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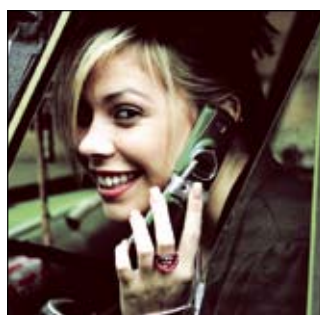
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Dog Lovers Pitch In



Carmichael Canine Corral Association supporters took a petting break during recent fundraising at Carmichael Park. The volunteers aim to raise \$125,000 for improvements to the park's off-leash facility. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

CARMICHAEL — Fido-friendly Carmichael Park last weekend hosted a fundraiser for Canine Corral improvements. Two off-leash exercise enclosures are a haven for socialized dogs — and equally socialized owners.

Televised by "Good day Sacramento," the event included a multi-mutt photo shoot. A 2012-13 calendar that features supporters' pooches will help toward the park's \$250,000 goal for coral renovation. New fences, better drainage, night lighting and sun protection

will bring the 10-year-old doggie domain up to scratch. The Carmichael Park District will meet half this expense, undertaking improvements in incremental phases. Users will fund the balance.

Canine Corral Association members have so far whistled up over \$12,000 toward the Corral Association's commitment. Commemorative bricks are selling from \$125 to \$250. Calendar inclusion commanded \$50 per month and was sold out in days. (For a total of \$300, cover and back page placement

fell by auction to the pampered poodles of association president Sus Brown.) Calendar copies are \$15 and will be available from the non-profit's website in January.

Future fundraisers include a pot luck dinner at the Carmichael VFO Hall (5750 Grant Ave), at 5:30 p.m. January 21. Admission is \$5 and the program will include guest speaker, Petco stores' regional trainer Tom J. Licido.

Learn more about the Canine Corral Association www.carmichaeldogpark.com.

Six Year-End Tips to Reduce 2011 Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service today reminded northern and central Californians that there is still time to take action to lower 2011 federal taxes.

"In order to claim certain benefits on your 2011 taxes, you need to take action no later than Dec. 31," said IRS spokesman David Tucker. "Taking steps now could save you money when you file your taxes next year."

Here are six steps that you can take before the year ends to save on your 2011 taxes:

Make Charitable Contributions

– Donations must be made to qualified charities no later than Dec. 31 to be deductible for 2011. Taxpayers must have a canceled check, a bank or credit card statement or a written statement from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Donations charged to a credit card by Dec. 31 are deductible for 2011 even if the bill isn't paid until 2012. Clothing and household items donated to charity must be in good used condition or better to be deductible.

Install Energy-Efficient Home Improvements

– Homeowners still have time this year to make energy-saving and green-energy home improvements and qualify for either of two home energy credits. Installing energy efficient improvements such as insulation, new windows and water heaters can provide up to \$500 in tax savings. Homeowners going green should also check out the Residential Energy Efficient Property Credit, designed to spur investment in alternative energy equipment. For details see Special Edition Tax Tip 2011-08.

Contribute the Maximum to Retirement Accounts

– Elective deferrals to employer-sponsored 401(k) plans or similar

workplace retirement programs, such as a 403(b) plan for employees of public schools and certain tax-exempt organizations, a governmental 457 plan for state or local government employees, and the Thrift Savings Plan for federal employees, must be made by Dec. 31. However, taxpayers have until April 17, 2012, to set up a new IRA or add money to an existing IRA and still have it count for 2011. A taxpayer normally can contribute up to \$5,000 to a traditional or Roth IRA, and up to \$6,000 if age 50 or over.

Consider a Portfolio Adjustment

– Check investments for gains and losses and make sales by Dec. 31. Taxpayers may normally deduct capital losses up to the amount of capital gains, plus \$3,000 from other income. Net capital losses that are more than \$3,000 can be carried forward and deducted in future years.

Make a Qualified IRA Charitable Distribution

– The qualified charitable distribution allows individuals age 70½ or over to exclude up to \$100,000 from gross income that is paid directly from their individual retirement accounts to a qualified charity. The excluded amount can be used to satisfy any required minimum distributions that the individual must otherwise receive from their IRAs in 2011.

Don't Overlook the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit

– Small employers that pay at least half of employee health insurance premiums may qualify for a tax credit of up to 35 percent of the premiums paid. An employer with fewer than 25 full-time employees that pays an average wage of less than \$50,000 a year may qualify. For more information see the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit page on IRS.gov.

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California DUI Deaths Drop to Record Low

SACRAMENTO — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced today that California's DUI deaths reached their lowest level ever in 2010. This also signifies the largest single yearly drop of DUI deaths in the past 14 years. A record low of 791 persons were tragically killed in DUI crashes on California roadways last year, compared to 950 in 2009. DUI deaths in California increased yearly from 1998 to 2005, but have decreased every year since 2005.

"This marks a huge milestone in the fight against drunk driving," said California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Director Christopher J. Murphy. "While we are elated by these figures, there were still 791 lives, futures, and dreams that will never be fully realized. We cannot back off from our ultimate

goal — toward zero deaths." The Office of Traffic Safety credits the record number of DUI checkpoints conducted in 2010 as partly responsible for the sharp reduction in DUI deaths. OTS allocated \$16.8 million in federal funds to law enforcement agencies to conduct 2,553 DUI checkpoints in 2010, up from the \$11.7 million allocated to 1,740 checkpoints in 2009.

According to NHTSA, checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. In addition, 88 percent of Californians surveyed report they support the use of checkpoints. Other contributing factors include countywide Avoid DUI Task Force operations that saw the California

Highway Patrol (CHP) team up with police departments across the state to arrest impaired drivers, the widespread recognition of the "Report Drunk Drivers Call 911" message promoted by CALTRANS through their changeable message signs, the many action items addressing DUI developed and implemented by state departments such as the Department of Motor Vehicles and local agencies through the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, the successful programs aimed at keeping alcohol from minors implemented by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), and the great work done by advocate and educational organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Safe Transportation Research and Education Center at U.C. Berkeley, and RADD

– the entertainment industry's voice for road safety.

"Preventing these tragedies remains our top priority," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "By combining DUI enforcement efforts of the entire law enforcement community, with the support and dedication of our traffic safety partners and the motoring public, we will continue to make strides toward reducing DUI fatalities." The announcement comes just days before the December 16 start of California's December DUI Crackdown and NHTSA's nationwide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign.

The increased enforcement campaign ends January 2. Statewide 2010 DUI arrest numbers have been consistent with the past five years and higher than any year between 1997-

2005. "California has taken a comprehensive approach to reducing drunk driving including aggressive use of sobriety checkpoints" said NHTSA Administrator David Strickland. "We commend California for its commitment to highway safety and efforts by its law enforcement officers to keep drunk drivers off the roads." "The people of California are to be congratulated along with all those who actively worked to avoid these tragedies," said Murphy. "They see that not only is drunk and drugged driving a serious crime affecting the lives of so many, it is now seen as a socially unacceptable behavior for everyone."

RT Conducts Pre-Paid Ticket and Pass Exchange

SACRAMENTO REGION- The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) encourages customers to exchange pre-paid tickets and passes with a December 31, 2011 expiration date for new fare media. Effective January 1, 2012, RT buses and light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid tickets and passes with

a December 31, 2011 expiration date. Customers may exchange Basic and Discount single fare tickets or daily passes for new fare media (September 30, 2014 expiration date). RT fares remain the same. RT will conduct even exchanges of fare media through February 29, 2012, at the RT Customer Service

and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station). The Customer Service and Sales Center is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed on weekends and most holidays). For route, schedule and fare information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sactr.com.

Foster Youth Receive Holiday Gifts and Stockings Through United Way's Women in Philanthropy



Women from United Way's Women in Philanthropy help fill stockings and wrap gifts for foster youth across the region. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thébaud Communications.

SACRAMENTO REGION – Ninety-six women donated 133 stockings and 150 gifts through United Way's Women in Philanthropy so 183 local foster youth, and those emancipated, would have holiday wishes fulfilled. Fifty foster youth in Sacramento County's Gifts From The Heart program received the holiday gifts they requested. United Way's Women in Philanthropy and community members also filled stockings for 133 current and emancipated foster youth with United Way's SenSe-Ability project funded partners: Amador-Tuolumne Community Resources, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, Koinonia Family Services and New Morning Youth and Family Services.

“Some of these kids are scared, suddenly removed from their homes during what is supposed to be the happiest season of the year,” said Lisa Watts, chair of United Way's Women in Philanthropy. “Others have experienced years of pain as they bounce from one foster home to another and now prepare to live on their own. United Way's Women in Philanthropy gives women across the region a tangible way to touch these kids' hearts during the holidays.” United Way's Women in Philanthropy brings women together to foster the future, preparing foster youth for a successful adulthood. A dynamic group of businesswomen, homemakers and community leaders, Women in Philanthropy members raise

funds, hold drives and provide trainings focused on helping foster youth rise to their dreams. The group also is a partner in United Way's SenSe-Ability project, helping foster youth become financially self-sufficient through financial literacy courses and individual development accounts that provide a matched savings program. For more information, visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org/wip. Sacramento County's Gifts from the Heart is an annual holiday gift-giving program that operates on donations and benefits children and seniors who are in the Department of Health and Human Services' system of care. For more information, call (916) 875-2027.



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Carmichael Kiwanis Club Donates Toys for Area Children



Pictured left to right are Kiwanians Jack Harrison, General Davie and Paul Pennington loading donated toys for the Angel Project. Photo courtesy Kiwanis of Carmichael.

CARMICHAEL - Members of the Carmichael Kiwanis Club recently donated unwrapped toys of all type and sizes to make Christmas a special time for area children. The toys were donated to the Angel Project which is a Carmichael based program that provides toys, blankets and other items for children who reside in homeless shelters. The Angel Project relies on the generosity of local residents for the toys, blankets and other household goods. Many volunteers collect, wrap, and deliver the items where the needs are the greatest. For more information please go to the Carmichael Kiwanis web site at CarmichaelKiwanis.com.



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NO SWEAT HOLIDAYS

All right, calm down and don't get a hernia. I know the holidays are upon us, and you're about to have a nervous breakdown. Well, don't! I had the opportunity to speak with **Jeanne Benedict** to get us a helping hand. I know you'd recognize her from the Today Show, and also from her four season run as host/chef/designer for the DIY Network's show "Weekend Entertaining." She also shared lots of tips with "Regis and Kelly," "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and a myriad of other popular programs. It was great to have her on POPPOFF to do the same. She actually paired up with Dunkin' Donuts to offer last-minute tips and gift ideas as well as remedies for the inevitable entertaining snafus that include the following:

1) **Last Minute Gifts:** Find last-minute gifts while shopping. Look to your favorite aisles for inspiration. For example, a bag of Dunkin' Donuts packages coffee makes a great stocking stuffer or hostess

gift when paired with a holiday themed mug. I threw in my two cents and suggested purchasing the mug at the dollar store of your choice. Hey, why not! A mug's a mug! All you have to do is spruce it up!

2) **Lights Out:** Stock up on all the lighting essentials. Keep a supply of extra light bulbs in a variety of sizes for your house and both indoor and outdoor strings of holiday lights. Also, include surge protectors, extension cords and power strips. Between your holiday lights, decorations, and visiting friends, the last thing you need is to blow a fuse...at least the electric kind!

3) **Coffee Compost:** Reuse and recycle. After you brew your coffee, add the grounds to your composting efforts to keep your garden green.

4) **Writing Thank You Notes:** Get a jump on thanking folks like teachers, party hosts, and gift-givers by printing out a bunch of holiday thank-you cards ahead of time, which can usually be found for free.

5) **Create A Quick Holiday Atmosphere:** Pick up a new set of votive candles (remember the dollar store) and glass holders for instant and elegant atmosphere. And, a little water in the bottom of the candleholder will help prevent melted wax from sticking to the glass. Give your kitchen a simple holiday feel with a few seasonal

items like snowmen oven mitts or reindeer dish towels.

6) **Low-cost Holiday Touches:** Freeze cranberries, fresh mint, or citrus twists in ice cubes to add a hint of seasonal flavor to beverages when unexpected guests drop by.

7) **Keep the Kids Occupied:** Be sure to have plenty of frozen sugar cookie dough on hand along with holiday sprinkles and cookie cutters as last minute baking activity for parents and kids. Then keep homemade holiday cookies crisp by putting crumpled wax paper in the bottom of the cookie jar so the air can circulate and prevent them from becoming soggy.

8) **Keep the Adults Occupied:** For easy group entertainment, make sure you have a selection of classic board games on hand and take a minute to make sure all the playing pieces are intact, cards are accounted for and pencils are sharpened.

9) **Contain Spills and Thrills:** Have a stain stick handy for the inevitable table mishaps. No one wants a family photo with a big stain on their holiday sweater.

That should get you started. If you want more tips, go to www.jeannebenedict.com. And bottom line...HAVE FUN!!!

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Carmichael Chamber of Commerce will honor broadcaster and humanitarian Kitty O'Neal of KFBK Radio as 2012 Carmichael Person of the Year. Also honored will be Earl "Ranger Jack" Koobs as Veteran of the Year and Lola and Jim Warrick as Patriots of the Year.

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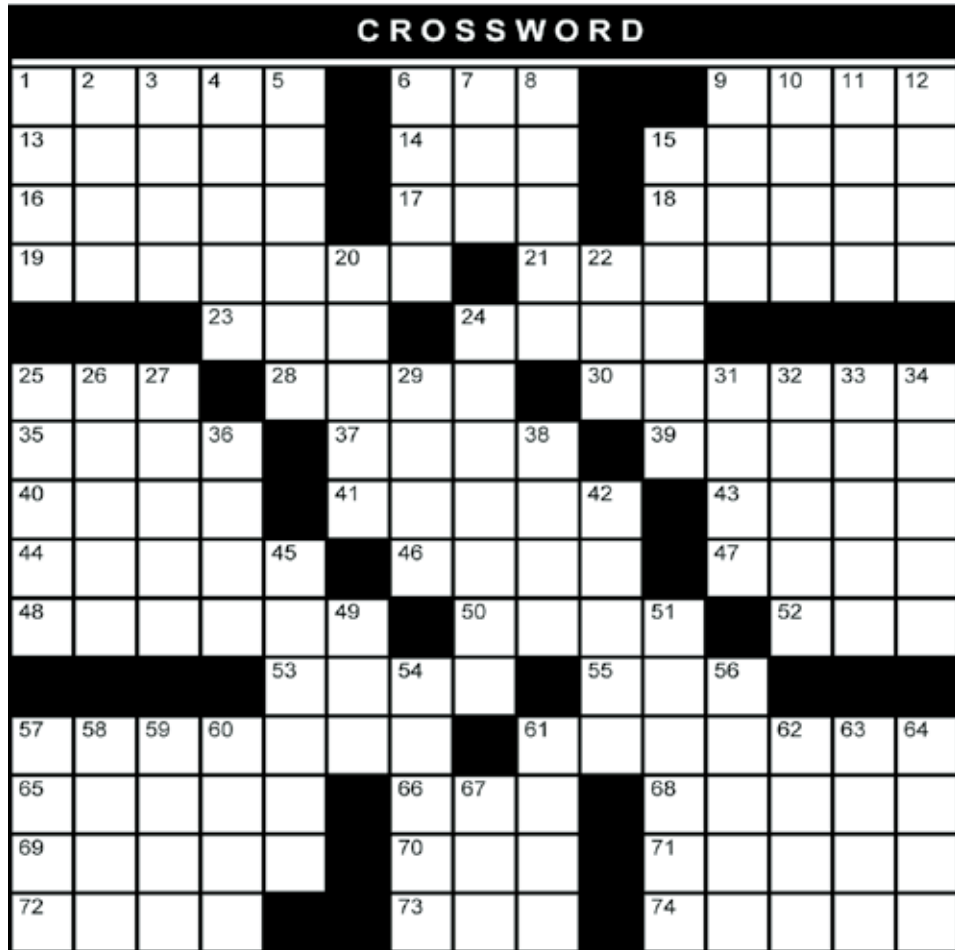
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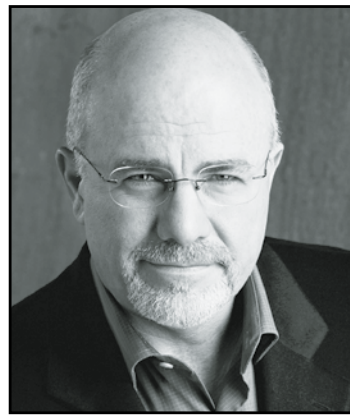


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CLUES

- ACROSS
- 1. Presumptuously daring
 - 6. He has final say at the plate
 - 9. Where to get pampered, pl.
 - 13. Scoundrel
 - 14. Needlefish
 - 15. Diver's lung
 - 16. Independent African ruler
 - 17. Big Island necklace
 - 18. Type of paint
 - 19. "Deposed despot
 - 21. "Atlantis was the last one
 - 23. Right-angle building extension
 - 24. Another spelling for #16
 - 25. ___ Bon Jovi
 - 28. Like Jekyll and Hyde's personality
 - 30. "Arab ___
 - 35. Stratfor-upon-___, Shakespeare's birthplace
 - 37. "The Man Who ___ Too Much"
 - 39. Become established
 - 40. Holy Father
 - 41. It cuts edge of yard
 - 43. ___ Verde National Park
 - 44. A rooster to farmers?
 - 46. Ready and eager
 - 47. Eurasian duck
 - 48. Scandinavian, e.g.
 - 50. It can be wringed?
 - 52. Greed or sloth, e.g.
 - 53. Diamonds or hearts, e.g.
 - 55. Nervous twitching
 - 57. "They were super
 - 61. "Royal beau
 - 65. Autumn color
 - 66. Witness
 - 68. Polynesian kingdom
 - 69. Like a new car
 - 70. Employ
 - 71. Homework assignment
 - 72. "Pitched at Occupy Wall Street
 - 73. 6th sense?
 - 74. Reminiscent of the past
- DOWN
- 1. Big talk
 - 2. "Rome" in Italy
 - 3. Matured, as in wine
 - 4. Like Elvis's famous shoes
 - 5. Official messenger of news
 - 6. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
 - 7. Legendary West
 - 8. Rainbow-producing device
 - 9. Jazz singing
 - 10. Stroke on a green
 - 11. Cain's unfortunate brother
 - 12. Original home of the Saxons
 - 15. Eats noisily
 - 20. Stroke of luck
 - 22. Her counterpart
 - 24. Graceful or refined
 - 25. "Site of nuclear disaster
 - 26. Convex molding
 - 27. With no face value
 - 29. "Retired from '60 Minutes"
 - 31. Roentgen Equivalent Man, pl.
 - 32. Particulars
 - 33. One born to Japanese immigrants
 - 34. Chewed on
 - 36. Smart but awkward
 - 38. "The Way We ___"
 - 42. Straight muscles
 - 45. It loves company
 - 49. Mixed breed puppy
 - 51. Out of ___
 - 54. October's "Time," e.g.
 - 56. Bring to an end
 - 57. Well-mannered Emily
 - 58. Heart feeling
 - 59. Body part that can double
 - 60. Superman's last name
 - 61. "Read'em and ___"
 - 62. In or of the present month
 - 63. Petri dish gel
 - 64. ___ Clinic
 - 67. Female suffix

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Dave Says

the pain centers of the brain are activated when you spend cash. Of course, it depends on the item in question and individual spending patterns as to exactly how much less is spent, but the average is between 12 and 18 percent.

began working your plan to get control of my money. I missed some payments back then, and it has affected our relationship. I've since paid off the car, but how do I make things right with my dad?

- Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

I know you're hurting, but a lot of this is up to him. The truth is he's partially to blame for being dumb enough to cosign in the first place. And if this was just a mistake you made when you were a kid, then he should be mature enough to realize that and recognize the progress you're making now with your finances.

If you haven't yet apologized for messing up, I think it's something you should do very soon. Let him know how much you hate that it harmed your relationship, and tell him you're following a program that will help you make sure nothing like that ever happens again.

Then, if he can't accept that and move on, it's all on him. I know that's not what you wanted to hear, but sometimes time is the only thing that heals those kinds of wounds.

- Dave

* For more financial help, please visit daveramsey.com.

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

Review the Research

Dear Dave,

I've heard you say that people spend more with plastic than with cash. Exactly what does that mean?

- Edmund

Dear Laura,

There have been several studies done in recent years that show people spend less money when buying with cash as opposed to swiping a credit card. One study in particular conducted by MIT and published in Carnegie Mellon magazine, indicated through the use of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) that

Want some more information? When McDonald's first began accepting credit cards they conducted a focus group study in their restaurants on credit card users versus cash users. At that time, the difference was about 42 percent, meaning that a person using cash bought 42 percent less in a fast food setting than someone paying for their meal with a credit card. On other, more expensive items, the percentage generally drops. But these studies and others have proven that people spend more when using credit cards instead of cold, hard cash.

See what I mean when I say you can't beat the credit shark at his own game? Even if you're one of the few who pays their credit card bills on time every month, you're still throwing your money away!

- Dave

Trust Broken After Cosigning

Dear Dave,

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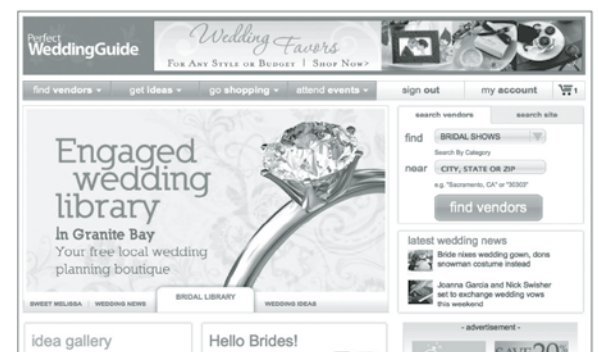
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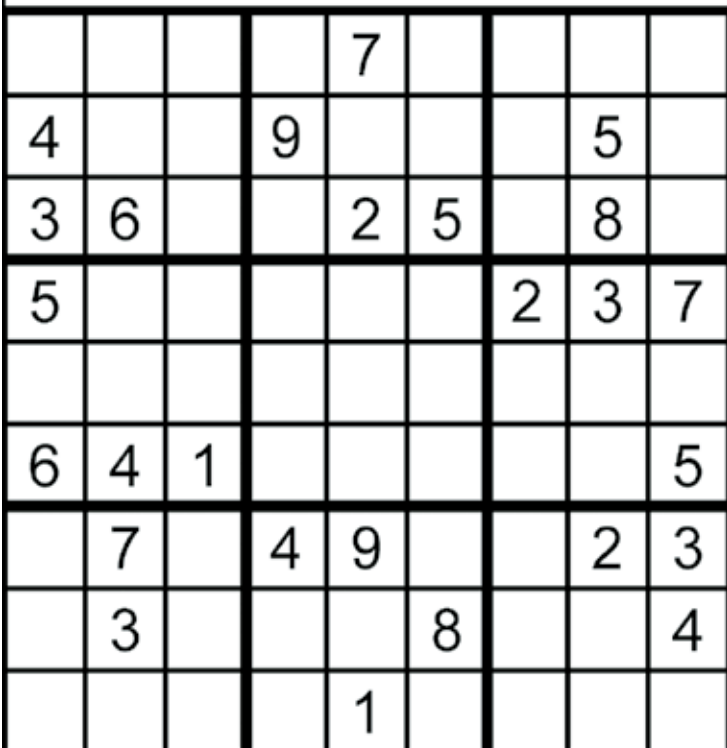
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California Democrats Seek a Virtual Ban on Handguns in Urban Areas

Commentary by Charles Nichols

Under current California law, if you live within 1,000 feet of a K-12 public or private school you can legally transport a handgun so long as it is unloaded and in a locked container.

Under a bill introduced by State Senator Ted Lieu (D-28 Redondo Beach) the law will change. It will expand the so-called "gun free" zones to 1,500 feet and a handgun can only be transported, unloaded and in a locked container, within your motor vehicle.

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For the millions of Californians

who live in residential areas without parking spaces on private property, this law will make it impossible to take your handgun out of your home or bring a newly purchased handgun into your home.

For those who may be unfamiliar with Senator Ted Lieu, the Democrats recently passed two of his bills. One bans the sale of shark-fin soup, the other makes it a crime for persons under 18 years of age to use a tanning booth.

Senator Lieu is currently boycotting Lowe's Home Improvement stores and "may consider legislative action" because the company pulled an advertisement from an anti-American, pro-Muslim cable TV show.

In short, Ted Lieu is your typical left-wing, lunatic Democrat politician from California which has made this state the laughing stock of the nation.

Ironically, it would take just over 11,000 signatures on a recall petition to give the voters an opportunity to remove Senator Lieu from office.

His bill, SB661, has a hearing before the Senate Public Safety Committee on January 10th at 9:30am in room 3191 at the state capitol in Sacramento.

The Senate Public Safety Committee is stacked with similarly minded Democrats.

If you would like more information about this topic, please send inquiries to Charles Nichols: email Press@CaliforniaRightToCarry.org

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Air Board Fuel Mandate Threatens Recovery

SACRAMENTO - The California Trucking Association (CTA) released the following statement on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) proposed adoption of amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS). "California trucking companies have faced a number of major and rapid disruptions to their businesses at the hands of CARB," said Michael Shaw, Vice President of External Affairs for the California Trucking Association.

"Now CARB wants to impose a new fuel standard that even under

the best of circumstances would lead to higher fuel prices for trucks and cars in the short term and possible fuel shortages in the future. "The California Energy Commission tagged the LCFS with an annual cost to California of more than \$4 billion. How can CARB impose a major drag on our economy at a time when California's unemployment rate still hovers at almost 12 percent?"

"CARB's LCFS mandate also fails to provide any safety net against biodiesel blended fuels that exceed national standards and may damage engines or reduce

their efficiency. Until CARB can provide independently verifiable data that this new fuel mandate will not impose a massive financial burden on truckers and Californians, we ask CARB to pull back and take a more reasoned approach. The California Trucking Association supports the research and development of alternative fuel technologies and encourages CARB to continue working down that path. However, it must be done in a responsible manner with a very strong consideration for economic impacts to truckers and the economy as a whole.

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2011-00114084

WHEREAS, Zhen Quan Weng has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Erika Li to Kelly Li.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 2012 in Dept. 16, located at 720 9th St., Room 102, 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, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Nov. 16, 2011.

Kevin R. Culhane
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2011.

WENG 11105 12-21-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2011-00114068

WHEREAS, Thuy Thi Tran has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Thuy Thi Tran to Theresa Thi Tran.

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ADMINS 11105 12-21-11

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STATEMENT #11-09939. Jose Zarazuci, 102 Thomas St., Roseville, CA 95678 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Carmichael Auto Detail" at 5832 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael, CA 95608.

Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on November 28, 2011. Publish: December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011.

CARAUT 11201 12-28-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF
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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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Publish: December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011.

ADMIN 11201 12-28-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
PETITION FOR
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
and
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
#34-2011-00113247

re: the ESTATE OF: Michael Thomas Sanderson, decedent. Petitioner for Letters of Administration and to Administer Estate.

A Petition for Letters of Administration and to Administer Estate will be held at 9 a.m. on January 27, 2012 in Dept. 129, located at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

Publication will be in the Carmichael Times Newspaper. Petitioner: Donald Sanderson requests that Travis Hawkins be appointed administrator and that full authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. Decedent died on July 29, 2011 at 5701 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608; Sacramento County; a resident of the county named above.

Proposed personal representative is a nominee of a person entitled to Letters. Petitioner is related to the decedent as son. Proposed personal representative is a resident of California.

The decedent is survived by no spouse as follows: divorced; children as follows: natural or adopted.

Decedent was not survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted by decedent but for a legal barrier.

Decedent had no predeceased spouse.

Listed below are the names, relationships to decedent, ages, and addresses, so far as known to or reasonably ascertainable by petitioner, of (1) all persons mentioned in decedent's will or any codicil, whether living or deceased; (2) all persons named or checked in items 2, 6, 7, and 8; and (3) all beneficiaries of a trust named in decedent's will or any codicil in which the trustee and personal representative are the same person.

Name, age, address and relationship to decedent: Brandy Wine Mareno, daughter, 8031 Rushriver Pl. #5, Sacramento, CA 95824, 33; Donald Thomas Sanderson, 1125 Park Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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son, 21; Gabriella Kathleen Sanderson, 99 Water St., N. Little Rock, Arkansas, daughter, 19; Heather Sanderson, daughter, (age and address unknown); Dated: October 28, 2011. Publish: December 14, 21, 28, 2011.

SANDER 11202 11-28-11

NOTICE OF SALE OF
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Carol Milobar
916-337-5641
Publish: December 21, 28, 2011.

MILOB 11203 12-28-11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT #11-09754. William R. Boxold, 7128 Circle Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Carbon Xpress Composites" at 7128 Circle Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Nov. 17, 2011.

Publish: December 14, 21, 28, 2011, January 4, 2012.

CARBON 11202 1-4-12

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Publish: December 14, 21, 28, 2011, January 4, 2012.

CARBON 11202 1-4-12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT #11-10421. Robert Neverkovel, 4925 Durland Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "RNS" at 4925 Durland Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Dec. 15, 2011.

Publish: December 21, 28, 2011, January 4, 11, 2012.

RNS 11203 1-11-12

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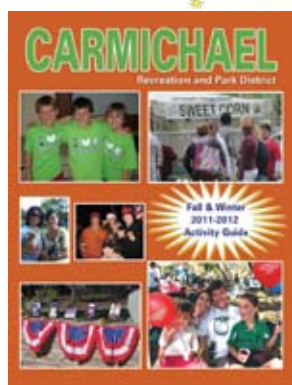
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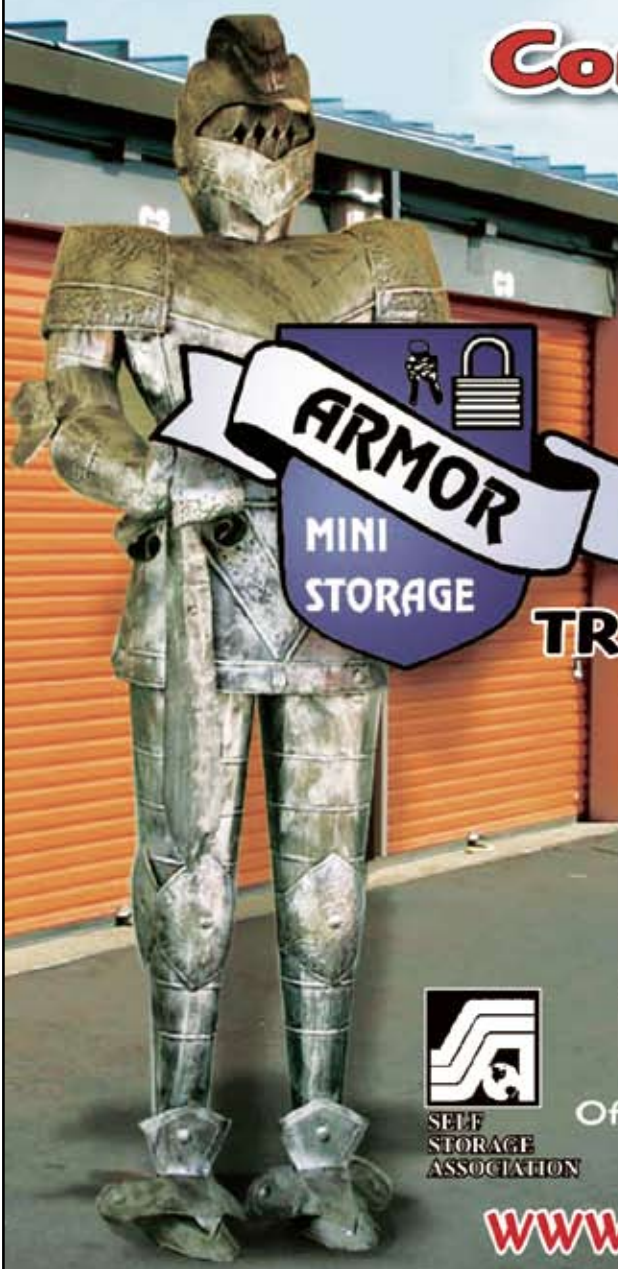
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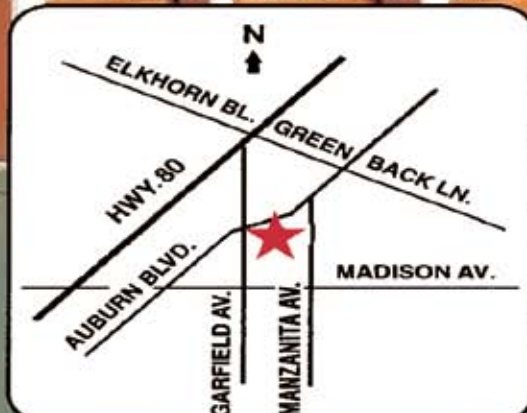
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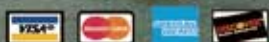


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Dean Alexander Sr.

Year End Tax Help Planning: Stock Sale

Being an investor in the stock market entails buying and selling of stocks. The buying and selling of the stocks entail gains and losses on these stock transactions. The gains or losses are capital gains. Capital gains, as opposed to ordinary gain, are taxed at a lower tax rate.

How can one benefit from gains and losses of the stocks? There are several ways you can manipulate the tax liability resulting from the gains and losses of stocks.

For example, if you have capital losses, these losses are limited to three thousand dollars a year.

They will be carried from one year to another until they are exhausted. So, if you have two hundred thousand dollars of capital losses, you can imagine how

many years it will take to use those losses at the rate of three thousand dollars.

Thus they become almost meaningless. And then you may run into the tax problem of expiring years on those capital losses and lose what is not utilized of them.

So, what can we do to benefit from those losses? What we need is to examine our stock portfolio. If we have any built in gain in some of the stock, it may be a good opportunity to dump the stock and declare capital gains which will be absorbed by the losses. So, the idea is to create gain to be absorbed by those wasted losses.

You may run into a problem of biasness in favor of some stocks that you don't want to sell. If you

like a specific stock so well and you were reluctant to get rid of it to get tax relief, you may turn around and buy that stock back. But you need to watch the wash sale rules. Basically, you have to wait thirty days before you buy it back.

If you do that you will find a tax resolution to the limitation on capital losses. No tax liability, no tax debt or back taxes and no need for installment agreement or otherwise of IRS settlements.

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.



ROCK DOC

By Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

Mt. Rainier in my native Washington State is a stunning site. It's a beautiful mountain, covered in snow and ice in both winter and summer. At over 14,000 feet, its summit is worthy of respect from even serious hikers. There's no wonder it's a National Park.

Like most all of the other beautiful peaks in the Cascades, Mt. Rainier is also a deadly volcano. It hasn't erupted since 1894, but that's not long ago to a geologist – we are sure it's only sleeping and will be heard from again. And it's not simply lava that's most likely to create a loss of life when the mountain next blows. That's partly due to how volcanic gas separates from lava, and also due to an eruption's effects on ice, soil and something we rock-heads call "ash."

Here's the story. Some volcanoes erupt fairly gently. The Big Island of Hawaii is characterized by that kind of eruption. When lava comes up to the surface of the Big Island, the gases in the lava tend to separate pretty gently from the molten rock – like bubbles forming and rising in a soda-pop bottle. That's because the lava is pretty "runny," or not very viscous as we geologists would say. If you are a sane person (by that I mean, if you are

It's Not Just the Lava

not a geologist), you'll likely stay at least a few feet away from the stream of lava – and you'll be fine.

Unfortunately, the Cascades are quite different from Hawaii. The molten material in the volcanoes in the Northwest is quite viscous and stiff. When a major eruption occurs, gases that were once at high pressure are close to being released to the atmosphere – and they make their way to the air explosively.

That's exactly what happened at Mount St. Helens in 1980 when a catastrophic eruption launched tiny bits of lava into the sky. The tiny particles are what geologists call ash. It's not the same as ash in an old campfire, which is the remains of burned wood. Volcanic ash is just finely divided rock. (And as someone who was downwind of St. Helens when she blew, I'm here to testify that tiny bits of rock in the air make it quite difficult to breathe, even when you hold your sleeve over your face.)

Being scalded to death or enveloped in an ash cloud are serious issues. But there's another problem, too, with this style of volcanic eruption and the threat it poses for people.

Let's get back to Mt. Rainier, covered in snow and glacial ice. When it next erupts, the great heat of the lava and ash will melt snow and ice quickly. The water, mixed with ash, will start moving downhill in a slurry that's called a "lahar" or volcanic mudflow. That's the greatest hazard of all for people who live near this type of volcano, because lahars move much faster than people can run and destroy everything in their path. On the good side, the

Cascades Volcanic Observatory will try to give us as much warning as it can about what's happening – but nevertheless, events may hit us hard and fast.

Mt. Rainier is so high and near the sea that it has more glaciers than any other mountain in the lower 48 – meaning it will have a lot of water available to create lahars. And because it's so tall, the flows will come screaming down the mountain with a lot of speed and run for a long way in the valleys of the lowlands.

Maps of lahar risks around Mt. Rainier are coded yellow, orange and red. Over 100,000 people are at some degree of risk from lahars streaming down from Rainier. As more and more people move into the warmer-colored zones of the Puget Sound lowlands, more will be at risk from future lahars. In a few places, public warning systems have been set up and schools and other organizations practice what they would do in the event of a lahar emergency from Mt. Rainier.

In much of the Northwest people live on top of volcanic rock or on old volcanic debris flows. Whether I live to see it or not, the day will come that residents of this beautiful corner of the country will find things more exciting than anyone will like.

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Cell Phones are California's Biggest Traffic Safety Problem



Cell phones and driving can be a deadly combination for Californians.

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It is very telling that we've seen such a shift in opinions on cell phone use in just one year." In the most distracting category, combined cell phone talking and texting jumped from 75 percent to 84 percent. Those who say they still use handheld phones for either talking or texting dropped from last year, while those who say that they have been hit or nearly hit by someone talking or texting on a cell phone increased.

Drivers are a bit more aware of the anti-drunk driving message, with more actually saying that they aren't drinking at all. In addition, drivers are more aware of DUI checkpoints, and at a high 88 percent approval rate, the vast majority of California drivers support them as well. More people are also aware of the Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign and buckle up because of it. The statewide survey was fielded in late summer and 1,801 drivers age 18 and over were interviewed at gas stations in 15 counties throughout California. The results will help the California Office of Traffic Safety and those involved in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan better identify and track driver attitudes, self-reported driving behavior, awareness of high visibility enforcement efforts and safety communications. "Having this second year of results is very helpful," said Murphy. "It has validated what we took from the first year and is beginning to show trends. It is providing valuable data for our planning, particularly in distracted driving programs and the emerging drugged driving problem."

Additional results include:
 • Drunk driving was the biggest safety concern of the 18-24

year old age group, at 30.3 percent, up from 11.5 percent in 2010. This age group also lead in those who report that they have recently had too much alcohol to drive safely.

• A larger percentage of drivers (40.4 percent) say they talk less on their phones while driving than last year (34.5 percent) because of the hands-free law. 45.8 percent say that they have made driving mistakes while talking on cell phones. 60.1 percent say that they have been hit or nearly hit by other drivers who were talking or texting.

• A higher percentage of 18-24 year olds than any other age group think that texting while driving is a serious distraction, yet more of them actually do text and drive than any other age group.

• There are differences between what Northern and Southern Californians think are the biggest problems. 33.2 percent of Southern Californians think texting ranks high, while 25.7 percent of Northern Californians think so. Similarly, 25.6 percent in the southland think drunk driving is the biggest problem while 15.2 percent in the north rank it at the top.

• 25-44 year olds lead in hands-free cell phone talking, even though it is no more safe than hand-held talking.

• 71.9 percent think that the Report Drunk Drivers - Call 911 campaign has helped police make more DUI arrests.

• 88.3 percent support the use of DUI checkpoints For full survey results, visit www.ots.ca.gov.

Kimberly Keyes On behalf of California Office of Traffic Safety (916) 239-4615 or (916) 492-0923.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Announces Street Plans

SACRAMENTO – At their December 6, 2011 meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of the last 3 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) plans remaining from the 31 NTMP plans approved in 2011. The goal of the NTMP is to improve safety and the quality-of-life for residents by reducing the impacts from speeding vehicles and careless drivers on residential streets.

According to Mike Penrose, Director of the Department of Transportation, "The NTMP program is a major focus of the

Department. It is also a valuable resource for residents and communities in efforts to slow down traffic on neighborhood streets throughout the unincorporated area of the County. We have had a successful program this year. Of the 31 NTMP plans approved during 2011, 28 plans have already been implemented and the last 3 NTMP plans will be constructed by March 2012."

The NTMP program utilizes neighborhood traffic management devices such as speed bumps, raised crosswalks, and traffic circles to slow down traffic and improve safety on residential

streets. The NTMP "toolbox" contains different devices that address neighborhood traffic related concerns. Check www.sacdot.com/NTMP for additional program information.

The cost for implementation of all 31 NTMP plans is \$518,000, and is being covered with Measure "A" sale tax funds.

Residents who would like to have their street or neighborhood considered for the NTMP program, can contact Customer Service at 916-875-5171 or www.sacdot.com/ContactUs.

Sacramento County DA Report Recent case of interest

CASE: James Mayle, Dennis Nilsson, and Janie Rankins-Mayle (12/19/11)
CONTACT: Assistant District Attorney Albert Locher, 874-6150

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that a jury convicted James Earle Mayle (66) and his wife Janie Rankins-Mayle (63) of grand theft and bribery for their part in over billing the Sacramento Public Library Authority for maintenance services. The jury also convicted James Mayle, the former security supervisor of the library, of criminal conflict of interest.

Mayle and Rankins-Mayle formed two companies, All City Maintenance and Hagginwood Services, Inc. With the assistance of co-defendant Dennis Nilsson (65), the library's facilities supervisor, independent contractors who did maintenance services for the library were directed to submit their bills to Rankins-Mayle under the All City and Hagginwood businesses. Rankins-Mayle then substantially inflated those billings and submitted them to the library for payment using her own letterheads. Nilsson approved all of the invoices for payment. From 2004 to 2007, All City Maintenance and Hagginwood Services, Inc. were paid approximately \$1.3 million, of which \$780,000 had been inflated over what the contractors who actually performed the work originally billed. Dennis Nilsson was paid by Mayle and Rankins-Mayle over \$100,000 in bribes for approving the invoices.

A separate jury had previously convicted Dennis Nilsson of 16 counts of grand theft, bribery, and conflict of interest. That jury heard additional evidence from several contractors who, at Nilsson's direction, had previously over billed the library for maintenance services and paid bribes.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Blazina, who prosecuted the case, stated, "This is a classic case of public corruption. These defendants substantially padded maintenance billings so they could misappropriate taxpayer funds for their own financial benefit."

Sentencing for all three defendants is scheduled for January 20, 2012 before the Honorable Allen H. Sumner. Dennis Nilsson faces a potential maximum sentence of 21 years, 8 months in state prison. James Mayle faces a potential maximum sentence of 12 years in state prison. Janie Rankins-Mayle faces a potential maximum sentence of 11 years, 4 months in state prison. The defendants are not eligible for probation, absent unusual circumstances.



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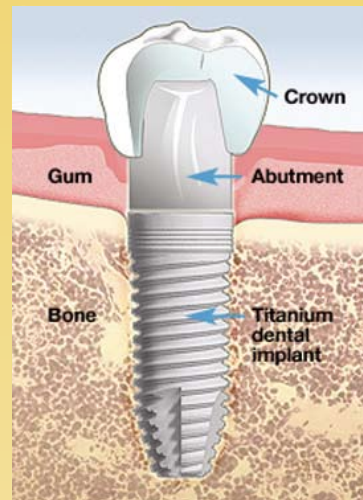


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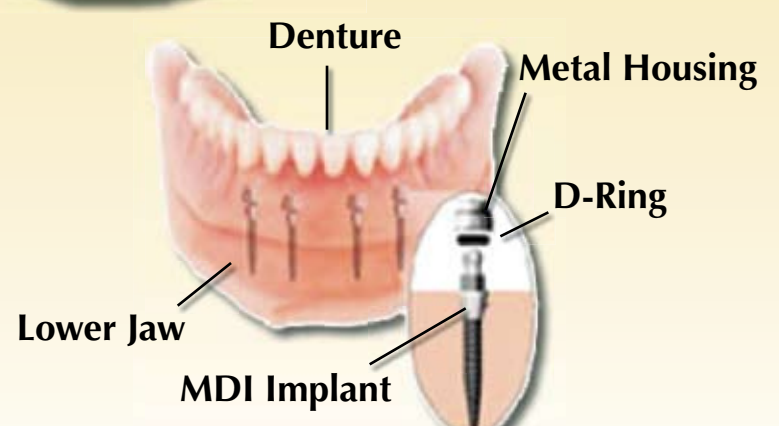
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