

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

### Police: Woman named Butts stole toilet paper

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa — Police blame a woman named Butts for stealing toilet paper from a central Iowa courthouse, and while they're chuckling, the theft charge could put her in prison.

"She's facing potentially three years of incarceration for three rolls of toilet paper," Chief Lon Walker said, stifling a laugh as he talked to KCCI-TV about Suzanne Marie Butts. "See, I can't say it with a straight face."

Workers had noticed the rolls disappearing from the Marshall County Courthouse much faster than usual, Walker said.

Butts, 38, was caught last week after an employee saw her taking three rolls of twoply tissue from a storage closet, Walker said.

Butts insisted it was the first time she'd pilfered toilet paper, but she declined to answer further questions on her attorney's advice.

The fifth-degree theft charge, a misdemeanor, normally carries a sentence of less than a year in jail.

But Butts could face more time if convicted under the state's habitual offender law because she has prior theft convictions.

Walker did not know why Butts was at the courthouse, but said that she did not work there.

— The Associated Press

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY

**Toddler Parenting Classes** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (15-24 months) and noon to 2 p.m. (24-36 months), learn about child development, nutrition, building self-esteem, child fears and home safety tips. \$20 for eight-week class. Our School Preschool, 3839 Brushwood, Fairfield. Info: 421-4155 or 422-7016. Register: [www.AdultEdReg.com](http://www.AdultEdReg.com).

## COMING UP

**Storytelling at the Library** 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Folk musician and storyteller will be at the Fairfield-Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Pre-school Story Time** 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, stories, songs and crafts, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503 or

[www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com).

**Terrific Tuesdays** 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Fairfield-Cordelia Library will have activities for children ages 5 and older. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Baby Bounce** 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Fairfield-Cordelia Library has story time for infants ages 1-18 months with songs, stories and finger plays. There is no charge, and no registration is necessary. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Nonprofit Funding Workshop** 9-11 a.m. Wednesday. The Solano Community Foundation will conduct a free workshop for people interested in identifying and researching potential sources of funding. Space is limited. 1261 Travis Blvd., Suite 320, Fairfield. Info: 399-3846.

**Fairfield-Suisun Newcomers Meeting** 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Fairfield-Suisun Newcomers meeting will be in the multipurpose room of the Fairfield Senior Center. The speaker will be Jane Kibbey from the Senior Center Travel Program. Lunch will follow at Strings Cafe on Waterman Boulevard. 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 428-7421.

**CNA Orientation** 1 p.m. Wednesday. Fairfield-Suisun Adult School is holding a Certified Nursing Assistant Program orientation, registration and fee payment session. The CNA class will begin Aug. 27. Payment of a \$100 program fee and \$75 for a textbook is due at the orientation. The course is approved by the California Department of Health. 1100 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 421-4155.

**Spanish Story Time** 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, stories and songs for two age groups: 2 and younger or 3 and older, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503 or [www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com).

**Toddler Time** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday. The Fairfield-Cordelia Library has story time for active toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years old. Songs, stories and finger plays. There is no charge, and no registration is necessary. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Moose Lodge Bingo** Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. quickies, 6:30 p.m. early bird, 7 p.m. regular bingo, \$10 pack games with a half-time prize drawing, Fairfield Moose Lodge, 623 Taylor St., Fairfield. Info: 422-3245.

**Geranium City Garden Club** 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive. Info: 425-8177.

**LapSit Story Time** 11 a.m. Thursday. Songs, finger plays and stories for infants to 18 months. Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503, [www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com)

**Girls Empowering Girls After School Group** 4 p.m. Thursday. A group where girls can talk openly to other girls about the issues and pressures of their lives. This is a free group that meets every Thursday. 1530 Webster St., Fairfield. Facilitated by Leslie Gay Solana, LCSW. Info: 425-6065.

**Gardening Class** 7 p.m. Thursday. Presented by the Vacaville Public Library Cultural Center and led by the Master Gardeners of Solano County. This is a free program. Info: 449-6290.

**"Cuentos y Cantos"** 11 a.m. Thursday. Weekly Spanish storytime for children. Fairfield-Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Fairfield Farmers' Market** 4-8 p.m. Thursday, corner of Jefferson and Texas streets.

**Senior Center Ballroom Dance** 7:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday. "Town and Country Band" will play waltzes, polkas, fox trots

## Keep us in the know

"Community Calendar" runs daily and includes meetings of interest to the general public as well as community events, fund-raisers, and activities. Write "Community Calendar" on your submission and e-mail it to [community@dailyrepublic.net](mailto:community@dailyrepublic.net), fax it to 425-5924, or mail it to the Daily Republic, P.O. Box 47, Fairfield, Calif., 94533.

and Latin patterns at the Fairfield Senior Center. A donation of \$7 will be accepted at the door. 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 425-6257 or 425-4276.

**3-4-5 Jump 'n' Jive** 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Friday. Formally known as Preschool Storytime, Fairfield-Cordelia Library has an interactive program with stories, music, movement and crafts for children ages 3 and older. There is no charge and no registration is necessary. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Toddler Story Time** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday, stories, activities, songs and more, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503 or [www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com).

**Food Addicts Anonymous (FA) Meeting** 7-8:30 p.m. Friday. Meetings for individuals recovering from addictive eating, bulimia and undereating. Meetings are held every Friday. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. Kaiser Permanente, 3700 Vaca Valley Parkway, Vacaville. Info: (800) 600-6028.

**"Walk - Jog - Run"** 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The City of Fairfield Community Services Department continues its "Fairfield Get Fit" program with a one-hour exercise program at Laurel Creek Park. \$5 per person; water included. Info: 428-7714.



▲ "Beat the Heat," 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, teenagers are welcome to learn how to make smoothies at the Vacaville Public Library - Cultural Center, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville. Info: 449-6290.

## Father: Not home long

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"It was kind of difficult with him being gone for that long," young Eric said of his father. "It made me stronger. I know we can make it through without him. I learned that I'm tougher and I can do more things and take charge."

"I set him down and told him what I expected," King said. "He did what I told him. When my youngest son got sick, he shot my an e-mail to tell me."

While King was in Iraq, his family's house flooded. With assistance from King's squadron, his wife and sons made the best of the situation.

"That was a hard time," young Eric said.

King missed spending the holidays with his family for the first time.

"There were times it was a little depressing," he said. "We had a so-called Christmas dinner (in Iraq) where we got together as a unit."

He was deployed in September 2006 and had difficulty adjusting to being away from his family. "After the first three months, you deal with what you are dealt," he said. "I spent a lot of time going to the gym to relieve stress."

In addition to working out, he cut soda and juices with sugar out of his diet and lost 18 pounds. "When my wife saw me, she said I looked younger," he recalled.

King acknowledged how much he appreciated his eldest son's effort on the home front. "He really matured," he said. "He took on a lot of responsibility."

He also noticed how much his youngest son, Jordan, had changed. "When I left, he was struggling with reading in kindergarten," he said. "But when I came back, he was doing much better."

Jaydon, the second son, stared at his father on King's first day home. "Now before we

go to bed, we have to give each other a hug," King said.

That evening, Jaydon walked into his parents' bedroom to check on his sleeping father. "It was like he had to make sure I was really there," King said.

King would like to sleep in today, eat breakfast in bed, then get up and sit on the couch with his wife for a little time. "And I'll have my oldest go cut the grass," he said with a smile.

"I'd like to make up for the past holidays we missed," young Eric said. "We want him to know how much we love him. We want to make it a special day for him. I'd just like to spend the day with him and go out and have fun. But whatever happens, happens."

King, a Lexington, N.C., native, is pretty sure he'll re-enlist for another four years when his current commitment ends in March 2008.

"It's rough at times," he said. "But the good outweighs the bad. And the benefits are great. The military has been great to me."

His friends in North Carolina always tell him he made the right move by enlisting. "If you don't have a college degree, you end up working in the textiles or furniture factories there," he said. "Now when I go home, I'm looked at as a person who left and made a difference in their life."

Young Eric isn't sure he will follow in his father's footsteps. "I do want to go into the military sometimes," he said. "I like the idea of helping people, but I don't like the thought of war."

King has an even bigger appreciation for what he has been blessed with. "Nothing comes before family now," he said. "Pretty much everything I do now is for my family."

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## Men: Woman wanted fathers to get equal treatment

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down to their kids."

Gurian is a social philosopher and author of 21 books who is best known as an advocate for improving the ways boys are raised.

Like most places, Spokane does nothing special for Father's Day.

"I'd like to see every community make a bigger deal of it," he said.

Sonora Dodd didn't have any trouble knowing how special her father was. Widowed when his wife Ellen died in 1898 while giving birth to their sixth child, William Jackson Smart raised the teenage Sonora and her five younger brothers on a farm outside Spokane.

Some credit the creation of Father's Day to Grace Golden Clayton of Fairmount, W.Va., who is said to have suggested to the pastor of her church that he hold a service in honor of fathers on July 5, 1908.

But there is general agreement that the defining moment came when Sonora Dodd was listening to the sermon at the new holiday of Mother's Day at the Central United Methodist Church in Spokane. She had immediately approached the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to suggest a holiday in June, when her father was born, to honor all fathers.

The first citywide Father's Day celebration was held a year later in Spokane, and quickly spread across the country. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson came to Spokane to speak at Father's Day services.

But Congress, fearing commercialization, resisted making it a national holiday. It was not until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers and designated the third Sunday in June as Fa-



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A plaque commemorating Father's Day founder, Sonora Dodd, is shown in the Central United Methodist Church in Spokane, Wash. Dodd, the founder of Father's Day, was listening to a Mother's Day sermon at this church in 1909 when she became inspired with the idea to create a holiday that honors fathers.



ther's Day. In 1972, President Nixon signed the law that made it permanent. Today, more than thirty countries reserve a special day each year for fathers.

Mother's Day, first held in 1908, won a much quicker acceptance. Congress designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in 1914.

Mothers also get more money lavished on them. The National Retail Federation estimated that sales on Father's Day items will total \$9.9 billion this year, compared to \$15.7 billion for Mother's Day items. The average spending on gifts

for mom is \$139.14, compared to \$98.34 for dad, the federation said.

After greeting cards, the most popular gifts for dads are clothing, gift cards and books or CDs. Flowers and gift cards top the list for mom.

Sonora Dodd was honored for her work at the World's Fair in Spokane in 1974, and died in 1978 at the age of ninety-six. Today there are just a handful of public signs of the city's role in the holiday.

There's a plaque at the local YMCA, and another at the Central United Methodist Church, which reads:

"Here, in this sanctuary, Mrs. Dodd was moved to honor fathers in the same manner as mothers..." the plaque begins.

Her grave stone identifies her as "Founder of Father's Day." But the biggest monument to her work is that, for at

least one day a year, people think about fatherhood and what it means. The U.S. Census Bureau this year released a special report on fathers, finding that:

■ There were an estimated 159,000 stay-at-home dads in 2006, who remained out of the labor force for more than one year primarily so they can care for the family while their wives work.

■ There were 2.5 million single fathers in 2006, up from 400,000 in 1970. Currently, among single parents living with their children, 19 percent are men.

■ Thirty percent of children younger than 6 living with married parents ate breakfast with their father every day, while 64 percent ate dinner with their fathers every day and 63 percent were praised three or more times a day by their fathers.

## Gangs: Police suspect Nortenos and Surenos gangs

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hitting the ground," she said.

She watched the events unfold in front of her house from her front door.

She said she saw groups of people run to her yard, grab rocks from their landscaping and throw them. She described a scene of sheer chaos with cars and people, and beer bottles being flung at cars.

Flower pots were broken.

Clothes littered her yard, she said.

"Everybody was after everybody," Eleni said. "It was like a war."

Both residents said the fight moved down Hickory Avenue toward Evergreen Drive and Eleni said it moved back again toward the house that held the party.

"When the cops came (some) ran into the house and all the

lights started going off," she said. "The cops went to their door and none of them answered."

Two of the stabbing victims were found in separate locations and transported to John Muir Hospital.

"They did not appear to have life threatening injuries," police Sgt. Mike Mitchell said.

Pilcher said the third victim, whose condition is unknown,

later showed up at VacaValley Hospital.

Police said they arrested a few individuals on prowling charges and curfew violations. The incident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Fairfield Police at 428-7300.

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### California Lottery

#### SuperLotto Plus/Saturday

Numbers picked **4, 24, 35, 36, 38** Meganumber **26**  
Saturday's jackpot estimate (drawing 7:57 p.m.) \$11 M

#### Daily 3/Saturday

Afternoon numbers picked **1, 8, 7**  
Night numbers picked **5, 1, 7**  
Match three in order for top prize; combinations for other prizes.

#### Fantasy 5/Saturday

Numbers picked **8, 16, 26, 30, 31**  
Match all five for top prize. Match at least three for other prizes.

#### Daily Derby/Saturday

1st place **12, Lucky Charms**  
2nd place **9, Winning Spirit**  
3rd place **1, Gold Rush**  
Race time **1:42.95**  
Match winners and time for top prize. Match either for other prizes.

On the Web: [www.calottery.com](http://www.calottery.com)