

DAYBREAK

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

AARP Tax-Aide Program Schedule appointments at the Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive. Info: 428-7421.

Baby Bounce 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Songs, stories and finger plays for infants to 18 months old. Fairfield Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 866-572-7587 or <http://www.solanolib.org>.

Preschool Story Time 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts. Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 866-572-7587 or <http://www.solanolib.org>.

Fairfield-Suisun Rotary Club Noon-1:30 p.m. Weekly meeting at Hilton Garden Inn, 2200 Gateway Court, Fairfield. Info: 688-5713.

Solano County Soroptimists Noon-1 p.m. Weekly meeting at Hilton Garden Inn, 2200 Gateway Court, Fairfield. Info: Leanne, 422-6800.

Federal Employees Meeting 2 p.m. Round Table Room, Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive. Info: Bob, 446-3321.

Foster and Adoptive Families Orientation 2:30 p.m. Solano County Child Welfare offers training in hopes of finding homes for youth ages newborn to 18 years old. Solano County Health and Social Services building, 275 Beck Ave., Fairfield. Info: 784-8490.

Terrific Tuesday 3:30 p.m. The Fairfield Cordelia Library offers activities for children ages 5 and older. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 866-572-7587 or <http://www.solanolib.org>.

"Awesome Engineering & Construction" 4:5-15 p.m. The four-week class for youth ages 8-12 costs \$40. Register at City Hall at the Mall or <http://www.fairfieldcommunityservices.com>. Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky St. Info: 428-7714 or cham@ci.fairfield.ca.us.

RW Investment Group 6-8 p.m. Monthly meeting of the women's group requires a minimum investment of \$25. Call for meeting location. Info: 631-4245 or laura.rwinvestments@gmail.com.

Fairfield-Suisun Scrabble Club 6-8:30 p.m. Monthly meeting for all ages and skill levels. Fairfield Civic Center Library, Becker-Balmer Room, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 422-6290.

Futures Unlimited Investment Club Meeting 6:30 p.m., Benicia Chamber of Commerce, 601 First St., Suite 100. Info: 425-5866.

Venture Crew 100 7 p.m. Young people ages 14-20 are invited to attend the meeting. Community United Methodist Church, 1875 Fairfield St., Fairfield. Info: 689-5806 or <http://www.chiefsolanobsa.net>.

Fairfield-Suisun Bass Reapers 7 p.m. The Fairfield-Suisun Bass Reapers will meet at Jack & Linda's Country Cafe. Prospective members are welcome. 2390 North Texas St., Fairfield. Info: 426-1694.

Military Order of Purple Hearts Meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building, 427 Main St., Suisun City. Info: 429-4156.

Basic Wildlife Care 7-9:30 p.m. The Suisun Marsh Natural History Association offers four training classes



▲ Heart Health Seminar, 6:30 p.m. today. Edward Yoon, a cardiovascular disease specialist, will lead the discussion at the Sutter Regional Medical Foundation office, 2700 Low Court in Fairfield. Registration and info: 428-2747.

es for people who want to volunteer at the Suisun Wildlife Center. The other classes will be Thursday, March 10 and March 12. The fee is \$10 for members and \$25 for others. Suisun Wildlife Center, 1171 Kellogg St., Suisun City. Info: 429-4295.

COMING UP

Fairfield High School Golf Tournament 1 p.m. Friday. The entry fee is \$65 for the first "Kojak Klassic" at Paradise Valley Golf Course, 2950 Paradise Valley Road in Fairfield. Info: 438-3139.

Shriners Breakfast 7-11 a.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$7. Fairfield Suisun Masonic Building, 412 Travis Blvd., Fairfield. Info: 421-8054.

Childbirth Preparation Class 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday. The Vacaville Community Services Department class will help expectant mothers and their partners prepare for labor and birth. The fee is \$81, and class materials are \$5. Register at the Three Oaks and Ulatis community centers in Vacaville. McBride Center, 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville. Info: 449-5631.

Solano Food & Wine Jubilee 6:30 p.m. April 24. Tickets are \$75 for the fundraiser, which benefits the NorthBay Hospice and Bereavement programs. Nut Tree Village, East Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville. Tickets and info: 646-3133 or <http://www.wineandfoodjubilee.org>.

For more calendar events, visit <http://calendar.dailyrepublic.com>

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The pleasure of dining with politicians

It's not every day I have an opportunity to hobnob with two Fairfield city councilmembers, but last Thursday was just such a day.

My brother Kelvin and I, along with Vice-Mayor John Mraz and his wife Jamie, were joined by Councilmember Catherine Moy and Green Valley music promoter Jeff Trager for lunch at Mimi's Cafe.

Moy surprised Kelvin and I with signed copies of her book "American Mourning." We glanced at each other as the whole-giving-a-thoughtful-gift-when-you-first-meet-someone-thing had completely eluded us. I quickly fished around in my pocket for something of worth I could pretend I'd brought as a gift.

I felt a little like Monty Hall at the end of "Let's Make a Deal" when he'd give people cash for odd things on their persons such as thimbles and shoe horns. After determining that a half-full Albuterol inhaler did not exactly a good gift make, I gave up.

I brought along Jeff Trager because he's helping my employer, Archway Re-



Tony Wade
The last laugh

covery Services, with a concert/art show May 30 at the Fairfield Center for Creative Arts. Trager has been in the music business for decades and not only knows the liner notes of hundreds of albums by memory, he personally knows the musicians in the liner notes.

It's a trip to meet with members of the City Council away from their usual trappings (American flags, suits, banging gavels). It's kinda like a kid who sees his teacher at the supermarket and says incredulously "Mr. Kotter, what are you doing here?" as if he lives only in the classroom.

I decided to have a second breakfast like I was a 6-foot-4 hobbit or something. Now that doesn't mean I had brunch, however. Real men don't do brunch. Just settin' the record straight.

Mraz is driven by passion and doesn't suffer fools lightly. His ex-cop sensibilities are always right below the surface and bubble up constantly. In-between bites of fresh salmon and steamed veggies, he held forth. It's fascinating to get

glimpses behind the curtains of local politics. Mraz and Moy talked earnestly on several issues such as crime and the economic crisis. In so doing, they laid bare several municipal skeletons.

Kelvin and I were enthralled. While the finished kielbasa is what's served up at council meetings, the backroom butchery beforehand is somewhat messy.

Now, if you think I'm going to detail everything the two councilmembers shared, you've got another thing coming. I'm not tight-lipped because they asked me to (they did not by the way), or because I follow the time-tested truism of "what happens in Mimi's, stays in Mimi's" or because I have any shred of journalistic integrity.

Not even close. As a matter of fact, I've carefully catalogued all the juicy tidbits from our sitdown in my steel-trap memory and will spill the beans to anyone who'll buy me a free lunch. I mean, journalistic integrity is a wonderful thing to possess. I guess, but I'll trade mine for an au jus roast beef at Joe's Buffet in a heartbeat. That's just how I roll.

It's no secret that Moy is politically right of center

while Kelvin is more centrist. In my mind I toyed with the idea of tossing out a hot potato topic such as "Let's discuss George W. Bush" and letting the fireworks fly.

While the resulting fracas might have devolved into a food (or fist) fight and given me a great article to write, I kinda wanted to finish my omelet in peace. Still, the image in my head of Kelvin and Cat Moy engaged in Ultimate Fighting headlocks and chokeholds was chuckle-inducing.

Besides all the great banter, serious talk and sharing of stories, the coolest part of the lunch was the Mrazes graciously picked up the check. This saved me and Kelvin from having to perform our well-rehearsed pantomime of pretending to reach for our (empty) wallets and insist on paying.

If the skin of a Wade had actually come in contact with an unpaid check I believe all matter in the universe would have simultaneously exploded.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Mom recalled to Army duty will be discharged

RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina mother who reported for Army duty with her two young children will be discharged from the military, her attorney said.

Attorney Mark Waple of Fayetteville said it wasn't yet clear if Lisa Pagan would receive an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions. It also wasn't certain when she would be discharged.

Pagan was recalled to the Army four years after being

released from active duty, which is allowed under the military's "individual ready reserve" program. But she says she had no one to care for her children.

Soldiers can appeal, and some have won permission to remain in civilian life. Pagan filed several appeals, arguing that because her husband travels for business, no one else can take care of her kids. Her appeals were rejected.

So she reported for duty Monday at Fort Benning, Ga., with her children, 5-year-old Elizabeth and 3-year-old Eric.

Earlier Monday, Fort Benning spokesman Bob Pur-timan said Pagan reported to the Army post's mobilization center that prepares individual soldiers to plug into Army units already overseas or those training to deploy.

— The Associated Press

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2009. There are 303 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a measure making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States.

On this date:

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1887, Anne Sullivan arrived at the Tuscumbia, Ala., home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher for their blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

In 1918, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, the Ottoman Empire and Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which ended Russian participation in World War I.

In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured

on amateur video.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that public schools had to finance one-on-one nursing care for some disabled students throughout the school day. Monica Lewinsky, in an ABC interview timed to coincide with the publication of her book, recounted for Barbara Walters some of the fondest, as well as most painful, aspects of her relationship with President Bill Clinton.

Five years ago: Multnomah County, Ore., began issuing same-sex marriage licenses. The Walt Disney Co.'s board voted to strip Michael Eisner of his chairman's post while retaining

him as CEO.

One year ago: Democrat Barack Obama said his campaign had never given Canada back-channel assurances that his harsh words about the North American Free Trade Agreement were for political show, despite a Canadian memo indicating otherwise. A gunman opened fire inside a Wendy's restaurant in West Palm Beach, Fla., killing a paramedic who'd gone back to fetch a missing meal toy for his child; the gunman wounded five others before turning the gun on himself.

Today's birthdays: Socialite Lee Radziwill is 76. Movie producer-director George Miller is 64. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 62. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 59. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 56. Radio personality Ira Glass is 50. Actress Mary Page Keller is 48. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 47. Football player Herschel Walker is 47. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 43. Rock musician John Bigham is 40. Actor David Faustino is 35. Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone) is 32. Actress Jessica Biel is 27.

Thought for today: "A good man can be stupid and still be good. But a bad man must have brains." — Maxim Gorky, Russian writer (1868-1936).

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FILING BY PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E): FUEL CELL PROJECT

On February 20, 2009, PG&E filed the Fuel Cell Project application with the CPUC, in which PG&E requests authority to collect in electric generation rates the non-fuel costs of owning and operating the proposed fuel cell facilities. PG&E estimates an increase to its electric revenues of \$44.5 million over ten years.

What is the Fuel Cell Project?

The Fuel Cell Project is a ten-year collaborative project with the State of California where PG&E will own and operate three fuel cell electric generating facilities with a total capacity of 2.9 megawatts located on the campuses of California State University (CSU). San Francisco State will host two fuel cells and CSU East Bay will host one. The electricity generated will be delivered to PG&E's electric grid. Each campus will use by-products generated by the fuel cells for commercial and industrial processes. The CSUs also plan to integrate fuel cell studies into their curriculum to promote clean and efficient energy generation.

Does this mean rates will increase?

If the application is approved by the CPUC, it would result in an increase that is less than 1% of PG&E's total revenue (the total amount of money customers pay in a year for the electric services they receive). The average increase in electric rates for bundled customers (those who receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services from PG&E) would be 0.05 percent, compared to current rates, and would not have a significant impact on individual customers' rates. The recovery of these costs in rates is expected to begin January 1, 2011.

The CPUC Process

The CPUC's Independent Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) will review this Application. DRA is an independent arm of the CPUC, created by the Legislature to represent the interests of all utility customers throughout the state and obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe-service levels. DRA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. DRA's views do not necessarily reflect those of the CPUC. Other parties of record will also participate.

The CPUC may hold evidentiary hearings where parties of record present their proposals in testimony and are subject to cross-examination before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can present evidence or cross-examine witnesses during evidentiary hearings. Members of the public may attend these hearings, but are not allowed to participate, only listen.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the hearing process, the ALJ will issue a draft decision. When the CPUC acts on this application, it may adopt all or part of PG&E's request, amend or modify it or deny the application. The CPUC's final decision may be different from PG&E's proposed application filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details, call PG&E at 800-743-5000 • Para más detalles llame 800-660-6789
詳情請致電 800-893-9555 • For TDD/TTY (speech-hearing impaired), call 800-652-4712

You may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor with comments or questions as follows:

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505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103
San Francisco, CA 94102
415-703-2074 or 866-849-8390 (toll-free)
TTY 415-703-5282, TTY 866-836-7825 (toll-free)
E-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

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