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Community to Celebrate Another Founder's Day

Supervisor Susan Peters Encourages New Voters to Confirm Registration Status Online *October 18 is Deadline to Register for November General Election*

Sacramento – County Supervisor Susan Peters is reminding all voters to take the necessary steps now to ensure they are ready to participate in the November 2, 2010 General Election.

“People who have registered for the first time should confirm that they provided all the required information and are indeed correctly registered to vote,” says Peters. “If a currently registered voter has moved, he or she also needs to make sure they have updated their addresses with the local registrar to avoid problems on Election Day.”

Many voters move between elections and fail to update their addresses with the local registrar which can create problems and confusion on Election Day.

The last day to register to vote for the November General Election is October 18, 2010. Registration cards are available at post offices, libraries or calling the Sacramento County Elections Office at (916) 875-6451. Citizens also can register online by visiting the Sacramento County Elections Office web site at elections.saccounty.net.

“All voters in Sacramento County can go online to confirm that they are registered at their correct address,” added Peters. “That way you know your voice will be heard and your vote counted.”

The web site also provides information about how to participate in the election via absentee voting or voting by mail.

Alyson Huber to Host Women's Health Conference *Focus of Event is Lady Killers: Heart Disease and Stroke Awareness*

Sacramento – Assemblymember Alyson Huber, in partnership with Hadassah Sacramento, invites residents in the Sacramento region to attend a Women's Health Conference on September 16th in Rancho Cordova.

The conference will provide information on preventing and treating heart disease and stroke. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Amparo Villablanca, director of the Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program at U.C. Davis. Other presenters will discuss their survival stories, offer heart-healthy tips, and lead two short and easy yoga sessions. Exhibitors on hand to provide information include health and community organizations and insurance providers.

The Healthy Women Healthy Lives conference is named after Sima Spector, a local health advocate who

worked tirelessly to educate women about their well being. She spearheaded and directed the Conference under the auspices of the Hadassah organization. She was killed by a drunk driver in 2006.

Sima Spector Women's Health Conference

Lady Killers: Heart Disease and Stroke Awareness

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Conference Program

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Rancho Cordova City Hall

2729 Prospect Park Drive,
Rancho Cordova

There is no charge to attend and dinner is provided.

For more information or to RSVP visit www.asm.ca.gov/huber or call (916) 464-1910.



Festive family. Record producer Craig Long and his Carmichael clan got in party mode for last year's Carmichael Founders Day. Free children's activities are a feature of the annual event. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

Carmichael – Once in 101 years, a community plans a party like Carmichael's 2010 Founders Day, planned this year for September 25th. Under Carmichael Park's hoary old oaks, civic leaders, citizens and entertainers will mark a second century kickoff date. Performances by the Sacramento Symphonic Winds Concert Band and retro-style singers Sister Swing headline festivities.

The date commemorates the community's fall 1909 founding. Estate pioneer Daniel Carmichael first chose 2000 acres of the old San Juan land grant to subdivide and name after himself. By 1912, he had added a second, adjoining colony. Small agricultural holdings prospered but the area's real growth came after WW 2. Though Daniel Carmichael's original boundaries have been much extended, this 17-square-mile community remains a proudly unincorporated

slice of the Sacramento County. A Founders Day event has showcased this small-town's individuality for over 50 years.

Celebrations begin with a pancake breakfast, served from 7:30am to noon. Flag presentations and an 11 a.m. concert by the Sacramento Symphonic Winds continue the Americana-rich theme. More band performances are scheduled in the afternoon. Other free entertainment includes a review by the K.M. Dance Studio, a karate show and

a display of vintage and hot rod vehicles. Crafts and gifts will be sold; politicians will press the flesh; children's inflatables will add further bounce to this family day. Food vendors guarantee no one starves. Free, family-style fun and entertainment continues until the sun sets.

Carmichael and Mission Oaks Parks and Recreation Districts and the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce sponsor the day. Vending opportunities remain. Information, call (916) 485-5322 or 481-1002.

Californians More Concerned about Job Woes than State's Financial Crisis

**According to data released September 1st, 2010, in the 2nd Annual California Labor Day Survey conducted by Harris/Decima on behalf of Everest College.*

A recent survey found that 41% of respondents believe the job environment is California's top economic issue, followed by the state's financial crisis (29%). The result was in sharp contrast and a complete reversal to 2009, when the top concern was the financial crisis (43%), followed by the employment picture (27%).

With the state's unemployment rate at 12.3% in July, the study found that more Californians in 2010 have considered various options to deal with the sluggish job market when compared with 2009. Specifically, 37% of employed Californians have considered returning to school to enhance their career compared with 28% in

2009, and 36% have contemplated a new career to make more money versus 28% the previous year.

“The state's unemployment rate is the third highest in the nation and easily the most important economic issue for Californians right now,” said John Andrews, regional vice president of operations at Everest College. “However, as the study indicates, Californians continue to be proactive in the face of job uncertainty, with many considering skills training or other educational avenues to improve their employment opportunities.”

More Work, Less Job Security

The survey found that 53% of Californians are experiencing heavier workloads and 50% have less job security than they did two years ago. Among those Californians who are employed by an employer, one in four think they will be laid off in the next 12 months and more than a third

(36%) expect to lose some or all benefits during the same time period.

A striking finding of the survey indicated that more Southern Californians than Northern Californians indicated they are working harder (63% vs. 43%), have longer hours (58% vs. 38%) and expect to lose some or all benefits (43% vs. 29%).

Meanwhile, one-quarter (27%) of the state's employed residents said they worked during Labor Day weekend, with 18% working eight hours or more.

Californians with an annual household income of less than \$60,000 are feeling the most heat, with this income bracket representing the greatest percentage of workers (22%) who logged at least eight hours or more during the holiday weekend.

On-The-Job Stress Levels Rise

Even though a majority of

workers (65%) are satisfied with their jobs, the survey found that there is plenty of work-related anxiety and hardship to go around.

Half of all workers (52%) agree that their level of on-the-job stress has increased in the last two years, with Southern Californians again citing more angst at work by a margin of 57% to 46% over Northern Californians.

If they lost their job, 43% of employed Californians said they would consider leaving California to search for a new job. Men (49%) and those aged 18-49 (48%) are the most likely groups to leave the state in search of a new job.

Hope in Education

While conducting a job search, one-quarter of Californians (27%) said furthering their education would make them more attractive to prospective employers.

“To put it mildly, the job market is tough right now and the

competition is fierce,” Andrews said. “I think the grip of this recession and jobless recovery has had a major impact on Californians, and many are considering this a perfect time to return to school and pursue careers in high-growth occupational areas that will meet the state's skill shortages, offer work/life balance, and provide personal and financial rewards.”

By the Numbers: California Labor Day Survey Fast Facts

- Including commute time, 41% of employed Californians work more than 10 hours per day
- 39% said they have less time for family and friends due to longer working hours, consistent with 35% in 2009
- Respondents with less than a high school education are more concerned about their employment future compared to those with vocational or technical college, as 57% said they have less job

security than two years ago (vs. 37%)

- Three-quarters of Californians (76%) agreed that employers need to make work/life balance more of a priority. Women are significantly more likely than men to agree with this (82% vs. 71%)

**This data was gathered by Harris/Decima through telephone interviews between July 15th and July 24th, 2010. A total of 600 Californians were surveyed – 470 employed and 130 unemployed. The corresponding margin of error for employed Californians is ±4.5%, 19 times out of 20, and unemployed Californians is ±8.6%, 19 times out of 20.*

Everest College provides career-oriented diploma and degree programs in healthcare, criminal justice, skilled trades, business, paralegal, and information technology. For more information, visit www.everest.edu.

First 5 Sacramento Children's Celebration Brings Fairytale Town to Life



Children under five can receive a free dental screening and learn about the importance of teeth and what the dentist does. Photo provided by First Five Sacramento.

Sacramento—Three-year-old Jenny has listened to her mom read her books and nursery rhymes since she was a baby, including favorites like *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Little Engine that Could*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. These stories and more will come to life on Saturday, Oct. 9 as Jenny joins more than 6,000 Sacramento County families at Fairytale Town for the First 5 Sacramento Annual Children's Celebration.

"First 5 Sacramento supports programs and services to help meet the diverse needs of local families," Roger Dickinson, Chair of First 5 Sacramento and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. "Our Children's Celebration brings the

community together to learn about these valuable resources in a fun environment for the entire family."

Funded by First 5 Sacramento, this FREE family event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be filled with fun, resources, food, entertainment, activities, exhibits, raffles and much more. While local children ages zero to five engage in learning activities, meet larger than life mascots, watch puppet shows, pet zoo animals and color on a giant kid's coloring wall, parents and caregivers will gain valuable information about countywide programs and services from more than 60 community organizations, including First 5 California Hands-On Health Express mobile van, Library Wonder Wagon and

the Smile Keepers Dental Van. The annual Conga Line starts at noon and this year features *The Cat in the Hat*.

A limited number of free Regional Transit (RT) bus passes and light rail passes are available to Fairytale Town from anywhere in Sacramento County and can be obtained through First 5 Sacramento and their grantees.

Fairytale Town is located at William Land Park on the corner of Sutterville Road and Land Park Drive in Sacramento. For more information on the free day of family fun and available resources to help parents raise children "happily, ever after," contact First 5 Sacramento at (916) 876-5865 or online at www.First5Sacramento.net.

Arden Playhouse Opens its Second Season with a Comedy Premiere

Trust Me is another energetic farce, by local playwright Michael Messmer, opening September 24th.



Everyone wants something from someone else in the Arden Playhouse production of *Trust Me* as Harlan (Joshua Sellers, far left) tries to escape from Samantha (Jody Wills) as Charlene (Elysse Fountain) tries to get her under control and Jennifer (Julia Meese) tries to find the real Charlene while Robert (Andy Anthony) tries to prevent her from finding out what is going on.

who is who, and it's easy to see why the guests get confused.

Trust Me has its Arden Playhouse opening on September 24th and continues on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm until October 30th. Sunday matinees are October 3rd, & 17th, at 2pm. All tickets are \$18 general admission. Tickets can be reserved by calling (916) 332-2582.

Arden Playhouse is a community theater dedicated to continuing its tradition of presenting entertainment in a casual setting. Arden Playhouse is located at 5640 Roseville Road, Suite D, Sacramento, and seats 150.

For more information about *Trust Me*, or to find out about our group discounts, call the theater office at 332-2582, email admin@ardenplayhouse.com, arden@ardenplayhouse.com, or check the website ardenplayhouse.com.

Siblings, Robert and Charlene have to delay the termination of their trust allowance while they put together a plan to take over their deceased uncle's company. In order to confuse the lawyer sent to have them sign off on the trust, they switch genders and roles. Unfortunately, the backer for their takeover plan arrives first and they think this person is the lawyer. When the real lawyer arrives, the siblings are already up to their eyeballs in deception but now they have to create new cousins to explain why there seems to be two sets of relatives. Complications ensue when Charlene is attracted to the backer and Robert is attracted to the lawyer. Add lemonade that's been accidentally laced with pain-killer, a need to check a birthmark located on someone's derriere, a house keeper who is at her wit's end trying to keep up with



Lawyers Harlan (Joshua Sellers, left) and Jennifer (Julia Meese) get into a tug of war and a legal argument over who gets possession of clothing in the Arden Playhouse production of *Trust Me*.

Photos courtesy of Michael Messmer - Arden Playhouse

Military Retiree Bus Trip to the Silver Legacy Casino in Reno

The Military Retiree Office is once again sponsoring a bus trip to the Silver Legacy on 24th September 2010. Cost per person continues to be \$30. In return, each person will receive \$10 in cash and a free buffet worth \$10. We will no longer be able to receive the \$5 food credit voucher. We will board the bus at 0830

hrs and depart promptly at 0900 hrs from the old Museum parking lot across from the VA Clinic. Sign up must be done in person at the Retiree Activities Office in the VA Clinic. Phone calls to sign up will not work.

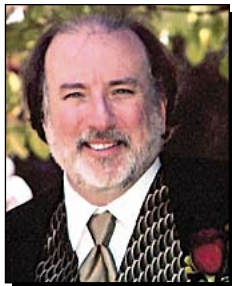
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Priority for this trip defers to Military Retirees/Spouses/and widows of military retirees. If space is available, we will open up the seating to any interested personnel.

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Realizing how difficult it is to go into new social situations when one is first widowed, the Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support each Sunday from 3:00 pm-5:00pm with some going to dinner as a group following the session. The Widowed Persons Association is designed to be of help to recently widowed men and women, but any and all widows and widowers are welcome as a community service by WPAC. Participants do not need to be members and there is no charge.

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Garrison Keillor Plans Rare Sacramento Appearance



Garrison Keillor

Sacramento Region – Fahn & Company proudly presents “An Evening With Garrison Keillor” on Thursday, September 23rd at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. Reserved seats for this intimate engagement are on sale now.

This beloved author, storyteller and humorist has written for The New Yorker, penned a screenplay, written countless newspaper columns and has more than a dozen books to his credit. But Keillor may be best known for his enormously popular and award

winning radio show, now in its 36th season, “A Prairie Home Companion”, heard every week by millions of fans worldwide.

Don't miss the chance to see Garrison Keillor at the Sacramento Community Center Theater, Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 8:00 pm. All seats are reserved and are on sale now at the Sacramento Convention Center Box Office, 1301 L Street, online at www.tickets.com or charge by phone at (916) 808-5181 or (800) 225-2277.

Beverly's Annual Nifty 50's Classic Car Show



In last year's event, Jan Strickland shows off one of the many fine classic cars in attendance, a 1947 Ford Coupe, owned by Ron Bella-Via of Roseville. The classic car owners helped to hundreds of toys for local families. Photo by Paul V. Scholl.

Carmichael – Beverly's Annual Nifty 50's Classic Car Show will be held Saturday, September 25th. The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be in the mall parking lot in front of Beverly's at Marconi Avenue & Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. Admission to this year's event is a new unwrapped toy or toys for their very important annual Holiday Angel Project.

The event will feature live rock

& roll music by local band Todd Morgan and the Emblems. It will also include raffles, prize drawings and a great number impressive and beautiful classic cars from car owners throughout the area. For more information about the event you can call (916) 402-7202 or email to topredrvr1@aol.com.

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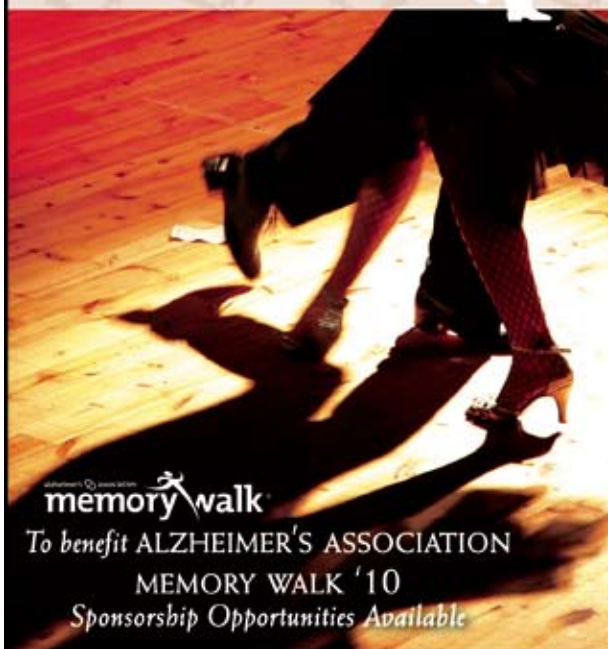
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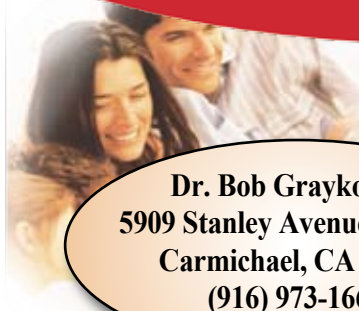
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Marlys Norris, Christian author

by Marlys Norris

How does God really view a person who is not sure about what they believe? They erroneously believe they can just pick and choose areas of God's Word that they want to believe. Their life is lived as though they were a yo-yo going up and down, up and down -- never really landing anywhere or with any consistency to their life. They are the one who holds the string to their life and they question why it is so unstable and why they are unable to accomplish anything to

Yo Yo Christianity
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make life worth living.

God created the Ten Commandments as a guideline for our lives and never once did He tell us that we could eliminate one of the commandments to fit our own lifestyle and choices. We are to live by every single one of those laws and if we break one, we are to go before Him and confess our sin against Him. The laws of God are designed to help us live our lives and to find His favor and be blessed by Him. One must accept "all" (every word) of the Bible. We are not privy to pick and choose which scriptures we like or don't like! One day we will stand before God and every one of us will be accountable.

Of course there are scriptures that from time to time we don't understand or possibly we might even disagree

with, because of lack of our understanding and knowledge. When one runs into one of these problems they need seek pastoral counsel or be in a Bible study to learn. If one is blessed with the gift of teaching they know how to explore and look up historical facts that add to our understanding as students. Growth is a process, believe me, it takes years and one still does not know it all. That's what is so exciting about living the Christian life. No matter how old we get, there is always something more to learn.

Marlys Johnsen Norris, Author
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"Intimacy Begins Going God's Way"

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Dixon - You got garlic from Gilroy. You ate asparagus in Stockton. Isn't it time to add a little meat to the plate? Mark your calendars for The Lamb Festival in Dixon, CA on October 2 and you'll get just that, a revamped community event, the town uniting to celebrate the industry that makes Dixon known as "Lambtown, USA."

"As the local lamb processor, Superior Farms is taking an active role in revitalizing this event and putting Dixon on the festival circuit," said president Ed Jenks. "We want to have people here eating lamb, learning how to cook it, learning how the wool is used, learning how our animals are raised, and having a lot of

fun!"

Along with bringing back delicious lamb plates, there will be crafters, wool vendors, art, local celebrity chefs doing demonstrations and sheep dog trials. The festival organizers anticipate doubling the number vendors this year over last year. Berryessa Gap Vineyards will feature all local wine along with special festival margaritas.

Activities for kids and families include: rock climbing; bounce houses; mini-cars; miniature trains rides; petting zoo; pony rides; a bungee swing; and lots of other games.

Entries are currently being taken for the lamb cook-off, which has a

top prize of \$500, and the national lamb eating contest will be here again for a \$300 prize. Other competitions include the Sheep-to-Shawl event and Sheep Dog Trials.

"We are planning so many different activities throughout the day, there will be something for everyone," said Dave Scholl, president of the Lamb Festival Board of Directors. "We always have great-classes and spinning, and now there will be wine tasting, rock climbing, plus eating local lamb for lunch and dinner!"

There will be two stages for entertainment throughout the day. For more information visit www.lambtown.com or call 707-678-8917.

Carmichael Library Hosts Monthly Banned Book Club Meetings

Carmichael - Carmichael Library will present its Banned Book Club monthly discussions at 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. The meetings are open to all adults who wish to talk about such books which have been banned, why, and the merits or demerits of the books.

Participants may bring a snack and

their opinions to share. For details on the following Banned Book Club meetings, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

September 26, Sunday, 10 a.m.: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain.
 October 24, Sunday, 10 a.m.: Harry

Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by J.K. Rowling.

November 28, Sunday, 10 a.m.: Lady Chatterley's Lover, by D.H. Lawrence.

December 19, Sunday, 10 a.m.: A Separate Peace, by John Knowles.

January 23, Sunday, 10 a.m.: Snow Falling on Cedars, by David Guterson.

Carmichael Cactus and Succulent Society

Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 10:00 am
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By John Kabateck

It's conventional wisdom these days: Many people are frustrated, even angry, with government and other major sectors of society.

New research from the Pew Research Center confirms this thinking. In a recent survey, the group asked Americans whether they thought 13 different institutions and sectors had a positive or negative effect on the way things are going.

At the bottom of the list are large corporations (64 percent said negative), the federal government (65 percent), Congress (65 percent) and banks and financial institutions (69 percent negative).

So who's on top? Small businesses.

Seventy-one percent of Americans say small businesses have a positive effect on the way things are going in this country. And when you look at the total picture of what small businesses do every day, it's easy to understand why Americans feel the way they do.

Of course, small business owners

Why America Admires Small Business

start and build businesses, creating most of this country's new jobs along the way, providing employment for millions of workers. And they support other businesses from which they buy goods and services, including, for example, the advertising that supports the media outlet where you're reading this.

But small business owners are also frequently the lifeblood of the communities in which they live and work.

Consider these facts from National Federation of Independent Business' Research Foundation:

Ninety-one percent of small business owners contribute to their community through volunteering, in-kind contributions, and/or direct cash donations.

The estimated average value of contributions is \$6,600 per small employer, for a total of roughly \$40 billion.

Seventy-four percent volunteer the equivalent of 18 working days per year for community and charitable activities.

Those contributions of time and money support a wide variety of groups, including schools, civic organizations, community groups such as Lions and Rotary clubs, youth sports and athletic teams, and many other organizations that help to make up a

community. Why do they do it? The most important reason, they said, is "personal satisfaction and fulfillment." The least important reason was because they expected any kind of direct business benefits.

Small business owners also said that creating a better business climate and making the community a better place to live were important reasons to contribute.

So here's the Pew survey's real message to government, policymakers and others: If you want to turn around the public's negative view of you, you'd do best to promote the policies and practices that support small businesses. We'll be a better country for it.

NFIB is the nation's leading small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals. NFIB's powerful network of grassroots activists send their views directly to state and federal lawmakers through our unique member-only ballot, thus playing a critical role in supporting America's free enterprise system. NFIB's mission is to promote and protect the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses. More information about NFIB is available online at www.NFIB.com/newsroom.



A Film Review by Tim Riley

THE AMERICAN (Rated R)

Marketing campaigns for movies are sometimes deceptive or imprecise. For example, on occasion the only funny material of a supposed comedy is found in the trailer. "The American" is anything but humorous, but the advertising campaign would lead any rational person to believe that this spy thriller is action-packed in the same vein as any of the Jason Bourne films. Well, that's definitely not the case, even though the charismatic George Clooney could capably convince an audience of his ability to keep pace with the action heroics of a Matt Damon. "The American," filmed abroad with a European cast, is a European art house film with existential sensibilities rather than visceral action thrills. Let this be a forthright warning not to expect ceaseless action.

Unless you insist that a spy thriller must match the action quotient of a James Bond film, there is much to recommend the cerebral approach taken by "The American." Action is used sparingly to set the tone. The film opens in a snowy remote region of Sweden, where Clooney's Jack (or sometimes Edward) is holed up in a cabin with his lady friend of the moment. When they venture outside, Jack is ambushed by a pair of assassins and dispatches them easily. With his cover blown, Jack, working for a shadowy and undefined organization, is directed by his mysterious contact (Johan Leysen) to head to

Riley Reviews

TAUT, CEREBRAL THRILLER MAKES "THE AMERICAN" INTRIGUING

the scenic Abruzzo region of Italy. A masterful assassin himself, Jack ends up in the picturesque hillside village of Castel del Monte, where he hopes to remain low-key.

The key to survival is to stay out of sight, but soon Jack has a new assignment, which involves constructing a high-powered special weapon at the request of the equally secretive Mathilde (Thekla Reuten), who insists on very detailed specifications. Though he is supposed to keep a low profile, Jack is drawn out of his protective shell by the local priest and a call girl. Using the cover of a professional photographer, Jack is engaged in conversations by the kindly Father Benedetto (Paolo Bonacelli) who runs the local church and serves as the town's confessor. With his checkered past, Jack needs salvation and his talks with the priest gradually touch upon life and death issues.

As for the romantic side of his reclusive life, Jack soon finds more than one-night stand involvement with local prostitute Clara (Violante Placido). This will be a nice change of pace for the brooding assassin on the edge, who spends much of his time with lonely walks on cobblestone streets and visits to the local café for an espresso. The dull life is interrupted by the arrival of a Scandinavian killer bent on revenge, so at least the passive tranquility is replaced with a decent action sequence. Meanwhile, Jack becomes more involved with Clara, a real beauty who easily disrobes to show her incredible figure. The relationship evolves from the monetary to something more romantic when Jack takes her on a picnic to his special place in the woods. Truthfully, there's not much

happening in "The American," which heavily favors character development over action or plot. It is essentially an intellectual exercise focused on the psychology of a lonely assassin teetering at the end of his rope. The film's European flavor is also likely to be a turn-off for many, and certainly the slow-moving pace may be a major annoyance. Furthermore, Clooney's Jack is not a likeable character, and yet his personality slowly improves during the course of the story, which oddly enough may be the result of his soul-bearing interaction with the priest and his emerging, improbable romance with the call girl. "The American" also benefits from the pleasant atmosphere of the Italian village, where the twisting cobblestone streets seem to be an analogy for the meandering plot. The film would have been truly depressing if the story took place entirely in the bleak, cold dreariness of snow-covered rural Sweden.

DVD RELEASE UPDATE


The first season of the female-driven drama "The Good Wife" is being released on DVD, which will include some commentaries and deleted scenes. Starring Julianna Margulies, "The Good Wife" is about a politician's wife who pursues her own career as a defense attorney after her husband (Chris Noth) is sent to jail on charges of political corruption. When this series first started, it was topical because Eliot Spitzer, the governor of New York, was forced to resign after a sex scandal, while his wife stood by him in press conferences. Then there was the case of the South Carolina governor who shamed his wife while disappearing to Brazil to pursue his mistress. While "The Good Wife" goes on to its second season, we probably won't have to wait long for another officeholder to disgrace his family and the position he holds. Meanwhile, art imitates life in the case of Margulies' Alicia Florrick having to deal with her career but also keeping her family together by providing a stable home for her two children.



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6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 21, at Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael
6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 22, at Fair Oaks Library, 11601 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks

For more information, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

Basic vegetable gardening tips offered at Arden-Dimick and Fair Oaks libraries

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2 p.m., Saturday, September 11: Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento
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Bridges will discuss how to determine the garden site, preparation of the soil, tools needed, watering and fertilizing. He will offer a general overview on biodynamic square foot gardening techniques and answer questions.

Bridges' passion for gardening leads him on a continual study of gardening and growing techniques. He enjoys teaching others how to use their own backyards as a food source and how maximize their space to grow the best produce possible.

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History books discussed at Carmichael Library monthly meetings

Carmichael Library History Book Club mixes fact and fiction for a clearer picture of what has happened in world history. The adult book club meets at 6:30 p.m., on the first Tuesday of each month, at Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael.

Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks to share with other book club members. For more information on the following book discussions, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org:

October 5: The Spartacus War, by Barry S. Strauss
November 2: The Skystone, by Jack Whyte
December 7: The Bridges at Toko-ri, by James Michener
January 4: The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien
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 KENT 00804 9-15-10
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1006935. Carmichael Overhead Door, Inc., 4045 California Ave. #A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Carmichael Garage Doors; Placer Garage Doors" at 4045 California Ave. #A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Aug. 3, 2010. Publish: August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2010.
 CARGAR 00804 9-15-10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #106893. Alliance Medical Resources, Inc., 167 Briggs Ranch Dr., Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Alliance Medical Resources, Inc." at 167 Briggs Ranch Dr., Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Aug. 2, 2010. Publish: August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2010.
 ALLIAN 00804 9-15-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00084711 WHEREAS, Marcos Robert Denda has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Marcos Robert Denda to Willie Kent. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Sept. 21, 2010 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: Aug. 10, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2010.
 KENT 00804 9-15-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #204892

WHEREAS, Irene Lucyndia Dinkins has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Irene Lucyndia Dinkins to Daniya Edna Renia Grigsby. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 21, 2010 in the Family Relations Courthouse, Dept. 130 located at 3341 Power Inn Rd., Sacramento, CA 95826 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: Aug. 17, 2010. Publish: August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2010.
 SACCHI 00804 9-15-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO SUMMONS CASE #09FL04571 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: SARBJIT SINGH. You are being sued. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: NAVJEET KAUR You have 30 Calendar Days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a typewritten response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at this court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response

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The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 3341 Power Inn Rd., Sacramento, CA 95826. The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: Navjeet Kaur, petitioner in pro per, 2585 Millcreek Dr. #105, Sacramento, CA 95833; 916-929-3211. Publish: August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2010.
 SUPCAL 00804 9-15-10

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES To Whom It May Concern: Christina Guerrero and Tony Enzo Guerrero are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 6530 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA 95608 with 41 - On-Sale Beer and Wine - Eating Place license. Filed: August 18, 2010 Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 2010.
 ROMASP 00901 9-10-10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1007557. Rancho CPD Inc., 3450 Recycle Rd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Rancho Ford Truck" at 3450 Recycle Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Aug. 23, 2010. Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010.
 RANCHO 00901 9-22-10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #10076383. Tony Guerrero, 449 Trowbridge Ct.,

Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Roma's Pizza & Pasta" at 6530 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on July 19, 2010. Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010.
 ROMASP 00901 9-22-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00085986 WHEREAS, Veanna Irene Gales has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names of Jesse Emilio Aragon to Jesse Emilio Gales; and Jaeden Michael Smith-Gales to Jaeden Michael Gales. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on Oct. 5, 2010 in Dept. 53, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: Aug. 24, 2010. Kevin R. Culhane Judge of the Superior Court Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010.
 GALE 00901 9-22-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00086507 WHEREAS, Kymberly M. Wright has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Chase Wright Wilson to Chase Charles Wright-Wilson. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on Oct. 13, 2010 in Dept. 53, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: Sept. 1, 2010. Kevin R. Culhane Judge of the Superior Court Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010.
 BLACK 00902 9-29-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-0008702 WHEREAS, Aza Sanducci and Ray Sanducci have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names of Aytaj M. Sandugi to Aytaj Santucci and Mehdi M. Sandugi to Michael Sardi. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before

this court at 9 a.m. on Oct. 15, 2010 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: Sept. 3, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010.
 SANDUC 00902 9-29-10

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: Aug. 30, 2010. Kevin R. Culhane Judge of the Superior Court Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010.
 BLACK 00902 9-29-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00083813 WHEREAS, Dominique Ladejah Robertson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Dominique Ladejah Hernandez to Dominique Ladejah Hernandez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9, 2010 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: July 29, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 11, 18, 25, September 2, 2010.
 HERNAN 00802 9-2-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00085702 WHEREAS, Aza Sanducci and Ray Sanducci have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names of Aytaj M. Sandugi to Aytaj Santucci and Mehdi M. Sandugi to Michael Sardi. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before

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 SANDUC 00902 9-29-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00083813 WHEREAS, Dominique Ladejah Robertson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Dominique Ladejah Hernandez to Dominique Ladejah Hernandez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9, 2010 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: July 29, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 11, 18, 25, September 2, 2010.
 HERNAN 00802 9-2-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00083825 WHEREAS, Briyana Angelique Mixon has filed a petition with this

court for a decree changing name of Briyana Gabrielle Hernandez to Briyana Gabrielle Hernandez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9, 2010 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: Sept. 3, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010.
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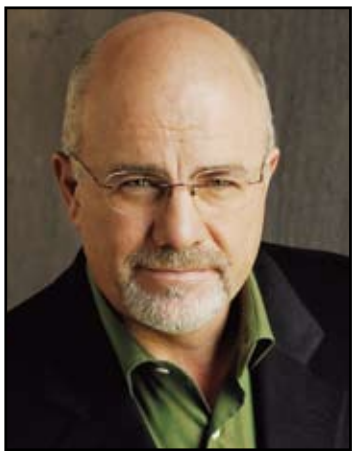
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Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert, popular national radio personality and the author of three New York Times bestsellers – *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace Revisited* and *More Than Enough*. In them, Ramsey exemplifies his 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.

Bogus Real Estate Offers

Dear Dave,

I've been seeing a lot of hand-made signs along the road here in Dallas lately. They say "Seeking real estate investor apprentice –\$20,000 a month." It also has a phone number listed. Do you know what this is about? It sounds too good to be true.

- Jerry

Dear Jerry,

Of course it's too good to be true! If someone's offering a legitimate

job making \$20,000 a month do you really think they're going to post it on a hand-made sign next to the road? I think your advertising budget will involve a little more than poster board and a stick if there's really \$20,000 a month involved. Give me a break!

It sounds to me like they're trying to sell a questionable real estate seminar. A lot of these things are marketed as "real estate boot camps." The premise is that over the course of a weekend they'll teach you to buy and sell foreclosure properties. Some of them charge anywhere from \$3,000 to \$8,000, with the promise that if you follow the "guru" and his advice, then the "guru" will help you by buying the house with you. They'll furnish the capital! Of course, seldom if ever do they even buy any houses, and if they do it's the best possible deal that you might not want to share, anyway.

Anything that sounds too good to be true is too good to be true. It's not any harder than that. Beverly Sills had it right when she said, "There are no shortcuts to anyplace worth going." Becoming wealthy isn't easy. It takes lots of hard work, sacrifice and the willingness to live on less than you make.

Even the Bible talks about this kind of thing. Proverbs 28:20 says, "A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished." Remember that, Jerry!

- Dave

Time to Grow Up!

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have been married for about a year, and in that time we've been blessed with several financial gifts from our parents. We keep having this recurring discussion on how to use the money when it's given to us. I came into the marriage with some debt we're trying to pay off, but he feels like we should use this gift money like found money and have some fun. What do you think?

- Katie

Dear Katie,

Unless the giver has very specific thoughts on how they'd like you to use the money, then it's really up to you guys. If the giver wanted you to use it for something specific, though, they probably should have said so or just bought you the item in the first place.

Other than that, I think it's time someone grew up a little bit and realized it's not a birthday party when this kind of thing happens. It's simply money that has come into your household - like a paycheck you'd get on the job, in other words. You don't go out and blow \$100 or whatever on toys or other fun just because it was handed to you by mom and dad. That's how a 10-year-old behaves.

If there's something you need, and you agree on it together and choose to buy it as a couple, that's cool. I've got no problem with that. But you guys are just starting out, and you've got debts to pay. I'm sure he's a good guy, but it's time for him to start acting like an adult about this stuff and work with you on getting your financial lives in order!

- Dave

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ROCK DOC

By Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

With the price of gold over \$1,000 per troy ounce, people have asked me if they should sell Great Aunt Edna's rings and bracelets. Is the price of gold going to go up more based on fears of economic troubles? Will governments around the world take actions that change the price a lot, one way or another? And what's the value we should put on loyalty to Great Aunt Edna's memory?

A geologist cannot usefully advise you about economic policy made at the international level or about balancing Edna's memory versus being able to pay the rent. But the high price of gold has led me to some rumination about the world's first, extraordinarily precious metal.

Not all that glitters is gold, to be sure, but when I once had the chance to personally heft a gold bar (no easy feat for a lightweight), I surely admitted that gold has a strong allure. I was visiting a geologist at Round Mountain, Nevada, where the gold comes out of an open-pit mine and is processed on-site. The final step of the work creates the gold bars, which are called "dore." That term means they have not yet

The Right Time to Sell

been highly purified, so they can have some silver and other metals in them. But they're mostly gold.

It's tough to think clearly about gold when you're in the presence of a lot of it, like it's tough to be completely unemotional in the presence of the Hope Diamond. But here, in the safety of print and away from stacks of gold bars, let me lay out a bit of what I know about gold.

People likely learned to mine gold long ago where it occurred in the richest stream and beach deposits. If gold grade is high enough, you can literally simply look down at your feet as you walk along a sandy beach and pick out small nuggets and grains of gold. When gold grade drops below that, individual prospectors can either pan for gold or send their sandy diggings down sluices to process it. Both approaches help separate dense gold particles from the lighter sand around it.

But gold is found in quite different geologic settings, too. It's often in veins of quartz in other rocks. (In the ancient world, Mother Nature was thought to be in some sense alive, so it wasn't surprising the Earth would have "veins," just as you have veins in your arms. Odd, from a modern perspective, but true, and preserved in our language down through the millennia.)

Geological veins are made by fluids, circulating in the Earth and depositing minerals that get left behind. I spent several years in graduate school studying how much gold will dissolve in fluids in the Earth. (Odd, also, but true, wasting my youth in such a way.)

One impressive thing about gold in your daily life is that it doesn't dissolve at all. The ring on your finger won't dissolve if you throw it in the boiling pot of pasta water. The gold on your crowned tooth doesn't dissolve despite years (or for some of us, decades) of being immersed in spit, hot coffee and all the rest.

So the question for my studies as a student, essentially, was what conditions and chemicals in the Earth made it possible for gold to dissolve into fluids and move, then drop out of solution and into the veins from which we can mine it today. The answer had to do with sulfur and oxygen and some difficult points of chemistry, with lots of calculations thrown in to add to the labor. But the main issue was that the conditions where gold dissolves are rare, indeed – just as you know from your day-to-day living.

And that brings us back to Great Aunt Edna's rings. There's no harm in taking them in and asking for a bid. But before you take the cash and walk away from the family gold, I'd recommend leaving the buy-back place and going home. One night's sleep could help you reach a decision you won't regret, one way or another. There was, after all, only one Great Aunt Edna.

Dr. E. Kirsten Peters, a native of the rural Northwest, was trained as a geologist at Princeton and Harvard. Follow her on the web at rockdoc.wsu.edu and on Twitter @RockDocWSU. This column is a service of the College of Sciences at Washington State University.



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Supervisor Susan Peters encourages Public Support



Carmichael – The public can demonstrate their support for Sacramento County's state-of-the-art Animal Shelter and at the same time enjoy a fun filled evening at the "Whiskers and Wine" event on Saturday, September 25. The fundraising event is being sponsored by the animal facility's nonprofit support group TEAM-Teaching Everyone Animals Matter – with corporate support from Grocery Outlet.

"This is an opportunity to have fun and help the animals," says Supervisor Susan Peters. "With the budget of the Department of Animal Care and Regulation being stretched thin by current constraints, donations are needed now more than ever to

help supplement funding for the shelter's operations."

The fun at the Animal Shelter will start a 6 p.m. and tickets cost \$25 per person at the door but can be purchased in advanced for a mere \$20. Attendees will be able to enjoy a barbeque, wine tasting, music and tours of the facility. There also will be a silent auction and live DJ.

The County's Animal Care Facility, located at 3839 Bradshaw Road, was designed by George Miers & Associates, an architectural firm that works with the Humane Society of the United States.

More information can be obtained at visiting SacAnimalShelter.org, emailing WhiskersandWine@gmail.com, or calling 875-5051.



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