



# THE CAPITOL MORNING REPORT

## Tuesday, March 12, 2002

### NEWS CONFERENCES, BRIEFINGS, AVAILABILITIES, ETC.

Chief Justice Ronald M. George available for questions following his State of the Judiciary address. (See Legislature). **Approximately 5:30 p.m., Rm. 211.**  
Contact: Lynn Holton 415 865 7740.

Health and Human Services Secty. Grantland Johnson and Director E. Richard Brown, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, discuss "new survey showing significant achievements in the area of health insurance coverage for Californians." **10 a.m., Rm. 1190.** Contact: Steve Maviglio 445 4571. (Also listen only: 612 332 1020.)  
Event includes Maviglio's regular media briefing on Governor's activities.

Candidate Bill Simon and Republican legislators available for questions following Simon's attendance at lunch meeting (closed) of Senate and Assembly Republican Caucuses. **1 p.m., Hyatt Hotel.** Contact: James Fisfis 441 3734.  
(Five minute photo op for still cameras follows Simon's 12:20 p.m. arrival for lunch.)

Jamie Court, Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, Deborah Burger, CA Nurses Assn., and others support SB 458 (Escutia), ends mandatory arbitration in HMO disputes. Also "tell horror stories... hidden from the public in secret mandatory HMO arbitration proceedings." American Arbitration Assn. announces it will no longer arbitrate cases "where arbitration is mandatory for the patient." **8:45 a.m., Rm. 4202.** Contact: Emmy Rhine 310 392 0522.

Bill up at 9 a.m. Joint Hearing of Assembly Health and Judiciary

### THE LEGISLATURE

Chief Justice Ronald M. George delivers State of the Judiciary Address. **5 p.m., Assembly Chambers.** Contact: Lynn Holton 415 865 7740.

#### Senate – Check-in

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 3191.

HEARING CANCELED JUDICIARY, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 4203.

VETERANS AFFAIRS, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 2040. Subject: Condition of Veterans Cemeteries.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES, 2:30 p.m., Rm. 2040. Subject: Code Enforcement Problems in Mobilehome Parks.

Joint hearing JOINT COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR EDUCATION K-U, 1 p.m., Rm. 3191. Subject: Presentation of the Final Report of the Citizens Advisory Working Group on Finance and Facilities.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 844, AB 12, 14, 16, 1072, 1430 AND 1580, Upon call of the chairs.

#### Assembly – Floor Session 4:30 p.m.

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2 ON EDUCATION FINANCE, 10 a.m., Rm. 444. Subject: Overview of the Governor's Budget Revenue Limits – equalization, PERS buy-back.

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 4 ON STATE ADMINISTRATION, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 447. Subject: Informational Report on Restructuring of State General Obligation Bond. Debt update on Financing Energy Bonds.

HEARING CANCELED ELECTIONS, REAPPORTIONMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 444.

JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ECONOMY, 9 a.m., Rm. 447.

PUBLIC SAFETY, 9 a.m., Rm. 126.

RULES, Upon call of the chair, Rm. 3162.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 844, AB 12, 14, 16, 1072, 1430 AND 1580, Upon call of the chairs.

Joint hearing HEALTH AND JUDICIARY, 9 a.m., Rm. 4202. Subject: Arbitration in Health Care. 1:30 p.m., Rm. 4202. Subject: Implementation of Independent Medical Review.

### THE GOVERNOR

Contact: Steve Maviglio 445 4571.

LOS ANGELES – First Lady Sharon Davis addresses National Workforce Inclusion Conference, discusses the Governor's legislative accomplishments and administration efforts to move Californians with disabilities into the workforce, introduces Assemblymember Dion Aroner, also a speaker. **10:30 a.m. Wilshire Grand Hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd.**

HIGHLAND – First Lady Sharon Davis addresses Highland Chamber of Commerce Roundtable, discusses Governor's accomplishments in the areas of economic development and business. **2:35 p.m., City Hall, 27215 Baseline St.**

RIVERSIDE – First Lady Sharon Davis addresses Riverside Central Labor Council reception, discusses Governor's accomplishments. **5 p.m., Central Labor Council Meeting Hall, 1074 East La Cadena.**

### THE DAILY BREAD

**March 13**, Jerome E. Horton for Assembly or Horton 2002 (51<sup>st</sup> AD), Las Vegas Style Reception (three black jack tables, one roulette and one crap table, each guest receives a package of chips and a good luck charm) High Roller \$5000 (payable to Horton for Assembly), Re-election \$3000 (payable to Horton 2002), 5:30 p.m., Vizcaya Hotel, 2019 21<sup>st</sup> St. Contact: 441 4664.

**March 13**, Jack Scott for Senate (21<sup>st</sup> SD), Reception, \$1000, 5:30 p.m., Sheraton Grand Hotel. Contact: 492 2426.

**March 13**, The Governor Gray Davis Committee, Hors d'oeuvres Reception, Platinum Sponsor \$25,000 (10 tickets for photo line & four for a pre-cocktail reception), Silver Sponsor \$5000 (5 tickets for photo line & seven for cocktail reception) Friends \$500 (ticket to cocktail reception), 6:30 p.m., Sutter Club. Contact: 444 3057, ext.18.

**March 13**, Breakfast, Friends of Bill Campbell (71st AD), \$1000, 7:30 a.m., Café Dolce. Contact: 209 847 6200.

### INITIATIVES

Cleared for circulation by Secty. of State. Contact: Shad Balch 653 6575.

#### Local Funds and Revenues for Local Government Services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Specifies funds and revenues available to cities, counties and special districts for health, safety and other services. Excludes redevelopment agencies, school or community college districts. Establishes base amount; provides annual adjustments based on cost of living and population. Prohibits Legislature and state agencies from reducing base amount of specified local governments and special districts funds and revenues available for appropriation for public health, safety or other services. Requires local governments to establish and implement financial accountability. Proponents Christopher K. McKenzie, Catherine A. Smith and Steven C. Szalay need 670,816 valid signatures by August 8, 2002. Contact: Their attorney 446 6752.

#### Local Public Health and Safety Financing. Local Funds and Revenues. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Provides for determination of base amount of funds and revenues available to cities, counties and special districts for appropriation for public health and safety services. Excludes redevelopment agencies, school or community college districts. Provides annual adjustment to base amount based on cost of living and population. Requires each local government to file annual report of base amount with State Controller. Prohibits Legislature and state agencies from reducing base amount of local funds and revenues available for public health and safety services. Requires public financial accountability processes. Proponents Catherine A. Smith and Steven C. Szalay need 670,816 valid signatures by August 8 2002. Contact: Their attorney 446 6752.

### CAMPAIGN NOTES

Excerpts from the faxes, e-mails and press releases sent by candidates and campaigns to political reporters.

**Harvey Rosenfield's** Whistleblower says: "Last summer, California headlines screamed with stories of a conflict-ridden bureaucracy created by Governor **Davis** to address the energy crisis. Some energy buyers for the state failed to disclose that they held stock in the companies from whom they purchased power (at historically high prices), while other state consultants had prior business deals with the profiteering power companies; both are prohibited by state ethics laws. After reviewing these public employees and the Dep't of Water Resources (DWR) managers who hired them, the state's conflict-of-interest police, the FPPC, handed down an absurd penalty last week. The DWR admitted that it failed to follow the state's conflict of interest law, so, as punishment, the agency was fined \$69,500. The fine, however, will not be paid by those responsible for this ethical lapse (Governor **Davis** or his executive appointees at the DWR), but by the public agency itself. That is, every last penny of the fine will be paid for by taxpayers. It's like having your car stolen, then getting a speeding ticket in the mail. Contact: 310 392 0522 X309.

Democratic Campaign Advisor **Bob Mulholland** writes to **Bill Simon**: "I understand you're having lunch with a bunch of turncoats – I mean Republican legislators who supported **Riordan** – on Tuesday. All of them were talking behind your back for months saying you were too extreme for California and a political playboy who inherited millions and never voted, etc. You may want to review the list of **Riordan** endorsers before you enter the Capitol." Contact Mulholland 442 5707.

## KEEPING UP

**Ruth Pritchard**, publisher of the little red pocket directory to the Legislature, is being remembered as a journalistic pioneer. **Pritchard**, 77, died Friday of lung cancer and emphysema. Among her friends and admirers is **Sigrid Bathen**, a former journalist who did her master's thesis on women political reporters. **Bathen**, now media director for the FPPC, notes that there were few women in the journalism business when **Pritchard** started during WW II and that most were assigned to cover social activities and other such "women's news." But **Pritchard** persisted and over the years established herself in print and TV as a top level reporter and editor in Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Chicago. She came to Sacramento in 1970 and worked initially as a writer/editor for then Gov. **Ronald Reagan**. In 1973, she founded Capitol Enquiry, the firm that publishes what has become one of the best known and most useful publications about state government; that is, the pocket sized, red covered "Pocket Directory of the California Legislature." She was married to **Alan Pritchard**, a former reporter and editor for The Sacramento Bee who died in 1996. The family has scheduled a 1 p.m. memorial on Saturday at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St. A reception in the Church's social hall will follow. Contact: Pritchard's daughter, Kathleen Campbell 428 4716.

Secty. of State **Bill Jones** reports that a website he launched last month was named "cool site of the day" by a national web site review service, [www.coolsiteoftheday.com](http://www.coolsiteoftheday.com). **Jones** says his site, [www.shakethestate.com](http://www.shakethestate.com), is "part of his effort to help excite and educate young people about California's history and government." Contact: Shad Balch 653 6575.

Assemblymember **John Dutra** has announced that IMPACT, a statewide organization serving deaf and hard of hearing students, has named him its "Legislator of the Year." **Dutra** cited his AB 855 that would "ensure that teachers at state special schools such as the CA School for the Deaf in Fremont receive pay that is equal to that of teachers in neighboring school districts." **Dutra** says the bill "received overwhelming support as it passed through the Legislature, but was vetoed by Governor **Gray Davis** last fall." Contact: Lisa Gardiner 319 2020.

Speaker **Herb J. Wesson** has named new committee chairs and announced that three of the four members he named on Feb. 6 as "chair designees" have assumed their responsibilities. **Wesson** also named new "chair designees" who will assume their responsibilities "in the future." Contact: Patricia Soto 319 2408.

### New Committee Chairs

**Ed Chavez**, Revenue and Taxation

**Joe Canciamilla**, Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Dean Florez**, Joint Legislative Audit Committee

**Lynn Daucher**, Aging and Long-Term Care

**Richard Dickerson**, Veterans Affairs

### Previously named chair designees now active

**Darrell Steinberg**, Appropriations

**Rebecca Cohn**, Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media

**Ellen Corbett**, Judiciary

### New chair designees

**Joe Nation**, Rules (also announced Feb. 6)

**Patricia Wiggins**, Banking and Finance

**Jackie Goldberg**, Education

**Fran Pavley**, Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

**Dario Frommer**, Health

**Carol Liu**, Higher Education

**Juan Vargas**, Insurance

**Simón Salinas**, Local Government

**Hannah-Beth Jackson**, Natural Resources

**Gloria Negrete McLeod**, Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

**Sarah Reyes**, Utilities and Commerce

Assemblyman **Joe Simitian** has announced that the Alumni Assn. of the University of CA has named him its "Legislator of the Year." **Simitian**, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee on Education Finance, quotes UC Regent and AAUC President **Jeffrey Seymour** saying that **Simitian** was selected "for his exceptional leadership in supporting the University of California and furthering the University's research and education missions."

**Simitian**, a UC Berkeley grad, says he is grateful that he received the recognition in spite of his graduate degree from Cal's arch rival, Stanford. Contact: Kristina Loquist 319 2021.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Sen. Tom Torlakson leads walk around the Capitol to kick-off California Fitness Month (March), designated by his SCR 51. Walkers receive free T-shirts, tote bags, key rings and pencils from the Dept. of Health Services.  
**Noon, Fish pond near East Steps.** Contact: Robert Oakes 445 6083.

Also participating, Monarchs player Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, a member of the US gold medal basketball team in the 1996 Olympics.

American Institute of Architects hosts Luncheon for Legislators. **11:30 a.m., West Steps.**

AG Bill Lockyer delivers opening remarks at "Safe From the Start" seminar, which he sponsored to provide "hands-on-tools and strategies" to reduce children's exposure to violence. **9 a.m., Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way.** Contact: Hallye Jordan 324 5500.

Also: Secty. of Health and Human Services Grantland Johnson and Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin.

The Public Policy Institute of CA releases report, "**How Living Wage Laws Affect Low-Wage Workers and Low-Income Families.**" Contact: 415 291 4400.

### MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, ETC.

CALFED Bay Delta Advisory Committee discusses priorities, other business. **9 a.m., Convention Center Rm. 306.** Contact: 657 2666.

CULVER CITY – Board of Equalization, first of three days, hears business tax appeals, other business. **9 a.m., 5901 Green Valley Circle.** Contact: 445 6479.

SAN FRANCISCO – UC Regents, first of three days, hears public comment on topics being discussed by its committees including a proposal for admissions testing, other business. **1 p.m., UCSF, 3333 California St.** Contact: 510 987 9220.

CSU Board of Trustees, first of two days, considers adding 23 new bachelor's and master's programs at 10 campuses, **8 a.m., CSU Sacramento, 6000 J St.** Contact: 562 951 4800.

Board of Prison Terms hears report on backlog of lifer hearings, other business. **1:30 p.m., 1515 K St.** Contact: Ann Sheehan 445 1539.

EL CENTRO – Integrated Waste Management Board, first of two days, discusses recently introduced legislation on waste electronic products, other business. **9:30 a.m., 1275 Main St.** Contact: Chris Peck 341-6298.

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## PREVIEW – Wednesday, March 13, 2002

### NEWS CONFERENCES, BRIEFINGS, AVAILABILITIES, ETC.

Lance Izumi, Pacific Research Institute, and others release study "Contract for Failure: The Impact of Teacher Union Contracts on the Quality of California Schools," finds "teacher union contracts control classrooms, harm student achievement," and AB 2160 would "expand union influence." **10 a.m., Rm. 112.** Contact: Dawn Collier 415 989 0833 ext. 136.

Also: Pamela Riley, Pacific Research Institute; David Girard, attorney; and Michael Spence, member, West Covina USD, Board of Education.

### THE LEGISLATURE

#### Senate – Check-in

EDUCATION, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 4203.

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 2040.

BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 4, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 113.

Joint hearing JOINT COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE, 10 a.m., Rm. 126. Subject: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fisheries Forum.

REVENUE AND TAXATION, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 3191.

BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1, 1:30 p.m. or upon adjournment of Rules Committee, Rm. 113.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 844, AB 12, 14, 16, 1072, 1430 AND 1580, Upon call of the chairs.

#### Assembly – Check-in

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 1:30 p.m., Rm. 444. Subject: Health and Human Services Agency Data Center Dept. of Social Services (Automation).

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2 ON EDUCATION FINANCE, 4 p.m., Rm. 126.

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 3 ON RESOURCES, 8 a.m., Rm. 127.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 844, AB 12, 14, 16, 1072, 1430 AND 1580, Upon call of the chairs.

### THE GOVERNOR

First Lady Sharon Davis introduces photo exhibit "The Heroes of Social Work: Making a Difference for Children and Families," photos and text give "a hopeful and uplifting message addressing both the trials and the rewards of being a social worker," display in East Annex, event marks March as National Social Workers Month. **11 a.m., Rm. 1190.** Contact: Roberta McClellan 338 1597.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Grocers Day at the Capitol, members of CA Grocers' Assn. discuss issues facing retail food industry. **8:30 a.m., Sheraton Grand.** Contact: Jennifer Tointon 448 3545.

Also meet legislators and host ice cream social, **1 p.m., Basement Cafeteria.**

Sen. Maurice Johannessen meets with Board of Directors of Regional Council of Rural Counties to discuss "a strategy focused on addressing California's water security and water supply dilemmas." **10:30 a.m., RCRC office, 801 12<sup>th</sup> St.** Contact: T. Maria Caudill 447 4806.

Press availability follows.

Sen. Tom Torlakson hosts "Team in Training Seminar," running coach Rich Hanna tells how to put marathon teams together and raise money to prevent leukemia, also gives training tips. **Noon, Capitol Park, near fish pond.** Contact: 445 6083.