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PREGNANT TEEN, TOUGH REACTIONS

Before Elton John hit it big, he wrote a soundtrack for a sweet film entitled "Friends." The movie centered on the challenges of being in love and parents at the ages of 14 and 15. For every adolescent who has experienced the angst of being misunderstood or patronized, this film is for you. The plot centers on two very young teens from dysfunctional families who fall in love, have a baby and decide to raise it themselves.

Sure, their romance is idealized and the music along with the dialogue is powerful enough to have us believe a 14-year-old mother and 15-year-old father who love one another should be left alone to realize their love and raise their baby.

By the end of the film we see the teen parents as protagonists and the social workers bent on removing their child as evil. The movie takes a very complex issue, expresses it through simplified characters and has the audience believing love should be left alone to triumph.

The plot is not a metaphor for abortion or adoption, only an exploration of what can happen when two very young adults struggle to do what they believe is best. There probably are couples in the world like those in "Friends" but I would wager not too many. For most, teen pregnancy usually means deciding whether to keep the child and raise it in the home of one of the parents, terminating the pregnancy or adoption.

It doesn't take maturity to become pregnant; often lust and opportunity are the key ingredients. Once the pregnancy has emerged, very difficult decisions must be made. As a family counselor, I have seen this dilemma from the perspective of the baby's mother, father, and their parents, the grandparents. Some grandparents are fond of saying, "Don't come home pregnant and expect us to raise the baby or help you financially." This response often echoes the sentiments of parents whose teens are sexually active. But feelings have a way of changing when a hypothetical pregnancy becomes an actual ultrasound.

While I understand the parents of teenagers who do not want to enable or condone sexual activity for their children, it can be gut-wrenching to tell your son or daughter to "Take your pregnancy and get out of here." Knowing this decision may mean their child will have to drop out of high school or put on hold their desire to go to college. I don't know many parents who hope their high schoolers will become pregnant or a father, but I have met scores in this position.

None of us really knows what we might choose if put in this position but when the decision is made to withdraw all emotional and financial support for a teenager in a difficult spot, impulsive, poorly thought out and life-altering decisions are often the result.

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Chinese inventor a UCR fellow

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: His contributions to energy sustainability and to UCR are recognized at commencement.

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Inventor and entrepreneur Winston Chung was named the inaugural fellow of the Bourns College of Engineering during commencement ceremonies June 13 at UC Riverside.

Chung is the founder, president and chairman of Winston Global Energy Co. Ltd, in China. Earlier this year, he established a \$10 million endowment at Bourns College of Engineering to create two new professorships — one in energy innovation and one in

sustainability — and the Winston Chung Global Energy Center in the College of Engineering-Center for Environmental Research and Technology.

During the commencement ceremony, UCR Riverside Chancellor Timothy P. White cited Chung for "his generous support and exceptional service to the College of Engineering and UC Riverside, resulting in significant advancement of its mission, and for his numerous personal achievements in science, technology and business in advancing the future of sustainable energy."

Chung is the inventor of numerous energy storage systems, including the rare earth element **SEE INVENTOR/C2**



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Winston Chung, third from left, is pictured with UCR Chancellor Timothy P. White, left; Steve Chen, a UC Riverside alumnus who is Chung's translator, and Reza Abbaschian, dean of the College of Engineering.

SWIM PROGRAM: INLAND CITY POOLS OFFER LOW-COST AND FREE LESSONS



JENNIFER DEAN/THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

The spacious Sippy Woodhead community pool at Bobby Bonds park in Riverside is one of several public swimming pools in Riverside and San Bernardino participating in "Operation Splash." Kaiser Permanente is funding the program to provide low-cost or free swim lesson to thousands.

JUMP IN, THE WATER IS FINE

Kaiser Permanente partners with Riverside, San Bernardino to help residents stay active

BY JENNIFER DEAN
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

"Operation Splash" kicked off in Riverside and San Bernardino last week, opening low-cost and free swim lessons at several community pools in each city.

The program is funded by Kaiser Permanente in partnership with city parks, recreation and community services departments.

In Riverside, the program's opening ceremony took place at the Sippy Woodhead Pool at Bobby Bonds Community Center on Monday.

Mayor Ron Loveridge, along with City Councilman Andy Melendrez and Parks and Recreation Director Ralph Nunez accepted a \$55,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente for Operation Splash.

The grant will fund free and low-cost swim lessons for more than 10,000 infants, children and adults in Riverside this summer.



The Operation Splash mission is to support aquatic facilities and swim programs that help increase physical activity for low-income residents.

"As the economy has turned, we've seen a greater turnout at our parks," Nunez said. "We really depend on the city and these community pools. This marks the beginning of summer."

Other participating Riverside

pools are Arlington, Islander, Shamel, Reid and Villegas. For more information on the Riverside program, call the parks, recreation and community services office at 951-826-2000.

Also last week, San Bernardino

PE.com Visit PE.com to watch video of the Operation Splash kick off at the Sippy Woodhead pool in Riverside.

city officials received \$45,000 from Kaiser Permanente for Operation Splash programs at Jerry Lewis Family Swim Center, Nunez Pool, Hernandez Pool and Mill Pool.

The grant will fund swim lessons and pool activities throughout the summer.

For more information on the San Bernardino program, call the parks, recreation and community services office at 909-384-5233.

Operation Splash began in Los Angeles in 2006, and has now expanded to Bakersfield, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside, the Coachella Valley and Chula Vista.

The mission of the program is to support aquatic facilities and swim programs that help increase physical activity for low-income residents, as well as teach water safety in a fun and healthy environment.

4 Inland public administrators set to be honored

THURSDAY EVENT: A university president, mayor, city manager and county analyst will receive awards from a national group.

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Cal State San Bernardino President Albert Karnig will be honored by the Inland Empire chapter of the American Society for Public Administration at the organization's 2010-11 annual awards ceremony.

Karnig will be saluted as Outstanding Educator at the event Thursday in the Staples Room at

California Baptist University in Riverside.

Others who will be honored include Riverside Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge as the Outstanding Elected Official, Temecula City Manager Shawn Nelson as the Outstanding Senior Administrator and Riverside County Senior Analyst Alex Najera as the Outstanding Rising Administrator. Both Nelson (1994) and Najera (2007) earned their master of public administration degrees from Cal State San Bernardino, and Najera was named the Outstanding Grad-

uate Student for the university's College of Business and Public Administration.

Now in his 14th year as Cal State San Bernardino president, Karnig is just the university's third president since the campus opened in 1965, following John M. Pfau and Anthony H. Evans. He has led the school to setting records in enrollment, diversity of faculty and students, grant and contract funding, fundraising and international program development, as well as leading the way for the university's first engineering and doctoral pro-

grams.

Karnig and wife Marilyn have made an impact in the San Bernardino region since they arrived at the university in 1997, helping to invigorate renewed emphasis on partnerships between the university and community that promote economic, social and cultural development.

Karnig focused on academic excellence, and his leadership has been instrumental in building and strengthening partnerships within the community. He established the President's Academic Excellence

Scholarship Program, which currently has more than 170 students from among the top 1 percent of San Bernardino County high school graduates.

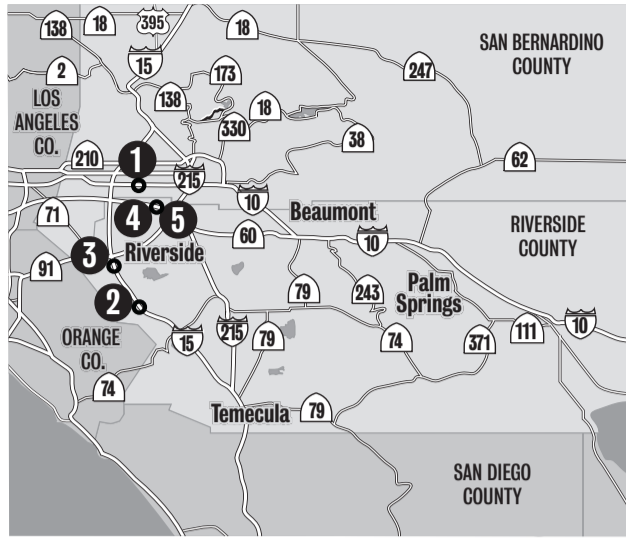
Cal State San Bernardino's College of Business and Public Administration is one of the world's 18 most innovative business schools, according to European CEO Magazine. The business college is one of only four honorees from the United States and the "most innovative school of business" in the western United States. The Princeton Review **SEE PUBLIC/C3**

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION: JUNE 20-26

For information on road conditions, call the voice-activated Caltrans line at 800-427-7623 or, during business hours, the Caltrans Office of Public Affairs at 909-383-4631 for up-to-date information.



- 1 **Interstate 10**, eastbound Sultana Avenue off-ramp in Fontana. Intermittent closures from 10:01 p.m. to 5:01 a.m. through June 30 for slab repair.
- 2 **Interstate 15**, southbound Indian Truck Trail Road off-ramp south of Corona. Closed from 9:01 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 9:01 a.m. to 12:01 p.m. Thursday. All the closures are for pavement work.
- 3 **Interstate 15**, southbound Magnolia Avenue on-ramp in Corona. Closed from 9:01 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and from 9:01 a.m. to 12:01 p.m. Thursday. All the closures are for striping work.



- 4 **Highway 60**, eastbound Hall Avenue off-ramp in the Rubidoux area. Closed from 9:01 p.m. to 5:01 a.m. through Saturday for slab repair.
- 5 **Highway 60**, westbound Hall Avenue on-ramp in the Rubidoux area. Closed from 10:01 p.m. to 4:01 a.m. through Saturday for slab repair.

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If hauling a trailer, stay in the slow lane

BY MAURA AMMENHEUSER
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Q: "I travel for my work and see many sights," Riverside resident John Julis wrote in an email. "My question is: Are cars (or) trucks pulling trailers allowed in the carpool or fast (No. 1) lane? I was taught that it was illegal."

A: No, they're not. Sections 21655(b) and 22348(c) of the California vehicle code require trailers to travel in the traffic lane or lanes designated for trailers — and if there are no such designations, then in the travel lane farthest to the right. Presumably this is because vehicles towing trailers move more slowly than others, so they should remain in the lane with the slowest traffic.

The vehicle code adds that on highways with at least four lanes in one direction, it's OK to drive with a trailer in the lane immediately to the left of the slow or right-most lane. In other words, trailers are permitted in the two slowest or right-most lanes on these freeways.

Carpool or high-occupancy vehicle lanes, almost always to the left of the regular traffic lanes, aren't for trailers, said California Highway Patrol Officer Mario Lopez,

public affairs coordinator for the Inland division.

He also pointed out that the maximum speed limit for vehicles with trailers is 55 mph. It's mentioned in the vehicle code, section 22406(b).

HYBRID CARS AND STICKERS

As of July 1, those yellow "clean-air" stickers will no longer allow drivers of hybrid vehicles to travel solo in California's carpool lanes.

A 2004 law rewarded owners of hybrid vehicles for their cars' low emissions by giving them the privilege of driving in the carpool, or high-occupancy vehicle lanes, even with no passengers in the car. Hybrids are powered by a conventional, gasoline-powered engine and a battery. The gas engine recharges the battery and the car runs on battery power at lower speeds.

Vehicles meeting certain emissions standards got a yellow sticker, issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, indicating their drivers could use the carpool lanes even when traveling solo. But the law included a "sunset" clause, canceling the yellow-sticker pass after June 30 of this year.

The state Legislature would have to extend the

"sunset" date to keep the yellow-sticker perk going, but as of early June had not done so, DMV spokeswoman Jan Mendoza said.

A new generation of clean-air stickers likely will be issued in 2012, according to the DMV. These will let people drive solo in the HOV lanes if they use an advanced-technology vehicle — an upcoming type that meets even stricter state emission standards than today's hybrids.

As of early June, the state Air Resources Board had identified only the Toyota Prius Enhanced Plug-in Hybrid as qualifying for this program, Mendoza said.

Meanwhile, as of July 1, if your car graces a yellow sticker, you'll need to transport passengers to drive legally in the carpool lanes. (The number of passengers depends on the HOV lanes. Rules are posted along the lanes.)

The state Department of Motor Vehicles is mailing notices — some 85,000 of them — to hybrid owners with yellow stickers.

Confused about state or local traffic laws? Concerned about a traffic condition? Send your questions, along with an email address, phone number, full name and city to ontheroad@PE.com or call at 951-375-3720. Note that due to the volume of queries received, only those published can be answered.

Winston Chung has invested in numerous businesses in Southern California, including MVP-RV in Riverside, which will manufacture electric RVs.

Integrating energy production with new storage and distribution technologies, the Global Energy Center will allow Riverside to be a worldwide leader in renewable energy.

At the commencement ceremony approximately 2,000 family and friends watched as 270 students were awarded degrees in engineering.

Capt. Jay A. Kadowaki, commander of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, was the keynote speaker. The center, which is the Navy's independent assessment agent for training and weapons and combat systems, is a long-standing partner with the college. Kadowaki and Reza Abbaschian, dean of the college, signed a formal collaborative agreement in 2010.

The student speaker was Andrew Mikkelsen, a native of Hemet, who graduated with his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. A member of the U.S. Navy for the past two years while a student, he begins training with the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Program after graduation and will serve onboard a submarine.

Submitted by UC Riverside.

INLAND SOCIAL CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES



60TH ANNIVERSARY

WELDON AND MITZI BLAIN

Weldon and Mitzi Blain, of Beaumont, celebrated their 60th anniversary June 3 with a party at their daughter's Cherry Valley home.

They were married June 3, 1951, in Redlands. They owned and operated Blain's Super Shell in Beaumont for 26 years before retiring in 1989. They are active in Yucaipa Christian Church and enjoy traveling in their recreational vehicle.

Their children are David Blain, of Irvine; Cyndi Puffer, of Cherry Valley; and Kevin Blain, of Oakdale.

They have six grandchildren.



50TH ANNIVERSARY

GARTH AND REBECCA GARDNER

Garth W. and Rebecca L. Gardner, of Hemet, celebrated their 50th anniversary with luncheon celebrations at the Jolly Roger Restaurant in Dana Point and at the Palm Springs Aerial Tram. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren flew in from San Francisco, Texas and Tennessee.

They were married May 20, 1961, in Winterhaven.

Mr. Gardner was a machinist with ITT Cannon Electric and Cla-Val in Costa Mesa and Perris before retir-

ing in 2002 after 40 years.

Mrs. Gardner was a teacher's aid with the Hemet Unified School District before retiring in 2006 after 30 years.

Their children are Shelly Baxter, of Hemet; Jill Gardner-Keslar, of Wildomar; and Mitchell Gardner, of San Francisco.

They have eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



50TH ANNIVERSARY

JANET AND WILLIAM NAVIGATO

Janet A. and Dr. William John Navigato, of Solana Beach, formerly of Riverside, celebrated their 50th anniversary with dinner at

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WEDDING

HEWITT-WITTY

Christy Hewitt and Matthew Witty, both of Moreno Valley, were married June 3 at Villa de Amore in Temecula in a ceremony officiated by Father Roland Kausas.

The bride's parents are Jan and Darryl Hewitt, of Moreno Valley. The bride graduated from Valley View High School in Moreno Val-



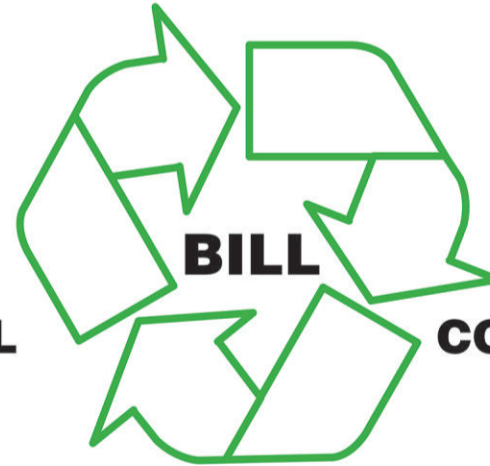
ley in 2003 and received her state cosmetology license from the Marinello School of

Beauty. She is a hairstylist with Reflections Hair Salon in Riverside.

The groom's parents are Linda and Donald Witty, of Moreno Valley. He graduated from Canyon Springs High School in Moreno Valley in 2003. He is a firefighter with the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

The couple will reside in Moreno Valley.

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lithium-sulfur battery, among the most advanced battery technology in the world. His company has developed an electric recreational vehicle that can travel 180 miles on a single charge and recharge in 20 minutes. He has invested in numerous businesses in Southern California, including MVP-RV in Riverside, which will manufacture electric RVs for domestic and international markets.

The Winston Chung Global Energy Center will focus initially on research in energy storage, but in collaboration with solar and wind power generating companies, the city of Riverside, and local power consumers, it will be at the forefront of creating a new "smart" energy grid. In-