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The California Majority Report

This Week's Fresh Fruit and Stale Bread

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Fresh Fruit: United Egg Producers. The United Egg Producers deserve a big Fresh Fruit this week for the one-two punch of having a federal judge stop them from using massive public funds for the No on Prop 2 campaign, only a day before the Justice Department announced it was launching a probe of the powerful industry cartel for price fixing. However brazen, unprofessional, and illegal these acts may be, they deserve props on this blog, because frankly, they make my job a lot easier. Prop 2 would simply give egg-laying hens enough freedom of movement to turn around and spread their wings. Vote Yes on Prop 2, because when the large scale factory farmers say the entire industry is in danger if Prop 2 passes, remember they're engaged in price fixing and lying to you.

Stale Bread: Me! This week I attended the wedding of a good friend, and after a last minute change in plans, I wound up in a town with insufficient cell phone reception to get online. Unfortunately, California politics selfishly continued in my absence, and CMR missed a number of important stories as a result. Luckily, Calitics and the California Progress Report came to the rescue. Among the stories missed on CMR include Google coming out against Prop 8, Charlie Brown outpolling Tom McClintock in the CD-04 race, Prop 4 making unfortunate headway in the polls, new ads by Republican Assemblymember Greg Aghazarian and Democratic Assemblymember Lois Wolk in their race for SD-5, and Republican candidate Bill Berryhill refusing to debate rising Democratic candidate John Eisenhut in AD-26.

Fresh Fruit: Jeff Dunn. When Californians Against Hate boycotted Bolthouse Farms for their founder's financial support of the Yes on Prop 8 campaign, it took some time, but the company's CEO eventually did the right thing, giving some of his own personal fortune to the No on Prop 8 campaign during a brunch for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. His \$5,000 is a small gesture in comparison to the \$100,000 given by Bolthouse the homophobe, but it's a step in the right direction.

Stale Bread: Don Sebastiani. Meanwhile, wine baron Don Sebastiani and his Don Sebastiani & Sons wine label unambiguously have a boycott in their future after Sebastiani gave \$530,000 to the Yes on Prop 4 campaign. Prop 4 would endanger California minors, forcing doctors to notify a minor's family if said minor sought an abortion, even in the case of rape or incest. Popular Sebastiani wines and product lines include The Other Guys, Three Loose Screws, Impact Hot Brands, Smoking Loon, and Pepperwood Grove.

Fresh Fruit: Paul Newman. One advantage of having Hollywood within our state's borders is I got to pretend whenever I damn well please that film industry stories have some vague attachment to California politics. One of America's most gifted actors, Paul Newman, passed away this week, and he leaves a legacy that goes far beyond his impressive film repertoire. The man who starred in Cool Hand Luke, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, The Hustler, The Color of Money, and one of Alfred Hitchcock's most underrated films, Torn Curtain, also founded a quality food company that donated all profits to assorted charities. To date, Newman's Own has raised over \$250 million, and that's something people of all political stripes, from all corners of the globe, can

celebrate.

Stale Bread: Ralph Nader. GOP stooge Ralph Nader will join his VP candidate, former San Francisco Supervisor and former career-holder Matt Gonzalez, and the unfortunately nutty "peace activist" Cindy Sheehan, at fundraisers in San Francisco and Oakland this Tuesday. While all three see themselves as champions of consumers and progressive values, almost all true progressives just want to see them go away. But at least any day they restrict their campaigning to the county limits of Alameda and San Francisco is a day they don't take votes away from senators Barack Obama and Joe Biden in one of those states where the presidential vote is something more than an abstract civic duty.