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Women's Empowerment Program Celebrates 900th Success Story



Women's Empowerment graduated 29 women, once homeless, from its comprehensive job training program on March 22. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thébaud Communications.

SACRAMENTO REGION – Twenty-nine women graduated from Women's Empowerment's job-readiness program for women who are homeless on March 22, including the group's 900th graduate, Stacey Jackson, age 53. Jackson is now in housing and enrolled in Paratransit Inc.'s vehicle operator training program.

"Women's Empowerment showed me that you can do things and make changes after 50," Jackson said. "I am now very proud to see what I see when I

look in the mirror. The changes I've gone through have shed a whole new light on my life."

Jackson was born in Missouri to a low-income military family that mostly ate rice and beans. She and her sisters slept in one room while her brother slept in the living room. She married, and 31 years later, her husband left her. She lost her house and turned to Women's Empowerment for help. At Women's Empowerment, she drew on her father's work ethic and encouragement to continually "better themselves."

"At orientation, I was asked why I wanted to come to Women's Empowerment," Jackson said. "I told them I have too much talent and too many skills not to share myself with the world."

More than 200 community members, including graduates' mentors and families, attended the graduation where each graduate shared her story and future plans through poetry, songs and speeches centered around the theme, "diamonds in the rough." Each woman received a donated gift bag filled with

a day planner and other items designed to help her succeed. The gift bags were donated by the Zonta Club of Sacramento and Soroptimist International of Greater Sacramento.

"We are profoundly proud of each of these 29 women who have joined 887 other women who were once homeless but have found a safe home, a steady job and a healthy lifestyle," said Lisa Culp, Women's Empowerment executive director. "They are breaking the cycle of homelessness for generations to come."

Women's Empowerment offers the only comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women who are homeless and their children. The 2009 Nonprofit of the Year has graduated 916 homeless women and their 1,379 children. Last year, 94 percent of graduates found homes and 73 percent found jobs or enrolled in school. The program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes and support services to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment is funded solely through private donations from the community. For more information and to donate online, visit www.womens-empowerment.org.

Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications

Get Ready for the Annual Parkway Half Marathon

SACRAMENTO REGION – Sacramento Friends In Training (SacFit) and Capital Road Race Management (CRRM) announced recently that the Sixth Annual American River Parkway Half Marathon—a leading fundraising running event for the benefit of the American River Parkway – will host over 4000 participants and 300 volunteers this weekend.

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, SacFit and CRRM will present the American River Parkway Half Marathon and 5K (www.parkwayhalf.com) for runners and walkers. The race and post-race festivities will be held on the American River Parkway. All the proceeds from the event are committed to supporting the American River Parkway.

Race Director Ken Press of SacFit reflected upon last year's race, "The fifth annual American River Parkway Half Marathon continues as the only major race in the Northern California area to go Green including the first-ever race to feature race shirts made of 100% recycled materials."

The fifth annual race sold out at 4000 registrants – smashing all attendance records for community events along the Parkway and cementing the race as the largest and most popular community event along the American River Parkway.

Press added, "A major factor in the success of the race is its unique features—it takes place on one of the most scenic and tranquil sections of the parkway trail, away from traffic and urban congestion, and has separate race courses for runners and walkers – the only race in the world having this unique course format—enabling race amenities to be appropriately tailored for each group."

Race Manager Rich Hanna of CRRM, and local endurance athlete legend, has recommitted to managing the race. According to Hanna, "The park and its beautiful trails are a jewel for bikers, runners and hikers in the greater Sacramento region. Thousands regularly train and work out on the trail, including myself, and we all benefit from a world class park. After only two short years, the Parkway Half Marathon is the community fundraiser for the American River Parkway much like what the Run To Feed The Hungry is to local food banks. Come support and join in this important civic event."

The American River Parkway is the longest contiguous urban riparian open space in the nation. The 5,000+ acre county park extends for 23 miles from Discovery Park near Old Sacramento to the Nimbus Fish Hatchery at Hazel Avenue in Sacramento, California and is considered the jewel of the Sacramento region.

San Juan District Honors Top Teachers



Music man, Rick Baker (center) was among educators recently feted as 2012 teachers of the year by the San Juan School District. The band director posed with Arden Middle School's jazz band, Gelato. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

By Susan Maxwell Skinner
FAIR OAKS – Months from retirement, Carmichael music teacher Rick Baker was among

education professionals recently lauded by the San Juan Unified School District. The district hosted an awards banquet in

honor of the 16 middle school teachers and counselors at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church.

A Rio Americano and CSUS

graduate, honoree Rick Baker has been 33 years in San Juan District employ. Teaching 23 years at Arden Middle School, he has led many bands to competition victories. His protégés in the school's Gelato jazz group recently won top honors at a CSUS competition. The jazzy eighth graders serenaded teachers and guests at the awards banquet. Now 61, their "Mister Baker" will retire this summer and looks forward to giving back to the community by playing his trumpet in volunteer bands.

San Juan's other middle school teacher/counselor awardees were:

- Amber Betzler and David Traversi (Arcade);
- Rick Baker and Takoa Stathem (Arden);
- Glenn Bisquera and Erin O'Brien (John Barrett);
- Pete Hinman and Marilyn Hesse (Andrew Carnegie);
- Jamie Masse and Ladonna Ray (Winston Churchill);
- Brandalyn Burke and Pete Ribadeneira (Louis Pasteur);
- Jinne Horgor and Svetlana Popov (Will Rogers);
- Daniel Gamba, Jr and Jennifer James (Sylvan).

Sacramento's Best Poets Perform to Benefit the Food Bank

The April 30 Fundraiser at the Sacramento Poetry Center Will Raise Funds for a Vital Local Charity

SACRAMENTO REGION – Seven local poets will feature in a charity reading at the Sacramento Poetry Center, located at 1719 25th Street in Sacramento, on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 7:30 PM. All proceeds and donated canned goods collected at the event will go to support the Sacramento Food Bank.

The talented poets who will read include Allegra Silberstein (current Poet Laureate of Davis, CA), David Gay, Jen Jenkins, Josh Fernandez, Rebecca Moos, Trina Drotar, and Todd Cirillo (a Grass Valley poet). The event is also being hosted by local poets, including Lytton Bell, Bill Pieper and Laura Baumann Otsubo.

The Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services is a local, non-profit agency committed to serving individuals and families in need. With a staff of 40 and a volunteer force of over 4,000, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services provides free emergency goods and services to nearly 15,000 unduplicated

men, women and children each month.

Since 1979, the Sacramento Poetry Center's mission has been to promote and advance the practice and application of poetry and the literary arts in our community, to enliven and extend the cultural boundaries of Sacramento's literary arena by

creating and maintaining forums for local writers; to support and empower emerging and established poets, and to bring the best practitioners of the craft into the community.

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A fire truck siren announced Carmichael Park's much-anticipated egg scramble for kids and adult coaches. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL – One of Carmichael's most popular park events was hatched and dispatched without a hitch on Saturday. Photojournalist Susan Maxwell Skinner joined a stampede of 800 hyper kids (and at least as many excited parents) during the annual egg hunt in Carmichael Park.

Fire fighters, clowns, face-painters, politicians and pancake flippers also entered the fray. Serenaded by their own big band, fundraising Carmichael Kiwanis served 400 breakfasts and over 1500 pancakes in the park club house. The club co-sponsors the park's Easter blow-out and contributes over 30 volunteers. Key Club members, Boy Scout, Venturing Crew Club teenagers and Park District staffers swelled the volunteer ranks.

Dapper in a yellow waist coat,

the ever-popular Easter lapin contained his fans until a fire siren signaled the mayhem to begin. No injuries were reported but 4000 treat-filled eggs

disappeared in minutes.

For information of future Carmichael Park District events, go to www.carmichaelpark.com



Easter parade. Carmichael friends Paige Gaither (6), Ashley Promes (5) and Hannah Barrett compared fashions. At 17 months, Aubrie Edvalson made a head start on accessorizing. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

Local Host Families Needed for Foreign Teens

SACRAMENTO REGION – Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. This is the last chance for these young ambassadors to fulfill their life-long dreams, and their placement deadlines are rapidly approaching.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) President, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives

match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands, Brazil, Korea, Mexico, Denmark, China, and many other countries.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The orga-

nization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Free Paper Shredding in Sacramento

BBB encourages consumers to protect their identities

SACRAMENTO REGION – Consumers and businesses are invited to protect their identities by shredding confidential documents at a free paper shredding event on Saturday, April 21, 2012 in the north parking lot of the 900 Howe Ave location of River City Bank.

Mobile shredding trucks will be on site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist in shredding up to six boxes of documents per individual, compliments of American Mobile Shredding. Boxes one through three are free to shred. A \$3 donation for boxes four, five and six is requested to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Sacramento.

In 2010, identity theft cost Americans \$37 billion and affected 8.1 million adults, according to Javelin Research &

Strategy. The average consumer lost \$631 to identity theft.

"Identity theft is a serious crime affecting a wide population," said Gary Almond, president of BBB serving Northeast California. "Shredding sensitive documents is an excellent way to help in preventing the crime."

Consumers are urged to shred anything containing financial information, account numbers, PINs, birth dates or Social Security numbers.

For more information, contact BBB at 916-443-6843 or visit neal.bbb.org.

In addition to shredding sensitive documents, BBB offers the following top five ways consumers can safeguard their identities:

1. Check your credit report at least once/year. There is only

one source authorized to give you ONE FREE annual credit file disclosure/year from each of the three consumer credit reporting companies: Call 877-322-8228 or visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com.

2. Keep your computer system and browser software up to date, and set to the highest security level you can tolerate.

3. Never use e-mail to communicate sensitive personal information such as your user name, password, Social Security number or credit card number.

4. Don't store passwords, tax returns or other financial information on your computer hard drive.

5. Don't use your cell phone to store credit card numbers or other financial information.

Carmichael Geranium Society Monthly Meeting

Friday, April 13th,

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By George Valverde – Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles

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A: As with any time you move, you should report this change of address to the California DMV using a Change of Address form that can be found at www.dmv.ca.gov. Please also notify DMV, in writing, to report that the vehicle was removed from California and will be registered in another state or country. Your letter must include the following information:

- California License plate number, and/or,
- Vehicle identification number, and
- Date vehicle left California (MM/DD/CCYY), and mail to: DMVPO Box 942869, MS C271 Sacramento, CA 94269-0001

A status will be added to the vehicle record to prevent billing notices from being mailed.

Q: Is it possible to "remove" points from your driving record?

A: Points are not something you want on your driving record,

and they can be assigned as a result of collisions or traffic tickets. Generally, collisions where you are at fault are one point and tickets are between one and two points. The only way to remove points from a driving record is to wait. Most points stay on your record for three years. Depending on severity, points may stay on your record for up to 10 years. If you receive a traffic citation, some courts will allow you to attend traffic violator school to keep a point from being added to your record. To avoid accruing points, always follow the traffic laws and avoid reckless behavior. Be certain that you are driving defensively and never distracted while on the road. Keep this advice in mind, and you will be able to keep points off of your driving record! For more detailed information about points on your driving record, visit www.dmv.ca.gov.

Q: I received a letter stating that my Personalized License Plate request was denied. Why wasn't I informed of this when I placed the order online?

A: When ordering a Personalized License Plate online, a general search of our records allows the order if the plate configuration is available. However, specific regulations require DMV to review every order and ensure that the plate does not violate these regulations. This manual process is not done when your plate is ordered. When the review is complete, a final determination regarding the acceptability is made and the customer is notified. For more information on specialized plates, please visit www.dmv.ca.gov.

The DMV is a department under the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Acting Undersecretary Traci Stevens. The DMV licenses drivers, maintains driving records, registers and tracks official ownership of vehicles and vessels, investigates auto and identity-related fraud, and licenses car dealers, driving schools, and traffic violator schools. For more information about the DMV, visit www.dmv.ca.gov.

Nature Center Joins Carmichael Chamber, Holds Mixer

CARMICHAEL – The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is joining the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and is hosting a "mixer" to mark the occasion. The event is this Wednesday April 11th at the Nature Center.

The Center will also announce the beginning of a recycling partnership with American Chemistry Council

and Keep California Beautiful.

Guests are invited to arrive at 5:30 for networking, and the event really gets going around 6:15 with raffle prizes and more.

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is located inside Ancil Hoffman County Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, off Tarshes Drive in Carmichael.

The San Lorenzo entrance to

Ancil Hoffman Park is permanently locked and the only way to enter the Effie Yeaw Nature Center by car is from Tarshes Drive and California Avenue. (WARNING: Internet mapping software often gives inaccurate directions through San Lorenzo.)

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Obama's Monumental Misunderstanding

Commentary By
Dr. John A. Sparks

President Obama recently complained about the possibility of the Supreme Court striking down Obamacare. He used the term "unprecedented" and was critical of "judicial activism" engaged in by "unelected" judges. In so doing, he showed his monumental misunderstanding of American government, which should be of concern to every American who values constitutional government.

Let's take each claim in turn. The first is the assertion that if the Supreme Court were to find the healthcare law to be unconstitutional, it would be acting in an unprecedented way. As my beginning undergraduate constitutional history students know, the Court has struck down all of or parts of federal enactments for over 200 years. Beginning with the best-known constitutional case in American history in 1803, Marbury v. Madison, Supreme Court justices established themselves as members of that branch of government whose province it is to strike down any legislation that is repugnant to the higher law of the Constitution. Ever since, when necessary, the Supreme Court has acted in that capacity. The latest U.S. Government Printing Office tally of Congressional acts declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court through 2002 lists 158 pieces of legislation

struck down. If one adds state and local laws found unconstitutional by the Court, the number is over 1,300.

The president also complains that the judges who threaten his Affordable Care Act are "unelected." Of course, Obama knows full well that Supreme Court judges, as with all federal judges, must be appointed by the president of the United States, an elected official. Further, all federal judges must be confirmed by action of the Senate, also made up of elected officials. The idea that no elected officials play a part in choosing Supreme Court judges is fiction. What is more perplexing about the president's statement is that he himself has appointed two Supreme Court judges. If he were to be elected for a second term, he would likely have the opportunity to appoint another Supreme Court judge, meaning that he would have appointed one third of the Court. Also, what the president refuses to recognize is that the Founders did not intend the federal government to be constituted entirely by direct popular election. The government is to be made up of a mixture of elected and appointed officials to resist, among other things, the power of short-lived majorities to destroy long-standing constitutional protections.

Finally, President Obama argues that if the Supreme Court found his healthcare law unconstitutional, it would be an

example of "judicial activism" long condemned by conservatives. Again, the president sees any legitimate restraint on his ideological agenda as unwarranted. The careful consideration of whether a piece of legislation is consistent with the powers granted to the legislative branch by the Constitution is not judicial activism. It is doing what the Court is called upon to do—restrain attempts by any branch to usurp power. Real judicial activism occurs when the Court concocts "new rights" which are not found in the Constitution nor approved by any legislature, such as in *Roe v. Wade*.

President Obama is wrong on all three counts. If the Court strikes down Obamacare, it will be nothing new, and it will not be the product of judicial excess.

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Dr. Bob Graykowski



Everyone knows that multiple daily servings of fresh fruit do wonders to reduce weight and supply the body with an abundance of vitamins, minerals and fiber. But Chiropractic USA also wants patients to know that fruit has the ability to slash risks for chronic diseases, such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

What makes fruit so healthy? Among other wellness-boosting ingredients, fruit contains flavonoids, molecules with vast health-promoting effects ranging from anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, and anti-bacterial to anti-viral. Flavonoids also promotes antioxidants, substances that slow down oxidation, a process causing cell and tissue damage and disease.

1. Awesome Apples
The old adage "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" is factual, say scholars and research studies. Eating a diet rich in apples may ward off lung disease.

2. Perfect Persimmons
Apples may need to share the spotlight with another round and brightly hued fruit: the persimmon. Persimmons contain significantly higher concentrations of dietary fiber, potassium, magnesium, calcium, iron, manganese and antioxidant compounds – nutrients that are all instrumental in fighting atherosclerosis.

Top 10 Disease-Fighting Fruits

3. Bountiful Berries
Summer is the perfect time to enjoy a bowlful of ripe, sweet berries. Top them off with a dab of organic yogurt for a sublime, wellness-boosting treat.

One study included extracts of six of the most popular berries: blackberries, black and red raspberries, blueberries, cranberries and strawberries. Researchers evaluated each berry's ability to inhibit colon and prostate tumor cells. As the concentration of berry extract increased, so did its cancer-fighting properties.

4. Fabulous Figs
Figs provide a rich source of dietary fiber. What's more, they are loaded with powerful, disease-fighting antioxidant chemicals.

Researchers from the University of Scranton found that "figs produced a significant increase in plasma (blood) antioxidant capacity for four hours after consumption".

5. & 6. Outstanding Oranges and Beneficial Bananas

One seven-year study included 328 children 2 years of age and younger. Regular consumption of oranges and bananas during the first two years of life was associated with a reduction in the risk of childhood leukemia diagnosed between the ages of 2 and 14 years.

"These results suggest that fruits that contain vitamin C and/or potassium may reduce the risk of childhood leukemia."

7. Great Grapes
Grapes are packed with vitamins and nutrients; however, the skin may be the most nutrient-dense part. The skin of grapes contains a natural compound called resveratrol, which may help protect against cancer. Resveratrol fought cancer in its three states: initiation, promotion and progression. Certain Red wines were also included in this study.

8. Powerful Pears
The unadorned pear is far from simple when it comes to its health benefits. This nutritional dynamite, which is best picked hard and ripens from the inside out, is loaded with heart-healthy benefits.

9. Potent Pomegranates
Don't let pomegranates' tough dry skin fool you: Its inner, glistening ruby-red seeds hold a treasure trove of health riches.

A jeweled-like interior and tart yet sweet juice give rise to its "fruit of paradise" nickname. And its health claim-to-fame lies in its cancer-fighting properties.

10. Amazing Avocados
Avocados? A fruit? Believe it or not, avocados are a fruit. What may surprise you even more is that an avocado-rich diet may help reduce unhealthy forms of cholesterol.

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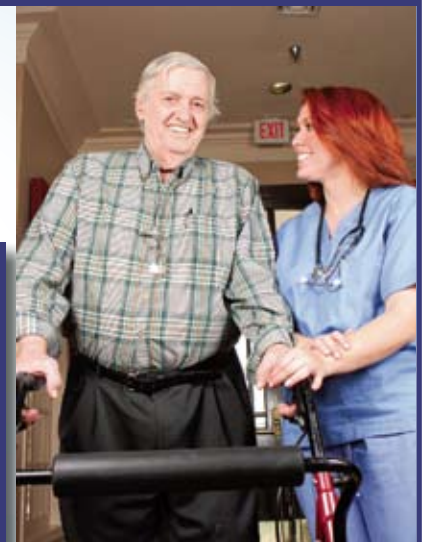
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IRS Tax Resolution or Tax Problem Complication

The relationship between the IRS and taxpayers who have tax problems is parallel to a citizen relationship with government, any government. It is a powerful Leviathan vs. a helpless governed. Anyone who is calling for additional power to the government should be the first put to hang by the very government he is advocating for.

What is a government anyway? A government is any police officer in the street. One that has the power to book you to later release you "because there was no charges to be pressed." It is any one in EPA, any one in immigration department, the CIA and the IRS.

It is a relationship between a citizen vs. citizen. One of the two has worn a uniform that gave him Devine mandate to be superior. One citizen who can be making mistakes and may apologize, at best, and moves on. The other citizen apologizes to be scoffed off and laughed at, "Don't you know that we need evidence. We need papers." Apology does not avail the hapless citizen, the normal citizen, the governed citizen. He needs to prove, always prove, apology won't do.

I submitted a package that was subject to an IRS audit. The package was left there somewhere in a stack somewhere in an office corner without being acted on. The IRS is tying up over four hundred thousand dollars to

be held from the taxpayer until the IRS makes a decision on the case. You would think they will after one conference with them to have a tax resolution, after two conferences, after even ten conferences? Ten conferences did not do the trick. They would not start the tax audit and they would not allow the money to be released.

ten months later and complain upon compliant, they finally assigned the case to an auditor after taxpayer advocate gets into the picture to start the tax audit. The auditor, mighty, dignified and superior as always, wanted some papers which I have previously given to the IRS (I sent all my documents twice because they lost the original documents or they don't want to look for it.) Then with full authority, the auditor in charge of the tax audit gives me a deadline of one week to send the documents.

Now I want to get this right. You have had the documents for several months without even looking at it. After I beg and scream murder to everyone that would listen, you give me one week? I will be happy to comply with the week. Actually I welcome the speed.

But you would think there may be an apology and some consideration to allow taxpayers a space to comply, especially after the long negligence on their part. This is the government that

errs and not be erred against, that derides but dare you dried back. This what I am talking about. "I don't care how many months you have been waiting. I just got it and you will do as you told," said the IRS voice on the other line.

Is this the tyranny that I am talking about? Is this the government power vs. the helpless citizen? Is this why I should scream? Is this why that we all should scream to a cacophony that vibrates into an earthquake shaking things up. I never like tyranny (no one else does, for that matter, I hope.) I am subjected to it. And in my effort to provide a tax help to my clients, I have to be obsequious. This is hard.

No matter what tax resolution you seek to negotiate tax debt, or back taxes, expect to be facing a giant, a powerful citizen on the other side. Be courteous, show deference and lower your gaze. Otherwise, your offer in compromise or your tax audit may get more complicated. Don't magnify your tax problem.

Dean has 30 years experience as a CPA and tax consultant and he is currently on two radio shows. He is the managing director of National Financial Advisors (NFA Tax Help), a national firm headquartered in Houston. He is also a Chartered Financial Consultant and Chartered Life Underwriter. He consults exclusively on tax matters particularly tax audits and tax collections at both the federal and the state levels.

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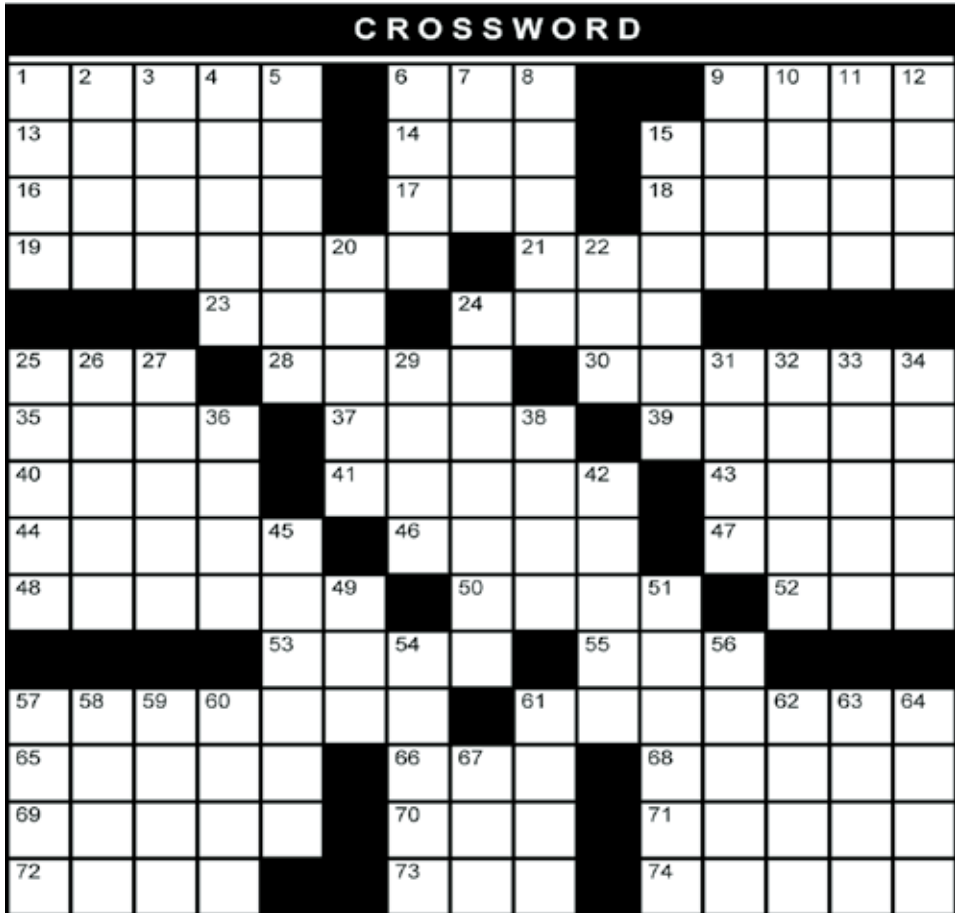
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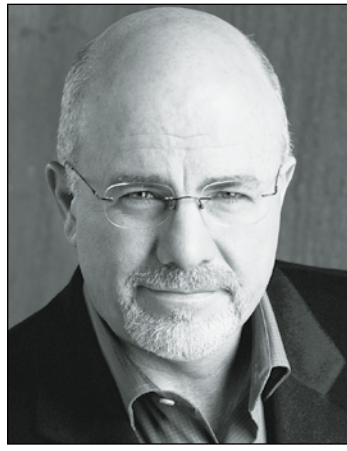


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- ACROSS**
- 1. Jacobs and Chagall, e.g.
 - 6. Lake in Provence
 - 9. Angelina's partner
 - 13. Seize or take over
 - 14. Boxer Clay
 - 15. Grease another's palms
 - 16. Lord's estate
 - 17. For every
 - 18. Painter's helper
 - 19. *Endangered _____ Act
 - 21. *Re-purpose
 - 23. Traveler's destination
 - 24. Evade payment
 - 25. End of a fuse?
 - 28. *Quickly spreading desert
 - 30. Island famous for bears
 - 35. Faubourg Saint-Honore and Rivoli, e.g.
 - 37. Where batters practice
 - 39. Neatly smart in dress, dapper
 - 40. Gaelic
 - 41. Acquired behavior pattern
 - 43. Freezing temperature in Celsius
 - 44. Colorado national park
- DOWN**
- 1. "_____ the word"
 - 2. As quickly as you can
 - 3. Ancient Germanic alphabet
 - 4. Cash Return on Capital Invested
 - 5. *Rachel Carson's "Silent _____"
 - 6. 200 of these in Daytona 500
 - 7. Type of brew
 - 8. Type of clouds, pl.
 - 9. Make like a donkey
 - 10. Reduced instruction set computer
 - 11. Cain's victim
 - 12. Mark for omission
 - 15. Appear inviting
 - 20. Steve Buscemi's character on "Boardwalk Empire"
 - 22. Bugling ungulate
 - 24. Beginning of universe?
 - 25. *An objective is to save these
 - 26. _____ Ratched from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
 - 27. *Outer layer of seeds
 - 29. Sheep cries
 - 31. Fog or stupor
 - 32. Milk and bread on a grocery list, e.g.
 - 33. Courtyards
 - 34. *_____ Protocol, a framework for climate change
 - 36. Nostradamus, e.g.
 - 38. Irish name of Ireland
 - 42. Something best not mentioned
 - 45. "In the grand _____ of things"
 - 49. Center of activity
 - 51. Cozy and warm
 - 54. Usually depicted as beautiful maiden
 - 56. Boredom
 - 57. God of thunder
 - 58. *Atmospheric dust, vapor, smoke and moisture
 - 59. Aphrodite's son
 - 60. Popular rock opera
 - 61. "_____ Russia with Love"
 - 62. Ignorant person
 - 63. Male version of Emily
 - 64. Tear violently
 - 67. "_____ we there yet?"

For Solution See Page 7



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

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Dear Dave, I want to keep one of our creMy husband works two hours away from home. He gets up at 3 a.m. and doesn't get home until 7 p.m. We have a fully funded emergency fund, and he makes \$95,000 a year. My parents' place is an hour from his job, and they've offered to let us live with them. What do you think of this idea?

- Jessica

Dear Jessica, Why don't you just sell the house and move closer to where he works? If he makes that kind of money and you've got your emergency fund in place, you

Dave Says

should be able to handle moving costs. I've got to be honest, I'd do the two hours to work and two hours home drive maybe once before I'd begin seriously looking for a place much closer.

Right now, you guys don't have a life. And moving in with your parents wouldn't be much better. That poor guy practically lives on the road, and I'm sure you both want more quality time together. He sounds like a great guy, though, to be willing to go through all that. He's busting his tail and doing what it takes to provide for his family, but there's just no reason for either of you to go through this kind of pain and inconvenience.

Get your house on the market, and find a little rental near his job for now. You can rebuild part of your emergency fund if necessary, but if I'm in your shoes, I'm going to fix this logistical nightmare as fast as humanly possible!

- Dave

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Dear Dave,

My husband and I need to update our will, but we're not sure how to divide the money. All of our children are grown, including my three stepsons. The problem is that two of my stepsons are irresponsible with money and are drug users. Do you have any advice?

- Colleen

Dear Colleen, Typically, if you give money to a drug user they'll use it for one thing: drugs. Your goal as a parent is to love them and teach them to the best of your ability. Buying their drugs upon your death doesn't fall into either of those categories. There's absolutely nothing wrong with you deciding not to leave them any money as long as they're involved in this kind of activity.

If it were me, I'd have a reading of the will when the changes are made. Then, I'd sit down with the family members and explain why you've updated the will in this manner. Let them know you love them and want what's best for them, but you and your husband have decided you're not going to take a chance on funding any misbehavior on their part.

Make sure you let them know, too, that things can change if they change. They might be mad and fuss about it, but that's okay. Let them be mad. It's perfectly all right for you to attach stipulations to any inheritance they might receive, especially when it's for their own good!

- Dave

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-02196. Professional Prosthetics, Inc., 2844 Barbarell Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Professional Prosthetics, Inc.," at 2844 Barbarell Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 12, 2012. Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2012.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-02466. Sacramento Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6045 Camellia Ave., Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Your Neighbor Community Thrift Store" at 6200 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 19, 2012. Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2012.
YOURNE 120304 4-18-12

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2012-00120664 WHEREAS, Mi Mai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Mi True Mai to Michelle Mai. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on April 27, 2012 in Dept. 54, located at 720 9th St., Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: March 16, 2012. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2012.
MAI 120304 4-18-12

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2012-00121114 WHEREAS, Sharon Carmel Moore has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Sharon Carmel Moore to Sharon Carmel McIntyre. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on May 4, 2012 in Dept. 54, located at 720 9th St., Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: March 23, 2012. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2012.
MCINTY 120304 4-18-12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-01850. Jorge Martin Aluy, 3116 Avonmore Dr., Modesto, CA 95355 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Green Solutions" at 2516 San Jose Way, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Feb. 29, 2012. Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2012.
GREENS 120304 4-18-12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-02641. Joseph L. Breton and Julie A. Breton, both of 7004 Brayton Ave., Citrus Heights, CA 95621 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Names "Renovation Realty Solutions; Renovation Realty" at 7004 Brayton Ave., Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 23, 2012. Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2012.
PORTAL 120402 5-2-12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-02623. Marc Valdivia, 4301 Pasadena Ave. #5, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Universal Air Quality" at 4301 Pasadena Ave. #5, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 23, 2012. Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2012.
NORTHYA 120401 4-25-12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-02844. Meditel, LLC, 230 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "A to Z Wireless Kevin Nafar" at 2721 Del Paso Rd. #130, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 29, 2012. Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2012.
ATOZWI 120402 5-2-12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-03081. Paul V. Scholl, 983 Vallejo Way, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Names "Messenger Publishing Group; Carmichael Times; American River Messenger; Citrus Heights Messenger; Placer Sentinel; Orangevale Sun; Arden Advocate; Natomas Messenger; Sacramento Oracle; Placer Mercury; Auburn Sentinel; Joyful Living; Single Again Magazine" at 7144 Fair Oaks Blvd. #5, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 6, 2012. Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2012.
MESSEN 120402 5-2-12

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2012-00119089 WHEREAS, Cecilia Laura Webb has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Cecilia Laura Webb to Cecilia Laura Portala. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on May 16, 2012 in Dept. 53, located at 720 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: April 4, 2012. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2012.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2012-02598. Alexander Ray and Nicole Ray, both of 6731 Steele Oak Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "North Area Physical Therapy and Aquatic Therapy" at 476376 El Camino Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 22, 2012. Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2012.
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Riley Reviews

RAUNCHY, CRUDE HUMOR
APPLY REFRESHED IN
"AMERICAN REUNION"

Hannigan). Now, they have a toddler son, but a sex life gone stale.

Jim, of course, remains famous for a viral YouTube posting of his sexual antics in his school days. A return to East Great Falls for the reunion will rekindle a lot of memories, many of them embarrassing.

The reunion brings together the other familiar old school pals. Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas) travels the world on his motorcycle, and we wonder if we will reunite with Stifler's mom (Jennifer Coolidge), who remains as lustful as ever.

Kevin (Thomas Ian Nicholas), now also married, is an architect. The flamboyant Oz (Chris Klein) has found his place as a sportscaster and competitor on "Celebrity Dance-Off."

Both Kevin and Oz, one married and the other in a committed relationship, find some old passions rekindled when their former loves, Vicky (Tara Reid) and Heather (Mena Suvari) respectively, also show up.

Only Stifler (Seann William Scott), eternally crash and rude, with his wicked smile expressing unrestrained mischief, lingers in a state of perpetual adolescence.

Whether it is doing something unspeakable to someone's beer cooler or hitting on high school girls by faking interest in "Twilight," Stifler continues to be game for adventure and temptation.

Come to think of it, Jim's dad (Eugene Levy), always ready to give his son unwanted advice on sexual matters, is a comforting constant presence, because he's so damn funny.

Some of the best humor involves the discomfiting and embarrassing situations that usually ensnare the often inept and clueless Jim, even now that he's all grown-up.

A classic case is when Jim ends up in a compromising position with the drunken, naked body of the hot 18-year old neighbor Kara (Ali Corbin) that he used to baby-sit.

As Jim tries to get Kara back up into her bedroom undetected, Oz, Stifler and Finch fumble through clumsy efforts to preoccupy Kara's parents from discovering an unpleasant truth.

The agreeable reality of "American Reunion" is that, even if it is an irrepressibly ribald comedy with plenty of coarse gags, it is just outright funny.

To fully appreciate the bawdy humor one must be familiar with the "American Pie" franchise, but only the films that made it to a theatrical release.

TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

One of the few good reasons to come to Los Angeles, other than for nice weather and great beaches, is the third annual TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood, from April 12 to April 15.

Many of the classic films will feature prominent celebrities or film directors leading discussions. For instance, Mel Brooks will be on the program for a screening of "Young Frankenstein."

As noted in this space a few weeks ago, legendary filmmaker Stanley Donen will appear to talk about his films "Charade," "Funny Face," and "Two for the Road."

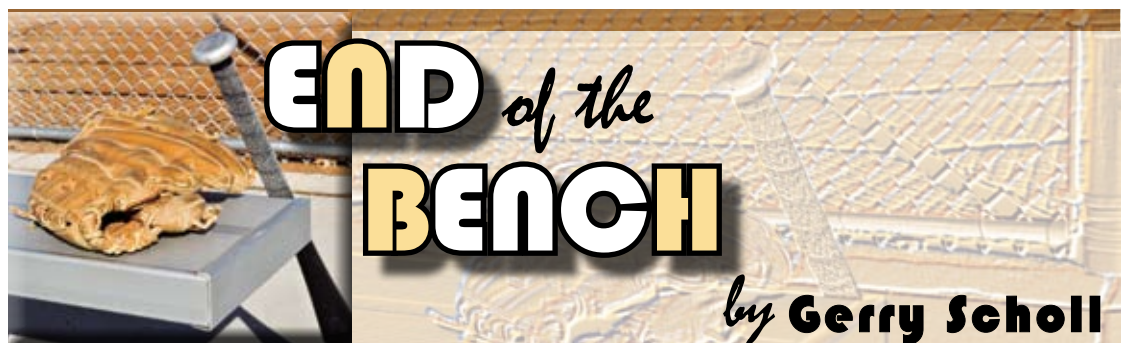
To honor the 50th anniversary of James Bond, there will be a special screening of "Dr. No." Eunice Gayson, memorable as Sylvia Trench, will be the host, along with later Bond girl Maud Adams.

Notable stars will appear in discussions at many screenings. Kim Novak will do the honors for "Vertigo," Kirk Douglas for "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," Angie Dickinson for "Rio Bravo," and Robert Wagner for "The Pink Panther."

The appearance of producer Robert Evans and screen writer Robert Towne for the classic noir film "Chinatown" is certain to be one of the many TCM highlights.

Opening night features the World Premiere Restoration of "Cabaret" with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey participating in the discussion.

The TCM Classic Film Festival just keeps getting better and more impressive. Film buffs should not miss out on this grand adventure.



To Be or Not To Be, Civilized

His name is Bubba. Not Bubba Smith or Bubba Paris. Not Bubba Gump. It's Bubba Watson, popular winner of The Masters in a two-hole playoff over Louis Oosthuizen on Sunday.

Watson, not Tom or Doctor, who is a favorite of fans and fellow touring pros, won his first major championship with the help of his bright pink driver, a couple tricky shots from the rough and consistent putting.

Bubba is known to be easy to tears. It has been said that he cries at stoplights. He broke down when his par putt clinched the win. Blubbering Bubba.

Crying golfers. A tradition like no other. Why does golf on television bug the heck out of me?

The final-round preview hype almost had me convinced I was in church — The Church of Golf. I suppose, to the golf world, Augusta National is just that.

CBS was really setting the tone with its celestial background music and announcer Jim Nantz' low-key sermon. Highlights of the opening ceremonies were replayed. When the Holy Trinity appeared — great Masters champions Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus, who hold 13 titles among them — to launch their symbolic tee shots, I had the urge to kneel as I watched.

Television treats the game's most prestigious players as if they are the high priests of

golf — Father Phil Mickelson, Reverend Tiger "Swoosh" Woods. They must be praised with venerable whispers like, "Nice, fancy pants. Nice shirt. Nice green jackets."

I wonder if this unconventional, shaggy-haired lefty named Bubba, by winning and joining the fraternity of victors, will cause a disturbance in the force?

Self-anointed Yoda, Nick Faldo, back-seat driver and CBS analyst with 20/20, after-the-fact vision, called Bubba one of the "exciting, young players." That drew snickers around the living room.

Exciting! Golf? Ok. I'll give in. I guess The Masters and the U. S. Open can be kind of exciting down the stretch in their own cute little ways.

Faldo thought it was pretty darn cute when "Ooo, Ooo" Oosthuizen, after he made just the fourth double-eagle ever at The Masters, flipped his famous golf ball to a fan in the well-behaved crowd without incident. Contrasting that to what would happen at a baseball game, St. Faldo said, "That was pretty civilized."

But, be honest — what gets you more worked up, more excited, a nice, soft touch on a subtle, 12-foot putt for par, or... a Gordie Howe hat trick?

Well, I was pretty relaxed in the recliner watching the golfers. But when the San Jose Sharks

had two Howe specials in their 6-5, shootout victory over the L. A. Kings last week, I got up to toast them with another beer. Two guys each with a goal, an assist and a fight in the same hockey game deserves as much.

The Sharks, almost given up for dead in the playoff push at the end of the season, had to win seven of their final nine games, including the last two in exciting overtime fashion over the Kings, to claim the seventh postseason seed in the Western Conference. Their string of five straight Pacific Division titles was broken by Phoenix, but they reached the playoffs for the seventh consecutive season.

Those last Kings' games were like playoff games — and there's not many things in sports more intense than playoff hockey. End-to-end, fast, physical, skilled non-stop action with a lot on the line — and they are doing it all on ice skates! It just grabs me a little more than some country-clubber strolling up the fairway in his plaid slacks.

The fights aren't usually as they were in "old-time hockey," though they do still go over the top once in awhile. It's a physical, intense sport and sometimes emotions can run pretty high, and maybe the gloves will come off. That's so uncivilized, but exciting — darn it.

I haven't seen any hockey players crying when they win, or lose.

A Film Review by Tim Riley

AMERICAN REUNION (Rated R)

For today's youth market, the delectably humorous "American Pie," though familiar in pop culture, will not be as fresh as, let's say, baked goods straight from the oven.

The sexual frustrations of high school seniors in 1999 was the foundation for plenty of raunchy humor, and by contemporary standards, "American Pie" is now almost dated.

In the intervening years, we've been subjected to the crude humor generated by Judd Apatow's school of comedy, from "Superbad" to "Knocked Up" to "Bridesmaids," just to name a prominent few.

Now, for no apparent reason other than to cash in on the good name of the "Pie" franchise, along comes "American Reunion," which wants to recapture some of the original film's underlying sweetness. And in spite of the misfires of previous sequels, it actually does.

Yet, the modern climate almost requires descending to the elemental nature of crude humor, whether brilliantly realized in "The Hangover" or uncouthly hewing to "American Pie's" unfortunate straight-to-video disasters.

"American Reunion" is a gamble by any measure, as its focus on a high school reunion that takes place, oddly enough, 13 years later is a sign of something off-kilter.

To enjoy a sequel happening so many years later, "American Reunion" demands familiarity with all the lovable characters, from the Stifmeister and Finch to Jim's dad and Stifler's mom.

The nominal protagonist is the awkward good guy Jim Levenstein (Jason Biggs), who married his high school sweetheart Michelle (Alyson



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Spring Fling With Pops



Singer Susan Skinner will be among soloists in the Capitol Pops free spring concert at Rusch Park on Saturday, April 21. Courtesy picture.

SACRAMENTO REGION – Composers ranging from George Gershwin to George Harrison and Lady Gaga will be saluted in a Capitol Pops concert on April 21. The Rusch Park (Citrus Heights) event also marks the popular concert band's 15th anniversary.

Under the baton of director Jerry Lopes, the 60-piece ensemble will present a two-hour concert to celebrate the birthday and the season. Downbeat is at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. The venue address is 7801 Auburn Blvd. For information, call (916) 967-1461 or visit www.capitolpops.org

Capitol Pops Announces Crystal Anniversary Concert Theme

SACRAMENTO REGION – “As time goes by” is the theme of the Capitol Pops Fifteenth Anniversary Concert taking place on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The free concert starts at 7:30 PM. Under the direction of Maestro Jerry Lopes, the performance will be located in the Rusch Park Gym, Citrus Heights.

As Time Goes By is also an American hit made famous in the movie Casablanca. The song reminds us that no matter what the future brings, time goes by. The Capitol Pops will present As Time Goes By, featuring local pop singer, Susan Maxwell Skinner. Susan is a vocalist extraordinaire with the John Skinner Band.

Maestro Jerry Lopes is a founding member. He claims to have forecasted 15 years ago the upcoming wall of sound. It

started with a press release announcing the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association is filling a demand for “a pops oriented performing group.” The first rehearsal was on February 6, 1997 at Foothill High School. Sixty musicians answered the cattle call. The first concert was at Carmichael Park on June 1, 1997. To celebrate the growth of the region and the growth of the band, the Capitol Pops explores the growth in band music.

The evening gets started as they Strike Up the Band. Immediately, it moves into a spirited rendition of Swings The Thing — performed in memory of lead trombone player, Jim Bortolotto. The grand finale is the sound-wall produced in the Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides. In between is Blue Skies — an Irving Berlin

classic sung by Katie Johnson, a student member from CSU, Sacramento. Go West is also featured. The migration west is dramatically portrayed through music from the ugly, through the bad, and to the good.

El Choclo, purportedly titled after a nightclub owner's nickname, may be the most popular tango in Argentina. Argentina tango is considered closest to authentic tango. Feel to music El Choclo's rhythmic close embrace. Fourteen additional band charts will complete the spectrum.

The Capitol Pops grew from within the community. Now they are followed at capitolpops.org and liked on Facebook. However, only fundamental things apply, as time goes by.

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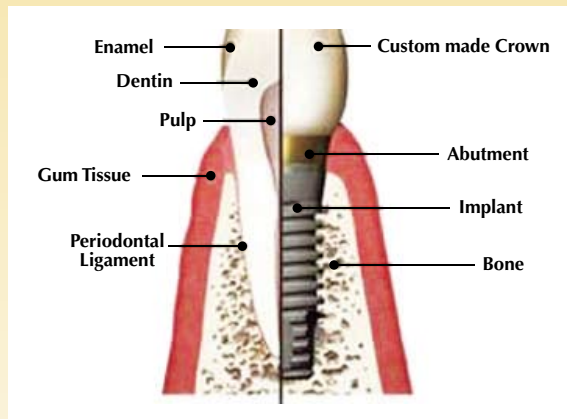


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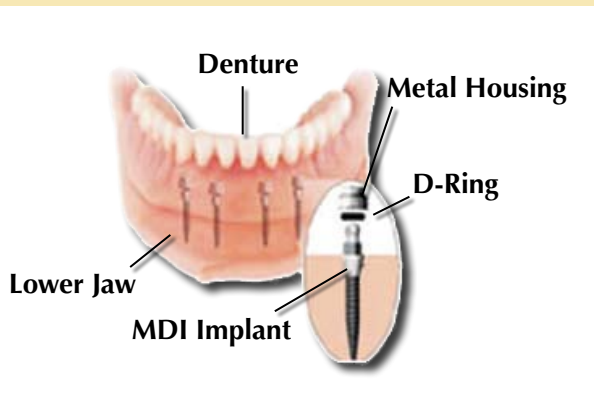
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A Case in Point

The Case of the Unlucky Driver

By David Graulich, Esq.

There's a tug-of-war in society between technology, which changes rapidly and constantly, and the law, which changes gradually and infrequently. Technologies such as cell phones or "tweeting" alter the social patterns of everyday life. The law struggles to catch up and stay relevant.

That's brings us to the story of Carl Nelson, the unlucky driver.

Mr. Nelson was driving his car in the city of Richmond, California on the morning of December 28, 2009. He stopped at a red light and decided, like many of us, to make use of the waiting time. Mr. Nelson opened his "flip-style" cell phone and began dialing to check email.

At this precise moment, a police officer pulled up on a motorcycle directly next to the driver-side door. The officer saw Mr. Nelson holding a cell phone to his ear and dialing. Mr. Nelson looked over, saw the police officer, removed the cell phone from his ear and closed it. We don't know Mr. Nelson's thoughts at this point, but they probably consisted of a two-word expression beginning with "Oh."

When the light turned green and Mr. Nelson drove through the intersection, the officer pulled him over and ticketed him for using a cell phone while driving. In traffic court, the ticket was upheld and a fine of \$103 was levied.

Most people would have given up and paid the \$103. Mr. Nelson, however, was sufficiently disturbed that he retained a law firm and appealed. The

California Appellate Court, First District, agreed to hear the case.

Mr. Nelson's lawyer made an interesting argument. He acknowledged Vehicle Code, Section 2313(a), which says, "A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone unless that telephone is specifically designed to allow hands-free listening and talking..."

That's the key, argued the lawyer. Mr. Nelson wasn't driving a motor vehicle. He was stopped at a red light and posed no risk to anyone. To quote the legal lingo: "The term 'drive' requires evidence of volitional movement of the motor vehicle as an element of the offense."

To use a cell phone while stationary was no more hazardous than various other things people do while waiting for a light to change – putting on make-up, eating a messy sandwich, reading a map, or changing radio stations, according to the argument.

The lawyer cited a 1991 decision, Mercer v. Department of Motor Vehicles. Police found a man asleep over the wheel of a car that was legally parked at the curb. The car had its lights on and engine running. The defendant was fined for driving under the influence – but on appeal the fine was overturned. Yes, Mercer was drunk; however, when police observed him, he wasn't driving. He was legally parked and asleep.

That gets us back to the Nelson case. When the Court announced its decision, it turned out that Mr.

Nelson's luck hadn't improved. He lost again.

"Driving" a car, said the decision, meant the same as "operating" a car. The court cited various cited California laws that used the words "drive" and "operate" interchangeably.

The drunk driver in Mercer was in a different situation. Mercer wasn't going anywhere, nor was he about to. However, drivers at a red light are still "operating" a car, and could pose a hazard if distracted – by their feet letting up on the brakes, for example, or by failing to promptly move as required by the traffic laws.

If Mr. Nelson wanted to use a cell phone at a red light, the Court concluded, he should install a hands-free wireless system and be in compliance with the law.

My guess is that California will have more litigation like this. What if I am stuck in dense traffic and call home to alert my family? What if I am in line at the McDonald's drive-thru and use the time to check email or call the office? Technology and law are destined to continue skirmishing in the courtroom.

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Lively Adaptation of "Pride And Prejudice" Opens at American River College Theatre



Left to right, back row: David Borad, Christopher Bogard, Stephanie Wurster, John Farnsworth, Haleema Muhammad. Left to right, front row: Lauren Hirsch, Delia Zhao. Photo by Brian Williams.

SACRAMENTO REGION – American River College continues its theatrical season with Jane Austen's immensely popular classic, "Pride and Prejudice." Originally adapted for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival stage by J.R. Sullivan and J. F. Hanreddy, this rendition of the beloved story brings Austen's work to vivid life as it fills the stage with regency dances, beautifully dressed men and women, and a tale of love that has truly stood the test of time. The show runs April 20 -29, with tickets ranging from \$10 to \$12. Group rates are also available.

The story of the play, in keeping with the novel, opens as the charming Mr. Bingley and the proud Mr. Darcy make an appearance at a neighborhood ball. Mrs. Bennet, with five daughters to find husbands for, is instantly aware of the possi-

bilities, and Jane, her eldest, is quite taken with one of the gallants. But Elizabeth, wise and merry, remains skeptical of these newcomers. Thus begins not one but two love stories...each with trials and tribulations that have mesmerized Jane Austen fans for nearly two centuries! Set in the early 1800s, this adaptation of Austen's beloved novel is a whirl of romance, intrigue, misunderstandings, pride-filled judgments, and joyous reconciliations.

Directed by Tracy Martin Shearer, the cast of 26 offers a fine array of student and community talent including Stephanie Wurster as Elizabeth, John Farnsworth as Darcy, and Laura Lay as the memorable Mrs. Bennet. With regency dances choreographed by Ed Brazo and costume and set designs by Elly-Award-winning designers Gail

Russell and Kathy Burleson, the production is certain to please Austen fans old and new!

All performances of "Pride and Prejudice" will be at the American River College Theatre, 4700 College Oak Drive. Sat/Sun parking is free in Lot "D" at the corner of college Oak and Myrtle, adjacent to the theatre. Thurs/Fri parking is \$1. Ticket prices are \$12/general, and \$10/student/senior/sarta. For tickets and information, go to artheatre.org or call the ARC Box Office at (916) 484-8234. Online tickets may be purchased at www.seatyourself.biz/artheatre.

"Pride and Prejudice" performance days and times are as follows:
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