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Freedom's natal day is here.  
Fire the guns and shout for freedom,  
See the flag above unfurled!  
Hail the stars and stripes forever,  
Dearest flag in all the world.

~*Florence A. Jones*

## PENSION TRUTH SQUAD STOPS IN CHICO — PRESS RELEASE: JUNE 21, 2011

**Retirees and public employees dispel myths about retirement security**

who stand next to you in line at the grocery store, cheer on our kids at public school

pension in California is \$26,000 a year. Three-quarters of CalPERS retirees

CHICO – Retired teachers, college officials, public safety officers and other members of Californians for Retirement Security's Pension Truth Squad stood together in Chico today to share personal stories and set



the record straight about ongoing attacks on public pensions in California and across the nation. Chico and North State public employees spoke out to protect their families' futures as ballot measures attacking retirement security loom at the state and local level and a handful of lawmakers hold California's budget hostage over their pension-gutting agenda.

events," said Robin Timoszyk, an employment specialist Yuba County for more than 20 years, who said her pension income would leave her a single dollar above the federal poverty level if she retired today. "I believe that the pension system that I have is what all Americans deserve, not something where you have to gamble with your funds every month."

collect yearly pensions of \$36,000 or less. California retired teachers, who do not collect Social Security, earn an average \$3,300-a-month after an average 27 years in the classroom. Public employee pensions

amount to just three percent of California's budget. Overhauling the public pension system will not help the state's current budget shortfall and, according to recent analyses, likely will cost more by adding demand to government social services.

"A few vocal factions are spreading falsehoods and sensationalizing extreme cases to scapegoat the people who serve the citizens of this state," said Terry Barber, a Sutter County child support specialist. "The reality is that

"We are not the rich people you hear about. We are not the high-paid, six-figure people you read about in your newspapers and on your databases. We are the people

In fact, the sensationalized six-figure, headline-grabbing retirements amount to less than 2 percent of public pensions. The average public

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**CALPERS SPECIAL BOARD RUNOFF ELECTION**

BY OFFICE MANAGER ANNA ANDERSON

A random drawing was conducted at the California Public Employees' Retirement System off-site Election Office on May 27, 2011 to choose the order of the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot for the Board of Administration runoff election. The order of names is as follows:

CANDIDATE'S NAME BALLOT DESIGNATION	EMPLOYER/EMPLOYER AT RETIREMENT
Michael Bilbrey Bookstore Operations Coordinator	Citrus Community College
Richard H. Ross Retired FBI Executive	Gambling Control Commission

On June 30, 2011, ballot material will be mailed directly to each eligible active and retired member.

A Committee of Local #1 members including SCEA Director Terry Barber and SCEA Director John Guanzon along with General Manager Larry Edginton interviewed candidates for the CalPERS Board of Administration on April 13, 2011. The Local #1 Board of Directors approved the Committee's recommendation to endorse Michael Bilbrey. Please visit Mr. Bilbrey's website at [www.bilbrey4calpers.com](http://www.bilbrey4calpers.com) for his qualifications and additional information about him. Mr. Bilbrey is a public employee just like you.

On July 28 the runoff voting period ends. Voted runoff ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS at the address shown on the front of the return envelope by this date to be counted. The reverse side of the envelope must be signed by the voter; otherwise the ballot will not be counted.

**Please participate in this important election and vote for Michael Bilbrey.**

**PENSION TRUTH SQUAD STOPS IN CHICO**

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most of us earn modest wages and pensions, contribute to our retirements throughout our careers and willingly have agreed to concessions to save the state and our cities hundreds of millions in these tough economic times."

Barber joins firefighters, police, scientists, engineers, school employees and other public employees and retirees in supplying fact-based information about California's public pension system as part of the

statewide Truth Squad tour. Truth Squad sponsor Californians for Retirement Security represents 1.5 million public employees and retirees.

Other speakers in Chico on June 21 included: Susan Cox, Chico Unified School District Bus Driver; Abe Baily, Retired Administrator, California State University, Chico; and Al Darby, chairman of the Retired Public Employees Association public relations committee, and John Watson, a retired Bidwell Junior High School teacher.

*Californians for Retirement*

*Security's executive committee includes: California Federation of Teachers; California Professional Firefighters; California School Employees Association; California Teachers Association; Orange County Employees Association; Peace Officers Research Association of California; Retired Public Employees Association of California; SEIU California, and SEIU Local 1000. View a California Professional Firefighters' video, produced in conjunction with CRS, about the assault on public pensions and the Pension*

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The California State Fair runs from July 14—July 31 this year. Discount prices are available until July 13 online.

Poppy Pak—\$39.95  
 4 General Admissions  
 4 Ride Tickets & Parking  
[www.bigfun.org/buy-tickets/](http://www.bigfun.org/buy-tickets/)

The Poppy Pak has a \$3.25 service charge per Pak.

**Concert at the Fair**

**AJA VU**—Music of Steely Dan on Friday, July 22 is **FREE** with fair admission.

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 Tracy Hutchinson-Probation  
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- Denise Hamon-SIU  
 Norma Stone (Alternate)-SIU

**Court Unit**

Vacant

**Clerical/Office Unit**

- Alicia Phillips-Social Services  
 Stephanie Smith (Alternate) - Employment Services

**Maintenance/Service Unit**

- George Boyd-Building & Grounds  
 John Houston (Alternate)- Building & Grounds

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**Director**

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*Truth Squad here.*

For the latest news and developments, please visit [www.LetsTalkPensions.com](http://www.LetsTalkPensions.com) and friend us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LetsTalkPensions](http://www.facebook.com/LetsTalkPensions)), Twitter ([www.twitter.com/PensionFacts](http://www.twitter.com/PensionFacts)).

*Thank you to Verena Garvin and her husband Greg, Terry Barber, Robin Timoszyk and her husband Matthew, Stephanie Smith, and Marsha Simmons for attending this important gathering to help dispel myths about public employees' pensions. More pictures are available on our website at [www.sycea.org](http://www.sycea.org).*



City of Yuba City employee Greg Garvin, SCEA Director Verena Garvin, SCEA Director Terry Barber, YCEA President Robin Timoszyk, BCEA Executive Director Rudy Jenkins, YCEA Alternate Director Stephanie Smith, and Al Darby, Chairman of the Retired Public Employees Association Public Relations Committee.

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Pension Truth Squad Stops in Chico—June 21

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Independence Day Holiday** — Mon July 4  
*S/YCEA Association Office closed for the holiday*
- SCEA Site Rep Meeting** — Thurs @ noon July 7  
*Held at the S/YCEA Association Office - Site Reps attend*
- YCEA Site Rep Meeting** — Tues @ noon July 12  
*Held at the S/YCEA Association Office - Site Reps attend*
- SCEA Board of Directors' Meeting** — Mon @ noon July 18  
*Held at the S/YCEA Association Office—Board members attend*
- Local #1 Board Meeting** – Tues @ 7:30 pm. July 19  
*Held at the Martinez Union Hall - Local #1 Board members attend*
- YCEA Board of Directors' Meeting** – Wed @ noon July 27  
*Held at the S/YCEA Association Office—Board members attend*

## TRAVEL TICKETS AND DISCOUNTS

By Anna Anderson, SYCEA Office Manager

This year Local #1 has Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk (\$33), Gilroy Gardens (\$20), Great America (\$32), Six Flags Discovery Kingdom (\$32), and Universal Studios (\$65 3-day pass) tickets available for sale in the Association Office.

**Golfland SunSplash in Roseville** set up an online store for our membership. You need to access tickets sales online through our website at [www.sycea.org](http://www.sycea.org). **Before you get started on the website, phone the Association Office to get the store name from our staff.** When you get to the Association website, scroll down to the spinning carousel and click the link that says “Park Deals”, and then click the “Tickets” tab at the top of the window. A new page will open, on the right-hand side of the window you will see “Available online below” and a table with Golfland SunSplash Roseville and “Click link for info”. When you click this link you will go to the Golfland SunSplash VIP Club information. Below the colorful box on the left there is a box with, “Already a member?” Please click that link. It will take you to another screen with “Please enter the store name provided by your program administrator.” There is a box where you will enter the store name. After you enter the store name you should be taken to the VIP Club online store where you can purchase your Speed-E Pass and print your tickets. Remember, the store name is case sensitive so you must type in the capitols, spaces, and lower case letters correctly to gain access to the online store.

There are also printable discount coupons on the website (just click the “Park Deals” link and then the “Coupons” tab) for Monterey Bay Aquarium, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Knott’s Berry Farm, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Legoland, San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, San Francisco Zoo, Wax Museum at Fisherman’s Wharf, and Winchester Mystery House to name a few. If you are going to San Francisco, remember that we have a Pier 39 Fun Pack booklet with discount offers for Pier 39 Garage (parking), Aquarium of the Bay, Blue & Gold Fleet, Rocketboat, Turbo Ride 4-D Experience, and coupons for dining (Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Wipeout Bar & Grill, Chowders, and more) and shopping as well. *If you do not have access to a computer at home, please call (530) 674-0185 and let us know what types of discounts you are looking for and we will put together a packet for you.*

