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· Gov's state budget plan for 2013/14 to be announced Jan 10

Gov. Brown is scheduled to release his state budget plan for 2013/14 this Thursday at 10 a.m., and advocates for public higher education are hopeful for improvements.

"By voting into law Proposition 30 in the election last November, Californians showed they are tired of the constant cuts to public higher ed that are hurting our kids' opportunity and our state's recovery," says CFA President Lillian Taiz.

"It's time for a turnaround in funding for the CSU. The tentative economic recovery needs a boost and so do the tens of thousands of Californians trying to complete their education and move into the kinds of innovation-making jobs that have made this state such a remarkable success," she said.

[See info on the governor's web site as it becomes available.](#)

· No reopener on faculty contract for 2012/13 academic year

The first of two re-opener periods in the faculty contract with CSU management has passed without action. This is good for the faculty in that it preserves all terms of our contract covering the current academic year without more haggling.

The second reopener period to renegotiate economic terms in the faculty contract for the academic year 2013/14 runs from January 1, 2013, through Feb. 28.

[See the faculty contract on the CFA web site.](#)

· Payroll taxes holiday is over

The 2% reduction in the amount of federal payroll tax collected for social security — known in 2011 and 2012 as the Payroll Tax Holiday — ended as of January 1. The change applies to

the date checks are issued, not the date work is performed. Therefore, faculty and all CSU employees will see the change in our January 2013 checks.

· **Rich Soares remembered**

CFA is sad to announce the passing of longtime Chico State faculty member and union activist Richard Soares.

In addition to working as an Agriculture Librarian at Chico, Rich was active in CFA serving as a member of the Librarians' Committee, assembly delegate and chapter faculty rights chair.

Funeral services will be held on the evening of Friday, January 18, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the chapel of the LDS Church located at 2430 Mariposa Avenue, Chico, CA 95926.

Donations may be made in Rich's memory to:

Richard Soares Fund
Star Community Credit Union
550 Salem Street, Chico, CA 95928

If you have questions about making a donation you may contact the credit union at (530) 895-1947.

· **Links of the week**

Adjunct Project Reveals Wide Range in Pay

A [new website](#) allows Lecturers to share info about pay, benefits, working conditions and shared governance. So far, it reveals overall average pay in the U.S. is under \$3000 but there is variation by region and other factors, especially whether or not the faculty have a union. — [Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

\$5.5-Million Payment Will End N.Y. Investigation of Student-Housing Foundation

The former president of a foundation that provides housing for New York City college students will pay \$4.5 million to settle accusations that he and his wife improperly collected millions of dollars from the foundation through a shell company. Members of the foundation's board will also pay \$1 million for neglecting their fiduciary duty. — [Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

Labor Heritage Festival

The annual song fest brings together some of the nation's most prolific labor-themed musicians, songwriters and filmmakers for workshops on January 18-19 and a public concert January 20. This year the Seattle Labor Chorus and Detroit labor music diva Lynn Marie Smith will be in Burlingame, CA, along with many locals. Former CFA staffer and Rockin' Solidarity Labor Chorus singer Nina Fendel will get a Labor Arts award. They will honor the memory of Jon Fromer, whose songs graced picket lines and pro-labor TV shows for decades. [Learn more.](#)

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