

# Calendar

**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009**

- Round The World Dinner, sample cuisines from around the world. 5:30-7:00pm. Masonic Center, 520 Main Street. Donation \$10 children under 10 \$5. Fuchsia Chapter #425 OES, call Rose Ann Bayes 310-335-6065.

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009**

- El Segundo Gunners is looking for girls born between 8/1/95 and 7/30/96 to who are ready to play competitive soccer! Try outs today and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Campus ES, 6:30 to 8pm. For details, Mark Luther 310-463-7153 or <http://www.elsegundogunners.com>.
- LAX Area Democratic Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m will be held in the Friends of the Library room at the El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave.

**UPCOMING**

- El Segundo Auxiliary of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles is having an Aloha evening Saturday, July 25, 5 – 9pm. For tickets call 310-322-1257. All proceeds benefit CHLA. \$25 per person. Raffle tickets are \$10. For a week stay in Hawaii.
- The South Bay Chapter of the California Republican Assembly will meet on Monday, July 27, 6:30 -8:30pm at the El Segundo Public Library. Sergio Picchio, Chairman will speak 310-406-5429.
- The El Segundo Rotary Club will hold its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Movie in the Park”, Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The gates to Chevron Park (corner of Sepulveda and El Segundo Boulevards) open at 4:00 p.m. Free parking in the structure on the corner of El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Street. Tickets are available at the gate or in advance at Industrial Lock and Security at the corner of Main & Holly. Experience the film, Dreamworks Animation Kung Fu Panda, enjoy the movie in a picnic, festival like environment. There will be games, activities, raffles and food vendors for everyone to enjoy in the hours leading up to the movie. For more info 310-615-0500 or visit <http://www.movieinthepark.info>
- El Segundo Fire Department is offering CPR classes during the month of August. The classes will be on each Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00pm. August 6, Infant/Child CPR. August 13, Adult CPR. August 20 Infant/Child. August 27, Adult. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. For more information and registration please call the El Segundo Fire Department at 310 524-2236.


**ONGOING**

- Tree Musketeers Public Speaking course July 9–August 27, aimed towards empowering youth ages 10-18 to become environmental leaders by finding their own voice. For further information 310-322-0263 or visit [treemusketeers.org](http://treemusketeers.org)
- The El Segundo Public Library is offering literacy tutoring through trained volunteers to help adults learn to read or improve their reading skills. Students will be matched with a tutor on a one-to-one basis. If you or someone you know needs help with reading, please call the El Segundo Public Library at (310) 524-2728.
- Free Meal Program for the unemployed at Hank’s Pizza and Snax Burgers 202 Imperial Avenue. Program runs through December 31, 2009. Dine-in only, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Unemployment verification is required, El Segundo residents only, beer and wine excluded, one free meal per week for each member of the household. Hank’s 310-335-0066 Snax 310-640-9766.
- The El Segundo Home Delivered Meal program is available to qualified clients. If you or someone you know is over 62, on SSI, or in need of assistance, please call the Outreach Office at 310-322-9033. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am until 1pm and would be happy to answer any questions.
- Dispose of computers, printers, TV’s, cell phones, motor oil, paint, and household batteries at the Hyperion Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00-3:00 P.M. at 7660 West Imperial Hwy, Gate B. 310-524-2709. Pack waste properly to prevent spilling during transportation.
- Senior Golf League for Men and Women 50 and older every Wednesday 9:00am at The Lakes Golf Course, El Segundo. All skill levels. For more information 310-670-4817.
- Old Town Music Hall open on weekends, classic movies and live concerts, 140 Richmond St. 310-322-2592 or visit <http://otmh.org>
- The El Segundo Seniors Club Travels. For dates and registration deadlines call Chuck 310-640-0891 or visit The Joslyn Center. •



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# Political Penguin

**By Duane Plank**

So now that Sarah Palin has reneged on her gubernatorial duties in the wasteland that is Alaska, you’d think that the Republican Party and its’ voters, which now make up about 10 percent of the electorate, would also turn their back on the woman who was the focal point of a naughty adult movie back in the heady days of the 2008 Presidential campaign.

You remember the flick, *Who’s Nailin Paylin*, right? Never saw the cinematic gem myself, probably cuz I don’t subscribe to the same adult channels that the rest of you apparently get.

Anyway, yes, I may be somewhat smitten with the soon-to-be ex-Governor, but I will bet the mansion that she won’t be a relevant player in the run-up to the 2012 election. Course the way that Republican possibles are frittering away their political lives, who knows who will be a viable player in ‘12?

Catch a sniff of the Senator John Ensign affair? The married Republican Senator from Nevada, shockingly, was caught with his pants down, embroiled in an affair with a staffer. So help me South Carolina Senator Mark Sanford!

Some in the alleged know thought that Ensign was a rising star in the GOP and may have been a viable possibility to be a national player in three years. Turns out the guy cheated on his wife with a close family friend and woman who served as a key staffer in his Senate office. Her name is Cindy Hampton. She and her husband Doug were reportedly “best friends” with the Senator and his wife, Darlene.

Recently, somewhat reliable info surfaced buttonholing Ensign’s parents as forking over nearly \$100,000 to the Hamptons. Nothing like mommy and daddy surfacing and trying to paper-over a messy situation with a little bit of cash, right?

Nothing improper there, claimed Ensign’s lawyer, who blathered on that the 96,000 bucks was merely blood money to help out family friends. What are friends for if you can’t sleep with ‘em, fire them, then throw a little payola their way when the media gets wind of the imbroglio?

And by the way, when a holier-than-thou politico makes a misstep, don’t buy the garbage that he or she made a mistake. There is a big difference between a mistake and a stupid, politically suicidal choice.

A mistake might be ordering the wrong Happy Meal at McDonalds. You know, you get to the front of the line, the people behind you are impatiently grumbling, so you go ahead and order number three when all you really wanted was the \$1.29 double cheeseburger? Ever happened to you? Happens to me way too often. Can’t take the pressure, I guess.

And a choice, an incredibly stupid and self-destructive choice, would be sleeping with your friend’s wife. More than once.

Especially after you have portrayed yourself as a staunch born-again Christian who called for the resignation of Slick Willie when he was playing tonsil hockey, among other things, with the fat intern in the Oval Office.

Should the 51-year-old Ensign resign? Should any politico resign when he or she is caught with their hands in the cookie jar? Or any other place that their hands shouldn’t be? Tough call on that one. Ensign isn’t up for reelection until ‘12, so there is a real possibility that the affair and fallout could blow over.

Time is on the Nevada Senator’s side, according to Jennifer Duffy, analyst for some fly-by-night publication based inside the Beltway. Said Duffy, “This would be a very difficult situation if he was up for (re-election in 2010). Voters have very short memories. The bottom line is he’s got two, two and-a-half years before the reelection campaign gets going, and that is time to try and repair things if he is willing to put in the effort.”

Moral of the story: If you are going to mess up and get caught messing up, do it very early in the reelection cycle. Cuz we the voters will probably forgive and forget. Or at least forget, so help me Bill Clinton.

Isn’t this a heck of a lot more interesting than reading about Mr. Obama’s recent meeting with the Pope? Or the fact that the Golden Bankrupt State has been issuing IOUs to us in lieu of cash?

But I guess we gotta get to back to the meat and potatoes of the political world, right? Before we do that though, who did end up footing the bill for the King of Pop’s celebration at Staples Center? Heard the bill amounted to something in the neighborhood of \$1.4 million, a decent chunk of change, especially at this point in our somewhat dubious economic landscape.


*Plank* believes that the tightwads at the Anschutz Entertainment Group should pony up. They were the fellas with the payola supporting the next MJ concert tour. Apparently a website was set up by someone begging MJ fans to donate to cover the cost of the extra cops eating extra donuts, but the site only collected a paltry \$17,000. Yikes!

Seriously, it appeared that the celebration went off without a hitch, but why should the taxpayers, again, be on the hook for the cash?

And speaking of the cash, any of you fine readers been lucky enough to receive one of the IOUs that the fiscal folks from our Great Bankrupt State started sending out? Seems that most of the pieces of paper were to be sent to the fortunate residents who were awaiting their tax refunds. Something like 29,000 IOUs totaling more than \$53 million. Thanks, Arnold and your Sacramento comrades.

Finally, this week marked the beginning of the confirmation coronation for soon-to-be Supreme Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor.

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## DEADLINES

**OBITUARIES: Monday at noon.**

**CALENDAR ITEMS: Prior Friday at noon.**

**PEOPLE ITEMS: Prior Friday at noon.**

**DISPLAY AD CHANGES: Prior Thursday at noon.**

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