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## It takes a village – and \$250,000

## Annual Pass Helps to Save Our Parks



**Park land on Jan Drive, Carmichael will be preserved through neighborhood efforts. The reserve has long been undeveloped. Community organizer Joyce Carroll (right) is spearheading plans to have residents share development costs with Carmichael Park District. Carroll's companion is dog owner Jo Stovall. Photo courtesy of Susan Skinner**

by Susan Skinner

*Carmichael* - Activist Joyce Carroll has galvanized a neighborhood into saving over 13 acres of Carmichael's sparse remaining open lands. Deputy Commissioner of the California State Juvenile Parole Board, Carroll lives near undeveloped park land on Jan Drive and knows the value of open spaces in community life.

"Humans are meant to connect with nature," she explains. "We don't do well in concrete jungles. And it's been proven that having access to open spaces is especially important for children."

Part of the old San Juan land grant, the Jan Dr acres were part of a farm owned by the

Jan family. Slated for a school site but later acquired by the Carmichael Recreation and Park District, the land has lain fallow over 30 years. It offers walking trails, wild flowers, heritage oaks and a home for hundreds of birds and animals.

The park district lacked funds to develop a much-needed park here for families in neighboring blocks. Selling a quarter of the land to fund improvements was an option eschewed by the neighbors. "When public lands are sold, they are lost forever," says Carroll. "Rarely does the public benefit." Over 35 families have joined Carroll in forming the Barrett Hills Neighborhood Association, named for a pioneer family that first farmed this

part of Carmichael. The group recently reached an agreement with park administrators: in money or in labor, neighbors will provide half the \$500,000 cost to keep the reserve intact and develop its facilities. The park district will fund the remainder.

Plans will upgrade walking trails and provide a bridge across a central drainage ditch. A small grassed area will allow picnics; the park will also have a flagstaff monument. Most of the trees and wilderness areas will remain as a bird and animal habitat.

A former president of the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and founder of the North Area Teen Center, Carroll is no stranger to fundraising. A rummage sale at the park raised

\$2400. Commemorative bricks (selling for \$125 each) are available. Neighbor and civil engineer Doug McElhinney has donated over \$40,000 in hours to get his "No Land Sale Master Plan" plan accepted by the County. Teichert Construction is providing assistance at a subsidized cost.

"We hope to break ground on the development before spring of 2011," says Joyce Carroll. "We've already done a lot of work but we still have tons to do."

*Donations are welcomed for the fundraiser rummage sale at Jan Park on June 5. Learn about the park development at [www.savejanpark.com](http://www.savejanpark.com).*

## Whistleblowers Sue UHS for Defrauding the State of Special Education Money

*Carmichael* - Acting as whistleblowers, former employees, a student and a parent have brought suit against Universal Health Services (NYSE: UHS, [www.uhsinc.com](http://www.uhsinc.com)) under the California False Claims Act. UHS operates UHS Schools ([www.uhsschools.com](http://www.uhsschools.com)), a for-profit system of California non-public schools serving children with disabilities and funded entirely by public education dollars. Plaintiffs sue as private attorneys general for the State, charging UHS with fraud. They are witnesses to UHS' exploitative practices, which include falsifying records, charging for students not present, understaffing its classrooms, employing uncertified teachers, and evading state oversight efforts designed to prevent such abuses.

Local educational authorities place California public school students with disabilities in a UHS school. For a large fee paid with education tax dollars—perhaps more than \$44,000 per student per year—UHS promises to render special education services. Thus UHS receives millions of tax dollars each year to provide special education services to which California disabled children are entitled. But children with disabilities, California's most vulnerable citizens, receive only a fraction of the educational benefits that UHS promises and that the state pays for.

In the past five years, UHS has operated schools in Carmichael, Cotati, Elmira, Grand Terrace, Hemet, Morongo Valley, Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, San Rafael, Santa Rosa, Steele Canyon, Vallejo, Ventura, and Victorville. UHS is a Fortune 500 company. In 2008, it generated revenues of

over five billion dollars.

The complaint alleges that UHS, its agents and affiliates, unlawfully requested reimbursement from the State of California through the various local education authorities (e.g., SELPAs) with which it had contracted to provide special education services. UHS agreed (and was paid) to assume the responsibility to provide a free, appropriate public education to hundreds of public school children with disabilities. However, UHS often made false claims about student attendance as well as the educational instruction, services and supplies it provided. In the lawsuit, plaintiffs contend that UHS knowingly submitted billing records that did not accurately reflect that some UHS personnel were unqualified to render instructional services, requested reimbursement for

services not actually provided to the students and overcharged for services they did provide. Plaintiffs also allege that UHS staff routinely subjected students to unnecessary or unlawful restraints, seclusion, and other improper discipline.

The lawsuit was filed under seal on May 18, 2009, to permit the State to investigate. The investigation having been completed, the Court unsealed the Complaint on April 1, 2010. Service was effectuated on Defendants on April 8. Defendants' challenge to the sufficiency of the Complaint will be heard in Sacramento Superior Court on October 15, 2010.

A copy of the First Amended Complaint is attached or available at [www.sorgen.net](http://www.sorgen.net). For more information, please contact the Law Offices of Michael S. Sorgen, (415) 956-1360.

*Sacramento Region* - Are you looking for a way to support County parks, and get a little something in return? Starting at \$50 dollars, an annual parking pass to County Parks allows for unlimited recreation, relaxation and ways to beat the summer heat at county parks and facilities located throughout Sacramento County for a full year from date of purchase. And, if you purchase your pass before July 31, you will automatically be entered to win a custom-fitted bike valued at over \$350 and receive a coupon book valued at \$250 with coupons from local vendors, including: Bicycles Plus, Elliott's Natural Foods, City Bicycle Works, Fleet Feet Sports, River Rat Raft and Bike, Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, Patriot Bicycles, Inc., REI and more.

"The Annual Pass pays for itself in just 10 visits and having a pass makes it so much easier to enter and enjoy our parks as often as you want," said Liz Bellas with the County Department of Regional Parks. "This year more than ever, we are looking towards those in the community who use Sacramento County Regional Parks to support us and help preserve our parks and open spaces."

Annual Pass revenue goes directly towards maintenance and patrol of the 15,000-acre

Regional Parks system, including the American River Parkway, Dry Creek Parkway and other open space corridors. People that don't drive into parks, but rather access them by bicycle, horseback or by walking can show their support by purchasing a Parks Supporter Pass.

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For more information call (916) 875-6961 or visit [www.sacparks.net](http://www.sacparks.net).

## Sunset Walks Promise Wildlife Sightings



**Owl be seeing you. Veteran ecologist Jack Hiehle (right) will show nocturnal species to nature lovers during evening nature walks on the American River Parkway. Photo courtesy of Susan Skinner**

by Susan Skinner

*Carmichael* - Fundraising for the beleaguered Effie Yeaw Nature Center, night walks along the American River promise views of seldom-seen Parkway wildlife. Ecologist Jack Hiehle will lead monthly rambles into areas where beaver and otter go about their busy night time business.

"Evening Beaver and Wildlife Walks" have been organized by the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA). Hiehle will guide monthly brigades that assemble before dusk. The treks conclude in darkness. Party size is limited and participants should be over 12 years old.

The walks are scheduled on July 26 and August 30, beginning at 6:30 pm. The program may continue with more walks in fall.

A \$10 donation per person is requested.

At 89 years old, Hiehle knows every inch of the Parkway and its quiet backwaters. "I've guided these walks for over 20 years and have never failed to see beaver," says the sharp-eyed docent. For his evening walks, trousers and insect repellent are advised. Learning about the illusive beaver (a species slowly repopulating after near extinction through 1800s over-trapping) is the main focus of the rambles. Punters will also see heron, egret and deer. Coyote and the carnivorous otter may also make an appearance.

Reservations are required for this program.

For information and bookings call (916) 489-4918.

# Carmichael Park Rocks in July!



Brothers, and a little Jefferson Airplane with a dash of Mary Wells and Ricky Nelson you are sure to be jiving. On July 31 are the Q-Balls, a Sacramento based band that plays classic rock tunes from the 60's through the 80's.

All concerts start at 6pm, are free and open to all ages. They will take place at the Danny Bishop Memorial Pavilion for the Performing Arts (aka the Band Shell) in the back of Carmichael Park at 5750 Grant Avenue. There will be food and beverages for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends and join us

for some great music and fun! Carmichael Recreation and Park District and Lawnman, Inc. would like to thank these additional sponsors for their support: Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, Sacramento County Supervisor, Susan Peters, Carmichael Colony and Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Associations, Point West Insurance and Milagro Investments. If you have any questions or want more information call 485-5322, visit [www.carmichaelpark.com](http://www.carmichaelpark.com) or join us on Facebook under Carmichael Recreation and Park District.

Carmichael - Saturday nights in July stay HOT in Carmichael Park as the Carmichael Recreation and Park District and Lawnman, Inc. team up to host four fantastic concerts for the community.

On July 24 we will hop, twist and shout to the classic songs of the 50's and 60's with Jan and the Studebakers. From the Shangri-las to the Everly

## Growing Pains



Pastor Cary Duckett

by Pastor Cary Duckett

I once heard a story about a North American Indian rite of passage. The story goes that a father would take his teenage son into the wilderness where wild animals were known to roam. The father would find a rock or fallen log and tell his son that the way to becoming a young warrior was proved by sitting all night by himself. The father would give his son a knife and then leave him in the wilderness

alone. If the son survived the night without fleeing in fear, he would be considered a young warrior.

Imagine the discomfort, anxiousness, and adrenaline rush that would come with each unidentifiable noise during the night. Vision limited by darkness, senses on edge by fatigue, and fear crouching by the thought of being alone. Growing up is uncomfortable and risky. The same could be said for spiritually "growing up." The Apostle Paul told his readers that he wanted to address them as spiritually mature people, but instead he had to talk to them as spiritual infants (1 Cor. 3:1). Remaining immature is the path of least resistance—the path of least responsibility and least privilege.

James, the author of the book in the Bible that bears his name and the brother of Jesus, challenged his readers to spiritually grow up. He said that life's problems force our spiritual life

"into the open and shows its true colors." Therefore, don't try to get out of life's problems too quickly because they cause us to "become mature and well-developed" (James 1:4, Msg). Life's problems are spiritual rites of passage and they produce growing pains. The temptation is to remain immature—blaming others.

The young Indian striving for adulthood felt alone when confronted with potential fears, but what he didn't know was that he was never out of his father's sight. The father remained quietly close just in case the son needed protection. Our Heavenly Father is always close ready to provide help, but sometimes He is quiet. He wants us to grow up.

You are invited to come and be our guest at Cypress Avenue Baptist Church. Our worship times are 9 AM & 10:30 AM each Sunday. To learn more about Cypress go to [www.cypressavenue.org](http://www.cypressavenue.org).

## Carmichael's Guide to FREE Summer Concert in the Park!



The Carmichael Recreation and Park District is offering the Summer Concert in the Park Series for your listening and dancing enjoyment at the Danny Bishop Memorial Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue! (In the back of the Park)

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Sunday	July 25	Todd Morgan & the Emblems
	6:30-8:30pm	'50s Rock 'n' Roll/ Blues/30's Jazz
*Saturday	July 31	Q-Balls
	6-8pm	Classic Rock - '60s to '80s
Sunday	August 1	John Skinner Band
	6:30-8:30pm	Dance Band
Sunday	August 8	Metro Swing
	6:30-8:30pm	Dance Band
Sunday	August 15	El Dorado Brass Band
	6:30-8:30pm	Authentic 14-piece Civil War Band
Sunday	August 22	River City Concert Band
	6:30-8:30pm	50-piece Concert Band
Sunday	August 29	Capitol Pops Concert Band
	6:30-8:30pm	50-piece Concert Band



The John Skinner Band will perform Sunday, August 1. Put on your dancing shoes for this one!

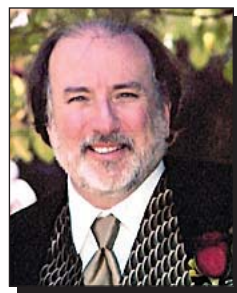
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# International High School Exchange Students to Study in Carmichael

Carmichael - International high school exchange students are coming to study in the Carmichael area during the 2010-11 school year. These students will integrate themselves into a Carmichael area family with the goal of experiencing American culture as an American high school student does. In turn they will provide insight into their own culture.

STS Foundation, a non profit student exchange organization, is proud to help facilitate these relationships. They have been doing so for more than 20 years and look forward to finding new host families in

Carmichael and connecting them with exchange students. Two students STS is looking for host families in the area for this year are Esteban and Tuija. Esteban is a 16 year old boy from Quincy, France. He loves playing soccer, but would also like to try playing American sports. He enjoys playing table tennis and likes to cook traditional French food. Esteban has a twelve year old brother and his favorite school subject is Chemistry. He is eager to learn about American culture and customs. Tuija is a 16 year old girl from Helsinki, Finland. She has

trained as a competitive swimmer for four years and is also fond of ice hockey and soccer. Tuija loves the outdoors and is very excited to experience an American high school. They are both excellent students and will have their own spending money and health insurance.

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# Sheriff's Center to Close



Offering thanks for a combined total of 32 volunteer years, Carmichael Chamber of Commerce staffer Linda Melody recently visited center VIPs Dennis Bruns, Betty Welch and Mary Pae. Photo courtesy of Susan Skinner.

by Susan Skinner

Carmichael - A sad moment in Carmichael history will mark the closing of the Sheriff's Service

Center in the Bel Air Shopping Center this month. First located at Crestview Shopping Mall, the office has served the north Sacramento area since 1994.

Due to budget cuts, the office will close on July 23 and local people must then use the facility at 2500 Marconi Ave.

# Arden Playhouse Presents The Good Old Summertime



Matt Gavin and Linda Small travel to sweet bygone days to perform songs from the early 1900s in The Good Old Summertime at Arden Playhouse. Photo courtesy of Michael Messmer, Arden Playhouse

Arden Playhouse is pleased to present a very special summer production in its beautiful new theater...the first new theater in unincorporated Sacramento County in decades.

The Good Old Summertime is a musical revue packed full of the most popular music from the turn of the century (not this one - the last one!). Enjoy once again the sweet bygone days as four unwitting time travelers encounter their toot, toot, tootsies, when every pretty girl was like a melody and hours were often spent chasing rainbows. Ah, the sweet mystery of life is sure to be found. So don't be a melancholy baby, join us by the light of

the silvery moon, any Friday or Saturday night, or stroll down a shady lane for a Sunday matinee. Bring your beautiful doll or your sweet honey bee!

Matt Gavin (Writer-Director) is a voice graduate of the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Gavin has had a passion for musical theater and popular songs all his life. In The Good Old Summertime, his debut at the Arden Playhouse, he has made use of his nearly five decades of experience in directing, playwriting, songwriting, lyric writing, and performing. After years in New York City and Los Angeles, Matt now makes his home in Sacramento with his

wife, Marguerite.

The Good Old Summertime has its Arden Playhouse opening on August 6th and continues on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm until August 28th. Sunday matinees are August 15th, & 22nd, at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 for special summer admission. Tickets can be arranged by calling (916) 332-2582.

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# Financial Overhaul Misses The Mark



**Congressman Dan Lungren**

*Congressman Dan Lungren (R-Gold River-CA) released the following statement after his vote against the Conference Report on the Financial Regulation legislation today. The bill is a tragic missed opportunity to take meaningful action to stabilize our financial system and to prevent another financial catastrophe in the future.*

"First and foremost, the Conference Report should be noted for what it does not include. The Failure to address the problem of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is best described by former Clinton Administration SEC Commissioner, Arthur Levitt as being "without excuse." The role played by these government sponsored enterprises in igniting the housing crisis is left unaddressed by this bill. In fact, these

enterprises continue to be the beneficiaries of an ongoing federal bail-out. The federal government has already injected over \$145 billion of taxpayers money into these two companies and the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the ultimate cost could continue to rise as high as \$380 billion. The absence of any effort to address this mounting catastrophe is nothing short of a national disgrace.

"To add insult to injury, the financial regulation bill continues the approach to our nation's largest financial institutions which led to the financial crisis. Giving the federal government the power to determine which financial institutions present "systemic risks" will further distort the financial system towards the "big banks." Institutions whose failure would be considered to be a threat to the economy will be deemed to have an implicit federal guarantee while their smaller competitors will not.

"In this regard, the outcome of this legislation will be so bright for smaller community banks. As Sarah Wallace, chair of the board of directors of First Federal Savings and "Loan Association described the bill: "Creditworthy borrowers will be denied loans as small banks devote more and more energy to regulatory compliance."

"One of my major concerns with the legislation is that it

will create regulatory bottlenecks which will impede lending at a time when our economy is fragile and unemployment in the 3rd Congressional District is in double digits. Mark Zandi has advised both Republican and Democratic policymakers He predicts the bill will reduce credit to business and households by \$80 billion a year.

"Does this sound all too familiar? Unfortunately, the reliance on the political system rather than the discipline of the market place may ultimately distort economic outcomes. Failing financial institutions should face expedited bankruptcy proceedings rather than the bill's resolution authority designed by politicians and run by a newly created federal bureaucracy.

"This Conference Report on financial regulation is simply the wrong medicine and a missed opportunity to provide for meaningful financial reform. It fails to address the major causes of the financial collapse and I fear that it takes us down a road that we have traveled before."

*Congressman Dan Lungren serves as Ranking Member on the House Administration Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees.*

# Safe Summer Fun for Kids

Summer activities are a favorite among young children, from playing on swings to swimming in cool water. But spending more time outside near garages, pools, lakes, and playground equipment can increase a child's risk of injury.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 2.5 million children are injured around their homes every year. To help parents and caregivers protect kids from potential dangers and reduce accidents this summer, First 5 Sacramento offers the following tips on child-proofing outdoor areas.

**By the Water**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that drowning is the second leading cause of death for children. Be water wise around pools, lakes, ponds, and the ocean!

- Don't rely on flotation devices like life vests or floating baby seats to keep kids safe, as these can shift position, lose air, or slip out from under a child.
- Install a fence or wall that's at

least four feet high around pools with a self-latching gate that kids can't reach. Keep the pool gate closed at all times.

**On the Playground**

Before letting your child climb on play equipment in your backyard or a public playground, scan the area for potential safety hazards.

- Check the equipment for rusted parts and loose splinters that can pinch a child's skin.
- Look under swings, slides, and play structures. Ideally, there should be wood chips, sand or rubber mats to help break a child's fall.
- Touch the equipment to make sure it's not too hot to play on.

**Around the Garage**

Garages are often used to store lawn chemicals, gardening tools, and other items that are dangerous for young children.

- Keep pesticides, fertilizer, lighter fluid, and sharp objects like nails and screws in locked cabinets or high above the reach of curious little hands.
- When mowing the lawn, keep kids inside the house or at a safe distance so that they don't get hurt by flying objects such as sticks or rocks. Never let children push a lawn mower with you.

Remember to always supervise children when they are playing outdoors. Summer provides great opportunities for kids to explore and stay active, but keep safety in mind first! For more information on outdoor safety, contact First 5 Sacramento at www.First5Sacramento.net or at 916-876-5865.

**About First 5 Sacramento**

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on tobacco products to support programs for expectant parents and children ages zero to five. In the last year, First 5 Sacramento distributed approximately \$16 million a year in Prop 10 revenues to programs and services that meet local needs. Each county has a First 5 Children and Families Commission providing unique local services for that county. Surrounding First 5's include: First 5 Yolo: 530-669-2475; First 5 Placer: 530-745-1304; First 5 El Dorado: 530-672-8298.

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# Local Senior Full of Life at 100

Carmichael, CA – On Monday, July 12th, Atria El Camino Gardens resident Mayme Harmeyer celebrated her 100th birthday with friends, family and staff and the resident community.

Mayme was born on July 13th, 1910 in Chicago Illinois, which she says is pronounced “see-cow-go”. She arrived at Atria El Camino Gardens in 2009, still fit and full of purpose.

She grew up one of nine children and has lived through 18 U.S. Presidents and went to college during the depression. She fondly remembers going down to Lake Michigan with the family to stay cool. Mayme used to love to play the piano but now she

loves to listen to the many live piano performances at the community. Mayme says “I have been fortunate, everything seems to come my way.”

Mayme says that the secret of life is to “always keep yourself busy.”

During her time at Atria, Mayme has taken advantage of the community’s diverse activities calendar. She mostly enjoys the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program and live entertainment.

“Mayme is a delight. She always has the brightest smile!” says Staci Weisz, Engage Life Director at Atria. “We encourage

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# Lungren Announces Summer Town Halls

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A Film Review by Tim Riley

## INCEPTION (Rated PG-13)

Beware of people who claim they fully comprehend what is happening most of the time in Christopher Nolan’s “Inception.” They probably cling to a misplaced notion of their own intellectual superiority and would view your ignorance with condescension if not downright hostility. Nolan, the director and screenwriter of “Inception,” performed the same tasks for mysterious films such as “Memento” and “The Prestige.” But then, he also co-wrote and directed “Batman Begins,” a thoroughly accessible action film for the masses.

It is obvious from his past work that the talented Nolan is capable of blending metaphysical abstraction and pure adrenaline of energetic action. These two disparate strains of cinematic styles come together in “Inception,” and the attendant confusion that may be experienced by unaffected filmgoers is understandable. You may count me in the category of those puzzled by Nolan’s peculiar desire to merge the supernatural dream state with the kind of action one would expect to see in a James Bond film. In fact, if the assault on the snowy mountaintop aerie of a corporate bigwig doesn’t remind you of the vintage Bond film “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service,” I don’t know what will.

Described as a science-fiction action and fantasy film, “Inception” plumbs deeply into the human psyche. At least, that

# Riley Reviews

MIND-BENDING THRILLS AND MYSTIQUE INFUSE “INCEPTION”

appears to be the job description for Leonardo DiCaprio’s Cobb, a skilled thief in the dangerous art of extraction, which involves stealing valuable secrets from deep within the subconscious during the dream state when the mind is at its most vulnerable. Cobb’s rare ability has made him a coveted player in a treacherous new world of corporate espionage. The downside of his work is that it has also made him an international fugitive and cost him everything he has ever loved, though the film leaves a lot of ambiguity about where he stands with his wife Mal (Marion Cotillard).

We first see Cobb at work trying to extract vital information from the brain of rich Japanese magnate Saito (Ken Watanabe), but it appears to be merely a test for a more difficult proposition. What matters most to Cobb is to be reunited with his two young kids in the United States, and Saito offers him a way home without a messy encounter with the authorities. Saito targets Robert Fischer (Cillian Murphy) for a nearly impossible mission – inception. Instead of the perfect dream heist, Cobb and his team of specialists have to pull off the reverse; their task is not to steal an idea but to plant one. If they succeed, it could be the perfect crime.

Fischer, the mark, is about to inherit control of his dying father’s multibillion-dollar empire. Riddled by insecurities, as expected of someone who has lived his entire life in the shadow of a hugely powerful individual, Fischer looks to be the perfect victim. What

Cobb’s team needs to plant in Fischer’s mind is the idea of dismantling the patriarch’s global empire so that the mega-corporation can be picked apart like a Sunday yard sale.

To make the inception enterprise work, Cobb relies on his specialists to manipulate the victim’s dream state. First, it requires building a dream world so full of mazes that only an architect could design it. This is where young Ariane (Ellen Page), dubious at first but soon overcome with intellectual curiosity, comes aboard. Cobb’s right-hand man is Arthur (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), the master planner in charge of the details. In the TV series “Mission Impossible,” Martin Landau would don masks and makeup to impersonate others; here the job falls to Eames (Tom Hardy), who inhabits the dream world like a chameleon. The chemist Yusuf (Dileep Rao) uses a drug compound that enables multiple people to share different dream states.

What ends up being constructed in the dream world is often full of gun battles and fights, with weapons blazing most dramatically in the snowy mountains of Canada. Even though Cobb and his team can enter Fischer’s dream world, little did they realize he had his own army of bodyguards ready for battle. While “Inception” may confuse the cerebral with bewilderment, the movie, at some level, offers the audience the chance to take away from the experience what they will. From my perspective, I think “Inception” is too impressed with its own cleverness. This is the Rubik’s Cube of the cinema, and you must decide if you want to figure out the whole puzzle. Some say that a Nolan film should be viewed more than once; I’ll pass on that idea.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DALTON JEROME MELVOLD aka TONY JEROME MELVOLD

A petition has been filed by Sharon Kaye Melvold in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Sharon Kaye Melvold be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

WHEREAS, Cynthia Jean Tierney has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Cynthia Jean Tierney to Cynthia Jean Sarracino. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Aug. 3, 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: June 22, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2010. SARRAC 00605 7-21-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00080141

WHEREAS, Loni Stribling has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Derrick Devon Stribling to Derrick Allen Kenner. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on July 27, 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

account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code. The name and address of petitioner or petitioner's attorney is: Catherine A. Lawson, Esq., 3161 Cameron Park Dr. #223, Cameron Park, CA 95682; (530) 676-6860. Publish: July 7, 14, 21, 2010. LAWSON 100701 7-21-10

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00082727

WHEREAS, Mindee K. Mortimer and Jay Richins have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Kara Kuuleihulu Mortimer Richins. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Aug. 26, 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 15, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 2010. MORTIM 00703 8-11-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00082675

WHEREAS, Tiffanie Sun and Wayne Cheng have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Aidan Ryan Cheng to Aidan Hao-Yuan Cheng. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Aug. 26, 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 15, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 2010. CHENG 00703 8-11-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00082348

WHEREAS, Tanya Sirugo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names of Breanna Rose Sirugo-Cooke to Breanna Rose Sirugo; and Hayden Walter Sirugo-Cooke to Hayden Gary Sirugo. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Aug. 24, 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: Jul 12, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 2010. SIRUGO 00703 8-11-10

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**La Sierra Community Center, Room 800**  
5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael  
Thursday, August 26, 10 to 11 a.m.  
**FREE class but you must pre-register by calling 483-7826**

### Writing and Scrapbooking Your Life Story

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**La Sierra Community Center, Room 800**  
5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael  
Saturday, August 21, 9 am to noon.  
**Fee: \$20, plus \$15 materials fee paid to the instructor at the class.**

### Peanut Butter and Jelly Again?

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Learn ways of combating childhood obesity and diabetes one lunch box at a time! Please call 483-7826 for more information or to register.

**La Sierra Community Center Kitchen**  
5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael  
Saturday, August 28, 9 to 11 a.m.

**Fee: \$20, plus \$10 materials fee paid to the instructor at the class.**

### Carmichael Founders Day Celebration

Bring your family and friends to Carmichael's 101st Founders Day. The celebration will include activities for kids, live music, an auto show, craft and food vendors and many local community booths. To reserve vendor space, call 916-485-5322.

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**If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth Crisante at 483-7826 or email her at [ecrisante@carmichaelpark.com](mailto:ecrisante@carmichaelpark.com).**

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(Clockwise from top left) Rodger Hoopman, Warren Harrison, Salina Diane, David John Silva

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*Anything Goes* debuted on Broadway in 1934 and introduced many of Cole Porter's biggest hits – "You're the Top", "All Through the Night", "Blow, Gabriel, Blow", "I Get a Kick Out of You" and starred a young Ethel Merman. The show was revised in 1962 and added several other Porter songs, including "It's Develovely" and "Let's Misbehave". The musical show tells the tale of a cruise ship sailing from New York to London, carrying a stowaway, a gangster and his moll, an Evangelist turned nightclub singer, an English nobleman and his fiancé. Cases of mistaken identities complicate matters as the passengers on board think they are sailing with Public Enemy Number One.

**The show, produced in association with Dreams-n-Stuff Productions, features Salina Diane, Warren Harrison, Rodger Hoopman, David John Silva, Monica Parisi and Lyra Dominguez. Choreography is by Pamela Kay Lourentzos. Set direction is by Rodger Hoopman.**

**For tickets or more information please visit the Chautauqua website at [www.cplayhouse.org](http://www.cplayhouse.org) or call the theatre at (916) 489-7529 (PLAY).**

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## Carmichael Chamber of Commerce



Linda Melody of the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce welcomes two new members; Nancy Chase, (left), Auto Medics; Anna Makovsky, (center), First Bank. Learn about the Chamber at (916) 481 1002.

### Luncheon RSVPs by July 22

The reservation deadline for the July Chamber luncheon is Thursday, July 22. This month's luncheon is Tuesday, July 27 at Cypress Avenue Baptist Church, 5709 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael. Luncheon is 11:30 am - 1 pm. This month's guest speaker is Carrie Ellinwood, Lender Relations Specialist for the Sacramento District Office of the US Small Business Administration. Cost of luncheon is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. To make a reservation, contact the Chamber office at 481-1002 or linda@carmichaelchamber.com.

### Need Mixer Hosts August 11, November 10

The Carmichael Chamber is looking for member businesses to host a Chamber mixer for August or November. Mixers are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business and increase awareness of your company or organization. Hosts must be Chamber members. For more information, or to host a mixer, please call Linda at the Chamber office at 481-1002.



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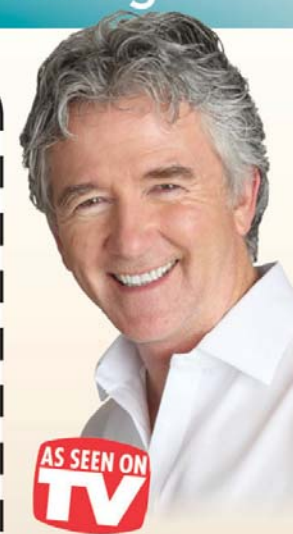
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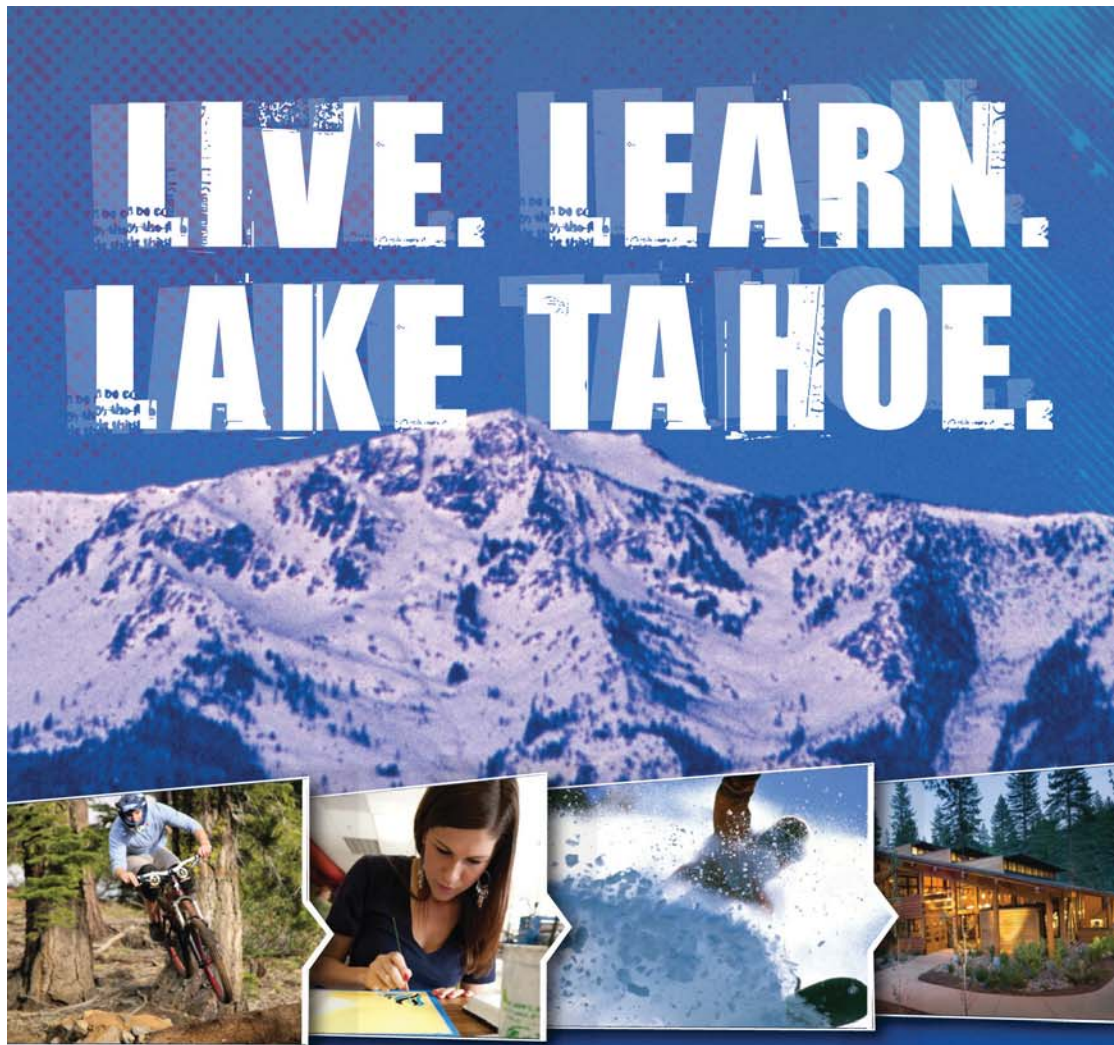
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# “A Lion Sleeps Tonight”

## Senator Dave Cox Passes at age 72

*Publisher's note: The world of politics is often described as a "jungle", a tough and often unforgiving one that can destroy lesser men. Dave Cox was a Lion in that jungle, serving his constituents for many years with a strong voice for the people he honorably served. He sleeps tonight, his struggle with cancer over, but his influence will be felt and remembered by those he served and loved throughout his life.*

**Fair Oaks** - The family of Senator Dave Cox issued the following statement regarding the passing of Senator Dave Cox:

"Our beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, (July 13th).

"A devoted family man, he always found time to serve his community and constituents. Dave took great pride in public service and making government work for the people it serves."

Surrounded by family and friends, Senator Cox passed away Tuesday afternoon after a thirteen year battle with prostate cancer.

Senator Cox is survived by his wife of 44 years, Maggie; daughters Cathleen, Margo, and Sarah; six grandchildren; and his beloved dog, Rudy.

Senator Dave Cox represented the residents of the First Senate District, which includes all or portions of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties.

Dave Cox was first elected to the State Senate in November of 2004 and was re-elected in 2008. He represented the residents of the First Senate District, which includes all or portions of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties. He served as the Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee and Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Committee. He also served on the following Committees: Banking, Finance & Insurance; Energy, Utilities & Communications; Health and Public Employment & Retirement. Dave was first elected to the State Assembly in November of 1998, and the voters overwhelmingly re-elected him in 2000 and 2002. In March of 2001, the Members of the Assembly Republican

Caucus elected Dave to serve as their Assembly Republican Leader, a position he held until January of 2004 when he transitioned the leadership role to Assemblymember Kevin McCarthy. During his tenure as the Republican Leader, Dave led efforts to successfully unite the Republican Caucus against proposals to raise billions of dollars in new taxes while advocating for a stronger economy and jobs climate. He led the fight against the illegal tripling of the car tax and helped trim waste from the state budget, freeing up money needed to fund essential education, public safety and health care programs. In January of 2009, Senator Cox was awarded the Patti Mattingly Distinguished Legislator Award by the Regional Council of Rural Counties. Also in 2009, he was recognized by California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse with their California Champion Against Lawsuit Abuse Award. Dave was recognized as the California Building Industry Association Outstanding Legislator of 2003, and as Legislator of the Year by the American Electronics Association in 2002, the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California in 2001 and the California Business Properties Association in 2001. He was awarded the President's Award by the California State Association of Counties in 2001. This award is given to individuals who are committed to the development of sound public policy and service to the citizenry of California. In 2004, the Northern California Power Agency named Senator Cox as its State Legislator of the Year. The California State Sheriffs' Association has recognized Senator Cox's legislative efforts by naming him one of their Outstanding Senators in 2005, 2007, 2008 and in 2009. Prior to his election to the State Assembly, Dave Cox served for six years on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Past affiliations include: service on the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board of Directors, Senior Warden for St. Francis Episcopal Church of Fair Oaks, and memberships on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Easter Seals, and KVIE-Channel 6, where he

served as Chairman in 1982. Dave Cox graduated from the University of San Diego in 1961 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. He also has a Master of Science Degree. Dave lived with his wife Maggie in Fair Oaks. Together they raised three daughters. All three attended San Juan Unified School District schools and graduated from public California universities. He and Maggie are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. (Source: Dave Cox's biography on his website)



The Honorable Senator Dave Cox

**Sentiments on Dave's passing**  
*Kevin Bassett, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Dave Cox*  
I have worked for Dave Cox for 18 years since his run for the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. I began working on his campaign in January of 1992. After his first term on the Board of Supervisors, I took over as his Chief of Staff. My thoughts of Dave follow.

*Dave Cox was a hands-on elected official. There were times when he would get to neighborhoods when there was a problem before the emergency services. I can recall a neighborhood where a sewer system was backing up into homes. He got there before the emergency response trucks got there, though they were there quite quickly. The neighbors never forgot that.*

As recently as this winter, I think he was checking on storm drain projects in Orangevale. This was over 10 years from the time that he had left the Board of Supervisors. We had seen neighborhoods where heavy rains and inadequate storm drains caused household flooding. He worked to get those storm drains upgraded while on the Board. He was still checking to make sure they were working as recently as this year.

When one drives through the region and into the vast area covered by the Fourth Supervisorial District, the Fifth Assembly District and the First Senate District, one will always see his impact. He helped stabilize SMUD. He helped improve customer service and public safety at the County of Sacramento. When one drives by Intel in Folsom, they should know that Dave Cox worked to bring that expanded campus to our region. When they look at Folsom Dam and our levees, they should know that Dave Cox helped to forge the compromises needed to provide flood control for the region. When they see light rail trains running to Folsom or Elk Grove, they should know that Dave Cox helped the region to end its infighting and to focus on project delivery and we ride those trains today. Dave Cox wanted government to work

for those that it served. He had little patience for its failures.

He held over 700 Community Cabinet meetings while on the Board of Supervisors and in the Assembly. These town-hall style coffee meetings brought him face to face with area residents in six different areas of the region, eleven months out of the year.

I could go on and on about Dave Cox as an elected official. He was a hard worker. He was tough and direct, but he cared about people. He was a team player and smart people wanted him on their team.

As Assembly Republican Leader, his tenure was longer than most in the recent era. He also worked to pick up legislative seats for Republicans; something that had not happened for several election cycles and has not happened since.

Dave Cox was a family man who lived his wife of 44 years and his three daughters. He was so very proud of his six grandchildren. His dog Rudy was his faithful companion.

I cannot imagine a better boss.

In short, I will miss my hardworking boss, my mentor and my friend. I know that the region will as well.

*Kevin Bassett, Chief of Staff*  
**Tribute to Senator Dave Cox from the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce**

"Senator Dave Cox was a great man and represented Fair Oaks and other surrounding communities well. He was a legislator that made it a point to be in touch with his constituents. I met him in 1994 when he was a County Supervisor and I was experiencing a NIMBY problem. He showed me that both sides were important and brought us to resolution. He was that kind of State Senator also, and if you were at the Capitol and dropped in, he would take you into his office and ask how you were. I am going to truly miss Dave."

*Don Troutman, Clean and Sober, President, Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce*

"I knew Dave Cox for over 35 years. He was a man of principal, honesty and genuine concern for his constituents. He was always open to the needs of the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce and was a featured speaker often. We will miss him deeply."

*Tom Hammond, Thomas B. Hammond Co., Vice President, Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce*

"I was a Democrat but voted for Dave Cox every time. He was a gentleman, tried to do the right thing and was a scholar."

*Kathy Jones, Kathryn Jones Custom Gardens, Past President, Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce*

Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) issued this statement upon hearing of the death of Sen. Dave Cox:

"Sen. Dave Cox was a giant public servant in the body of a humble man. He served the people of Sacramento and California with everything he had. He was always accessible, always willing to listen. The constituents we shared will miss him greatly and I will miss a great friend," said Lungren (R-CA), who had just returned to Washington D.C. Tuesday when he learned the news of Cox's death. "I had a brief but wonderful conversation with him a few weeks ago. He was working to the very end. He gamely told me that he

was at '90 percent.' And I told him that 90 percent of Dave Cox is better than 100 percent of most people. I had a funny feeling it might be our last conversation."

Congressman Dan Lungren serves as Ranking Member on the House Administration Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Homeland Security committees  
**Lieutenant Governor Maldonado's Statement on the Passing of the Honorable Dave Cox**

"Laura and I send our heartfelt condolences to the Cox family on this immensely sad day. Dave was a family man, a passionate leader, and a faithful servant of the people; California has lost a champion whose achievements will long be remembered with great admiration.

The friendships I have made in the Legislature are among my most cherished memories. Dave was my friend and I will dearly miss him.

Dave always shared with me his love for his family, our country, the institution in which we both served, and Rodolfo Valentino – also known as 'Rudy Dog', his family dog. Dave liked to joke that he was going to send 'Rudy Dog' home to my ranch because 'Rudy Dog' was hard to potty train and would often destroy his belongings as a pup. Of course, when I said I'll take him, Dave said to me with a smile, 'Maggie and I will never let him go.'

I will never forget my daily coffees with Dave in the members' lounge. He shared so much with me, as I shared with him.

Dave, I will miss you, mi amigo. I will miss your smile. I will miss our jokes. I will miss our Spanish lessons. Rest in peace. I will miss you forever."

**AD5 Candidate Richard Pan Comments on Passing of Senator Dave Cox**

Local pediatrician, educator, and Democratic Nominee for the 5th Assembly District, Dr. Richard Pan released the following statement today regarding the passing of State Senator Dave Cox:

"I wish to express my sympathies to the family of State Senator Dave Cox. As his constituent when he served as the Assemblymember for AD5, I appreciated that while we often had different perspectives, he was always willing to talk to me about issues. He was a strong champion for many local organizations, and he will be missed by many in our region."

*(The Cox family requests that all cards and messages be sent to Senator Cox's Capitol office. Staff will deliver them to the family.)*

*In lieu of flowers, the Cox family asks that donations be made to the Dave and Maggie Cox Scholarship Fund with the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, located at 740 University, Suite 110, Sacramento, CA 95825.*

*At press time, memorial services for Senator Dave Cox had not been announced.)*

**Thank you,  
Dave, for all  
you've done.**

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