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## FEBRUARY COMMUNITY FORUM: CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Wednesday, February 20, 2008 12:15 to 2 p.m. - Louise Lowry Davis Community Center  
De La Vina & Victoria Streets

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Most educators agree that the new, higher state education standards are necessary to prepare our children to survive and thrive in the 21st century. However, assessments are showing that many students are not able to achieve these standards—and this has been labeled the “achievement gap.” Many of these children are found in schools in low income areas and where there are many non-English-speaking families.

The League of Woman Voters and most in our community know that a society is only as good as the education and health care it provides for its children. We are committed to quality education for all our children, but it seems a formidable task. Your Education Committee has spent the last four months talking with educators from our local schools and the university. They are working hard to research and implement practices that will enable all students to reach the new standards. We were so impressed and hopeful after these conversations; we wanted you, too, to meet some of these people.

The forum, to be held on Feb 20th, will present Jane Close Conoley, Dean of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, UCSB; Sally Kingston, Principal of Harding School; and Abby Vasquez or Jennifer Gibson, Teachers on Special Assignment,

English Language Development. Discussion will include: research on how to bring up achievement levels; recruiting, educating, and retaining teachers; the role of the principal in successful schools; and the development of in-depth English language skills.

Unfortunately, too many of us consider ourselves experts in “fixing” education. “If only the parents/teachers/kids would do their job . . .” The “blame game” has not accomplished much—except gridlock and acrimony. Discipline, competence, and caring are certainly better “fixes.” We hope you will come, bring community friends, and cheer on and talk with those who are attempting to do just that kind of a “fix.”

Subsequent study by your Education Committee will deal with education in the secondary schools, how local schools are affected by the California State governance and finance systems, and the political gridlock around reform of these systems. We also will be coming to the unit meetings in March to discuss how to get the public engaged in pressing for quality education for all our children.

*Your Education Committee - Marge Gordon, Roxana Anson, Ann Lorimer, Bill Marks, Jean Reiche, Dorothy Semmel, and Irene Stone*

## FEBRUARY DISCUSSION UNITS: CLIP, COME, & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome all new and long time members to the February units where this time YOU direct the discussion! We will repeat last year’s very well received “Clip and Come.” Are you particularly concerned about social issues, land use, or good government matters? Once again we are requesting that unit attendees **clip** an item from one of the local newspapers on a topic they believe would interest the group. Then **come** to the unit ready to talk about your item and about the items brought by others. There are so many

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## From the President's Desk...

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I don't need to remind League members to vote - that's why this organization was founded! LWV has recommendations on two of the ballot propositions: NO on Propositions 91 and 92. As you know, we never support candidates.

And we work very hard to keep our Voters Service information (Pros and Cons, Easy Voter Guide, information on our Smart Voter.org website) "no-spin" and separate from our advocacy. As I found out during a recent interview on the Tom Widroe radio show, even those who often disagree with our stands on issues appreciate our Voters Service.



responsibilities as voters. It encouraged them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy. From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believe that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. It was then, and is now, a nonpartisan organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the fledgling organization from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. However, League members were encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about, and lobbying for, government and social reform legislation.

This holds true today. The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public. The League has a long, rich history, that continues with each passing year.

Let's celebrate this 88th birthday (and LWVSB's 70th anniversary year) with a renewed commitment to help Americans get involved in their democracy.

*Linda Phillips, President*

### Happy Birthday, LWV!

The League of Women Voters will celebrate its 88th birthday on February 14. LWV was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The convention was held just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle.

The League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new

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## SMARTVOTER

This edition of the *Channel Voter* will be arriving close to Election Day, but if you have not already voted and need information about candidates or issues, look up the League's SmartVoter Web site ([www.smartvoter.org/ca/sba](http://www.smartvoter.org/ca/sba) for the ballot in Santa Barbara) or the online edition of Easy Voter ([www.easylvoter.org](http://www.easylvoter.org)). Many thanks to our Web master, Lesley Alexander, for making our local information available on SmartVoter. You can also access the appropriate page easily via our LWVSB League Web site, [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org).

Our efforts to publicize the existence of these internet voting tools were aided by the appearance of our president, Linda Phillips, on Tom Widroe's talk show on KTMS on January 19. The host repeated the URLs several times, and also gave out the League's phone number.

### HELP WANTED ON ELECTION DAY!

Please sign up to staff the office February 5 by answering questions on the phone. I need two people: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. I will be glad to show you what to do.

*Sheila Kamhi, Office Manager*

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## FEBRUARY DISCUSSION UNITS: CLIP, COME, & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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League issues that concern us that there should be no difficulty in picking one or two to discuss. The talk should be stimulating and of local concern.

New members are particularly being encouraged to come and discover the enjoyment and special benefits of sharing ideas in these small discussion groups. The Membership Committee has been contacting you to extend this invitation and to learn if you have transportation needs (Call Carole Marks 682-1228; [carolemarks@cox.net](mailto:carolemarks@cox.net)). Please look in the calendar on the back page of this *Channel Voter* for the times and locations.

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## SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL ACTION IN SANTA

The LWV, born of social action, has always maintained its focus on social issues. The national and state Leagues constantly update action policies and positions on a host of social issues. Guided by this policy framework,

LWVSB has links with local social activists and organizations. These connections enable us to stay informed and take action on the issues. League members serve as representatives to or observers of governmental and advocacy groups in our community. At present we have active linkage with **Health Care for All**, the **Public Policy Committee of the SB Mental Health Assn.**, the **Pro-Choice Coalition**, **PUEBLO**, the **SB County Ten-Year Plan on Homelessness**, and the **Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence**.

You can help strengthen the bonds between the activist community and the League. Members are urged to choose their social policy interest and become involved in community social action as a League representative or observer. For more information call Dorothy Semmel at 682-8377 or [dsemmel@cox.net](mailto:dsemmel@cox.net).

### February Social Action News and Alerts

**Homelessness in SB County.** Emily Allen, LWV member and activist on ending homelessness, urges League members to speak out on behalf of people in desperate need of housing with supportive services. As we write this in mid-January, local programs that provide emergency and permanent housing with supportive services (e.g. mental health and social services) are at risk for fund reduction by Santa Barbara County. The county currently invests 2% of its funds in Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) for support services, well below the mean of 6% investment by counties in California. **What you can do:** Attend board of Supervisor meetings (the next one is Feb 5th); write or call your county supervisors and ask them to increase the investment in ADMHS; and learn more about the *Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness*. See the October, 2007 issue of the *Channel Voter* or read the report on the *Ten-Year Plan* at <http://www.bringsbcohome.org>. For more information, e-mail Emily Allen at [emiallen@aol.com](mailto:emiallen@aol.com).

**Health Care for All (HCA).** HCA's goal of a comprehensive single payer universal health care bill (or initiative) to be passed, signed, and implemented in California, is in close alignment with the LWVUS policy position (1993), which states that "The LWV promotes a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs." In 1994, the California LWV rallied all statewide Leagues to campaign for the precursor to HCA-sponsored health care legislation, the failed Proposition 186. Ever since, LWVC has continued in Sacramento to stand up and speak out for the evolving legislation, now called Senate Bill 840, authored by state

Senator Sheila Kuehl, Chair of the Senate Health Committee. Our local League has been in the forefront of advocacy, education, and action for universal healthcare, beginning as conference host for HCA's formation in Santa Barbara in 1995.

There are now 15 major groups in CA, including LWVC, allied as the "**State Strategy Group for SB 840**," consisting of teacher/medical/consumer unions and faith/social justice activist organizations. On Feb 23-24 in L.A., Carole and Bill Marks (an HCA Director) will attend an HCA/Strategy Group Summit for coalition activists. Further, LWVC has urged members to oppose health care bill ABX1 1, recently proposed by Speaker Nunez and Governor Schwarzenegger as an alternative state health care solution. Coalition building and fundraising to maintain advocacy support staff is now HCA's big effort. For further information see the HCA website, <http://www.healthcareforall.org/>, or contact Carole Marks at 682-1228.

**PUEBLO** is a non-profit economic justice organization dedicated to organizing and building leadership among low income residents in SB County. PUEBLO organizes around the following issues: living wage, public transportation, affordable housing, health care, immigrant rights, child care, and education. It continues to work with immigrants to educate them about workers' and tenants' rights and to help parents and families whose first language is not English to navigate the school system. For information about PUEBLO in Santa Barbara, call 882-2484 or see their Web site, <http://www.sbpueblo.org/index.html>. For help in Spanish and Mixtec, call Natalia at the Santa Maria office at (805) 922-4447. The League representative to PUEBLO is Toni Shultheis, [toni-s@cox.net](mailto:toni-s@cox.net) or 967-3719.

**SB Pro-Choice Coalition.** Composed of over 30 countywide organizations, the Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition (SBPCC) works to educate and mobilize the community in support of reproductive freedom. Last month, on January 22nd, PCC hosted its annual Roe v. Wade event at the Faulkner Gallery, featuring Loretta Ross, a nationally known reproductive justice activist. Ross led a community conversation about social justice aspects of reproductive health care. For more information contact PCC Chair, Mary Ellen Wylie at 967-9515. The League representative to the Pro-Choice Coalition is Stacy Shepherd, [sshep@cisco.com](mailto:sshep@cisco.com) or 455-0270.

The **Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence**, a project of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, is a non-profit coalition united against gun violence and committed to creating a safer community for Santa Barbara County. Its agenda for action is: to counter advertising campaigns by the gun lobby and gun manufacturers; to expose the culture and impact of gun violence and its glorification; to encourage legislators at all levels of government to make the effective

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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SANTA BARBARA

## IMMIGRATION STUDY CONSENSUS REPORT TO THE LEAGUE

The LWVSB Immigration Study was conducted over the months of September, October, and November of 2007, after an initial kick-off Community Forum in January of 2007. The September Community Forum, with Chris Carson of the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee and Bev King and Janet Graham of our own group, served to introduce the League study to our members. The subject was vast and complicated but well covered by eight position papers (including one by LWVSB member Barbara Margerum) produced by the national Immigration Study Committee and made available in the *National Voter* and on the Internet. Our own Susan Shank, who served on the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury's investigation of immigration, provided a local perspective.

LWVSB held two sets of units in October and November to consider six questions covering the most basic areas of concern. We had a turnout of about 40 members for the four units plus eight committee members for a total of 48 per month. The consensus is reported below, and I thank you all for participating in the first national study in fifteen years.

At the October units we discussed three questions:

QUESTION #1 dealt with what we felt were necessary criteria for federal immigration laws. We assigned a High Priority to the following criteria:

- Economic, Business and Service Employment needs
- Environmental Impact/Sustainability
- Family Reunification
- History of Criminal Activity
- Humanitarian Crises/Political Persecution in Home Countries
- Rights of all Individuals to Fair Treatment Under the Law
- Education and Training

In Part b, we gave the three highest ratings to:

- History of Criminal Activity
- Family Reunification
- Humanitarian Crises/Political Persecution in Home Countries

QUESTION #3. We gave a High Priority to "an efficient, expeditious system for legal entry for immigrants" who are:

- Immediate Family Members
- Entering to Meet Labor Needs
- Entering as Students
- Entering Because of Persecution in Home Country

QUESTION #5. All four units and the committee were in Consensus with the statement presented that "immigration law should balance the long-term federal financial benefit from immigrants with the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations."

In November we dealt with the remaining three questions:

QUESTION #2. We addressed the question plaguing the nation: "Unauthorized immigrants currently in U.S. should be treated as follows":

We totally Disagreed with: Deport (all) Unauthorized Immigrants

- High Priority to: Some Deported/Some Allowed to Earn Legal Adjustment of Status (green card) Based on Length of Residence.
- We reached No Consensus on legal adjustment of status based on:
  - Needs of Employers
  - Doing Things Such as Paying Taxes, Learning English, etc.
- And we Disagreed with assessing fines:
  - Before Possible Re-entry
  - Before Legal Adjustment of Status.

QUESTION #4a. We came to No Consensus on the question of whether federal law should include a national identification card for *all* persons residing in U.S.

QUESTION #4b. Methods of enforcement of immigration law were considered. Our League gave Low Priority to:

- Physical Barriers (Fences, etc)

High Priority to:

- Increased Personnel
- More Effective Tracking of Persons with Non-Immigrant Visas
- Verification Documents (e.g. Green Cards, Work Permits) with Secure Identifiers
- Improved Technology to Facilitate Employee Verification of Visa Status
- Improved Technology for Sharing Information among Federal Agencies
- Significant Fines for Employers Who Fail to Take Adequate Verification Steps
- A Program to Allow Immigrant Workers to Go In and Out of the U.S. to Meet Seasonal and Sporadic Labor Needs.

QUESTION #6 All four units and the study committee were in Consensus with the statement presented that "Federal immigration law should be coordinated with U.S. foreign policy to pro-actively help improve economies, education and job opportunities, and living conditions of nations with large emigrating populations."

Congratulations!! You did it!!

*Jessica Dean, Immigration Study Chair*

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## HELP NEEDED WITH HOMEOWNER ELECTIONS

Laws were passed a year ago requiring homeowner associations to have neutral persons tally votes in board or other elections. The League has worked with several associations over the last year, because of our reputation of being impartial and organized. Dates and times are unknown, and a crew of 8 or 10 is helpful so 2 or 3 can be available when needed. Assisting in these elections earns money for the League. Join us! Call Jean Reiche, 964-8942.

## FIRST MAJOR DISCUSSION OF HEIGHT INITIATIVE PACKS THEM IN



Over 80 people crowded into the Louise Lowry Davis Center on January 16 to hear the first public presentation of the new proposed height limit initiative for the City of Santa Barbara. Key policy people from many other organizations attended to consider the arguments in favor of the ballot measure, since the League is supporting it. It was a lively meeting, with many questions at the end.

Former Planning Commissioner **Bill Mahan** explained that this initiative would change the charter height limit of 60 feet in the commercial and industrial areas to 45 feet

throughout the city (much of it is already 45 feet) and reduce the limit to 40 feet in the historic El Pueblo Viejo area. He showed slides of recently constructed tall buildings and sites where others are being proposed. Former planning commissioners designed this measure to counteract the rush to erect tall buildings downtown and to give the present commissioners a reason to say “no” to excess heights. Former Planning Commissioner **Barbara Lowenthal** did an excellent job of explaining why they need this tool to control over-development downtown.

Former Planning Commissioner and City Councilman **Brian Barnwell** told the audience that it would require a good deal of money and the collecting of about 6000 signatures to put this on the November 2008 ballot, but he feels it is essential to protect the small town ambience and historic importance of Santa Barbara.

*Connie Hannah, First Vice President, Action*

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## COUNCIL ADVANCES 50 AMENDMENTS TO GOLETA GENERAL PLAN

Another major hearing on the Goleta General Plan amendments was held on January 17. In spite of 40 largely hostile public comments, including one by LWVSB, the Goleta City Council sent 50 amendments forward for later approval. About thirty are on a Fast Track for approval in April, and another 18, which will require CEQA review, will be dealt with in the fall.

Since the beginning of processing 80 amendments, the League has repeatedly asked that 33 that were submitted by the Bacara Hotel be removed because they are project-specific and do not belong in the General Plan. Late in the hearing Councilman Roger Aceves asked that they be removed until a project application has been received. He pointed out, correctly, that the city would have to pay for their environmental review if they are processed in this way. He and Jonny Wallis were outvoted on this motion, and the project-specific amendments are continuing.

In the course of discussion 11 amendments were discontinued at staff recommendation, and another 11 containing the words “preserve” and “protect” were put aside for a redefini-

tion of the word “preserve.” This left 50 amendments still being processed by staff. Almost all of these had been objected to by the large and vocal audience at this hearing and at earlier ones.

The council meeting lasted until 11 p.m. as council members started to discuss the Fast Track amendments in more detail. All except the 11 containing the word “preserve” were continued. Some of the items were discussed openly for the first time. One councilmember moved to continue processing the amendment allowing malls and big box stores anywhere in the city because they would increase city revenues. The council did not complete its work on the Fast Track amendments, so they will meet again at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 to finish this round. The public is certainly invited to attend this meeting and any future ones to offer their reactions to this process. The League believes that the public always has the right to know what goes into any government decision making. We are not satisfied that this process has been transparent so far.

*Connie Hannah, First Vice President, Action*

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## SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL ACTION IN SANTA BARBARA - (Continued from page 3)

prevention of gun violence a high priority; to work with law enforcement agencies and organizations; to support state and national violence prevention organizations; and to promote strategies that limit easy access to guns. The coalition is currently developing a program to present to parents/PTAs and a Secondary School Youth Outreach Program for youth regarding gun violence and gun safety. For further information, see their Web site at [www.sbcoalition.org](http://www.sbcoalition.org) or call the coalition at (805) 564-6803, fax (805) 568-0466, Toni Wellen, Chair. The League representative to the Coalition is Dorie Kirtman, [dbdb2@hotmail.com](mailto:dbdb2@hotmail.com) or 845-6866.

*Dorothy Semmel, Social Policy Director*

## MEASURE D UPDATE

Yes, Measure D is moving along towards the Nov. 2008 election. January was the month for polling on the SBCAG-approved draft to determine whether or not the investment plan needs modification. (If anyone was polled, I would appreciate a phone call at 682-0757 to give me your opinion of the poll). Unfortunately, funds allocated for polling may be smaller than was hoped for. In March, after any needed changes are made, the measure with all its conditions and fiscal allocations will go to city councils and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors for final approval.

When we vote on Measure D, there will be many small-print items in the ordinance, which can easily go unnoticed. One of the issues will be that of the composition of an oversight committee to assure that the measure is working and that any needed adjustments can be made. How often should this committee meet? Who should be on it? Whom do they report to? Who should make any expenditure changes needed during the

30-year period? By what vote should expenditure changes be made—by majority or other calculation?

Also, there is the question of whether Measure D should be regarded as a schedule for the complete county, with a single budget, or as a measure with two separate entities—North County and South County—with two individual budgets. At a recent SBCAG meeting one North County SBCAG member indicated that he (and his constituents) did not care whether the South County spent all its funds on rail, or what it did regarding rail, as long as North County money was not touched.

This is a sample of the questions to be decided before the complete ordinance is accepted by the governing bodies and SBCAG. There is also a problem of educating the public, first on the conditions and then on the need for a 1/2 cent, 30-year tax when there are other tax requests on the ballot.

*Sheila Kamhi, Transportation Consultant*

## THE WATER COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Water Committee will start meeting regularly every fourth Tuesday at noon at the League office. Come join the group. One good rain does not solve California's water problems!

Issues that will get our attention this month include:

1. The City of Santa Barbara's Water Supply Report. Probably the most interesting aspect is the problem of the siltation of Gibraltar Reservoir due to the Zaca fire.
2. State water supply may be cut up to 50% because of low snowfall in the Sierras and the court ruling by a federal judge about the amount of water that can or cannot be released through the Delta so as to protect the Delta smelt.
3. The black abalone may be declared an endangered species, which could lead to a crackdown on power plants that use ocean water as a coolant.
4. The clogging of distribution pipes by quagga mussels. This is a problem that has been working its way west and is a California problem with no easy solution.

Trust Pat Shewczyk and Joan Kerns, Water Committee Co-Chairs, when they say that there is no end to interesting things to discuss about water. Contact them to put your name on the committee's call list, or to add a topic that interests you to the agenda.

*Pat Shewczyk, Water Committee*



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Enclosed in this month's *Channel Voter* is your copy of our newly updated *Facts for Voters*. Thank you to Janet Graham, 3rd Vice President for Election Services, and many bright readers for bringing it up to date. As always we welcome any updates.

### Please welcome our new members:

#### **Jack Hawxhurst**

5664 Stow Canyon Road, Goleta, CA 93117

#### **Ethel Larrabee**

1145 Dove Meadow Rd, Solvang CA 93463

#### **Enid Pence**

2440 Borton Dr, Santa Barbara CA 93109-1838

#### **Seyburn Zorthian**

PO Box 1007, Solvang CA 93464

### And returning members:

#### **Eileen Anton**

1330 Plaza Pacifica, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

#### **Mary Rose**

415 Donze Ave, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

### Address Change:

#### **Iris H. Flowers**

5500 Calle Real, (change to Apt # B321)

### E-mail Changes:

**Sylvia Abualy:** [smabualy@yahoo.com](mailto:smabualy@yahoo.com)

**Jean Bauman:** [jeanbauman@verizon.net](mailto:jeanbauman@verizon.net)

**Sally Hamilton:** [sallyhamilton@cox.net](mailto:sallyhamilton@cox.net)

*Joanie Jones, Membership Development*

### NEW WEBSITE FOR CALIFORNIA POLITICS

The Sacramento Bee has created an interesting new free website with a focus on California politics. At last there is a source of data which has usually been below the radar for most of us. You can see it at [www.sacbee.com/780/](http://www.sacbee.com/780/). You can also look it up by going to the local LWV website, [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org), and clicking 'links.'

*Lesley Alexander, Webmaster*



### THINK GLOBAL (WARMING), ACT LOCAL

Speakers at our November Community Forum included (left to right): **Leslie Wells**, SB County Public Works Department, on new waste conversion technologies; **Tam Hunt**, Energy Program Director of the Community Environmental Council, on the CEC's blueprint to reduce our carbon footprint and provide for our energy needs; **Joe Andrulaitis**, an architect accredited as a Leader in Energy and Environmental Design, on the Architecture 2030 Challenge; and **Jim Armstrong**, Santa Barbara City Administrator, on what SB is doing to address global warming.

*If you know someone who might be interested in the League, please pass along this application:*

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, SANTA BARBARA

- Here's my annual membership dues of \$60\*
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*\*Discounted dues are available for special circumstances. Contact Joanie Jones - 683-1937.*

## CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2008

### Discussion Units: Clip, Come, & Welcome New Members

- 5 **Tuesday** **Dinner Unit:** 5:30 p.m. Madam Lu's Café, 3542 State St. Contact: Lolly Quackenbush, 879-5537.
- 6 **Wednesday** **Carpinteria Unit:** 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the Carpinteria Woman's Club at 1059 Vallecito Rd., Carpinteria. Brown bag lunch. Contact: Barbara Godley, 969-9942.
- 6 **Wednesday** **Evening Unit:** 7: 30 p.m. Home of Sheila Kamhi, 1040 Portesuello, 682-0757.
- 8 **Friday** **Board Meeting:** 10:00 a.m., League office, 328 E. Carrillo, Suite A. Open to all members.
- 13 **Wednesday** **Afternoon Unit:** 2:00 p.m. Maravilla Clubhouse, 5486 Calle Real, between Patterson and Kellogg. Contact: Marjorie Nefstead, 964-0886.
- 18 **Monday** *Channel Voter* deadline
- 20 **Wednesday** **Community Forum:** "Education: Narrowing the Achievement Gap." 12:15-2 p.m.. Louise Lowry Davis Center, corner of De La Vina and Victoria Streets. Brown bag lunch. Drinks and cookies provided.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

### Discussion Units: Closing the Achievement Gap

- 4 **Tuesday** **Dinner Unit:** 5:30 p.m. Madam Lu's Café, 3542 State St. Contact: Lolly Quackenbush, 879-5537.
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- 5 **Wednesday** **Evening Unit:** 7:30 p.m. Home of Pat Shewczyk, 5044 Walnut Park Dr., 964-7506.
- 12 **Wednesday** **Afternoon Unit:** 2:00 p.m. Maravilla Clubhouse, 5486 Calle Real, between Patterson and Kellogg. Contact: Marjorie Nefstead, 964-0886.



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