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## FURLOUGH FRIDAY

Everybody likes Sutter's Fort, and there's no better place to spend a day off. And the Fort has joined the 21st Century – you can bring along your laptop or PDA.

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## OBITUARY

Stephen K. Hall, who as head of the Association of California Water Agencies, was a major player in state water policy, died of Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was 58.

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## STATE EMPLOYMENT

New hires, promotions and state jobs. Take a look at our data section, then go to [www.capitolweekly.net](http://www.capitolweekly.net) for the complete package.

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WEEK IN PHOTOS

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## Week in Pictures

Text and photos by Malcolm MacLachlan

# Prop. 8 Trial reenactment

If you follow state politics at all, you probably know testimony in a federal trial over the constitutionality of Proposition 8 recently concluded in San Francisco. On Jan. 13, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the plaintiffs, who wanted to bring cameras into the courtroom and broadcast the entire thing on YouTube.

Five days later, a pair of Hollywood producers announced they would reenact the entire trial for broadcast on YouTube, using publically available transcripts and actors who volunteered their time. John Ireland and John Ainsworth are planning to post over 60 hours of footage covering all 12 days of the trial. The production won't take much longer—about 15 days, Ireland said. Reached on Monday, Ireland said they'd shot 25 hours over the weekend alone.

"We're doing every word," Ireland said. "We don't feel it's our place to pick and choose where we start and where we stop. We really want to show what happened in the courtroom."



Ireland and Ainsworth (who also plays Alliance Defense Fund lawyer Brian Raum) on set. The pair first met years ago doing a Honda commercial in New York. These days, both are among the 18,000 legally-married same sex couples in the California. Each is openly gay and married long-term partner in the brief 2008 window when these unions were legal. Ireland said they were talking on the phone after the Supreme Court ruling when a light bulb went off: "We realized that moment that there was a great opportunity," Ireland said. "We know people who can make this sort of thing happened quickly. Within a day or so we were on the phone with the Screen Actors Guild."

Photo by JD DiSalvatore

## FEBRUARY 4

News conference, gathering  
Sen. George Runner  
Police Officers Memorial,  
Capitol Park  
11 a.m.

## Ceremonies,

In honor of veterans  
California Department of Veterans Affairs  
All Wars Memorial,  
1 p.m.,  
Capitol Park

## Rally,

Celebration of Rosa Parks Day  
Black Farmers and Agriculturalist Association,  
Capitol West Steps,  
9:30 a.m.

## FEBRUARY 8

Bake sale, nonprofit  
Sponsored by Sacramento Valley Susan G Komen  
for the Cure  
Capitol North Steps, 11 a.m.

## Rally,

Lighting of the Capitol Pink  
Capitol North Steps,  
5 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 10

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Theodore Heyck (left) as U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker (right). Walker is known as a bit of a judicial enigma, a libertarian who has issued some far-right opinions on property rights—he delivered the controversial 2007 decision, never tested on appeal, that threatens to bankrupt the city of Half Moon Bay. But he's also known for being more liberal on social issues. Prop. 8 supporters claim Walker has been running a show trial. The defense called only two witnesses, apparently banking on getting a more sympathetic judge on appeal. Heyck has a law degree and has appeared as an actor in numerous television shows.

Photo by JD DiSalvatore



The production also got updates from people at the trial to help fill out some of the nuance. For instance, the testimony of defense witness David Blankenhorn (left), founder and President Institute for American Values and an opponent of gay marriage. Ireland said that Blankenhorn speaks in a rich baritone, but his voice gets higher when he gets stressed, as he apparently did under cross-examination from Boies, who is widely known as one of the best courtroom lawyers in the business today. Actor Greg Itzin (right) tries to get the transition into the production, Ireland said.



One of the central characters in the trial is Andy Pugno (left), attorney for both the Prop. 8 campaign and the defense in the federal trial. Pugno is being played by Brian Poth (right), a TV actor who may be best known as a gay-bashing victim on "Six Feet Under." Ireland said he "had no idea" about that 2001 role when he cast Poth. "I think a lot of people who are not excited about our production are going to assume we're going to cast this unfairly. They're probably going to cast all the ugly people in the defense roles," Ireland said. "We're casting great actors in all the roles."



The other stars major stars of the trial are attorneys David Boies and Ted Olsen, who famously squared off in Bush v. Gore in 2000. Boies, left, doesn't look much like actor Jack Laufer, while Olsen more closely resembles Clyde FT

Small. "We've tried to approximate the look of each person in the trial, Ireland said, but he added, "It's more important to get a talented actor."

Photo by Diane Walker

**FEBRUARY 10**  
Rally,  
Coalition for Education and Equality  
Protest against college fee hikes  
Capitol West Steps,  
11 a.m.

**FEBRUARY 11**  
Rally for jobs,  
Sacramento Labor Council  
Capitol North Steps,  
Noon

Model Legislature and Court  
Sponsored by California YMCA Youth and Govern-  
ment  
Capitol and courts building, 10th and Capitol Mall  
All day, 7 a.m. – 6 p. m.

**FEBRUARY 12**  
Evangelical preaching  
Sponsored by We Are the People 13  
Capitol North Steps,  
Noon



The filming has been taking place in a mock trial courtroom at the University of Southern California. USC professor David Cruz has been advising the actors. He's shown here working with Adrienne Barbeau. One of the best-known actors in the production, Barbeau was in "Swamp Thing" and "Escape from New York," and is the ex-wife of famed director David Carpenter. She plays Dr. Letitia Peplau, a UCLA psychology professor who testified for the plaintiffs.

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