The National Association of Social Workers was outraged to hear Alaska Governor Sarah Palin malign the work of community organizers in a live international broadcast.

The social work profession takes great pride in its community organizing roots and lauds the contributions of its members and other professionals, who commit their careers to helping residents of different communities organize their resources and take social action to improve life for themselves and their families. Small-town reformers and urban community organizers have much in common.

The concepts of community organizing, community building and community development undergird the premise of American democracy. As a result of these efforts, institutions and officials often deliver more effective economic growth strategies, as well as mental health, family and health services for people of all ages.

Community organizing is also the foundation of most successful political campaigns. Meeting fellow Americans in their communities and working with them to find solutions to problems that limit their potential is valuable and necessary work—with significant responsibilities.

The profession of social work was founded on the legacy of outstanding women leaders such as Nobel Laureate Jane Addams, who practiced community organizing in the settlement houses she created for the poor and working class immigrants of Chicago. The profession also counts civil rights icons such as Dr. Dorothy I. Height among its luminaries.

It is fitting that both women are considered two of the most influential people in American history, and are inspirations for many of our country’s finest leaders.

During this election year, NASW encourages both parties to stay focused on issues of substance to the American people. We hope that instead of denigrating the lives and work of huge segments of the population, candidates will demonstrate how their plans for the country will protect and elevate the quality of life for all Americans.

Social Workers Respond to Governor Palin’s Attack on Community Organizers

We, as social workers, are increasingly needed to address the needs of returning combat veterans, especially from Iraq and Afghanistan. We will be focusing on those most affected—those displaying adjustment disorders to traumatic brain injury to severe post traumatic stress disorder.

While many vets are able to adjust and reacclimate back into society, many suffer from dual diagnoses such as alcohol/drug addiction and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). As we also know, trauma also sets off past traumas, further complicating our task. Therefore, social workers must be adequately informed, trained and empowered so as to address the needs and provide new ways to care for returning combat veterans. We must know the resources of the VA and other services available.

There are currently more than 1 million military troops that have been deployed in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Many are returning disabled, unemployable with multiple psychological issues. Due to PTSD, many experience recurrent and intrusive distressing memories, flashbacks, sounds, explosions and traumatic images. Recurring nightmares, extreme physical reactivity, such as a racing pulse and hypervigilance, as well as irritability and anger, sleep disturbance, by triggers, detachment and numbing, hypervigilence and survivors guilt may exist. Suicidal ideation is not uncommon. And according to news reports, there have been many suicides in Iraq.

The soldier’s own risk factors such as poor social support, past life stressors, adverse childhood events and prior traumas may intensify the risk for PTSD.

Trumatic brain injury (TBI), the signature injury of Iraq, is often hard to diagnose and invisible with symptoms similar to PTSD.

See Combat Veteran page 12
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING IS REAL WORK
By Stacie Hiramoto, MSW

I began writing this article the night Sarah Palin made her appearance as the vice presidential candidate at the Republican National Con-

vention. As inspired as I was with Obama’s speech just a week earlier, I was angered by hers that night. In her introductory speech to the American public, instead of outlining where she stands on the issues and why she was qualified to be vice president—she chose to mock Barack Obama. She also mocked social workers and what we do. Palin, first referencing herself, said, “I guess our national Web site at www.social workers.org. If you are voting for the candidate based on social work values and issues, I cannot imagine you voting for McCain and Palin over Obama and Biden.”

When I was the lobbyist for our California chapter of NASW, it always annoyed me greatly when a few social workers would complain to me and say, “NASW only endorses Democrats.” First of all, that is not true. NASW has endorsed Republicans and does not endorse candidates only because they are Republicans.

Furthermore, NASW has a set of policies, all written in detail with broad support in Social Work Speaks. When both our political action com-

mittees at the national and state lev-

els consider an endorsement, a can-
didate’s positions are compared with our policy positions in this publica-
tion. And who develops and approves these policies in Social Work Speaks? NASW members are elected by each of you as delegates to the Delegate Assembly!

Of course, this is not the sole consideration for endorsing a candi-
date, but it is one of the most impor-
tant. Yes, we do support Democrats considerably more often than Rep-

cubans, but this is because of the positions those candidates take on our issues, not just because they are Democrats.

Some may say, there is little dif-
terence between Obama and Mc-

Cain. Frankly, this is so ridiculous as it reminds me of those kids who used to say to me, “Japanese, Chinese, what’s the difference?” I would say to myself, if they would only take the time to study this a bit, they would realize that although there are com-

monalities, there are important dif-

ferences.

So please, at the very least, take

the time to vote for Barack Obama. If you care about civil rights, peace and social justice, campaign for Barack Obama. If you care about win-

ning this election, donate to Barack Obama.

If you are voting for the candidate based on social work values and issues, I cannot imagine you voting for McCain and Palin over Obama and Biden.

Some articles represent the opinion of the writers and not necessarily those of NASW-CA. Some may disagree with the opinions. Letters to the editor as well as articles with opposing views are welcome.

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By the time readers see this, I hope the novelty of Governor Sarah Palin has worn off. While many were very disappointed that Senator Hillary Clinton did not gain the Democratic Party nomination, Governor Palin is no Hillary Clinton. The two could not be more opposite in terms of universal health care, the war on terrorism, immigration, welfare, civil rights, taxes, choice, marriage equality, and the list goes on.

Let’s not get sidetracked on who the vice presidential nominee is, but who the presidential candidates are. And while Obama and McCain may sound similar as they both move to the center to capture swing-state voters and undecideds, they have very different philosophies that will greatly influence their choices for cabinet officers and upper departmental management of federal agencies as well as Supreme Court and other federal judiciary appointments. These differences alone make it clear that Barack Obama is the right choice for social workers and for America. NASW has formally endorsed Barack Obama for President.

The Democratic nominee is clearly the choice for the future where we need a country and a world that is fairer and less discriminatory. Social work has a calling to help others and society. We became professional social workers by learning policy and how to be advocates for change at all levels. Let’s apply that same thinking to analyzing the candidates’ policies and choosing the right candidate to vote for.

The PALIN EFFECT

By Janlee Wong, MSW

NASW-CA WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Legislative Lobby Days Conference and board meetings.

Cheryl’s experience in event management and professional development is extensive. She began working for the California Association of School Business Officials nearly 20 years ago and most recently served as the Director of Professional Development. She was responsible for the successful execution of CEU workshops, an annual convention and trade show, and quarterly board of director meetings. Her experience also includes years of working with committees and exhibitors, working as a team to ensure the proper motion and marketing of the events, and working with facilities throughout California.

Cheryl is delighted to be part of the chapter’s team. “I am impressed with the NASW-CA chapter’s strategic plan and mission and purposefully chose an organization that I believe makes a difference in the lives of others. My goal is to maintain the high standard of quality previously established by the association leadership and to ensure that all chapter events function smoothly.”

You can reach Cheryl at (916) 442-4565, ext. 15 or crynak@naswca.org.

Social Worker of the Year

This award honors a social worker who exhibits the following attributes:

• Consistent demonstration of the six core values of the NASW Code of Ethics: service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.
• Broad professional social work experience and demonstrated leadership
• NASW and voluntary association experience
• Diverse and multicultural experience
• Impact on social policy; advocacy for clients; exceptional practice
• NASW Member in good standing
• Current elected officers and NASW staff are not eligible

Lifetime Achievement in Social Work

This award honors a lifetime of excellence in social work accomplishments. Candidates must exhibit the following:

• Consistent demonstration of the six core values and ethical principles of social work: service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.
• Repeated outstanding accomplishments
• Recognition beyond the social work profession
• Contributions of lasting impact
• Outstanding creativity
• NASW member in good standing
• Must also meet all the criteria of the Social Worker of the Year Award

Public Citizen of the Year

This award honors an outstanding member of the community (not a professional social worker) whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of professional social work. A selection is made on the following criteria:

• Significant contribution to an area or population of concern to the social work profession

We need a global cooperative approach to fighting terrorism, not a unilateral military approach without a clear mission.

Social workers are a diverse lot and that includes politicians. But we’re also fair and ethical. We entered so-
Hello and welcome to our amazing community organizers! How about that Republican vice presidential candidate? I am not sure I have seen our profession devalued by an elected official in such a horrible way and they don’t always say the nicest things at the State Capitol!

I am so proud of our National NASW office for responding quickly to this verbal bashing of community organizers. Rock on my friends because the bridges we build are bridges to somewhere!

The 2008 legislative year has come to a close. The official last day of legislative session was August 31. The Governor had until September 30 to sign or veto any legislation passed and sent to him prior to August 31. Please see page 6 for a list of NASW-CA priority legislation and the final outcomes of NASW-CA’s 2008 legislative priorities.

The New State Budget
After an 81-day stalemate, the Legislature and the Governor have finally agreed upon a state budget, but neither party is happy with the end result. The state’s fiscal year began July 1 and we have been running without a budget for nearly three months. The last week of negotiations was quite interesting. The legislature passed a budget in the wee hours of the morning on Monday, September 15. The governor was so displeased with the plan, that the following day, he vetoed the budget. The legislators responded by threatening a historical override of the governor’s veto. The good news is that by Thursday, September 18, they had agreed upon a plan without any historic tactics. So now, nursing homes, community colleges and state vendors will be paid and all is well in the budget world for 100 days until the governor releases next year’s budget.

Some key points in the budget include:
- Extends 10 percent reduction for Medi-Cal reimbursements through 2/09.
- Requires paperwork twice a year (instead of once) for children in the Medi-Cal Program.
- Increases Healthy Families Program premium contributions for some families by $2 to $3 per child per month.
- Suspends the October 2008 COLA for CalWORKS grants.
- Suspends the October 2008 and June 2009 state COLAs for SSI/SSP grants.
- Freezes the income eligibility limit for child-care services at the 2007-08 level in 2008-09.

2008 November General Election & Voter Guide
The November General Election is right around the corner on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. NASW-CA and CalPACE have taken many positions on initiatives and endorsed several candidates. The back page of this edition of the California NEWS features a list of NASW-CA positions on election propositions that you can take to the polls! The voter guide can be found online at www.naswca.org. Don’t forget to register to vote if you haven’t already, or changed your name or address. The deadline to register for the November General Election is October 20, 2008.

Priority races and issues for NASW this November 4 are:
- Electing Barack Obama for president
- Defeating Prop 4, parental notification of abortion
- Defeating Prop 8, same-sex marriage ban
- Electing social workers Mariko Yamada, MSW (AD 8) and Carole Luttmans, LCSW (AD 38) to the state assembly
- Electing Lois Wolk (SD 5) and Hannah-Beth Jackson (SD 19) to the state senate.

Personally, I have been phone banking for Barack Obama, “No on Props 4 and 8”, and will be heading down to Santa Barbara and Ventura counties for the most competitive statewide race this year to help elect former Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson to the state senate. I have also raised more than $12,000 for the “No on Prop 8” campaign and am coordinating the “No on Prop 8” house parties in the Greater Sacramento area, which will result in

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Legislative Calendar

2008
September 30
Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature
October 13
Columbus Day – state holiday
October 20
Last day to register to vote for General Election
November 4
General Election
November 11
Veterans Day – state holiday
November 27
Thanksgiving – state holiday
November 30
Last day of office for termed out members
December 1
First day of the 2009-2010 Regular Session

2009
January 1-2
New Years Day – state holiday
January 1
Statutes take effect

Silent Auction Donations Needed
CalPACE, NASW-CA’s political action committee, is looking for donations of products, services, art or gift certificates for NASW-CA’s Legislative Lobby Days and the Annual Conference.
To donate, please contact
Laura Rosas-Corona at Laura_Rosas@hotmail.com or (916) 442-4565 ext. 14.
CalPACE is a non-partisan, political action committee formed to support candidates and issues that advance social work values and public policy goals.

POLITICAL ACTION
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE
By Wendy Rae Hill, BSW
Director of Government Relations and Political Affairs

IS AN ELECTION YEAR
National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter

Your coins = CHANGE!
We need your contributions to ensure that we elect officials who support social work related values!
Please contribute generously!

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nearly $250,000 towards the $20 million that needs to be raised to defeat the initiative to eliminate the right for state employees to live stream to get married. With a month to go, my social work career is just getting going!

If you would like to join our efforts by volunteering your time, please contact naswdvoc@naswca.org and we can refer you to volunteer opportunities in your community.

2009 Legislative Lobby Days! Register Now!

Legislative Lobby Days is a two-day conference for social work professionals and students, focusing on advocating for social justice at our state capitol. Legislative Lobby Days will familiarize you with advocacy and the legislative process. You will learn about legislation affecting social workers and consumers, learn inside strategies for advocating legislators and meet with senators, assembly members and political leaders.

The 2009 Legislative Lobby Days is scheduled for March 8-9 in Sacramento. Information and online registration is available now at www.naswca.org. Early bird registration is recommended for the lowest fees. You can register directly online to be a team leader or volunteer at the event and receive a discount on your registration.

Register Now!

2009 Legislative IDea Submissions

Now that the 2008 legislative session has ended, we will look at possible policy priorities for the 2009 legislative session. If you have an idea to share with the government relations department, please e-mail naswdvoc@naswca.org or call (916) 442-4665 ext. 14. The deadline to submit ideas for the 2009 legislative session is November 14, 2008.

Legislative Action Center

Ever wonder how you can make an impact on social welfare policy right from the comfort of your mouse? Visit our Legislative Action Center on www.naswca.org and send your legislators a message about important policy issues. It just takes a minute to make your opinion heard. Also, look for advocacy opportunities in our CalSwift e-mails that go to members twice a month.

Legislative/Election Advocacy Training Available

The NASW-CA government relations department has teamed up with the membership department to create a NASW-CA legislative/election advocacy training and we have taken it on the road! NASW-CA staff is available to come to your agency or school for a presentation. Just contact us to set it up! E-mail naswdvoc@naswca.org or (916) 442-4665 ext. 14. Until November, stand firm, reach out and be loud!

What Happened to Title Protections?

By Wendy Rae Hill, BSW
Director of Government Relations and Political Affairs

The National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter had three sponsored bills this year in the Legislature. All year long, NASW members and staff have been lobbying these measures. Following is a description of these bills and what happened to them during this legislative session.

AB 2753 (Solotorio) State Worker Social Worker Title Protections

would reserve the title of social worker to state employees who hold a degree in social work from an accredited university. AB 2753 never made it out of the Legislature to the governor’s desk. In July, NASW was notified by the State Personnel Board (SPB) that it was opposed to AB 2753 because it took away the SPB’s constitutional right to determine the minimum requirements for state service personnel. After several meetings with our allies, the SPB and Assemblymember Solotorio, we realized that SPB really did agree with us. As such, the SPB deleted from state service the job classification that was called social worker, but did not require a social work degree. Currently, there are no state service jobs titled social worker that do not require a professional social work degree. Some issues are solved without legislation!

AB 2543 (Berg) Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act would create a loan repayment program for licensed clinical social workers and marriage family therapists that specialize in working with our aging population for three years. AB 2543 is on the governor’s desk awaiting a signature. If signed by the governor, the bill would go into effect January 1, 2010.

AB 3015 (Brownley) Foster Youth School Safety Education will ensure that foster youth, social workers, foster parents, relative caregivers and other child welfare professionals be educated on the current law with regards to protecting students from discrimination and harassment in California’s schools. AB 3015 is on the governor’s desk awaiting a signature. If signed by the governor, the bill would go into effect January 1, 2009.

NASW is currently embarking on legislative research for 2009-sponsored legislation. A few of these ideas include another type of title protections and increasing access to mental health services for youth.

My experience at Lobby Days is what made me want an internship with NASW. Being able to participate in legislative issues that actually made a difference statewide and, potentially, nationally made me believe in the power of Macro level social work. Although I’ve had experience with the Legislature, I never knew how to address them about my concerns. But role playing and the other informative information gave me the know-how to make a difference again this year. Join us for the 2009 NASW-CA Legislative Lobby Days Event and “Stand Up For Others”

MARCH 8 & 9, 2009
2009 NASW-CA Annual Legislative Lobby Days

Register Now for Lowest Rates, Available at www.naswca.org

More than 900 professional social workers and students attended last year... and they made a difference in advocating for the social work profession and our clients.

We need your help to make a difference again this year. Join us for the 2009 NASW-CA Legislative Lobby Days Event and “Stand Up For Others”

SAVE THE DATE

Carrige Gray, MSW student


2008 NASW-CA Priority Legislation

This is a partial list of legislation that NASW-CA has taken a position on. For a complete list, please visit www.naswca.org and click on “Government Affairs.”

AB 437 (Jones) Employment Discrimination
This bill would ensure that victims of pay discrimination continue to have a fair opportunity to seek redress in the courts for violations of state law by clarifying that the time period for filing a pay discrimination claim runs from the date of each payment of a discriminatory wage.

NASW-CA Position: Support
Location: Governor’s Desk

AB 531 (Salas) Mendez v. Westminster
This bill will allow for the inclusion of the Mendez v. Westminster case into the Department of Education’s curriculum framework for primary and secondary levels of education, ensuring that future generations of Californians will learn about our state’s role in ending educational segregation.

NASW-CA Position: Support
Location: Governor’s Desk

AB 1486 (Calderon) Licensed Professional Counselors
This bill would create a licensure category under the Board of Behavioral Sciences for licensed professional counselors.

NASW-CA Position: Oppose unless amended
Status: Died in Senate Appropriations Committee

Candidate Endorsements & Proposition Positions

Presidential and Congressional (CA) Candidate Endorsements are made by PACE. State Senate (SD) and State Assembly (AD) Candidate Endorsements are made by CalPACE and are based on the candidates’ commitment to the NASW Code of Ethics and Official Delegate Assembly Positions in Social Work Speaks.

Barack Obama - President of the United States

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Please see the back cover for an analysis of the initiatives.

AB 1887 (Beall) Mental Health Services
This bill requires a health care service plan and health insurance policy to provide coverage for the diagnosis and medically necessary treatment of a mental illness of a person of any age, including a child. It defines mental illness as a mental disorder defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV and includes substance abuse in the covered benefits under this bill.

NASW-CA Position: Support
Location: Governor’s Desk

AB 2543 (Berg) Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act
This bill will create a loan repayment program for licensed health care professionals that specialize in working with our aging population for three years.

NASW-CA Position: Support, Co-sponsor
Location: Governor’s Desk

AB 2753 (Solario) State Worker Social Worker Title Protections
This bill will ensure the title of social worker to state employees that hold a degree in social work form an accredited university.

NASW-CA Position: Support, Co-sponsor
Status: Senate Floor – inactive file
Update: We were able to achieve the results of AB 2753 without creating a new bill. NASW and AFSCME approached the State Personnel Board. SPB discontinued the state job classifications that were titled “social worker” and did not require a degree in social work. Currently, all state job classifications titled “social worker” require a social work degree from an accredited university.

AB 2747 (Berg) The California Right to Know End-of-Life Act of 2008
This bill allows terminally-ill patients an opportunity to obtain information about their end-of-life care choices.

NASW-CA Position: Support
Location: Governor’s Desk

AB 3015 (Brownley) Foster Youth School Safety Education
This bill will ensure that foster youth, social workers, foster parents, relatives, caregivers and other child welfare professionals be educated on the current law with regards to protecting students from discrimination and harassment in California’s schools.

NASW-CA Position: Support, Co-sponsor
Location: Governor’s Desk

SB 60 (Cedillo) Driver’s Licenses
This bill requires California to issue a “driving-only license” to an applicant who does not meet the minimum issuance standards of the Federal Real ID Act.

NASW-CA Position: Support
Location: Governor’s Desk

See PRIORITY LEGISLATION page 13
MEMBERSHIP

HELP STARTS HERE

WEBSITE PROVIDES VALUABLE INFORMATION

Have you visited the NASW Help Starts Here Web site? As part of the national social work public education campaign, NASW has created this consumer Web site that promotes the breadth and depth of the profession. This Web site at www.helpstartshere.org has been widely promoted to members and the public since 2006. It offers valuable advice and resources from professional social workers on current consumer-interest topics, such as depression, domestic violence, end-of-life care and much more. Listed below are just a few of the reasons why social workers, their clients and the public would benefit by visiting this Web site.

NASW Social Workers Finder

This user-friendly, comprehensive search tool is both quick and easy and includes information related to the therapist’s areas of expertise, hours of operation, languages spoken, payment options and more. The finder has more than 3,500 licensed social workers listed. Participants are part of a comprehensive resource that helps consumers, hospitals, schools, physicians and others find social work services easily. The direct benefit to the therapist is an increase in quality referrals and is $25 annually. For more information, please visit www.helpstartshere.org/common/Search/Default.asp.

A Five-Minute Video: On Any Given Day, Social Workers Help

The NASW public education campaign has created tools for social workers to educate people about the breadth and depth of the profession. NASW has created advertising, public relations and marketing materials that tell people about the profession. Now, there is a five-minute video that will show people that, on any given day, social workers help in so many ways. This video is available on the homepage at www.helpstartshere.org and on youtube.com.

Listing of Popular Articles

There are many articles and resources about numerous topics available on this Web site. The following are an example of the most popular articles:

- How Social Workers Help Struggling Teens
- Eating Disorders: How Social Workers Help
- Why Some Long-Term Marriages End in Divorce
- The African American Family Epidemic: A Woman’s Perspective

Please visit the Web site today and send others too. Together let’s educate other professionals and the public about the scope and value of social work!

NASW OFFERS FREE ONLINE COURSES

Did you know that both the NASW national Web site and the NASW California Web site offer social workers free online courses? Did you know that all of these courses have been designed for social work professionals—licensed and non-licensed as well as social work students? These courses have been taken by thousands of social workers across the nation and are up-to-date and easy to complete at any time from any computer. If you are licensed and needing CEUs, all of the online courses on the national Web site (WebEd) and the NASW California Web site (Online Program) offer CEUs approved by the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS).

Register today and join the thousands of social workers that have taken these classes for professional development or continuing education. If you have questions about these classes, please contact Tatiana Bruyeva at (800) 538-2565, ext. 17.

NASW National Free Online Courses

www.socialworkers.org

- Understanding the NASW Code of Ethics
- Understanding Malpractice Risk: What Social Workers Can Do
- Understanding Cancer: The Social Workers’ Role
- Understanding Cancer Caregiving: The Social Worker’s Role
- Understanding Genetics: The Social Worker’s Role
- Understanding Aging: The Social Worker’s Role
- Achieving Cultural Competence to Reduce Health Disparities in End of Life Care

NASW California Free Online Courses

www.naswca.org

- Social Workers’ Ethical Responsibility to Coworkers
- Social workers’ Ethical Responsibility to Clients (Both classes are based on the NASW Code of Ethics).
The U.S. Task Force on Community Preventive Services recommends individual cognitive behavior therapy and group cognitive behavior therapy to reduce psychological harm to youth who show psychological symptoms following exposure to traumatic events. The task force recommends two interventions on the basis of strong evidence, and found insufficient evidence to determine the effectiveness of five others. Note that “insufficient evidence” does not mean that the intervention does not work, only that there is not yet enough evidence to determine whether or not it is effective. Interventions designed to reduce psychological harm among youth who have experienced, witnessed or otherwise been exposed to a traumatic event include the following:

- Individual cognitive behavior therapy and/or group cognitive behavior therapy
- Insufficient Evidence:

   - Play therapy


For more information contact: Robert A. Hahn, Ph.D., M.P.H. at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at rah1@cdc.gov.

Although most school social workers enjoy jobs that have a great deal of flexibility and autonomy, the current era of the No Child Left Behind Act and high-stakes testing has increased the pressure on all school staff to improve the academic performance of students. Increasingly, school social workers have been asked to help reduce the many barriers to education that social, emotional, and economic stressors present to children and to assist teachers in engaging otherwise disengaged students in the educational process. In communities with endemic violence and poverty and increasingly scarce resources, this task can often seem overwhelming.

In order to address these issues, the CASSW and the NASW School Social Work Council have organized their second annual conference titled “Bridges to Change: Connecting Practice to Theory and Research” that will present the best current knowledge and practices in school social work.

Available workshops will cover diverse topics such as working with students who have experienced trauma and community violence; resilience-based methods in working with students and consulting with teachers; law and ethics in school-based settings (fulfilling the mandatory continuing education requirement); clinical supervision in school settings; and a variety of other topics.

The keynote speaker is Gary L. Bowen, Ph.D., ACSW, professor in the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is the incoming president-elect of the National Council on Family Relations.

He will discuss the development of the school success profile, an instrument developed for assessment of risk and protective factors among school-aged children and youth and will also address its implications for identifying intervention strategies.

The conference is located in downtown Old Oakland. Visit http://www.cassw.net/ for registration information.
### November 2008 CE Fair in Burbank

**Dates:** Nov. 14-15, 2008  
**Location:** Holiday Inn, Burbank  
**Address:** 150 E. Angelino Ave.  
**Reg. Deadline:** Monday, Oct. 27, 2008

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**Language Program for Social Workers**

Two-week immersion program in Costa Rica

Specifically designed for social workers

Details at www.naswca.org

### January 2009 CE Fair in Los Angeles

**Dates:** Jan. 30-31, 2009  
**Location:** LA Athletic Club, Los Angeles  
**Address:** 431 West Seventh Street  
**Reg. Deadline:** Monday, Jan. 1, 2009

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2009 Annual Conference

Save the Dates:

- May 15-16, 2009  
- Marriott, Santa Clar

More information coming at www.naswca.org

### February 2009 CE Fair in Burlingame

**Dates:** Feb. 20 & 21, 2009  
**Location:** SFO Marriott, Burlingame  
**Address:** 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy.  
**Reg. Deadline:** Monday, Feb. 2, 2009

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### Online Classes Available

- No Travel…No Traffic…No Parking
- Complete classes at anytime from any computer and then print a certificate.
- Visit www.naswca.org
### Registration Instructions:
- Provide all required information using black ink pen.
- Provide license type and number.
- Include full payment. No registration without payment.
- Mail or fax to Sacramento office. Fax (916) 442-2075.

#### Refund and Transfer Policy:
- If the request is received ten (10) days prior to event, there will be a full refund. Requests received less than ten days prior to event will be assessed a $40 fee. No refunds or transfers granted on or after the event.
- If the request is received after the deadline add $35 late fee.

#### Course Cancellation Policy:
Classes, which have fewer than 20 registrants by the registration deadline, will be canceled and registrants notified by phone.

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All refund and transfer requests must be made in writing. If the request is received ten (10) days prior to event, there will be a full refund. Requests received less than ten days prior to event will be assessed a $40 fee. No refunds or transfers granted on or after the event.

### Monthly CE Fair Registration Form

#### Payment Instructions:
1. Pay with check or credit card.
2. Complete payment information.
3. Mail or fax to Sacramento.
4. Tax ID # 94-1745038.

#### Please Check Type of Payment
- Check payable to NASW-CA
- Master Card or VISA

#### Ongoing Course Requirement
- Six hours of Law and Ethics.
- Three hours of Aging and Long-Term Care course, and
- Six hours of Law and Ethics.

### 2008 License Renewal Requirements

#### License Requirements on the Web
This information can be viewed on the California Board of Behavioral Sciences’ Web site www.bbs.ca.gov under “Forms and Publications.” One of the best ways to stay up-to-date with requirements is to read all issues of the BBS News, which can be viewed online.

#### If renewing in 2008 and this is your first renewal, you must complete:
- A total of 18 hours of continuing education including all four of the following classes:
  1. One-time seven-hour HIV/AIDS course,
  2. One-time seven-hour Spousal/Partner Abuse course (if not taken as part of the pre-license requirement),
  3. One-time three-hour Aging and Long-Term Care course, and
  4. Six hours of Law and Ethics.

#### If renewing in 2008 and this is NOT your first renewal, you must complete:
- A total of 36 hours of continuing education including the following content:
  1. One-time seven-hour Spousal/Partner Abuse course (if not taken as part of the pre-license requirement),
  2. One-time three-hour Aging and Long-Term Care course, and
  3. Six hours of Law and Ethics.

### Ongoing Course Requirement

#### Language Program for Social Workers
Two week immersion program in Costa Rica specifically designed for Social Workers
Details at: www.naswca.org

#### Certified Educational Unit (CEU) Information
Courses meet the qualifications for CEUs for LCSWs and MFTs as required by the CA State Board of Behavioral Sciences PCE-44.

The California Chapter is dedicated to providing professional development for all social workers throughout their career and offers classes and other opportunities designed for students. While all classes offered through the chapter provide continuing education units for licensed individuals, many of these classes are also very advantageous for non-licensed social workers.

### Special Professional Development Opportunities for All Social Workers
Register for two free online classes or attend the language and cultural immersion program for Social Workers in Costa Rica. For details, please visit the chapter’s Web site at www.naswca.org or e-mail naswlgs@naswca.org.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR STATE CHAPTER OFFICES

Nominations for the Chapter’s spring 2009 elections are now being accepted by the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CNLI) chaired by Dr. Sally Bell. The Committee seeks people with enthusiasm for the profession, willingness to work and the ability to draw others into activity with them. We hope they would also have fun working with other social workers. Also, candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to the profession with leadership abilities.

Members are encouraged to submit their own names with a resume that includes previous NASW experience or the names and qualifications of others. Send recommendations to: Chair, CNLI, NASW California Chapter, 1016 23rd St., Sacramento, CA 95816. E-mail naswca@naswca.org or fax (916) 442-2075.

The deadline for submission is December 10, 2008.

Positions open for Spring 2009 Election

Chapter President Elect

Regional Officers (Director, Alternate Director, Financial Chairs) for the following regions:

- Region A – San Francisco North Coast
- Region C – East Bay, San Francisco Area
- Region E – San Diego and Imperial
- Region G – Santa Barbara, Ventura, North LA
- Region I – Central, South and East LA

Student Directors North or South (two positions, one a BSW, one a MSW)

Secretary

Vacancies for State chapter offices

Regional Delegates for the 2011 National NASW Delegate Assembly

- Delegates at Large (North and South)
- Regional Delegates (9 NASW Regions)

Conference on Spirituality and Social Work

The fourth North American Conference on Spirituality and Social Work will bring together academics, practitioners and students to discuss and explore the important role that spirituality plays in social work practice and education.

Co-sponsored by the Society for Spirituality and Social Work (USA) and the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work, sessions will include scholarly papers, panels analyzing issues, promoting dialogue and sharing resources, keynote speaker and experiential workshops.

Scheduled for June 18-20, 2009 at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, this conference provides an exciting opportunity for an exchange of scholarship and knowledge between American, Canadian and international participants from various disciplines to stimulate dialogue on spirituality in research, professional education, social work practice and social action.

Abstract submissions are invited for academic papers, experiential workshops, posters and panel presentations. The deadline for proposals is December 1, 2008.

Conference registration and housing information will be available after October 15, 2008 on the Society for Spirituality and Social Work Web site at www.ssw.asu.edu/spirituality/sswsl. For further information, contact Ann Nichols at ann.nichols@asu.edu.

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as well as multiple tours of duty. The leading stressor that brings the vet in for help is the threat of divorce or separation. A therapist can identify the soldier’s pain, medical problems, feelings of emptiness and estrangement, anger and rage that cause destructive behaviors and the fear of losing control. One vet, who experienced intense nightmares, often rose at night to recheck locked doors and to see that his gun was in place. Another vet reported putting crickets in his closet to recreate familiar noise to sleep at night. Another soldier was afraid to go into a supermarket because he could not see the outside. These are examples of hyperarousal.

The New England Journal of Medicine studied returning soldiers and reported that 16 percent of the service men suffered from mental health issues, particularly PTSD. And, the Surgeon General reports a study that showed three to four months after discharge, 30 percent have a diagnosis of stress-related mental health issues. Research also shows a high rate of a co-morbid condition with PTSD and substance abuse disorders.

TBI. It is important to note that TBI is typically caused by a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury. Approximately 7,000 Americans in peacetime, who are in service, are diagnosed with TBI annually. In prior conflicts, TBI was present in 14 to 20 percent of surviving combat casualties. There is one report of a soldier falling off a stack of bricks to avoid sniper fire breaking his leg and hit his head in the process.

Trumatic brain injury (TBI), the signature injury of Iraq, is often hard to diagnose and invisible with symptoms similar to PTSD. TBI is typically caused by a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury. Approxi-
Elder Long Term Care: Economics and Family Security

Opinion by Lillian L. Hyatt, MSW, CCRC Resident and AARP Policy Specialist on CCRCs

In my CCRC on July 30, 2008 at about 1:40 p.m. as residents were returning to their apartments, a voice came over the loud speaker in each apartment saying “code silver” followed by the announcement that all elevators had been shut down. I called the reception desk because in the eight years I have resided in my CCRC, I had never heard such an announcement. The receptionist reluctantly told me after I insisted, that “code silver” meant that either a hostage had been taken or someone with a weapon had entered the building. Fortunately, I was in my apartment and remained there. Later that day I ran into the head of security who is on duty into the building. He admitted that if he is in a situation, he could have entered the building “jumped over the garden fence” and remained there. Later that day I questioned the receptionist, I was informed that there were only two security guards on duty. One could not leave the post that monitored the cameras. The other had been called to open an apartment door for a resident. If another resident required assistance for a serious health problem, there simply would not have been a guard available. The third guard is the head of security who is on duty on from 8:00-4:00 p.m. In addition, he admitted that if he is in a meeting, he is not available to fulfill his guard duties.

The constant turnover in the guards employed from an outsourced security company almost assures a lack of adequate training to fulfill the security needs for elderly residents.

Priority Legislation

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SB 489 (Steinberg)
Continuing Care Contracts: Retirement Communities: Closure
This bill would protect elders by placing new requirements on Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) providers such as defining closure to establish circumstances for Department of Social Services intervention, create detailed closure and relocation plans for each level of care, specify time frames and advanced notice of closure to residents, and prohibit closure or relocation until the requirements are met.

NASW-CA Position: Support
Location: Governor’s Desk

SB 840 (Kuehl)
Universal Health Care Act
Would implement a single-payer universal health care system covering all Californians with health insurance.
NASW-CA Position: Support
Location: Governor’s Desk

SB 963 (Ridley-Thomas)
Department of Consumer Affairs: Regulatory Boards
This bill would repeal the sunset date of July 1, 2009 and extend it to January 1, 2011 for the Board of Psychology, the Board of Acupuncture Board, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Contractors’ State License Board, the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists, the Court Reporters Board of California, and the State Athletic Commission.
NASW-CA Position: Neutral
Location: Governor’s Desk
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Central Coast Unit
By Suzanne Battaglia, MSW, LCSW, PsyD
Our Central Coast unit meetings are held just once per season. The winter meeting will be held January 20 at 6:15 p.m. at Happy Dragon Chinese Restaurant located at 2329 North Fremont in Sebastopol. Attendance at these meetings is open to professional social workers at all levels and areas of practice.

For those interested, join the NASW-CA Central Coast listserv at http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/naswa中央海岸/.

By Glenn Thomas LCSW.

San Jose Unit Chair
San Jose State University continues to show its strength for social work. During the orientation meeting for incoming graduate students, Elena Wu, NASW student liaison, successfully signed up and registered more than 20 new NASW members. During the last NASW Lobby Days, SJSU showed the largest number of students from any university ever at the conference. The SJSU School of Social Work is becoming one of the premier schools in the country for social work advocacy. They walk their talk and have every right to be proud.

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Sacramento Unit
From now until our next meeting on October 18, we will be collecting items for My Sister’s House to support women and children leaving domestic violence and specifically the Women to Work support group. Women to Work helps empower women escaping domestic violence to get into the workforce so they can financially support their families. Too often women return to abusive situations because of financial constraints. We will be collecting everything from plastic utensils, trash bags, mops and brooms, dishwasher soap, bleach, laundry detergent, napkins, paper towels, postage stamps, household cleaners and gas cards. You can contact any of the board members to arrange delivery/pick up.

Please join the Sacramento unit at 6:30 p.m. on October 18 for dinner and festivities at a location to be determined in downtown Sacramento. We are focusing on self care this month and rewarding ourselves with a well-deserved night out on the town. Redefine yourself by being at this event for a good meal and conversation. Please check the following Web sites for location and directions.

More information on this event or to get more involved with the Sacramento unit, check our Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/naswa_slo/. Please contact me at (805) 762-4398 or LyLanM.V.Lofgren@gmail.com. 

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November 6, we will be welcoming back Allan Burger, MSW, to speak on the topic of “Marijuana: Up in Smoke.” He will present on up-to-date research related to marijuana and its effects on the individual.

If you would like more information on our unit, please contact Unit Chair Cameron Galford, MSW at (760) 898-4132 or cgalford@naswdesertcities.com. If you would like to receive e-mail notices regarding our unit, please e-mail Vice Chair John Forand, MSW, at jforand@icrc.com.

Fernando Valley units have many activities/workshops planned. Fernando is getting ready for the annual Bob Benetto walk/run. If you are in the Antelope Valley or Santa Clarita, I am asking people to serve in a leadership role. I know that Donald Goodman, regional treasurer, would be happy to work with people in Santa Clarita.

PACE has given the support of CASW to Carol Lutness in her bid for Congress. Please join her campaign. The upcoming election is crucial at both a national and state level. Consider working on a campaign and supporting social-work values. Membership in NASW is important to our profession and the more you participate in NASW, the greater the benefit to you, the organization and your community. If you are interested in local, regional or state leadership, please let me know.

San Fernando Unit
By Rini Levis Shroyer, LCSW
On August 25 and September 6, the San Fernando Valley local unit welcomed new California State University at Northridge (CSUN) MSW students enrolled in the traditional two-year program and the new three-year track (that is geared towards working students). Since the start of the MSW program at CSUN three years ago, our unit has provided the students for the orientation meetings, giving us the opportunity to talk with future MSWs about the beauty and versatility of our profession. Brandon Broms, NASW Southern California membership coordinator.

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Life As You Know It Perishes in Seconds
By Joni Diamond, LCSW

It was just another day. People woke up, took public transport to work, completed their activities and took public transit home. The next thing passengers heard on Friday, September 12 just after 4:00 p.m. was non-stop shrilling emergency vehicles and helicopters. Following the deadly train collision of the Metrolink derailment in Los Angeles, the reunification center was swarming with LAPD, LAFD, coroners, politicians, chaplains, community helpers and hundreds of devastated, numb family members and friends struggling to know the status of their loved ones. News media packed the area, leaving no privacy. In all, 25 innocent victims perished with 135 survivors.

To become a Red Cross volunteer, visit www.redcross.org. Type in your zip code so you may contact your local Red Cross.

NASW-CA SOCIAL WORKER HELPS HURRICANE GUSTAV VICTIMS

In an effort to help Hurricane Gustav victims, Myrna Spektor, LCSW arrived at the temporary headquarters for the American Red Cross in Covington, Louisiana on August 30. She was processed in to do work as a disaster mental health supervisor-in-training and oversee 10 shelters in the Baton Rouge area. Paid and volunteer workers along with AmeriCorps, Louisiana State Police and other agencies, (250 in all) slept on cots under one roof without electricity. They were provided basic boxed lunches and MREs (meals ready-to-eat) consisting of canned food that could not be heated up. Conditions were harsh due to ongoing thunderstorms, extreme heat (106 degrees) and high humidity with no water to drink because it required boiling. The city of New Orleans and state of Louisiana transported people on more than 1,000 buses to various shelters.

Myrna said the conditions were challenging as Red Cross worked to get enough cots and supplies without the aid of a phone system or electricity. “It’s been a very positive experience discovering what a phenomenal job the Red Cross does in sheltering, feeding and caring for massive numbers of people who found themselves in peril due to the hurricane.”

Gustav has impacted areas south of New Orleans in the Bayou areas. Levees began seeping causing homes to be flooded. Houses rebuilt on 20-foot stilts following Katrina, were destroyed by Gustav. The Red Cross remains at work in Louisiana and provides more than 400,000 meals daily.

For further information about disaster work, join the NASWCA/ARC members Yahoo! email list at NASWCA_ARC_Member@yahoogroups.com. Also visit www.NASWCA.org. For information on the NASWCA/ARC Council, contact Joni Diamond at joni.diamond@prodigy.net or (818) 832.9941 or Vicky Powell at jvpowell1@yahoo.com or (408) 205.2979.
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more information or to be placed on welcome to attend the meetings. For Mariposa, Amador and Alpine) are counties (Tuolumne, Calaveras, bring an hors d’oeuvre to share. December 9 at 5:00 p.m. Please of the month. The next meeting will still be held the second Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month from 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. at the Jewish Fed

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nator, informed students about the benefits of joining the NASW, while unit members encouraged students to participate in our planning meet-
tings to network with other social workers and develop opportunities for leadership.

We are very excited about our next educational/professional three-hour CE workshop on October 11 that includes a buffet brunch at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Attendees will watch a PBS, Frontline Special DVD titled “The Medicated Child” followed by an interactive presentation by Dr. Jac-quelyn Green, MD, a distinguished psychiatrist at Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services. The cost for the workshop is $40 for NASW members, $50 for non-NASW members; and $32 for student members (with a copy of a current student ID). It includes the brunch and three-hour CEs for LCSWs and MFTs.

You are invited to join our yahoo group at NASWCA_SIYLVU@yahoo groups.com to receive ongo-
ing updates and information. For questions, contact Rina Levi Shroyer, LCSW, SIYLVU chair at (818) 366-6950 or Joni Diamond, LCSW at jonidiamond@prodigy.net.

Santa Barbara Unit
By Debbie Allen, Unit Chair

Our monthly Lunch’n’Learn meetings continue at the Prudential conference room above Starbucks in the Crossroads Shopping Center in Sonora, from noon to 1 p.m. The unit discussed changing the day of the lunch meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Thursday, due to poor Tuesday attendance. The group decided to continue the meetings and underlined the networking value of the lunch meetings. If the meeting room is available, the next lunch meetings will be October 9 and November 13. The quarterly business meetings will still be held the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be at a member’s home on December 9 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring an hors d’oeuvre to share. Social workers in the five foothills counties (Tahoeumne, Calaveras, Mariposa, Amador and Alpine) are welcome to attend the meetings. For more information or to be placed on the e-mail list, contact Susan Reid at psrdikl@uasl.com.

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A journalist for more than 20 years, Lisa moved from Winnipeg, Canada to Sacramento in 1991. Her experience is extensive, having edited and written for numerous publications in both the U.S. and Canada. Lisa has worked as an editor for Naylor Publications and McGraw-Hill and has headed her own firm, Lisa K. Communications, Inc., since 2002.

“I am very excited to be working with NASW as the editor of News and welcome your articles and ideas anytime. I am very impressed with this organization and its goals and look forward to producing a quality publication each month that members will find educational and informative.”

Lisa can be reached at (916) 481-0265 or naswnews@naswca.org.

Stephanie Glitsch
Stephanie Glitsch graduated from California State University Sacramento in 2005 with her bachelor’s degree in social work after moving to Sacramento from Pittsburgh, PA.

Returning to school in 2007, she was accepted at OSIS to complete her master’s degree. Her focus has been on health care policy reform and advocacy for patients rights. She is actively involved with the local Susan G. Komen chapter where she fund raises, advocates and raises awareness for breast cancer.

Margot Sanders
Margot Sanders is an intern and in her second year as an MSW student at CSUS. She earned her bachelor’s degree in social work from Sac State in 2007 after attending Sacramento City College.

“I have tried to work with different populations to get the most well-rounded experience,” she says. “I did my undergraduate field work with the Sacramento City Unified School district, working in an elementary school doing counseling. At the school, I participated in running groups and also worked to strengthen the relationship between the school and the students’ families.”

Sanders’ last field placement was with Sacramento County Adult Protective Services where she was a social work intern and had the opportunity to conduct assessments and home visits and learn about issues facing elderly and dependent adults.

“I am looking forward to furthering my experience by working at the NASW. I am committed to issues of social justice and how they are impacted at a macro level.”

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Proposition 5 — Voter Participation: requires 80 percent of the bond proceeds to be used for children's hospitals. The measure requires bonds financed by voter-approved sales taxes. The measure would require that for every dollar spent on children's hospitals, $4 is collected by sales taxes. It would also decrease the amount of money available for other important public projects. This measure is unnecessary and would take money away from other important public projects.

Proposition 6 — Police and Law Enforcement Funding — Criminal Justice Realignment: "The Runner Initiative" — Vote "NO" on Prop 6

Proposition 6 makes several changes to current laws relating to violent offenders. Prop 6 will take $1 billion from schools, health care, fire protection and public safety. Prop 6 decreases the amount of money available to local governments and communities, which will have to make adjustments to cut costs. The measure will increase the number of drug offenders and "gang-related" offenses by up to 50 percent. The measure will increase the number of people in prison and increase the cost of providing services to inmates. The measure will also increase the cost of providing services to inmates and communities. The measure will also increase the cost of providing services to inmates and communities.

Proposition 9 — Criminal Justice System, Victims’ Rights, Parole — Vote "NO" on Prop 9

Proposition 9 would end the Victim Bill of Rights (1972) to severely limit prisoners’ rights to due process, representation, and parole considerations. Proposition 9 will result in increased overcrowding of prisons by making it more difficult for inmates to obtain early parole. Additionally, it will cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars annually to give inmates the rights they already have under the constitution. The organizations that oppose Proposition 6 are also opposing Proposition 9. For more information visit www.defaturmehr.org.

NASW supports restorative justice practices and work to reintegrate justice for尔斯 Social Work Speaks

Proposition 11 — Redistricting: "California Votes First" — Vote "NO" on Prop 11

Proposition 11 creates a 14-member redistricting commission responsible for drawing new district lines for state senate, assembly, and Board of Equalization districts. The state auditor randomly select commission members with each member from each of the two largest political parties and four from the non political party. It’s unfair for a commission of 14 members to make decisions for the entire state.

NASW opposes the redistricting commission and supports the current system of redistricting. We believe that redistricting should be done by a non-political body. We believe that redistricting should be done by a non-political body.

Proposition 12 — Veterans’ Bond Act of 2008 — Vote "Yes" on Prop 12

Proposition 12 provides for a bond issue of $690 million to provide farm and home aid for California veterans. The California Department of Veterans Affairs says the measure is needed for Veterans. The measure would provide $690 million in bonds to fund the creation of a system of care and support for veterans. The measure would provide $690 million in bonds to fund the creation of a system of care and support for veterans.

NASW supports the adoption of local, state, federal and international policies and regulations that have all forms of discrimination and violence against Latinos. Latino neighborhoods must be granted all rights, privileges and responsibilities that are granted to heterosexual couples. — Social Work Speaks

Proposition 13 — The Nonviolent Alternative Parole Act for the 1st Century

This measure raises standards on public and private energy companies to build more “renewable energy” power plants over the next 30 years. It also gives significantly more power to the state level Energy Commission to enforce this goal. Could result in increased gains (if lower prices result) or losses (if higher prices) depending on the policies effect on energy prices.

Proposition 10 — Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy Bond

Proposition 10 would provide $1.4 billion in bonds to help push research forward in this area. A small amount of the funds would be dedicated to demonstrations and funding educational programs in these fields.

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