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ACT Endorsement Ballot Results

State Constitutional Officers Endorsed:

Governor:	Jerry Brown	100%
Lieutenant Governor:	Gavin Newsom	97%
Secretary of State:	Alex Padilla	83%
Attorney General:	Kamala Harris	100%
Controller:	Betty Yee	88%
Treasurer:	John Chiang	97%
Supt. of Public Education:	Tom Torlakson	93%
Insurance Commissioner:	Dave Jones	95%

Legislative Offices Endorsed:

27th Congressional Dist.:	Judy Chu	97%
28th Congressional Dist.:	Adam Schiff	97%
41st State Assembly Dist.:	Chris Holden	100%

Local Races Endorsed:

L. A. County Sheriff:	Jim McDonnell	96%
Alta. Library Tax Override:	Yes	92%

NOTE: Votes and percentages for each of the candidates as well as ADC results are listed on ACT's website at www.actpasadena.org.

ACT Political Contributions

Now that we have our endorsement ballot results, the ACT Steering Committee voted some cam-

paign contributions at our May 8 meeting:

Betty Yee for State Controller - \$1,000.
(17 yes, 2 no, abstentions 0).

Jim McDonnell for L.A. County Sheriff - \$1,000. (20-1-1).

Alex Padilla for Secretary of State - \$500.
(20-0-2).

We expect to be making additional contributions later; certainly to United Democratic Headquarters, and probably to the Altadena Library tax override among others.

Act Steering Committee Recommendations

The following candidates or measures have been recommended by the Steering Committee, with the vote on that recommendation in parenthesis. Judges who have also been recommended by the *LA Times* or the County Democratic Central Committee (CDCC) are so indicated. Also, the LA County Bar evaluations (not qualified, qualified, well qualified or exceptionally well qualified) are listed. For more information, including Bar evaluations for all candidates as well as a list of judges,

political leaders, and labor or political groups that have endorsed each candidate, please see our web site (www.actpasadena.org).

State Ballot Measures:

Prop. 41: YES (14-0-1)

Prop. 42: YES (8-5-3)

County Assessor: Jeffrey Prang (11-3-2)

Superior Court Judges:

Office 22: Pamela Matsumoto (15-0-0)
(LA Times, CDCC, well qualified)

Office 48: No Recommendation (11-3-1)

Office 54: Debra Losnick (15-1-0) (LA Times, CDCC, well qualified)

Office 61: Jacqueline Lewis (16-0-0) (LA Times, CDCC, exceptionally well qualified)

Office 76: Alison Matsumoto Estrada (15-1-0) (LA Times, well qualified)

Office 87: Andrew Stein (16-0-0) (LA Times, CDCC, not qualified)

Office 97: Songhai Armstead (12-0-4) (LA Times, qualified)

Office 107: Emma Castro (16-0-0) (LA Times, CDCC, qualified)

Office 113: Steven Klaif (14-0-2), (well qualified)

Office 117: James Pierce (15-0-1) (LA Times, well qualified)

Office 138: Marc Gibbons(13-0-3) (qualified)

Office 157: Arnold Mednick (10-5-1) (qualified)



2014 Judy Boggs Memorial Internships

ACT members are asked to help in the recruitment process by forwarding this

announcement to students, teachers, departments, schools, etc.

Announcing the 2014 Judy Boggs Memorial Internships

ACT is now accepting applications for the 2014 Judy Boggs Memorial Internship Program.

ACT is one of the oldest progressive grassroots political organizations in Southern California. In memory of its long-time executive director, Judy Boggs, **ACT will award stipends of up to \$2,750 (depending on length of internship) to two outstanding students to intern at the Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters during the three months leading up to the November 2014 general election.**

The goals of the internship program are: to give interns experience in all aspects of a local campaign; to provide an opportunity to meet and work with candidates and elected officials; and to develop potential future leaders in local politics.

Preference will be given to students in good standing at a local college, community college, university or graduate school, although recent graduates will also be considered. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in good government and electoral politics; possess a commitment to progressive issues and political grassroots participation; and be able to commit at least 20 hours a week to working in the United Democratic Headquarters from mid-to-late August through early November, 2014.

Interested students will be asked to submit a resume and a cover letter, to be followed by an interview. **Applications must be received no later than Friday, August 1, 2014.** For further details, e-mail Fred Register at: fred.register@charter.net -- or call 626-791-5345.

-- Fred Register

Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



The Optimism Advantage

A good friend of mine, Dr. Terry Paulson, has written a book entitled *The Optimism Advantage*. He is spot on. His book is basically oriented to the business community, but has great applications to all facets of our lives. I am a better person for having read his book. Dr. Paulson and I are in different political parties but we are agreed that optimism is a major key to a good life and a creative society.

Our founding fathers, for example, had a boundless optimism. In breaking free of the British Empire and starting a new country they said, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal." Now they didn't fully understand all the implications of this new vision. For some of the signers of the Declaration of Independence owned slaves. They also did not allow women to vote. It would take many years to "flesh out" their vision. Indeed the "fleshing out" still continues as witness our reluctance to give full rights to gays, but those early signers with their optimistic vision of the future were on the way.

Years ago, there was a weekly television program entitled Star Trek. At the beginning of each weekly series the TV announcer would say "These are the voyages of the starship *Enterprise*. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before."

That kind of optimism ignited a small group of people in the Pasadena area some years ago. This little band worked hard to elect George McGovern as our President. It didn't happen. Did the group disband and quit the political

scene? Not on your life. With great optimism they formed an organization called "ACT" and set out to change the political climate of this area and they have had great success. Because of their optimistic support, progressive candidates in this area have done quite well. Over the years they have become a rather large group. I am honored to be a member of this non-partisan optimistic progressive political group.

Yes, optimism plays a great part in how we further describe ourselves. Are we conservative or liberal? Let me get personal for a few moments and begin by stating that I am not a socialist. For twenty-five years, my wife, Nellie, and I owned and operated a business in Pasadena. We didn't get rich but we made a decent living and provided employment for a number of people. Some of my friends would call me a liberal. I much prefer the term "progressive." The dictionary definition of a progressive is "One favoring or advocating progress, change, improvement, and reform as opposed to wishing to maintain things as they are." That has led me to join a number of groups whose mission is to optimistically face the future.

I am a member of the Democratic Party because of its optimistic progressive outlook on the future, but I hasten to add that I do not always agree with the Democratic Party. Let me further illustrate. Religion means a lot to me. I am a member of the United Methodist Church, but I do not always agree with the Discipline of my church. To further define myself religiously I prefer to say that I am an optimistic Christian who also supports the rights of other religious groups. So, just as I prefer "progressive" as a definition of me politically, I prefer to say, speaking religiously, that I am a progressive Christian with boundless optimism.

Pete Seeger, who died in January of this year

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Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Tuesday, May 13.

Governor Brown today unveiled his “May Revise”, the updates to the budget he proposed last December, reflecting our state’s improved financial condition. As usual, though, the Governor veered to the decidedly conservative side in projected future income and changing our “steady-state” spending levels.

First the good news. As of the end of April, the state had nearly \$2.4 billion more than expected according to the budget numbers from December – just four months ago. But the Governor is treating that surplus as a one-time event, and he chose not to adjust upward the estimates of next year’s revenues (even though the core personal income tax revenues from withholding have exceeded estimates every month this year).

For several years running, our revenue esti-

mates consistently fell short. But in the last couple of years, they’ve consistently exceeded estimates. It’s hardly surprising, then, that the Governor would prefer to budget conservatively and be pleasantly surprised, rather than unpleasantly surprised, at the end of next year. Giving away extra money is always easier than trying to make up for sudden deficits halfway into the fiscal year.

However, that creates a significant problem for local entities, especially school districts. Getting an unexpected lump-sum payment at the end of the school year doesn’t allow them to fund intervention programs or supplement the somewhat constrained curricula during the school year, which they might have preferred to do instead of adding money to their reserves or spending it on one-time items like equipment or supplies.

Further, holding down revenue estimates constrains the Legislature from increasing funding to a variety of safety net services, all of which have been cut pretty heavily over the past 6 years, all of which when considered individually are worthy and compelling, all of which have their own advocacy groups.

So is the Governor being irrationally cautious in forecasting revenues? There are some strong arguments on his side. Nearly 10% of the General Fund revenue – almost \$10 billion – comes from taxes on capital gains – profits made on the sale of stock or houses or other property. The danger is that capital gains fluctuate wildly. From 1986 to 1995, the amount of gains reported by Californians on their income tax filings held rather steady in the range of \$20 billion a year (of which a bit under 10% ends up as tax revenue). By the year 2000, that number had shot up to \$120 billion – a 6-fold increase. By 2002, it plunged back down to \$40 billion. By 2007, it was back up \$130 billion, then down to \$25 billion in 2009. In 2012 and 2013, it has been between \$80 and \$100 billion.

These are huge swings, which lead to huge swings in capital gains taxes paid by Californians. Furthermore, with Prop. 30 increasing the tax brackets for those with incomes over \$1 million, the share of taxes from capital gains has grown, aggravating the state's vulnerability to the economic swings whose impact is most dramatically evinced in changes in capital gains. (Intriguingly, Prop. 38, which was defeated in 2012, would have mitigated some of this vulnerability, by raising taxes on the very rich to a lesser degree and instead spreading some of the tax burden across the middle class, where income taxes based on withholding from salaries is less subject to dramatic fluctuations. This poses an interesting policy question for 2018, when the Prop. 30 tax increases expire.)

Hence there is good reason to be cautious about predicting revenues, knowing how large a portion of our taxes come from a source that can be subject to extraordinarily rapid swings. Nonetheless, the larger part of income from Personal Income Taxes (PIT) still comes from the routine withholding of funds from wages and salaries. That accounts for nearly \$50 billion, about half the General Fund. And those figures have been steadily rising, reflecting the general economic recovery and job growth in California. In fact, the March non-farm payroll numbers are just 84,000 jobs short of our all-time high reached in July, 2007. Within three months, at the current rate of job growth, we should exceed that all-time high. This steady job growth has been one reason the tax receipts have exceeded expectations every month this year, and it seems that the Governor is short-changing the entirely reasonable expectation that this growth will continue, and perhaps accelerate, through this year and into next year.



By early June, the Legislature will have the May revenue figures; if those continue to show increases over the Governor's projections, don't be surprised to see an upward adjustment in expected revenues of \$2 – 3 billion, which could go a long way in helping local school districts and resurrecting the safety net, while still fully funding the Governor's proposed Rainy Day fund and dramatically paying down accumulated debt.

In fact, one of the key elements in the Governor's budget is his proposal to reduce the state's debt, in particular by paying back all the deferred payments the state owes com-

munity colleges and local schools. He proposes to pay down \$12 billion in debts this year, and an additional \$14.5 billion over the next three years. This will buttress the state's economic health by strengthening our credit rating, reducing overall interest costs, and eliminating the costs local agencies have incurred in borrowing funds to backfill for funds that state has withheld.

A second central element in Brown's proposal is the Rainy Day fund he negotiated with Legislative leaders, both Republican and Democratic. This will be enacted through a Constitutional Amendment to be submitted to the voters this November, to take effect in the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. It would reserve 1.5% of the General Fund for the Rainy Day Fund, and would also put any capital gains taxes in excess of 8% of the General Fund (which, this year, would amount to about another \$2 billion) into that fund. The overall fund would be capped at 10% of the General Fund (or a bit over \$10 billion, if it were in effect this year). For the next 15 years, half the deposits would be dedicated to paying down debt (further reducing interest costs and thus freeing up money on the "non-98" side of

the budget, which funds general government and social safety net costs). The other half would be saved for disasters or those years where revenues fell dramatically below the levels of the last three years.

The essence of the concept is that capital gains taxes from good years are, in part, saved for those years where capital gains revenues fall precipitously, thus smoothing out the fluctuations, all the while using somewhat more money than we do now to pay down debt. It's actually a pretty solid proposal, a good middle ground between those on the right who wanted more constraints on spending and more focus on reducing debt and those on the left who want to restore more quickly the cuts to education and the social safety net programs. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will have broad Legislative support and actually deserves our vote.

The last key element in the Governor's budget is his proposal to tackle the underfunding of CalSTRS, the state's teacher retirement system. It is in worse financial shape than the CalPERS, the retirement system for most California state and local employees. The contribution rates for CalSTRS are set by law, rather than being set by the pension administration board, so CalSTRS has been slower to recover from the effects of the 2008 – 2010 drop in the equity markets. But even with that, CalSTRS, according to the Governor's figures, was chronically underfunded, and at the current rates, it will run out of money in 2047.

The Governor's proposals take effect gradually, with increased contributions from the state, from local districts, and from teachers totaling \$450 million this year and climbing gradually over the next five years, leading to a fully funded system by 2047.

The proposal, though, probably undervalues the current state of the fund. Pension account-

ing rules require that the valuation be averaged over the past three years; that has the effect, this year, of substantially undercounting the current market value of the fund. That accounting rule is designed to protect funds from the typical year-to-year variation in the stock markets. But using an excessively low value as a starting point overstates the problem and leads to perhaps unnecessarily steep additional contributions. Further, anticipating interest rates, inflation rates and rates of return over the next 30 years is fraught with uncertainty. For example, there was quite a controversy when the CalPERS Board reduced their estimated rates of return from 7.75% to 7.5%, only to find that, last year, their return rate was closer to 15%, which goes a long way to make up for a couple of bad years. Finally, vanishingly few pension funds are fully funded; funding rates in the 80 – 100% are quite typical.

Thus, while the Governor's goal is laudable, his starting point and going forward assumptions may be significantly flawed. However, given the general consensus that CalSTRS is a problem, and given the relatively gentle impact of the first few years of the Governor's proposal, my guess is that no one will be interested in unwrapping this package and delving into the wonky details of actuarial projections on expected lifetimes, rates of return, and workforce growth. Instead, they will be happy to go with the Governor on this one and claim credit for, hopefully, solving a real problem.

-- Jon Fuhrman



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Rodney Cummings, Pasadena
Catherine Blue Holmes, Sunnyvale
Gary Rowe, Pasadena

Stan Sheinkopf

We sadly acknowledge the death of Stan Sheinkopf on April 14 at age 82. Stan will be remembered as an inspirational and enthusiastic teacher; a lover of language and literature and a wonderful friend. He was a 1957 UCLA graduate and earned a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Occidental in 1972. He taught English in Pasadena schools for more than 44 years – in PUSD schools (notably Blair and Muir) from the late 1950s and at Poly from 1984-2003.



No one brought more intellect and passion and excitement to the classroom and no one rang the Victory Bell (at Muir) with more energy.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara and to the Sheinkopf children, Stephen and Megan, and to the three grandchildren.

Pasadena Star-News Columnist Larry Wilson was a student of Stan's at Blair. We recommend Larry's tribute in the April 29 *Star-News* to *Phoenix* readers.



San Gabriel Valley Democratic Women's Club

The Annual Summer Lunch/Fundraiser of the San Gabriel Valley Democratic Women's Club will be held on Friday, June 6 at 10 a.m. at the home of Monica and Tom Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Dr. (above New York Dr.), Altadena. A proposal on the future of the Club will be presented. Invited speaker is State Senator Carol Liu or a member of her staff.

Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a club member. Guests are free; members \$10.

Police Oversight Proposition & Argument

The Steering Committee will be discussing the following proposition at its June meeting. The proposition is accompanied by supporting arguments provided by the petitioners. Following the arguments are the report and recommendation from the Issue Committee.

Proposition

Pasadena Police Department ("PD") civilian oversight should increase by engaging a professional Police Auditor who has the power and duty to audit and monitor the PD's policies, operations, and procedures, and who provides a path for community input on the PD; s/he would be an independent contractor reporting to the City Council's Public Safety Committee ("PSC") like field representatives reporting to Councilmembers.

Argument in Support

1. The McDade shooting: the status quo is not working: Pasadena has embarrassingly learned the details of the PD's shooting of an unarmed Black man from a federal judge's ruling -- details such as an outside-of-policy shooting by an officer firing while driving his police car. At the same time, Chief Sanchez has had the OIR report on the shooting since September, 2013, the report has not been released, and it appears that the PSC is not equipped to do meaningful oversight.

2. Staff support strengthening and enabling the PSC to do its job: Pasadena relies on part-time City Council members having little time to look into and evaluate the Pasadena PD; by default, Council members tend to be dependent on the information provided to them by the Pasadena PD Chief. Civilian auditing of law enforcement has become a profession which brings to bear police science to professionally evaluate the functioning of

police. A professional Police Auditor will assist the PSC to do a better job of its civilian oversight by a second source of professional information and evaluation that is independent of the PD.

3. PD accountability rather than outsourcing investigations: Police Chief Sanchez' recent announcement that he would outsource use-of-force investigations to the Sheriff betrays an unwarranted distrust of his own Department's competence. Injecting Sheriff's deputies in Northwest Pasadena after use-of-force incidents would throw gasoline on the fire. Outsourcing also would reduce the PD's accountability that comes from investigating itself, no matter how uncomfortable such investigations may be for it. Instead of outsourcing investigations, the Pasadena PD should conduct use-of-force investigations to insure its own accountability but do so with knowledge that the Police Auditor may participate in aspects of the investigation where legally permitted and with knowledge that the Police Auditor may provide the PSC credible alternative conclusions. The PD's internal investigators will improve knowing that the Police Auditor is looking over their shoulder.

4. Stronger community feedback and trust: No matter how community-friendly police officers are, many in the community are reluctant to complain to or be frank with police officers. A civilian Police Auditor tasked to obtain community input can insure greater community feedback and increase community trust.

5. A police force for a world-class City and reducing liability: A Police Auditor is not hostile to the police; rather, the objective is to have a complementary source of information insuring that Pasadena PD policies and procedures are suitable for a City that strives to be a world-class city and to prevent saddling taxpayers with liability for problems like excessive use of force.

Issues Committee Report

The Police Auditor proposition was presented to the Issues Committee by Dale Grone-meier and Skip Hickambottom. Arguments in favor of engaging a professional Police Auditor as an independent contractor include: the opportunity for the Public Safety Committee (PSC) to receive an independent opinion about police matters from a qualified professional; the potential for a less intimidating and less confrontational mechanism for obtaining community input about investigations of police actions; and the possibility for having someone with relevant expertise functioning essentially as a "field deputy" to the PSC.

Arguments against the proposition include: the additional cost associated with engaging a Police Auditor, estimated to be \$300-350K a year; questions about the level of access an independent contractor might have to police documents and personnel records in the context of the Police Officers' Bill of Rights; questions about the permissibility of the proposed reporting structure that would have an independent contractor reporting to City Council members of the PSC, rather than to a City official; concerns about whether the PSC would adhere to the spirit of the proposition by selecting a Police Auditor with adequate expertise; likely opposition to the idea of a Police Auditor by the police union and the potential negative impact on police morale; and the possible desire in the community for a citizen review board, rather than a Police Auditor, as additional police oversight.

Overall, the Issues Committee felt that the logistical concerns and potential negative opinions can be overcome as part of the process of establishing a new ordinance to establish a Police Auditor role, and that the negatives are significantly outweighed by the potential benefit of having an independent voice providing input to the PSC. They voted 7-0-0 to recommend support for the proposition.

From 25th District State Senator Carol Liu...

Sacramento Update



As I write, we await the Governor's Budget, to be released Tuesday, May 13th. As a Senate Budget Committee Member and Chair of the Budget Subcommittee No 1. on Education, I have already become very familiar with the budget the Governor proposed in January, especially the K-12 and higher education budgets. The Senate Democrats have already identified some areas where we differ with the Governor but we will await the May Revise release and further public hearings to drill down any identify our counter proposals.

One area already identified as a point of contention was the Governor's proposed "Rainy Day Fund" as presented in January. But in advance of the May Revise release, Senate and Assembly Democrat and Republican leadership and Governor Brown announced an agreement to replace the Rainy Day Fund (ACA 4) now on the November ballot.

The revised proposal makes significant changes to the January version. Republican leadership support better ensures the possibility of a two-thirds vote when the proposed initiative goes before both houses of the legislature. Assuming passage, the proposal will appear on the November ballot to replace ACA 4.

The compromise proposal was described by the Senate President pro Tem as "a healthy, prudent 'three-thirds' balance that repays debt aggressively, leaves room for reinvestment in infrastructure and people, and protects vital services from further cuts in future economic downturns." The Rainy Day Fund agreement:

- Requires an annual deposit equal to 1.5% of total annual General Fund revenues. (Current law – Prop 58 – is 3%)
- Increases deposits in those years when capital gains revenues exceed 8% of the total General Fund tax revenue projections after accounting for Prop. 98 impacts.
- Requires supplemental payments to accelerate payoffs of the state's debts and liabilities. At least half of the total deposits would go toward paying debt for at least the next 15 years.
- Allows transfers to be suspended and withdrawals to be made from the Rainy Day Fund when needed during recessions within prescribed limits.
- Creates a Proposition 98 reserve to smooth school spending and avoid future cuts. This reserve for schools makes no changes to the guaranteed level of funding dedicated to schools under Proposition 98. In addition, the Proposition 98 reserve would not begin until school funding is fully restored following cuts made during the Great Recession.

To me, this agreement represents a good balance of removing the burden of debt left for our younger citizens to bear, while securing funds to provide them with a quality education and promising future.

Sen. Liu represents about 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Burbank, Glendale, Atwater Village, Sunland-Tujunga, Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, Altadena, San Marino, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland.



Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Operating Account

LaRonda Bowen, Pasadena

Anne and Roger Wolf, Pasadena

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

I want to thank you for your overwhelming support of my Assembly re-election campaign. You have been there with your time and financial backing from the beginning and it is this support that energizes me for the work ahead.

The big news out of Sacramento last week is the swearing-in of Assemblymember Toni Atkins as the 69th Speaker of the California State Assembly. I had the privilege of nominating her in March and colleagues from both sides of the aisle have lauded her commitment to helping the homeless, supporting affordable health care and making housing a top priority

Atkins will be sworn in as speaker just as the budget debate is heating up. As announced last week, Assembly and Senate leaders have reached a bipartisan agreement on the Governor's "rainy day fund" which will set aside 1.5% of general-fund revenues with half being used to pay off debt and the other half going into a reserve fund. The full legislature has yet to vote on the proposal.

Bills are at the top of the legislative agenda this month. The Assembly and Senate will be taking action on hundreds of measures to meet the May 30 deadline to pass bills out of their house of origin.

Education is one of my primary concerns and I am increasingly worried that we aren't doing enough to ensure *all* our children get a good education. My **AB 1451 Concurrent Enrollment** would expand opportunities for high school students who are capable of advanced scholastic or vocational work to enroll in com-

munity college courses.

It would also encourage students who need additional help passing the California High School Exit Exam and students who traditionally do not attend college, but would like to see if it's the right path for them.

One of the major advantages of concurrent enrollment programs is the ability to receive high school credit and gain exposure to college. The boost in confidence a student receives when he or she completes a college course as a high school student can encourage the realization that college is within their reach, this is especially important for minority and low income students.

Again, thank you for your support. I'll keep you posted as we make our way through the final months of the legislative session.

-- Chris R. Holden

Assemblyman. Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland. He can be reached via his website at: www.asm.ca.gov/holden and fill out the contact form.



Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

Edith Grady, Pasadena
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Marvin and Esther Schachter, Pasa.
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Special Thanks to Our Patron

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From 43rd District Assemblymember Mike Gatto



Mishandling of Campus- Crime Reports Insults Victims

The stories are undeniably tragic.

College and university administrators across California are being accused of failing to report on-campus rapes to law enforcement, prolonging students' misery and harming their chances of justice, because of concerns that higher crime statistics would make prospective students choose elsewhere.

But thanks to some very brave victims, the accusations are no longer going unnoticed. Two Southern California colleges are under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education for their handling of on-campus sexual assaults and other violent crimes. And five U.S. campuses, including UC Berkeley and two Southern California campuses, are the subject of a federal lawsuit alleging violations of Title IX and the Clery Act. The Clery Act requires colleges and universities participating in federal financial-aid programs to disclose information about crimes that happen on or near campuses.

Victims of violent and demeaning crimes face numerous obstacles to a full recovery. For deeply personal reasons, some victims may choose not to report a crime to administrators or police. But those victims that do report should expect to be taken seriously, and for non-campus law enforcement to be notified immediately.

That's why I introduced urgency legislation that would require colleges to promptly report on-campus crimes to local law enforcement unless the victim specifically requests anonymity. This legislation, AB 1433, strikes a balance between the right of a victim to not report a crime and the need for crime reports to be taken seriously.

It may not address all circumstances, but it will ensure that when students do come forward, their voices will not be silenced by bureaucracy

or by concerns about student recruitment and retention.

Our college campuses may look like bubbles from the outside. But the crimes that occur there are no different in their effects on victims than crimes occurring elsewhere in our community.

Mike Gatto is the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the California State Assembly. He represents Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Franklin Hills, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake. www.asm.ca.gov/gatto



Inman Moore, Continued from page three

at the age of 94, was the epitome of optimism. When death knocked at his door he was still singing. Just before he died he recorded, with a group of children and young people, a rendition of "Forever Young." The last words on the recording are, "You are never too old to change the world."

There are things happening in our world that can lead one to utter despair such as: the turmoil in Ukraine, the continued strife in Syria, the senseless killings in Africa, and the inability of the Jews and Palestinians to find common ground. But the answer is never to throw up our arms in despair. We have a country that was built out of optimism for the future. I am proud that we have a President who dared to write a book entitled, *The Audacity of Hope*, and still believes it. We should never give up our optimistic hope of a better tomorrow. Thank you, Dr. Paulson, for reminding us of the everlasting value of optimism.

-- Inman Moore



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Edith Grady, Pasadena

Outreach Committee to Discuss Outreach on Income Inequality and Environment:

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be May 27, 7:30 p.m. at the office of Grone-meier & Associates, 1490 Colorado Boulevard, Eagle Rock. The Agenda will include outreach on income inequality and environmental issues, outreach to the Asian Community, outreach via distribution of the ACT voter's guide, changing the Outreach Committee name to Coalition-Building/Outreach Committee, Google advertising, and any other coalition-building or outreach issues raised.

The Outreach Committee during the last month promoted the May 13 educational forum on police oversight sponsored by the ACLU and co-sponsored by ACT, NAACP, League of Women Voters, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Pasadena Latino Forum, and the Pasadena Coalition on Police Oversight. Outreach Committee members (1) distributed 300 flyers on the forum and maintained an ACT table at the PHS Farmer's Market on May 10 and (2) distributed another 500 hard-copy flyers by various means, and (3) emailed the flyers to approximately 1800 people.

The ACT Outreach Committee also maintained a table soliciting members at the April Sheriff's candidate's forum and at the May 13 forum on police oversight.



Progressive Discussion Group

Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group meets on the first and third Fridays of the month at 9 a.m.

NOTE: We are back at CoCo's Restaurant, 77 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Come join the discussion and the fun. All are welcome. Order

breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. Check with Inman Moore at 626-795-2201 or inmanmoore3@gmail.com for additional information.



ACTpasadena.org

Our webpage www.ACTpasadena.org has a complete list of State Constitutional office candidates (with links to their campaign web-sites), and links to important news articles.

Also read the online version of *ThePhoenix* on web page. (It's usually available soon after the mailed version arrives.) The online *Phoenix* is in color and may have items that we didn't have room for in the print version.

Web site custodian Bruce Wright wants your comments and suggestions, contact him at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.



June Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the June *Phoenix* will be Sunday, June 8. Please send items to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net. Mailing preparation will be on Thursday, June 12 at a location to be decided. Mailers, please check with Ellen Coles at 626-798-2402 to verify date and location.



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Renew for 2014

If there is a **RED** check  on your address label on this Phoenix, we haven't received your 2014 membership check. So please renew now!. You may use the form below and mail your check c/o ACT/ADC, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074. Or renew online at <http://www.actpasadena.org/>. If you have any questions about your membership contact Jon Fuhrman at jon_fuhrman@charter.net or 626-795-5255.



I'd like to join both groups for one low price! (Checks payable to ACT/ADC)

\$40 Single	\$70 Single Sustaining
\$25 Each additional member per household	\$90 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$150 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

I'd like to join ACT (Checks payable to ACT)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
\$20 Gift Membership (NEW!)	\$275 Benefactor

I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club (Checks payable to ADC)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

Extra Contribution

\$ _____ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)
 \$ _____ Operating Account (for organizational costs) \$ _____ **Total enclosed**

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Calendar

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| May 17
Saturday
11am-1 pm | NWPC Champagne Brunch at the home of Lisa Boyd, 1510 Chelton Way (off Oak St.), South Pasadena. Honored Guest Speaker is Betty Yee, candidate for State Controller. | June 6
Friday
9 a.m. | Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group at CoCo's Restaurant, 77 N. Lake Ave., Pasa. Call Inman Moore for info at 626-795-2201. |
| May 27
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. | Outreach Committee Meeting at 1490 Colorado Blv., Eagle Rock Income & equality issues. For info msg Dale Gronemeier at dlg@dgronemeier.com . | June 6
Friday
10 a.m. | San Gabriel Valley Democratic Women's Club Summer Lunch/Fundraiser at the home of Monica and Tom Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Dr., Alta. Members \$10; guests free. Everyone welcome. |
| May 31
Saturday
8 a.m.-Noon | PHS Farmer's Market Outreach with ACT Voter's Guide. | June 8
Sunday eve | <i>Phoenix</i> deadline. Send items to Hains27@SBCGlobal.net . |
| June 5
Thursday
7 p.m. | ACT Steering Committee/ADC Meeting at Beth Gertmenian's, 1521 Oakdale St., Pasadena. Considering Outreach/Issues Police Auditor proposal; membership Internet voting on Issues endorsements. Coffee at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m. | June 20
Friday | Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 6/6.) |
| | | July 22
Tuesday
7-9 p.m. | ACT-NAACP-Pasadena Coalition debate on increased civilian oversight of Pasadena Police Department, location TBD. |

