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Tiffany Circle Donates Dodge Sprinter to Local Red Cross



Photo: Kati Garner

Red Cross Community Vehicle

The Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross is the recipient of a brand new Dodge Sprinter Van, courtesy of the Tiffany Circle Society of Women Leaders, a philanthropic group of women affiliated with the American Red Cross.

"Our goal with this donation is to go out into the community and provide students who want to learn lifesaving skills with state of the art training equipment," said Julie Van Dooren, CEO of the Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Modeled after a library's "Bookmobile" program, this van would allow the American Red Cross to bring lifesaving training and disaster preparedness classes to the far reaches of the chapter's jurisdiction. "We believe there is a serious unmet need for these training classes in locations that are not convenient to our chapter offices," said Van Dooren.

The van will be stocked with all the equipment and supplies needed to teach community classes. Most of the Red Cross classes are taught by volunteers and having all the supplies pre-stocked and ready to go will make it significantly easier for Chapter volunteers to drive the van to wherever the class is scheduled and be ready to go.

"The purchase of this vehicle was made possible because of the hard work and dedication of the

phenomenal women leaders in the community who dedicated their time and donated money to this worthy cause," said Brenda Crum, chairwoman of the Tiffany Circle Society of Women Leaders.

The Tiffany Circle is a society of women leaders and philanthropists who invest in their local

American Red Cross chapters. These women serve the American public in times of war and peace with disaster assistance, blood collection, safety training and countless other community assistance services.



Tiffany Circle Society of Women Leaders presents the van to the Sacramento Sierra Chapter

DMV Offers New Online Features

RSS feeds, Instant Alerts, iPod downloads and Google Maps available now

Using technology and innovation to keep customers informed, the California Department of Motor Vehicles has announced today new features available on the DMV Web site. Customers will now be able to receive the latest RSS (Real Simple Syndication) feeds pertaining to DMV news and information, sign up for instant news alerts; find a local field office using a pop-up Google map, and on April 30, 2008 customers can download DMV driving videos direct to their iPods.

"We are very pleased to offer more enhanced online services on our Web site," said DMV Director George Valverde. "RSS is the next step in providing enhanced services to an increasingly mobile, global and knowledge-based market of DMV customers."

RSS is a format designed to deliver ever changing web content directly to a user's computer. DMV customers will be able to subscribe to RSS feeds with the latest information on DMV laws, Real ID among other content of interest. To subscribe to RSS, log into the DMV Web site at dmv.ca.gov, and follow the subscription prompts.

DMV field office locations, which are available on the DMV Web site, will now be enhanced with a Google map. Customers will be able to click on a link that will bring up a map with driving directions to every DMV field office in California

"With the popularity of the DMV YouTube Channel, customers will now be able to download these videos to their iPods. Customers, especially teens will be able to watch the DMV driving safety videos at their leisure," said Director Valverde.

The Department plans to offer additional web-based customer services in the future. A new Web Portal is in development which will create a "one-stop shop" for DMV customers that is designed to streamline all transactions. Many more features may be added once the platform is up and running.

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Local Members Appointed to National NARI Board 2008-2009

At its Spring 2008 Board of Directors meeting, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) elected William Carter of William Carter Company, Sacramento, CA as its President Elect for the upcoming year. Also appointed to a National position was Nick Kress, Standards of Excellence, Sacramento, CA. Mr. Kress was appointed Vice-Chairman of the National Awards Committee.

Both Mr. Carter and Mr. Kress have been long time members of Sacramento NARI and have served as Presidents to the local Chapter. Mr. Carter currently chairs the local Community Service Committee and Mr. Kress serves as a Director of the local Board of Directors.

The Spring 2008 Board of Directors meeting was held at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel in St. Petersburg, Fla., March 12-15, 2008, in conjunction with the 2008 Contractor of the Year (COTY) Awards ceremony, known as the Evening of Excellence, which took place on Saturday, March 15th.

About NARI: *The goal of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) is to help homeowners find the right professional partner to do their remodeling. Whether it is updating a kitchen to make it more efficient, turning an ordinary bathroom into a haven of rest and relaxation, or adding a room to meet the needs of a growing family, NARI wants each homeowner to get the maximum value or enjoyment for the dollars they invest in their remodeling.*

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Be an Armchair Travel Writer

One of the main reasons camping remains popular is that it allows people to put their daily routine behind them -- to become reacquainted with nature, to leave behind the trivialities of modern life and to enjoy the simple pleasures of high speed Wi-Fi Internet access.

That's right. Wi-Fi access is becoming standard in many of our nation's state parks. You may still have trouble with critters sneaking into your food -- many animals, unfortunately, continue to roam the parks like they own the place -- but at least you won't have to miss the latest YouTube clips.

Camping first became popular in the early 1900s, before the Internet, which meant that people sat around a lot getting on each other's nerves. What people actually did on those camping trips remains a mystery, and not one today's researchers are eager to solve.

Even today, with Wi-Fi becoming more common, trouble and even tragedy can strike campers searching for ways to while away the hours. In one extreme case, a father was caught in the act of attempting to lead his kids in a round of campfire songs, which he claimed was a "fun family activity." Fortunately, the authorities stepped in before any harm came to the children, who had protected themselves by listening to their iPods.

But this example shows the dangers of traveling, which is why I was glad to read about a new book coming out -- this is true -- entitled "Do Travel Writers Go to Hell?"

Apparently not. In fact, they don't necessarily go anywhere. Here's the sensible approach that Thomas Kohnstamm, a travel writer for the popular Lonely Planet guidebooks, took to one South American assignment.

"They didn't pay me enough to go to Colombia," he writes. Instead, he says, he wrote the guide in San Francisco, gleaned information "from a chick I was dating." (According to the Travel Writers' Code of Ethics, this would have had to have been a Colombian chick.)

He also claims to have plagiarized and made up large sections of his book.

This is great news because I like the idea of being a travel writer, but not so much the travel itself, especially to countries where people can't be bothered to learn English properly. (Travel tip: If speaking English louder doesn't work, try talking with an accent -- any foreign accent will help.)

It's not that I'm against travel. It's just that if I'm writing about the jungles of the Amazon or the mountains of Tibet, I'd prefer doing it in a place like San Francisco, where I can enjoy good restaurants while I look up the basic information on Wikipedia.

Following a good meal, I'll be ready for the hard work of travel writing -- making stuff up. Do you know which country has the last remaining herd of unicorns? You will if you read my forthcoming travel book, though I haven't decided yet which country I'm "visiting."

I could even write about Katmandu -- wherever that is -- while staying in an American campground, as long as it had high-speed Internet access.

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ViewFinder Explores Middle Eastern Cultural Understanding

KVIE Documentary Compliments "Songs of Hope" Concert

If you enjoyed (or missed) the Sacramento Philharmonic "Songs of Hope" performance, then you will want to tune-in to KVIE Public Television (ch. 6) on Wednesday May, 14, 7:00pm - 7:30pm to see a new ViewFinder documentary that mirrors the concert. ViewFinder: Songs of Hope will introduce you to the three musicians who performed at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre on Saturday April 26, 2008, and will share the reasons and messages behind the chosen musical pieces.

The "Songs of Hope" concert was dedicated to the premise that, even in current troubled times music is a universal language that can promote dialogue, harmony, and cultural understanding. A diverse trio of musicians joined together on stage for a special unique opportunity to express cultural

unity. The musicians were Nader Abbassi, an Egyptian conductor of Muslim faith; Taiseer Elias, an Arab/Israeli oud player of Christian faith; and Sonia Rubinsky, an Israeli pianist of Jewish faith.

Music is thought to have the capability to bring people together - as this concert did for one night. "2,000 people watching performers playing together, instead of fighting together or against each other could be a much stronger message than years of discussions," said Kais Manoufy, CEO and president of the Delagata Corporation and "Songs of Hope" concert sponsor.

Each musical piece performed in the concert was specifically chosen to reflect peace, unity, and cultural understanding. For example, Marc Feldman, Executive Director of the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra discussed how Bernstein's Cheschester Pslams was chosen to be the last piece in the concert. He said, "It is a piece that is very important... it is a call for unification, it is a call to be brothers. It's a very introspective and gorgeous piece."

When a person sets out to learn about a different faith or culture, there can be varied and contradictory messages, such is the case with learning about the Middle Eastern community. ViewFinder: Songs of Hope provides insight into the Muslim faith through interviews with Middle East studies professors and lobbying group CAIR, Council on American Islamic Relations.

Ayad Al-Qazzaz, professor of sociology at California State University, Sacramento was interviewed for ViewFinder: Songs of Hope. He said, "It seems that what people know about the Middle East is very shallow and tends to be distorted and does not represent reality. In order to make an objective and sound decision, you have to have at your disposal all sorts of information, including different perspectives. Religion is a very emotional subject, extremely emotional, and you have to treat it gingerly and carefully."

Also, ViewFinder will introduce members of the Florin Japanese-American Citizens League who share how they believe members of the Middle

Eastern community face discrimination that resembles the treatment that Japanese-American citizens faced during WWII when they were interned. ViewFinder: Songs of Hope shows how the local Japanese community invited members of all faiths to attend their yearly pilgrimage to the Manzanar War Relocation Center.

KVIE's ViewFinder series is underwritten by SAFE Credit Union. For more information about ViewFinder episodes, visit www.kvie.org/viewfinder.



Cruisin' By Greg Zyla

Chevy Bel Air

Q: Greg, was there ever a 1954 Chevy Bel Air Club Coupe? I own a '48 Chevy Coupe, a '51 Club Coupe and a '53 210 Club Coupe. What would they be worth today? Also, my brother has a '53 Chevy 210 two-door sedan. It has been in the family since day one and is in mint condition. -- William W., Pottsville, Pa.

A: William, you and your brother have some really nice Chevy models in your possession. As for the 1954 Bel Air Club Coupe, it was officially called a Sport Coupe in its first "stand-alone" model year of 1953, and again in 1954. The Club Coupe badge came in Chevy series 150 and 210 models, but not the Bel Air models. Bel Airs, however, first appeared in 1951 and 1952 as part of the Chevrolet's Styleline Deluxe series, but not under Club Coupe designation.

Here is the pricing for your cars (all rated in good condition) based on current book values: \$6,125 for the '48 coupe; \$5,500 for the '51 Coupe; \$6,450 for the '53 Club Coupe model; and \$6,175 to a mint of \$13,500 for your brother's '53 210 two-door sedan.

Remember, what a book guide states a car is worth and what someone actually pays for it are often two completely different numbers. Thanks for your letter, and good luck with your Chevys!

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By Delia Fling

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The Accelerator mortgages are ideal for households that have excess funds at month end. They are a combination of a home equity line of credit and checking account with a twist. Here's how it works...let's say you have a \$300,000 mortgage at 6.25% with an \$1847.00 payment. Your monthly net income is \$6000 and your other monthly expenses average \$3000. O.K you deposit your income into the Accelerator account (\$6000) where the deposit totally applies to your mortgage bringing down your principal daily average on which interest is computed. As your bills come due, you write checks to cover them out of the account (In our example \$1847 + \$3000= \$4847). That leaves the amount left over from your income (\$1153) still applied toward your mortgage. By using the Accelerator the mortgage will be paid off in 11.7 years instead of the normal 30 years. The

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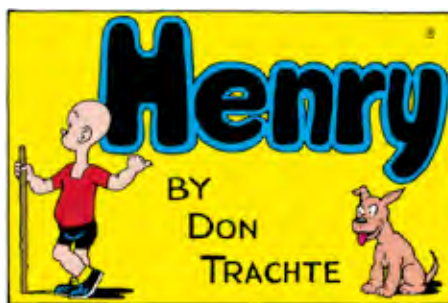
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Life's Lessons from Your Mother

By Bryan Golden

Your mother tried to teach you some valuable lessons. Moms have a unique ability to impart essential wisdom. Unfortunately, most of us were too young to really appreciate their value. Mother's Day is a great time to review the following advice you got when you were a kid.

You can be whatever you want to be.

You have no limitations. The whole world is open to you. Your future is ahead of you. You can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. It's ok to dream.

Be nice to your friends and they will be nice to you.

People respond to the way you treat them. If you are mean and selfish, no one will want to play with you. Share your toys and don't be a bully. Be considerate of the feelings of others.

Do your homework and you will get good grades.

Success takes work. If you don't put in the effort, you won't reap the rewards. Those who work hard will succeed.

Clean your room now.

Get things done today and you won't have to worry about them. If you let things pile up, it will be difficult to catch up.

You can play once your chores are done.

Get your work done before you take a break. Then you can relax and have a good time.

Stay in school.

If you don't get an education, your opportunities will be limited. Don't drop out of school. The more you learn, the more you benefit.

Sticks and stones will break your bones but names will never hurt you.

It doesn't matter what other people say. Don't allow others to upset you. There will always be mean people. Don't pay attention to them.

Don't waste your time.

Time goes by very fast. Don't wait to pursue your dreams.

Be thankful for what you have.

There are many who are not as fortunate as you. Be grateful for your home and family. It doesn't matter what someone else has.

Don't complain.

Whining is annoying. If you have something to say, say it. If you complain all the time, no one will want to listen to you.

Bryan is a self-development expert, syndicated columnist, author of "Dare to Live Without Limits", and professor. E-mail Bryan at info@BryanGolden.com or write him c/o this paper.

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Riley Reviews

By Tim Riley

LAUGHS ROLL WHEN SNL VETERANS BECOME "BABY MAMA"

BABY MAMA (Rated PG-13)

There's a new chick-flick at the local Cineplex where the action is set in Philadelphia, as in Pennsylvania's major city. Merely coincidental, the film arrives on the heels of that state's big primary, but Hillary Clinton is nowhere to be found in a venue that still suggests "Rocky." Rather, this comedic adventure is called "Baby Mama," starring two female stars of "Saturday Night Live." Now, I have to admit, sheepishly, that I laughed at many of the jokes in this female-oriented comedy. As a result, I have scheduled a doctor's appointment to have my testosterone levels checked, just in case I am precipitously on the verge on some inexplicable male menopausal meltdown. At least I am not crying during soap operas, mainly because I don't watch any.

Perched for a long time as a cast member and co-anchor of "Weekend Update" on "Saturday Night Live," Tina Fey has made her mark in another comedy series on NBC, while Amy Poehler continues on for a seventh season in the late night weekly comedy show. Together, Fey and Poehler have great chemistry as an odd couple as mismatched as Oscar and Felix. Fey's Kate Holbrook is a career-driven executive at an organic market chain. Financially secure, she lives in a swank Philadelphia apartment that reflects her fastidious nature. Having put her personal life on the back burner, the unmarried Kate suddenly realizes her biological clock is ticking. After visiting several sperm banks, Kate discovers that she is infertile, and therefore, decides to visit the surrogacy center run by Chaffee Bicknell (Sigourney Weaver).

The solution for her wish to have a child is realized by the availability of Angie Ostrowski (Amy Poehler) to become the surrogate mom. Free-spirited Angie is the suburban Philly equivalent of trailer park trash. When interviewing for the surrogate position, Angie shows up with her equally trashy common-law husband Carl (Dax Shepard), a deadbeat who's anxious to take advantage of Kate's generous

cash offer for services rendered. Angie is hardly the ideal candidate for motherhood, as she indulges in activities that should be off limits, such as smoking, drinking, and eating junk food while watching the worst of daytime TV. Angie is one fistfight away from being a guest on the "Jerry Springer Show."

Entering the nesting mode, Kate buys all the appropriate child-care books and childbirth DVDs, enrolling herself and Angie in a birthing class. But Kate is consumed with her work schedule, which includes satisfying the desires of her New Age hippie boss Barry (Steve Martin, in a hilarious role) to open a flagship store in an area ripe for gentrification. Yet, Kate's plans for a perfect pregnancy are turned upside down when Angie leaves Carl and moves into Kate's apartment, seeing that she has no money or place to live. Now that they have to share the tight quarters of an apartment, it is inevitable that the friction between two very dissimilar characters will erupt into pandemonium.

While wiseguy doorman Oscar (Romany Malco) watches with bemusement, the comings and goings of the anxious mother-to-be and the flighty surrogate create a real sideshow. Though Angie is given to many bottom-feeding tendencies, including the inappropriate use of a bathroom sink, Kate begins the inevitable mellowing process, which soon has her taking up a romantic interest in local smoothies bar owner Rob (Greg Kinnear), an erstwhile lawyer who is consumed with an unnatural bitterness towards big competitor Jamba Juice.

Even guys will detect the predictable plot twists of female rivalry that runs rampant through "Baby Mama," but still there is a good deal of enjoyable humor, mainly due to the wisecracks and banter between the leading ladies. "Baby Mama" employs plenty of broad gags, delivering a tidy sense of comedic convenience that won't leave a lasting impression. At the bottom line, it's fun but not a must-see comedy.

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Assembly Committee Kills Niello Public Private Partnership Legislation

Gov. Schwarzenegger calls the vote "irresponsible"

Legislation authored by Assemblyman Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks), and sponsored by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, that would have allowed state government agencies to enter into public private partnerships for the development of public transportation systems, schools, water treatment facilities, and other public infrastructure needs was voted down today in an Assembly Committee."

"California faces a huge backlog of public infrastructure needs. In terms of our system of infrastructure, California is a third world country with world class access to talent and capital. It is high time that we forge these partnerships in the best interests of Californians," said Niello.

According to the Department of Finance, California will need as much as \$500 billion worth of new infrastructure in the next 20 years to keep up with the projected needs of the state.

The idea behind public private partnerships is to build essential public infrastructure projects with the use of private funding, while maintaining public ownership of the facility. Upon completion of the project, the private contractor receives a return on the investment by being granted a lease to operate the facility. Public private partnerships have been used successfully in many

states and countries.

"While public infrastructure has to be a priority for the State, leveraging private capital to pay for it will help improve the condition of our general fund and keep us from saddling future generations with piles of debt from the sale of bonds," said Niello. "The lesson we should all learn from this current budget crisis is that we have to be more innovative and we have to change the way we do things."

As the sponsor of the legislation and a long-time supporter of public private partnerships, Governor Schwarzenegger lamented the vote today. "Given that California is facing huge budget cuts in this economic downturn, it is irresponsible for legislators to turn down billions of dollars in private sector funding for infrastructure projects," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

Solar Energy for Homeowners

Free Workshop

Date: Saturday, May 17

Time: 10 a.m. - Noon

Location: SMUD Customer Service Center, 6301 S Street, Sacramento

Questions: Contact: Jodi Newman Cordone jnewman@smud.org

This workshop will introduce you to SMUD's program that helps you generate your own power from the sun. The session will include an overview of photovoltaic (solar) technologies, system design fundamentals, the economics of solar power, and tips on how to choose the right contractor for your project.

The workshop is free. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

Customers can register online at: smud.org, e-mail etcmil@smud.org or call 916-732-6738.

Candidates Forum to be held May 27

The Carmichael Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Candidates Forum, Tuesday, May 27 noon at the Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Avenue.

Assemblyman Alan Nakinishi, District 10 is termed out; so five candidates will be running for an open seat this election. They are David Sander, Jack Sieglock, Paul Hegyi, Alyson Huber and Jim Cook.

Incumbent Supervisor Susan Peters, District 3 is running for re-election and is being challenged by Warren Harding.

All the candidates have been extended an invitation to participate.

This meeting is open to the public and reservations are required. Cost of the luncheon is \$13.50 prepaid and \$15 at the door. Vis, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted. To secure your seat call the Chamber office, 481-1002. Deadline for reservations is May 23.

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WHAT: The Second Annual Sports Guy Pat Walsh's

"We Care About Kids" golf tournament presented by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce. 18 holes of exciting, fast-paced foursomes will tee up at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course along the beautiful American River Parkway to benefit free youth service programs at the North Area Teen Center. Join Sports Guy Pat Walsh from KFBK, his celebrity guests and take a Monday June 2nd off to help the kids!

HOW: Individuals may request a registration form at 916-486-9893.

Local sponsors have three levels of participation providing company recognition, a cart, tee markers and 18 holes of exciting play. Prizes will also be offered to the players who hit Closest to the Pin, and Longest Drive.

COSTS: Individuals register for \$100.00. Foursomes register together for \$350.00

Tournament sponsorships are available at \$250, \$500 and \$1000. Proceeds benefit the non-profit North Area Teen Center and

are tax-deductible. Lunch is included.

WHEN:

9 A.M. Monday, June 2, 2008.

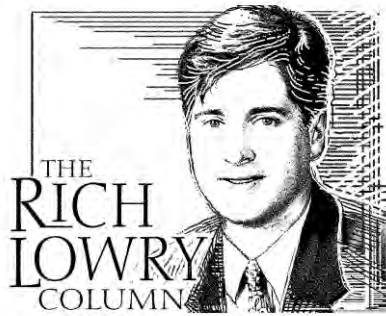
WHERE:

Ancil Hoffman Golf Course

WHO: Hosted by Carmichael Chamber of Commerce & Sports Guy Pat Walsh.

WHY: To help the kids... to play golf, to enjoy the company of friends and other dedicated individuals while providing assistance and financial support to the youth of our community. This is what the Sports Guy Pat Walsh's "We Care About Our Kids" Golf Tournament is all about. Through NATC and The Chamber various programs have been developed in our area. These programs provide healthy and safe alternatives for our young men and women, and many times assists those who are "at risk".

For more information call, "We Care About Kids" Golf Tournament, 916-486-9893. Media contact: Rick Reed 916-704-0080.



The Underside of Hope

Barack Obama was caught saying something he believes.

At a San Francisco fundraiser, away from the prying eyes of the press, Obama reflected on why small-town voters in Pennsylvania and the Midwest seem resistant to his appeal. He said those areas had lost jobs for 25 years. Therefore, people "get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

Obama has apologized for his phrasing while defending the substance of his statement. And why not? He was retailing an article of left-wing orthodoxy going back centuries: that the working class is distracted by religion and other peripheral concerns from focusing on its economic interests and embracing socialism.

At bottom, this is a profoundly insulting point of view. Consider Obama's formulation. He makes it sound like no one would be a hunter or a Christian absent economic distress, that economic circumstances drive people into such atavistic habits. Has he considered that some people simply enjoy hunting? And view the right to bear arms as a guarantor of American liberty?

The assumption is that only liberal attitudes are normal and well-adjusted: If only these small-town people could earn more income, get an advanced degree and move to a major metropolitan area, they could shed their chrysalis of social conservatism.

Obama prides himself on his civility, but it has to go much deeper than dulcet rhetoric. A fundamental courtesy of political debate is to meet the other side on its own terms. If someone says he cares about gun rights, it's rude to insist: "No,

you don't. It's the minimum wage that you really care about, and you'd know it if you were more self-aware." But Democrats have an uncontrollable reflex to do just that. Since the McGovernite takeover of their party, they have struggled to work up enthusiasm for Middle American mores. (Since 1980, only Bill Clinton managed it, which is why he was the only Democrat elected president in three decades.)

When the liberal reflex is coupled with a Ivy League-educated candidate who seems personally remote and uncomfortable with everyday American activities, it's electoral poison.

Obama brings a special measure of arrogance to the standard liberal critique of Middle America. His candidacy has always been characterized by two paradoxes. How can he be so hopeful at the same time he and his wife, Michelle, portray America as a sink-pit of despair? And how can he claim to be a uniter when he's an orthodox liberal who has risked little or nothing for bipartisan outreach?

Now, we know. Obama defines hopefulness as liberalism, specifically liberalism as embodied by himself. Only with Obama's election will America be redeemed from its harrowing false consciousness. We will be unified, not by Obama reaching out to conservatives to hammer out compromises, but by conservatives shedding their bitterness and becoming Obama liberals.

This is the underside of hope: arrogance fading into a secular messianism based on the fallenness of everyone who disagrees with Barack Obama. And it's small-town voters who are deluded?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Mentor
- 5 Bro or sis
- 8 Chest protectors?
- 12 Candid
- 13 Dead heat
- 14 Jacob's brother
- 15 "Death of a Salesman" son
- 16 Terrier variety
- 18 Just know
- 20 Ran up the phone bill
- 21 Libertine
- 23 Regret
- 24 Yarn
- 28 Radiate
- 31 Eisenhower
- 32 Battle verbally

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- 34 Golf ball's position
- 35 Porridge-making bear
- 37 Get-rid-of-junk event
- 39 Sphere
- 41 Took the bus
- 42 One-dimensional
- 45 Monty —
- 49 Portrayer of Gilligan's skipper
- 51 Domesticate
- 52 Zilch, in Xochimilco
- 53 Caribbean, for one
- 54 Craving
- 55 Sight-seers?
- 56 Brooch
- 57 BPOE members
- DOWN**
- 1 Mongolian desert
- 2 — arms (ready to fight)
- 3 Plundered
- 4 Spread out, as a flag
- 5 Sculptures
- 6 Square root of IX
- 7 Titanic
- 8 Chinch
- 9 Columbus' sponsor
- 10 Hay bundle
- 11 Took to court
- 17 Listener
- 19 Tittle
- 22 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- 24 Allen or Conway
- 25 Alias abbr.
- 26 Summertime beverage
- 27 From the Continent
- 29 Lubricate
- 30 Tiny
- 33 Vortex
- 36 Sports venues
- 38 Colonize
- 40 "Humbug!"
- 42 Diane or Nathan
- 43 "Now — me down to sleep"
- 44 Grate
- 46 Burglar's booty
- 47 Russian city
- 48 Trawler gear
- 50 Floral neckwear

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From Susan Stone's Book "Memories In Moments"...cherished ideas for every holiday and season including Mother's Day like:

1) **Freeze edible flowers** in ice cube trays. Fill each cube halfway with water, place flowers and freeze. Then fill each to the top and freeze. It'll warm her heart.

2) **Plant your favorite bedding plant** in a small basket. Tie on a gift tag with a checkered ribbon.

3) **Bake bread** in flower-shaped tubes.

4) **Surprise Mom** with a quiet retreat in her own bathroom. Make sure it's clean first. Bring in scented candle, flowers, new magazine or book, a cold drink, and a portable stereo with soothing music. The most important part would be a sign on the door reading "JUST FOR MOM...PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB!" Then I turned to Casey Kellar for some wonderful tips to complete the picture from one of her books "The Good Earth Bath, Beauty, And Health Book" with more than 75 easy-to-make formulas for self-pampering and gift-giving like:

1) **Luxurious Scented Bath Oil.**

- ½ Cup apricot kernel oil
- 1 teaspoon jojoba oil
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- one 400 unit Vitamin E capsule (*pierce it with*



a needle and squeeze oil into mix)

3-6 drops essential

(*your choice*)

Mix all together. Use 1 tablespoon per bath. Store in bottle in cool place. Shelf life: 4-8 months

2) **Super Moisturizing Massage Oil.** You will need:

½ cup sweet almond oil

¼ cup coconut oil

4 tablespoons jojoba oil

1-½ tablespoons avocado oil

3-5 drops essential oil of your choice (either one or a combination)

Mix all together. Store in cool dry place.

Shelf Life: 3-6 months

3) **All-in-one Linen and Sweater Protector And Cedar Chest Revitalizer.** You will need:

1 cup white rice

6 drops cedar wood essential oil

1 drop orange essential oil

Add essential oil to the rice and blend with spoon about 30 seconds. Shelf Life: Approximately. 6-8 months (then can be re-fragranced again)

Remember, the best gift you can give your Mother is love. Spend time with Mom. Let her know you care. There will be a day when she is gone. I know. But her memories will always be in my heart. I know they will be in yours too.

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COOL, CA - 1836 Coyote Creek Ct

COOL, CA
• 1836 Coyote Creek Ct
3BR 2BA 2,260sf +/- Built 1972. Approx .62ac lot. Taxes approx \$4537 ('07).
Opening Bid: \$50,000
Inspections: 1-4pm Sat May 10th and 17th and 2 hrs prior to sale time.

ROCKLIN, CA
• 2030 Shady Trail Ln
Located near Whitney Oaks Golf Club. Approx .64ac lot. Taxes approx \$4292 ('07). Whitney Oaks subdivision.
Opening Bid: \$50,000
Inspections: 1-4pm Sat May 10th and 17th and 2 hrs prior to sale time.

Above properties sell: 11:00am, Mon., May 19th at 2030 Shady Trail Ln, ROCKLIN, CA

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA
• 582 Watercolor Ln
5BR 3BA 2,700sf +/- Located near Discovery Park. Built 2005. Approx .23ac lot. Taxes approx \$551 ('07).
Opening Bid: \$50,000
Inspections: 1-4pm Sun May 11th and 18th and 2 hrs prior to sale time.

SACRAMENTO, CA
• 2600 Phyllis Ave
2BR 1BA 810sf +/- Built 1948. Approx .11ac lot. Taxes approx \$915 ('07).
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Inspections: 1-4pm Sun May 18th and 2 hrs prior to sale time.

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA
• 3284 Kellys Island
3BR 2BA 1,300sf +/- Built 2001. Approx .11ac lot. Taxes approx \$6118 ('07). Bridgeway Island subdivision.
Opening Bid: \$25,000
Inspections: 1-4pm Sun May 18th and 2 hrs prior to sale time.

SACRAMENTO, CA
• 3406 40th St
2BR 1BA 975sf +/- Built 1920. Approx .15ac lot. Taxes approx \$757 ('07).
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Jazz Festival Host Turns 40

Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society [STJS], sponsor of the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on Sunday, May 11, 2008, from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the concert for non-members is \$15, \$7 for non-members aged 12-20, and free for under 12. Big Tiny Little, taking a break from his Vegas gigs, will be the guest star. Three rooms at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard, will be filled with jazz musicians, young and old, all afternoon.

One-year membership is \$35, reduces the monthly admission to \$10, and entitles members to the monthly newsletter, reduced prices for Jubilee badges, and the potential to volunteer for the Jazz Festival.

Concerts are held the second Sunday of every month. Musicians and supporters first met on May 5, 1968 "for the preservation of the New Orleans Style Hot Jazz, through the development and instruction of jazz musicians, young and old alike." The first Jubilee was held five years later, and remains STJS's best known event. However, it is only one of several events intended to carry out the Society's mission to perpetuate and promote Traditional Jazz.

The week-long summer Jazz Camp, the 22nd this year, hosts over 90 students, 12-18, many sponsored by jazz clubs up and down the West Coast. Faculty is made up of world class jazz educators, working musicians all. The Youth Camp is followed by a week-long "adult camp" for musicians 19 to 90 to improve their performance skills. STJS distributes thousands of dollars in the form of music lesson awards and scholarships throughout the year. Thanks to STJS and co-sponsor Sac State Jazz Studies Director Steve Roach, Sacramento now hosts the only Traditional Jazz Youth Band Festival in the country.

The monthly Jazz Sundays usually begin with a performance by a "youth band," and STJS sponsors The New Traditionalists (TNT), which is available

for community appearances.

STJS has a strong history of community involvement. When the first Jazz Festival was being planned in 1973, Old Sacramento was just beginning to revive, and Jubilee Volunteers shoveled pigeon poop for weeks, leveled concert sites and supported the few local merchants in place at that time. When the notorious Delta King pirates spirited the paddlewheeler into Sacramento, everyone agreed it was a perfect match-up for the Jazz Society, which held several summer Jazz Sunday sessions on board. West Sacramento motels and eateries have also benefited from the STJS meetings over the years, along with Old Sacramento merchants.

Community involvement continues with sponsorship of the free spring Library Series of concerts at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria in the Central Library. The six week Jazz in the Park, co-sponsored by Golden One and various City Council Members, is also free and runs for six weeks in the summer, in a different regional park each week.

STJS has hosted some of the biggest names in Jazz at the Jubilee and at its Jazz Sunday Concerts. Eubie Blake appeared several times. Teddy Buckner, Pete Dailey, Marian McPartland, Doc Cheatham, Butch Thompson have all been Jazz Sunday guests. Maxine Sullivan anchored the December special event several times. The big names are balanced by support for up and coming musicians, a strong focus of the Society. Clarinetist Anita Thomas from Australia has been featured, as has fellow Aussie Simon Stribling. Becky Kilgore is a favorite. Guests are always backed by bands drawn from the extraordinary depth of the local talent pool.

And for the 40th Anniversary, piano powerhouse and Nevada bandleader Big Tiny Little will be supported by some of those excellent Sacramento musicians. Cake will be served and traditional jazz will be celebrated. Sounds like fun!

Meeting On Prop 50

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have scheduled a public meeting to inform interested stakeholders about Proposition 50, Round 2, Step 2, Draft Funding Recommendations.

Cal EPA Building
Byron Sher Auditorium 2nd Floor
1001 "T" Street, Sacramento, CA

Open House - May 8, 2008 1 p.m.

Prior to the public meeting, DWR and SWRCB staff will be available to discuss evaluation summaries with individual applicants.

Public Meeting - 2:30 p.m.

Discussion of the draft funding recommendations and an opportunity for interested stakeholders to comment on the draft funding recommendations prior to DWR and the SWRCB making a final funding decision.

Meeting materials and the agenda will be posted prior to the meeting on the following website: http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio_news.cfm

The Public meeting will also be broadcast via the internet at the following website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>.

Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 15, 2008.

E-mail comments to: Scott Couch, State Water Board at scouch@waterboards.ca.gov

Mail to:

Scott Couch
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 "T" Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

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Contact the DWR Public Affairs Office for more information about DWR's water activities:
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Free Spring Concert

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This is the 38th season for the fifty-five member Sacramento Concert Band, an outstanding wind ensemble comprised of talented volunteer musicians from Sacramento and the surrounding areas.

The concert is free. Christ Community Church is located at 5025 Manzanita Avenue between Winding Way and Madison Avenue. Directions: Take the Madison Avenue east exit from Interstate 80. Turn south on Manzanita Avenue. The church is on the right about 0.3 miles past the Madison/Manzanita intersection. More information is available by calling (916) 691-7632. The Sacramento Concert Band is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association.

Sacramento Master Singers Present "A Bernstein Celebration"

The Sacramento Master Singers, under the direction of Ralph Hughes, will present the final performance of their 2007-2008 concert season. This concert, entitled A Bernstein Celebration, occurs at First United Methodist Church, at the corner of 21st and J Streets, in Sacramento on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 8:00 PM. Bernstein wrote choral music for the synagogue, incidental music for plays, full Broadway musicals, masses, choral song cycles, and concert pieces. This performance will present an eclectic mix of his vocal works including selections from his Mass, a medley from West Side Story, a chamber version of Chichester Psalms written for chorus, harp, organ, and percussion, among other selections. A fitting end to this emotionally charged concert, as well as the entire 2007-2008 SMS season, will be Bernstein's "Make Our Garden Grow" from Candide.

Tickets for A Bernstein Celebration are \$18 and can be purchased online at www.mastersingers.org, or by phone by calling (916) 788-7464.

Please join us on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at First United Methodist Church, in celebration of the music and spirit of one of America's greatest composers.

Flag Day Celebration

Saturday, June 14, 2008 11:00 A.M.
Carmichael Lodge # 2103
5631 Cypress Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608

Members of the public are invited to attend the Carmichael Lodge annual Flag Day ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. to join with our Members in the celebration of the history of our Nation's Flag, the emblem of freedom and the symbol of unity

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks were the first and only fraternal organization to require an annual tribute to our country's flag, long before it became a National Celebration. Included in this ceremony is a history of our flag along with a presentation of seven of our earlier flags by members of our Lodge sponsored Boy Scout Troop # 386.

Patriotism is as important today as it has ever been at any time in our Nation's history, and nothing inspires patriotism more as seeing the stars and stripes along with hearing a brief summary of the conflicts in which our countrymen sacrificed so much in the defense of our freedom and continue to do so. PLEASE JOIN US!

River City Choral

"My Spirit Sang All Day" is the title of the spring concert presented by the 60-voice RIVER CITY CHORALE, under the direction of Richard Morrissey. Sacred songs, spirituals, and other popular songs by John Rutter, J.S. Bach, Jester Hairston, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and others will be performed. The Chamber Choir, a smaller group selected from within the Chorale, will sing 2 numbers, "Elijah Rock" and "Nice Work if You Can Get It."

Performances:

-Friday, 7:30 p.m., May 16, Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael

-Sunday, 4:00 p.m., May 18, Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks

-Donation: \$12 adults, \$5 under twelve, at the door or in advance at 916-331-5810. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more.

Additional Information: Kay Muther, kmuther@csus.edu, 916-967-9221 phone or FAX

La Sierra High School Reunion

Class of 1970

Date: May 24, 2008

Location: La Sierra Community Center, formerly known as La Sierra High School.

Contact information: Robin L (Ramsthaler) Piet, 173 Springwood LN, Idaho Falls, ID 83404
E-mail: robinpiet@msn.com

Two Events:

Friday, 23rd, 7:00 pm Get Reacquainted - \$10.00

Saturday, 24th, 4:00 pm, Longhorn BBQ - \$30.00

Please confirm your reservations by May 10, 2008. In hopes everyone can attend, Scholarships are available. Contact Robyn Piet for information.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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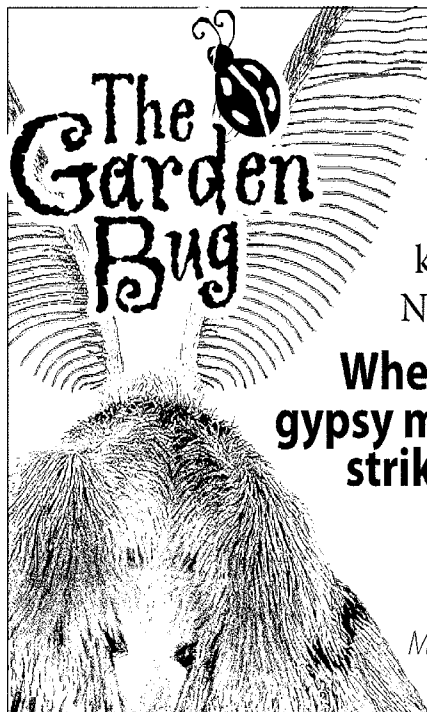


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Mature gypsy moth

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Creating A New Transit Vision...Together



The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) provides bus, light rail, neighborhood shuttle and paratransit services for the Sacramento region. As part of its planning efforts for the future of the region's transit system, RT is updating its long-range Transit Master Plan (TMP). This will provide a *New Transit Vision* for the next 25 - 30 years, and set out an updated set of policies, projects and program for delivery.

Everyone is invited to get involved! Your ideas and comments will help shape the future of transit in the Sacramento region. Please join us at an open house to learn about the TMP and provide your input:

City of Citrus Heights Council Chambers

6237 Fountain Square Drive

Tuesday, May 20
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

City of Rancho Cordova Council Chambers

2729 Prospect Park Drive

Wednesday, May 21
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Community Service Center - North Central

2500 Marconi Avenue

Thursday, May 22
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Community Service Center - Florin

7000 65th Street, Suite B

Wednesday, May 28
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sacramento State Alumni Center

6000 J Street

Thursday, May 29
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tsakopoulos Library Galleria

828 I Street - East Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 4
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. For more information or to fill out an online survey, visit www.sacrt.com and click on the TMP logo.

If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings, please call 916-556-0302. RT will provide meeting materials in alternative formats or make arrangements for sign language interpreters and sighted guides upon request. Notification at least 72 hours before the meeting will allow RT to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meetings.

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