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The link in the first article takes you to the full “framework” piece. Well worth reading, Don

Civil rights groups are calling on the White House to dismantle core elements of its education agenda and are criticizing programs like Race to the Top for hurting low-income and minority children, Education Week reports. Also, Arne Duncan announced today that California is one of 18 states (plus D.C.) to be named finalists for possible funds in the second round of the Race to the Top dash for the cash – here is the link to an Education Week blog about the announcement...

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2010/07/xx_states_dc_named_race_to_top.html?cmp=clp-edweek

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[Civil rights groups call for new federal education agenda -- criticize Race to the Top](#)

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Seven leading civil rights groups, including the NAACP and the National Urban League, called on U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to dismantle core pieces of his education agenda, arguing that his emphases on expanding charter schools, closing low-performing schools, and using competitive rather than formula funding are detrimental to low-income and minority children. The groups, which today...

[What labor may like best about Brown: He's not Whitman](#)

(Los Angeles Times © 07/27/2010)

The television ads seize on the millions of dollars organized labor is spending to help elect Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown, warning that if he's victorious, he would be "their governor." Labor leaders watching the spots, which are funded by billionaire GOP nominee Meg Whitman, should be so lucky. Unions are indeed reaching deep into their pockets to help Brown, whose campaign n...

Remarks:

Educators could add online remarks to this about why Brown shares our values -- see background at www.cta.org.

[Viewpoints: Latinos and gays face same foe on Nov. 2](#)

(Sacramento Bee © 07/27/2010)

Californians take pride in a state that even in hard times embraces an ethic of live and let live. But political campaigns and electoral outcomes often mock and undermine this ideal. Few groups in California have felt the sting of contradiction more sharply than Latinos and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. The statewide election on Nov. 2 is a perfect chance for both populatio...

[Whitman: No interest in White House run](#)

(Marin Independent-Journal © 07/27/2010)

Whitman says she would target tax cuts for employers and reduce regulations that she said are "strangling business." Whitman is the billionaire former chief executive of eBay who spent more than \$90 million winning the Republican nomination for governor. Asked on ABC's "Good Morning America" whether she had any interest in running for the White House, Whitman replied bluntly, "No." Whi...

Schwarzenegger threatens to leave office without signing budget

(Los Angeles Times © 07/27/2010)

Nearly four weeks into the fiscal year without a budget, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger suggested Monday that California might have to wait until his successor is sworn in next year to get a spending plan — unless lawmakers give him everything he wants. Schwarzenegger has said the Legislature must curtail public pensions and change California's taxation and budgeting systems before he will sign...

Schwarzenegger opposes majority-vote budget plan

(Los Angeles Times © 07/27/2010)

As the budget stalemate dragged through its fourth week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Monday he opposed giving lawmakers the power to pass a budget with a simple-majority vote. The governor said he opposed any proposal to make it easier to raise taxes or fees. "I even don't believe in doing the budget" by majority vote, he said. Schwarzenegger said lowering the vote threshold wo...

Dan Walters: Long California budget stalemate could affect Prop. 25

(Fresno Bee © 07/27/2010)

Remember the state budget? The one that the state constitution says should have been done by June 15 for a fiscal year that began on July 1? Nearly a month later, not only does the state not have a new budget in place, but there are no indications it will emerge from the Capitol anytime soon. "It will be another few weeks to get a budget done," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told a g...

Fiorina, Boxer Trade Jabs Over (Gasp) Substance

(KNBC NBC 4 News Burbank © 07/27/2010)

There they go again. Don't U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer and her Republican challenger Carly Fiorina know anything? Don't they know that campaigns are supposed to be about trivia and avoidance of real issues? Why do they keep having disputes over, gasp, substance? ...

San Diego Unified board president wants to withdraw school parcel tax measure

(San Diego Union-Tribune © 07/27/2010)

SAN DIEGO -- San Diego school board President Richard Barrera. Less than two weeks after the San Diego school board voted to put a parcel tax before voters, board President Richard Barrera said he wants to withdraw the November ballot measure. Renewed interest in putting a city sales tax increase on the fall ballot has given Barrera pause about the parcel tax and its chances of passing. The San Di...

CTA, local school boards win appeal on charter schools

(San Francisco Chronicle © 07/27/2010)

A state appeals court strengthened the authority of local school boards over charter schools Monday by making it harder for California education officials to approve statewide charters with campuses in multiple counties. Charter schools are publicly funded and tuition-free but operate independently of local school districts and their union contracts, though districts are supposed to monitor thei...

Mt. Diablo trustees approved bond for ballot without knowing which projects were needed

(Contra Costa Times © 07/27/2010)

CONCORD -- Mt. Diablo trustees did not know what facilities improvement projects were needed when they voted March 9 to place a \$348 million bond measure on the ballot, recently obtained correspondence between school administrators and an a...

California hospital emergency rooms average 274-minute waits

(California Watch News Website © 07/27/2010)

Patients visiting California emergency departments waited an average of four hours, 34 minutes last year. That's two minutes longer than they waited in 2008 and 27 minutes longer than the national average. The figures are part of a recent analysis of time spent in emergency departments by health care consulting firm Press Ganey. Wait times were based on calculations of more than 1.5 million patie...