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## Camptonville Hosts Obama Inaugural Bash

By Cathy LeBlanc

On Tuesday January 20, 2009 at Burgee Dave's @ the Mayo, about 30 folks gathered to celebrate, with the rest of the country and the world, the election of Barack Obama as our nation's 44<sup>th</sup> president. Our shindig was one of many around the country organized by MoveOn.org. (More than 135,000 people participated in 3,600 gatherings nationwide.) Amid festive decorations, good food, and music, we celebrated with old and new friends. The feeling of hopefulness spread as we set up a message board to collect the thoughts and ideas from our community that will go to the Obama Administration's ears.

In random order our community's concerns included:

- Use the stock market as a force for good
- Help for the elderly, housing, etc.
- Sustainable farming practices
- No tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas
- Affordable/nationalized healthcare for all (4)
- Help for rural families
- No more wolf killing
- Make each person accountable for his/her actions
- Save the environment
- Rebuild the economy by investing in green technologies and reducing our dependency on foreign oil (2)
- Affordable solar for everyone
- Give Quincy Jones a cabinet position for the arts
- Don't let the arts slip through the cracks
- Please promote equality/gay marriage (2)
- Instant amnesty for all marijuana convictions
- Get rid of "No Child Left Behind" -- let teachers teach students to think, not pass a test.
- Rural transportation issues



### Baby Poems

Sun up  
Sun down  
Long day

.....  
More rain  
More puddles!

By Simi Lander age 2

*Editor's note:*

*Simi Lander is Shirley and Dick DickKard's granddaughter*

## Taber Whittlesey Memorial Chili Cook-Off

By Jerry Bashore

The North Gold Senior Mountaineers and the North San Juan Activities and Improvement Center are celebrating the recent remodeling of the North San Juan Community Park at 21190 Hwy 49, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 29th. Funding for the remodeling was in the form of a Community Grant from the County of Nevada. The event is in memoriam of Taber Whittlesey, an instrumental founder and well-known Nevada County retired teacher and citizen, who passed away recently.

Youth, friends, individuals, service clubs, schools, non-profits, and community organizations are invited to form teams and participate in the fundraising in one or all the scheduled events, or just show up. A Chili Cook-Off, Basketball Hoop Shoot, and Horseshoes are available for team competition. There is no age limit to participate in any of the events. Youth

and handicapped are encouraged to compete.

The park will open at 10:00 AM for team practice and preparation. Everyone is encouraged to attend to sample and eat the chili, and vote for the best dish of chili in Nevada County. The Senior Center dining hall will be open for the event and the celebration will be held rain or shine. The awards ceremony will be held at 2:00 PM.

## Fiber Sundays!

By Stephanie Ruff

During the month of February Jenny Larsen of *Vavaloom* is offering an open fiber arts studio at the North Columbia Schoolhouse every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jenny will supply instruction, looms and spinning wheels for your learning experience! Donations are welcome for space rental. Please contact Jenny with any questions 271-2081.

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## 123 Grow Update

By Birdsong Sundstrom

The 123 Grow parents once again have shown how creative they are, presenting lots of wonderful hand-made items at the Holiday Crafts Fair and raising \$567.86 from a combination of sales and Molly's delightful chair massages. This fund-raised money helps each year to match our grant funding from Yuba County First Five. We have already used a small amount of it to purchase infant-toddler and preschool books from the Camptonville Elementary Scholastic Book Fair and the remainder will boost our supply budget for the rest of the school year.

We are also very grateful to Lil and Phil Simmons and the Mountain Range Lodge of the Masons for their generous donations to our program, sent in response to Camptonville Community Partnership's recent membership drive. It sure warms our hearts to see how much our community values the excellent program we offer to the children.

CCP is busy mailing out a Family Survey, both here in our Camptonville zip code and in the surrounding region, to help us determine what unmet child care needs exist in our area. Please take the time to fill this survey out, or pass it along to someone else if you don't have children. The results will be key in helping us determine if we need to expand, change our mechanism of service, begin a fee-for-service or parent participation program, etcetera, to serve our families.

## Hot Lunches Every Tuesday in North San Juan

By Carol Wenger

The non-profit North Gold Senior Mountaineers hosts and serves hot nutritional lunches every Tuesday at noon at the senior's community building located in the North San Juan Community Park at 21190 Hwy 49 in North San Juan. The lunches are open to all for the nominal sum of \$5 or to seniors/members over age 55 for \$4. All meal items, including diabetic needs, are professionally prepared on site in their licensed and certified kitchen. The menu varies from week to week depending on the season or approaching holiday, and always includes desserts. Meals are also available to go, and tipping is forbidden.

More details may be obtained by calling Carol Wenger at 288-0933.

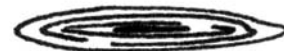


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## DTV = No TV?

By Rod Bondurant

Some of you may be old enough to remember the John Prine song with the lyrics "Blow up your TV, throw away the paper, go to the country." Some of us took his advice back then.

Well, right now, we are in the country, and please don't throw away the Courier, BUT I think "they" may have blown up my TV, and perhaps yours too.

I'm referring to the digital TV conversion. It seems a few of us neo-Luddites or just plain cheapskates are still watching TV for free with a rooftop or treetop antenna. Right now I can get channel 3 clearly & channel 6 with some snow. Several of my friends using antennas have bought converter boxes and they have failed to work during the recent test transmissions.

I poked around the Internet and found on broadcast industry sites some buzz about no reception out in the boondocks. The usual denials and finger pointing abound. I am suspecting that we are such poor consumers - we won't spend the money for dish service - no network would care if we watched or not.

Here are some excerpts from an article I found at [tvtechnology.com/article/70764](http://tvtechnology.com/article/70764):

"One in five households were not ready as of late October. The FCC Commissioner predicted the transition is going to be messy. He noted that there are parts of the country where new antennas will be needed. Some analysts predict a huge windfall for the pay television industry - as many as 9 million new subscribers."

Both KCRA and KVIE invite viewer questions about the coming DTV. I have emailed them and I got a quick response from KVIE.

"First I want to let you know we are currently using UHF channel 53 for our DTV broadcast. That will change February 18th, when we will go to VHF channel 9. The channel 9 system is designed to exactly replicate our CH 6 service area.

You live in an area that is beyond our FCC service contour. Reception in your area of over the air TV from Sacramento is made difficult by the distance and the mountains which can block the signal. If you are lucky enough to live on a ridge, reception is possible. If you live in a canyon or valley, reception may be impossible.

Successful reception of a TV station at a location beyond its FCC service contour is the exception, not the rule. Most importantly, good TV reception is heavily dependent on having an unobstructed line of sight path between the transmit antenna and the receive antenna. Any blockage of this line of sight path by such things as foliage, buildings and or terrain, will rapidly degrade the

received signal.

The fact that you can get analog VHF channel 6 is encouraging. You may find when we transition to the DTV CH 9 system reception may be possible. But you will need to do some homework on your end. You should have a very high gain VHF/UHF antenna designed for "deep fringe" reception. You will need to use a good quality low noise VHF/UHF preamp that should be mounted on the antenna. In your case height is everything, the higher you can get your receive antenna the better the chances for good reception. Everything has to be perfect: all connections clean, dry, and tight. Waterproof all outdoor connections. The antenna must be in excellent condition. Most outdoor antennas are only good for a few years because of corrosion.

I lived in Paradise, CA and was able to achieve good DTV reception by using a high gain antenna and a preamp. Fortunately I was up on a ridge. I got the antenna about 35 feet off the ground. My analog reception was noisy (snow) for a couple of the channels with some of them non existent. DTV came in just fine. So I would say with some effort on your end you should be able to receive the DTV channels from Sacramento."

Greg Johnson,

Director of Engineering, KVI

So what's a guy like me to do? I got sucked into watching the news after the horror of 9/11. The current antenna is pretty beat up. Do I invest in a new antenna? Subscribe to satellite service? Forget the whole thing and read a good book? I remember happily living with no TV for many years... Stay tuned.

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## CPHC Children's Roundtable Report/ Working Families Policy Summit

By Cathy LeBlanc

Hi Folks -- The January Children's Advocacy Roundtable meeting has been postponed until January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 pending an analysis of the Governor's proposed 2009-2010 State Budget. Since the date has not yet been announced, I thought I would give a brief recap of the Working Families Policy Summit (WFPS) held in Sacramento on January 12, 2009. This is an event I attend yearly because it helps me be aware of budget and legislative priorities at the Capitol. This year, five of our staff from the Resource Center had the opportunity to attend.

The state budget crisis took top billing. The opening theme, *Funding a Future for California's Working Families*, was moderated by Senator Denise Duchenev (Budget Committee Chair), whom Jean Ross of the California Budget project called, "a treasure to the budget process." The Senator let us know that we are in the federal spotlight because of the crisis of our state's income (or lack thereof). She wanted to know, "What are we willing to do as Californians? What role will we play? There will be an election. It will be on the ballot by May 2009 at least. We will be asked: *What are we willing to pay and for what level of service?*"

In the panel before us sat *visionaries* who helped to describe our present situation including possible solutions, and *provocateurs* who helped to ground those visions. Visionary Jean Ross said she felt a tremendous obligation to help voters understand the magnitude of the challenges ahead. "We are in real trouble. California is in an extraordinarily deep recession." She reminded us of a favorite quote, "The process isn't the problem. The problem is the problem. Current taxes are not enough to cover us in good times."

But in California we also have one other major stumbling block: our double 2/3's congressional vote requirement. California is the only state in the country that requires a 2/3's majority of congress to pass a state budget and also needs a 2/3's vote to pass a tax increase.

Visionary Lenny Goldberg of California Tax Reform Association asked, "How do we positively make the case that taxes are necessary?" He let us know how the present tax system is rife with waste, fraud and abuse. Examples include: Wal-Mart gets tax breaks for locating in an Enterprise Zone; California is the only place in the world that does not have an Oil Severance Tax; Proposition 13; the way we access commercial property; the Gallo-Martini

merger, where the land acquired by Gallo was kept at the old tax rate. He reminded us, "It takes a simple majority to pass a tax loophole and 2/3's majority to take it out!" He agreed that to break the tax stalemate, we might have to go to the ballot.

Provocateur Frank Mecca, Executive Director of the County Welfare Directors Association, laid it on the table, stating his views as his own. "The problem stems from deep ideological differences on the part of elected officials." There is misunderstanding and mistrust at the public level. The process is poor, and media attention to these issues is abysmal. The most important recommendation he offered: Let the majority rule -- that's what democracy is all about.

## Moonshine Road Trash Report

By Rod & Rochelle

This winter, mushrooms popped up all along the road (though beautiful, most of them would give you indigestion). We started admiring them along the roadside while driving to work, and also noticed an unusual abundance of trash, which began to really annoy us. It was time for a trash walk again.

The lower 2 miles of the road gave us the usual wrappers and plastic bags plus nine pounds of aluminum cans (predominately Bud Lite), ten pounds of glass bottles, one good boot, one broken George Forman grill, two televisions, one turntable, and one heavy solid glass aquarium. The rest of the road looks pretty nice, so we would like to thank all the other trash collectors, known and unknown, who help keep our charming country road clean.

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## Advocacy at the State Capitol

By Cathy LeBlanc

I am a member of LIFETIME (Low Income Families Empowerment Through Education); together we have participated in some amazing advocacy actions and events. Long time readers will remember the trip to Washington DC on September 11, 2001 or the Town Hall on Welfare Reform held in Chico, CA with special guest U.S. Representative Wally Herger and members of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors and Health and Human Services, among others.

In 2004 we held a *T-shirt Action* at the State Capitol in response to state budget cuts to programs for families. Parents wrote messages to (then newly elected) Governor Schwarzenegger on kids t-shirts that were hung up clothesline style at the steps of the Capitol. (My personal favorite, written by a Camptonville CanWORK mom: "Kindergarten Cop - I thought you cared")

Knowing this year that cuts to safety-net programs would affect over 200,000 kids in California and 1 in 4 children could lose cash aide assistance, I once again joined with LIFETIME January 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the annual LIFETIME Statewide Parent Leadership Summit. We wanted to let our legislators know: they have to be willing to vote for increasing taxes! We realize we are at the edge of the cliff of financial meltdown at the state level. At the Summit we developed new messages for Governor Arnold and state legislators to hear, this time from the viewpoint of the kids.

We brought worn out children's SHOES to the Capitol steps, asking elected officials not to let budget cuts leave our children barefoot. How could they cut 10% more from families that are already 50% below the poverty level? Please "strengthen our economy without hurting our families!"

After the *SHOES Action* on the steps we headed into the Capitol to speak with the Governor's Office and legislators. At first they weren't going to see us, until we peacefully but noisily disagreed. Then Richard Figueroa, Deputy Cabinet Secretary to the Governor and Bismark Obando, Director of External Affairs, listened to the children and parents. Figueroa assured the families that he would share their concerns with his boss, but he wasn't optimistic, explaining: "The state has a \$42 billion dollar hole to fill." But as LIFETIME parent leader Jewnbug Strohlina cautioned, her son Solomon in her lap, "Just don't fill it with our children!"

After that teams went to speak with their own legislators. I brought constituents to visit the offices of Senator Aanestad and new Assembly Member Logue

(former Yuba County Supervisor). Assemblyman Logue was not present at his office. We spoke with his Chief of Staff, Cliff Wagner, who stated politely that Logue had not received the analysis of the proposed budget and has no opinion until then.

At Aanestad's office we spoke with senior policy advisor Linda Halderman. She assured us that the Senator was also opposed to the governor's budget proposals, stating "we were on the same page." But I pressed her, asking what Aanestad objected to. As you might've guessed, he is opposed to the new revenue portion, not the holes in the safety net. As our talk continued, Halderman said everyone is feeling the effects of the budget cuts. She compared (somewhat rudely) her having to adjust to basic cable (instead of Primo) with losses to CalWORKs families. It became evident that the Senator's office is out of touch with its constituents.

## Volunteers Needed!

By Shawn Garcia, CSO

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## The Lost Generation

By Gary Schlusser

If you were to look around at the men attending any Masonic lodge throughout the country, there is a distinct lack on men in the 40 to 60 year age group. The reason is well know in the fraternity. They are known as the lost generation: the children who rejected the 'establishment' that was their parents' way of life. They're the teens of the late '50's to the early '70's.

Song writer Don McLean in one of his lyrics from American Pie, referring to the phenomenon that was Woodstock, says "Now there we were all in one place, a generation lost in space..." This clearly identifies the effect on the mason lodges. The young men of the era rejected their fathers' social and political views and never learned that they had to seek membership in their community. This is especially true in the Masonic community. Now-a-days grandsons are asking their grandfathers about the masons and learning that their fathers never asked to join. Once someone asks 'anything' they can be offered an application to join. Every mason takes a solemn oath not to solicit membership. This guarantees that new members can honestly answer the question "Is this of your own free will and accord?"

It is now known according to the women's group 'Gather the Women' that when the sexes gather separate from one another there is a positive dynamic that happens. Masons know that politics, religion, and sex tend to disrupt the harmony of meetings. That is why the fraternity has maintained its men only requirement. The Eastern Star organization is available for women. Race is not a limiting factor. Any race and any creed of man can join. It is strictly against the mason's rules to discuss religion or politics in an 'open' meeting. Masons only require the belief of a supreme being, monotheism, any religion at all. After the original inquiry about this, religion is never a part of Masonic lodges aside from prayers before meals and at opening and closing of the lodge.

Now you know why no one has ever asked you to join the little lodge in Camptonville that has been a part of the community for 155 years. The 50+ year members like Leland Pauly, Ernest Royat, Ellis Royat, and Tom Scruggs have kept the lodge alive though affiliations with members from nearby communities. They asked my dad Charles Schlusser to help keep the lodge alive. He told me. I joined, leaving another lodge, and have been commuting over to Camptonville from Grass Valley for 10 years now, just to help these men get to this point. Mountain Range Lodge is alive and well. Remember, 2B1ask1!

## Old Vinyl & Poetry

By Rod Bondurant

I was enjoying (thanks to a loan from my friend Ross Trotter) a 1968 album "A Rainbow in Curved Air" created by our neighbor Terry Riley. I noticed a poem on the jacket. The sentiment and vision, just like the music, still seem current to me. So, with his permission, here it is expressed again for January 2009:

*And then all wars ended / Arms of every kind  
were outlawed and the masses gladly contributed  
them to giant foundries in which they were melted  
down and the metal poured back into the earth /  
The pentagon was turned on its side and painted  
purple, yellow and green / All boundaries were  
dissolved / The slaughter of animals was  
forbidden / The whole of lower Manhattan  
became a meadow in which unfortunates from  
the Bowery were allowed to live out their  
fantasies in the sunshine and were cured /  
People swam in the sparkling rivers under blue  
skies streaked only with incense pouring from the  
new factories / The energy from dismantled  
nuclear weapons provided free heat and light /  
World health was restored / An abundance of  
organic vegetables, fruits and grains was growing  
wild along the discarded highways / National flags  
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perform harmless theatrical games / The concept  
of work was forgotten*

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## Making a Difference... Camptonville Buddies

By Judy Morris

**YOU** -- Camptonville -- have done so in the past and I know you will continue to do so in the future: **Make a Difference in a Cancer Patient's Life!** How can you or how have you done this? Simply by getting involved with the American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life**.

Ways you can get involved are:

- 1) Starting a new team of walkers (all ages welcome)
- 2) Joining an existing team, such as Camptonville Buddies or Ameriwest Mortgage (the two local teams)
- 3) Making a donation to one of the local teams.

You can do all this simply by going to the web site: [www.realforlife.org/nevadacountyca](http://www.realforlife.org/nevadacountyca) and doing one of the three items listed above.

You ask: how will any of that make a difference in a cancer patient's life? By getting involved, you are able to pass on information about the various services American Cancer Society has to offer **FREE** to cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and family members such as: **Road To Recovery** -- volunteers drive patients to their medical appointments, and **Look Good Feel Better** -- a program for women dealing with appearance & self-image during chemotherapy & radiation treatments

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American Cancer Society is also involved in research to find a cure as well as advocacy to get our political leaders to make the **War against Cancer** a top priority. None of these activities can exist without **YOU & ME** Making a Difference by getting involved.

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## First Annual Studhorse Wildcard Poker Run

By Mark Jokerst

The Pike City Volunteer Fire Department has May 16th, 2009 scheduled for its first annual "Poker Run," a motorcycle tour of the Sierra Foothills to raise some much needed funds for the fire department. Details will be published soon, but the ride will start at the Brass Rail and head for Bridgeport, Lake Englebright, Browns Valley, Willow Glen, CAMPTONVILLE!, and Pike City with the final hand being played back at the Brass Rail in North San Juan. The little diversion to Pike City will include some fun and games including a "Dunk the Chief" tank. Mark your calendars and join the cause on May 16th.

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## Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

Last month we received a 2009 rare breed poultry catalogue in the mail. Oh what a day. Nothing occurred that day but fingering the pages and dreaming of all the different breeds we'd like to have. We didn't get chicks last year. We are due. I usually get them from the feed store but I wanted some special ones this year.

I think I went a bit nuts. There were too many choices. We made many lists and revised them several times. The chicks will be shipped to the Camptonville Post Office April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Get ready Bo!!!! "PEEP PEEP!" We'd better get busy.....lots of new fencing, another hen house extension and a new Bantam penthouse are needed.

Here's our selection:

- 2 Rhode Island Reds- as they are heat and cold tolerant. Plus the ladies are prolific brown egg layers.
- 2 Golden Penciled Hamburgs- a rare breed once known as "Dutch Everyday Layers" and because Liam said they look prehistoric.
- 4 Buff Catalanas- another rare breed originally from Spain. I chose these birds, as they are very heat hardy and lay white eggs. After losing Ruth to the heat last summer I really wanted to focus on hens that can deal with our intense heat.
- 2 Cuckoo Marans- because they lay the darkest brown eggs of any chicken breed.
- 8-yes, I said 8 Buff Columbian Wyandottes Bantams- Liam's special project as he really wants to raise some Banties-the miniature chickens. We will be building them a separate area near the garden. We have begun the first stages of planning.

We are very excited for the upcoming spring and what poultry adventures await us!

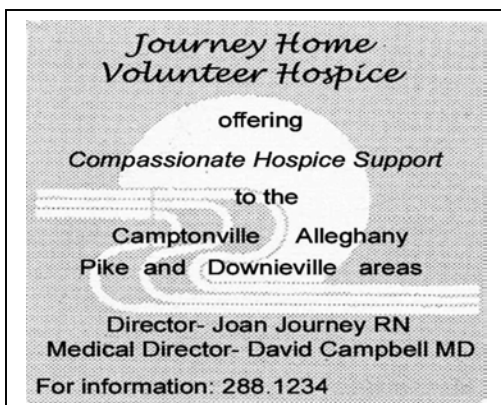


## Camptonville's Youth Voice

By Cathy LeBlanc

Camptonville has been chosen to be a chapter of the Yuba-Sutter Youth Development Community Action Coalition (YDCAC) funded by the Sierra Health Foundation Reach Initiative. We are the only chapter in the foothills. Our Camptonville Club Live kids and other interested 10-18 year olds will meet and plan to access our community right now, coming up with ideas to make it a better place for youth to grow up! (Or in other words: they will access our community and create an implementation plan for sustainable change.)

Our first meeting was January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and it was held at Harmony Health Family Resource Center. We introduced the team members present: Krystal Gross, Danny Rasmussen, Jean Black, and Cathy LeBlanc. Currently, Camptonville's Club Live kids are in the midst of basketball season and weren't able to attend. The kids will be working with adult mentors. If you are interested in joining or want to find out more, call Cathy at the Resource Center: 288-9355.



## News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz

A discussion took place on the subject of homework and the school's homework policy at the January school board meeting. Some research was brought to that meeting in terms of both the nationwide debate on the value of homework and what other schools in neighboring counties have as school policy. At this time, an effective homework plan for each grade level at will be developed and implemented by the Superintendent and teachers of Camptonville School.

One suggestion offered to the board by parents was to adopt a 10 minute per grade level policy as endorsed by the NEA and PTA. Other parents at the meeting were happy with the current amount of homework given to the students. The board is still seeking input from parents and school personnel on the topic of revising our current homework policy.

It was also recommended that we use the automated phone messaging system to send out reminders for board meetings. Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, and the February board meeting will be on the 11th. If you are a parent at the school, you should get a phone message on Monday the 9th as a reminder. We also intend to post board agendas on the website on the Monday before meetings. Go to <http://www.cville.k12.ca.us>.

And don't forget, we need new board members. Please get involved. Feel free to call me for more info: 288-0816.

## Obituary: Nancy Doub

By Janie Kesselman

Our dear friend and close neighbor, Nancy Doub, succumbed peacefully and painlessly to uterine cancer in the loving presence of husband Bill, daughter Marian, and son-in-law Bob on Saturday, January 24th. To paraphrase her son Eric's account of her last days: True to her character, Nancy worked on projects up until the moment she fell asleep her final night. Her last project was adding captions and descriptions to photos of her ancestors. "Once I get an idea, I won't rest until it's done," said Nancy the night she died.


At the hospice meeting in her living room just a couple of days previous, she lay on the couch sewing miniature blankets for horses from the doll-house sized stable she is passing on to her descendents. She departed giving love, receiving love, and doing what she loved.

Later this spring friends and family will celebrate her life and scatter her ashes at Nancy and Bill's home on Old Toll Road in Camptonville. Friends are welcome to send remembrances and thoughts to Nancy's daughter Marian at: [mdoub@mindspring.com](mailto:mdoub@mindspring.com).

Anyone wanting to make a donation to honor Nancy's memory, please send it to: Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center P.O. Box 1156, Boulder, CO. 80306 (303-444-6981) <http://www.rmpjc.org>

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## A Prost to typos!

By Roy Ruff

**Prost:** meaning to toast or cheer, German from the Latin, used to wish good health

**Typo:** short for *typographical error*, as of spelling or content especially in typed material

Every once in a while (ok fine, every issue so far for the Courier's new editors) most publications encounter mistakes in spelling, context or content. Some of you may have noticed the Courier is no exception. We have certainly made a few in our eagerness to get our feet on the ground and up to speed. We will continue to improve as we evolve. Corrections will be a regular column on page 10 or 11 in future issues.

Now to address corrections from last month's issue. The Rebel Ridge Market as we reported is up and running with a new phone number (see accompanying article). Unfortunately it wasn't the number we published. The correct number is **288-3650**.

We want to thank specifically the real owner of said number for her indulgence in advising folks of the correct exchange for the market. We'd also like to thank all the great readers, contributors and advertisers who help, advise and make our community publication possible.

## Rebel Ridge Market Update

By Editors

Rovillia Green and Tari Newman would like everyone to know that the market will be carrying organic products again. Tobacco and propane are now available-please don't use them together!

The EBT (food stamps) program will be implemented at the market soon. Please stop in and say hi to the new proprietors. Remember the new phone number is

**288-3650!**

## The 2009 Oscars are approaching!

By Carey Ruff

As always this time of year, America is eagerly awaiting one of its oldest traditions: The Oscars. This year, the 81<sup>st</sup> annual Oscars will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will be hosted by Hugh Jackman (*The X-men Franchise*, *The Prestige*, *Swordfish*, and, most recently, *Australia*, itself nominated for an Award: Best Costume Design), breaking a long line of stand-up comedians hosting the Oscars.

2008 was a particularly good year for the film industry, and the Oscars show it. With the films nominated ranging from epics such as *Defiance* and *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, to Superhero films like *Iron Man* and *The Dark Knight*, to the CG movies *Wall-E* and *Bolt*, it will be hard to choose the winners in any category, although some movies speak for themselves with their brilliance and vision.

Although I have not seen many of the films nominated, I have seen enough to predict which movies will win (or at least deserve to win) an Academy Award in February.

On the next page is a list of all the nominees, with my predictions in bold.



# 2009 Oscar Predictions

**BEST PICTURE:** *Frost/Nixon*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *the Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *Milk*, *the Reader*.

**BEST DIRECTOR:** Danny Boyle (*Slumdog Millionaire*), Stephen Daldry (*the Reader*), **David Fincher** (*Benjamin Button*), Ron Howard (*Frost/Nixon*), Gus Van Sant (*Milk*).

**BEST ACTOR:** Richard Jenkins, **Brad Pitt**, Sean Penn, Frank Langella, Mickey Rourke.

**BEST ACTRESS:** Anne Hathaway, Angelina Jolie, Melissa Leo, **Meryl Streep**, Kate Winslet.

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:** Josh Brolin, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Robert Downey Jr., **Heath Ledger**, Michael Shannon.

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:** Amy Adams, Penelope Cruz, Viola Davis, **Taraji P. Henson**, Marisa Tomei.

**BEST ANIMATED FEATURE FILM:** *Bolt*, *Kung Fu Panda*, ***Wall-E***.

**BEST FOREIGN FILM:** *The Baader Meinhof Complex*, ***the Class***, *Departures*, *Ravage*, *Waltz with Bashir*.

**BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY:** *Milk*, *In Bruges*, *Happy Go Lucky*, ***Wall-E***, *Frozen River*.

**BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY:** *Benjamin Button*, *Doubt*, *Frost/Nixon*, *the Reader*, *Slumdog Millionaire*.

**BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE:** *the Betrayal*, *Man on Wire*, *the Garden*, *Encounters at the End of the World*, ***Trouble the Water***.

**BEST ORIGINAL SCORE:** *Defiance*, *Wall-E*, *Benjamin Button*, *Milk*, *Slumdog Millionaire*.

**BEST ORIGINAL SONG:** "Down to Earth" (*Wall-E*), "Jai Ho" (*Slumdog Millionaire*), "O Saya" (*Slumdog Millionaire*).

**BEST FILM EDITING:** *The Dark Knight*, *Benjamin Button*, *Frost/Nixon*, *Milk*, *Slumdog Millionaire*.

**BEST DOCUMENTARY – SHORT**

**SUBJECT:** *The Conscience of Nhem En*, *Smile Pinki*, *the Final Inch*, ***the Witness – From the Balcony of Room 306***.

**BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY:** *Changeling*, *Benjamin Button*, *the Dark Knight*, *the Reader*, ***Slumdog Millionaire***.

**BEST COSTUME DESIGN:** *Australia*, *Benjamin Button*, *Milk*, *Revolutionary Road*, *the Duchess*.

**BEST SOUND MIXING:** *Wall-E*, ***the Dark Knight***, *Benjamin Button*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *Wanted*.

**BEST SOUND EDITING:** *The Dark Knight*, *Iron Man*, *Wall-E*, *Wanted*, *Slumdog Millionaire*.

**BEST LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM:** *Auf Der Strecke* ("On the Line"), *Manon on the Asphalt*, ***New Boy***, *the Pig*, *Spielzeugland* ("Toyland").

**BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM:** *This Way Up*, *Presto*, *La Maison de Petits Cubes*, ***Lavatory - Lovestory***, *Octapodi*.

**BEST MAKEUP:** *Benjamin Button*, ***Hellboy II: the Golden Army***, *the Dark Knight*.

**BEST ART DIRECTION:** *Changeling*, *Benjamin Button*, *the Dark Knight*, *the Duchess*, *Revolutionary Road*.

**BEST VISUAL EFFECTS:** *Benjamin Button*, *the Dark Knight*, ***Iron Man***.

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