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Editor:

When you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is . . . stop digging! Unanimous.

Another month, another slew of suggestions for reducing water usage. Jerry "The Frown" Brown pumps his fist and points his finger at us for not reducing water usage enough. Yes, enough is enough, Jerry. When are you going to acknowledge enough population growth is enough? When are you going to tell us what you are doing to reduce water users? When are directors of water districts across the state and across the drought-stricken parts of the U.S. South-west going to unite and tell U.S. politicians enough population growth is enough?

A recent radio report said California hasn't had a drought like the current one since 1977. It also pointed out California's population in 1977 was 22 million, not today's 39 million. So, when our now-predicted 30-year drought occurs, will California's population be 49, 59, or 69 million? Will I care? Not then I won't. Will our grandchildren -- your grandchildren -- care? I suspect so. I suspect at least some of them will say, "Why didn't our grandparents and the people they elected do something about perpetual population growth before it was too late?"

But not to worry! Recently "the Guv" has been heard singing, "The Northwest rain falls mainly on the drain." So, I'm not revealing any secrets when I tell you, he has been negotiating with the governors of Oregon and Washington to take their surplus rain. It will be consolidated and fired to California in a gigantic drainpipe. Jerry plans to call it the "Bullet Drain." Now, don't you feel better?

Edward C. Hartman  
Moraga

## Orinda A Beacon of Hope

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And these FJCs also reduce domestic violence-related homicides. "Each Family Justice Center client works with a trained and culturally competent Navigator who serves as the client's single and trusted point of contact," says Kim. "Navigators work with each family to complete comprehensive needs and risk assessment. They help clients to identify the goals and outcomes that each family would like to achieve. They also support clients to make safety plans and connect with all the services they need to find long term solutions, including employment, financial literacy and other economic assistance programs."

Concord's FJC is also perfectly situated for Orindans experiencing domestic violence but who are too afraid or ashamed to seek help, says Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen. "No one will see you going in; you can have complete anonymity."

Andersen knows all too well what can happen when victims don't get the help they need. "It hit home for me when one of my childhood playmates was murdered by her boyfriend. She was a bright woman with a bright future, majoring in women's studies," she says. "It happens in affluent areas more often than most people realize; domestic violence knows no socioeconomic boundaries."

Kim urges Orindans to call or stop by. "We can provide emotional support, legal advocacy and counseling. We can give you advice on how to stay safe and what to do when you don't feel safe. We can help you think through your options and make decisions for yourself and your family. We can provide support for your children. We will not judge you. We will not rush you. We will be your partners for a long time until you get to safety and independence."

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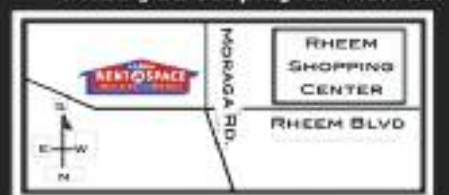


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