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Economic Recovery Depends on Small Business

Updated Statistics Underscore Their Importance

Meg Whitman Announces Gubernatorial Campaign



Sacramento – (Business Wire) - Republican Meg Whitman, former President and CEO of eBay, today announced the formation of an Exploratory Committee to seek the nomination for Governor in 2010. Former California Governor Pete Wilson will serve as Campaign Chairman joining Exploratory Committee Co-Chairs House Chief Deputy Republican Whip Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack, State Senator Tony Strickland, Assembly Republican Whip Nathan Fletcher and former State Assemblywoman Sharon Runner. In the coming weeks, through speeches in Silicon Valley, Orange County and at the California Republican Party Convention in Sacramento, Whitman will offer a vision for the Golden State.

“After careful consideration and with tremendous loyalty to our Golden State, I have formed an Exploratory Committee, the first step in the process of running for Governor in 2010,” Whitman said. “California faces challenges unlike any other time in its history – a weak and faltering economy, massive job losses, and an exploding state budget deficit. California is better than this, and I refuse to stand by and watch it fail. Now is the time for people across the state to join in a cause for change, excellence and a new California.”

Whitman, 52, retired from eBay in March 2008 following a decade with the company. Under her leadership, eBay grew from a startup with 30 employees, \$4.7 million in revenues, and 300,000 users to a global ecommerce leader with operations in 38 countries, more than 15,000 employees, almost \$8 billion in revenues, and more than 300 million registered users.

“Meg Whitman is a tremendous leader and team-builder,” Jeff Randle, President and CEO of Randle Communications and Whitman’s senior advisor, said. “California today has serious problems, but Meg is committed to working to restore the state’s greatness. With new leadership and a new direction, Meg will forge a new California, which will once again be the number one state in economic growth, job creation and quality of life.”

California’s economic recovery will depend on small business. That message is driven home in the newly updated California Small Business Profile released today by the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration. The most recent data show that the state has 718,220 small employers, and they employ 99.2% of the state’s workforce.

“California depends on small business for jobs and economic growth,” said Shawne McGibbon, Acting Chief Counsel for Advocacy. “During this time of financial stress and economic instability, policymakers need to remember that the

state’s small businesses provide the economic base for its families and communities.”

To further highlight the importance of small business, the updated profile notes that small businesses created 87.6% of the state’s net new jobs from 2004 to 2005 (latest available data).

Not only does the state’s economy depend on the health of its small businesses, so too does the economy of the United States.

The U.S. has slightly more than 6 million small employers, or 99.7% of all employer firms, and they provide 50.4% of its private sector employment. These firms created 78.9% of the nation’s net new jobs from 2004

to 2005, and they generated more than half of the private non-farm gross domestic product.

The Office of Advocacy, the “small business watchdog” of the federal government, examines the role and status of small business in the economy and independently represents the views of small business to federal agencies, Congress, and the President. It is the source for small business statistics presented in user-friendly formats, and it funds research into small business issues.

The Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is an independent voice for small business within the federal government. The presidentially appointed Chief Counsel for Advocacy advances the views, concerns, and interests of small business before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, federal courts, and state policymakers. For more information, visit www.sba.gov/advo, or call (202) 205-6533.

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On January 30, 2009 Wal Mart, 10655 Folsom Blvd., George Rodriguez, Wal Mart Manager & Belinda Vaughn, Personnel Manager, presented a Grant check for \$1,000 to Navy League Sacramento Council President, John Meyers in support of the Council's Monthly Award Programs. John Meyers, on behalf of the Navy League Sacramento Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Wal Mart Manager, George Rodriguez for their generous grant. This ceremony took place among several Wal Mart Associates who applauded the grant contribution.

This Grant will be used in our community to help the Navy League build America's future through successful youth programs

like the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Navy League Foundation Scholarship Program. The Sacramento Council, chartered in 1956, is involved in supporting and promoting youth-oriented organizations and activities in Sacramento such as the Sea Cadets, the Young Marines, and the Navy JROTC program at Luther Burbank, and the Marine Corps JROTC program at J.F. Kennedy High Schools. The grant will also be used to purchase equipment, awards, administrative supplies, maintenance and repair of equipments as needed.

For more information call Joe Fraccola, Public Affairs Officer, 916-638-8720.

Sacramento Council at Sacramento Chamber's 2009 "METRO EXPO"

The Sacramento Council, California's Capitol City Navy League Council, continues its activities with the Chamber of Commerce in 2009. It will be educating the public about our sea services mission and our extensive youth activities at the trade show. Corporate, community affiliate, and individual memberships in the Navy League will be encouraged.

The Navy League Hiring Center is a partner in this endeavor. In addition to ongoing work with the California Department of Veteran Affairs, the California Department

of Employment Development, and others, it will communicate its message that it is an outstanding resource to locate former active duty military personnel to fill challenging positions.

All are invited to attend the 2009 Sacramento Metro Chamber Expo the afternoon of Tuesday, March 10, at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street. A list of the participants is attached.

For additional information contact Phelps Hobart, Sacramento Council Vice President, (916) 739-6949.

Supervisor Susan Peters to Hold "Office Hours" at Gibbons Park Craft Faire

County Supervisor Susan Peters will be holding her first "Office Hours" for 2009 on Saturday, March 7, for residents to discuss issues at Gibbons Park during the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District's Spring Craft Faire.

Continuing a tradition started in 2005, Peters will set up a table at the event for residents who wish to drop by and talk with her about items of interest. No appointment is necessary but visits will be handled on a first come first served basis. She will be at the Craft Faire from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

"Establishing 'Office Hours' provides the opportunity to mix business with pleasure," says Peters. "I'll be available to talk about county matters while neighbors can shop for unique craft items."

Last year Peters held her "Office Hours" at different locations in conjunction with

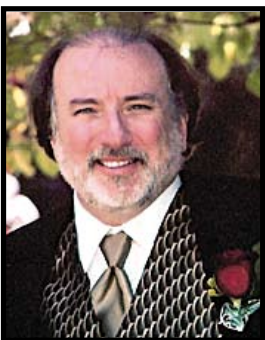
scheduled community events that included the Carmichael egg hunt, Carmichael dog show, and the "Screen on the Green" movie night in East Sacramento.

The Craft Faire will be at the Mission Oaks Community Center at 4701 Gibbons Drive. Admission is free and the event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District at 972-0336 or visit morpd.com.

Next month Peters will move her "office" to Carmichael Park for the annual Egg Hunt that will be held on Saturday, April 11. That fun starts at 10 a.m. sharp rain or shine and she will be holding "Office Hours" there between 9:30-11 a.m.

For more information about the egg hunt, call the Carmichael Recreation and Park District at 485-5322 or visit carmichaelpark.com.

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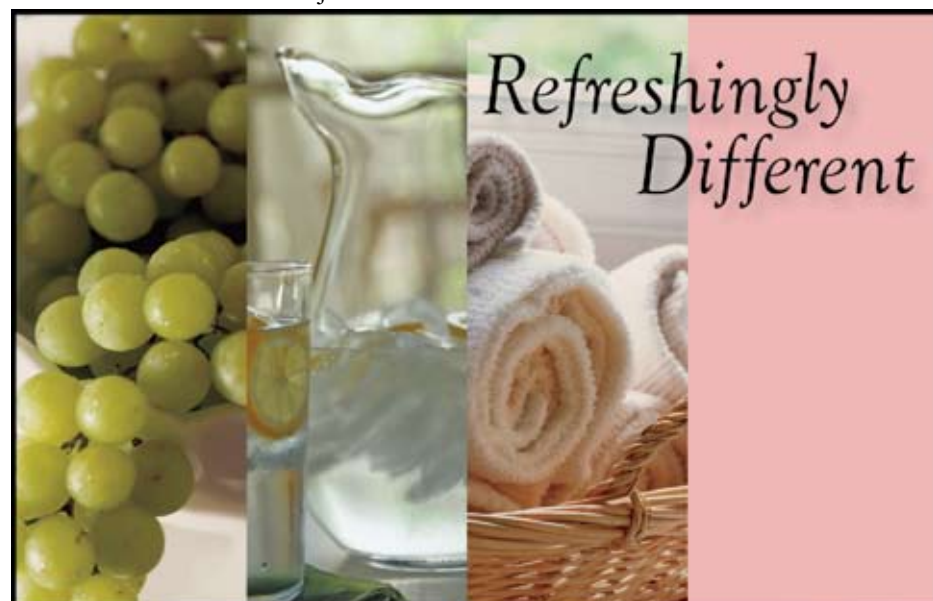
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place their weapons on the marble floor, and remove their gorilla heads. One of them is told to turn off the camera, and obediently does so.

Thankfully the boys were clean cut and respectful. Thankfully they did not mention that gorillas are apes, not monkeys. Thankfully one of the troopers had attended their same high school. So they didn't get arrested.

Bob's speedy arrival to shake hands also helped, as the boys sheepishly (ape-ishly?) slunk back out of the capitol building with firm instructions to apply for a permit the next time.

And of course, since then the security has been amped up, fences have been installed, and no sword-carrying kid can just waltz into the rotunda in a gorilla suit again. I like to think this is because of the tanker truck, not because of my offspring.

But I do have to wonder what the reaction must have been when the troopers were notified by the guy watching the security monitors. Can't you just see him blinking and rubbing his eyes? And then trying not to sound drunk as he reports seeing 5 gorillas, shouting in French and waving swords? Somewhere there is a file containing a report of this evening. And somewhere there is a videotape of state troopers doing their job, and your tax dollars at work.

And by the way, Brandon does speak fluent French now—he served a mission in France and Belgium.

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It all started because I wanted my son, Brandon, to learn a foreign language. We're Latter-day Saints, and figured this would be excellent preparation for a future church mission. Who knew it would end up in the hands of the law?

It wasn't long before Brandon and four of his buddies had the brilliant idea to make a movie for their final project in French class. They wrote up a script, rented gorilla suits, then went around town waving swords and yelling about a gorilla takeover of the universe. However, they did this in French, so no one worried very much.

They asked my husband, Bob, to drop them off downtown. They would call when they needed a ride home. And do they call? Oh, yes. But not quite soon enough. Bob is a block away from the state's capitol, sort of hanging out and waiting for their call, when his cell phone rings. As luck would have it, Brandon would like him to pick them up at the capitol building itself.

Why, sure, Bob says. Good, Brandon says back, because there are a couple of state troopers who'd like to meet him.

Okay, this is not good. Good is the wrong word here. It turns out these teenagers had the bright idea to film in the rotunda itself, but didn't think to ask permission, something real filmmakers do. This is also just days after that gigantic tanker truck crashed into the capitol—remember that?

So the boys are yelling, waving swords, and stomping around when the elevators open, and two uniformed troopers step out with their rifles.

"Put down your swords and take off the monkey suits," one of them shouts. This is all captured on film, of course. Slowly the boys

El Dorado Savings Bank Reports Strong Earnings, No Foreclosures

El Dorado Savings Bank reported earnings of \$9,519,355 for 2008 compared to \$11.3 million in the prior year. Earnings were reduced by a one time \$2.9 million tax expense related to El Dorado's repurchase of approximately 16.5% of the outstanding shares of common stock in the bank. Without the additional tax expense net operating profits would have totaled \$12,428,486.

"We are pleased with the bank's strong earnings in 2008 especially considering the difficult economic environment and continued weakness in our local real estate markets", said Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas C. Meuser.

El Dorado ended the year with \$1,619,862,884 in assets, which represented 9% growth during 2008. Savings deposits rose by \$65 million, or 5%. The bank ended 2008 with \$146.6 million in capital representing 9.05% of assets, considerably above the 6% regulatory requirement for a "Well Capitalized" financial institution. Meuser said, "In 2008, El Dorado completed its 20th consecutive year without any foreclosed properties on our books. Considering the significant drop in

real estate values over the last several years, management is very pleased with that record." Real estate lending increased by 21% in 2008, as much of the competition dropped out of the market.

El Dorado Savings Bank is a portfolio lender that retains and services each loan it originates. In 2008 El Dorado opened its 35th branch, located in Sheldon, just east of Elk Grove, California. The bank now operates 32 branches in California and 3 branches in Northern Nevada. When asked about the reason for El Dorado's consistent success, Meuser said, "During our 51 years of operation we have always focused on maintaining top quality assets and providing excellent service to all existing and prospective customers. This strategy worked when we opened for business in 1958 and it is still the basis for our successful operations today."

El Dorado Savings Bank operates branches at 4701 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael, and 7895 Lichen Dr., Citrus Heights.

Sacramento County Reduces Building Permit Fees for Projects with High Equipment Valuations

Sacramento, Calif. – Sacramento County has lowered building permits fees on projects with equipment valued at over \$5 million. “This fee reduction will help attract manufacturing and industrial projects to the County,” said Steve Pedretti, Deputy Administrator of Development Services. “We’re providing a progressively reduced scale of fees as the equipment value goes up; so the fee increase is moderated.” As industry changes, including advancements in technology, manufacturing, computer and electronics, it is not uncommon for

manufacturing plants and facilities to house equipment far exceeding the cost of the structure. Examples include the Opti-Solar manufacturing facility in McClellan Park and medical facilities who might install equipment costing significantly more than the building housing the equipment. For the occasional situation where building costs and the value of the equipment contained within are disproportional, fees will be reduced. This reduction would apply only to equipment valuations and not structural valuations. The new fee structure is:

Actual Equipment Value	Valuation for Fee Calculation Purposes
Up to \$5,000,000	100% of actual equipment value used
From \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	75% of actual equipment value used
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Over \$20,000,000	25% of actual equipment value used

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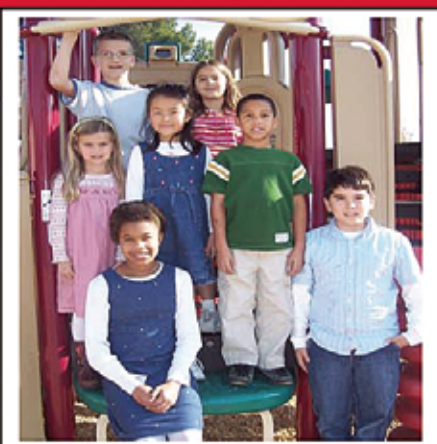
The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District would like to invite local educators to attend their Fight the Bite Teacher Workshop. The workshop is a great opportunity to learn more about mosquitoes, West Nile virus and more, and then to transition this knowledge into the classroom through fun activities teaching kids about the life cycle and physiology of mosquitoes as well as protective measures against vector-borne diseases. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday,

March 14, 2009 at the Esquire IMAX Theatre in Sacramento. The workshop will help educators to inform students about what to look for, how to protect themselves and who to contact for mosquito and vector control issues. Activities, which correlate with state content standards, will engage students through innovative word searches, vocabulary exercises, tests, mazes, and much more.

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(L) Richanne Baldrige as Rose and Lynnette Blaney as Lottie are intrigued by an advertisement of a castle for rent in Italy.
Photo Credit: Warren Harrison

Chautauqua Playhouse announces the fourth show of its 32nd season, ENCHANTED APRIL by Michael Barber, opening on February 13, at the Playhouse. The show will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm through March 15. All performances will be held at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Road in the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael. Admission is \$17 general and \$15 students, seniors, children and SARTA members.

ENCHANTED APRIL is a romantic comedy, based on the novel by Elizabeth Von Arnim. In 1922, two discontented English housewives rent a villa in Italy to escape their unfulfilling marriages. They are joined by two other very different women for the holiday and the magical setting transforms all of their lives

The production is directed by Warren Harrison. Set design is by Jerry Sutherland, with lighting by Ross Aldrich. Costumes are by Eileen Beaver. The cast features Lynette Blaney, Richanne Baldrige, Boots Martin, Julie Bock-Betschart, Michael Walker, Walter Thompson, and Monique McKisson.

For tickets and additional information call the theatre at
(916) 489-7529 (PLAY).

Information and tickets are also available through the Chautauqua Playhouse website: www.cplayhouse.com

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dressbarn in Carmichael gathers donations of professional attire for local underprivileged women entering the workforce

Carmichael, (Grassroots Newswire) 2009 -- Landing a job in today's challenging economy is no easy task, but for anyone attempting to enter the workforce, making a good first impression is a crucial step towards success. Wearing proper business attire to a job interview, for example, speaks volumes about what you have to offer. According to a recently published article on Monster.com, "You are more likely to command respect and get what you want if you're dressed appropriately for your surroundings."

But for women attempting to enter the workforce, a common problem exists: without a job, they can't afford a suit, and without a suit, they can't get a job.

"We know how important a job interview is. That is why we partnered with our local Dress for Success affiliate to help disadvantaged women make that first impression a good one!" said Celine Beaudry, district sales manager for dressbarn in Carmichael.

During Dress for Success's S.O.S. - Send One Suit - Weekend, February 19 - February 22, dressbarn stores across the country, including the Carmichael location, will collect clothing from customers and donate them to underprivileged women in the local community seeking career development support. Over 200,000 suits and separates have already been donated by consumers at dressbarn stores during the past seven years. The donations are distributed to more than 60 Dress for Success affiliates throughout the United States and have provided for, on average, more than 31 percent of their annual suiting needs.

Participating in the event is simple: women are encouraged to donate one new or nearly-new interview suit to help another woman enter the workforce and change her life.

"This event gives us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women right here in the community where we do our business," Celine Beaudry added.

"We want everyone to realize that when they make a donation, they are giving another woman the confidence to enter or return to the workplace, make a personal first impression and land a job that can change her life."

This year, the spokeswoman for S.O.S.-Send One Suit - Weekend is Bobbi Brown, founder and chief executive officer of Bobbi Brown Cosmetics and member of the Dress

for Success Worldwide Board of Directors.

"With the donation of just one suit, an entire family can be transformed," said Joi Gordon, chief executive officer of Dress for Success Worldwide. "So many of the women who come to Dress for Success are single mothers, and the suit is the first step in her journey to achieve self-sufficiency."

Local residents are being asked to donate new or gently-used suits and other professional apparel to dressbarn in Carmichael or any other dressbarn location during S.O.S. - Send One Suit - Weekend, February 19 - February 22. To show their appreciation to their customers and thank them for supporting this event, dressbarn stores will provide an additional 15 percent off total purchase savings to every customer who brings in a donation during Send One Suit Weekend! A donation receipt will also be provided for all suit and career donations.

For more information, please contact dressbarn in Carmichael, located at Crestview Village Shopping Center, at (916) 974-1074, or visit www.dressbarn.com.

About Dress for Success

Dress for Success is an international nonprofit organization that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Since starting operations in 1997, Dress for Success has expanded to more than 90 cities in the U.S., Canada, Jamaica, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland and the UK. To date, Dress for Success has helped more than 500,000 women work towards self-sufficiency. Visit www.dressforsuccess.org to learn more.

About dressbarn

The Dress Barn, Inc. (NASDAQ - DBRN), is a leading national specialty apparel retailer offering quality casual and career fashion apparel. dressbarn stores carry styles in sizes four to 24 as well as shoes and accessories. As of February 2009, the company operated 833 dressbarn stores in 46 states and 697 maurices stores in 44 states. For more information, please visit www.dressbarn.com.

Can You Hear God Yet?



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 have lost the connection.

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.

At Cypress Avenue Baptist Church, we are on a journey to hear God's voice. You are welcome to join us.

If you would like more information about Cypress Avenue Baptist Church or if you would like to email Pastor Cary, visit www.cypressavenue.org.

File Your 2009 Business Property Statement On-line with E-SDR!

Over 25,000 2009 Business property Statements (Form 571-L) are being mailed by the Sacramento County Assessor's Office to business taxpayers during the first week of February. They are due back to the Assessor's Office by April 1, 2009. Business personal property includes all supplies, equipment, and any fixtures used in the operation of a business and is appraised annually at its current market value as of the January 1 property tax lien date.

The Business Property Statement Form 571-L can now be filed electronically!

A program known as "E-SDR" (for "electronic Standard data record") was developed by a consortium of California Assessors to allow those who have a small number of business locations in California to file their annual Business Property Statement Form 571-L electronically over the Internet. Using E-SDR to e-file the 571-L rather than mailing back a hard copy increases efficiency for both taxpayers and the Assessor.

In the first year, E-SDR filers will save mailing costs, though it will take about the same amount of time to fill out the form. In subsequent years, E-SDR filers will only need to input changes to their list of business personal property, thereby saving both time and mailing costs. It has been estimated that using E-SDR takes only about half the preparation and filing time after the first year. In addition to the

savings for business taxpayers, E-SDR helps the Assessor's Office process the e-filed BPS statements more efficiently than hard-copy statements, savings both time and money.

Business taxpayers who are interested in filing their Business Property Statement Form 571-L electronically using E-SDR should go to the web site www.calbpsfile.org and look for the red E-SDR button. In order to file using E-SDR, the filer must have the 18-digit personal property account number and the E-SDR "BIN" (Business Identification Number) number from the 2009 Business Property Statement Form 571-L they received from the Assessor's Office.

Business taxpayers who did not receive a 2009 Business Property Statement Form 571-L for a new location in Sacramento County should contact the Sacramento County Assessor's Office, Business Property Division at (916) 875-0730.

There is a companion program known as "SDR" that was developed specifically for large-scale taxpayers who annually file business property statements for numerous locations throughout the state.

For detailed information regarding SDR, the filing requirements for Sacramento County, and what such taxpayers need to do to register for the SDR program, use the SDR portion of the www.calbpsfile.org web site.

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Rural Counties Awards Senator Dave Cox 'Legislator of the Year'



From left to right: El Dorado County Supervisor Ray Nutting, Senator Dave Cox, and Placer County Supervisor Jim Holmes.

Sacramento - The Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) announced that it has selected Senator Dave Cox, who represents the Northeastern part of the state, as one of two recipients for the annual "Patti Mattingly Award" for 2008. The Patti Mattingly Award is given to a policymaker who has demonstrated leadership on rural issues and an understanding of the unique challenges that rural communities face.

"It is with much appreciation that RCRC selects Senator Cox for his important work on behalf of rural counties in the State Senate," said Supervisor Dave Finigan of Del Norte County and Chair of the Regional Council of Rural Counties. "Senator Cox's efforts helped the state's rural counties meet the challenges of a very difficult 2008 Legislative Session."

"As Senator for 12 Northeastern California counties, I was just doing my job," said

Sen. Dave Cox. "I am humbled by the recognition. It is the collaborative effort of rural county supervisors and the professional staff of RCRC Regional Council of Rural Counties that has enabled us to accomplish many things for rural communities."

RCRC's Patti Mattingly Award was established in memory of former Supervisor Patti Mattingly of Siskiyou County who had tremendous courage, commitment, and ability to promote constructive solutions surrounding rural issues. The recipient is selected by the RCRC Board of Directors.

Placer County Supervisor Jim Holmes commented, "Sen. Cox is a tireless public servant who sets an excellent example for all elected officials. The member counties of RCRC applaud his efforts in Sacramento."

Amador County Supervisor Richard Forster added, "One of his important efforts was securing the passage of SB 1XXX which provided an exemption to counties under 40,000 in population from experiencing deferrals in state payments to counties to assist with the state's cash flow crisis. Without passage of this bill, many rural counties could have faced dire fiscal straits."

In noting the Award, Senator Cox's important actions in the State Legislature include:

- Authored SB 1349 - which RCRC sponsored - that would have required that

- counties be paid interest for reimbursement claims in connection with state-contracted mental health services when reimbursement is made after 90 days;
- Worked with the Schwarzenegger Administration to administratively exempt rural hospitals in having state payments deferred for a number of months to assist with the state's cash flow crisis;
- Supported needed revisions to the Correction Standards Authority's rules and guidelines for awarding state jail construction monies to low-population counties;
- Successfully authored SB 206, which ensured that counties under 500,000 in population can participate in the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

RCRC is an association of 30 rural counties that advocates before the Legislature, Congress and state and federal government agencies on behalf of rural issues. Headquartered in Sacramento, county supervisors comprise RCRC's governing board.

Senator Dave Cox represents 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. Contact his office at 916-651-4001, or via email at senator.cox@sen.ca.gov.



Riley Reviews

by Tim Riley

SLAPSTICK COMEDY STILL RUNS AMOK IN "PINK PANTHER 2"

THE PINK PANTHER 2 Rated PG)

Granted, "The Pink Panther" films haven't been the same since the passing of Peter Sellers. All things considered, the franchise was nevertheless sliding precipitously downhill even during the British comedian's

later years. Now, Steve Martin is putting his own stamp on the bumbling French detective Jacques Clouseau, and "The Pink Panther 2" won't be confused with any of the earlier Sellers films, if for no other reason that previous sequels were given original titles, for example "Revenge of the Pink Panther." Following the death of Peter Sellers, one film went so far as to introduce an Italian actor as the son of Inspector Clouseau, which marked the rock bottom of the old era.

There is no point in seeing "The Pink Panther 2" unless you are braced for a rollicking good time of silly slapstick humor, pratfalls and ridiculous embarrassments, mostly at the expense of Steve Martin's inept, blundering Inspector Clouseau. Most critics, of this I am quite sure, are likely to dismiss this comedy as inane, uninspired or even lame. As is often the case, these same critics are probably out of touch with the audience that wants to see Steve Martin as the goofy French detective who struggles mightily to pronounce the word "hamburger." And the audience just won't be 10-year-old kids. Okay, I admit enjoying this film more than reason and good taste would

dictate, but what's wrong with that?

When the story begins, Clouseau is back on parking meter duty, mainly because Chief Inspector Dreyfus (John Cleese, new to the role) wants him out of the office and out of his hair. The animosity between the Chief and Clouseau might be sparked by the detective's insistence on ostentatiously wearing his Medal of Honor. Around the world, a thief known as the Tornado steals valuable artifacts such as the Shroud of Turin and the original Magna Carta. When the Pink Panther diamond is also stolen, Dreyfus is forced to assign Clouseau to an international Dream Team of detectives charged with catching the thief and retrieving the priceless relics.

Naturally, Clouseau is out of his element, but he's backed up by his wise partner Ponton (Jean Reno) and his loyal associate Nicole (Emily Mortimer), the object of Clouseau's awkward affections. The Dream Team of crack detectives is rather flummoxed by Clouseau's involvement. They share with Dreyfus a dismissive contempt for Clouseau's vaunted abilities. The team includes the snooty Brit Pepperidge (Alfred Molina); the flashy, slick Italian Vicenzo (Andy Garcia); gorgeous jewel expert Sonia (Bollywood beauty Aishwarya Rai Bachchan); and Japanese tech whiz Kenji (Yuki Matsuzaki). As a group, they are irritated by Clouseau's bloated ego and ineptitude, but Vicenzo seems more interested in wooing Nicole.

Before you can start humming the iconic Henry Mancini theme music, the Dream Team sets off on a globetrotting adventure in search of the master thief. Naturally, this leads to many awkward moments when Clouseau bumbles his way into mischief. A fire that destroys a restaurant in Rome is just one mishap caused by the French detective's clumsiness. An investigation into the

Tornado's theft of the Pope's ring from inside the Vatican leads to some real silliness when Clouseau dresses like the Holy Father and stuns a crowd of visitors with a major pratfall. When the team questions a slick suspect (Jeremy Irons) at his Italian villa, Clouseau is hilariously caught on the surveillance cameras while he causes inadvertent mayhem during his snooping.

Steve Martin does for Jacques Clouseau what Daniel Craig has managed adeptly to do for James Bond. This is not to say that Martin supplants Peter Sellers any more than Craig makes everyone forget Sean Connery. But in their unique ways, both actors bring new life to venerable franchises. "The Pink Panther 2," which sustains laughs and has some good dialogue mixed in with all the slapstick routines, is plenty of fun, as long as you understand that the whole premise is deliberately silly nonsense.

DVD RELEASE UPDATE

Bernie Mac, a comic legend, made his last feature film appearance in "Soul Men," now available on DVD. Bernie and Samuel L. Jackson starred as two long-lost soul legends who are brought together again after a long estrangement. Twenty years have passed before they agree to one last performance to honor their former bandleader. The cross-country road trip to the Apollo Theater in Harlem proves to be a test of the willingness of two volatile characters to patch up their differences. Of course, with "Soul Men" being a comedy, the journey across America turns out to be the road trip from hell. Bernie Mac and Samuel L. Jackson are very adept at bickering and hurling invective, all the while getting into serious jams, including even a brief stint in jail. The "Soul Men" DVD includes tributes to Bernie Mac and Isaac Hayes.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Pet of the Week: Hayden



was forced to bring him to the shelter with hope that a nice family would visit the shelter and adopt him. He is around 7 to 9 years old and a little chubby; he should lose ten to fifteen pounds. He is loveable and sweet with people of all ages and other dogs but he doesn't seem to be too fond of cats and likes to chase them.

Pet ID#: A490447

Hayden is a huggable teddy bear with a happy-go-lucky personality. He is very smart and well trained – he knows the commands “sit, stay and down,” he can walk on a leash without pulling and he is showing strong signs of being house trained. His owner had breast cancer and became too sick to take care of him. Although she loved him dearly she couldn't find a home for him and

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King Crossword — Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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15-year-old fixated on achieving WWE body

by Lauren Forcella

Dear Straight Talk: My son idolizes the wrestlers of World Wrestling Entertainment and is fixated with attaining a similar body for himself. He pushes himself at the school gym twice a day, five days a week. It is my understanding that the body needs time to recover between trainings, but he thinks that demonstrates weakness. What is a healthy routine for a 15-year-old boy, and how do I convince him that having a WWE body is unrealistic? — He won't listen to Dad

Chris, 20, San Pedro CA: Dear Dad of Hercules Jr.: It is normal for boys this age to want a muscular physique. I, too, wanted a chiseled chest and bulging biceps around that age — and I, too, made the mistake of working out twice a day, resulting in two herniated discs in my lower back. Intense workouts are not the best thing for growing teens and working the same muscles twice a day is the WORST thing you can do for muscle growth. Not resting will only slow down and possibly damage development. Have a P.E. teacher help your son determine a healthy routine.

Dominic, 22, San Luis Obispo CA: Don't discourage your son, just find him a trainer. When you work out you are essentially tearing muscle fibers which need rest to regenerate.

Katie, 15, Auburn CA: Maybe this will help. If a 15-year-old boy approached me looking like a WWE athlete, I would run the other way.

Graham, 15, Fair Oaks CA: Your son is going to hurt himself. Get him a personal trainer. It may be expensive, but not nearly as expensive as your son ruining himself by working out improperly and for the wrong reasons.

Jack, 18, Fair Oaks CA: As long as he isn't working out the same body parts too frequently he should be fine. I'd be more worried that he is fixated on obtaining a body like those wrestlers and may view them as heroes. Most use steroids and have other unhealthy habits. In 2007, pro wrestler, Chris Benoit, after using steroids for multiple years succumbed to "roid rage", killing

his wife, son, and then himself. Keep an eye on your impressionable son.

Dear Dad: I hope your son listens to his peers, because they are right. I validated their points by talking to two professionals. Joe Rodriguez of the National Strength and Conditioning Association says, "Lifting weights without giving the muscle opportunity to rest can actually shrink muscle over time rather than build it." He also says the reason most gyms don't allow kids to train without supervision is because overtraining can damage growth plates.

Vance Mueller, former Oakland Raiders running back and owner of Mueller's Elite Training in Cameron Park, California, loves weight training for teens because healthy, chemical-free training is the top antidote for stress, which is the biggest cause of disease and illness in today's world. "But you have to train smart," he says. "The bodies of WWE athletes are not real. They are all chemically enhanced. And anytime you take anabolic steroids you affect the pituitary gland and enter uncharted and dangerous territory." Mueller says successful weight training depends on rest interval, diet, hydration, and sleep — and proper rest interval means resting muscle groups 3 to 7 days between workouts, depending on the rigor of the workout.

I'm thrilled your son is working out, too, but he needs a respected trainer and good role models. Because he idolizes the WWE athletes, he may feel pressure to use steroids, which would allow him to skip the rest interval, over-train, and build mass unnaturally. These drugs are readily available on the black market and taken without a doctor (which the pros use) are wildly dangerous. If he can't relate to liver and kidney damage, other side effects in males are shrunken testicles, erectile dysfunction, breasts, baldness and acne. Maybe he'll hear that.

Write to Straight Talk at
www.StraightTalkForTeens.com or
 PO Box 963, Fair Oaks CA 95628

Kim Middleton Accepts Invitation to Mercy San Juan Medical Center's Community Leadership Council

Carmichael, - Kim Middleton, RN, joins Mercy San Juan Medical Center's Community Leadership Council. Middleton will represent the over 700 nurse employees at Mercy San Juan Medical Center. "My passion for nursing is driven by my experiences and the belief that one person can make a difference. This passion has led me to accept the invitation to join the Mercy San Juan Community Leadership Council and I hope my contributions will lead to positive change."



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Fine Arts Photo Club

January 29th marked the first meeting of the Fine Arts Photo Club, hosted by the Sacramento Fine Arts Center (SFAC). We're a diverse group of photographic enthusiasts, ranging from professional to novice and all points in between. The purpose of the club is to provide a friendly learning environment. As the group evolves we'll be planning field trips and group shooting opportunities as well as sharing and teaching. The club is open to all formats and genres although there will be a significant focus on digital photography.

Meetings will be conducted on the 4th Friday of each month, with our next meeting being February 26th at

7PM. Meetings will be conducted at the SFAC. The center is located at 5330-B Gibbons Drive in Carmichael. The theme for the evening will be "self portraits." If you'd like to participate, please bring your "portrait." Whether you actually include yourself in the photo is up to you but it should say something about you. The only caveat is that it must have been taken specifically for this purpose. Be prepared to share your image, either as a print or on CDROM or USB media drive.

For questions please contact doug@binaryemulsion.com or SFAC at (916) 971-3713

Button Bazaar Returns to Carmichael

Button Bazaar Returns to Carmichael, CA

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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>

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"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 at-the-door 30 minutes before each concert.

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King Crossword

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- 4 Will Ferrell Christmas movie
- 7 Rate of walking
- 11 Craving
- 13 Civil —
- 14 Old Italian money
- 15 Hodgepodge
- 16 Ostrich's cousin
- 17 Prayer conclusion
- 18 Confuse
- 20 Lends a hand
- 22 St. Bernard's burden
- 24 Rough struggle
- 28 Gab
- 32 Happen
- 33 "That hurts!"
- 34 Beer holder
- 36 14-Across' replacement
- 37 Bonfire residue
- 39 Other than
- 41 Robberies
- 43 Chatroom

- 44 Bobcat
- 46 Dark hours
- 50 Horseback pastime
- 53 Exist
- 55 Film —
- 56 Sandwich cookie
- 57 Author Fleming
- 58 Mentor
- 59 Bosc or Bartlett
- 60 Old soap ingredient
- 61 Ball prop

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- 1 Amorphous mass
- 2 Hold the scepter
- 3 "Yeah, right!"
- 4 Lamb's mommy
- 5 Dalai —
- 6 Still-life subject, often
- 7 Corporate barrier of a sort
- 8 Intend
- 9 Rage

- 10 Light brown
- 12 Rose to address the group
- 19 Obtain
- 21 Twosome
- 23 Jewel
- 25 Gulf War missile
- 26 Entice
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SILPAC 90104 2-17-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0900440. James P. Caplis, 303 Fitchburg Sq., Folsom, CA 95630 and John M. Caplis, 3130-1/2 Vineland Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Names "Silpac Partnership; Lone Oak Apts." At 2920 Garfield Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Jan. 16, 2009. Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
SILPAC 90104 2-17-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0900443. Hollywood Trailer Courts Inc., 4731 Whitney Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Cobble Creek Apartments" at 4731 Whitney Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Jan. 16, 2009. Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
SILPAC 90104 2-17-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0900446. Hollywood Trailer Courts Inc., 303 Fitchburg Sq., Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Hollywood Trailer Courts Inc." at 2990 Sippy Lane, Placerville, CA 95667. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Jan. 16, 2009. Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
SILPAC 90104 2-17-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0900491. Roman Tabayoyon, 3560 Las Pasas Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Tango Passion" at 3560 Las Pasas Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Jan. 20, 2009. Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
TANGOP 90104 2-17-09

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0900222. Ivanov Enterprises Inc., 4129 Joy Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Ivanov's Watch, Clock Repair" at 8051 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Jan. 9, 2009. Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
IVANOV 90104 2-17-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2008-00025000-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Angela Michele Taylor to Angela Michele Thomas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Feb. 20, 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. 14, 2009.
Shelleyanne W.L. Chang
Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
TAYLOR 901045 2-17-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #219457. WHEREAS, Krystal Reynolds has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Krystal Reynolds to Krystal Shaw. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 8:30 a.m. on March 13, 2009 in Dept. 131, located at 3341 Power Inn Rd., Sacramento, CA 95826 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Jan. 22, 2009.
Scott P. Harman
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
SACCHI 90104 2-17-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2009-00032440-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Clint Kaylor and Heather Clark have filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Samuel Michael Goetsch to Luke Michael Allen Kaylor. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 6, 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: Jan. 21, 2009.
Loren E. McMaster
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
KAYLOR 90104 2-17-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2008-00032516-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Lois Thomas has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Michaela Tiano Nichole Hinton to Michaela Tiana Nichole Thomas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 6, 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: Jan. 27, 2009.
Shelleyanne W.L. Chang
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
KAYLOR 90104 2-17-09

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. 21, 2009.
Loren E. McMaster
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
THOMAS 90104 2-17-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2009-00032197-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Joe Geoffrey Wood has filed a petition in this court for a decree changing name of Joe Geoffrey Wood

to Delsin. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 4, 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. 16, 2009.
Shelleyanne W.L. Chang
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2009.
WOOD 90104 2-17-09

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to Section 1988 of the California Civil Code the Property listed below believed to be abandoned by AEMAL DASTAGIRZADA OR OCCUPANTS whose last address was 2981 DIORITE WAY, Sacramento, CA 95835 Will be sold at public auction at 2981 DIORITE WAY, Sacramento, CA 95835 on Thursday, February 26th, 2009 at 12:00 o'clock PM.

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Publish: Feb. 10, 17, 2009.
FRANKH 90202 2-17-09

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2009-00032910-CU-PT-GDS WHEREAS, Michael Levester 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 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 #34-2009-00033759-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 Nichols 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

Publish: February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009.
MEHM00 90201 2-24-09

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER 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 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.

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 to 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 the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 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: Robin L. Henson, 1313 Solano St., Corning, CA 96021; 530-624-7257. Publish: February 10, 17, 24, 2009.
HENSON 90202 2-24-09

FICTITIOUS 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 Nichols 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 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.
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 LORRAINE LABRECAUE ESTATE NO. 34-2009-0003252-PR-PWFRFC 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 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.

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. 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 the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 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 Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Keplinger Engineering" at 430 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 Seymour 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
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Publish: February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2009.
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
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Publish: February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2009.
BEAVER 90203 3-10-09

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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 Sigggy. 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.

More lawsuit abuse was not a change anyone voted for

By John Kabateck and John Merchant

Whatever change voters were seeking last November, there is no record of any mass of them calling for greater rights for lawyers to sue. Sensing a new political mood afoot in the nation, however, personal-injury attorneys are girding their loins for another charge at changing state laws to enrich themselves through artificially-aggravated clients and billable hours—and nowhere is that more evident than in California.

The trial attorneys' lobby is a powerful one in Sacramento. Its success can be measured in the Golden State's dismal ranking of 44th out of 50 in a Harris survey, Lawsuit Climate 2008, and in California's inclusion in Forbes magazine's rating of the 10 Worst States to Do Business.

The one pebble in the shoe of the legislative lobbying giant has been Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. In 2004, the Governor scored one of his most popular victories when he campaigned for the successful passage of Proposition 64, which ended the insidious practice of shakedown lawsuits, whereby any attorney could sue on behalf of the people of California, even though no injured party could be found. These shakedown lawsuits included such

ridiculous things as punishing an auto dealer for using "APR", instead of spelling out "Annual Percentage Rate" in newspaper ads. More often than not, defendants would simply settle out of court--something lawyers had planned on --rather than incurring the cost of a trial.

After Proposition 64 passed, lawyers had to produce an actual injured party and could no longer sue on behalf of the people of California, who never saw a dime of the settlements anyway. But the initiative's passage only took the lawyers' foot off of the gas pedal for a second. Every year since, they have succeeded in getting a pliable legislature to put some bill or another on the Governor's desk that would open up new revenue streams for them at the expense of business owners.

New penalties for misclassifying employees as independent contractors, new penalties for a perceived breach of customer data – even if no damage occurred – and new opportunities for exploiting the workers' compensation system were all measures that landed on the Governor's desk in the past few years but were, thankfully, met with his veto.

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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

Date: Saturday, March 14th at 8 PM

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CALENDAR ITEM

The Genealogical Association meets at 1 p.m. February 18th at the Colonial Heights Library - 4799 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento.

We're hoping to have a bus (research trip) March 25th to the Sutro Library in San Francisco.

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