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State of the City Address Hosted by the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Vice President Michelle Alonzo welcomes everyone to the Annual State of the City Address

More than 175 people attended the Annual State of the City Address last month at the Red Hill Country Club. The mayor opened by referring to last year's speech.

"My fellow citizens, two years ago I stood before you and delivered my first state of the city speech. In that speech I highlighted the many accomplishments we were making as a city and our vision for the years to come.



Haig Jamgotchian , Chairman of the Board introducing Mayor Don Kurth to give Annual State of the City Address

And while we have diligently followed our vision, things are much different today than we — or anybody for that matter — could have imagined. Our national and state economy is in turmoil, and the American economy is threatened. Today, more Americans are out of work or are facing downsizing and cuts in their respective industries. Some families have lost their homes, and even more are seeing their home values plummet. These realities are hitting every city in



Mayor Don Kurth takes timet to smilebefore delivering the Annual State of the City Address

America and Rancho Cucamonga is no exception.

This past June we passed a relatively flat budget, but not before having to dip into our City's reserves to weather this economic downturn. We have always been fiscally conservative, recognizing that the economy runs in cycles. As such, we exercise fiscal disciple in tough times.

Now, I don't want to belabor

this issue, but the collapse of the housing market, the state's budget shortfall and a decline in overall spending are all contributing factors to the current economic condition of many cities in California. Unfortunately, we are all stuck with these economic challenges. Needless to say, Rancho Cucamonga has faced these fiscal

Cucamonga has faced these fiscal challenges in the past, and although this one is much more severe, we are doing all the things necessary to help address these challenges.

The City has already begun taking some cost saving measures. Like any prudent business we must adjust to the realities of a lower revenue stream. So, we have tightened our spending belts this past year. We have also reduced our workforce by 5% through attrition management as opposed to layoffs. And, we will phase in projects with operational costs that impact the city's general budget. These steps are necessary, and will allow us to adjust basic levels of service for the community within the context of declining revenues.

But let's not have all this talk about our current economic situation divert us from the positive gains that our community has made in the past year. What I really want to focus on today is the significant strides that we have made and the positive direction in which our city is heading.

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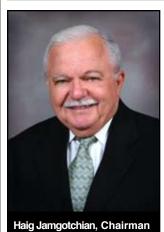
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Ranch o Chamber is alive and well. Already this year we have added 17 new members.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Rancho Cucamonga Police and Fire Luncheon where we honor them for protecting our community. Keep

the date of April 8th open and look for more information to follow. Also our Annual Golf Tournament will be at Sierra Lakes on May 12th.

Please check our website www.ranchochamber. org for our Grand Openings, Monthly Mixers, Legislative Meetings, Business Connection Network, Chamber Ambassadors, and Work Force Development Education Meetings. Also the chamber office is always ready to give you more details about what we are involved in. We are here to serve you and to help your business grow.

The State of the City Luncheon was a sell out at Redhill County Club. They put on a first class lunch and our Mayor Don Kurth gave an excellent report on the City. He thanked all the departments for doing an outstanding job. We all should be proud to live in the City with Great Leadership, City Council, Fire and Police Departments and all the other departments that keep the City moving forward.

Our Reading Buddies program is doing well. Twice a month they go to the Elementary Schools and read to the students.

Thanks so much to our Board of Directors and Ambassador Group who help keep the Chamber growing. I would also like to mention our Chamber Staff. They are a team that is working together and giving excellent Customer Service and providing the "Competitive Edge" to our Chamber Members. Stop by and visit the Chamber Office and say hello or get information that may be helpful to you.

Have a successful 2009.

Chairman Haig Jamgotchian

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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Left to right (standing): Erin Kitchen, Four Points by Sheraton; Scott Gladney, Four Points by Sheraton; Adam Raymond, Farmers Insurance District 46; Joe Cisneros, Over the Top Entertainment; Dennis Jones, AXAAdvisors, LLC; Sergeant Justin Mosley, US Army Recruiter; Gabriel Gomez, VM Tech Computer Services; Dr. Bob Rothbard, RC Optometric; Mike Bailey, Ameriprise Financial.

Left to right (sitting down): Deborah Service, Matrix Institute; Jenny Cisneros, Over the Top Entertainment; Evie Salazar, DSS Appraisal; Julie Robertson, Jewel Auto Sales & Jewel Promo Group; Nancy Turnage, ENAE Custom Sewing; Chairman Haig Jamgotchain, Burrtec Waste Industries.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Fast Wrap USA Perfect Fit For Southern California



Successful National Shrink Wrap Franchise comes to Rancho Cucamonga

A national mobile shrink wrap franchise, that is beating the economic odds is launching in the Southern California market with an innovative answer to a longstanding asset protection need.

With over inventory of manufactured products, equipment, automobiles, boats and recreational vehicles, shrink wrap protection can preserve these assets from UV ray, cold climate, dirt and environmental damage, extending the life by two or three times. Construction sites that have ceased construction can be encapsulated to protect them from a liability standpoint as well as protecting the exposed materials, to save owners future replacement/repair expenses.

Buildings under construction can be completely wrapped for

fall/safety protection, weather and dirt/dust prevention, saving contractors down time and liability. Size is not a challenge for Fast Wrap, properties of the grandest scale can be sealed off.

With California's proximity to the ocean, they can safeguard all types of valuable assets from the salt water and weather. For the abundance of freight shipped overseas in and out of Southern California, the company offers an anti-corrosive shrink wrap for salt water protection. They also have an anti-microbial product, for mold, mildew and allergen relief.

Even in catastrophic times, this company can accommodate disaster relief sites, encapsulating damaged structures. Another component to the company, "Same Day Shade", provides a reasonably priced and fresh alternative to renting canopies and tents for special events, fundraisers or parties. In these environmentally conscious times, Fast Wrap film is recyclable and pre-paid shipping bags are an option offered to customers.

New Fast Wrap business owners, Serge Bonaldo and Fran Natale, are counting on Southern California's local industries and recreational interests to triumph over an economy that is seeing a slowdown of new business growth. Following their evaluation of the need in our area for a business that can travel and provide affordable asset protection, their excitement grew and they decided to launch a Southern California Fast Wrap franchise.

Fast Wrap USA location will serve the greater Los Angeles and Inland Empire areas. Located at 10241-B Trademark Street.

Please visit www.fastwrapusa. com or call 909-466-WRAP (9727) for more information or to schedule services.

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Last year in partnership with Senator Dutton and Assembly Member Emmerson, the City hosted a Foreclosure Prevention and Assistance Workshop to provide resources for local homeowners in financial distress. Over 174 homeowners received assistance to help keep them in their homes. Approximately 34 counselors representing various lending institutions and several HUD approved non-profit housing agencies provided services during this event.

The event was such a success that we've had a number of phone calls from homeowners asking when the next workshop will be scheduled. Well, I'm happy to say that we are planning a second workshop in March. Helping families keep their homes is very important as there are many homeowners with adjustable rate mortgages nearing the end of their initial period and facing a reset of their interest rates.

Not only has the current housing market caused problems for homeowners, but it has also created public nuisance issues in our neighborhoods. We have responded to these issues by shifting resources within our Building and Safety Department to deal with code violations caused by foreclosed homes. We have also targeted Neighborhood Clean-ups in areas affected by these public nuisance issues. A total of 250 homeowners have benefited from the two events held this past year.

Another proactive approach is now being developed with the help of City Council and staff to provide for an early notification system that allows us to identify properties that fall into disrepair and allow us to act accordingly.

We have also requested funding from the federal government to deal with abandoned and foreclosed homes in the City. Under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, Rancho Cucamonga will receive approximately \$2.1 million.

HEALTHY NEWS CORNER



The Budget Diet

ust in case you feel your wallet has a little bit less to spend at the grocery store these days, you might be surprised at how much you can actually buy with a little pre-planning and creativity. Eating clean and living a healthy lifestyle can get expensive from filling our freezers with bundles of lean protein, stocking up the cupboards with healthy organic snack products to selecting a variety of fruits and vegetables and, not to mention, all the vitamins and supplements. All these items we tend to buy can cost us a fortune.

I hear time and time again, "It's expensive to have a healthy lifestyle." My response is always, "It's more expensive to have an unhealthy lifestyle."

The key to start saving cash in the wallet and slimming down in the waist is pre-planning. By planning all your meals for the week verses waiting till the last minute to decide what your going to eat has been proven for years to be good for your wallet and your health.

Make the time to sit down one day a week to plan out

all your meals for seven days. Every day you wake you want to know that all your meals for the day are only steps away. Keep it simple by going back to basics and following the Food Pyramid Guide. Buy two to three kinds of your favorite fruits in large quantity, two to three vegetables in large quantity and one protein choice for the week such as chicken, fish or turkey.

Sure it would be nice to have a different meat served every night for dinner, but if money is tight, selecting one protein choice and preparing it in different ways can be a for sure pocket saver. Be sure to also purchase the good, slow digesting carbohydrates like oatmeal and whole grain choices, as well as your dairy products low in fat. With these items you can create healthy choices for all your meals, everyday!

Not only do you want your healthy choices pre-planned, they should be prepared. This next step of preparing your meals for the entire week is crucial in helping you succeed with the plan. Make it easy and convenient by placing a handful of fruit into 5 to 6 individual zip lock bags or refrigerator

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As a reminder to maintain a healthy body weight, and in order to keep the metabolism going all day long, it is recommended by the American Heart Association to eat 5 to 6 small meals a day. So, if you're already incorporating a proper portion of breakfast, lunch and dinner, all you need to do is add two small snacks in between. Yes, this takes time out of your schedule one day a week; however, it takes more time when you add up all the minutes we wait in line for fast food or for the waitress to bring out our order.

Start today with pre-planning all of your meals, watch the cash in your wallet stay, and see the excess inches off your waist fade away. Dietary needs may vary for each individual. Be sure to consult your Doctor before beginning any diet or exercise program.

Article courtesy of: Melissa Mata, ACE-Certified Personal Trainer www.PerfectionfitnessRC.com



How Much Sleep for Teens?

Until recently, teens were often given a bad rap for staying up late, oversleeping for school, and falling asleep in class. But recent studies show that adolescent sleep patterns actually differ from those of adults or kids.

These studies show that during the teen years, the body's circadian rhythm (sort of like an internal biological clock) is temporarily reset, telling a person to fall asleep later and wake up later. This change in the circadian rhythm seems to be due to the fact that the brain hormone melatonin is produced later at night for teens than it is for kids and adults. This can make it harder for teens to fall asleep early.

These changes in the body's circadian rhythm coincide with a time when we're busier than ever. For most teens, the pressure to do well in school is more intense than when they were kids, and it's harder to get by without studying hard. And teens also have other time demands — everything from sports and other extracurricular activities to fitting in a part-time job to save money for college.

Early start times in some schools may also play a role in this sleep deficit. Teens who fall asleep after midnight may still have to get up early for school, meaning that they may only squeeze in 6 or 7 hours of sleep a night.

Article contributed by http://kidshealth.org/

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

*Note: Calendar Subject to Change - Please visit our website for any Updates, www.ranchochamber.org

February 04 - Ambassador's Meeting, At the Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m., 7945 Vineyard Ave., Ste. D-5 February 04 - City Council Meeting, at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., 10500 Civic Center Drive. February 05 - BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person) February 05 – SBDC Seminar – Business 101, 9-11am, 7945 Vineyard Ave. Ste. D-5 February 09 – Evening BCN/Business Expo at Joseph Filippi Winery, 5:30 p.m., 12467 Baseline Road February 11 – Grand Opening – Grins 2 Go, 5:30p.m., Location: Hoppers Furniture, 8827 Rochester Avenue February 12 - BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person) February 13 - "Reading Buddies" 9:00 a.m., @ Grapeland Elementary, 7171 Etiwanda Ave, Etiwanda February 17 – Grand Opening – Candy Bouquet, 5:30p.m., 12730 Foothill Blvd. Ste. 101, R.C February 18 - Legislative Committee Meeting, at the Chamber Office, 8:00 a.m., 7945 Vineyard Ave., Ste. D-5 February 18 - Diamonds on Ice, 7:00p.m., 4000 E. Ontario Center Parkway, Ontario February 18 - City Council Meeting, at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., 10500 Civic Center Drive February 19 - BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person) February 19 – SBDC Seminar – Marketing Your Small Business, 9-12pm, 7945 Vineyard Ave. Ste. D-5 February 23 - New Member Reception, at the Sycamore Inn, 5:30 p.m., 8318 Foothill Blvd. February 24 – Board Meeting, at the Chamber Offices, 7:30a.m., 7945 Vineyard Ave. Ste D-5 February 26 - BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person) February 26 – Grand Opening – Foundation Family Chiropractic, 5:30p.m., 8225 White Oak Ave, R.C

MARCH

- March 04 Ambassador's Meeting, At the Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m., 7945 Vineyard Ave., Ste. D-5
- March 04 City Council Meeting, at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., 10500 Civic Center Drive.
- March 05 BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person)
- March 05 SBDC Seminar Business 101, 9-11am, 7945 Vineyard Ave. Ste. D-5
- March 06 Monthly Mixer from Ontario Reign, 5:30p.m. 4000 E. Ontario Center Parkway
- March 10 Workforce Development Education Committee Meeting, at the Chamber Office, 3:00 p.m.
- March 12 BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person)
- March 13 "Reading Buddies" 9:00 a.m., @ Grapeland Elementary, 7171 Etiwanda Ave, Etiwanda
- March 16 Evening BCN at Joseph Filippi Winery, 5:30 p.m., 12467 Baseline Road
- March 18 Legislative Committee Meeting, at the Chamber Office, 8:00 a.m., 7945 Vineyard Ave., Ste. D-5
- March 18 City Council Meeting, at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., 10500 Civic Center Drive.
- March 19 BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person)
- March 19 SBDC Seminar Understanding your Financials 9-11am, 7945 Vineyard Ave. Ste. D-5
- March 19 "Reading Buddies" Finale, 1:00p.m., 10333 Palo Alto St.
- March 24 Board Meeting, at the Chamber Offices, 7:30a.m., 7945 Vineyard Ave. Ste D-5
- March 24 Monthly Mixer, Gameworks, 5:30p.m. 4541 Mills Circle, Ontario
- March 26 BCN at Central Park, 7:00 a.m., 11200 Baseline Road (\$6.00 per person)
- March 30 New Member Reception, at the Sycamore Inn, 5:30 p.m., 8318 Foothill Blvd.

LEGISLATIVE **Dutton Report Special: 'Blood Monday' Reminds**

Us That Tax Increases Aren't The Answer



storm drain tax, trash tax and state excise tax - the list qoes on.

I want to share with you the fol-lowing video sent to me by Senator Runner. It is a soreminder bering Californians that are taxed from sunup to sun-down.

http://www. voutube.com/ watch?v=8btltth-9fM

esterday will go down in history as "Bloody Monday," the day when the nation's economy lost nearly 75,000 jobs in just one day. Since the start of the year, companies have announced job losses in excess of 200.000 and some economists are predicting that two million jobs will be lost before the year is over. That's on top of the 2.6 million jobs lost in 2008.

While all these jobs are being lost and hard working taxpayers are wondering if they will still have a job when they come to work on any given day, Democrat leaders in the Legislature, along with the Governor, continue to advocate the idea of raising taxes in California to solve our budget problem.

In times like this. I believe it's important to remember just how many taxes we pay on a daily basis.

Income tax, property tax, sales tax and gasoline tax are the obvious ones. But don't forget the sewer tax,

More Opportunities for Small Businesses

By Senator Bob Dutton

As the backbone of the California economy, small businesses comprise more than 99 percent of all businesses in the state.

In these tough economic times when it seems thousands of jobs are being lost on a daily basis, it is important that these small businesses are given broader opportunities to successfully compete.

I've found there are ways for small businesses to become more competitive, especially when vying for state contracts. One way, for example, is for a small business to obtain certification from the state's Department of General Services Office of Small Business and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Services (OSDC).

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County's Transportation System Needs Stimulus

The Federal government is looking to jumpstart the nation's economy by investing heavily in infrastructure projects, and I can think of no place better to start than San Bernardino County.

San Bernardino County has been hit particularly hard by home foreclosures, and the County's unemployment rate hit 9 percent in October. While the Countv has taken decisive steps to address foreclosure issues, more can be done to create jobs and bolster our economy.

Over the past several weeks, we have been engaging our Congressional leaders to ensure they are fully aware of our needs and of the projects San Bernardino County has ready to go when any stimulus funds are released.

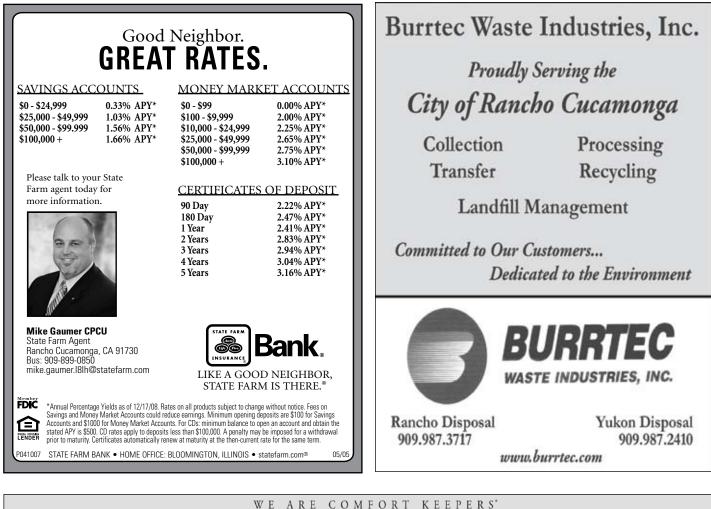
For example, we have a slate of interchange projects on Interstate 10 that are nearly ready to go but lack one key thing - full funding. New interchanges at Cherry, Citrus, Pepper, Riverside avenues and are long overdue and are necessary to ensuring the long-term viability of this nationally significant goods movement corridor.

Overhauling the I-15 and I-215 junction in Devore is also at the top of the County's list. This freeway chokepoint clogs traffic for miles almost daily, robbing thousands of commuters of precious time they should be spending with their families.

As with just about any transportation project, two things stand in the way of completing these and other potential stimulus projects expeditiously: right of way acquisition and environmental clearances. These two factors - together or separately - can put the

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- Many Others

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brakes on just about any transportation project, and this must be addressed by Federal lawmakers as they fashion the stimulus plan. We certainly must consider our environment when we move forward with any project that could have a negative impact on it. However, the multiple layers of environmental study required for some transportation projects can have a significant and often unnecessary impact on how quickly the projects are completed.

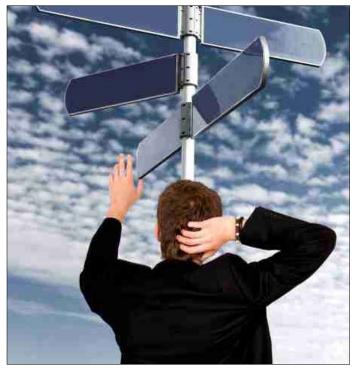
In addition, we have Congressional engaged leaders about the County's response to the foreclosure crisis, including the creation the Inland of Empire Recovery Economic Corporation. We have invited all of County's incorporated cities as well as the County of Riverside

and its incorporated cities to participate in the Corporation, which will also work with private investors.

The Corporation can leverage public and private dollars to make the most impact. Combining public funds and working with private investors through a regional public-private partnership gives us the power to buy, rehab, and sell more foreclosed homes than any single city or county could. The Inland Empire Economic Recovery

Corporation will also focus helping struggling on homeowners save their homes by educating them the foreclosure about process and by connecting them with lenders and nonprofit groups that can help them find real solutions to their mortgage troubles. The economic challenges our region faces are region daunting, but I am confident our local governments can address our challenges and find new opportunities by working together.

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his certification will improve the likelihood of small businesses getting some state contracts by:

Offering a 5% bidding preference on applicable state solicitations;

Requiring the state must pay a certified small business higher interest penalties for late payment;

Allowing the state to streamline the selection process by contracting directly with a certified small business for goods, services, and information technology valued between \$5,001 and \$99,999 after obtaining

price quotes from at least two certified small businesses:

Giving the state the authorization to waive the administrative fee if the California Multiple Award Schedules vendor is a certified small business.

Certified small businesses are eligible for the state's Small Business Participation Program, which has a goal of using small businesses in at least 25% of all annual contract dollars.

Certified small businesses also increase their visibility and expand their business networking opportunities by being automatically listed in the online Certified Firm and Application Status Search.

A small business is defined as a business with 100 or fewer employees and annual gross receipts of \$12 million or less over the three previous years, or a manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees. The certification benefits also apply to sole proprietorships or microbusinesses (a business with average annual gross receipts of \$2.75 million or less or a manufacturer with 25 or fewer employees).OSDC also works to build partnerships with cities, counties and special districts to accept the state's certification instead of a business having to obtain multiple certifications.

A business can submit the no fee certification online, which will also require some back up documentation of employee staffing and gross receipts. The Department of General Services is working on implementing a self certification program. For more details you can go to www.dgs.ca.gov and click on the "become certified" quick link.

While I continue to work to reduce state regulation on all businesses in California, I would urge all small businesses to do their part in expanding their business opportunities.



BREAKDOWN OF GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S LATEST BUDGET PROPOSAL

For your review: Breakdown of Governor Schwarzenegger's latest budget proposal Published by the Sacramento Bee, Thursday, January 1, 2009/ Page 10A

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plan to close a roughly \$40 billion budget deficit over the next 18 months and provide a \$2 billion reserve relies on tax increases, spending cuts and borrowing. Here are the major components.

Revenue: \$14.8 billion

• \$9.5 billion by raising the sales tax by 1.5 cents on the dollar for three years.

 \$1.4 billion by imposing sales taxes on some services and activities that currently aren't taxed, such as golf fees, amusement parks, sporting events, veterinary treatment and vehicle repair.

• \$1.4 billion by reducing the income tax credit for dependents to the level of personal credits in 2009 tax year – from \$309 per dependent to \$99.

• \$1.2 billion by imposing a 9.9 percent per barrel tax on oil extracted from California.

• \$829 million by raising the excise tax on alcohol by 5 cents a drink.

• \$451 million by raising annual vehicle registration fees by \$12 per vehicle.

• \$38.5 million by eliminating property tax deferral for eligible elderly, blind or disabled homeowners.

Borrowing: \$10.3 billion

• \$4.7 billion from selling revenue anticipation warrants in July 2009. They would not have to be repaid in the 2009-10 budget year.

• \$5 billion from investors against future lottery earnings. Lottery changes must be approved by voters. • \$594.2 million, mostly by borrowing from special funds and shifting tribal gambling revenues to general purposes contingent on receiving federal funds for transportation and safety programs.

Spending cuts: \$16.5 billion

• \$5.2 billion cut to K-12 education and community colleges by reducing base funding under Proposition 98 to the minimum and giving school districts the ability to reduce the 2009-10 school year by five days. Becutting benefits at 60 months for some recipients, requiring reviews every six months and eliminating a cost of living adjustment due in June 2010.

• \$788 million to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by eliminating parole supervision for all but those who have committed serious, violent or sexual crimes and reducing the medical budget by 10 percent.

• \$744.2 million to Medi-Cal by eliminating some treatment options such as optometry, dental



cause schools' funding formula is based in part on state revenue, the reduction could be far deeper if the new revenues in the governor's plan are not approved.

• \$1.7 billion by furloughing state employees by two days a month until June 30, 2010, permanently eliminating Columbus Day and Lincoln's Birthday as paid state holidays and eliminating overtime pay for holidays. About \$282 million of the savings comes from layoffs and shifting state employee health care from CalPERS to managed care.

• \$1.4 billion by reducing monthly grants to the federal minimum for low-income aged, blind and disabled on Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplemental Program and eliminating payments to recent immigrants.

• \$1.1 billion from CalWORKS welfare programs by reducing welfare grants by 10 percent,

and psychological, limiting benefits for some legal immigrants, raising the income eligibility requirements to pre-2000 levels, cutting hospital reimbursement rates by 10 percent and eliminating cost of living for countybased administration.

• \$692 million by cutting the University of California and California State University budgets by 10 percent and eliminating the planned 7.5 percent budget increase in 2009-10.

• \$459 million by eliminating general purpose grants to local transit agencies.

 \$473 million by reducing state payments for In-Home Supportive Services health workers to the minimum wage, restricting services to the neediest recipients, increasing fees for some recipients and eliminating cost-of-living adjustment due in June 2010. • \$422.8 million to the Department of Developmental Services, about one fifth of which is a 3 percent cut to regional center providers. The remaining savings will be negotiated with the Legislature.

• \$275 million by eliminating the state First Five Commission and shifting money – and half of the money from 58 county commissions – to children's health programs. Voters would have to approve changes to Proposition 10.

• \$226 million by diverting money set aside in Proposition 63 for mental health services to fund mental health managed care. Voters need to approve the change.

• \$163.4 million by continuing through June 2010 "one-time" cuts made in the current budget for state courts and eliminating the cost-of-living adjustment.

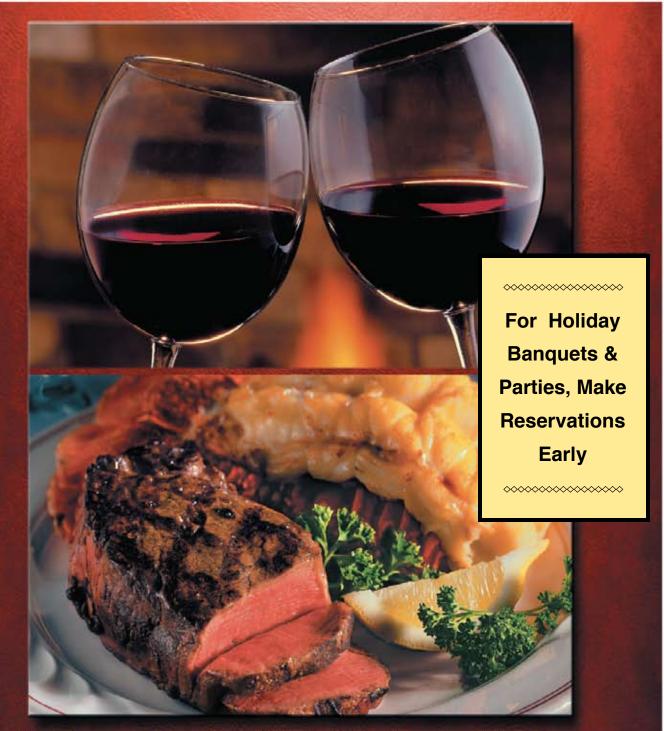
• \$150 million by eliminating or consolidating a variety of state entities, including the elimination of the Integrated Waste Management Board and the California Conservation Corps. The savings estimate is soft, officials said, because it's unclear how the consolidations will take place.

• \$87 million by making various changes to the Cal Grant program, including the elimination of new grants awarded on the basis of competition. Existing competitive grants would be maintained.

• \$43.2 million by cutting the Legislature's budget 10 percent and eliminating a cost-of-living increase.

• \$37.8 million by eliminating food stamps for legal immigrants not eligible for federal assistance.

Source: California Department of Finance

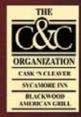


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The funds will be used to assist qualified families acquire foreclosed homes throughout the City.

We hope that this and the previous services mentioned will help stabilize those pockets of neighborhoods hit hard by foreclosures in our community. During economic downturns like these public safety becomes even more critical As

homeowners and business leaders in the community know, our number one priority is your safety and the protection of your property.

Rancho Cucamonga continues to be one of the safest communities in

the Inland Empire for cities with a population over 100,000. In fact, crime has decreased nearly 10% over the past year. And since 1993 the crime rate has fallen 48.3% in spite of an increase in population of nearly 61,000. Our success in battling crime is a result of successful partnerships within the community. For example, our retail theft task force has been successful in curtailing crime in our commercial retail areas, such as Victoria Gardens and along Foothill

Boulevard. During the

last fiscal year, the team began a Merchant Exchange Project which involved reaching out to retailers and educating them on loss prevention, retail theft trends, credit fraud and counterfeit money detection. We have armed our retailers with the skills and knowledge to help us battle crime and it has worked!

We have also had great success in our residential areas with the Crime-Free Housing Program, which has helped reduce crime in many neighborhoods. Due to this proactive approach we have seen a 40% drop in calls for service to the 54 neighborhoods enrolled in this program. The program has also assisted housing managers in removing problem tenants who violate health and safety codes.

Our Fire District has also worked tirelessly this past year to protect our property and the lives of our residents. Having a well trained and equipped fire department has been critical for our community. Today, wild land fires are as much part of the California landscape

as earthquakes. Only four months ago our City was threatened by two brush fires, the Foxborough Fire and the San Antonio Heights Fire. The Foxborough fire burned 250acres above the Hunter's Ridge Area. A guick response by our Fire District and surrounding agencies had the fire 80% contained by that evening. Luckily, no structures were damaged, and no injuries occurred

The following day our fire crews responded to the San Antonio Heights Fire along with the U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire. By late that evening, the fire was 30% contained and on its way to being

And lastly, we continue to create a business-friendly environment for the companies that currently call Rancho Cucamonga home, as well as for those considering a prestigious corporate address. Our professional staff continually works with the business community to provide guidance, resources, and assistance whenever possible to ensure companies have every advantage in the highly competitive global marketplace.

Now we can't dismiss the fact that several retailers and restaurants have closed as a result of the economy. However, this economy has also created opportunities one million items in the past year. This past year marked another year in which we have completed construction on another phase of the Pacific Electric Trail. Today we have completed 5-miles of the total 7-mile stretch citvwide. Currently we are in design for the stretch between Grove to Amethyst and we began construction earlier this fall on the stretch between Etiwanda Avenue to the I-15 Freeway and hope to be completed by the end of this month.

The Senior Center also provided a wide selection of activities, and classes offering something for everyone. The most utilized

program offered at the Senior Center this year was the Wellness Pass Exercise Room that provides state-of-the-art exercise equipment for free use by the seniors 7-days a week. development, continued the Legacy Tree fundraising and the operations of the Senior Center Gift Shop. sponsoring an outreach event at their business should contact our Animal Center.

In closing, let me just say that in the coming year we will be faced with many

challenges. Our creativity and resilience will be tested, but we also know that these tough economic times will not last forever.

And regardless of what is occurring at a national and state level, we have built a vibrant community with great schools, an excellent infrastructure and quality projects such as Victoria Gardens that will endure this economic downturn. We truly believe that we will be a better and stronger community for weathering this storm.

Therefore, we will continue working toward our goals and accomplish as many as we can with the resources that we have. My friends, the road ahead looks tough, but we are all confident that at the end of the road there is a bright future for the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce

fully extinguished. Approximately 200 acres were burned during this brush fire

In the coming year we will be building a new fire station in the North West part of our City. We are starting the design of this fire station now. This station will provide a valuable service that has been anticipated for many years in this area.

Over the next year we will be sharpening our competitive edge to break out of this economic slump. We will do that by investing in our community through public infrastructure projects. We believe these projects are necessary to facilitate future business growth, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for our residents. To the extent that capital funds remain available, we fully expect that these public works projects will continue. We will also aggressively target both Federal and State funding that is being considered as part of the stimulus package to further this goal.

that did not exist just 24-months ago. For example, our housing market had priced out many young professionals and our own children completely. But, today these same people can buy homes in Rancho Cucamonga.

And even though property owners have had to reduce rents to be more competitive, the positive is that it has kept many existing businesses from moving out of the state.

So, my friends there is hope and the future seems bright for our community

Now, let me switch gears and speak about what truly makes this community so special to the over 50,000 households that call Rancho Cucamonga home. Our educational and recreational programs set us apart from many other communities in the Inland Empire and this is why.

This past year was another record-breaking year for our Library Services Department. For the first time, we checked out over



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Republicans Propose \$22 Billion in Solutions to Narrow California's Historic Budget Gap

omprehensive Plan Includes Cut to Legislature, Economic Stimulus, Budget Reform Senate Republican Leader Dave Cogdill and Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines today proposed a comprehensive package to save the state \$22 billion, help reverse California's record-high jobless rate and enact meaningful reforms to prevent future budget shortfalls.

"This spending plan provides the short-term solutions needed to ease California's cash crunch, while tackling the longterm structural deficit through budget reforms," said Cogdill. "Ensuring the state spends no more than it takes is the most responsible way to climb out of this massive shortfall. State revenues flourish when we have a robust economy – that's precisely why we must focus on job creation instead of further burdening taxpayers who are concerned about losing their jobs and homes."

"Our plan is a realistic and responsible way to solve California's growing budget challenges, protecting the budget priorities of working families and rejecting costly tax increases, while taking steps to cut wasteful spending and prevent future deficits from hurting Californians. It is the only budget plan on the table that looks at the whole picture, including reforms to demand more efficient state spending and promote more investment and job creation in our state. The problems facing our state require immediate action by the Legislature, and we call upon our colleagues to set aside partisan differences and work with us to pass the honest budget solutions Californians deserve," said Villines.

The Republican Special Session Budget Plan contains

\$22 billion in solutions - both revenue measures and spending reductions - a greater amount than any other proposal on the table to date. The majority of the solutions within the Republican plan were first proposed by the Governor, Democrats or the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst (LAO). In addition to spending savings and added revenues, the proposal includes economic stimulus, provides flexibility and fairness in education spending and ensures California never again faces a deficit.



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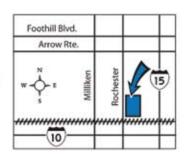


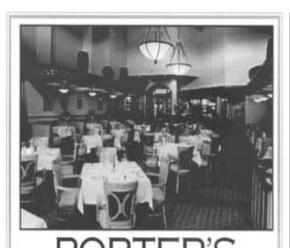
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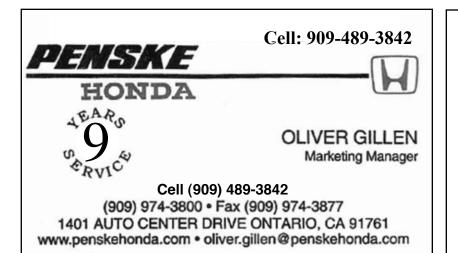
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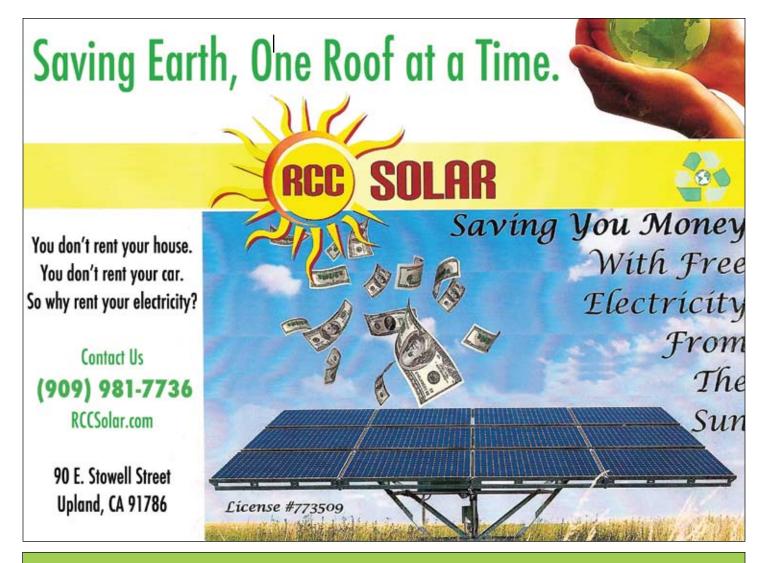
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