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THE TERMINATOR IS AT IT AGAIN



The final year of office for Governor Schwarzenegger may also be the end for many of California's services and programs. The Governor's budget proposal attempts to

close a projected \$19.9 billion deficit and calls for dramatic reductions and possible elimination of programs for working families, foster youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and immigrants.

Schwarzenegger says that if the Federal government does not make good on their promise of \$6.9 billion in reimbursements and other aid due to California he will (once again) place CalWORKs, Foster Youth Transitional Housing, the Healthy Families Initiative, Adult Day Health Care Benefits, In-Home Support Services, and

other programs on the permanent chopping block. The Governor wants to have the State Legislature pre-approve the program reductions meaning if the full amount of Federal funds does not materialize programs will be eliminated. The fates of these State programs are teetering on the edge of an abyss.

The "pre-approval" Schwarzenegger is requesting from the State Legislature will ensure the elimination of these programs because it is not realistic to expect the full \$6.9 billion from the Federal government.

In Alameda County there are 20,000 CalWORKs cases, 2,000 foster youth, and 16,000 IHSS clients that will be directly impacted by the elimination of these programs. Residents that are currently receiving support from the State will turn to the County for their basic needs. Since the State is raiding local government coffers

and revenue from property and sales taxes are at an all time low the County will not have the resources to meet the growing need.

Part of the Governor's cost cutting strategies includes bringing *continued on page 2*

LUNAR NEW YEAR



Celebrating the Year of the Tiger

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
11:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Oakland Asian Cultural Center
(Oakland Chinatown Pacific Renaissance Plaza)
388 - 9th Street, 2nd Floor

Sponsored by:
Alameda County District 5, BART, the Asian Community Collaborative, & the Oakland Asian Cultural Center

CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL ARTISTS

There are hundreds of visual artists who live and work in Albany, Emeryville, Piedmont, Berkeley and Oakland. The County's upcoming public art contract provides opportunities that will help create new jobs for local artists and celebrate the incredible creative talent in this region.

Visual artists in District 5 are encouraged to submit applications to the Alameda County Arts Commission for consideration for future public art contract opportunities. The application deadline for the current Calls for Artists is on March 19, 2010. Details are listed on the Arts Commission website at www.acgov.org/arts and click on "Opportunities" or call (510) 208-9646.



Estria Miyashiro, *Unity (detail)*, 2006 acrylic paint on nonwoven media, 9 x 40 feet. Located at the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center.

Established in 1994 by Alameda County's "Percent-for-Art" Ordinance, the Public Art Program ensures that public artworks are incorporated into the public spaces of newly constructed Alameda County buildings. All of the unique artworks are created by professional artists and are inte-

grated into the design of the structure or landscaping, or are in proximity to the project, in any number of treatments and media. Artwork is purchased or commissioned through an open competitive process. The Office of the Arts Commission administers the Public Art Program with oversight from the Arts Commissioners and with guidance from the Public Art Advisory Committee, a nine member citizen advisory group.

Due to the upcoming schedule of county capital building construction projects, many of the artists commissioned for upcoming public art projects will be selected from two registries of pre-qualified artists

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measures before the voters in June 2010 to shift \$1 billion from Prop 10 (Early Childhood Development) funds and Prop 63 (Mental Health Services Act) funds. Both of the measures were placed on the May 2009 ballot and were defeated by the voters.

However the budget battle plays out this year the Legislature will once again have to make the difficult choices about expenditures and revenues. A counter proposal to the Governor's budget should consist of a targeted approach to cuts as opposed to the complete elimination of programs ac-

ording to the non-partisan Legislative Analyst Office. A targeted approach will give the Legislature flexibility to cut spending, but retain services for the most vulnerable recipients.

Communities need to remind the Governor and State Legislature about the ill effects that cuts to vital services and programs have on our lives. Residents and organizations are speaking out by participating in the Terminator Tour. You can hear their stories and contribute your own at www.TerminatorTourCA.org.

BIKES 4 LIFE



Tony Coleman, the Executive Director of One Fam, is a busy community servant to say the least. One Fam, is a non-profit organization committed to assisting youth and young adults in West Oakland. His newest project Bikes 4 Life provides soft skills and on the job training for young people while teaching them the craft of bicycle repair; which means providing zero emission transportation in West Oakland, a community that is known for having the highest asthma rates in Alameda County. The organization provides a much needed business function, providing quality refur-

bished bikes at a fair price. The grand opening on December 12th gave those who attended a flavor of what is come. Young people fixing bikes that range from top of the line European models to something that you rolled in from a garage sale. Furthermore, Tony provides a space where the young people are comfortable being themselves in a supportive environment.

Coleman stresses that the shop belongs to the community, not him and that if Bikes 4 Life is going to continue to be successful, people need to buy their bikes from him and have their bikes repaired by him. I encourage you to call them at 510-452-BIKE, take a quick trip down to 1600 7th

YOU CAN help BRING Federal FUNDING to our communities!

Apply now to serve on the exciting new **CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

You must submit an initial application online by **February 12, 2010**

For information and eligibility go to www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov

TAKE CHARGE! CALIFORNIA

Learn to be smart, be safe, and be heard in the California marketplace. Come to this free consumer education event.

**Thursday, February 11, 2010
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Berkeley City College Auditorium
2050 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

Sponsored by the California State Department of Consumer Affairs Commission, Alameda County Consumer Affairs commission, & Supervisor Keith Carson

St. in West Oakland or check them out at www.bikes4life.com. Supporting this business is a great investment in our youth, young adults, and our communities.

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(Artist Registries). Artists who qualify and are accepted into the Registries will be considered for public art projects related to the Highland Hospital Acute Care Tower Replacement Project; Castro Valley Boulevard Streetscape Project; and the San Lorenzo Library Renovation Project. Additional projects may be related to youth services, health care, social services, public protection, and general government programs.

To be considered for these opportunities, artists must register and submit an appli-

cation through the CaFÉ website, www.callforentry.org (search for "Alameda County").

About the two Artist Registries

Artist Registry 2010-2011: Permanent, Site-Specific Public Artwork
This Registry is for California artists who have experience making permanent, site-specific public artwork. Individual contracts may range from approximately \$20,000 to \$200,000.

Artist Registry 2010-2011: Small-Scale,

Wall-Mounted Artwork

Open to artists who live, work, or rent/ own a studio in Alameda County. This Registry is for artists who are making small to mid-sized, wall-mounted, two-dimensional or low-relief artwork. Individual contracts may range from \$4,000 to \$20,000.

Next Registry information meeting:
Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:00-7:30pm
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley