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SACOG Authorizes \$32 Million From Economic Recovery Act Road rehabilitation projects ready-to-go when funding is received



Sacramento - The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board of Directors today authorized \$32 million for road rehabilitation projects in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. The amounts are based on the region's estimate of funds from the Economic Recovery Act signed by President Obama on Tuesday. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the El Dorado County Transportation Planning Commission areresponsible for

authorizing an estimated \$7.5 million in funds for their counties.

Transportation infrastructure funds from the Economic Recovery Act will first pass through Caltrans, with a portion being passed on by formula to SACOG. The U.S. Department of Transportation and Caltrans have not specified the exact amount that the region will receive, although based on past formulas, SACOG is anticipating approximately \$72



million in road funds and \$40 million in transit funds.

The SACOG Board authorized \$32 million of the road funds to be used for road rehabilitation projects, with specific projects determined by each city and county. Road rehabilitation projects will do more than just smooth the ride. Projects may use funding for: transit improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, as well as for Complete Streets (designing, operating, and maintaining a road network to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities).

The transit operators in the region have identified a list of ready-togo transit projects. SACOG has not received a funding amount for transit infrastructure. Once a funding amount is received, the transit operators will prioritize their list and bring it to the SACOG Board for consideration in March.

Funding is expected to be released from U.S. Department of Transportation within the next few weeks. Jurisdictions and transit operators must have their projects ready to send out to bid (obligated) within 120 days, and then funds will be allocated to each jurisdiction.

The next meeting of the SACOG Board will be held on Thursday, March 19. 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the SACOG Board Room located at 1415 L Street. Suite 300 in Sacramento.

SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. For funds distributed through Caltrans, Placer and El Dorado counties make their own funding decisions. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.

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Beware the Property Tax Scam!

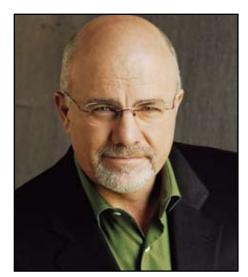
The recent decline in home values has prompted some opportunistic companies to contact homeowners and offer to file a tax reduction request with the county assessor's office in return for a fee of nearly \$200. The mailed notices look official, complete with a penalty charge to be assessed if payment is not received by a specific date.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, along with county assessors throughout the state, is warning that this is a scam designed to take advantage of the uninformed.

In every California county a property owner can apply for a reduction in value -- and a resulting lower tax -- without charge. It is a free service and the procedure is relatively simple.

In a number of counties, property owners may not even have to apply to receive a tax reduction. Many assessors, including Tom Bordonaroin San Luis Obispo County and Rick Auerbach in Los Angeles County, have been proactive -- automatically reevaluating those homes that were purchased from 2004 to 2007 at the height of the housing bubble. Homeowners who do not get a reduction notice and who believe their property has declined significantly in value should contact the county assessor to request a reduction. Since property values nearly doubled between 2001 and 2006, those properties purchased before 2001 are unlikely to qualify for any reduction since any new lower market value will still probably be much higher than the assessor's valuation for tax purposes. A good rule of thumb is if you believe your home would sell today for less than the value reflected on your tax bill, you should apply for a reduction. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has set up a special web page at www.hjta. org to help people understand the process and that it can be done by the individual at no cost. It is a county-by-county system. We have an explanation column and links to the appropriate agency to get the information needed for filing the forms and the deadlines that need to be met.

Dave Says



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.

Ramsey offers life-changing financial advice as host of a nationally syndicated radio program, "The Dave Ramsey Show," which is heard by nearly four million listeners each week on more than 350 radio stations throughout the United States. His syndicated column, "Dave Says," can be read in more than 270 print and online publications worldwide.

Ramsey earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Real Estate from the University of Tennessee. A frequent speaker around the country at large-scale live events, Ramsey is a passionate and inspiring presenter who is at ease on both sides of the mic. More than 500,000 people have attended Ramsey's live events. He resides with his wife

The Car Owns You!

Dear Dave,

I'm 22-years old, in the military, and our yearly household income is about \$20,000. We're trying to get out of debt, but we owe \$13,000 on a car that we financed at 14.5 percent. We both got \$500 limit credit cards to help rebuild our credit rating, so we could refinance the car at a lower rate. Can you give us any other advice? - Josiah

Dear Josiah,

I can definitely help you with the interest rate problem. Sell the car! No, I'm not kidding. I'm not trying to beat you up, but you've got no business with a \$13,000 car when you're only making \$20,000 a year. Even if you'd paid cash for it, that's way too much money tied

up in something that's going down in value. You don't own the car, dude, it owns you!

Right now your entire life revolves around finding a way to keep a car you can't afford. That's ridiculous! If I were you, I'd sell the car, go get a little beater to drive, and give my wife a big hug. This thing is putting unbelievable stress on your marriage, dictating your direction in life, and it's just a stupid car! Forget the idea of building your credit, too! That's one of the biggest myths around. Credit hasn't been much of a blessing to you so far, has it? Here's the deal. If you can't pay

cash for something, you can't afford it. When you pay cash, you don't have any

payments. Then, you have control of your most powerful wealth-building tool – your income! Now that's a formula for success! - Dave

Maintenance Agreement Worth It? Dear Dave.

I'm interested in your opinion regarding buying a five-year maintenance agreement on a new treadmill. It covers repairs, and an annual visit to check and lubricate all moving parts. Is a maintenance agreement ever worth the money, especially if you're not the handyman type? - Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

You know why they sell those agreements? Because they're huge moneymakers! No, I wouldn't do that. We have exercise equipment in our home, and we don't have any maintenance agreements. Lots of folks make resolutions to start working out and get into shape, but very few see it through to the end. A high percentage of expensive workout equipment turns into very expensive coat hangers in a short amount of time. I don't ever recommend maintenance agreements, or extended warranties. I self-insure by having money saved up, and buying quality items!

Did China Bail Us Out?

Dear Dave,

- Dave

Where did the government get all of that bailout money? Did they print it, or did they borrow it from China? - Carl

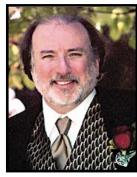
Dear Carl,

It's none of the above. When the government runs a deficit, which means it spends more than it makes (that, of course, happens every moment of every day) it borrows money by selling U.S. government bonds, or treasury bonds, on the open market. China owns some of these bonds, but they certainly don't own them all.

Treasury bonds are sold to lots of investors. Corporations buy them, as do individual investors, because these bonds are theoretically some of the safest on the planet. So don't worry about the China angle, Carl. They didn't make us a direct loan of hundreds of billions of dollars to handle the bailout. That's just another bunch of conspiracy theory bull. - Dave

*Please visit www.davesays.org for more financial advice.

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Joni Hilton



I am a firm believer in women escaping. I mean, women getting together away from their husbands and children. We are a chatty gender and we need girl talk from time to time. Some of us are coping with toddlers, some of us are coping with teens, and some of us are coping with elderly parents, and we feel like the Sandwich Generation with extra mayo.

So I joined a group of gals from my church, who have a monthly restaurant night. It's the perfect chance to talk about everything from the Middle East to our middle sections. We share notes about in-laws, diets, schools, traveling, and of course, men.

Naturally it was only a matter of time before the subject of men's toilet habits came up. (We had already finished dinner, of course.)

Now, let me just say the following: If you missed your target-even once-wouldn't you conclude that this is a bad idea and sit down forevermore? Let's say you want to pour water into a vase. Would you place the vase on the ground, and hope to fill it from five feet away? How could you expect NOT to miss?

I grant you that men never sit around and discuss their wives' toilet habits. On the other hand, we give them nothing astonishing to talk about. Our goal is to get out of there as quickly as possible, and leave no evidence behind that we were even there. If we are quick enough, we can almost convince others that we don't actually "go" at all. And besides, we have to get back to children who are calling to us, phones that are ringing, washers that are buzzing, and kettles that are boiling over.

But back to men. We first discussed our family clean-up policies and agreed that any males sharing bathroom space with us should certainly be included in clean-up rotation. Be it duly noted.

Ladies' Night Out

Next we're shared our amazement at the concept of urinals. How did this catch on, this whole "standing up next to another guy" thing, which is depicted in many a movie and television show? But there they are, standing at a row of urinals which offer no privacy whatsoever, and men seem to have no problem with this. However, it does raise an interesting question. What if a man needs to use a urinal and a stall? That seems like a lot of zipping and unzipping to me. I asked Bob if they just used the stall for everything, and was told this is top secret "Man Information" and that I would never find out as long as I lived.

But I just have to theorize that if they can use a stall for everything, then why ever use a urinal? Don't they want to do this sort of thing alone? And they laugh at us for getting up in a restaurant and all traipsing off to the ladies' room together. It's a puzzling world, I tell you.

Finally one woman had the topper. She actually found droplets on her bathroom CEILING one time, and decided things had finally gone too far. Literally. She called all three of her boys in for an inquisition. "Who did it?" she demanded.

They stood before her, trembling. Finally the youngest one raised his hand and said, "I sneezed."

Oh, men, you are hilarious.

Joni Hilton is an award-winning playwright, the author of 16 books, holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Professional Writing from USC, and is frequently published in major magazines. A former TV talk show host in Los Angeles, she is also a TV spokeswoman across the U.S. for various corporations, and highly in demand as a public speaker. She is Founder of Holy Cow, an organic line of cleaning products (holycowproducts. com), the winner of dozens of cooking contests, and a former model and Miss California. She is married to Bob Hilton, and they are the parents of four children. For book reviews, recipes, purchasing information about her books, and more, simply type Joni Hilton into Google or Yahoo.

> Listen to "The Joni Hilton Show" streaming live, weekdays 9-10 am on www.KAHI.com or 950 AM

"Does This Show Make My Butt Look Fat?"

Columnist and KAHI radio host Joni Hilton is bringing a new comedy play to Sacramento in April. It's called "Does This Show Make My Butt Look Fat?" It will be staged at the Three Penny Playhouse, 1725 25th St., at the intersection of 25th and R. Streets. It's the smallest theatre in the complex, seating about 38 people, so early reservations are a must. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 students, seniors and SARTA members. To reserve your seats, please email contact@beyondpro.org or call 916-456-1600. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, from April 3

through May 3, with Sunday matinees at 2 pm. The play deals with middle age spread, chocolate, body image, chocolate, accepting oneself, and chocolate. It's a fun couples date, OR a great ladies' night out. And men will finally learn the correct response to the question it asks, too. Director Ann Tracy is pairing it with another play, by L.A. playwright Anna Baum, called "Something I Smoked Last Summer" which takes a satiric look at the works of Tennessee Williams. She is cleverly calling the entire evening "Smoked Butt." Call now while seats are still available!

California Rivers Festival

"California's rivers are not only the source of recreation for boaters, they also are the source of clean drinking water for California communities," said Katharyn McLearan, communications director for Friends of the River. "It is fitting that this year's Festival takes place on the banks of the American River, which is one of the top recreational rivers in the country and a popular urban oasis for families, as well as the source of drinking water for Sacramento and the Bay Area."

An annual event that The festival attracts kayakers, whitewater boaters, fly fishermen, families interested in learning about California rivers, and anyone who wants to get involved in river conservation. www.CarmichaelTimes.com

Attendance anticipated topping 1,000 river enthusiasts and their families. This is a FREE family-friendly event that includes gear swap and sales, safe boating seminars, live auction, music, food, and games.

The festival will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Sacramento Waldorf School in Fair Oaks, overlooking the American River, at 3750 Bannister Road, Fair Oaks.

information WWW. For more visit[.] californiariversfestival.org or call 916-442-3155. Friends of the River (FOR) is the only organization safeguarding California rivers. FOR is dedicated to preserve, restore, and sustain our rivers. To learn more visit: www.friendsoftheriver.org

Race for the Arts Sets Date for 2009

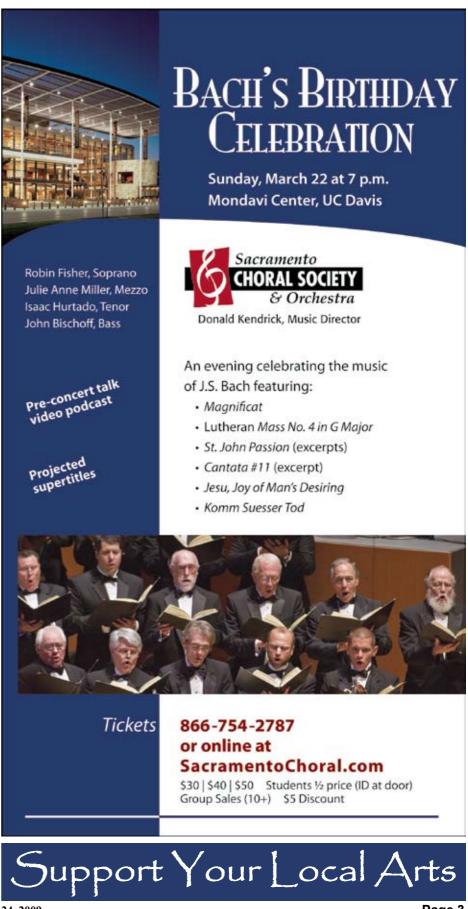
Sacramento - The economic climate is affecting our communities - especially the arts.

Theatre, opera, dance, music and art, along with your children's schools' programs all need your help to stay alive. This is your opportunity to raise much-needed funds.

Participate in the 11th Annual Race for the Arts - 100% of your pledges benefit your designated nonprofit visual, performing, cultural arts and school music, drama, and art programs. Race for the Arts is a 5k run/ walk and children's fun runs that takes place Friday, August 28 at Crocker Park. With approximately 35 interactive arts booths, full stage with live entertainment, entertainment along the race course, and refreshments following the walk/run, this is a perfect opportunity to raise awareness and funds.

Start preparing your strategies now by obtaining pledges through websites, newsletters, board meetings, incentives, teams, families, friends, co-workers, and challenges.

Along with over 148 organizations/school programs, Galena Street did it by raising \$27,000 in 2007, Suzuki Music Association of California did it and raised \$2,650 in 2008. Contact Race for the Arts at 916-933-4056 or www.raceforthearts.com for help, suggestions, or any further information.



HOME BUYER SEMINAR

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What is the first step in purchasing a home? Bring your own questions.



When: Wednesday March 18th at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Future seminars held on the 3rd Wed. of each month Where: Carmichael Realty Associates 6753 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA 95608







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TRUSTING YOURSELF

Have you tried everyone else's ideas to make yourself over? From Dr. Phil to Dr. Laura...you know...all the gurus and psychos, I mean psychologists? Well, M.J. Ryan says you need to look to your self. She lays out the steps in her book "Trusting Yourself'. M.J. is the anti-expert's expert! M.J. has fifteen simple ways to increase trust in yourself.

1) If you have an inner critic, why can't you have an inner booster? M.J. recently overheard her six year old saying out loud, "Good job, Ana, way to go!" Why can't we support and encourage ourselves in this manner?

2) When you are stuck on making a choice or decision and think, I don't know what to do, ask yourself: If I did know, what would be the answer?

3) If you are stuck on making a choice, bring to mind the wisest person you know personally...like your father, grandmother, or historical figure. What would they do in this situation?

4) If you always blame yourself when things go wrong, use the psychological technique of re-attribution to expand your thinking. Ask yourself, what other factors contributed to this situation besides me?
5) How do you get over overwhelmed?
For M.J.'s husband, it's writing a list of everything on his plate so he can make a plan. For Jesse, it's getting up from the desk to work out. How about you? Write yourself a reminder and put it in your computer screen or car seat. Then, when you begin to swirl, the way out is right in front of you.

6) Can't remember a fact or name? Relax your mind and let it go. The answer will likely pop right into your head.7) Have trouble saying no? Get in the

habit of saying, "I'll get back to you," instead.

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8) Be like Julia Child. When things go wrong on her cooking show, and they did, she took it in stride.

9) When confronted by an overwhelming problem, ask yourself, if I didn't have this problem, what would I be doing?
10) Outlaw media that increases your self doubt, and tun in to those that help...like my "POPPOFF" Radio Show.

11) Is envy eroding your ability to trust yourself? Slovakian women teach their daughters to give a sincere compliment to the person who has stirred you up, and the good feelings restore faith in yourself.
12) Ask yourself: If I didn't worry about anyone else's approval, what would I do now?

13) Do an airplane view of your week at week's end.

14) Ask for support. It is empowering.15) What will you regret not having in your life? Then ask, what do I need to know to make sure I don't have those regrets?

These are the shortened version of what M.J. covers in her book. "Trusting Yourself" helps you find more peaceful, saner lives every day. It's a start, but from the desk of Mary Jane Popp, always remember you are the best judge of you. Bottom line is...Trust and then Go For It !!!

Check out the "POPPOFF" Radio show Monday thru Friday on AM-950 KAHI 10 AM - Noon for provocative fastpaced informational and entertaining radio listening!

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Aegis of Carmichael Named 2009 Community of the Year



(L) Layla Seiler, Asst. Exec. Director (C) Chris Schoonveld, Marketing Director (R) Terry Ervin, Regional Director

Carmichael ,CA - February 1, 2009 - Aegis of Carmichael, a senior living community specializing in retirement, assisted living and memory care, was presented with Community of the Year during the company's annual Aegis Living Management Meeting. Held in Seattle, this year's annual meeting featured guests Gary Zukav, Naomi Judd, Dr. Laura Berman and Dr. Tom Morris sharing their wisdom and experience with all in attendance.

Aegis of Carmichael ranked highest among all Aegis communities for Community of the Year . Each year, the award for community of the year is bestowed to the community who performs the best in terms of employee, resident and family satisfaction, financial performance and innovation. In addition to the coveted Community of the Year award, Aegis of Carmichael was also recognized with the Andrea Smith Award, the Aegis

Mentor of the Year Award and the Black Box Award for innovative practices.

For their exceptional service, Aegis of Carmichael was presented with the Andrea Smith Award, this award is given each year for the Aegis community that contributes the most to its surrounding community. In 2008, Aegis of Carmichael, working with Rebuilding Together, refinished a home of a 93-year old resident of South Additional community Sacramento. service efforts included a vard sale which raised over \$5000 for the Aegis employee emergency fund called "The Potato Soup Foundation", executive board participation in the Alzheimer's Aid Society annual Luau which raised over \$70,000 for caregivers, executive board local participation in the annual Alzheimer's Aid Society golf tournament that raised \$45,000 for local caregiver resources.

Management and staff of Aegis of Carmichael also received distinguished recognition for Mentor of the year for Layla Seiler, Assistant Executive Director, who mentored over seven regional Aegis managers as well as Mrs. Seiler's participation as Acting Executive Director of Aegis of South San Francisco.

Aegis of Carmichael was also the recipient of the coveted Black Box award for their innovative employee appreciation practice that allowed the community to save over \$30,000 locally and over \$150,000 for their company.

The Aegis awards are chosen from peers, executive directors from each Aegis community, as well as the Aegis senior executive management team. Winners were selected by the Senior Executive management team lead by CEO and Aegis Living Chairman, Dwayne Clark.

"What makes Aegis such a wonderful company are the people who come to work everyday, our employees," said Clark. 'Without their tireless dedication and enthusiasm Aegis would not be the stand out company that it is today. And for this we wish to recognize and enrich those who give us, and our residents so much everyday."

Aegis Living provides an innovative approach to senior living that focuses on the individuality of each resident, special philosophies of care and luxurious amenities. This approach has made Aegis Living a success story in the industry and a premier choice for those seeking senior living services.

Aegis of Carmichael is located at 4050 Walnut Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608. The highly qualified staff take exceptional care of the many residents who make Aegis their home. It features dedicated apartments for residents in assisted



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SAFE Credit Union to Award \$10,000 in Local Scholarships

SAFE Credit Union is seeking exceptional teens for scholarship opportunities. As part of SAFE's scholarship program, ten college-bound high school seniors will each be awarded \$1,000 for their outstanding achievements this spring. Recipients will be chosen based on exceptional grade-point averages, community service, and letters of recommendation. Each student will also be asked to submit a personal composition on how their education will benefit the community.

The program is open annually to students who live or attend school in Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Amador, Butte, Contra Costa, Nevada, San Joaquin, Solano, or El Dorado counties. In 2008, ten amazing students were recognized from more than 200 who applied. The application package for 2009 is available online at safecu.org and at SAFE branches. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 6, 2009 to be eligible.

SAFE's scholarship program started in 2001 and has since grown to include \$10,000 in support for the Sacramento County Office of Education Academic Decathlon, as well as a separate \$10,000 college scholarship program for decathlon

participants. The program underscores its commitment to youth and local schools, says SAFE President and CEO Henry Wirz.

"We want to provide students with the resources they need to improve their well-being," Wirz says. "By rewarding outstanding academic achievement, we hope to encourage all students to thrive. By providing financial literacy resources, we hope to help them make responsible decisions as they transition to college life."

The scholarship program is just one of the many resources that SAFE has extended to community youth. Rio Linda High School, for example, partnered with SAFE and opened an on-campus branch in 2005. The student-run branch has opened a conversation about the importance of fiscal responsibility and smart saving. Students learn through day-to-day branch operations, by managing their own accounts, and through classroom workshops sponsored by SAFE.

Established in 1940, SAFE Credit Union maintains assets in excess of \$1 billion and serves more than 127,000 members through 20 branches in the greater Sacramento region.

Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa Promotes Courtney CaJacob to Director of Marketing

Region's Only Wellness Resort is Currently Accepting Applications for a Variety of Positions

Locally owned and operated, Arden Hills Resort & Spa recently promoted Courtney CaJacob to the expanded role of Director of Marketing for the wellness resort, the only one of its kind in the region. CaJacob's new position and added responsibilities are effective immediately.

Courtney CaJacob was promoted from Marketing Manager to Director of Marketing. In her new role, she is responsible for all efforts related to the overall brand positioning for Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa. In addition, she manages a staff of twelve and supervises all advertising, marketing, graphic design, community relations, public relations and event coordination for the wellness resort. CaJacob joined Arden Hills in July 2008 from the Westfield group where she worked as a marketing manager.

Committed to providing ongoing staff training and a thriving work environment, Arden Hills is currently accepting applications and resumes for a variety of open positions. Anyone interested in learning more about career opportunities at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa is encouraged to visit www.ardenhills.net for more information.



The Sacramento VA Medical Center held an entertainment show Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the National Salute to Veterans Week. This week long celebration designed to promote the public to participate in celebrating those who have given so much to our nation and to let them know that they are not forgotten.

VA Medical Center Director Brian O¢Neill, M.D. said he hopes visitors will also learn more about the important roles volunteers play at the medical center throughout the year and perhaps volunteer pursue opportunities. The celebration began with а welcome form the system

followed by Associate Director entertainment from Krohn and Malone and a Blue Grass Band.

Defensive Driving Class

Our next Defensive Driving Class will be held on 18 and 19 Mar 2009, from 0900 to 1300 hours each day. NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION AND THE INCREASE IN FEES FOR THIS CLASS. Our class will be conducted in the Air Museum Bldg, 3200 Freedom Park Drive on McClellan Park. This class is only open to military retirees/spouses and widows of military retirees.

Photo by Amanada Morello

For AARP members the cost is \$12 per person; non-AARP members, the cost is \$14. If you want to sign up, you must personally come to the Retiree Office, located in the VA Clinic, to do so. Make checks payable to the Retiree Activities Office. Please do not call to try and sign up over the phone. IT WON'T WORK. If you have any questions, please call one of our volunteers at 561-7476, Mon thru Thurs, during the hours of 0900 to 1500.





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Assemblyman Roger Niello's Statement Regarding the Budget Agreement



California's budget problems have been well documented. A tragically weakened economy combined with ongoing spending commitments means that we are now looking down the barrel of a record \$42 billion budget deficit.

As I stated during the budget negotiations, this budget agreement for me was never a choice between spending cuts and taxes. My overriding interest has always been to reform the way we do things. Throughout last year's budget debate I was opposed to raising taxes. The majority party, however, was not just opposed, but largely ignored prudent reform proposals that could have taken California down a different path. The good news is that, through the efforts of Republicans and Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrats have finally been willing to discuss reforms. The bad news is that what was merely an on-going structural deficit has now become an unprecedented budget disaster fueled by an economic calamity of historic proportions.

After seeing the size and scope of the problem, it became apparent that both spending cuts and taxes would end up being a necessity. It remained my goal, however, to gain concessions through negotiations for major reforms; fundamental changes that will keep our state from this disastrous scenario happening again. It was also important to lesson the blow of tax increases on the economy as much as possible by getting support for legislation that will help our economy recover as quickly as possible.

And let's be clear; the changes that Senate and Assembly Republican leadership was able to negotiate in this agreement are significant. Republicans put forth a budget proposal in December that included a variety of reforms that we thought were necessary to solving the problem and initiating economic recovery. That list included:

• A spending limit and a rainy day fund.

 Increased flexibility for education including categorical reform that allows local school districts to spend resources as needed. · Environmental flexibility that would allow for the streamlining of transportation projects. · An extension on the implementation of new Air Resources Board diesel regulations that require engine retrofit and an expansion existing state programs that assist with costs of diesel retrofit. • Expansion of public-private partnerships that

will leverage private sector resources to rebuild our aging roads, bridges, water systems, and schools.

• No early release or direct discharge of prisoners · New tax credits for businesses that hire new employees and tax credits for business investment in California

· Eliminating the incentive for businesses to locate manufacturing facilities out of state · A privatization of the lottery and a redirection to the general fund of monies from Proposition 10 and Proposition 63.

• 15.6 billion in spending cuts

No COLA increases

 State employee compensation changes that include the end of overtime abuse

And now, as a result of Republican demands at the negotiating table, all of these reforms have either been enacted or will be placed before the voters as a result of this budget agreement.

The state's budgetary condition provided Republicans with an opportunity to change the way we do things in Sacramento - in a manner that under normal circumstances were never considered by the Democratic majority. For me, the anchor of these reforms is the spending cap, which is a measure I have authored. This proposal will limit the size of government, ensure that we never again face a budget crisis of this magnitude, and set aside money in a rainy day fund during the good times to ensure that we can weather the bad. In negotiation, there are gives and there are takes. In order for Democrats to support or even consider reforms of this magnitude it was necessary for Republicans to agree to temporary tax increases. For Republicans, this is painful, and therefore it became a priority for Republican negotiators to minimize the economic impact of the taxes; making sure that they are temporary, and linking them to the spending cap to ensure that the taxpayer is at the front of the line in the event that the spending cap fails and the state cannot keep spending in check. With this package, I believe these priorities were met.

Finally, the consequences of not agreeing to a budget now were too severe and simply not an option. Unlike the federal government, the State of California cannot print money to pay bills. As California continued to face a severe cash shortage, having more bills to pay than money to pay them, the bus that is California's state government would

is supposed to be about "Confessions of a Shopaholic." Some critics have gotten on their high horse because they think it is unseemly to glorify excessive spending on high fashion during tough times. Frankly, a little consumer spending might be the stimulus we need. Yet, what's unnerving about Isla Fisher's Rebecca Bloomwood, the compulsive shopper, is her casual disregard for maxing out her credit cards with no obvious means to repay her debts. Doesn't she know that only the Federal Government is allowed to be so reckless?

Now that we have established Rebecca lives beyond her means, let's move on to the plot, such as it is. To save on rent money, Rebecca shares a Manhattan apartment with her best friend Suze (Krysten Ritter), but seems more interested in using the place as a gigantic closet for more shoes, clothes and handbags than she'll need or use. Seeking new employment as a journalist, Rebecca wants to land a spot at a high-fashion magazine, but instead stumbles into a sister publication dedicated to financial matters. That she's unqualified for the job is immaterial to her young handsome boss, British editor Luke Brandon (Hugh Dancy), as he sees potential in her audacity.

Given a few improbable chances to make a go of business journalism, Rebecca stumbles into a surprisingly successful advice column entitled "The Girl in the Green Scarf" (a reference to an extravagant purchase made on the way to her job interview). In any case, Rebecca becomes a hit in the publishing world, and then she's whisked off to a conference in Miami with her boss, where she enthralls have continued to go over the cliff to the point that the resulting negative impact on businesses who contract with the state, local governments, schools, and programs that provide critical care to those who are disabled would have affected all taxpayers.

The most disastrous scenario would require IOU's to be issued for payroll and tax refunds, small counties would go bankrupt, resulting in the complete stoppage of many county services. There would likely be health clinic and hospital closures statewide. Unemployment could skyrocket. At some point, the state's ability to issue bonds would completely stop and road construction and public works projects would grind to a halt.

Some have said that by agreeing to this budget, Republicans aren't protecting the taxpayers. But I believe that the unfortunate circumstance we find ourselves in is one in which the taxpayer will pay one way or the other. Either now, in the form of temporary new taxes that are combined with significant reforms, or later, when the state's economy is devastated because the state can no longer pay its bills.

When I was elected to the Legislature, I could not have imagined that our fiscal condition would ever be this bad, but the reality is that the perfect storm has come together and produced a budget deficit of historical proportions. It is now time for us to exhibit leadership to help right our fiscal ship as I believe we were elected to do.

I commend the work that Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines and former Senate Republican Leader Dave Cogdill have done in negotiating this budget solution and I am confident that this package will help our state's economy recover quickly while inflicting as little damage as possible and placing us in a better position longer term that will protect our children and grandchildren.



CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (Rated PG)

This review is about a new comedy called "Confessions of a Shopaholic," but

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Riley Reviews

by Tim Riley **SEEKING HUMOR IN** "CONFESSIONS" DURING A TOUGH ECONOMY

I've got my own confession to make. Still suffering a nervous twitch every so often while recalling the trauma of watching the execrable "Sex and the City," I was reluctant to attend the press screening of this latest homage to the culture of haute couture. But then, I thought the star of the film, Isla Fisher, was at least fun to watch, after recalling her antics in "Wedding Crashers." Still, I just wanted to hold my opinions on this film in reserve in case I needed a new article.

Well, here it is, another week has come and I have nothing to write about. Maybe, the effects of last year's writers strike are catching up to us, because the studios aren't promoting any of their new movies this week or next, as far I can tell. That's always a bad sign. By the way, I will not endure the self-inflicted torture of sitting through "Friday the 13th," even though it inexplicably pulled in a high box office return. If we have to suffer a recession, is it too much to ask teenagers to not waste money on these dreadful horror films?

Okay, where was I? Oh, yes, this article

business people with awkwardly insipid observations that are perceived as nuggets of wisdom. Well, I probably don't need to tell you that a hint of romance is in the air between Rebecca and Luke, even though he's been cozying up with a stunning, leggy beauty (Leslie Bibb) who works at the fashion magazine.

As Rebecca gains fame and public acclaim for her sage advice column, there are obstacles lurking everywhere. For one thing, nerdy collection agent Derek Smeath (Robert Stanton) stalks her constantly, threatening to unravel the tidy fiction she has created at work. Later on, the dogged collector gets some great laughs when Rebecca can no longer dodge him. Trying to cope with her addiction, Rebecca joins a Shopaholics Anonymous group, where the members, including a former NBA player (John Salley), nearly unravel as Rebecca rapturously describes the joys of shopping. Other things go wrong when Rebecca has to cope with her well-meaning parents (Joan Cusack and John Goodman), and when she messes up her obligations as a bridesmaid.

'Confessions of a Shopaholic," based on a series of fluffy books by Sophie Kinsella, is admittedly not a movie made for my demographic group. But it had its moments of great fun, due in great measure to the enjoyably perky Isla Fisher, who displays natural gifts of physical comedy. At the very least, "Confessions," with a pleasant central character, is far more enjoyable and infinitely superior to "Sex and the City," which in my estimation remains one of the most annoying films of the decade.

Pet of the Week: Faith



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Faith is a cat with a missing home and a missing ear. Shelter staff is not sure how she became a one eared cat, but due to her missing piece she is not being looked at as much as the other cats at the shelter. She can hear fine, is just as sweet as a cat with two ears but she needs someone to look passed her ears and give her a chance. Like most cats she is independent and wants to be handled on her own terms, and when you pet her she is a purr machine and kneads her paws like she is making biscuits. She is close to 4-yearsold and has medium length brown fur and big green eyes. She needs someone to love and a house to explore. Save a life, adopt a shelter animal.

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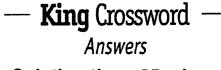


Hometown Hero of *Carmichael*

Army Pvt. Tiffany W. Boswell has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, andreceivedinstructionandpracticeinbasic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Deborah Gastile of Stratus Drive, Orangevale, California. Boswell is a 2007 graduate of Visions In Education, Carmichael, California.



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straight talk for teens

Young mother worries about raising kids in today's world

by Lauren Forcella

Dear Straight Talk: I am 20, engaged to be married, and pregnant with our first child. The problem is I'm worried about raising children in today's "raunch" culture. My fiancé's nephews (ages 6 to 13) are constantly pointing at girls on the street, calling them fat or prostitutes, and accusing each other of having sex with them. A 12-year-old in the nearby school is pregnant by an 11-yearold boy. Everywhere I look, I am appalled at how children are acting. Do I risk putting my children in school only to have them corrupted by this influence? A parent can only do so much at home teaching manners and right from wrong. I want them to have sports, band, dances, friends, but is public school worth the price, or should I home school? - Lori, Rocklin CA

Katie, 15, Auburn CA: If you instill good values in children at an early age, there is no need to "shelter them from the evil world". Your kids will be exposed no matter what. It's your job to make what they encounter a learning experience.

Liva, 20, Hudson NY: A wise friend gave me this basic tenet of parenting: If you want children to behave a certain way, set clear expectations and never stray from enforcing those expectations. In addition, seriously limiting TV and Internet is an easy way to protect them from premature violence and sex. Babies and young children pick up everything — including your language. Give them natural toys, read lots of books, don't use TV as a babysitter. Can you afford private school? Is a charter school nearby? I was home schooled awhile and it's very socially limiting.

Graham, 15, Fair Oaks CA: The fact that you are concerned now puts you ahead of the game. Teach your children good manners. Never allow them to say anything at home that you wouldn't want them saying elsewhere. I advise against isolating them socially. Home school often teaches immaturity, as children don't learn what is acceptable in a real social environment. Let them play sports, make friends, play music.

Lennon, 22, Fair Oaks CA: Look into private school. They tend to be more sheltered. Many offer financial aid.

Johannes, 21, Springfield MO: You can never truly protect your child from bad influences. But you can be lovingly present for your child and be the one he comes to for advice. By answering questions honestly, your child will learn to depend on you and his values will be shaped through your answers. By withholding information, or not accepting your child and trying to force him to be someone else, he will look to his peers for help and possibly be pointed in a poor direction. I don't recommend home schooling. Let your child have the life his friends will have.

Dear Lori: The panel is sour on home school, but excellent programs do exist with social opportunities. Check with your state department of education for availability in your area. To add to the panel's wisdom, I observe that humans have largely lost the instinct to shelter their young. Babies, tots, and small children are parked in front of TV sets, encouraged to use computers, and conditioned to be consumers from day one. As you've lamented, the latest commodity in consumer culture is "raunch." The best defense is to shelter children from commercial media and consumer environments until they are old enough to not absorb things like a sponge - that being their first 7 to 10 years. (Like musician, Jack Johnson says, "Turn that thing off.") At the same time, be a role model, get them in nature, find them playmates with like-minded parents, continually present your values on how to be in life. This moral foundation will last a lifetime. It's a fact that kids sheltered from commercialism in infancy and early childhood make better decisions later on

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Solar Fundraising Program Launched for Sacramento Youth Organizations

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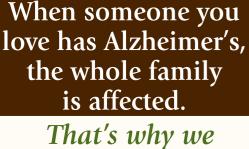
Carmichael — Local solar manufacturer Solarroofs.com Inc. of Carmichael has just announced a new fundraising program for youth organizations. The Solar Water California Program is designed to promote awareness of solar energy within the community, while raising money for schools, church groups, and other clubs. The program kicks off with a benefit for the Shriners Hospitals for Children that will take place at Sacramento area Whole Foods Markets during the month of February. Alan Anderson, Director of Development for Shriners Hospitals for Children, is enthusiastic about the program "We are very grateful for this opportunity to partner with an organization whose principle mission will provide such meaningful savings for families and the environment - while giving us the means to transformthelivesofchildrensufferingfromserious injuries or congenital conditions. Thank You!"

In contrast to other fundraisers that depend on children to sell merchandise door-to-door, the Solar Water California Program only asks organization members to offer families a free Home Solar Evaluation. The Home Solar Evaluation is performed by a SMUD approved contractor to determine the suitability of the property for solar energy, and to explain the costs and benefits. For every Evaluation received a donation is made to the organization, followed by an even larger donation if the family decides to go solar. Far greater participation is expected since the program does not require direct sales by the organization members. "We are very excited to launch this innovative green fundraising program," said Josh McDonald the Program Director. "Shriners Hospitals for Children is such a fantastic organization, and just one of the many we intend to benefit. This fundraising program is a great way for us to educate homeowners about solar energy while raising much needed funds for our kids."

According to the Sacramento Business Journal, Solarroofs.com was the ninth fastestgrowing company in the Sacramento region in 2008. Al Rich has been a local manufacturer of solar systems in Carmichael for 17 years. The company is driven by a strong commitment to environmental stewardship and reducing environmental pollution by greenhouse gasses.

Josh McDonald of GMI developed the Solar Water California Program and approached Al Rich of Solarroofs.com with the concept. "I am proud to participate in this program and to educate our kids and community about the benefits of solar energy," said Solarroofs.com founder Al Rich, "It is an honor to contribute to the Shriners Hospitals for Children who have given so much to my family and the community as a whole."





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"Entre Amis": A Concert with the CSUS Choirs

Join Donald Kendrick and the Sacramento State University Choirs for Entre Amis-- a Choral Concert on Saturday, March 14th at 8 PM in Sacred Heart Church located on the corner of 39th and J Street. The evening will feature the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir and the University Chorus in a celebration of Canadian and American choral works. The University Chorus will also present J.S. Bach's "Cantata No. 150" and "Winter" by Eric Whitacre featuring chorus, strings and renowned Sitar performer Dr. Prasad Jogalekar from the Bay Area. The Concert Choir will perform new works from Canadian composers Sid Robinovitch and Eleanor Daly and the Chamber Choir will sing some of the works from their upcoming concert tour to Montreal

and Ottawa in May. The suggested donation at the door is \$10 General or \$5 for Students/Seniors. Advance tickets are strongly suggested by calling the CSUS Central Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or through BASS Ticket Outlets at (916) 766-2277. Visit our website at www.csus.edu/music/choral

Saturday, March 14th at 8 PM Date: Place: **Sacred Heart Church** 1040 - 39th Street (39th and J Street), Sacramento Tickets: Suggested Donation at the Door \$10 General or **\$5** Students/Seniors

Singles Nite of the Stars Dance

Christian Singles Network, will hold a Nite of the Stars Dance for single adults Saturday, February 28, from 7 PM to 11:30 PM. at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave., near Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael.. The evening features DJ dance music of all types from 8-11:30 by Jerry Tatum and dance lessons in the Hustle from 7-8 PM by Siggy. Dress as a movie, tv, or sports star, or famous musician, or come as the star you are (nicer casual). The ticket price of \$15 presale or \$20 at the door includes a complementary buffet and the dance lessons.

CSN dances are non alcohol. Christian Singles Network, Northern California's largest inter-church singles group founded in 1992, has over 7,500 singles on its roster and holds dances every 3 to 4 weeks. Call the number below for directions or more information. The music is a mix of rock and roll, ballroom, Latin, country and Christian music.

Membership is not necessary to attend, although members get a \$5 discount at the door. All ages and all denominations are welcome Most attendees fall between the ages of 35 to 65 but all ages are welcome. CSN has been holding dances 16 years, drawing singles from the Sacramento, the foothills, and beyond to Reno and the Bay Area.

CSN next dance will be held March 21, also at Carmichael Presbyterian Church. For more information on these parties please call the office at 530-878-8606.

Pre-sale dance tickets are available on line at www.christiansinglesnet.com, or at Wayside Bookstores in Auburn and Rocklin, Berean Bookstore in Sacramento, and Jireh's Bookstore in Placerville; or by mail through CSN, P.O. Box 909, Meadow Vista, CA 95722. Volunteers receive a discount or attend free for helping. Call the CSN office to volunteer.

For more information, to receive more information about activities, or directions call the 24 hour event line at (916) 658-0606 or the CSN office at (530) 878-8606. The website, www. christiansinglesnet.com, includes directions.

Button Bazaar Returns to Carmichael

Button Bazaar Returns to Carmichael, CA

It's easy to see why button collectors love buttons...they are quite simply smaller antiques and collectibles. But, now that buttons are making a comeback in the fashion world, sewers and crafters are also discovering this "fastenating" art form.

Almost every subject and material has appeared on a button. Although button collecting was born during the Depression era of the 1930's, the hobby today encompasses collectible buttons going back to the 18th Century. From the elegance of fine French painted enamels, to the fun of children's novelties, there's something for everyone. The Sacramento Button Club invites you to discover these small treasures, highly valued for their outstanding workmanship and nostalgic past. People are fascinated when they see vintage buttons for the first time, because they are seldom seen in today's marketplace. The Button Bazaar show and sale is Saturday, February 28, 2009, 10 AM to 5 PM, Carmichael Park Community Club House, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, CA., Donation 2.00.

Web site: http://home.comcast. net/~ButtonBazaar/Show.html

Sacramento Master Singers Presents "Sing On 'Till I Am Filled With Joy"

The Sacramento Master Singers, under the direction of Dr. Ralph Hughes, will celebrate their 25th anniversary with this performance entitled "Sing On 'Till I Am Filled With Joy", with works that highlight the choir's past, rejoice in the present, and look toward the choir's future. This concert will be presented at First United Methodist Church (21st & J Streets) in Sacramento on March 14 at 8:00 PM and March 15 at 3:00 PM. The concert is presented in four segments: pieces from the choir's 25-year history, songs of social justice speaking to

the difficult times society has faced in recent years, works that indicate new trends in choral singing, and inspiring songs to lift the soul.

Tickets for Sing On 'Till I Am Filled With Joy are \$18 and can be purchased online at www.mastersingers.org, or by phone by calling (916) 788-7464, or atthe-door 30 minutes before each concert.

Please join the Sacramento Master Singers at First United Methodist Church to celebrate 25 years of providing the Sacramento region with the finest of choral performances.

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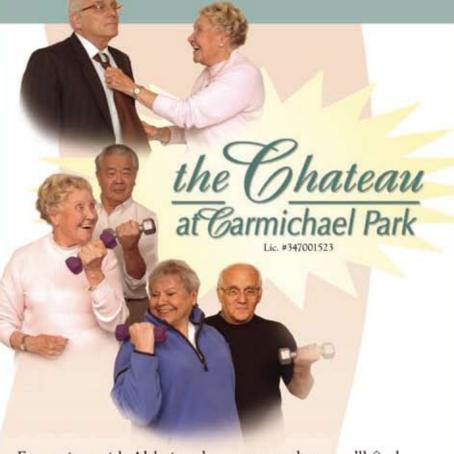


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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#34-2009-00032910-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS Michael Leveste Summerville has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Michael Levester Summerville to Michael Levester Thompson. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 17, 2009 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 a week to rour consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Jan. 27, 2009. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009. SUMMER 90201 2-24-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #34-2009-00033114-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Sohail Mehmood and Shazia Sohail have filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Fahad Sohail to Eshan Sohail. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 6. 2009 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: Jan. 29, 2009. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang

Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009. MEHMOO 90201 2-24-09

NOTICE C ADMINISTER OF PETITION TO ESTATE OF

GARY ALAN BENTON

ESTATE NO. 34-2009-32329 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of GARY ALAN

BENTON A petition has been filed by Robin L. Henson in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Robin L. Henson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate 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. The petition requests authority

to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 129, at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 on March 4, 2009 at 9 a m

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before In the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a

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contingent creditor of the deceased you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date

of the hearing noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisa of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

The name and address of petitioner or petitioner's attorney is: Robin L. Henson, 1313 Solano St., Corning, CA 96021: 530-624-7257 Publish: February 10, 17, 24, 2009. HENSON 90202 2-24-09

FICTITIOUS STATEMENT BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0812531. James E. Childers, 9144 Irish Gold Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Connections-AVL" at 1805 Tribute Rd. #A, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Dec. 23, 2008. Publish: February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2009. CONNEC 90202 3-3-09

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

#34-2009-00033759-CU-PT-GDS

WHEREAS, Clayton James Meyers has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Clayton James Meyers to Clayton James Hichols Hansen. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 18, 2009 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: Feb. 4, 2009. Loren E. McMaster Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 10, 17, 24, March 3,

2009 MEYERS 90202 3-3-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#34-2009-00033300-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Anna Elizabeth Schorn

has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Anna Elizabeth Schorn to Kaitlin Anna Paige. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 27, 2009 in Dept. 53, located at Narro 27, 2009 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 of general Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Jan. 29, 2009 Loren E. McMaster

Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 10, 17, 24, March

3,2009 SCHORN 90202 3-3-09

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

JOYCE | ORRAINE | ABRECAUE ESTATE NO. 34-2009-0003252-PR-PWFRC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of JOYCE LORRAINE LABRECAUE A petition has been filed by Jeannette

L. Sousek in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Jeannette L. Sousek be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate 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.

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 129, at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 on March 13, 2009 at 9 a.m

YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date

of the hearing noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

The name and address of petitioner or petitioner's attorney is: Jeannette L. Sousek, 7434 Cessna Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621; 916-728-2268. Publish: February 17, 24, March 3, 2009

SOUSEK 90203 3-3-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0901039. Robert Keplinger, 43 Claydon Sacramento, CA 95864 i Way, doing is business under the Fictitious Business Claydon Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Feb. 3, 2009. Publish: February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2009. KEPLIN 90203 3-10-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0901373. Mortgage Source Direct, L.L.C., 555 Bend Creek Road, Atlanta, GA 30338 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Residential Mortgage Source Direct" at 5545 Bend Creek Road, Atlanta, GA 30338. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Feb. 11, 2009. Publish: February 17, 24, March 3. 10. 2009.

CORP2 90203 3-10-09

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

#34-2009-00034234-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS Suzanne Lee Sevmour has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Suzanne Lee Seymour to Leana Suzanne de Rose. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 2, 2009 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: Feb. 11, 2009. Loren E. McMaster

Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 17, 24, March 3, 10, SEYMOU 90203 3-10-09

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

#34-2009-00033799-CU-PT-GDS

WHEREAS, Joe E. Beaver has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Joe E. Beaver to Plexico B. MicHaux. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 18, 2009 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: Feb. 4, 2009. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang

Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2009

BEAVER 90203 3-10-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0900514 Jennifer STATEMENT #0900514. Jerniter Snook, 3 Marshall Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "The Studio" at 7421 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Jan. 20, 09. Publish: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2009.

THESTU 90204 3-17-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0901262. RehabCare Group East, Inc. (DE Corporation), Flrsyth Blvd. #2300, St. Louis MO 63105 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "CPR Rehab Therapy" at 7733FIrsyth Blvd. #2300, St. Louis, MO 63105. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Feb. 9, 2009. Publish: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2009.

CPRREH 90204 3-17-09

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

#34-2009-00034588-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS Michelle Sum WHEREAS, Michelle Summers Shogun has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Michelle Summers Shogun to Michelle Astudillo Shogun. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m on April 2, 2009 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 Sagregoria Cartinut California 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: Feb. 18, 2009. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2009 SHOGUN 90204 3-17-09

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

#34-2009-00034910-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Melinda Johnson has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Melissa Lynn Gregory to Melissa Lynn ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on April 3, 2009 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 ne 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: Feb. 20, 2009. İ oren F McMaster Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 24, March 3, 10, 17,

JOHNSO 90204 3-17-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2009-00034528-CU-PT-GDS

WHEREAS, Eileen Marie Kvasager has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Eileen Marie Kvasager to Eileen Marie Selph. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on April 1, 2009 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 profit of the date set for hearing of the petition. Dated: Feb. 17, 2009. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 24, March 3, 10, 17,

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

#34-2009-00034483-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS. Marvin Banks Martinez has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Marvin Banks to Marvin Martinez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 .m. on April 1, 2009 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: Feb. 17, 2009. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court

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by Pastor Cary Duckett

AT&T says they have the "most bars" and Verizon promises you "the network," but what help do people have when it comes to hearing God's voice? Life is filled with all kinds of circumstances. People have to go through all kinds of highs and lows. God has promised that His presence would never leave a person no matter what kind of situation they are in, but many have a hard time hearing Him.

God has hard wired humans to hear Him, but sometimes people get their hearts into a "dead zone." Have you ever lost communication with someone on your cell phone while they were talking to you? You know—one second you are listening and the next there is only silence? They are still talking, but you can't hear them. The connection has been lost. Right now, God is speaking to people, but many

Can You Hear God Yet?

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Just like it is with a cell phone, to regain a lost connection a person must move to a place where the connection can be maintained. Hearing God's voice is not dependent upon being a good person or attending a church. Hearing God's voice is dependent upon the position of the heart. If a person's heart is proud or bitter or cold towards God, then the likelihood of hearing God's voice (even though He is speaking) is slim. However, if a person allows their heart to be vulnerable or honest or humble, well then, that heart is in the "God zone"—the place where one can hear God's voice.

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by Marlys Johnsen Norris

Everyone one of us has had days when we would like to escape our problems. We want our lives to be less complicated and free from worry or pain. Running away however is not the best solution. Life is full of choices we must make and each choice renders some kind of responsibility and/or circumstance we must face.

Questions rise in the mind. Should one change a job; risk a change in your stock portfolio; end your marriage; make a new purchase; change your location; seek medical or physiological help; and/or seek the help of God. Whatever is the FOCUS of a person's life will determine the stuff they are made of and ultimately the end result.

Many years ago this too was my dilemma when problems in our marriage seemed to be without hope. I was a new Christian and felt trapped in an unhappy marriage so I sought the help of a marriage counselor who sent me to a Christian lawyer who explained what ultimately would be more problems for me in years to come, if I choose to separate. We were both Christians at the time.

This wonderful lawyer and man of God challenged me to honor the vow I had made before God and trust Him to help me work this

Choice or Chance – Change Your Focus

out. I felt even more trapped, but my desire to please and honor God with my life--was even more important and so I prayed and prayed for God to reveal to me ways I could cooperate with Him to change and heal our marriage. Many opportunities presented themselves.

The pivoting message that seemed to change everything was when I heard Charles Stanley's message. He said, God loves my husband and I needed to love him as he was with no changes. I was to accept my husband the way he was and I prayed and agreed with God to do it.

My focus changed to be on what God wanted me to do allowing the Holy Spirit to teach and correct many of my own faults. Listening to the to the voice of God through His Holy Word and carefully examining myself as the Scripture instructs, hearing sermons of many good pastors and other peoples testimonies, plus listening closely to the wonderful still small voice within, little by little our marriage was transformed and completely healed. It was all about trusting and cooperating with God to create the kind of marriage that did bless our lives.

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Sacramento – Life prepares few of us for death. That is why hospice volunteers as members of a Team of trained professionals play an important role in providing care, companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. The Sacramento Hospice Consortium is offering training classes beginning March 6 and April 3 in Sacramento for people interested in becoming hospice volunteers.

More than 300 volunteers currently work with seven hospice programs serving the Greater Sacramento area, but more help is needed. Volunteers take a series of classes including History and Philosophy of Hospice Care, Concepts of Death and Dying, Communications Skills, and Grief and Bereavement. Training is designed for both those wishing to become hospice volunteers and those caring for and supporting a dying family member or friend.

For more information or to register, call the Sacramento Hospice Consortium Volunteer Response Line at (916) 388-6288. The cost for 24 hours of training is \$35. **Page 16**

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