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WHAT IS THIS NEW BUILDING BY THE LAKE?



This small structure being built at Bass lake has aroused the curiosity of passers-by

EID WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS GOING IN AT BASS LAKE

Those of you driving by Bass Lake lately have probably noticed that the water level in the lake has gotten pretty high. Since Bass Lake is part of the El Dorado Irrigation District's water system, the Bulletin asked the district what was going on. We also asked what the little building that was being built by the side of the lake was slated to be.

According to the folks at EID, during the summer months EID supplements their recycled water supply, which is used to irrigate landscapes in the western end of their service area, with water from Bass Lake. About this time of the year EID adds more water to the lake so they can be sure that they will be able to meet their recycled water commitment. So EID is raising the lake to get ready for the summer irrigation season. According to an EID spokesman, the additional water comes down from Pollock Pines.

The little structure that is being built next to the lake is related to improvements EID is making to the system that dechlorinates the water before it is added to Bass Lake. EID will use the small structure to house the equipment and supplies that are used to operate the dechlorination station.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the beginning of July. ~

Election Day

On June 3, 2008, we will have the opportunity to help choose the party nominees for many congressional and state legislative offices, as well as decide on measures placed on the ballot by members of the public. Many local public offices are also on the ballot.

Voting is easy, and any registered voter can vote by mail or at a polling place. The

last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is May 27.

There are more ways to participate in the electoral process. You can be a poll worker on Election Day, helping to make voting easier for all eligible voters and protecting ballots until they are counted by elections officials; spread the word about voter registration deadlines and voting rights through emails, phone calls, brochures, and posters; and help educate other voters about the candidates and issues by organizing discussion groups or participating in debates with friends, family, and community leaders.

For more information about how and where to vote, as well as other ways you can participate in the electoral process, call 1-800-345-VOTE or visit the California Secretary of State website www.sos.ca.gov. ~



JUNE BLAC MEETING AND WINE TASTING

All Bass Lake Action Committee members are cordially invited to the June General Meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee, which will be held on June 2nd from 7:00 to 7:30 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court, in El Dorado Hills.

After the meeting there will be a tour of the Thomson's vineyard and home winery, followed by a wine and cheese party at the winery. Soft drinks will also be available.

Come and join your fellow BLAC members in a celebration of Summer in El Dorado Hills. Please R.S.V.P. to John and Fran at 530-677-3039 so that adequate seating may be arranged. ~

COUNTY CANDIDATES BAILEY, FRENTZEN AND TERESI ADDRESS BLAC

Bass Lake Action Committee was pleased to host three candidates for county offices at the BLAC Board Meeting held on May 5th. County-wide candidate for Superior Court Judge Steve Bailey, candidate for Board of Supervisors District One Shiva Frentzen, and candidate for Board of Supervisors District Two Sam Teresi all presented their campaign platforms and answered questions from the attendees. The following is a summary of their remarks.



Steve Bailey, Candidate for Judge of the Superior Court

Steve Bailey earned his Bachelor of Arts in Government at California State University, Sacramento, and his Juris Doctorate at Lincoln Law School in Sacramento. He also attended the State and Local Executive Institute at the University of California, Berkeley.

He and his family have lived in El Dorado County since 1981. Steve and his wife Kathleen have been married for 30 years, and have three children: John, Kate, and Kristine.

Steve has been practicing law for over 16 years in El Dorado County and has been involved in more than 40 civil and criminal jury trials. Before that he was Deputy Director for the Department of Social Services of the State of California, Legislation, during the Deukmejian Administration (1983-1991).

In the community, Steve is Director of the El Dorado County Law Library, a former Commissioner, Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District, a former President of Golden West Community Services District, and a former Member of the Redistricting Advisory Committee of EID. He is a Past President and the current Treasurer of the El Dorado County

Bar Association as well as a member of the American Bar Association and California Public Defenders Association.

Steve's positions include the belief that a strong death penalty is a deterrent to crime, and that the three strikes law protects our communities. He also of the opinion that upholding the second amendment of the constitution is necessary for the benefit of the people, the right to a fair and speedy trial given to us in the 6th amendment of the constitution and is paramount to our justice system, and that Proposition 36 drug rehabilitation programs are effective treatment options for non-violent drug offenders.

Among his many campaign endorsements is that of Judge Jerald Lasarow, who is retiring from the South Lake Tahoe judicial seat for which the election is being held.

"If I am elected," Steve said, "I promise to be fair to all the people who appear before me, to consider all of the evidence carefully, and apply the law as prescribed by the policymakers, our state legislators. I do not intend to legislate from the bench."



Shiva Frentzen, District One Supervisor Candidate

Shiva Frentzen holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Computer Science, as well as a Masters in Computer Science from California State University, Sacramento. She has been in the technology field for over 20 years. She lives with her husband and teen-age daughter in Cameron Park, and her son attends the University of Maryland.

Shiva has been a business leader in El Dorado County for more than a decade. She is President of CAL Internet Services, Inc., a web design and hosting company, and Eldoradobusiness.com, an online business directory. As Past President of the Shingle Springs-Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce, she has made a significant contribution to the growth and success of the Chamber, while working tirelessly to promote a business friendly environment in this area. Shiva serves on the El Dorado County Eco-

nomic Development Advisory Commission, El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce (Board Member), and Shingle Springs-Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce (Past President and Board Member).

Shiva was the recipient of the 2006 Larry Cameron Award for being instrumental in getting a \$25,000 grant from El Dorado County to promote events in the Shingle Springs-Cameron Park community, and she received the 2007 Community Service award from El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce for demonstrating a strong and ongoing commitment to supporting our community.

Shiva feels that the stronger our county is economically, the more we can do to improve the quality of life and offer more opportunities for all El Dorado County residents. She believes that public safety, youth programs, senior citizens activities, park and recreations, and fire safety will all be possible when we make a sound fiscal foundation in our county.

Some of her major goals as supervisor would be to create more jobs in the county by recruiting larger companies to locate in El Dorado County, thereby creating more high-paying jobs in the county; increasing local tax dollars by encouraging "shop locally" campaigns; and to put in place preventive measures to deal with the increase in public safety demands.

Shiva said, "My strong technological background gives me the insight to look for innovative ways to move the county forward. I also feel that owning my own business for ten years has given me the leadership and management skills needed to apply my experience in business and personal life to serve as a supervisor in District 1."



Sam Teresi, District Two Supervisor Candidate

Sam Teresi has more than 27 years of business experience, and his career includes past employment with such Fortune 500 com-

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello Everyone,

Election fever is in the air. As I drive down the road, campaign signs seem to shout out their candidate's name, with assurances that their candidate is the best one for the job. This one will fix the roads, that one will preserve the environment, another one will generate jobs, and yet another will slow the growth.

Is all this discouraging? Not at all. What you see is healthy competition for your votes. There will be many names on the ballot, as many of our neighbors feel that they can do a good job of serving in the office for which they are running.

Who would want to vote in an election that had but one name on the ballot? Not me! Give me an old-fashioned knock-down, drag out contest anytime. Let's see some fur fly. Let's ask some hard questions of the candidates. That's politics.

Yes, it takes a lot of money to run. Yes, it seems like moneyed special interests have their favored candidates. But anyone that looks close can probably figure out who might be trying to buy an election.

Bass Lake Action Committee was able to meet with seven local candidates over the last few months. We would have liked to have met them all, but there just wasn't enough time. I was impressed by the sincerity of the candidates, as they all are working for a better county for everyone.

What's important to remember is that while money can buy flyers and signs and newspaper advertisements, money can't buy your vote. Your vote is not for sale. You can vote any way you want once you are in the voting booth.

So be sure to exercise your right to vote for anyone you want on Election Day. Whether you vote absentee, or go down to the polling place, use your right to choose who you would like to run things.

Remember, if you don't vote, you can't complain!

John E. Thomson
President

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panies as The Stanley Works and Deere & Company. His practical knowledge includes budgeting, management and marketing. Sam recently retired from the business world to focus on his campaign for Supervisor.

Sam was born in Placerville to a working class family and is a life-long resident of El Dorado County. His father worked as a highway maintenance worker, and his mother for Diamond International. Sam and his wife Kathy make their home in Shingle Springs and proudly raised two boys, Ed and Shane

Sam and Kathy have been active in the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Cameron Park- Shingle Springs Chamber of Commerce for over 12 years as Members, Directors, or Ambassadors. Sam served two terms as President of Cold Springs Golf and Country Club, and served on the Budget and Finance Committee.

Sam is concerned that El Dorado County's budget is projected to have a \$15.6 million shortfall in the coming fiscal year. He believes that smart planning and long term renovation need to be put in place to address not just the budget issues of today, but to deal with shortcomings that will affect the future. Currently the Supervisors have addressed almost half the budget shortfall with the delay of projects, cancellation or delay of purchases and job cuts, but the remainder is still in need of addressing.

Sam feels that hopefully the economy will begin to turn around and the traffic will again increase. He believes that we need to seize this opportunity to play "catch-up" on those areas of greatest need. Those that live down the hill from the new Red Hawk Casino are also about to get an extra dose of traffic after the casino opens. Sam has been working with numerous key participants to address these issues, but these problems will not be solved overnight, and will need strong leadership working with good people with good plans to address this.

In the area of agriculture, Sam said that El Dorado County has some areas of unique agricultural benefit that should be protected. He pointed out that the areas of Somerset and Fair Play have developed into agriculture and agri-tourism areas that continue to grow. He believes that these areas deserve protection.

Regarding economic development, Sam opined that the county has a limited amount of land that can accept business opportunity, and that areas such as the El Dorado Hills

Business Park need the county's support so that existing businesses can maximize revenue and expand without undue burden.

In conclusion, Sam said, "If elected as District Two Supervisor, I will eliminate wasteful spending and balance the budget while preserving essential services. I will work to find innovative ways to improve water supplies, increase public safety, reduce traffic congestion and reduce gridlock. I will listen to your concerns, help find solutions for your problems and treat them as if they were my own. I'm not a professional politician but have extensive experience at finding solutions to problems and maintaining a budget in different businesses. I want the opportunity to help make a positive difference in District Two and I am asking for your vote on election day."

After the presentations, President John Thomson thanked the candidates for sharing their thoughts with the group, after which the candidates were given a warm round of applause. ~

SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY

You're not famous until my mother has heard of you. -- Jay Leno

When I was a child, my mother said to me, "If you become a soldier, you'll be a general. If you become a monk you'll end up as the pope." Instead I became a painter and wound up as Picasso. -- Pablo Picasso

The only time a woman wishes she were a year older is when she is expecting a baby. -- Mary Marsh

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her. -- George Washington

If evolution really works, how come mothers have only two hands? -- Milton Berle



GUEST EDITORIAL

The following editorial appeared in the *Orange County Register* on May 2, 2008.

PROP. 98 PROTECTS PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

The June election is coming: Vote yes on Prop. 98, for real eminent-domain reform, and no on Prop. 99, which is designed to stop such reform.

The campaigns for Propositions 98 and 99 on the June 3 ballot are getting heated, and it would be no surprise if most California voters are confused by the two eminent domain-related measures.

As often occurs in political campaigns, one side or the other misrepresents the purpose of its initiative. For instance, Prop. 99's supporters claim that the measure will stop eminent domain abuses that have become well known following the U.S. Supreme Court's 2005 Kelo decision allowing cities to take property from individual owners and hand it over to developers who promise to enhance a city's tax base. Prop. 99 is backed by government groups who want to continue to abuse eminent domain, including taxpayer-backed organizations such as the League of California Cities and the California Redevelopment Association.

How can they claim to be protecting property rights when their initiative—Prop. 99—is designed to protect a status quo that is against property rights?

These groups know voters are angry that cities can take their property—not only for public uses such as highways, but to enrich developers who want the land for cheap. Local residents have seen entire neighborhoods, churches and small businesses targeted by this practice. The supporters of eminent domain abuse don't dare put a pro-eminent domain measure on the ballot. They instead offer a measure that pretends to reform eminent domain laws but is filled with loopholes. Some homeowners would be protected, but churches, farms, apartment owners and business owners would still be subject to these unfair takings.

The Prop. 99 crowd hopes this phony initiative lures more votes than Prop. 98, which is the real deal—a ban on the use of eminent domain for private projects. These enemies of property rights also are targeting, through a deceptive campaign, provisions in Prop. 98 that would restrict another form of government taking, rent control. Rent control not only steals the value of property from owners, but it reduces incentives

for the construction of new rental housing and leads to housing shortages and overall higher rents. But despite the opposition ad campaign, Prop. 98 would not throw people out on the streets. Renters would still enjoy rent-control protections, but rent control would be phased out after they leave.

If both measures pass, the one with the higher number of votes goes into effect. So we urge support for real eminent domain reform, Prop. 98, and opposition to phony reform, Prop. 99. ~



HOME DEPOT PLANS CLOSINGS, NEW-STORE PULLBACK

Home Depot Inc. recently announced plans for a number of existing store closings and a rigorous pullback on new-store openings, as the do-it-yourself retailing giant tries to boost profitability and free up cash for dividends and share repurchases. However, the company reiterated its intention to open 36 new stores in the U.S. in their 2009 fiscal year.

Atlanta-based Home Depot is halting plans to open about 50 U.S. stores that have been in its pipeline, some for more than 10 years, and will close 15 underperforming stores over the next seven weeks. As many as 1,300 employees could lose their jobs; a spokes-

man said the company will try to place as many staffers as possible in other stores. All the stores slated for closing are located east of the Mississippi River in the United States. Home Depot now has 2,258 U.S. stores with a total of 331,000 workers.

The moves come amid increasing saturation in the home-improvement retail market and little expectation of a quick rebound in the U.S. housing market, which has discouraged many homeowners from taking on home-improvement projects.

Home Depot rival Lowe's said it was delaying the opening of 20 stores this year, mostly in California and Florida. It still plans to open a total of 120 stores in 2008 and hasn't announced any plans for deceleration going forward. The chain has 1,550 stores.

In answer to an inquiry by the Bulletin, a Home Depot corporate spokesman said that the new Home Depot store currently planned for Cameron Park is still in the early negotiation phase with the county and is not included in the current halts to new store openings. ~

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