



THE CAPITOL MORNING REPORT

Tuesday, August 16, 2005

NEWS CONFERENCES, BRIEFINGS, AVAILABILITIES, ETC.

Pres. Michael Sexton and CEO Jack Lewin, CA Medical Assn., TELECONFERENCE, release survey saying Medicare rate cuts scheduled to begin in 2006 will "make it tougher for elderly patients to find a physician and jeopardize access to care." **1 p.m., 866 448 6758, Participant code: 265809#, At prompt state name and affiliation.** Contact: Ron Lopp 916 551 2042.

Survey available at www.cmanet.org after Noon today.

Sen. Abel Maldonado discusses his SB 825, would set accountability standards for Career Technical Education(CTE) **10:45 a.m., North Steps.** Contact: Tom Kise 916 651 4520.

Bill up tomorrow in Assembly Appropriations. Event part of daylong exhibit sponsored by private industry and local schools to promote CTE; includes students designing and building a shed, repairing a car engine, preparing and serving lunch to fellow students, producing a time-lapse video.

THE LEGISLATURE

Senate – Check in

Governmental Organization, 9 a.m., Rm. 3191.

Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 113. Subject: Managing Mad Cow: are we doing enough?

Public Safety, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 4203.

CANCELED, Human Services, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 3191.

Judiciary, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 112. Subject: Enhancing the Quality of Legal Education in Unaccredited Law Schools in California.

Transportation and Housing, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 4203. Subject: Overview of the CA Highway Patrol: department resources, needs, future plans.

Assembly – Check in

Joint hearing, Assembly Health Committee, Assembly Budget

Subcommittee No. 1: Senate Health Committee, Senate Budget

Subcommittee No. 3, 10 a.m., Rm. 4202. Subject: Medical managed care expansion.

Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy, 9 a.m., Rm. 447.

California Channel Tentative Programming (Ch. 2, Sacramento Comcast Cable)

9 a.m., Pro Tem Don Perata press conference on legislative agenda for end of session (taped 8/15/05)

10 a.m., Joint hearing, Assembly and Senate Health Committees & Budget Subcommittees on Health and Human Services (live)

1:30 p.m., Senate Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development. (taped 8/15/05)

THE GOVERNOR

Press Conference to announce crime-victim related legislation. **11:30 a.m., Council Room, Governor's Office.** Contact: Margita Thompson 916 445 4571.

THE DAILY BREAD

Aug. 16, Friends of Dick Ackerman (33rd SD), Hot August Night, tickets \$1500 and \$3300, 5:30 p.m., Spataro Restaurant, 1415 L St. Contact: 916 612 9263.

Aug. 17, Elect Kevin Murray Committee (26th SD), Reception, \$1000, 6 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, Glides Market. Contact: 916 441 6855.

Aug. 17, Friends of (Mervyn) Dymally 06 (52nd AD), Reception, Donation \$1000, 5:30 p.m., Sterling Hotel, 1300 H St. Contact: 916 658 1684.

Aug. 17, (Chuck) Poochigian for Attorney General, Breakfast, \$2500, 7:30 a.m., Café Dolce, 1200 K St. Contact: 916 570 2045.

KEEPING UP

Pro Tem **Don Perata** mentioned at a news conference yesterday that 550 bills were pending in the Senate and Assembly. But, as his office announced later, Senate Secty. **Greg Schmidt** ordered another count and the number now is 830. Contact: Alicia Dlugosh 916 651 4188.

Capitol Correspondents Assn. President **Steve Geissinger** reports he's emailed gubernatorial press secretary **Margita Thompson** in hopes of getting a response to two letters the group has sent the **Schwarzenegger** administration. The first letter was sent two weeks ago to the CA State Lottery asking what's been done to resolve the matter in which a member of the lottery posed as a reporter at a press conference. That incident sparked such anger among journalists who cover the Capitol that the moribund Capitol Correspondents Assn. was resurrected last month to give them a stronger collective voice. The day after the first letter was sent, a second one under the association's new letterhead went out – this time to Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger** asking greater access to the Governor. At the association's organizing meeting last month, restricted access to the Governor was cited by members overwhelmingly as a top concern. As of Monday, the association hadn't gotten a response to either letter so **Geissinger** appealed to **Thompson**, the administration's official who works most closely with the media. Contact: stevegeissinger@aol.com

Kathleen Harris, a long-time legislative assistant in the Sacramento office of the City of San Jose, died on Aug. 8 at age 58. She "passed away unexpectedly," reports **Kathy Mannion**. A memorial for **Harris**, a former legislative staffer, is planned for Friday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. at W.F. Gormley & Sons Chapel, 2015 Capitol Ave. A reception follows. In lieu flowers donations may be made to the Sacramento SPCA. Contact: Mannion 916 451 3779.

The League of CA Cities reports hiring **Tracy Petrillo** as its new director of education and training. She comes from Chicago, where she was director of professional development for the American Dietetic Assn. **Petrillo** succeeds **Terry Dugan**, who has retired. Contact: Brian Heaton 916 658 8264.

APCO Worldwide reports hiring **Jennifer McDaniel** as a junior associate in its Sacramento office. She worked previously as an aide in the Governor's external affairs unit. Contact: Jose Hermocillo 916 554 3400.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, ETC.

OAKLAND – Dir. Suzanne Ambrose, Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing, discusses with Northern CA employers revitalizing Northern CA Employment Round Table, a public/private partnership to address discrimination in the workplace.

10:30 a.m., 1515 Clay St. Contact: Regina Brown 916 478 7251.

Also listed: Chief Deputy Dir. Wanda Kirby.

SPEECHES AND TALKS

Supt. of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, addresses ceremony recognizing first 20 schools to receive Solar Schools Program grants from Pacific Gas & Electric Company, discusses importance of private investment in California's schools. **11:30 a.m., Sacramento Convention Center, 1401 J St.** Contact: 415 973 5930.

REPORTS AND STUDIES

Public Policy Institute of CA releases "**California's Newest Homeowners, Affording the Unaffordable,**" finds 52% of Californians who purchased a home in the past two years are spending more than 30% of their total income on housing. Available at www.ppic.org. Contact: Victoria Pike Bond 415 291 4412.

Embargoed until 12:01 a.m. PDT, Aug. 18.

CA Healthcare Foundation releases "**Snapshot: California's Fragile Nursing Home Industry,**" findings include "most homes do not meet government compliance standards for care and safety." Available at www.chcf.org. Contact: 510 238 1040.

MISCELLANEOUS

FRESNO "A bipartisan team of Schwarzenegger advisors," touring to promote the Governor's reform agenda: Prop 74 ("Put the Kids First Act") Prop 76 ("Live Within Our Means Act") and Prop 77 ("Voter Empowerment Act.") **10 a.m., Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce, 2331 Fresno St.** Contact: Kimberly Beman 916 718 1267.

Listed: Finance Dir. Tom Campbell, Governor's Education Advisor Margaret Fortune.

CARMICHAEL – US Rep. Dan Lungren hosts town hall meeting, discusses "issues important to voters" in 3rd CD. **7 p.m., La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd.** Contact: Brian Seitchik 202 226 6879.

INITIATIVES

Cleared for circulation by Secty. of State Bruce McPherson. Contact: Nghia Nguyen Demovic 916 653 6575.

Public Preschool Education. Tax Increase on Incomes Over \$400,000 for Individuals; \$800,000 for Couples. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Establishes right to voluntary public preschool for all four-year old children, administered by state Superintendent of Public Instruction and county school superintendents. Funded by 1.7% tax on individual income above \$400,000 annually; \$800,000 for couples. Directs counties to prepare five-year assessments and annual reports regarding voluntary preschool curriculum, outreach, facilities, childcare coordination, teacher recruitment/pay, and budgeting. Limits administrative expenses, and requires audits of county programs. Requires state Superintendent to develop preschool

teaching credential with financial aid for teachers. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased personal income taxes on high-income earners beginning in 2007, with revenues reaching approximately \$2.4 billion annually in 2010-11. Revenues would support an entitlement to one year of preschool for four-year olds beginning in 2010-11. Revenues in the early years of the program could be used for facilities, teacher training, student financial aid, and early implementation of preschool services. Proponents, James C. Harrison and Roberta B. Johansen, of Remcho, Johansen and Purcell, 510 346 6200, must collect 598,105 valid signatures by Jan. 12, 2006.

POLITICAL NOTES

Excerpts from the faxes, e-mails and press releases sent by office holders and others to political reporters.

From **Karen Hanretty**, communications director for the CA GOP – Pro Tem **Don Perata** and Speaker **Fabian Núñez** [warmed] up for the final stretch of the legislative session [Monday] with a press conference to discuss their Democratic agenda. And that can mean only one thing: time to announce a new tax increase. Last month, **Núñez** told the Contra Costa Times' Sacramento bureau that Democrats would propose in August a tax increase of at least \$1 billion for additional school funding. Apparently, **Núñez** thinks Democrats short-changed education when they put up the votes to pass the 2005-06 state budget. Or maybe this is just a symbolic gesture of appeasement directed at the teachers' union, which filed suit against the Governor but conspicuously held **Núñez** and **Perata** harmless by keeping their names off the suit. The respected Legislative Analyst's Office has already demolished the argument that spending levels violate legally mandated minimums. The lawsuit is also plainly partisan. Why not sue the Democratic-run Legislature, which approved the education budget, as well as the Republican governor? The lawsuit also ignores a key detail – the fact that education spending is going up 7 percent this year, at **Schwarzenegger's** behest. (Editorial, San Diego Union-Tribune, Aug. 12, 2005) ... What you shouldn't expect is **Núñez** or **Perata** to provide details on discussions held between themselves and their staff with the teachers' union in the months of June and July. [Teachers'] Union officials declined to talk about their discussions with the Democrats, but lawmakers and staffers say the CTA encouraged **Perata** and **Núñez** to get the budget done quickly – and fight for the \$3 billion another day. (LA Times, July 10, 2005) Nor should we expect **Núñez** to explain why he said the 2005-06 budget provided a "safety net for the poor, the children, the senior citizens and the disabled" in July but is now so deficient that the overlords of the Democratic party are now suing. Contact: Hanretty 916 752 2630.

Gov. **Schwarzenegger** on Monday issued a proclamation calling a special election on December 6, 2005, for CD 48. The election is to fill the vacancy created by Pres. **Bush's** appointment of **Christopher Cox** to chair the Securities and Exchange Commission. Contact: Margita Thompson 916 445 4571.

From the CA Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS), responding to the Governor's radio address over the weekend on his desire to have CA known as "the Fitness State." – ... While daily exercise and proper diet should be a commonly held objective, the fact remains that many of California's children are without available, accessible and safe park and recreational venues in which to pursue fitness goals. Coincidentally, studies suggest that the highest percentages of unfit and obese children and adults reside within communities that are "park poor," wherein there is less than one acre of parkland per 1,000 persons ... CPRS is encouraging the Governor and the Legislature to endorse SB 153 [**Chesbro** and **Murray**], a park and resources bond ... [that would provide] funding to assist local communities in creating the necessary venues for California to achieve its fitness and recreational goals. Contact: Doug Houston 916 447 9884.

From Arnoldwatch weblog – Arnold's past caught up with him last week when the LA Times revealed that the gov's business partners at American Media Inc (AMI) had paid Arnold's alleged former mistress, **Gigi Goyette**, \$20,000 to bar her from speaking publicly about their affair ... Earlier this summer, we learned that Arnold was hiding a secret contract with AMI and its muscle magazines worth as much as \$8.5 million to the gov ... This weekend, the SF Chronicle reported that the gov failed to properly report a \$250,000 donation from AMI to the non-profit group known as the California Gov.'s Council on Physical Fitness. What else don't Californians know? It's time for an investigation. In a letter to Assembly Speaker **Fabian Núñez**, ... the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights writes: "You must immediately convene a special investigatory hearing and issue subpoenas to determine 1) whether **Schwarzenegger** directed AMI to solicit the contract with **Goyette**, under false pretenses, in order to protect his political career OR 2) whether AMI blackmailed the Governor by using the threat of the **Goyette** contract in order to wield influence over his conduct as Governor ... All Californians have a right to know whether or not special interests with issues before the state are covertly working with the Governor to keep secret information that would harm his political career ... Contact: Doug Heller 310 392 0522.

POLITICAL NOTES (Cont.)

From **Bob Mulholland**, campaign advisor for the CA Democratic Party, under the headline "Arnold's Broken Promise of the Day" – Promise Made: Protecting local government is a top priority for my administration, and my support toward this end has never been stronger ... [T]ogether we agreed to work for a strong constitutional protection for local government funding, so you could keep providing the critical fire protection, police protection, health care and other services that help our citizens stay safe and healthy (Arnold Schwarzenegger, letter to local government leaders, 7/13/04) Promise Broken: Veteran political columnist **George Skelton** writes today on the "roughly \$50 million for a special election" counties will have to pay to conduct **Schwarzenegger's** special election in November – money local governments would have used for fire protection, police protection and social services. "If the locals get stuck eating all the election costs," says [**Farrah McDaid**, an official of the CA State Assn. of Counties], "it'll mean that if a sheriff needs a couple more deputies, he's not going to get them. If a street needs to be repaved, it probably won't be. There's no special pot of money. Parks, social services, definitely libraries will absorb the hit." ... (**Skelton**, LA Times, 8/15/05) Contact: Mulholland 916 442 5707.

Also from **Mulholland** – Are there two **Abel Maldonados**? One **Abel Maldonado** was quoted in Monday's (8/15/05) Capitol Morning Report praising the Court's decision to put **Schwarzenegger's** poorly written Prop. 77 (redistricting) on the November 8th ballot, by stating that the current redistricting system "has left our state polarized and ungovernable." Back in 2001, there was another **Abel Maldonado** in the Assembly who voted on the floor in favor of the Senate redistricting plan. Before that vote, **Maldonado's** 15th SD was comprised of 48.7 percent Democrats vs. 29.9 percent Republicans. After that **Maldonado**-supported redistricting passed, the 15th SD became 39.7 percent Democrats vs. 38.1 percent Republican. It appears that the "ungovernable" California **Abel Maldonado** refers to on August 15, 2005 was created by the 2001 version of **Abel Maldonado**.

The re-election campaign for Sen. **Jeff Denham** in the 12th SD reports that **Denham** has \$878K cash-on-hand and he raised \$665K in the first six months of 2005. The campaign notes, "... when **Denham** beat former Asm. **Rusty Areias** in the 2002 contest, the Democrats held a 12 point registration advantage. Today, it has narrowed to just eight points." Contact: Steve Presson 916 363 3282.

The **George Nakano** for SD 28 campaign says it raised \$136,509, "a large number of which was from individuals within the district," and had \$174,015 cash-on-hand as of the June 30 finance reporting deadline. According to the campaign, **Nakano** outraised his primary election opponent, Asm. **Jenny Oropeza**, "by 3 to 1," noting that "virtually all of **Oropeza's** support was from the Third House." Contact: Gennelle Buchert 916 444 4474.

The **Mary Jo Ford** for 53rd AD campaign reports that yesterday the Republican candidate contributed another \$55,000 to her committee, bringing her total contribution of personal funds to over \$200,000. The campaign says **Ford** is "committed to spending \$500,000" to win the election. "With such a short calendar for this election, Dr. **Ford's** ability to get her message out will give her a significant advantage over the other candidates," said campaign manger **Paul Hegyi**. A special primary election in the district is scheduled for Sept. 13. Contact: Hegyi 310 546 8138.

Supporters of Prop. 79 (drug discounts - labor) are circulating the following statement attributed to **Anthony Wright** of Health Access regarding a new television advertising campaign from supporters of Prop. 78 (drug discounts - industry) – "The drug industry is using the same misleading and false advertising tactics that have drawn repeated reprimands and warnings from the FDA. California consumers know they can't trust what the drug companies promise and will rightfully approach their false claims with a heavy dose of skepticism. Prop 79 would allow more Californians to have more access to prescription drugs, not less. Both measures include the same level of government involvement. The difference is Prop. 79 allows the state to enforce drug discounts whereas Prop 78 relies on the word of the drug industry to voluntarily discontinue price gouging. If the announcer would read a warning at the end of this ad, like a typical industry spot, it might go something like this: Prop 78 is simply a smokescreen by the drug companies to trick voters into voting against Prop 79, a real solution offering deeper, enforceable discounts to more Californians." Contact: Sarah Leonard, sleonard@strategygroup.com.

The **Tom Umberg** for SD 34 campaign reports an endorsement from the CA State Council of Laborers. **Umberg** seeks to replace the termed out **Joe Dunn**. Contact: Genelle Buchert 916 444 4474.

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Jobs

California Chamber of Commerce seeks Deputy Director of Media Relations/Communications. Extensive writing. Ability to work in a fast-paced environment required. Experience with legislative process and media a plus. Competitive salary. Details and application: www.calchamber.com. (8/18)

California State University seeks Legislative Advocate/Analyst. Represent CSU before the legislature; assist in bill tracking; analyses; constituent inquiries. Minimum five years' legislative or higher education experience. Competitive salary. Demonstrated verbal and written skills. Apply: <http://www.calstate.edu/HRS/jobs/000247.shtml> (8/22)

Flanigan Law Firm seeks part-time office assistant two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday). Responsibilities include answering the telephone and light clerical work. Salary commensurate with experience. Forward resumes to KatherineBrandenburg@FlaniganLaw.com (8/25)

County Welfare Directors Assn. seeks Senior Fiscal/Policy Analyst. Responsibilities: analyze/ recommend solutions to state budget and county fiscal policy issues. Requires extensive collaboration with county/ Legislative/Administration staff. Resume/cover: cgirardi@cwda.org or fax 916 443 3202. (8/31)

Jobs (Cont.)

Terris/Barnes/Walters seeks hard working campaign staff for nonpartisan ballot measure campaign in East Bay this fall. Available positions range from entry-level organizer to field director. Salary dependent on qualifications. Resumes and references: bbarnes@tbwmedia.com. (8/19)

Fair Political Practices Commission, a fun, rewarding place to work, seeks organized Executive Secretary (\$2,000-\$3,700/month) with strong writing skills who can leave partisanship at the door. Resume, cover letter to mkrausse@fppc.ca.gov after visiting www.fppc.ca.gov. (9/6)

USC's Sacramento-based CA Policy Institute – network builder/information broker between California's policymaking and research communities – seeks person experienced in health policymaking and/or research. Relevant graduate degree preferred, not required. Competitive salary. Contact: alhambra@usc.edu. (8/26)

Silicon Valley Association of Realtors seeks a Government Affairs Director. This is a director-level advocate position. Previous government affairs experience strongly preferred. Competitive salary. E-mail resume to humanresources@silvar.org. Political Science, pre-law or economics degree preferred. (8/17)

Jobs (Cont.)

EcoTechnology (www.ecotechnologyinc.com) seeks Chief Operating Officer. Municipal wastewater treatment specialist; turns waste into synthetic fuel. Requirements: business development, working with municipalities/political consultants, obtaining long-term municipal contracts, strategic operations. Contact Wilcox Miller & Nelson: btopper@wilcoxcareer.com or call 916 977 3700. (8/18)

Latino Coalition for a Healthy CA seeks Policy Director for Sacramento office. BA and three years legislative experience required. Resume, cover letter, salary history to: aperez@lchc.org. Competitive Salary/Benefits. More information: www.LCHC.org or call 916 448 3234. (8/22)

Sonoma County Water Agency seeks full time Program Specialist to develop and implement Agency programs related to public information, water conservation, water education and governmental affairs. \$57,541 - \$69,960 plus excellent benefits. Visit: www.sonoma-county.org. (8/19)

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Office Space

1,000 square foot office near Sac State. 2 private offices, free parking, shared conference room, and full kitchen. \$2,000 per month. Contact – Matt Rexroad 916 648 1222. (8/29)

Executive Suites in Historic Old Sacramento. Secured Building, DSL, Phone System, Receptionist, Conference Room. 156 square foot office. \$615/month. 1126 2nd St. Contact: Sacramento Suites 916 442 3004. (8/24)

Office/Residential

Prestigious and convenient. Classic apartment suites and professional office space. Secured building. \$875 moves you in. Zero deposit. Across from Capitol Park. Thayer Building. Contact: 916 443 8544. (9/1)

Homes for Rent

Prestigious rentals in Riverlake & Pocket Area, seven miles from downtown. Three & four-bedroom residential halfplex homes, most with lake access. Numerous floorplans 1450-2300 square feet. \$1300 to \$1865 per month. Contact: Parker Development Company 916 939 4060. (8/31)

In a quiet neighborhood on a tree-lined street, five minutes from the Capitol, 1405 Coolbrith St. Newly remodeled. Three bedrooms, one bath. Large yard. \$995/month includes trash, garden, water. Contact: Jill 661 547 0321.

Notices

CEWAER hosts wine/jazz reception at California Museum in Sacramento, August 22nd. Honors women in appointed office. Advance tickets only; \$45/CEWAER members; \$60/non-members. More information: www.cewaer.org or call 916 551 1920. (8/19)

West Sacramento Educational Foundation presents Riverfront Casino Night, August 18, Raley Field, 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100 and include playing chips and an authentic New Orleans-style dinner. Contact: Mark Capitulo 329 7297. (8/16)

PREVIEW – Wednesday, August 17, 2005

NEWS CONFERENCES, BRIEFINGS, AVAILABILITIES, ETC.

Members of Environmental Justice Coalition for Water release “Thirsty for Justice,” a report saying people of color and low income communities in CA lack access to safe and affordable water for drinking, fishing and recreation. **9:30 a.m., North Steps.** Contact: Alisha Deen 916 743 4406.

Listed participants include: Ron Reed, Karuk Traditional Fisherman; Gary Mulcahy, Winnemem Wintu Tribe; Lynn Barris, Butte Environmental Council; Martha Guzman, CA Rural Legal Assistance Foundation.

THE LEGISLATURE

Senate – Check in

Local Government, 10 a.m., Rm. 112. Subject: Kelo & California: How The Supreme Court's Decision Affects California's Local Governments.
Revenue and Taxation, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 3191.
Rules, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 113. Governor's appointees required to appear – As Director, Dept. of Transportation, **Will Kempton**; Governor's appointees subject to confirmation but not required to appear – As Member, CA Arts Council, **Eunice David**; As Member, CA Horse Racing Board, **Richard Shapiro**; As Member, CA Medical Board, Division of Medical Quality, **Cesar Aristeiguieta, MD**.
Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee 4, Legislative, Executive, Judiciary, Transportation and General Government, 3 p.m., Rm. 2040. Subject: CA Military Department - Review of Compliance with Subpoena.

Assembly – Check in

Appropriations, 9 a.m., Rm. 4202
Governmental Organization, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 4204
POSTPONED - Joint Hearing, Assembly Elections and Redistricting; Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Labor and Employment, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 447

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California Channel Tentative Programming (Ch. 2, Sacramento Comcast Cable)

9 a.m., Assembly Appropriations Committee (Live)

1:30 p.m., Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (Live)

THE GOVERNOR

Nothing public announced.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, ETC.

Workshop, first of two days, Energy Commission hears comment on environmental and other issues related to CA imports of "clean coal" electricity from other western states. **9 a.m., 1516 Ninth St.** Contact: Claudia Chandler 916 654 4989.

AVILA BEACH (SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY) – Fish and Game Commission, first of three days, boat tour of Morro Bay. **3 p.m., Avila Beach Yacht Club.** Contact: 916 653 4899.

Business meetings in San Luis Obispo Thursday and Friday, considers prohibiting hunting and fishing by remote computer, other business.

Transportation Commission, first of two days, Commissioners' Dinner. **6 p.m., Rio City Cafe, 1110 Front St.** Contact: 916 654 4245.

Business meeting Thursday, considers approving additional \$6 million for constructing HOV lanes in each direction on Hwy. 580 between Tassajara Road/Santa Rita Road and Vasco Road in Alameda County, other business. **8:30 a.m., 1416 9th St.**

CalPERS Board of Administration, hears request for reconsideration of its opposition to AB 1643 (Jones) requiring additional long-term care coverage for disabled CalPERS members, other business. **9 a.m., 400 P St.** Contact: Dana Bromby 916 795 3829.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pro Tem Don Perata hosts reception for Capitol Press Corps, appetizers and hosted bar. **6 p.m., Capitol Garage Coffee Co., 1500 K St.** Contact: Alicia Dlugosh, adlugosh@earthlink.net

Golden 1 Credit Union and country radio station KNCI again offer free cups of Crystal Ice Cream to state employees. **Noon, Outside 1615 Capitol Ave.** Contact: John Dedo 916 338 9268.

RIO VISTA – Rep. Dan Lungren hosts town hall meeting, discusses "issues important to voters in 3rd CD." **7 p.m., City Council Chambers, One Main St.** Contact: Brian Seitchik 202 226 6879.

CA Catholic Conference hosts Catholic Prayer and Reflection, sponsored by Asms. Gene Mullin, Juan Vargas and Sen. Bob Margett. **8 a.m., Rm. 127.** Contact: Linda Wanner 916 443 4851.