.

Nobody was hurt in today's fire, but possessions were still destroyed. Every year across the country, roughly 1,000 people are killed in fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking material. Protect yourself, your family and your home: if you smoke, put it out. All the way, every time. ★

Source: Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District



California Sees Increase in Sexually Transmitted Diseases

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Dr. Ron Chapman, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and state health officer, says the number of reportable sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in California increased in 2013 according to data made public today.

"Sexually transmitted diseases can cause major health problems for people over time," said Dr. Chapman. "This increase is concerning, particularly because STDs are preventable."

The data show that almost 168,000 cases of chlamydia, over 38,000 cases of gonorrhea, over 3,500 cases of primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis, almost 2,900 cases of early latent syphilis, and over 3,600 cases of late latent syphilis were reported in 2013, for a total of 216,000 reportable cases of STDs.

In 2013, the rates of gonorrhea and P&S syphilis (the most infectious stages) increased substantially compared to 2012. In 2013, the gonorrhea rate increased 13 percent to 100.4 per 100,000 population, and the P&S syphilis rate increased 18 percent to 9.3 per 100,000 population. In contrast, in 2013 the rate of chlamydia cases decreased slightly for the first time in almost two

decades, to 439.5 per 100,000 population. Chlamydia is the most commonly reported disease in California.

STD rates continue to be highest in young people 15-24 years of age, especially for females, with over 66 percent of female chlamydia cases and over 54 percent of female gonorrhea cases being in this narrow age group. Young women are the most vulnerable to infertility and other long-term reproductive health problems caused by STDs.

"Any sexually active person can get an STD through unprotected sex," said Chapman. "They should talk with their health care provider and ask if testing for STDs is appropriate." An online directory of test sites is available at findstdtest.org. Many clinics offer free tests.

Chapman pointed out that in addition to getting tested regularly, individuals can reduce their risk by using condoms, reducing their number of partners, being in a monogamous relationship or practicing abstinence.

Profound racial disparities persist. In 2013, the African-American gonorrhea rate of 351.1 per 100,000 was 6.2 times the non-Hispanic white rate of 56.9 per 100,000.

CDPH has been working to address health disparities in STDs. The STD Control Branch has identified census tracts with high numbers of gonorrhea cases and significant racial disparities and has focused interventions in these areas. In addition, the Branch is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and California's Department of Education to reduce the high rates of STDs among youth through supporting comprehensive sex education, improving access to sexual health services, and helping schools build supportive environments for all youth, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.

CDPH trains medical providers to assure that they are assessing their patients' risk for STDs, screening appropriately, and using the most effective treatments. CDPH also works closely with local health jurisdictions to coordinate disease prevention and control efforts statewide, including helping identify infected individuals and assuring that they and their partners get treated.

For more information, visit CDPH's www.cdph.ca.gov. ★

Source: California Department of Public Health

FCC Wants to Control Your Internet

Special commentary by Jeff Mazzella, President, Center for Individual Freedom

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Right now, the Obama Administration is on the verge of yet another intrusive government power grab. This time, it has its regulatory sights set squarely on the Internet.

Obama's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is kneeling to extreme

liberal special interest groups and their demands to remake the innovative, dynamic and free market Internet of today into a public utility controlled by the government. They want to classify the Internet as a monopoly telephone service so government can take regulatory control and decide what products and services can be offered online – think "Fairness Doctrine" for the Internet.

We have seen with Obamacare the total inability of this

administration to manage a simple website. What makes anyone think it can actually control the Internet?

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN
By Rich Lowry

Hail to the Redskins!

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's contribution to the Washington Redskins debate is pettifogging absurdity in the service of rank politically correct bullying.

A panel of the office's Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ruled in favor of plaintiffs claiming that the Redskins name "may disparage persons or bring them into contempt, or disrepute," and therefore stripped the team of six trademarks. In theory, the ruling will hurt the team's bottom line by making it impossible for it to stop others from selling its merchandise.

Exercising his constitutional power as arbiter of tastefulness in sports, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid rallied almost all of his Democratic colleagues a few

months ago to implore the NFL to change the offending name, and hailed the patent ruling as the beginning of the end of the profound historical injustice perpetrated by the football franchise that dare not speak its name.

The patent board ruled this way once before. In response to a complaint in the 1990s, the board made its decision, as it noted this time around, "after seven years of litigation, involving multiple discovery and pre-trial motions." Then, the ruling was reversed in court -- after about another 10 years.

Certainly, opinions differ about the appropriateness of "Redskins" as a nickname. But some perspective: There is no time in American history when Native Americans have been held in higher regard. Their nobility is celebrated in our popular culture, and their unjust treatment recounted in our schools. The existence of a professional football franchise with the same name that it has had for 80 years -- no matter how anachronistic -- has self-evidently not caused Native Americans to be held in contempt and disrepute.

The Washington Post called the patent decision "a victory for tolerance." A bureaucratic body seeking to harm a sports team because some people don't like its nickname is a strange exercise in tolerance. The paper went on to note that

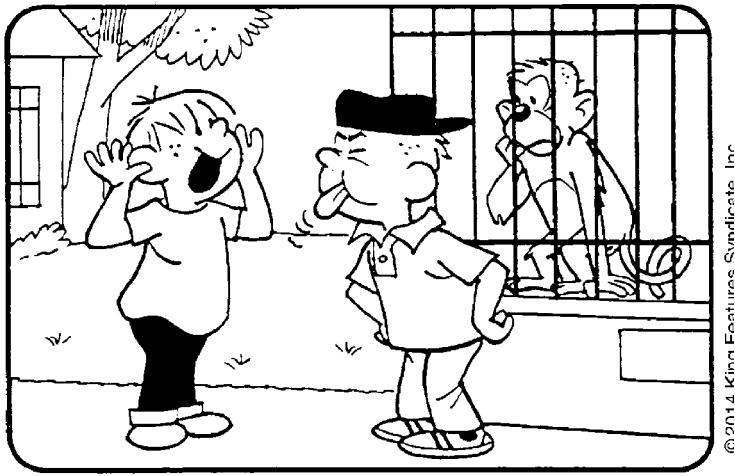
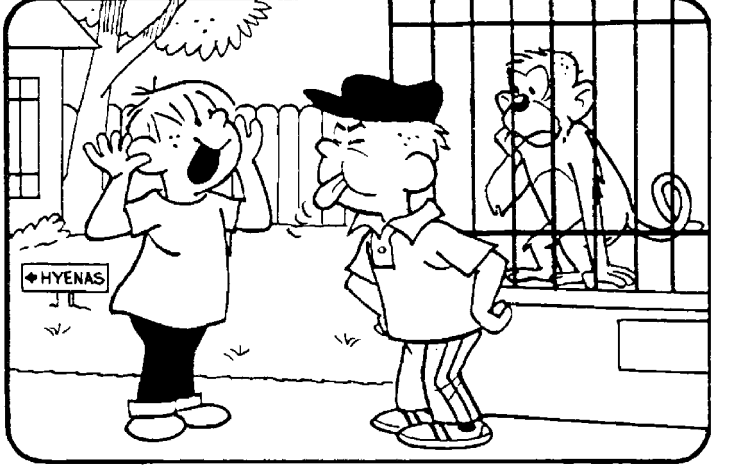
the tide is running against the Redskins since so many people have spoken out against them, "including the president of the United States and half of the United States Senate, which controls the tax breaks enjoyed by the NFL." Get it? *It would be too bad if something happened to your nice football league.* How tolerant.

In a section establishing the standing of the anti-Redskins petitioners, the patent panel made it clear they have no direct interest except that they are offended. Fine. Don't be Redskins fans. Root for the Cowboys or the Giants, the team's NFC East rivals. Never go to FedExField. Don't buy Redskins paraphernalia. If you must support a Washington sports team, make it one with a nickname so thoroughly anodyne that even the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board approves -- the Major League Soccer team, D.C. United.

But in the 21st century, this isn't the American way. If something offends you, it must be crusaded against and crushed underfoot, using whatever instrument of power is available. That the franchise is holding firm against this assault is reason to say a hearty "Hail to the Redskins!" -- while we still can.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Beauty and Business Blend at Chamber Mixer



Congressional candidate Doug Ose and Citrus Heights City Councilor Jeannie Bruins (second right) met pageant winners at a recent joint chamber of commerce gathering at Northridge Country Club. Regional pageant director (right) is Tamara Barbu-Brown. Carmichael, Orangevale, Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks Chambers of Commerce hosted the event.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Chambers of commerce recently joined forces for their annual "joint mixer" event at the Northridge Country Club.

The event was hosted by the Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, and Orangevale Chambers. More than 250 business members rubbed elbows with community leaders. Local Beauty pageant winners dressed up the event in tiaras and evening gowns. Their leader, Tamara Barbu-Brown, recently stepped into the pageant director role after the death of Chamber supporter and pageant



legend Mary Purvis of Citrus Heights.

Learn about the participating Chambers at: www.carmichaelchamber.com, www.chchamber.com, www.fairoakschamber.com, and www.orangevalechamber.com. ★

Have A Blessed Day; Now Fire Me If You Dare!

Dr. James L. Snyder

I must confess to a severe case of poverty. I never took a vow of poverty; it just seems to have worked out that way for me. I am so poor the church mice have packed their bags and moved on. If I knew where they moved to, I might join them.

Being poor can have its advantages, but I have yet to run across any.

I am so poor I am not able to pay attention, especially when watching some television program with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. This has caused no small problem with my wife. We love an evening of unwinding before the TV watching some of our favorite programs. I must confess those programs are getting less and less each year. Soon we are going to have to go back to reading books.

Together we will be watching a program, and when I say "we," I do it with certain modifications. My wife will get up and go to the kitchen for something and when she returns, she asks me a question, "What happened?"

I look at her with one of my infamous quizzical looks and respond, "Where?"

She then explains she is talking about what happened on the TV program while she was away. I then tell her, "I'm sorry, I wasn't paying attention."

This seems to be a source of real frustration for her.

"If you can't afford to pay attention," she will say sarcastically while rolling her eyes, "couldn't you at least rent some attention some time?"

I tried explaining to her that old age is making me a little more forgetful. She, however, is not buying it, so there goes my income stream.

For me, watching television is not an obsession; it is more like a distraction. I do not follow every little bit on the television screen.

For me it is not a matter of life or death, it is just a matter of recreation. I know that nothing on TV is real. We can be in the middle of the next program and I do not realize that the first program has ended. Talk about confusing!

When something does catch my attention, boy does it have my attention.

"Did you," I ask my wife, "hear that?"

Then it is role reversal in prime time. I will not say she acts like me, just that it comes pretty close to it. Not quite Oscar material, but close.

"What?" She said with a very confused look on her face.

So I had to explain the news story that I just happened to catch. I do not know all of the details, I was not paying that much attention, just that someone was fired from their job for saying to a customer, "Have a blessed day."

I have met many customer service people that said things that I would want them to be fired from, but this has never been on my list.

My wife then asked the question I was thinking, "What is wrong with telling someone to have a blessed day?"

I could not figure it out. It is like at Christmas time some places do not want their employees to say to the customer, "Merry Christmas." The reasoning is, it might offend someone. What about us who are offended when somebody does not say Merry Christmas to us? This matter of being offended can go both ways. There should be an equal offended person law. There is a law for everything else.

I just would like to meet the person who is offended by somebody saying to them, "Have a blessed day."

Later that evening I was watching a new crime/detective story on TV and all of a sudden, I heard some words that were offensive. They were saying curse words that I have never heard on TV

before. I have always believed that if you have to use curse words, it is because your vocabulary is drastically lacking in intellectual responses to the world around you.

Here is my dilemma. Why can you say curse words on TV, which everybody knows is scripted, but you cannot say, "Have a blessed day," without getting fired?

If I was in business I would want my employees to greet my clients with a cheerful, "Have a blessed day" and not some awful curse words.

I was complaining about this to a friend of mine who explained to me that curse words on television are considered "literary license." Who is paying for that license I am wondering.

All of this has to do with the PC syndrome in our country today. The problem is what was PC yesterday is no longer PC today. Who knows what tomorrow's PC will be.

What I cannot accept is the fact that being crude and rude is PC and saying something nice is not. Have we reverted to the caveman mentality? Is being nice no longer acceptable behavior?

I like what David says, "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalms 103:1).

Perhaps the reason people are offended by that phrase is because they know that only God has the power to bless. If I am being blessed by God, I am going to turn around and bless people around me.

So, for those offended by that phrase let me say, "Have a blessed day. And fire me if you dare." ★

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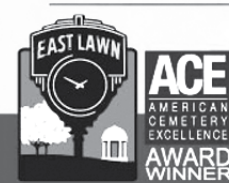
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Bev's Angel Project Needs a New Home

Bev's Angel Project is an all-volunteer California non-profit corporation that serves over 3,000 children/families each December.

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Bev's Angel Project is reaching out to anyone who may have a space they are able to donate and make a commitment to the project.

They are in need of at least 5,000 square feet of donated space located in the Carmichael/Citrus Heights/Arden Arcade area. They will pay their own utilities and liability insurance. It is critical for them to have this space September through January in order to serve the children and families they touch during the holiday season. For many children, this is their only Christmas.



Please contact Jan at (916) 342-4689 or Judee at (916) 798-6311, or email toprcdrv1@comcast.net if you have any information or can help. You may also make monetary donations to: Bev's Angel Project, P.O. Box 204, Carmichael, CA 95609.

CSLB Undercover Sting in Folsom Busts Unlicensed Contractors

FOLSOM, CA (MPG) - A procession of suspected unlicensed contractors submitted bids for construction work at a Folsom home last week and walked into the waiting hands of Contractors State License Board (CSLB) undercover investigators. The undercover sting operation on Thursday, June 26, 2014, was conducted at a two-story home near Folsom Lake College by CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) with the help of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office investigators and Folsom Police Department.

The newer home restricted the range of projects that could be sought for bid to exterior ones such as painting, fencing, landscape, retaining walls, and pool tiling.

Despite that limitation, there was no shortage of unlicensed operators who gave bids to investigators who posed as homeowners. The median bid was about \$4,000, SWIFT investigators reported, with a high of \$10,000 for an exterior painting job.

In California, all home improvement jobs valued at \$500 or more (combined labor and material costs) must be conducted by a company or person with a CSLB-issued license (Business and Professions Code section 7028).

All 11 suspects were cited for contracting without a license. Nine face an additional misdemeanor charge of illegal advertising (Business and Professions Code section 7027.1). State law requires contractors to place their license number in all print, broadcast, and online advertisements. Those without a license can advertise for jobs valued at less than \$500, but the ad must state that they are not a licensed contractor. One of the men

showed investigators a contractor license number that did not belong to him and was cited on an additional charge (Business and Professions Code section 7027.3).

About 70 percent of the suspect leads were found on the online bulletin board craigslist.

"We have warned consumers many times about the importance of taking an extra minute to check CSLB's website to make sure the contractor has a license in good standing if they're going to use craigslist or other online bulletin boards," CSLB Registrar Steve Sands said. "Licensed contractors use craigslist and other online sources as an advertising tool, but so do many unlicensed and unqualified people."

Suspects received Notice to Appear citations for 8:30 a.m. on September 17 or 18, 2014, in Sacramento County Superior Court, 720 Ninth St., Sacramento, CA 95814 to answer to illegal contracting charges.

This is a list of the suspects and each suspect's city of residence, license classification, and violations:

- **Jason Andrew Muller, West Sacramento, C8 - Concrete, Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**
- **Christopher Ray Cunningham, Sacramento, C33 - Painting and Decorating, Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**
- **Patrick Richard Beals, Folsom, C13 - Fencing Contracting without a license**
- **Joshua Elias Valencia, Carmichael, C29 - Masonry, Contracting without a license**
- **Gabriel Cortez, Citrus Heights, C33 - Painting and Decorating, Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**
- **Gregory Alan Hayes, Grass Valley, C33 - Painting and**

- **Decorating Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising, Displaying a license not belonging to him**
- **Jose Luis Tolentino, Roseville, C8 - Concrete, Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**
- **Alejandro Arturo Diaz, Sacramento, C33 - Painting and Decorating, Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**
- **Soroosh Reinhanihoseinabad, Citrus Heights, C33 - Painting and Decorating, Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**
- **Bruce Timothy Aziz, Citrus Heights, C13 - Fencing Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**
- **Abenida Stephen Olenlager, Sacramento, C13 - Fencing, Contracting without a license, Illegal advertising**

CSLB encourages consumers to always "Check the License First" by visiting www.cslb.ca.gov or calling CSLB's toll-free automated line, (800) 321-CSLB (2757). Also, visit CSLB's website for tips about how to hire a contractor and to sign up for CSLB Email Alerts.

The Contractors State License Board operates under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. More information and publications about hiring contractors are available on CSLB's website or by calling (800) 321-CSLB (2752). You also can sign up for CSLB email alerts. CSLB licenses and regulates about 300,000 contractors in California, and is regarded as one of the leading consumer protection agencies in the United States. In fiscal year 2012-13, CSLB helped recover nearly \$44 million in ordered restitution for consumers. ★

Source: CSLB Public Affairs Office

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Carmichael Times Needs Diverse Viewpoints

Dear Mr. Scholl,

There is a growing liberal thinking population now living in Carmichael. We object to Carmichael Times consistently ultra conservative articles, especially the most recent article of July 3 "Supreme Court Strikes Down ObamaCare HHS Abortion Mandate".

On this July 4 "Independence Day" I think of the "Rights" of millions of women in our democracy whose rights for wellbeing are denied, due to the recent Supreme Court decision giving

religious freedom to private for-profit corporations that sell such secular products as pens, paste and paints.

The title of the article was an error: this court decision was related to prescribed birth control medications NOT "abortion".

The quote from Mat Staver, founder and director of Liberty Counsel is an insult to our Bill of Rights in writing "...subjecting employers to such extortion". His writing is an insult to the President of the United States of America in saying "President

Obama and those who supported this GENOCIDE should be ashamed".

To many others living in Carmichael there is no justice in putting the rights of a few for profit corporations over the wellbeing and health of millions of women. In future articles, consider the growing number of residents in Carmichael that have diverse viewpoints. ★

Submitted by Carmichael resident Alice Ginosar

Job Demand & Hiring Trends in the 3rd Quarter of 2014

Continued from Page 1

of the Sacramento area as firms report they can't find qualified applicants in sufficient numbers to meet demands for IT needs. Sales and customer service are in demand with employers in the Sacramento market also looking for workers to manufacture, warehouse, and ship products in the third quarter. A significant shortage of drivers for route and delivery needs was also noted among companies across the board.

Sacramento Regional Top Companies Polled By Industry:

40% are Service, 31% are Manufacturers, 21% are Construction and 8% are Retail. **Special Report on Veteran's Employment Opportunity in Sacramento**

As conflict winds to a close in Afghanistan, as many as 30,000 military men and women are expected to return from service each year to re-enter the California job market. Sacramento employers answered without reservation and are

unanimous in saying they will hire a qualified veteran when asked. Thirty percent (30%) say they have a veteran hiring program or policy. Regional companies deserve a salute as more than half of those surveyed or fifty-four percent (54%) say they have hired a veteran to go to work in the last year.

How does this Quarter compare to last Quarter, or last year? Find out for yourself.

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Source: Pacific Staffing

Sacramento County DA Reports

Recent cases of interest



CASE: Allen Johnson (07/01/14)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Jeff Harry, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit
District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that Allen Johnson was convicted by jury of four counts of lewd acts upon a child.

In November and December 2011, Johnson sexually abused the then 13-year-old victim. When the mother of the victim caught Johnson in the act, she called 911 to report the crime. Despite the mother recanting her statement soon after, the victim remained strong and testified against her abuser in court.

Johnson faces a potential maximum sentence of 14 years in state prison. Sentencing is set for July 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Department 26 of the Sacramento Superior Court.

CASE: Michael Almeda & Rudy Villa (06/30/14)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Donell Slivka, Homicide Unit

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that Michael Almeda and Rudy Villa were convicted by jury of first-degree murder. The jury also found true the special circumstance of shooting from a moving vehicle and arming allegations.

On January 17, 2013, Almeda and Villa shot and killed Alexander Chavez in a drive-by shooting.

Both defendants face life in prison without the possibility of parole. Sentencing is set for August 8, 2014 in Department 17 before the Honorable Ernest Sawtelle.

CASE: James Leoncio, Jude Leoncio, Philip Sarmiento, Juan Tenorio, Laurence Viernes, Glyn Villegas, German Zagada & Jo Anne Keeney (06/27/14)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Sue Wilson, Consumer & Environmental Protection Unit

District Attorney Jan Scully announced that James Leoncio, Jude Leoncio, Philip Sarmiento, Juan Tenorio, Laurence Viernes, Glyn Villegas and German Zagada all pled to felony charges of filing false documents with a government agency and forgery on May 13, 2014. Today, the Honorable Kevin McCormick sentenced them each to 210 days in county jail.

Between April 2006 and July 2010, the defendants each paid co-defendant, Jo Anne Keeney, approximately \$25,000 to provide them with false academic credentials in order to obtain registered nursing licenses. Keeney provided forged diplomas and transcripts from two different nursing colleges in the Philippines to each of the defendants, who then filed them with the Board of Registered Nursing in support of their applications for nursing licenses. The defendants obtained registered nursing licenses and worked at various hospitals throughout Southern and Central California. Keeney is believed to have returned to the Philippines and has an outstanding warrant for her arrest in the case.

Judge McCormick noted the inherent unfairness and harm of the defendants' actions to all those registered nurses who have devoted the time and energy to obtain their licenses lawfully.

Deputy District Attorney Sue Wilson stated, "By circumventing the licensing requirements that were created to protect the public, the defendants' actions presented a tremendous risk of harm to unsuspecting patients."

The case was investigated by members of a task force comprised of investigators with the Department of Consumer Affairs and federal agents.

CASE: Brian Keith Jones (06/20/14)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Donell Slivka, Homicide Unit

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that the Honorable Marjorie Koller sentenced Brian Keith Jones to 58 years to life in prison. On March 19, 2014, a jury convicted Jones of first-degree murder and shooting into an occupied motor vehicle.

In December 2012, Jones shot and killed 36-year-old Duane Lomax who was in his car in the Foothill Farms area of Sacramento County.

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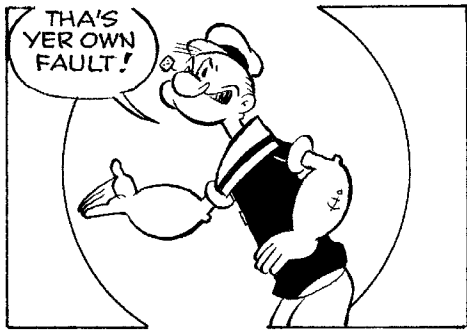
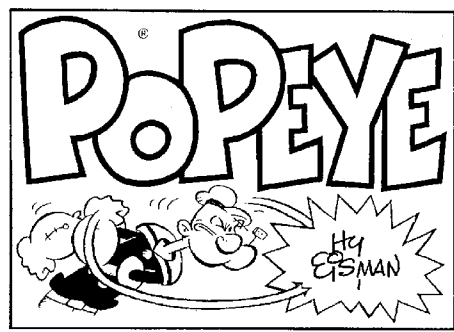
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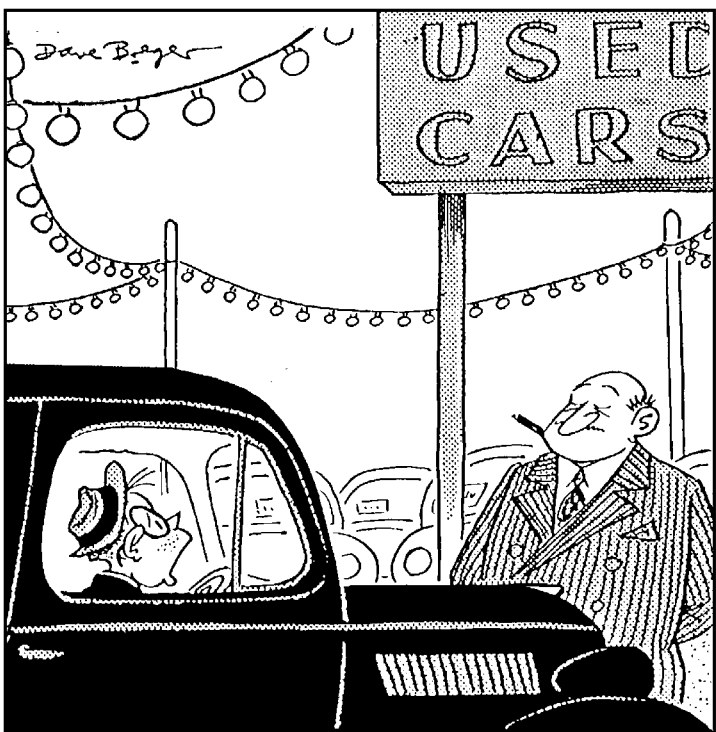


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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You soon should be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Taketimeforvisits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making everyone you know -- or even just met -- feel important and welcome in your life.

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Thought for the Day: "A mathematician is a device for turning coffee into theorems." — Paul Erdos

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COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEW

BY SAM STRUCKHOFF

COUCH THEATER -- DVD PREVIEW
By Sam Struckhoff
EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of July 14, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK



Scarlett Johansson in "Under the Skin"

"Rio 2" (G) -- This singing animated sequel revisits Rio to follow Blu and Jewel, the endangered blue birds who got together in the last movie, as they journey into the Amazon to meet Jewel's family. Blu (voiced by Jesse Eisenberg) still has his anxious city-slicker persona, which causes him to be the butt of much judgment and ridicule from the jungle birds, especially his father-in-law (voiced by Andy Garcia). You also get some plots about an evil businessman, a vengeful cockatoo and a turf war with parrots.

Expect more of the same stuff from the prequel, with more noise and color added. There are a few chuckles, but all of them from the easy and familiar brand of kids' comedy. The brightest spots in the whole display are the musical numbers -- combining rich vocal talent, brilliant visuals and strong music direction.

"Under the Skin" (R) -- A beautiful woman in a white van asks a young man on a street in Scotland if he wants a ride. One look in the window, and all he sees is Scarlett Johansson's lovely visage. Of course he gets in. Too bad the gorgeous driver is

an alien, gathering human victims for some unknown purpose. The alien never reveals much about her origin or what she's doing, but eventually she shows signs of some internal development.

Johansson's sex appeal isn't used as a blunt tool to subdue the audience, rather her performance is so good that you sense how uncomfortable she is with this weird contraption we call the human body. This is a unique and engaging movie experience that tends to leave folks scratching their heads -- in a good way.

"The Face of Love" (PG-13) -- Several years after her husband drowned, Nikki (Annette Bening) believes that she has found the strength to move on. However, her facade starts to crumble when Nikki encounters Tom (Ed Harris), an art teacher who bears a striking resemblance to her late husband (also played by Harris). Suddenly, she's confused, excited, depressed, infatuated -- all this and more, all at the same time. It's a challenging role, and Bening handles it with stunning grace. However, the script and the pacing of the film are not as impressive.

"Wrinkles" -- This animated movie for grownups looks in on a nursing home for the elderly, where a handful of tenants know how to keep things interesting. Emilio (voiced by Martin Sheen) is a former bank manager who gets put into a retirement home after his memory starts to fade and grumpiness takes over. Once on the inside, he meets up with Miguel (George Coe), a clever and rebellious old-timer who shows Emilio a few tricks and takes him on like a brother. The animation style is clean and hand-drawn, creating a different mood from today's busy computer-generated fare.

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"Case Histories Set 2"

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Moments in time

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• On July 15, 1606, the Dutch master Rembrandt is born in Leiden. His portraits began to go out of style after the 1630s, when his human figures were criticized as being coarse and indecorous.

• On July 19, 1779, Massachusetts launches a 4,000-man naval expedition consisting of 19 warships, 24 transport ships and more than 1,000 militiamen to capture a 750-man British garrison on the Penobscot Peninsula. The failed expedition was considered the worst naval disaster in American history until the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

• On July 18, 1914, convicted on meager evidence of murdering two Salt Lake City policemen, Wobbly Joe Hill is sentenced to be executed in Utah. Hill was a member of the International Workers of the World, called Wobblies. Scholars have debated whether Hill was railroaded because of his radical politics.

• On July 17, 1938, Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan, a glory-seeking flier, takes off from Brooklyn, pointed west. Twenty-eight hours later, Corrigan landed his plane in Dublin, Ireland, stepped out, and exclaimed, "Just got in from New York. Where am I?"

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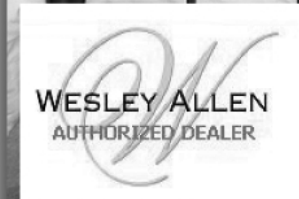
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- Olympic chant
- British singer-songwriter
- Gibson garnish
- Hair goo
- Subject of the musical, "Evita"
- Declare invalid
- Flower necklace
- Latin American plain
- *One killed over 200,000 people in 2004
- Crying like a sheep
- How many "if by sea?"
- Chinese dynasty (1368-1644)
- In the capacity of
- Chesterfield, e.g.
- Designated limit
- "Do ___ others..."
- Schindler kept one
- Art class support
- Pains
- Torch's misdeed
- Japanese soup
- Bear down under
- Dublin land
- 100 centavos
- To imbue with soul
- "___ Las Vegas" starring Elvis
- Bloodshot
- Horticultural implement
- Get it wrong
- *Warm current
- *Dry spell
- "Bye" to Banderas
- Pastrami holder
- "Umble" Heep
- "That is," Latin
- Reef fish
- Artillery burst
- Unit of force
- Hole puncher
- Senior

DOWN

- Castle feature
- Travelers' stops
- Hokkaido native
- *"___ St. Helens," erupted in 1980
- They come with marriage
- Wrinkly fruit
- "___ no evil..."
- Way out
- Kosher eatery
- *1972 deadly blizzard killed thousands here
- Goes with ding
- Lennon's lady
- "Black Death"
- Dough
- Mandela's org.
- Like a hippopotamus
- *Measured by seismograph
- Soviet entity
- Rand McNally book
- *It can get wild
- Pack down
- Basket material
- Band on coat of arms
- *It can happen in a flash
- 1952 Winter Olympics host
- Reality TV star Spelling
- "___ Say Never"
- ENT, e.g.
- Local network
- Kindle
- Land of "Gangnam Style"
- Like country life
- Whirlpool
- Property right
- Facial protrusion
- "The Farmer in the ___"
- Embellish
- Possess or hold
- *God of thunder
- *This usually quickly follows disasters
- Coniferous tree

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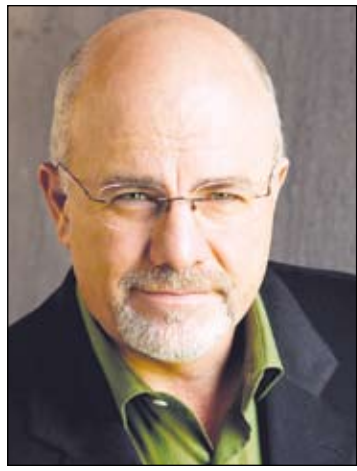
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Housing includes Taxes and Insurance

Dear Dave,
You recommend that no more than 25 percent of your monthly income go toward a house payment. Does this figure include taxes and insurance too?
- Ryan

Dear Ryan,
Yes, it does. Your housing payment should not exceed 25 percent of your monthly take-

home pay on a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage.

When it comes to buying a house, the goal is not to live in the Taj Mahal or have something so expensive you end up being "house poor." When buying a home, especially for first-time homebuyers, you should look for something nice — in a decent area — that you can get paid off as quickly as possible.

It's really not a big deal if you cheat a couple of percentage points one way or the other. But 25 percent is a good rule of thumb to ensure you'll still have money left over to live on, save and invest!

- Dave
Be Very Kind and Very Grateful

Dear Dave,
My mom and dad took out a whole life insurance policy for me when I was born. The cash value is \$2,500, and my husband and I want to cash it out and put the money toward paying off debt. We already have larger term life insurance policies in place, but I'm worried that doing this will offend my parents. What should I do?
- Laura

Dear Laura,
I think the real question is how many toxic things will you do

because you're afraid you might offend them. Whole life policies are financially toxic. They're a bad product, and keeping it for no better reason than it might hurt their feelings a little bit isn't much of a reason — especially when the alternative is paying down debt and getting your financial life in order.

I know this is mom and dad we're talking about, so you'll have to be nice about everything. But at the same time, your parents have to realize it's your life and you make the decisions. Try sitting down with them and gently explaining that while you appreciate and love them for their generosity, you're going to cash it out and use it to get out of debt. Let them know you're not wasting their gift, and that you're using it to make a positive impact on your lives.

You're not doing anything disrespectful, Laura. Just be very clear about the reason and loving with your explanation. Then, if they chose to become a little emotional or resentful, that's on them. If they get really upset and want the money back, you can do that too. But getting your financial house in order is much more important than hanging on to a bad financial product you don't need in the first place.
- Dave

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Jesuit High School Named 2014 Robotics Champions

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Sacramento's Jesuit High School Robotics Team defended its underwater championship title at the 13th annual Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) International Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, MI. The results were announced Saturday, June 28, 2014.

Jesuit Robotics competed against 28 teams representing schools from Canada, China, China-Hong Kong, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Norway, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States. At the end of competition, Jesuit High School (Carmichael, CA, United States), was counted as one of five 2014 MATE finalists with Bauman Moscow Technical University (Moscow, Russia), Far Eastern Federal University (Vladivostok, Russia), Maritime State University (Vladivostok, Russia), and Alexandria University (Alexandria, Egypt).

In addition to achieving the overall MATE championship, Jesuit High School also won the "Best Poster" competition which presented the MATE challenge and Jesuit Robotics' solution to the general public. That poster will be published in an upcoming

issue of the prestigious Journal of Ocean Technology. Jesuit Robotics' 2012 MATE poster was also published in the Journal of Ocean Technology.

Senior Alex Aprea was awarded the honor of "Engineering MVP," in recognition of his excellent leadership in the engineering presentation of the competition.

Jesuit Robotics' 20-member team developed their 2014 ROV over the course of six months to accomplish a series of tasks and challenges defined by the MATE board, with a theme of exploring the Great Lakes and preserving our national marine heritage sites. The mission tasks simulated exploring, surveying and identifying a shipwreck, then conducting scientific studies and conservation activities around the wreck. Jesuit's robotics students machined nearly every major component on the vehicle, built unique printed circuit boards, wrote control software, and developed sensors and fiber-glass buoyancy devices. Using structured program management techniques, Jesuit Robotics students then practiced the many complex and time limited tasks required to successfully complete the 2014 MATE challenge.

In addition to the actual mission execution, Jesuit students wrote a 25 page technical report

explaining their design rationale, developed a trade show poster display summarizing their efforts, and presented their ROV and design rationale to a panel of robotics industry experts.

The Jesuit Robotics team won the championship in 2007, 2011 and 2013. It is the first team in the history of MATE competition to win back-to-back championships, 2013 and 2014. These achievements are all the more remarkable as Jesuit High School is one of only a small number of secondary schools to compete against university teams in the Explorer Class of the MATE competition.

Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) international competition is funded by the National Science Foundation, the Marine Technology Society ROV Committee, and other international organizations and businesses. MATE challenges K-12, community college, and university students to design and build ROVs to tackle missions modeled after real-life experience working in deep water environments. For more information about the MATE ROV competition, visit www.marinetech.org/rov-competition/ or contact Caroline Brown at (401) 338-8980 or email cbrown@marinetech.org. ★

Source: Jesuit High School

Music Camp: Holy Moses! Bring It On!

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All lessons require the student to have an instrument. Instruments can be rented at any local music store. Chimes and recorders will

be provided. Music Camp is for children grades 1-6 and youth mentors grades 7-8.

The week culminates with a musical performance that demonstrates the children's newly learned talents on Sunday, August 3, during the worship service. This year's musical is Holy Moses, a modern day children's look at the highlights of Moses' life in a show-biz way. The musical is loaded with songs full of puns such as "Moses was a basket case." Yet, it packs a powerful godly message for all. The week-long event costs

only \$40 if registered by 7/21 and \$45 later but does fill up quickly. Snacks will be provided daily.

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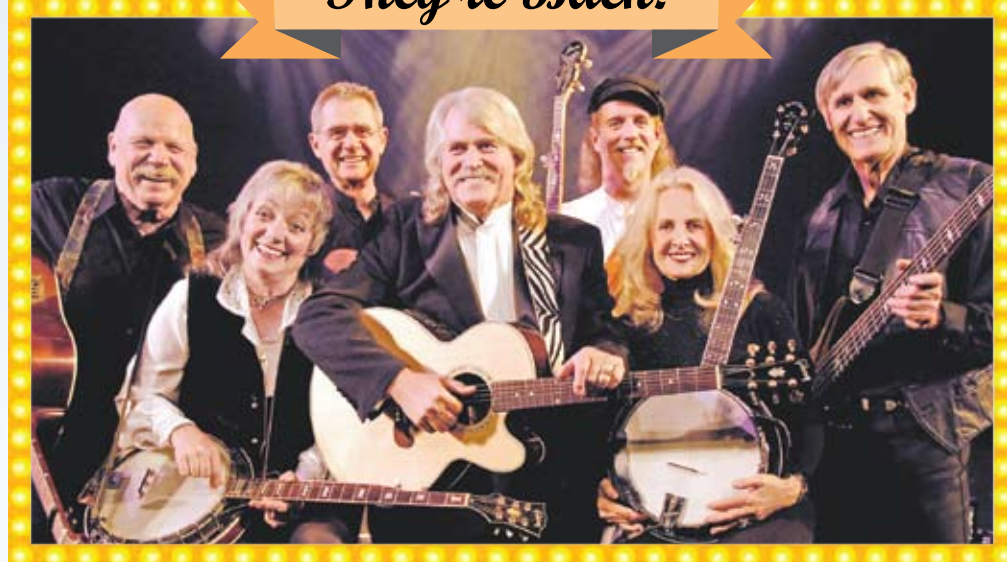
The play premiered in Los Angeles to rave reviews. The Los Angeles Times call "The Brain From Planet X", "Wildly funny... wittily staged, sharply cast and graced with some catchy numbers." The Beverly Hills Outlook called "The Brain, "Fun theatre! Silly, spoofy, and goofy!"

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