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# Donnelly, actress appear in ad

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Candidate for governor Tim Donnelly raised eyebrows last week with a new campaign video alongside actress and singer Maria Conchita Alonso.

In his three-minute "The People United" video, the Hesperia Republican and Alonso discuss his desire to cut regulation, reinvigorate the state's film industry and his opposition to the state's ban on lead ammunition, with Alonso sometimes translating, and at other times just paraphrasing, his views into Spanish.

The ad is tongue-in-cheek, with Donnelly proclaiming his wife is the sexiest woman in Califor-

nia and Alonso assuming that he means her.

"I've been endorsed by (actor) Rob Schneider and had him at one of my campaign events, and I've made a lot of in-roads into Hollywood," Donnelly said Tuesday. "I became aware of Maria and we were looking to do an ad that would be different, something that would have some humor, maybe even start some healing. ... But most of all, we wanted something that would cut through the noise."

Donnelly, who's represented the High Desert in the Assembly since 2010, is also the founder of a chapter of the Minuteman Project and a vocal opponent of illegal immigration.

Alonso, who was born in Cuba and raised in Venezuela, has long

been an outspoken conservative as well, engaging in a public feud with actor Sean Penn over his support for Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez.

"She's fiercely anti-Communist," Donnelly said. "We've all seen what the Communists have done to Cuba, we've all seen what they've done in Venezuela. And now she says, they're here in America."

But her appearance in a campaign video for Donnelly has already cost her a job: Last Friday, she bowed out of her starring role in a Spanish-language version of the "Vagina Monologues" next month, after the play was threatened with threats of boycotts and protests.

"So, basically, she's going to be blacklisted, just because she sup-

ports someone whose political viewpoint is different than some of the people she works with," Donnelly said.

The pair don't actually see eye-to-eye on illegal immigration, he said. They also initially disagreed about hunting and animal cruelty, although he said they've both worked to educate the other on those issues.

"When people get together, and have differing viewpoints, they can also inform each other," Donnelly said. "And you can come out a better person for it."

The video wasn't Alonso's first co-starring role with a would-be future governor of California: She may be best known to English-speaking audiences for co-starring with Arnold Schwarzenegger in

the 1987 film "The Running Man." (Think "The Hunger Games" with Spandex and big hair.)

Although the video has succeeded in the campaign's goal of getting attention, with coverage from the national media, including Fox News and Salon, Donnelly has no illusions that his campaign against probable incumbent candidate Gov. Jerry Brown is going to be any easier as a result.

"I'm in an uphill battle, I know what race I'm in, I'm not naive," he said. But "in San Francisco, and all over the state, you have liberals standing up and saying 'she has the right to say what she believes' and I think that's a good thing. ... We're going to unite them on the basis of American principles and American values."

## REDLANDS

## Grant awarded to continue equine therapy for vets

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REDLANDS » Horses have an ability to strengthen mental health in a way that some traditional forms of therapy cannot, as Angie Sheer has witnessed over the years.

The team at Equus Medendi, founded by Sheer, has for the past three years provided equine-assisted learning and therapy to more than 100 military personnel and veterans at no cost through the San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs, which recently secured a grant to help the non-profit continue its work at the Buffalo Meadows Ranch in Redlands.

"This is just an alternative. It's a different approach. We're bringing them to a ranch rather than somebody's office," Sheer said.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved the grant, allowing the department to help fund the seven-week program that helps address mental health needs including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety and relationship issues.

"Without (the grant) we wouldn't be able to continue helping the veterans like we have been for the past three years," Sheer said. "We've had well over 100 veterans come through and a large portion of that is due to the support of the department of Veterans Affairs in San Bernardino, so this new grant for this year allows us to continue and we're very, very grateful for that. We've never had to charge a veteran and we don't plan on doing that, ever."

The funding was secured through the Mental Health Services Act, said Bill Moseley, director of the county department of Veterans affairs in a news release.

"Without the MHSA funding we wouldn't be able to conduct commu-



Angie Sheer, owner of Equus Medendi, equine assisted learning and therapy, stands with Jackie, a palomino quarter horse used in the program.

nity outreach, education and provide support to veteran mental health projects around the county," he said. "Furthermore, this funding has resulted in new partnerships between the county, state, and federal (Veterans Affairs) from which our veterans and their families benefit."

Sheer has been offering the service for the past three years, after seeing her friend, a veteran, transform emotionally after working with the horses.

Horses are physically powerful and large, yet sensitive, which makes them unlike other service animals, Sheer said. "When working with a horse you have to be completely honest and in a really good, stable place in your mind. If you're not, then you're not going to

get the reaction from the horse that you're asking for," she said.

The therapy offered to veterans is completely confidential and is available for retired and active members of the military.

"Everything we do is absolutely confidential, so even if they are still active duty, still considering their career, or are afraid of the stigma of being in a program — they don't have to worry about that," Sheer said. "We do not send records up the chain of command. It's absolutely confidential."

Appointments can be made directly through Equus Medendi through their website <http://equus-medendi.com/> or by calling 951-941-0056.

## HIGH SCHOOL BULLYING

## Video attracting national attention

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RANCHO CUCAMONGA » A bullying incident at a local high school caught on video has captured national attention.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, Etiwanda High School freshman Kobe Nelson and a classmate had a violent confrontation between classes. School officials intervened and, after interviewing students who had witnessed the incident, Nelson and his classmate were both suspended.

"After school, about 3:30 in the afternoon, I received a phone call from the principal at Kobe's school," Nelson's father, Tommy Purvis, said. "She made it sound like Kobe had been fighting back. ... I told her, if Kobe's been in a fight, and he had been fighting back, I told them to go ahead and suspend him, and do what they had to do."

Upon his return home, Kobe, 14, protested his innocence:

"Look Dad, I didn't do anything wrong: These kids were harassing me," Purvis said.

And video shot by a classmate with a cellphone surfaced, which corroborated Kobe's version of events.

This wasn't the first time Kobe and the other boy had clashed, Purvis said.

"In seventh grade, I saw this kid pick up an orange traffic cone and hit my son in the (crotch) with it," he said. "Apparently what happened is he saw his ex-girlfriend (post on Twitter) that she was hanging out with Kobe on winter break."

At first, though, the video — which shows Kobe repeatedly attempting to walk away from the fight as he's pushed and finally pounced upon — didn't make a difference, Purvis said.

"I go to see the administration on Friday. I have the video at this point," he said. "I went to show (the principal) the video and she shakes her head 'no' and raises her hand in the air, and says 'I don't need to see that; I know what happened.'"

So Purvis reached out to a friend of his, who runs the photojournalism blog Photography Is Not a Crime. Tuesday after the incident at Etiwanda High, the blog posted the video and a story, and things started happening in a hurry.

"Once that story broke, the principal and the district

got hit with phone calls and emails," Purvis said. "I get a call at 8:05 in the morning on Tuesday from the deputy superintendent."

The video shed new light on the incident a week before, according to Chaffey Joint Union High School District Superintendent Mat Holton.

"This bullying incident occurred, it was fairly quick," Holton said Friday. "By the time (school officials) got there, it was over. They talked with both students that were involved. There were conflicting stories. ... They also talked with some other student witnesses and received some information that the threats were mutual — there were threats coming from both sides prior to the incident."

Based on that, both Kobe and the other boy were disciplined — Kobe was suspended for several days, according to his father, although privacy rules prevent Holton from specifying what happened with the other boy in the video.

"Days later, this video appears and the school is able to look at the video and able to see there is clearly an aggressor and clearly a victim," Holton said. "At the beginning of this week, they rescinded (Kobe's) initial discipline."

And other students, shown instigating the fight on the video, "have also been identified and disciplined as well," he said.

Kobe's story also exploded on local television and on social media, leading to former NFL offensive tackle Kyle Turley reaching out to the freshman football player via Twitter:

"b strong Lil bro that #bully & the #badcop will b ask'n 4 ur autograph 1 day, believe me!" Turley tweeted.

Although the suspension was reversed, Purvis is keeping his son out of school as he objects to how a San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy — whom Purvis identifies as Luis Ortiz — handled the incident, including, according to a second video and post at Photography Is Not a Crime, mocking Kobe after he was suspended.

Purvis wants the deputy to be transferred to other duty, rather than being assigned to providing security at the district's high schools.

"I am not going to meet with anyone from the school or the school district until Deputy Ortiz is removed from all these campuses," he said. "I do not feel safe with him at these schools."

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## 2 charged in Chino hammer attack on teen

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CHINO » Prosecutors on Tuesday charged a Chino man and his wife in a hammer attack that critically injured a Chino High student.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office said Gregory Undra Richmond, 48, caused great bodily injury to the victim, referred to in a complaint as John Doe.

Police said the victim, a 16-year-old boy, has regained consciousness since the attack.

"He is cooperating with the investigation and speaking with detectives," said Chino police spokeswoman Michelle Van Der Linden. "Detectives

did determine that these two were unknown to each other. This was basically a verbal altercation that escalated to an attack."

The nature of the argument is under investigation.

The hammer that was allegedly used by Richmond has not been located, according to a Chino Hills press release.

Richmond's wife, Raina Renee Crawford, was also charged in the case with assault with a deadly weapon and helping Richmond escape arrest.

Police arrested Richmond and Crawford the day of the attack.

The teen was beaten on Park Place across the street from Chino High at 1:19 p.m. Thursday. Paramedics flew

him to an area hospital.

Police shut down Park Place between 10th Street and Benson Avenue to look for the suspect. Chino High and Walnut Elementary were both placed on lockdown while authorities searched for the person involved in the assault, according to a news release.

Richmond was arrested, within the hour, on the 5800 block of Riverside Drive without incident, the press release stated.

Richmond is in custody at West Valley Detention Center, in Rancho Cucamonga, in lieu of \$125,000 bail, according to the Sheriff's Department web site. Crawford is also being held at the same facility in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

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### Photos detail REV victory

In case you missed them, check out a gallery of photographs taken at the recent girls soccer match between Redlands East Valley High and Yucaipa High. REV held on for a 1-0 victory.

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## REDLANDS

### Children's author to appear Sunday

Author Barbara Jean Kicks will be on hand Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Redlands. She will be there to celebrate her newest book in the Disney Frozen Series, "Frozen, A Sister More Like Me."

INFORMATION: 909-793-4945

## YUCAIPA

### Crafton Hills to host blood drive

A LifeStream community blood drive will be held today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Crafton Hills Community College, 11711 Sand Canyon Road, Yucaipa. All donors will receive a \$5 In-N-Out gift card.

DETAILS: 800-TRY-GIVING

## FONTANA

### West 10 to close early Thursday

The westbound 10 Freeway in Fontana will be closed early Thursday morning to remove equipment. The closure will be between Cherry and Cypress avenues and be in effect from midnight to 5 a.m.

DETAILS: [WWW.CALTRANS.INFO](http://WWW.CALTRANS.INFO)