

President's Message

Anita Lawrence, Finance Director, City of Camarillo

As I write this, the November election is just a week away. I know we are all hopeful that a majority vote on Proposition 1A will give us the protection we need from future state take-aways. There are 15 statewide ballot measures on the November ballot. The CSMFO Board of Directors has taken a position to support Proposition 1A, but has not taken a position on any others. The League of California Cities has taken a position on five ballot measures, as follows:

<i>Prop. 1A</i>	<i>Protect local revenues</i>	<i>Support</i>
<i>Prop. 59</i>	<i>Access to government information</i>	<i>Support</i>
<i>Prop. 65</i>	<i>Local government funds</i>	<i>Oppose</i>
<i>Prop. 68</i>	<i>Tribal gaming compact renegotiation</i>	<i>Oppose</i>
<i>Prop. 70</i>	<i>Exclusive gaming rights</i>	<i>Oppose</i>

You can obtain non-partisan information about all of the ballot measures by logging into a website sponsored by UC, Berkeley. The website address is: <http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/library/htProps1A&65LocalGovtRevenues.html> this website gives you all of the arguments in favor of or against each measure and also tells you which groups or individuals are supporting or opposing them.

Assuming Proposition 1A passes, one thing we can still count on is that there will be other challenges - legislative and regulatory - that will need our attention and expertise. I encourage you to become more familiar with federal and state legislation - and to volunteer your expertise to CSMFO. CSMFO is relatively new in its role of advocacy for local government finance issues. Mary Bradley and Gary Nordquist are heading up a project which will identify those CSMFO members who have an expertise in certain areas and who would be ideal representatives of CSMFO in Sacramento. Who better to be a spokesperson for local government finance issues than a local government finance professional? You can contact Mary Bradley at (408) 981-4021 (mbradley@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) and Gary Nordquist at (909)350-7690 (gnordquist@fontana.org) for more information and to offer your services. Some of the areas to be thinking about include the Streamlined Sales Tax Project related to internet and remote sales, Voice-over Internet Protocol and Internet Tax Freedom efforts at state and federal levels which could hurt Utility Users Tax and continuing discussions on sales tax matters at the State Board of Equalization. Finally we need to examine what the real impacts of the triple flip and VLF property tax swap on revenues and cash flow, so we can encourage whatever legislative clean up measures are necessary to make them work right.

On December 1 - 3, at the League of California Cities Financial Management Seminar (Monterey), many of these issues will be covered. There will be sessions on the Economy, State and Local Fiscal Reform, Federal and Regulatory Proposals on the Horizon, GASB, PERS, just to name a few. You can view all of the sessions being offered on the League's Website at www.cacities.org/resource_files/22809.04%20Announcement. Continuing discussion about many of these issues will occur at the CSMFO conference February 22-25 (Burlingame). These seminars are packed with valuable information. One last thought, Please don't forget to vote!

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Take advantage of our monthly publication by sharing with us your ideas. CSMFO is always seeking input from all members on topics in any department section. Don't forget to visit the website at www.csmfo.org for the latest news or call us at 916/658-8210!

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Chapter Corner: Peninsula

Thomas Fil, Chapter Chair, City of Belmont

This year, the Peninsula Chapter has tried to focus on providing our members with presentations on relevant financial topics, while keeping forums creative and fresh. Our Chapter participation has been consistent this year, with an average attendance of 25 members at each meeting.

In February, the City of Menlo Park helped host Tim Seufert of N|B|S Government Solutions, who spoke on various revenue measures. In addition, Jesus Nava of the City of Burlingame discussed the upcoming 2005 Conference, entitled "Bridging Our Financial Future", and updated the group as to the recent efforts of the Conference Host Committee in organizing and planning the Conference.

In April, the City of South San Francisco facilitated an outstanding presentation by Brad Williams, Senior Analyst with the LAO's Office who updated the members on the FY 2005 State Budget. Many questions were answered and the roundtable discussion was excellent as members shared their own personal City budget concerns related to the State's current fiscal difficulties.

Our July meeting brought the opportunity to tour the newly renovated Federal Reserve Bank in the heart of San Francisco. Members were given a special presentation on the history of the bank, its functions, and a short update on Check 21. The Fed rolled out the red carpet as we toured the bank, cash rooms, and the history museum! It was a wonderful opportunity to not only learn about the Federal Reserve Bank's governance and function, but to experience it first hand.

For our next meeting, we will be teaming up with the California Municipal Treasurer's Association on Friday, October 29th in Sunnyvale, as we welcome Paula Cone of HdL Coren & Cone to speak on ERAF III, VLF Backfill, and Triple Flip. We hope this will be a well-attended and dynamic meeting that will answer any looming questions regarding these 3 complex issues.

Future 2005 meeting dates include February 25th, April 29th, July 29th, and October 28th. Please save these dates and stay tuned for future meeting topics as they are announced!

The diverse membership is what makes the meetings interesting and fun. So please feel free to attend one of our upcoming meetings as announced in the MiniNews. Contact Thomas Fil at tfil@ci.belmont.ca.us or Nawel Voelker at nvoelker@ci.belmont.ca.us if you should have further questions or need information regarding the Peninsula Chapter

Chapter Meeting Notices



For more information about Chapter Meetings in your area contact your Chapter Chair (contact information is listed below).

Northwest Counties

Carolynn Thomas, City of Eureka

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2004

Time: 12 Noon-1:30pm

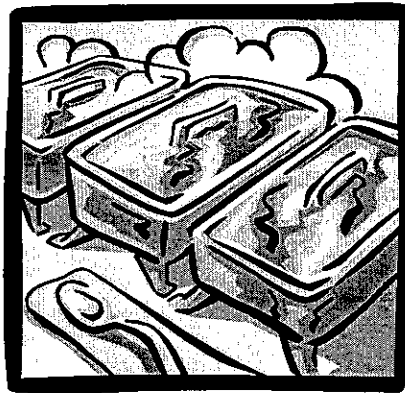
Place: Red Lion Hotel
Eureka, CA

Spkr: Kurt Gierlich, Deputy City Engineer

Topic: The Martin Slough Sewer Interceptor Project
What Does it Mean for Humboldt County

Cost: \$20 per person

RSVP: Carolynn Thomas 707/441-4114
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CSMFO Chapter Chairs

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Bridging Our Financial Future

Jesus Nava, Co Chair, 2005 CSMFO Annual Conference

The 2005 Annual Conference is in the final planning stage and is shaping up to be a major event. The conference dates are Wednesday, February 23 through Friday, February 25, 2004. This is a change from prior year conferences, which started on Sunday and ran through Tuesday.

Keynote speakers have been confirmed. On Wednesday, February 23, the featured speaker is **Claire Shipman**, Senior White House Correspondent for ABC News. She will speak on societal and economic challenges facing the nation. **The Honorable Willie Brown** will address the conference on Thursday, February 24 and **State Controller Steve Westly** will give the closing address on Friday, February 25.

The Hyatt Regency at San Francisco Airport (SFO) will serve as the official conference hotel. All business meetings, sessions and luncheons will be held there. It is located in the City of Burlingame less than 10 minutes from SFO. Complimentary airport shuttle service is provided from San Francisco International.

The conference rate is \$145 single or double occupancy. Call the hotel direct at 650/347-1234 or at 800/233-1234 to make reservations. The cut-off date for these special rates is January 22, 2005.

Three major airports serve the Bay Area. They are San Francisco International (SFO), Oakland International (OAK) and Norman Y. Mineta/San Jose International (SJC). Southwest Airlines has service only to Oakland and San Jose.

Conference registration packets are being printed and will be mailed to CSMFO members in December, these will also be posted to the website as soon as they are available. Look for them soon.

Exhibitors

Exhibitors are an important part of the annual conference. In addition to providing financial support, you help inform and educate our government members on solutions to a number of challenges. CSMFO members are always looking for potential business solutions. The State conference presents an opportunity for you to connect with new customers.

As in past years, the Exhibit Hall is a focal point of the conference giving your firm the opportunity to personally engage finance officials from throughout the state. There is no other conference in California that will give you more exposure to government finance officials than CSMFO annual conference. However, space is limited; so exhibitors will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into consideration the level of sponsorship that is provided.

Vendors that register early can save by paying the same fees as last year. Vendor registration packets have been e-mailed to all CSMFO Commercial Associate Members. If you did not receive an e-mail, please visit the website area at www.csmfo.org for the Annual Conference and download the Vendor/Exhibitor Registration Packet. If you have any further questions please contact Susan Stark at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, (408) 321-5595 or susan.stark@vta.org or Adrienne Schmeling at CSMFO (916) 658-8210 or aschmeling@cacities.org.

Financial Management Seminar

*Wednesday, December 1 -
Friday, December 3, 2004
Monterey Conference Center,
Monterey, California*

You Will Want To Attend If You Are A...

- * Finance Officer
- * City Treasurer
- * Purchasing Agent
- * Assistant to a Financial Management Officer
- * Council Member
- * City Manager
- * Assistant City Manager

You Will Benefit From This Program By...

- * Getting a forecast of the State's and Nation's Economy
- * Examining employee benefit projections for 2005
- * Learning techniques to manage personal and professional goals
- * Examine issues that can impact or enhance local revenues
- * Professional networking
- * ... and much more!

Watch the program grow at
www.cacities.org/events

You can find the registration information online at www.cacities.org/events then just fax or mail it in!

We hope to see you there!

Odell Scholarship Recipient

The following is a letter that was written to CSMFO from our most recent Odell Scholarship recipient, Thomas Wei. Congratulations Thomas!

Dear California Society of Municipal Finance Officers:



I would like to sincerely thank you for selecting me as the 2004-05 Robert M. Odell Scholarship in Public Administration recipient. This past semester has been particularly trying. Even though I constantly remind myself of my long-term goals, there are times when the impetus for educational pursuits falter. During these times, it is extremely gratifying to receive recognition for my efforts, such as this scholarship.

The financial aspect of this award is obvious, but what is not so apparent is the validation such a prestigious award bestows upon the recipient. A new public administration student may view this award as an extra "perk" of the program, but to a student who is embarking on his last year of the program, such as myself, this award provides a glimpse of the public administration family he will soon join, and more importantly, validates his decision to pursue this career.

I plan on using the award money for books and tuition as I finish my degree. I also look forward to attending the conference next February and the valuable networking opportunity the conference presents. It is refreshing to see an organization that fosters their future workforce both financially and professionally. My hope is that one day, I, too, can be part of an organization such as CSMFO and inspire the next generation of public administrators in the same manner that his reward has done for me.

Sincerely,
Thomas Wei

Welcome New Members

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ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR – City of Folsom, CA. Salary: \$6147-7846/mo excellent benefits; City paid PERS 2.7@55. Assist in directing, managing, and supervising the activities/operations of the finance functions of the City, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Folsom and the Folsom Public Financing Authority. Direct staff/functions of assigned divisions (payroll, accounts payable, specialty audits, etc. Receives general direction from Finance Director. Direct supervision over professional, technical and clerical staff. 5 years of increasingly responsible experience in four of the following areas: municipal finance management, investments, debt management, accounting, budgeting, disbursements, and revenue management including 2 years of increasing management responsibility. Bachelor's in accounting, finance or related field. Master's in Public or Business Administration preferred. Application and Supplemental Application mandatory. Final Filing Date: Open Until Filled. Next Screening: December 3, 2004. Contact Personnel, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630. EOE. www.folsom.ca.us <<http://www.folsom.ca.us/>> (916: 355-7202)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR – City of Santa Rosa, CA. The premier City of Santa Rosa (pop. 154,000) is searching for an Administrative Services Director. The Director has responsibility for the financial management of all City funds and oversight of the following divisions: General Administration, General Services, Revenues, Accounting Services and Information Services. There are 95 FTEs in the department committed to a customer service orientation. This full service City has 1200 FTEs and an O&M budget of \$206.4 M. Candidates are encouraged to apply who have a strong background in successfully managing a municipal finance operation including budgeting, financial planning and reporting, technology services, purchasing, facility management and revenue management. Salary Range up to \$133,740 DOQ. Please submit a resume, current salary and five professional references to Kimberly Warner at Avery Associates, N. Santa Cruz

Ave., Suite A, Los Gatos, CA 95030. 408-399-4424. A brochure is available for download on our website at www.averyassoc.net. Final filing date: November 30, 2004

FINANCE DIRECTOR – City of Auburn, CA. Up to \$82,668 Annually DOQ. 2%@55 PERS retirement benefit; PERS health insurance; deferred compensation; generous benefit plans and personal leave policies. Visit www.auburn.ca.gov for job announcement and application or contact City Manager's Office at City of Auburn, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603; ph: 530/823-4211, ext. 191; fax 530/823-4216. Apply immediately – open until filled.

PRINCIPAL/SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST – City of Sacramento CA. Salary: \$53,814 - \$90,408. California's capital city of Sacramento (pop. 437,000) is seeking motivated and financially astute professionals to fill three positions at the level of Principal Management Analyst or Senior Management Analyst in the Finance Department. Two vacancies exist in the Budget Division; one in the Revenue Division. Management Analysts perform highly responsible analytical, budgetary, and fiscal administration duties and complete special projects on a city-wide basis. All positions perform complex studies in support of the Mayor and City Council, City Manager's Office, and/or the Budget and Policy unit, while providing liaison with the Mayor and City Council, department heads, community organizations, and other public and private sector entities. The Principal Management Analyst(s) will have supervisory responsibility in either the Budget Division or Revenue Division. Ideal candidates will be hands-on and astute professionals with at least a bachelor's degree in public or business administration, accounting or a closely related field and with progressively responsible professional experience. Candidates should also have superior analytical skills and the ability to successfully absorb and add value to the city's budgeting and financial planning systems, as well as the city's values relating to customer service, diversity, ethics, teamwork and

accountability. Successful candidates may be hired at either the Principal Management Analyst or Senior Management Analyst level depending on experience/qualifications. The city offers an attractive benefits package including PERS retirement (2% @ 55). A recruitment brochure is available. Contact Stuart Satow or David Harris for further information. These positions are open until filled. Apply immediately. To be considered for these exceptional career opportunities, submit resume (reflecting months and years of positions held), cover letter with current salary, and three work-related references to: Stuart Satow, CPS Executive Search, 241 Lathrop Way, Sacramento, CA 95815, 916 263-1401, Fax 916 561-7205, Email: resumes@cps.ca.gov, Website: www.cps.ca.gov/search City website: www.cityofsacramento.org

FINANCE DIRECTOR – City of Coalinga, CA (Pop. 16,680) (Salary: negotiable DOQ.) The City of Coalinga seeks a qualified hands on professional for the position of Finance Director to oversee the accounting, financial reporting, auditing, and budgeting functions of the city, including the Redevelopment Agency and Public Finance Authority. Experience in governmental accounting practices, payroll administration, utility financial operations including billing and meter reading, purchasing, debt management, cash management and investments required. The candidate should have strong technical, analytical, statistical, interpersonal, administrative, supervisory and management skills. He or she should work well with people, have high ethical and professional values and have a strong commitment to customer service. Requires Bachelor's Degree in accounting, finance, business administration, public administration or closely related field from an accredited college or university and five years of progressively responsible relevant experience. Coalinga is an attractive family-friendly, low crime community that offers a wide range of business and educational opportunities to residents that are not normally found in a community of its size. With affordable housing available, Coalinga offers a quality living environment with a

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strong sense of community. Located in Southwest Fresno County, Coalinga is within a comfortable drive to the cities of Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles and the central California coast, National Parks, and scenic areas of the Sierra Nevada. For an application, or questions regarding this position, please contact Sharon M. Pace, Human Resources Manager, or Richard N. Warne, City Manager, (559) 935-1533, or e-mail space@coalinga.com. Please send a cover letter and resume with your City application to City of Coalinga, 155 W. Durian Ave., Coalinga, CA. 93210. OPEN UNTIL FILLED, EOE.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT - City of Simi Valley, CA. Salary: \$5,106 - \$6,638 monthly (effective January 2005), plus an excellent benefit package, including generous medical, dental, and vision coverage, City contribution to a 401(k), and an additional \$296/mo "Simiflex Dollars" towards benefits or taken as cash. Performs advanced level professional accounting, including preparing and maintaining complex fiscal records; preparing compliance reports and financial statements; interpreting and implementing GASB pronouncements; and managing the finances of the City's grants. Three years of increasingly responsible accounting experience and a Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting or related field required. CPA preferred. Apply by: November 19, 2004, by 5:30 p.m. Download app/flyer/supp @www.simivalley.org or call (805) 583-6743. EOE

VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES - Cerritos Community College District, Los Angeles County, Norwalk, CA. Salary is negotiable with a minimum of \$128,000. The District offers an auto allowance and an excellent management benefit package. The Vice President of Business Services reports directly to the President/Superintendent, serves as a member of the President's Executive Council and is the college's Chief Business Officer (CBO). Cerritos College has more than 1,000 employees, 22,000 students, and

a budget which exceeds \$85 million dollars. The District is also implementing a \$210 million dollar general obligation construction bond. Required: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or a related field from an accredited college or university. A minimum of five years of increasingly responsible management experience in a complex organization, preferably in higher education. Sensitivity to, and understanding of, the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, disabled, and ethnic backgrounds of community college students and employees. Preferred: A Master's Degree in Business Administration or a related field. Experience working in an educational institution, preferably a community college. Demonstrated knowledge of community college funding and finance in California. Contact: Cerritos College, Human Resources, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650, (562) 860-2451, extension 2284 www.cerritos.edu Filing Date: Committee Review begins November 12, 2004 and continues until position is filled

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE - City of Palmdale, CA. One FT position. Responsible for coordinating & preparing City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; financial reports for redevelopment agency, housing authority, civic authority, and assessment districts; city treasurer's report & other special projects. Assess, develop & implement financial policies, controls & systems. Provides analysis for cash/investment portfolio, debt issuance/related continuing disclosures, developer contractual agreements, & redevelopment agency tax increment. Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting or related field required, CPA desirable. The Finance Department consists of 17 full-time staff. 5 years exp. preferred in a supervisory capacity, performing complex research, and/or municipal budget & financial statement preparation. Salary: \$7,095 - \$9,063 monthly. Deadline: November 5, 2004. Application required. See job flyer for details. Apply To: City of Palmdale, Personnel Dept. 38300 Sierra Hwy. Suite A, Palmdale, CA 93550 (661)267-5400 TDD (661) 267-

5167 EOE/Drug Free Workplace/ADA Compliant Workplace. Application & job flyer at www.cityofpalmdale.org

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE - City of Azusa, CA. Gifted with a spectacular natural setting at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, Azusa is a city of nearly 50,000 residents with a strong sense of community and family. The City has 250 full-time staff and an annual budget of over \$90 million, including a very successful electric and water utility. The Director of Finance oversees a staff of 15 in the areas of payroll, accounts payable, purchasing, cash management, internal reporting and cost analysis. Proven leadership skills as well as long-term financing, cash management, and technology experience desired. Bachelor's degree in accounting or finance is required; Master's preferred. Salary range is \$85,140 to \$103,836 DOQ. Please send your resume and cover letter (electronically preferred) to: **Peckham & McKenney**, apply@peckhamandmckenney.com, 6700 Freeport Boulevard, Suite 203A, Sacramento, CA 95822, Call Bobbi Peckham toll-free at (866) 912-1919 to request a detailed brochure or if you have questions regarding the position or recruitment process. Filing Deadline: November 24, 2004.

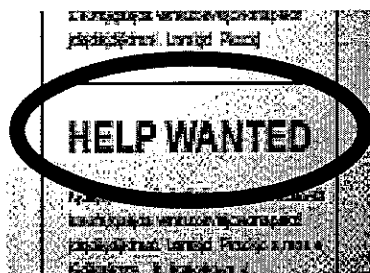
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE - City of Arvada, Colorado. Nestled among the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to the west and metropolitan Denver to the southeast, Arvada is a thriving suburb of 103,125 citizens who enjoy a safe, beautiful, dynamic and culturally-rich environment. The City of Arvada operates within a Council-Manager form of government with 645 regular employees and another 300 temporary and seasonal employees. A home rule, charter city, Arvada provides full services to its residents, including parks, golf & hospitality services, public safety, and utilities. With a skilled staff of 46, the Finance Department manages a diverse set of financial operations for the City, including financial reporting, fiscal analysis, budgeting, payroll, compliance, debt management, cash and investment management, grant writing and administration, purchasing, tax and audit programs, utility billing and

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accounting, meter reading, risk management, and financial software maintenance and support. The 2004 total budget is \$104 million. A Bachelor's degree in accounting or finance is required. A Master's degree and/or CPA is preferred. Salary range is \$99,738 to \$121,011. To apply for this outstanding opportunity, you may send your resume electronically (preferred) to **Peckham & McKenney** at apply@peckhamandmckenney.com. The filing deadline is November 17, 2004. Please call Phil McKenney toll-free at (866) 628-3697 to discuss this opportunity and request a detailed brochure.



Email your classified job ad to Tawni Escudero at tescudero@cacities.org (rich text or plain text format only). The charge to advertise is \$8.00 per 40-character line, this price also includes a listing on our website at www.csmfo.org in the Job Listings section. Please also include billing information, or indicate if you wish to pay via credit card. Ads must be received by the 25th of each month for the next month's insertion.

The Wit and Witless from the 2004 Campaign

Thomas Fil, Finance Director, City of Belmont

Sometimes what we mean isn't what we say, as evidenced in the recent election campaign.

"You bet we might have." —Kerry, asked if he would have gone to war against Saddam Hussein if he refused to disarm

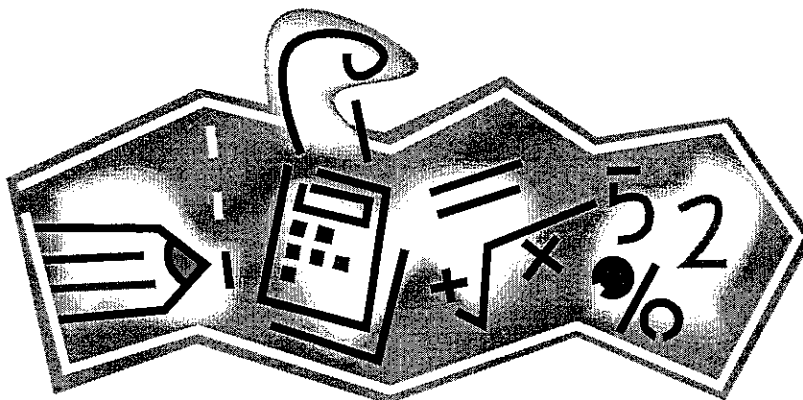
"You may have noticed I have a few flaws, too. People sometimes have to correct my English. I knew I had a problem when Arnold Schwarzenegger started doing it." —Bush during his Republican Convention speech

"I actually did vote for the \$87 billion, before I voted against it." —Kerry, on voting against a military funding bill for U.S. troops in Iraq

"Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we." —Bush

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UC Riverside Extension Winter Classes



For information contact University of California, Riverside Extension at (951) 827-4111 or check out our web site: www.UCREExtension.net

January 11-March 15, 2005

Accounting for Governmental and Nonprofit Organizations II, Riverside, California, Tuesdays, 6-9:45 pm, Fee: \$475.

January 13-March 17, 2005

The Budgetary Process in Governmental and Nonprofit Organizations, Riverside, California, Thursdays, 6-9:30 pm, Fee: \$475.

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Thomas Fil, Finance Director, City of Belmont

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"People tell me that Senator Edwards got picked for his good looks, his sex appeal, and his great hair. I say to them, 'How do you think I got the job?'" —Cheney

"If I could only go through the ducts and leap out onstage in a cape — that's my dream."

Nader, on crashing the presidential debates

"I spent several years in a North Vietnamese prison camp, in the dark, fed with scraps. Do you think I want to do that all over again as vice president of the United States?" —McCain, on rumors that he might be Kerry's running mate

"Here I am in the state of New Mexico. George Bush is still in the state of denial. New Mexico has five electoral votes. The state of denial has none. I like my chances." —Kerry on Bush

"I own a timber company? That's news to me. Need some wood?" —Bush during the second presidential debate, failing to realize that he qualified as a small business owner on his 2001 federal tax return because of his part ownership of a timber company

"Being lectured by the president on fiscal responsibility is a little bit like Tony Soprano talking to me about law and order in this country." —Kerry on Bush

"Too many good docs are getting out of the business. Too many OB-GYNs aren't able to practice their love with women all across this country." —Bush

"In the event of emergency, my hair can be used as a flotation device," —Kerry on board the inaugural flight of his refurbished Boeing 757

"My opponent clearly has strong beliefs — they just don't last very long." —Bush on Kerry

"I've been having problems with the right wing lately." —Kerry after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder

"Maybe (Kerry) was hoping Saddam Hussein would lose the next Iraqi election." —Bush on Kerry's opposition to Bush's invasion plan to topple Saddam, even though Kerry admitted he was a threat

"My friends, that's trickle-down economics, and I believe every worker in America is tired of being trickled on by George W. Bush" —Kerry on Bush

"He spent two decades in Congress; he's built up quite a record. In fact, Senator Kerry has been in Washington long enough to take both sides on just about every issue." —Bush on Kerry

"To those critics who are so pessimistic about our economy, I say, Don't be economic girlie men!" —Schwarzenegger, at the Republican convention

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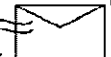
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