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Vote June 2!

by Mike Rhodes, Editor

Labor/Community Alliance Newsletter

The Labor/Community Alliance urges you to vote in the primary election on Tuesday, June 2. We need every labor union member and supporter of progressive politics to actively participate in the political process.

You know the religious right wing and conservatives will be at the polls. We need the voice of working people to be heard, and we need to elect representatives who will respond to our interests.



We need the voice of working people to be heard at the polls on Tuesday, June 2. Be there!

There are good candidates to vote for. In statewide campaigns, we have Barbara Boxer and Cruz Bustamante, who have proved they are good friends of labor. Locally, we have Sarah Reyes, Henry Perea and Dan Ronquillo, who are accessible and supported by organized labor and community groups. In this issue you will find the endorsements of the Fresno, Madera, Tulare, & Kings Counties Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO). We encourage you to take it to the polls when you vote.

In addition to the candidates, there are several critical propositions on the ballot. Proposition 226 is particularly onerous and must be defeated. Corporations already outspend organized labor 11 to 1, but if Prop. 226 passes it will be

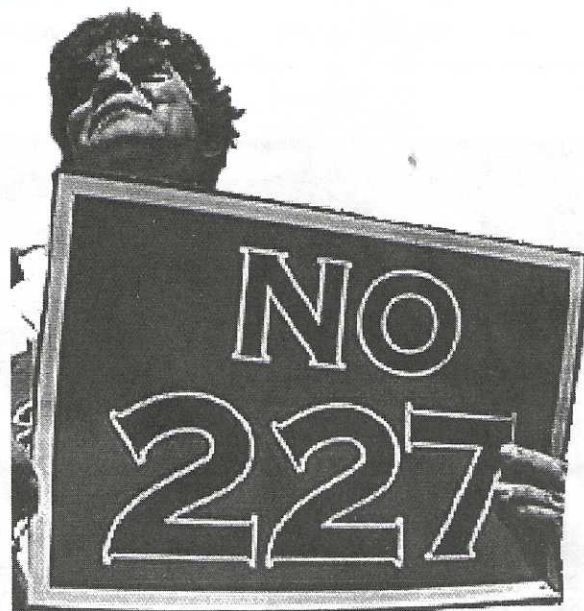


Photo by George Elfie Ballis

Candelaria Pardo opens May 1 rally against two election propositions designed to enhance the power of the rich at the expense of workers and immigrants. Vote **NO** on Propositions 226, which would hamstring union election \$\$, and 227, which would eliminate bilingual education. The rally was held in Downtown Fresno at the site where, in 1910, unionists were arrested while reading the U.S. Constitution.

1,000,000 to 1. We can't allow that to happen! We must defeat this proposition so working people continue to have a voice in the political process. The Labor/Community Alliance also strongly urges you to vote **NO** on the Unz Initiative, Prop. 227. We support bilingual education in our schools.

It's up to you! The candidates you vote for will decide on whether the minimum wage is raised, if Social Security will be around when you retire, and many health and welfare issues affecting you and your family. It matters **if** you vote and **how** you vote. **Join us June 2 in voting for workers' rights and a more progressive state and nation!**

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The purpose

of Labor/Community Alliance is threefold: (1) to strengthen and unite the labor movement and the progressive community in the Central San Joaquin Valley through information sharing, (2) to promote and defend the rights of local working people, and (3) to help organize the unorganized. This publication is printed monthly and includes a calendar of events.

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Is Social Security really in trouble?

by Larry Langford, Labor/Community Alliance

The dire predictions about the future of the Social Security System that emanate from the White House and from Wall Street are enough to strike fear into the heart of any aging baby boomer. Solemn politicians and experts of one kind or another regularly appear in the media to warn us that the ratio of retired persons to those still working is increasing at such a rapid rate that unless drastic steps are taken soon, the Social Security Trust Fund will go broke sometime around the year 2030, leaving millions of Americans to face old age without the necessary financial resources to protect themselves from poverty.

The only way to avoid this eventuality, say the pundits, is to privatize Social Security by handing its reserves over to investors so that they can generate the profits necessary to keep the system solvent. The hue and cry can be heard everywhere, "Let the private sector manage what the government can do longer do!"

We should all be wary, however, when Wall Street decides to be altruistic, and we should listen again to Laocoön's warning to the Trojans to beware of Greeks bearing gifts. The "gift" of privatizing Social Security in order to save it is just a Trojan horse that will enable private investors to get their hands on the tax revenues that go into the Social Security Trust Fund, and to use that money to generate billions of dollars per year in private profits for themselves.

But is the Social Security System really in such bad shape? Let's take a look at some of the numbers that have been gathered by the National Council of Senior Citizens. Today, approximately 46 percent of the American population is in the workforce, either full or part-time, and thus contributing to Social Security. By the year 2030, that number is expected to fall to 44 percent.

This decrease might seem like a cause for concern, until we remember that in 1964 the workforce in America comprised only 37 percent of the population, a much greater dependency burden, and yet Social Security managed to work just fine. To look at the same numbers in a different way, in 1993 there were 70 dependents on Social Security for every 100 workers. By the year 2030, that number is expected to increase to 83 dependents for every 100 workers. In 1964, however, that same ratio stood at 96 dependents per 100 workers. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s there was a higher dependent ratio than is being projected for the next century.

These figures indicate that there is a lot less cause for alarm than many would have us believe. The argument for privatizing Social Security rests on two contradictory premises. The first premise put forth by supporters of privatization is that because the economy is growing at such a slow pace, it will not generate enough income to support the baby boomers when they retire. The second premise is that the economy is so strong that it can generate rates of

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Street Heat: Radio for the People

by Larry Langford, Labor/Community Alliance



Street Heat, a new monthly radio program, provides a much-needed forum for the voices of labor and progressive politics in our community. Whether the issue is local elections, union activities, education, or civil rights, *Street Heat* lets you hear from the people involved, providing firsthand accounts of the events happening in Fresno and how they can affect your life.

Recent guests have included Gloria Hernandez (pictured above), on the local Copwatch program; Jennifer Anaforian, on the recall Patterson campaign; Bill Fjeblo, candidate for the Madera Board of Supervisors; Alvin Valeriano of Food Not Bombs; Ellie Bluestein of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; and Susan Brooks and Katherine Balbas of the Madera County Workers group.

You can hear *Street Heat* on the fourth Friday of every month from 5-6 P.M. on KFCF 88.1-FM in Fresno. Please tune in to learn about what your neighbors are doing to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Central Valley.



Tune in! *Street Heat*, every fourth Friday, 5-6 P.M., KFCF 88.1-FM. Features Central Valley labor/community activists!

The FASTA the better

by Shirley Kirsten, President, FASTA

The Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA) has beefed up its strength by affiliating with SEIU Local 535. Together, these two labor allies are determined to gather sub signatures in support of union recognition. Currently they are blitzing 100 Fresno Unified School District schools. This blitz precipitated a conflict over access to the campuses for union organizers. After initially denying access, the district administration backed down and agreed to allow access in accordance with the law.

FASTA has also been struggling with the district for months to acquire a list of substitute teachers. The district has produced substitute listings that are obsolete and inaccurate. So far two "lists" have been provided FASTA that differ in number by 1,700. To close the gap, FASTA/SEIU has requested statistical data from FUSD that could aid its pursuit of the magic number—50 percent plus one of the substitute teacher pool in order to acquire bargaining unit status. In a recent meeting, district administration promised to provide accurate information about the group.

Tune in to KFCF 88.1-FM for labor programming every day

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. *David Bacon's Labor Journal*

David Bacon's experience as a union organizer and his worldwide contacts in the labor community make him uniquely qualified as a journalist specializing in issues and concerns of working people. He covers a broad range of labor news and issues locally, nationally and globally.

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. *Democracy Now!*

Amy Goodman, award-winning veteran journalist and host of *Democracy Now!*, subtitles this show "The Exception to the Rulers." It is an appropriate title, as the program covers news of the nation and world from a progressive viewpoint, with a focus on the history and economics of working people, women and people of color around the planet.

Monday-Friday, Noon *Living Room*

Living Room host Larry Bensky, Pacifica Radio's national affairs correspondent for 25 years, brings his vast experience to the airwaves in this program featuring a wide range of guests and listener phone calls. He discusses subjects ranging from family issues, health and education to politics and economics.

Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m. *Pacifica National News*

This is an incisive newscast of national events, including features on labor and economics.

Monday-Friday, 5 p.m. *Flashpoints*

This in-depth, investigative news program features interviews and reports on local, national and global political issues.

Monday-Friday, 6 p.m. *Evening News*

This one-hour newscast from KPFA News has won numerous awards over the years for its coverage of local and regional news that is not covered anywhere else on the airwaves. News of labor issues and events is a regular part of the program.

As the school year comes to a close, FASTA has no time for delay. It is urging subs to go all out in an effort to find other subs and to sign them up. We want to advance our goals of obtaining a fair daily wage, health benefits, and due process. With the blitz in full swing at the end of May, SEIU 535/FASTA hopes to have sufficient signatures to file for recognition by early summer. If you can help us in our drive to locate FUSD subs, call Pam Whalen, 277-6703, or Shirley Kirsten, 435-5715.

Attention substitute teachers!

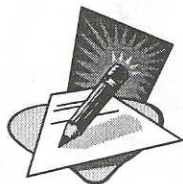
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One Letter = One Hundred Votes

by Larry Langford, Labor/Community Alliance



This **legislative alert** concerns California Assembly Bill 2139, sponsored by Tom McClinton (R-38th District), which would enact the deceptively entitled "Right to Work Act," yet another attempt to implement the provisions of Proposition 226, should it fail at the ballot box on June 2.

Under the terms of this bill, it would be a misdemeanor "for any person to coerce another to enter into an agreement to join or become a member of a labor union." While legislation against coercion may sound great, that term is nowhere defined in the bill and could be used to cover all forms of persuasion and argument. If any employee feels coerced (however defined) to join a union, this bill grants him the right to sue the union in civil court.

The intention of the bill's supporters is quite clear. They want unions in California to become embroiled in endless legal battles, so that all of their funds and energy will go into fighting such suits instead of fighting for the rights of workers. The bill also contains language that would prohibit the "denial of employment or discharge of an employee because of the person's support or nonsupport of a labor organization," but how many instances have there been in which employees are fired for nonsupport of a union? No, instead of protecting the rights of workers, this bill is an attempt to increase the powers of employers by making it easy for them to hire non-union workers. Once such workers have been hired, all efforts to unionize them could then be described as coercion, and the law suits could begin.

Remember, in the logic of government, one letter equals one hundred votes. Politicians take letters from their constituents very seriously, so write to them and voice your opposition to bills such as these. **Names and addresses of members of the California Senate and Assembly can be found at your local library, or by going on-line to www.leginfo.ca.gov.**



Social Security, cont.

return on investments that will supply more than adequate funds for future retirees. So, is the economy too sluggish to support Social Security, or robust enough to do the job? The argument changes in the media depending upon which seems to best support the call for privatization. The fact remains, however, that if economic growth continues at the rate it has maintained for the past 100 years, the Social Security System will accrue trillions of dollars in reserves in the next century.

This is not to say that the system needs no adjustment at all, but it doesn't need to be handed over in its entirety to private investors. One such adjustment would be simply to remove the cap on income subject to Social Security taxation, currently set at \$68,100. That move alone, it is estimated, would compensate for more than 90 percent of the projected revenue shortfalls in the coming years. It would do away the need for the Gramlich Plan, named for Ned Gramlich, former head of the Social Security Advisory Council and current member of the Federal Reserve Board, now being touted as a way to reform Social Security. That plan calls for a 30 percent cut in benefits, along with a 1.6 percent payroll tax to be paid only by employees and put into private retirement accounts. If Wall Street gets its way, that is what we will all have to live with.

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Calendar of Events June-July 1998

Tuesday, June 2: Vote NO on Props. 226 & 227!
Recall Mayor Patterson Volunteer Day; call 252-5367.

Wednesday, June 3

Eyewitness Report on Iraq, 7 P.M., Fresno Center for Non-violence. Carroll King and Brian Dunn will speak about their recent visit to Iraq.

Saturday, June 6

Universal Declaration of Human Rights 50th Anniversary Committee, 10 A.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence.

Tuesday, June 9

Monthly Potluck & Discussion, Fresno Center for Non-violence. Potluck at 6:30 P.M.; program at 7:30.

Friday, June 12

Benefit Concert for Rosalie Sorrels, 7:30 P.M., Fresno Art Museum. See page 9 for details.

Saturday, June 13

Fresno Center for Nonviolence Board Meeting, 9:30 A.M., 985 N. Van Ness. Guests welcome. Call 237-3225 A.M.

Stylish Seconds III, 3-5 P.M., College Community Congregational Church, thrift store fashion show fund-raiser for the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Call Angela at 435-6383.

Monday, June 15

Amnesty International, 7:30 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N. Van Ness. Call 224-0924.

Tuesday, June 16

Central California Citizens Copwatch Committee, 7 P.M., Romero Peace and Justice Center, corner of Mariposa and R Streets. Call 264-3914.

Health Care for All, 7:15 P.M., Fresno Center for Non-violence. Call 855-2438 for information.

Thursday, June 18

Death Penalty Focus, 7:30 P.M., Fresno Center for Non-violence, 985 N. Van Ness. Call 323-4871.

June 19-21

Sun Mountain's Straw Bale Wall Workshop. Learn straw bale construction while building a wall around a Fresno building that will become a medical clinic. Call 855-3710.

Saturday, June 20

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 10 A.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Call 229-9661.

HIV Substance Abuse Support Group, 2-4 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Call 485-3667.

Fundraiser for Death Penalty Focus, 7:30 P.M., Tower Theater. Poets Philip Levine and Adrienne Rich, \$15. Call 323-4871.

Tuesday, June 22

ACLU, 7 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence.

Wednesday, June 24

Central Labor Council, 6 P.M., UFCW/SEIU offices. Call 275-1151 for details.

Thursday, June 25

Speaking Out at Spectrum, Marge Franz, 7:30 P.M., Spectrum Gallery, 1306 N. Wishon. Call 233-2221.

Friday, June 26

Street Heat, 5-6 P.M., KFCF 88.1-FM. Featuring Central Valley labor/community activists.

Sunday, June 28

Fresno Center for Nonviolence 6th Anniversary Celebration.

Tuesday, July 7

Monthly Potluck & Discussion, 6:30 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Potluck at 6:30; program at 7:30.

Saturday, July 11

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Deadline for submission of information for August issue of Labor/Community Alliance newsletter. Call 226-0477.

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Monday, July 27

Labor/Community Alliance/Jobs with Justice, 5:30 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Call 226-0477.

Tuesday, July 28

ACLU, 7 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence.

The case of the 8-hour murder

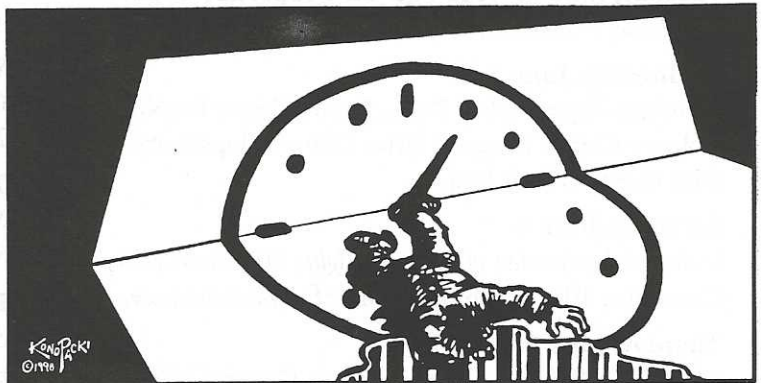
by Sam Slade
Noir News Service

I've been working on this case for the last 20-plus years. Word on the street was that the 8-hour day died back in the early '70s. I was hired to find out. No one wanted to believe it; we all grew up figuring it would live forever.

Not all of us really worked the 8-hour day, of course. The farm fields are still filled with weathered hulks of humanity forced to bust their butts for what seems like an eternity. For them the 8-hour day never died because it was never born to begin with.

Some of us were lucky enough to win an 8-hour day. We could even raise a family on it. But that was years ago. Personal income's been falling ever since that B-movie actor stole our hearts, and the White House.

The phone rang. It split my head like a rusty knife, cutting through the gin fog that I fell asleep in. The clock said 4 a.m. The phone said it was the cops. They'd found what I was looking for. When I got there, the body was smeared on the floor. It was dressed in what looked like a pile of dirty laundry. Its head was mashed like a potato and blood, black as crank case oil, flowed from it like an Exxon slick.



The coroner's boys said it had been bludgeoned by chronic unemployment, beaten by part-time jobs, and flattened by working two, maybe three jobs just to make ends meet. The ends never met.

The 8-hour day is dead. Some still struggle to revive it. They refuse to be locked up in a prison of sweat just to fatten some boss with a dollar sign for a face. Thankfully, my work day is over. I've got a date with a girl named gin.

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Summer Schedule

We begin our summer schedule with this edition of the Labor/Community Alliance Newsletter. We will be away for the month of June, but not to worry, we'll be back again in July to publish our August issue with the latest news on local labor and community activities. Also, we will not have a Jobs with Justice meeting in June. We'll be back on schedule in July.

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Grassroots activists debate propositions

by Larry Langford, *Labor/Community Alliance*

The Grassroots Committee on the Various Propositions met on May 17 at Centro Bellas Artes in Fresno to debate and issue voter recommendations on propositions on the June 2 ballot. The meeting was sponsored by the Labor/Community Alliance and the Immigrant Women's Access Project.

According to Gloria Hernandez, the debate was cordial but lively, with those present finding themselves largely in agreement. Perhaps surprisingly, the two measures that provoked the most debate were Prop. 222, the mandatory sentencing without parole for the killing of a police officer, and Prop. 223, the placing of limits on administrative spending in the public schools.

The committee felt that Prop. 222 was specifically aimed at minorities, who are most likely to be the victims of police violence or misconduct. Those at the meeting thought the rights of minorities would be better served if judges retained discretionary powers in sentencing.

It was argued that Prop. 223 was counterproductive because any penalty for school districts failing to meet the 5 percent cap on administrative spending would have to be paid out of funds used to actually teach children.

Final recommendations by the committee were "Yes" on Propositions 220 and 221, and "No" on Propositions 219, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, and 227.



Madera County workers win election!

by Susan Brooks

On May 6, members of the bargaining unit of the Professional Employees of Madera County (PEMC) voted to decertify their association and join Local 535 of SEIU. It was a hard-fought campaign with strong opinions and emotions on both sides, and we are very proud of our victory.

Our fledgling chapter consists of professional employees in several Madera County departments: Welfare, Health, Mental Health, Engineering, Planning, Assessor's Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, Library, Ag, and DA's Office.

The election involved approximately 150 employees, including Social Workers, Appraisers, Accountants, Environmental Health Inspectors, Building Inspectors, Planners, Nurses, Librarians, Mental Health Workers and others.

Catherine Balbas and Susan Brooks attended Local 535's executive board meeting in February and were very impressed with the democratic way the organization operates, and the dedication, knowledge and experience exhibited by the delegates, officers and staff. Attendance at the E-Board was a key element in their decisions to help the campaign.

Some of the issues that galvanized employees were desires for stronger representation, representation for disciplinary actions, legal services when necessary, education and training, political power and involvement, pay comparable to other counties that compete for our employees, a better retirement plan, a fixed pay day and direct deposit.

The resources that Local 535 offers are far beyond anything the PEMC was able to provide, despite hard-working and dedicated leaders. Some of us have worked closely with Local 535 organizers Yolanda Guerra, Gerry Villero and Pam Whalen, and now look upon them as family. There is sadness in knowing they will be going on to new campaigns; but, at the same time, we are eager to begin working with representative Gilbert Gonzales to build our organization.

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Copwatch comes to Fresno

by M. Gloria Hernandez

A new watchdog group in Central California now monitors local law enforcement agencies. After organizing for six months, Central California Citizens' Copwatch Committee launched its hotline on April 29, 1998. The Copwatch telephone number is (209) 265-7193. Victims can leave their name and phone number in several languages, including Hmong, Lao, Spanish, Cambodian, Mixteco, French, and English. A volunteer will call back to get more information and provide guidance in reporting misconduct to internal affairs investigators or obtaining legal counsel. Copwatch will be compiling statistics on the number of complaints against law enforcement agencies.

Regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at St. Ignacio's Hall, 970 N. Jackson (north of Belmont and west of Maple). Training for volunteers is ongoing. For more information call COPWATCH at 265-7193. Your call will be returned.

Visalia city employees seek representation

by Curtis Morgan, Organizer

Approximately six months ago the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council Local #1109 was approached by twelve 911 dispatchers in Visalia, asking the Carpenters to represent them concerning their work situation with the City of Visalia. We determined that there were about 200 workers involved in this bargaining unit, which includes public works, solid waste, wastewater facility, clerical, traffic control officers and convention center employees in addition to dispatchers.

The City of Visalia has labled this unit "Non-Professionals," a slap in the face of these employees. Organizers and field representatives have been putting in long hours doing handbilling and house calls. Many mornings we start at 3:30. We now have most city employees interested in representation. At this time, they have no one to speak up for them.

Many of these employees are hourly workers. The city has said they are not entitled to be part of this organizing campaign, even though many have worked for the city full-time for 10 years or more, with no benefits, low wages, and no assurance that they will have their jobs beyond the next day.

As you can imagine, reaching 200 employees scattered throughout the city is a difficult task, but one the Carpenters have chosen to undertake. The city now knows we are here and prepared to dig our heels in. We are determined to get a contract. The police and fire departments have representation, the supervisors and managers have representation, but the largest group in the city has had no one to speak for them until now. When I asked the dispatchers why they had approached the Carpenters, I was told: "We have heard of the Carpenters' commitment to represent working men and women, and we want that kind of organization behind us."

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Recall Mayor Patterson Campaign Update

The campaign to recall mayor Patterson had gathered 20,000 signatures by the middle of May. Organizers expect to accumulate 25,000 names by the time this newsletter is distributed. The 16,000 signatures required to qualify for the November ballot will come from all gathered signatures. The recall committee will check all signatures before turning them in to the Fresno County Clerk. They anticipate getting 65 to 70 percent good signatures from the ones gathered.

On June 2, election day, 100 volunteers are needed to work at 50 precincts to put us over the top for signatures. Time for this event will be 7 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The recall committee needs your help. Be sure to contact John Hollis at 252-5367 by May 29 with your name and phone number. Or call the recall office at 456-1604. They will help you with any questions you may have and take your name and phone number.

As you know, it takes money to put on a campaign like this. There has been some help, but the committee still needs funds to get this job done. The budget is projected to be a total of \$350,000 to \$400,000 to get Mayor Patterson gone in the November election. Please put your hands into your pockets and help out. Any amount will help. Make checks to: Citizens Against Waste at City Hall, FPPC ID # 972240, 4690 E. Olive Fresno, CA 93702 Or just drop by the campaign office and see Jennifer Anaforian, Campaign Manager.

Howard's Hopefuls

Howard Watkins, a local attorney, was asked to share his "Howard's Hopefuls" contested election recommendations for June 2. Howard is a long-time activist in Fresno, involved with such groups as ACLU, WILPF, NWPC, and local and state bar associations. He notes that some recommendations are clear choices and others may be close calls. Whatever your views, he urges you to **vote and make a difference on June 2.**

United States Senator: Barbara Boxer (D)

Governor: Jane Harman (D)

Lieutenant Governor: Cruz M. Bustamante (D)

Secretary of State: Michela Alioto (D)

State Controller: Kathleen Connell (D)

State Treasurer: Phil Angelides (D)

State Attorney General: Bill Lockyer (D)

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Delaine Eastin

State Insurance Commissioner: Diane Martinez (D)

US Congress 18th District: Gary Condit (D)

U.S. Congress 19th District: Jonathan Richter (Lib)

U.S. Congress 20th District: Calvin Dooley (D)

State Senate

District 12—Sal Cannella (D) District 16—Jim Costa (D)

State Assembly

District 29—Naomi Strom (R)

District 31—Sarah Reyes (D)

District 30—Dean Flores (D)

Propositions

220 ~ Yes 223 ~ Yes 226 ~ No

221 ~ Yes 224 ~ No 227 ~ No

222 ~ Yes 225 ~ No

Fresno City Council

District 1: Lloyd Carter

District 7: Henry Perea

District 3: Dan Ronquillo

Fresno County Supervisor

District 1: Jacqueline Hodge District 4: Judy Case

Fresno County Assessor-Recorder: William Greenwood

Fresno County Clerk: Susan Anderson

District Attorney: Edward Hunt



Benefit concert for Rosalie Sorrels

The Fresno Folklore Society presents a benefit concert for Rosalie Sorrels, that "Travelin' Lady" of story and song. Drought Tolerant—Bob Garcia, Ron "Bearrr" Murray, Lilly Murray, Reno McCormack, and Bruce Honeyman, Fresno's hottest Bluegrass band—will perform for Rosalie at the Fresno Art Museum on Friday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. Fresno troubadour Jon Adams will open for Drought Tolerant.

Rosalie was to appear in concert on June 26 but had to cancel because she was recently diagnosed and will be undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Rosalie has been described by Utah Phillips as "a legend, a self-willed high-velocity tornado. . . . Malvina Reynolds said of her: "She is a rollicking anti-hero, such a gutsy woman, adventurous, curious, and ironically optimistic. . . . a first-rate poet songwriter, a great performer, and a genius storyteller"

Fresno folk love her and want to help her in her time of need, as she has always been there to bring us joy with her words and songs of wisdom. Advance ticket sales \$8; at the door \$10. Tickets available at Fig Garden Bookstore, Laser's Edge, Java Jeff's (in Clovis) and Archer's Music Store. For more information, phone 456-0453.

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United States Senator: Barbara Boxer (D)

Governor: Gray Davis (D)

Lieutenant Governor: Cruz M. Bustamante (D)

Secretary of State: Michela Alioto (D)

State Controller: Kathleen Connell (D)

State Treasurer: Phil Angelides (D)

State Attorney General: Bill Lockyer (D)

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Delaine Eastin

State Insurance Commissioner: Hal Brown (D)

State Board of Equalization

District 1—Johan Klehs (D)

District 2—No Recommendation (D)

District 3—Mark A. Spiegler (D)

District 4—John Chiang (D)

US Congress 18th District: Gary Condit (D)

US Congress 20th District: Open*

State Senate

District 12—Sal Cannella (D)

District 16—Jim Costa (D)

State Assembly

District 29—Naomi Strom (R)

District 30—Dean Flores (D)

District 31—Sarah Reyes (D)

Propositions

220 ~ Yes 224 ~ No 227 ~ No

221 ~ Yes 225 ~ No

223 ~ No 226 ~ No

Fresno City Council

Henry Perea, Dan Ronquillo

Madera Board of Supervisors

District 5 —Bill Fjeblo

(*John Estrada was endorsed by the Kern and Mono County Central Labor Council for the 20th Congressional District.)



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