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Teen Center Faces Budget Crisis

The North Area Teen Center, a fixture within the community for ten years, is facing a serious budget crisis and may be staring straight into a closure if funds are not provided soon. The Center is suffering from a lack of donations over the past many months, putting its survival in question.

The North Area Teen Center was opened May 30th of 1998. The mission of the center is to provide a safe, drug and alcohol free environment for community youth. Staff and volunteers communicate, teach and model positive values and lifestyles through a balance of social, physical, educational and spiritual programs. Jim Vargas, Executive Director, stated that they have seen over five thousand kids come through their doors and participate in programs. They currently have about thirty kids who visit the center on a regular basis.

The center is open to all students in 6th through 12th grades. The center offers activities and entertainment, such as pool tables, air hockey, foosball, a computer lab, Nintendo and Game Cube, as well as big screen T.V.'s. They also organize field trips throughout the year.

California Family Fitness, which owns the property rented by the center, has graciously offered to forego their rental payments for the rest of this year in an effort to help keep the

Center as tenants. The parent company, Youth for Christ, is asking the community to help them reach their budget with donations or to adopt them as their charity of choice. The Teen Center is a 501c3 non-profit.

How can you help? Jim Vargas asks the community to support them through their "1 in a Thousand" donation campaign. He says that if only one thousand people donate as little as \$10 per month



Photo provided by the North Area Teen Center

they will be able to keep their doors open to the youth of Carmichael. The Carmichael Times is offering a \$2 donation to the Teen Center for every new subscription that they receive from the coupon found in this newspaper.

Senator Dave Cox previously endorsed the center by saying "The North Area Teen Center is a terrific organization serving neighborhood teens and their families. The center builds bridges of friendship involving both the community and Law enforcement."

The Teen Center is located at 6320 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, next to California Family Fitness. Their website is www.northareateencenter.com. They can be reached at 486-9893.



Executive Director Jim Vargas flanked by Christopher and Patrick Aliano, Center volunteers

Airport Breaks Ground on \$1.27 Billion Terminal

Local elected officials and dignitaries gathered on June 19th to celebrate the groundbreaking for Central Terminal B, the largest capital improvement project in Sacramento County history.

A brief speaking program preceded a ceremonial groundbreaking with local elected officials, Sacramento County management and contractors involved in the program.

Central Terminal B will offer 19 gates at opening, 6 more than the existing Terminal B. Central Terminal B is three times the size of the

existing Terminal B: 675,000 square feet between the landside and airside facilities.

The new Central Terminal B is designed to accommodate an estimated 10 million passengers annually. When the capacity of Central Terminal B combined with Terminal A, Sacramento International Airport will be capable of accommodating approximately 16 million passengers annually.

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Retiree Reno Bus Trip

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All sessions are led by SPAC members acting as peer support facilitators

Extorting More from Taxpayers

By Jon Coupal

It was Al Capone who said you can get more with a smile and a gun than with just a gun. Well, Senate boss Don Perata is not smiling as he holds a tax gun to the heads of California taxpayers.

The June 15th constitutional deadline to pass the state budget has come and gone and all 120 members of the Legislature and the governor are in violation. Perata is making good on his threat, voiced last month, that there will be no budget without a tax increase. He and Assembly Speaker Karen Bass want at least \$11.5 billion in new taxes. Make no mistake, Bass and Perata are not targeting opposition lawmakers or the governor with their threats. They are menacing already overburdened taxpayers.

California is a high tax state and its economy is showing all the symptoms of recession -- even more severe than in other states. Simply talking to average Californians will confirm what several recent polls tell us -- that three out of four of us believe we are on the wrong track. In a particularly disturbing trend, there is net outmigration of working, better educated Californians abandoning the Golden state for lower tax states. California's stable population is attributable almost exclusively to births and new immigrants -- both documented and otherwise.

While common sense says that taxpayers staying in California have reached their limit, the legislative leaders want to take inspiration from Herbert Hoover, who raised taxes in response to the beginning of what became the Great Depression.

Perata, at least, should know better. It is not any failure by the taxpayers to provide sufficient funds that has resulted in the current budget crises. Last year, with former Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and the governor as accessories to the crime, he led the charge for an unsound budget that would have been even worse if Senate Republicans had not held out for 58 days.

The governor has proven to be too quick to give in to the usual tax-and-spend suspects like Perata in an effort to maintain his popularity. Budget watchdog, Senator Tom McClintock, described the governor's response when, before last year's disastrous budget, he tried to warn him of the consequences. Californians do not want to hear bad news, they prefer optimism, Schwarzenegger told McClintock. And the governor's response to the current crisis is just as weak. When Perata made his now infamous threat, the governor responded, "Everything is on the table."

The governor need not go back more than five years to understand how betrayed taxpayers feel. In 2003 they helped recall a governor who had spent the state into misery and had resorted to illegal bond issues to cover the bills. Now, less than five years later, we see that government revenue has increased by 29 percent, while spending is up 36 percent.

How could this happen? The blame -- at least in part -- can be placed on questionable negotiation tactics by Governor Schwarzenegger. Every time there is conflict with the Legislature over spending, the governor takes a "firm" stand a scintilla to the right of the "riotous" spending proposal put forth by lawmakers, so that after negotiations, the final agreement has spending reduced to the merely "lavish" range.

Let's be clear about the initial negotiation position of the tax-and-spend lobby. The \$11.5 billion in new taxes demanded by the Democrats is nothing short of outrageous. For that reason, Republicans should put a number of major pro taxpayer reform measures on the table as well, including -- but not limited to -- a real spending cap based on inflation and population (not the Governor's meaningless proposal), pension reform, paycheck protection (to prevent more Vallejos), meaningful contracting out, etc., etc. etc.

Of course, leadership will never go for any of these major reforms. But the failure to address these reforms would give Republicans more than sufficient justification upon which to adhere to their pledge not to raise taxes.

And the Republicans ought to keep one thing in mind about who has the greater bargaining position here. The Democrats are the ones whose constituencies are tax receivers while Republicans represent the tax payers. Who suffers when government runs out of money? Republicans forget this. While it may be irresponsible to wish for a shutdown of government, when conservatives have put reasonable proposals on the table which are rejected by the majority party, who's to blame for a shutdown?

The people who pay the bills are far more concerned with how much is taken out of their pockets than they are with uninterrupted state government -- a government they are viewing with increasing hostility.

Jon Coupal is President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association -- California's largest taxpayer organization -- which is dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and promoting taxpayers' rights.

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by Mike Marland



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WHAT: Chardonnay, Cabernet and combat stories will flow as California's disabled veterans offer samples of the State's premiere regional wineries amid the historic displays of the California Military Museum in Old Sacramento.

WHO: Members of the California Legislature, State agencies, local civic and business leaders will join with the non-profit Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Alliance (DVBE) to raise glasses in honor of the Golden State's finest military men and women.

The statewide DVBE Alliance provides disabled veterans the opportunity to 'serve together again', as their motto suggests, to provide business opportunity, entrepreneurial support, training and education for California's wounded warriors.

WHEN: Saturday, June 28, 2008 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

WHERE: The California Military Museum, 1119 Second St.

COST: \$25 per person (admittance & tasting). The first 100 to R.S.V.P. will receive specially imprinted wine glasses. Payments by cash at the door, or check or money order payable in advance to: The California DVBE Alliance, 1611 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 may be mailed or dropped off. R.S.V.P. by June 20, 2008 at 916-446-3510.

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By Chuck Baldwin

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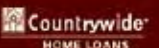
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The Sacramento Municipal Utility District has been awarded the Best Employer Partner Award for its internship program with Luther Burbank High School.

Presented by Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED), the award acknowledges the utility's long-term educational partnership with the local high school. Each summer SMUD hires 25 11th and 12th grade students for a paid internship opportunity – giving students exposure to a professional office environment, work assignments, and interactions with adults as co-workers.

Additionally, SMUD hosts an annual Speaker Day and a Career Day at the high school. These events introduce students to potential careers at SMUD, helps them to understand the relationship between education

and career success, and exposes them to the energy industry and related topics.

SMUD has a comprehensive education partnership program that supports education and career exploration by offering teacher workshops, curriculum development, review and support, as well as high school and college internships.

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Bloodsource Announces 2008 High School Scholarship Recipients

BloodSource is presenting 46 Sacramento-area high school students with a \$500 college scholarship. Students were selected based on their contributions to their high school blood drives, their grade point averages and on a one-page essay about their experience.

Over the 2007 – 2008 school year, participation at Sacramento-area high school blood drives totaled nearly 15,000 donors – about 6 percent of total amount of blood BloodSource collects in one year throughout Northern and Central California.

"We are so appreciative of these students' dedication to their high school blood drives," said BloodSource Director of Operations Debbie Milios. "Their hard work ensures local patients receive the blood they need to survive."

During the summer months, blood supplies often dip due to high schools being out of session. BloodSource anticipates this need

each year and organizes blood drives geared specifically to high school students on summer break. This summer, BloodSource will invite students to donate blood at movie theatres. To learn more about the area's summer movie-theater blood drives, please call 800.995.4420 x11014. Everyone who participates will receive a free general admission movie pass.

"We try to encourage students not only to remember to donate blood between school years, but to continue donating after high school," Milios said. "We're hoping to create life-long blood donors; people who understand the importance of giving the gift of life from an early age."

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients for their lifesaving efforts during the 2007 – 2008 school year. For a complete list of recipients, please visit our website at www.bloodsource.org.

Motorcyclist Dies On Garden Highway

Officer Lizz Dutton, Public Affairs Officer California Highway Patrol

On June 14, 2008 at approximately 5:45 p.m., Katherine Ikegami, an 18 year old from Wilton was driving a blue 2008 Honda CRV southbound on Garden Highway at San Juan Road. Ronald Anderson, a 40 year old from Rio Linda was riding a black 2001 Harley Davidson motorcycle northbound on Garden Highway approaching

San Juan Road. Ikegami began to make a left turn onto San Juan Road as the motorcyclist was approaching. The motorcycle struck the right passenger side of the Honda CRV. The impact ejected Anderson from his motorcycle which resulted in fatal injuries (Sacramento Coroner's Case #08-03294). Anderson was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. Ikegami and her 18 year old passenger were not injured.

This collision is still under investigation.



Cruisin' By Greg Zyla

The Price Is Right

Q: Greg, twice in recent months people have asked you to assign a value to something that was just purchased. I might be oversimplifying, but isn't an item's value best established in a buying/selling transaction, and since the items in question were just bought, shouldn't those values be exactly what the buyers paid?

Maybe these buyers thought they got a steal; maybe they thought they'd been had. But it seems pretty simple to me that if a '98 Grand Cherokee changed hands for \$9,500, and the seller was happy, and the buyer was happy, then the value of that Jeep is roughly \$9,500.

I can understand someone asking the value of something they're considering

buying, or something they've had for some time, but it doesn't get much easier than looking on the bill of sale to find the value of something newly purchased. -- Alan C., Waldorf, Md.

A: This is so true, Alan, and that's why I always say not to rely on any "official" buyer guide information or other "expert" information when it comes to pricing collector, muscle, antique or special-interest automobiles. If you are happy with the deal you just made on a car or truck (or any item for that matter), then so be it.

I always tell my readers two things. The first is "caveat emptor," which means "let the buyer beware." Second, as you point out in your letter, "Are you happy with the purchase and what you paid?"

You would not believe the amount of mail I get asking me to put values on something I can't see (although I do my best in these situations) or those wondering if they got a good deal. I could never answer them all.

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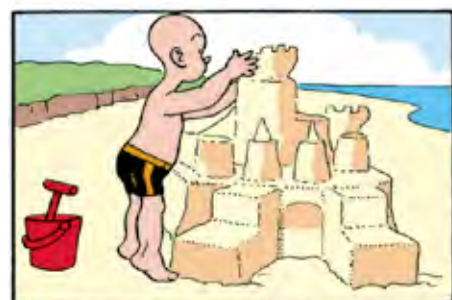
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Riley Reviews

By Tim Riley

MORE ACTION THAN COMIC CLEVERNESS FOR "GET SMART" SPOOF

GET SMART (Rated PG-13)

Updating a spy spoof TV series from the Cold War-era poses a certain amount of risk. Don Adams' brainless agent Maxwell Smart in the delightfully amusing "Get Smart" is a hard act to follow. As originally conceived, the character of Max was an Inspector Clouseau-like agent who would bungle his way to success during the course of a half-hour show. His charm was clueless behavior, punctuated with catch phrases and dim observations. The challenge for the updated screen version of "Get Smart" is to find the right man to fill the shoe containing a phone.

For the contemporary setting, Steve Carell, the actor who made his mark in the titular role of "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," is absolutely the right choice for this task. Smartly, Carell does not try to impersonate Don Adams, instead taking the lack of self-awareness in a whole new direction. For the uninitiated, the original "Get Smart" focused on the battles between mysterious agencies, the U.S. spy agency CONTROL and the evil crime syndicate known as KAOS. The key players at CONTROL that Max worked with included the Chief and Agent 99 (then the endearing Barbara Feldon).

In today's world of "Get Smart," some things are a little different. At the beginning, Max is an eager policy wonk who writes vital 600-page reports ignored by everybody. Yet he is frustrated with his desk job and anxious to become a field agent. The Chief (Alan Arkin) wants to keep Max at the headquarters, while charismatic superstar Agent 23 (Dwayne Johnson) gets all the fun of globe-trotting field work. When KAOS manages to compromise most of the field agents, Max gets his big chance to step outside his office job.

For his maiden assignment, Max is paired up with Agent 99, a lovely but lethal veteran who is not keen to be saddled with an office dweeb. In the TV series, Agent 99 was almost fawning over Max, but that's hardly the case here, though eventually you know that a certain amount of warmth and affection will inevitably develop between these characters. The contemporary Agent 99 uses more than feminine wiles to get her way; she's a proficient martial arts expert who's also handy with all types of weapons.

The plot resembles that of so many James Bond films, where the evil crime syndicate SPECTRE had the same goal of world domination as KAOS. Here, the bad guys get their hands on nuclear weapons and threaten to blow up places if their ransom demands are unmet. The key KAOS operative is Siegfried (Terence Stamp), assisted by his bumbling sidekick, Shtarker (Ken Davitian). Siegfried's network of terror extends to a munitions factory in Russia that is disguised as a bakery. Agent 99 and Max chase after bad guys around the Russian countryside, even infiltrating an elegant party at a mansion, where Agent 99 and Max have an amusing dance competition.

When the CONTROL agents end up in Moscow at the bakery, the action takes a radical shift into the type of explosive violence that one would expect from a James Bond movie. And this is just the beginning of the film's increasing penchant for the kind of high-octane action that only comes with a blockbuster. Keeping up with KAOS' evil plan to detonate a nuclear bomb in Los Angeles while the President (James Caan) is attending a concert at Disney Hall requires a full-blown chase sequence that ordinarily has little to do with a comedy.

I would surmise that "Get Smart" employs both comedy and explosive action as a marketing hook to reel in the young audience that likely has no familiarity with the original TV series. This strategy is understandable, and the box office receipts will tell if this was the smart move. Even though Mel Brooks and Buck Henry, the original creators of the TV characters, are the "consultants" on this picture, "Get Smart" won't succeed on its past glories.

"Get Smart" had promise to be a very satisfying spy spoof, and it does offer a decent measure of enjoyable fun, though I was hoping for more than it delivered. And yet, fortunately enough, Steve Carell's comedic talent and his innate ability to tap into a clueless persona serve him well in playing an inept spy.

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Don Flood

Sleep Deprivation Produces Must-Snooze TV

A recent National Public Radio story charges that TV producers -- in an effort to add drama and emotional outbursts to their "reality" shows -- are subjecting contestants to sleep deprivation.

Jay McCarroll, a past winner of "Project Runway," said, "It makes people crazy." An "America's Next Top Model" contestant said the sleep deprivation made the girls "mentally insane."

And sleep researcher Mary Carskadon of Brown University noted, "There's documentation that sleep deprivation has been used as torture in prisoner of war settings."

I don't know about you, but for me this raises a serious ethical issue: Are TV producers using the most productive methods of torture?

(I have some expertise in this field myself, as I do my own sleep research, usually in the form of scientific naps conducted in my La-Z-Boy recliner laboratory. I plan to publish my results sometime after I get up and have a couple cups of coffee.)

As a TV consumer, I speak for all when I say I support sleep deprivation in the name of quality entertainment.

But I'm afraid some of this summer's reality shows are going to need more "persuasive" methods to make their stars entertaining.

Case in point, Denise Richards, who won the coveted Oscar for Most Hilariously Miscast Actor of All Time award for her James Bond movie portrayal of a nuclear scientist. (She reportedly beat out the blow-up doll that later starred in "Lars and the Real Girl" -- big mistake.)

Her assignment this time is just as difficult. She has to play herself, which the title of the show makes clear is going to be a stretch: "Denise Richards: It's Complicated."

What's complicated? Apparently everything.

The first episode -- this is true -- showed Richards going to the DMV to change her

driver's license.

All I can say is, Wow! No wonder the studio honchos greenlighted this project. There's just nothing more intrinsically interesting than watching someone take care of an errand at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

PRODUCER: Here's the concept -- Denise Richards going about her daily life as a superstar. It's got it all -- glamour, drama. It's must-see TV.

NETWORK: What's the first episode?

PRODUCER: You're going to love this: Denise Goes To The DMV.

NETWORK: You mean Department of Motor Vehicles? Why?

PRODUCER: Get this -- to change her driver's license! Incredible but true!

Another "hot" reality show stars Lindsay Lohan's mother, Dina, who -- also absolutely true -- was honored recently as among the Top 20 Long Island Mothers of Celebrities.

Note to Long Island celebrity moms: I'm sorry, but this doesn't speak well of you, considering that Dina Lohan's main qualification is that daughter Lindsay hasn't had a car accident in the past 20 minutes. (I once signed up for e-mail alerts to let me know when Lohan had an accident, but had to cancel when my in-box kept getting clogged up.)

To be fair, this show contains a certain element of suspense, because who knows when Lindsay might drive up half-naked and take out the left wing of the house? *It could happen.*

But, unfortunately, so far it hasn't -- which means that instead of watching, I may have to do more of my sleep research.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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Panel 2: The man says, "BONNIE! IS THIS TABLE AN ANTIQUE OR JUST SOMETHING YOU FOUND AT A GARAGE SALE?"

Panel 3: The woman replies, "UNFORTUNATELY MINE ARE THE SPAWN OF SATAN."

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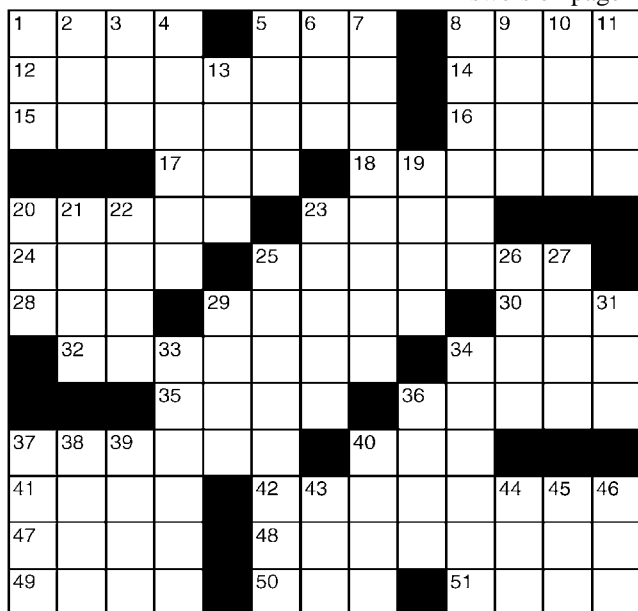
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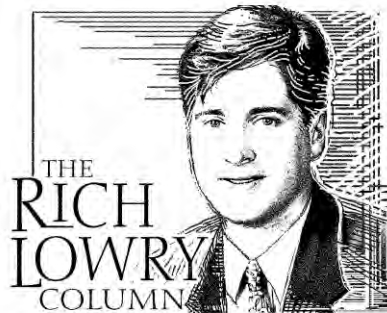
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Scott McClellan, Official Spokesman

Scott McClellan has learned the profound wisdom of the old Groucho Marx line about not wanting to belong to any club that would have him.

The former press secretary has written a scathing memoir about his time in the Bush administration, but nothing he says in his book, dully titled (appropriately enough) "What Happened," is as damning as the fact that he spent nearly three years as White House press secretary.

Likable, but maladroit and plodding, he was the perfect spokesman for the administration of Harriet Miers, Michael Brown and Al Gonzales. For anyone who doubted that President Bush too often valued loyalty over talent, there was McClellan stumbling through daily briefings to embody the point more eloquently than he ever could have stated it.

McClellan's book has all the inherent interest of one of his briefings. He tells of an incident that was one of his "favorite moments" from working with then-Gov. George Bush in Texas. He stumbled upon Bush making sandwiches. McClellan picks up the tale from there: "For the next 20 minutes or so we munched on the sandwiches and talked about a variety of topics, few of which had to do with politics."

No one was going to pay any attention to a book replete with such banalities, so McClellan had to "sex it up." He took the conventional anti-Iraq War case and cut-and-pasted it into his book. He says that the administration engaged in a "political propaganda campaign" in the run-up to the war, doing "a disservice to the American people and to our democracy." If McClellan's provocative language is stripped away, what he is saying is unremarkable.

McClellan is more compelling when he complains about his treatment during

the Valerie Plame case. He maintains that Karl Rove and "Scooter" Libby made categorical denials to him of involvement in the leak. Whether that was the case or he missed subtleties in what they told him, McClellan said things from the podium about the controversy that were untrue, and no one bothered to correct him.

That would have been grounds for resigning, but McClellan stayed. It wasn't until a new White House chief of staff arrived and wanted a better press secretary that McClellan was forced out. The deep-think (and entirely commonplace) theme of his book is that Washington has a poisonous culture of the "permanent campaign." But people fighting for what they believe is more admirable than rank, unprincipled careerism.

When McClellan first met with Bush in Texas for a job interview, Bush asked why he wanted to work for him. "Because I believe in you," McClellan said. What about Bush's agenda? McClellan hastily added he believed in that, too. But he didn't in any meaningful way. He writes of the death penalty, which he defended in Texas: "I do feel significant doubts about it, much as I would later feel about the necessity of war in Iraq." But he swallowed them: "I was called on, as official spokesman, to defend a position despite inner qualms about it."

Lo and behold, here is Scott McClellan, ever the mouthpiece, spouting views that happen to suit the interests of his New York publisher and betray his foolishly loyal former boss. If he has any inner qualms, we'll never know.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Straight Talk for Teens



By Lauren Forcella

Older panelists look back, give advice to graduates

only to be devastated. Let the relationships be stepping stones, teaching you what you are really looking for.

From Farren, 20: Leave your drama at home! Move forward, make friends, be proactive. Take a leap of faith! Don't let insecurities or mistakes get you down, and if you need to change your mind, do it. Don't let others choose your path. Go into situations with an open mind. Preconceived notions can cause disappointment and failure.

From Lennon, 21: Don't be a cookie-cut person. Do what you want to do, not what others want you to do. I'm not saying ignore your parent's advice, but it's your life and you need to think critically and develop your own conclusions. Civilizations developed so we could survive easier, however, today's materialism has made life extremely stressful. Do what brings you joy and what you need (love, money, friends) will come.

From Johannes, 21: I'm a college senior. I play Division I soccer and keep a high GPA. I also party pretty hard. If you're going to college, the key is balance between work and play. If you love to party, you need to hit the books just as hard and actually go to class. Stay away from white drugs and heavy alcohol use. Keep your body fit. Stay away from relationships that cut you off from what college is for: a place to figure out your boundaries, learn what your body and mind can handle.

From Ashley, 20: I graduated and wanted out of this little town. I moved a lot and ended up back here. Now I know this is where I want to be. Follow your heart and trust it will all be okay. If you are somewhere new, reach out and make friends.

From Nicole, 18: Most important for me was for family and friends to believe in me.

From Peter, 20: Don't rely exclusively on others. On the other hand, never forget that someone helped you get where you are. All actions have consequences, but don't let fear rule. Take unexpected changes in stride, they could be for the better. Don't sweat the small stuff. File your taxes on time. Do the right thing, always.

Write to Straight Talk at
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Dear Straight Talk: I'm a regular reader and am impressed with your panelists. I would like to ask the older ones what advice, looking back, they would give to a high school graduate. Teens don't necessarily listen to their elders, but they might listen to them. Two of my grandchildren are graduating from high school and I would like to send the column to them. — Auburn

From Geoff, 22: What I learned is that adults are just like me. They have the same problems teens have: drugs, sex, relationships, weight, depression, and on. What's great, though, is that they've gone through it and come out okay. They have tons of wisdom to dispense, years of experience to summarize. This is more than a suggestion to talk to your professors/teachers. Socializing with older people is the golden ticket to being successful everywhere: work, college, law school, grad school, LIFE!

From Elizabeth, 19: I wasn't popular in high school. I wasn't an honor student. I essentially didn't even have parents. My grandmother and mom kicked me out at age 15, telling me I was worthless, so I worked my way through high school living in a group home. Now look at me: independent, a diploma, a job promotion, helping others through my church, happy with life! I'm living proof that anything is possible if you believe in yourself.

Save money. Many teens don't realize what it takes to just barely survive. Many friends still live with parents, can't put gas in their car, are in debt.

Ladies: you've heard girls mature faster than guys. It's true. Don't give away every speck of your heart in your first relationships,



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Uncle Sam Sez Throw Your TV Away

by Glenn Scherer

Used to be that consumer products had something called "planned obsolescence" built into them; they were designed to wear out and be thrown away (partly explaining our nation's overflowing landfills). Now, it seems, President Bush and Congress are helping speed the solid waste crisis, giving us something corporate America likes even better: "legislated obsolescence," or "enforced consumption." By any name, it may produce a tidal wave of trash.

As of February 17, 2009, the federal government has ordered the shutting down of all U.S. analog television broadcasting signals (a standard since the 1950's), to be replaced by a digital-only signal.

The necessity of this move is dubious, since both types of signals have been simultaneously broadcast for years. But the impact is clear. Everyone who currently receives a broadcast signal over the airwaves must either buy a new digital High-Definition television (HDTV starts at about \$400), or buy a \$50 to \$70 converter box, for which the government will rebate \$40. Otherwise your old analog TV goes black.

The movers and shakers behind this bill are not consumers (who never clamored for HDTV), but the consumer electronics industry, whose sales will be boosted by the law.

Conservative commentator George Will

calls the bipartisan HDTV legislation "the no couch potato left behind" bill, and sees it as a noxious government entitlement program. Liberals question potentially undemocratic federal plans to sell off valuable analog public airwaves to private telecommunications companies.

However, the biggest loser to the great HDTV switchover could be our environment. Solid waste managers worry that consumers will opt for HDTV en masse, consigning perfectly good analog TVs to the U.S. waste stream. Eighty to 200 million televisions could be discarded over the next thirty months, says John Shegerian, CEO of Electronic Recyclers International, a leading electronics waste recycler. Worse, he says, there's no federal plan to recycle those sets, even though "almost everything in those TVs could be recycled."

"With all the new technology that keeps making our existing devices obsolete, we are in the midst of an ongoing tsunami of electronic waste," says Shegerian. "With February 17, 2009, the federally mandated date for full conversion to HDTV looming, we can only expect the accumulation of unwanted old electronics to go through the roof."

E-waste is already the fastest growing solid waste stream on earth. The United Nations Environmental Program estimates up to 50 million tons of electronics, called e-waste (TVs, computers, etc.), get trashed annually. That's 4,000 tons per hour. The

bad news: the U.S. properly recycles only 12 percent of its e-waste.

Dumped in a landfill, analog TVs will leach toxins: Picture tubes hold up to eight pounds of toxic lead, while television plastic casings contain cancer-causing flame retardants. Other TV toxins can include cadmium, mercury, chromium, beryllium and arsenic. If not recycled, toxic TVs can poison people, soils and groundwater.

That's why California banned electronics from landfills in 2006. Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina and six more states followed, while 35 states are considering such laws. However, banning e-waste from U.S. landfills only moves the problem elsewhere.

Most U.S. e-waste gets shipped to India, Southeast Asia, China and Africa, reports Forbes.com. "Workers there, often children making pennies a day, troll mounds of garbage in search of computers and TV's. Lacking tools to tear open computer shells, they burn the plastic to get to the valuable stuff inside, breathing noxious fumes. They dip circuit boards in acid and melt lead in the same pans they use to cook their meager meals. They toss any remains back on the pile, where toxins seep into water supplies."

So concerned is the TV industry about the global e-trash tsunami they've launched a website: "mygreenelectronics.org." That'll fix the problem! In fact, the industry seems intent not on squarely facing the TV

recycling crisis, but on passing the buck, forcing taxpayers and consumers to foot the lion's share of recycling costs.

To date, only one TV maker, Sony, boasts a free national electronics recycling program for all its products. Meanwhile the so-called Electronics Manufacturers Coalition for Responsible Recycling, led by Panasonic, Sharp, and Philips, has fought tough "producer responsibility" recycling laws passed in nine states including Texas.

If the industry is really serious about taking responsibility, it should lobby as tirelessly as it did for HDTV, backing stalled federal legislation mandating e-waste recycling. That's something Europe has already done, making electronics manufacturers financially responsible for the complete life cycle of their products, turning recycled e-waste into a valuable resource. Congress could also ratify the Basel Convention, a treaty banning hazardous waste dumping on developing countries.

Of course we all have an alternative to the expense and hassle of technology upgrades. Forgo the sharper picture and bigger sound of HDTV. Just stop watching television all together. Take a walk. Read a book. Play with the kids. Plant a tree.

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by Linda Thistle

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| July 12 | Drop Shot Diva Day Featuring Lindsay Davenport | Newport Beach Breakers |
| July 15 | Get Ready to Rumble | St. Louis Aces |
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Caps Idol NEW Featuring Dmitry Tursonov

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2008-00008481-CU-PT-GDS

WHEREAS, Moelagi Simiula Toli has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Moelagi Simiula Toli to Moelagi Nadine Suniula Seumanu. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 2008 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, Ca 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: June 3, 2008.

Shelleyanne W.L. Chang
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2008.
 TOLI 805602 7-1-08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-18606 Title Order No. 42610650 APN No. 236-0321-073 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/18/07. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU

NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RONALD D GESE, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY dated 09/18/07 and recorded 10/30/07, as Instrument No. , in Book 20071030, Page 1312), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County State of California, will sell on 07/08/2008 at 11:00AM, At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 6208 MADISON AVENUE, CARMICHAEL, CA, 95608. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation

secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$387,194.97. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but with out covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest at provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon at provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the Trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 06/08/08 RECONTRUST COMPANY, 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA. 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any

information obtained will be used for that purpose. FEI # 1006.26464 6/17, 6/24, 7/01/2008

Publish: June 17, 24, July 1, 2008.

FEI 80603 7-1-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0806341. Pamela Ann O'Neil, 6048 Lonely Ridge Ct., Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "O'Neil Real Estate" at 6048 Lonely Ridge Ct., Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on June 9, 2008. Publish: June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2008.
 ONEILR 80603 7-8-08

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2008-00013037-CU-PT-GDS

WHEREAS, Susana Bogan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Susana Bogan to Susan Bogan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on July 24, 2008 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: June 12, 2008.

Loren E. McMaster
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2008.

BOGAN 80603 7-8-08

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO SUMMONS CASE #FL026468

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: TUAN ANH TRAN

You are being sued.
 PETITIONER'S NAME IS: YAYOI TRAN

You have 30 Calendar Days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a typewritten response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at this court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county

bar association. The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz, 1 Second St. #300, Watsonville, CA 95076.

The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: Yayoi Tran, 640 Hester Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033; 408-348-8891.

Dated: April 9, 2008.

Publish: June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2008.

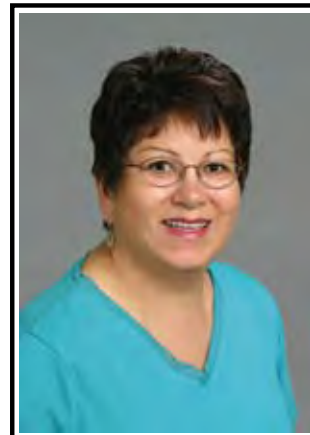
TRAN 80603 7-8-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0806526. S&R Automotive Management LLC, 18757 Messick Rd., Linden, CA 95636 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "All-Pro Automotive Repair" at 8420 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on June 13, 2007. Publish: June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2008.

ALLPRO 80604 7-15-08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #0806601. Used Cars Direct L.L.C., 5111 College Oak Dr. #L, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Names "Direct Car Outlet; DCO" at 5111 College Oak Dr. #L, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on June 16, 2008. Publish: June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2008.

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