

# Editorial

## Kudos to Miss California

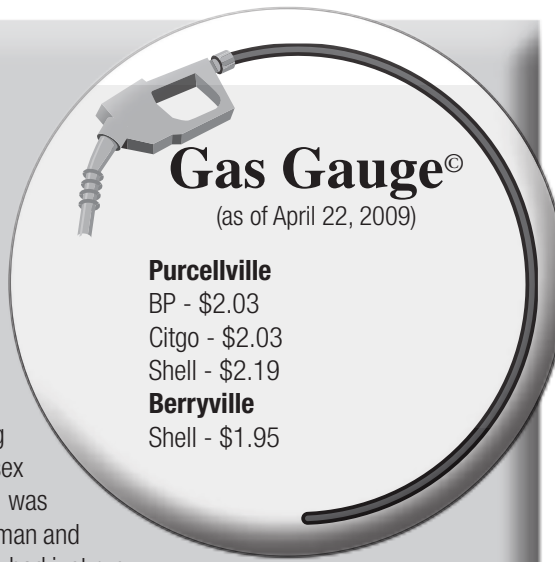
OK, before folks get too crazy, read the ENTIRE editorial before you fire off those emails. Perez Hilton, a self-made Queen of Blogging, is without question, an openly gay man of the 21st century with an agenda. Miss California is without question, a stunning blond woman who is not afraid to speak her mind.

When the time came to ask the all-important question of the young women, Hilton asked Miss California what HER position was on same sex marriage in light of Vermont's recent decision to allow it. Her response, was simple and direct, she stated that in HER opinion, marriage is between a man and a woman. The camera focused back on Hilton and it was clear, someone had just run over his puppy. . .err question.

Later that evening he went ballistic via the Internet in response to her answer. Some believe that Miss California would have won the Miss USA contest if it were not for her candid answer. Many said that she should have given the "I want world peace" answer that has been typical of most beauty/talent contests.

We commend Miss California for her response, not for its content, but for answering it truthfully and not giving the politically correct answer that, we abhor. Remember, Hilton asked what HER opinion was, not his. Miss California gave a clear concise answer as to what she believed and since Hilton did not agree with it, he targeted her, the same why gays have, and in some places, are still being targeted today. Hilton clearly showed reverse discrimination in his actions toward Miss California and may have cost her the win because he could not be an impartial judge. Lastly, we find it interesting that Hilton has not used his platform to target President Obama who stated clearly during his campaign that he agrees with Miss California on the issue of marriage.

Hopefully, during the Miss Loudoun County contest next month at LVHS, the judges will ask serious questions like these, but take their own personal feelings out of the equation and judge the participants based on their intelligence and manner in which the answer is given. ♦



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# Letters to the Editor

## EduPlex... Too Expensive, Too Big, and Too Remote...

As a mother, teacher, and 12-yr Loudoun County taxpayer, I am appalled that Loudoun officials, namely the Loudoun County Public School Board, have recently contracted to purchase a 170-acre site in the agricultural district of Wheatland (between Lovettsville and Purcellville) for a future 4,000+ student elementary school, middle school, and high school complex. This EduPlex is too expensive, too big, and too remote. In the current real estate market and with the current budget crisis where land is going for \$20K-30K/acre, it is absolutely absurd for them to pay an average of \$67K/acre for this land. In addition, the size of the proposed complex is too large considering western Loudoun's buildout projections at the current zoning density. Furthermore, the complex is much larger than most other school sites within the County. This project will end up costing us taxpayers over \$200M to complete! To paraphrase Loudoun County's Revised General Plan, "new public schools will be located in or immediately adjacent to existing villages, towns, and joint land management areas. Wheatland is not a town... There are no services nearby... Nor is there public water or sewer available. Draining groundwater at a rate of 72,000+ gallons per day to serve so many students/faculty in a single massive complex is not sustainable and will certainly deplete the water needed to supply neighboring farms and homes... Not to mention the outrageous expense for the building and lifetime operation of not only a communal water treatment system(s) but at least one, and quite possibly multiple, wastewater treatment facilities. Given the opportunity to be in on the process of selecting a

school site, I doubt most taxpayers would have approved this property as the best and most affordable option available. To get involved go to <http://www.wheatlandalliance.org>

**Michele Trankovich**  
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**(Ed: edited for length)**

## Not Worthy of Positive Results

I am in agreement with the Gazette's last line in their editorial in the April 17th issue stating that Editorial Commercials are good for a community..."when they showcase positive results". This was in reference to the new ReStore opening April 18th. However, I am not in agreement with their other editorial "It Seems to Me" column that in my opinion was a commercial for a book by a conservative movement extremist author. I don't consider that showcasing "positive results". Apparently this newspaper does, so much they even ran a picture the previous week of the famous Mr. LaFiandra with his pal Mr. Levin for our viewing pleasure and another commercial. I hate to break this to you Mr. LaFiandra but there are a lot more people in this country who don't agree with Mark R. Levin or you than do. It's good to know that. The view expressed by this writer (me) obviously "are not" the views of this newspaper, but at least they are sometimes willing to print it and not label it "half truths and lies used to control our society" as Mr. LaFiandra does.

**Jim D'Elia**  
**Hamilton**

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