

## Council supports November ballot measure

By Ansel Oliver  
The Press-Tribune

Roseville City Council vocalized its support Wednesday night for Proposition 1B with a 2-1 vote on a resolution to endorse the November ballot item.

The proposition would provide the potential for funding of widening the Interstate 80 Roseville bottleneck with lobbying for state funds.

Richard Roccucci was the lone

### Prop 1B goes before voters statewide

dissenter, saying he wanted to wait until a full Council convened. Councilmen Jim Gray and John Allard were absent.

The item was pulled from the consent calendar at the request of Roseville resident and City Council candidate Sandra Saraceni, saying she wasn't sure it would be a benefit and more information was needed before a vote.

The city may be required to show matching funds, Saraceni said, which might mean a sales tax increase for Roseville or Placer County.

She noted development in the city has led to increased traffic along I-80 as well as in the city limits.

"We've done our own thing, and now we've created a big problem,"

she said. "We need to look at our traffic system a whole lot differently than we have in the past."

Government Relations Manager Ellen Powell noted if Prop 1B passes, the city can apply for the funds from the approximately \$4.5 billion the state receives each year in revenue from gas taxes. She said the high congested corridor project meets all four requirements set forth by the state for eligibility:

■ Projects must be deemed high

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## Carpool lanes slated for early phase of freeway widening

By Ansel Oliver  
The Press-Tribune

Local and state officials have updated plans for widening Interstate 80 through Roseville in order to expedite improvements to the stretch of freeway where traffic bottlenecks are most common.

The change was necessary because cost estimates for the freeway-widening

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# Artistic expressions



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Students Paula Nguyen, left, and Kaitlyn LoBue, right, take an art lesson from KidzArt instructor Melissa Perry, Wednesday.

## KidzArt lets students find creative flow without criticism

By Ansel Oliver  
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Eight-year-old Katie Koepke kept thinking she was messing up her picture in an after-school art class. While it may not have developed the way she hoped, her instructor insisted this wasn't the case.

"You can still do something with this," her instructor, Melissa Perry said.

"I messed up again," said Katie.

"No you didn't, that's OK," said her instructor.

The after school art class is a local franchise of the national chain KidzArt, a well reviewed business in *Entrepreneur Magazine* that teaches in a noncompetitive environment.

Co-owners Gayle Guest-Brown and her husband Ernest run their home-based franchise delivering classes to some 15 area schools. Instructors for KidzArt arrive at schools in Roseville, Rocklin and surrounding areas to provide art instruction during



Ernest Brown and his wife Gayle Guest-Brown run their franchise KidzArt from home.

the after-school program. The couple started the business last November, saying it complemented their own values.

"It's an art program but it's also a confidence-building program and a creativity-building program," said Guest-Brown. "And our philosophy in the classroom is that there are no mistakes."

No erasers, the kids use permanent-marking tools. If they make a mistake they have

### FYI

**WHAT:** KidzArt, a national art instruction chain that provides after-school programs to schools in Roseville, Rocklin and more

**OWNERS:** Gayle Guest-Brown and Ernest Brown

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to work it into their picture and make something out of it. Guest-Brown said that's what builds creativity.

"It's an important life skill too, because when we make mistakes at life we don't always get to do over," she said. "We just have to make do with what we have and make something good come out of that situation."

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## ELECTION 2006

# Eureka school board race draws four

Incumbents face re-election challenge from newcomer

By Nathan Donato-Weinstein  
The Press-Tribune

Voters will decide three seats on the Eureka Union School District's board of education this November.

Incumbents Jerri Davis, Lori Dangberg and Debbie Holt will be joined by newcomer Eric Sanchez in the at-large election. It's the first time since 1998 the district has seen a race, according to Placer County documents.

Eureka operates nine schools that serve residents in east Roseville and Granite Bay.

The district is known for high parent involvement and student test scores among the most admired in the state. But with student enrollment predicted to decline in the next several years, the district is also facing some financial challenges as per-pupil funding drops.

Sanchez, 45, said the district's financial position spurred his decision to run.

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# Foresthill fire affects local air quality

By Sherri L. Shaulis  
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Though the Ralston fire burning in the Tahoe National Forest near Foresthill is more than 45 miles from Roseville and Granite Bay, local residents are feeling the burn in the air.

A hazy cloud of smoke hung over South Placer County much of Thursday and Friday as smoke from the fire that consumed close to 2000 acres settled in the foothills. Officials predict Placer County may continue to be affected by poor air quality on an intermittent basis in the coming days, since U.S. Forest Service officials

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# Mutual aid plan allows for cooperation

By Tony Corado  
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In the last article we discussed the initial actions emergency crews would take when everything is going according to plan. They would size up the situation, perform a rescue if needed, protect any exposures, salvage property and extinguish the fire.

But during an emergency, things don't always go according to plan. There are many things that will cause a fire to escalate beyond the capability of the first-alarm units.



Delayed detection and delayed reporting are the most common elements that allow a fire to gain intensity before fire crews arrive. Many times, there are things present at a fire that will cause the fire to

## Wildfires biggest reason for local use

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Five times per day (on average) the South Placer Fire District responds to an emergency. Rapid emergency response of the South Placer Fire District, or any other emergency responder, requires a complex series of events to occur, and when those series of events are handled properly the outcome is usually positive. This is the ninth in a special series about emergencies and the personnel who handle them.

spread at a rapid pace. Things like flammable liquids, flammable gas containers, areas where combustible items are stored like wood cardboard and paper all will cause a fire to spread faster.

Remember that wood roofs and dry brush around a structure are a bad combination. If you own a home with a wood shake roof you should consider replacing it with fire-resistant roofing material.

When a fire spreads beyond the capabilities of the first-alarm units, the incident commander (or the chief



Tony Corado

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