

# Your VOTER

(GUIDE TO LWV SAN BERNARDINO ISSUES, ACTION, & INFO)

## PAXTON OF CHILDREN'S NETWORK TO SPEAK AT MEETING

LWV members and guests will have the opportunity to hear Kent Paxton of the Children's Network speak during our Annual Meeting June 3. The meeting at Arrowhead Country Club begins at 10 a.m. with League business followed by lunch and then Mr. Paxton.

The County Children's Network is involved in because of behavior, abuse, neglect, medical needs, situations, are eligible for services from agencies with agencies include the Juvenile Court, Behavioral Health, Library, Community Action Partnership, First Five, and



To test your knowledge of children at risk in in poverty in San Bernardino County in 2004? 128/ living in poverty in California? 183/1000, 151/1000, or California's free lunch program? 1,230,000, 1,861,000, or 2,659,000? What is the child mortality rate in San Bdn County? 51.9/100,000, 66.5/100,000, or 64.2/100,000? The 2004 high school graduation rate from San Bdn Co. schools was 85.1 %. How does it compare to California and U.S.? If you have no idea, Kent Paxton can bring you up to date and tell you how the Children's Network is attempting to remedy the situation.

services for "children at risk," minors who, educational assessment, or detrimental living whom the Children's Network interfaces. Such Children's Fund, preschool services, County schools.

San Bernardino: How many children were living 1000, 181/1000, or 237/1000? How many were 241/1000? How many children benefit from

Reserve your seat at the table on June 3. Luncheon costs \$18 (\$2 more than the Annual Meeting kit cites. The amount was not firm at the time the kit was mailed.) Bring a guest for an enlightening meeting. Mail reservation form (Annual Meeting kit) to League of Women Voters, ATTN/Ruth Petrucci, 568 Mtn. View Ave. #150, San Bernardino, CA 92401. Call Gloria Anderson if you have questions: (909) 338-4163.

## LEAGUE INTERVIEWS JOE BACA, JR.



Our annual visit with one of our assembly members took place in March. Barbara Sokoloff, Rebecca Ludwig and Gloria Anderson met with Joe Baca, Jr. to ask him about state League priorities as well as his own priorities. The three areas we discussed are the state budget, health care access, and redistricting.

Baca still favors closing tax loopholes rather than cutting programs, but the 2/3 requirement to pass makes it difficult. He is especially concerned about the effect tax policies have on small business and does not favor taxing small businesses that provide personal services such as barber shops and hair salons. He is also trying to get community college fees reduced.

One of Baca's top priorities is universal coverage for health care and being able to buy drugs from Canada. He has had numerous health fairs in his district.

Baca, who is a League member, supports the League's position on Redistricting. He is not in the leadership on this issue, but he says he could support efforts to put a measure on the ballot that would establish an independent commission.

He is reintroducing a veteran's bill that was vetoed. He is concerned about the emphasis on testing and how it drives what schools are doing. He supports technical education and curriculum change. Among his bills are using tax incentives to attract businesses to the former Norton Air Force Base and a bill to revitalize the Seccomb Lake area downtown.

## LEAGUE CONDUCTS VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENT ELECTIONS

On April 12 and 13, some of our League members went to college. We were asked to oversee the student body elections at San Bernardino Valley College and to certify the results of the election for which we received a donation from the Student Body Association. Poll workers were Susan Nieblas, Anne Brennan, Marilyn Patterson, Mel and Jennifer McMullen, and Gloria Anderson. An interesting development was a request for a runoff from a candidate for student body president who narrowly lost the election that was denied because the student association constitution requires a runoff only in case of a tie. We received many compliments for the professional way we conducted the election and we hope that students who took the time to vote in this election will vote in the upcoming primary and general elections. —Gloria Anderson

## EASY VOTER GUIDES AVAILABLE

We are distributing 1000 Easy Voter Guides to the June Primary elections with information about the candidates, the parties, the ballot issues, and other information needed to help voters decide how to vote. If you would like some of them to take to your neighbors or other organizations or places you go, please contact Gloria Anderson by e-mail or phone: (909) 338-4163, <[glorand@juno.com](mailto:glorand@juno.com)>.



SEE YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN ACTION  
WATCH BOARD OF SUPS TAPED RERUNS  
MONDAYS, 9 a.m., KCSB, Channel 3

## PREZ SEZ

There are two League events at which I have the honor of representing our League. The first one is the LWVC Leadership Council held in Sacramento the first weekend in May. The only thing delegates vote on at Council is the budget for the coming year, so the rest of the time is devoted to hearing reports from state board members about what LWVC is doing on our behalf and going to workshops to glean valuable information to do things better locally. The workshops I attended were on being an effective president, on using the media to the League's advantage, and attracting and retaining a diverse membership. LWVUS Kay Maxwell was there for both days giving us a preview of national convention and telling us what LWVUS is doing. I saw many new faces but it was also nice to see some faces I hadn't seen for a while.

The National Convention is the other event which I'll be attending in June in Minneapolis in the land of 10,000 lakes. Garrison Keillor will be the banquet speaker. We'll be electing a new national board, and voting on a new budget that includes a proposed increase in per member payments to national, as well as bylaws' amendments, some of which are rather controversial, and program, which includes a proposed study of immigration and concurrence on abolition of the death penalty. One of the controversial bylaws' proposals is to take the word "citizen" out of our statement of purpose so that it would say that we promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, rather than participation of citizens in government. Caucuses (4 or 5 pages of them) are scheduled what seems like all hours of the day and night. I will be sharing the cost of room with someone from a New Jersey League, and I got a great rate on airfare from L.A. on Northwest. You will have an opportunity to weigh in on all this at our Annual Meeting. See you then!



## League Supports Library Bond Act on June 2006 Ballot

The League of Women Voters of California board of directors voted to support the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006. LWVC has signed the ballot argument endorsing the measure.

The library bond act of 2006 places a \$600 million general obligation bond measure on the 2006 statewide primary election ballot to finance the acquisition, construction or remodeling of public library facilities. It requires that each grant recipient provide 35 percent of the project costs, including donated land, and that the state provide the remaining 65 percent, up to a maximum of \$20 million. First priority will be granted to unfulfilled applications for the prior grants. Up to \$25 million be available for joint-

Local construction needs. turn have reduced the library expenses million in 2000-2001 budgets.



Today, many communities do not have adequate library facilities to serve diverse needs, current facilities do not comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) or seismic standards, and the buildings are not equipped to support current information technologies required for literacy and education. Public libraries are safe places for students to complete homework assignments and for adults to continue their learning and skill development. **This bond measure is critical for strengthening our educational system.** There is a growing "digital divide" between those who can afford technology and those who cannot, and libraries provide access to everyone. This bond measure will strengthen partnerships between schools and libraries.

Karen Butter, LWVC Off-Board Program Director, Public Libraries, [kab@library.ucsf.edu](mailto:kab@library.ucsf.edu)

**ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATIONS DUE BY MAY 27th**  
**SEND TO League of Women Voters, ATTN/ Ruth Petrucci, 568 Mtn. View Ave., San Bdn, CA 92401**  
**COST OF LUNCHEON will be \$18**

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 SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO [glorand@juno.com](mailto:glorand@juno.com)

**SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS AT CSUSB LOBBY RE- 3 STRIKES**

Two students in the department of Social Work at CSUSB visited the Board to express their concerns about California's 3 Strikes law. Jennifer Palmershein and Sara McCarthy, both of whom intern at San Bernardino drug or rehabilitation agencies, demonstrated via power point what they consider inequities in the existing law. They urged consideration of two ballot measures aimed at reforming the law that have been prepared for the November ballot. The Three Strikes Reform measures would require violent crimes for the third strike, would change sentencing for non violent third strikes, and would address drug sentencing to prisons. Their thinking was that drug addicts need treatment, not prison.



**KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- President George W. Bush, The White House, Washington, DC 20500
- Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Senator Barbara Boxer, 201 No. E St., San Bdn 92401, (909) 888-8525
- Senator Dianne Feinstein, 750 B St., San Diego 92101, (619) 231-9712
- Representative Jerry Lewis, Rayburn Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (909) 862-6030
- Representative Joe Baca, 201 No. E St., San Bernardino, 92401 or 328 Cannon Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (909) 885-2222
- State Senator, Bob Dutton, 10681 Foothill Blvd. #340, Rancho Cuc., 91730 (909) 4664180
- State Senator Nell Soto, 215 N. D, #101, SanBdn, (909) 3813832
- Assemblywoman Gloria Negrete McLeod, 4959 Palo Verde, #100B, Montclair 91763, (909) 621-7483
- Assemblyman Joe Baca Jr., 201 N. E, #205 92401, San Bdn, (909) 388-1413
- Assemblyman Bill Emerson, 10681 Foothill Blvd. #325, Rancho Cuc 91730 (909) 466-9096

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

- \* YES, I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters as a part of your voice for citizens and force for change. I enclose: (see choices that follow)
- \* \$50 One Year individual membership
- \* \$75 Household (for one year membership, 2 members sharing an address)
- \* \$40 Student membership (one year)
- \* I'm unable to join the League at this time but enclose a Contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Please send me more Information.



NAME/NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: DAY/EVENING \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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### **CALENDAR**

May 27 (Sat.)	Deadline for Annual Meeting reservations, guests welcome, \$18 for luncheon, mail to LWV office, ATTN/ Ruth Petrucci
June 3 (Sat.)	Annual meeting, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Arrowhead Country Club, San Bdn, Speaker Kent Paxton
June 6 (Tues.)	Primary Election

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: "Billion" is an awesome word often used by legislators and CEO's. Consider the following: A billion seconds ago it was 1974. 1,040,000,000 minutes ago Jesus was alive. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age. A billion days ago no one walked on two feet on earth. So how does one comprehend a billion dollars?

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**May 2006**

**Dated Material**

*Annual Meeting Reservations due May 27  
Delicious luncheon and speaker Kent Paxton June 3  
Vote June 6*

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