

Oh, the politics of the petroleum industry. Yes, gas prices are suspiciously low again. Last weekend, I saw one station in Vallejo with a cash price of \$2.79 per gallon. We know it will go up again, so don't stop conserving.

This writer's goal is to carpool a couple of times a week. I freelance at Touro University on Mare Island. You may think it is close by, but it is five miles one way from my home to the Farragut Inn and there is no public bus service. Several other Touro employees live in my neighborhood, so I try to catch a ride when our schedules match. One less car on the road equals cleaner air and money in your pocket.

For those of you commuting out of town, you have many choices, from our ferry to the buses that links to BART. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) has information is at your fingertips at [www.solanolinks.com](http://www.solanolinks.com) or by calling 1 800 53-KMUTE.

SNCI offers online information on transit schedules and a free match list for those who are going your direction. They also offer \$100 Vanpool and Bicycle incentives.

SNCI has a new Emergency Ride Home Program. According to their web site: "now you can use alternative ways to commute and feel secure that you will have a ride home in case of an emergency or other unexpected event. Emergency Ride Home is a free service providing vouchers for taxis or rental cars for employers located in Solano or Napa counties." If you have to stay late or your carpool driver leaves early, you have a way to get home.

If you are an employer in Solano or Napa County, SNCI will come to your workplace and help you design a program for your employees that can include commuting incentives.

For the younger set who are into

facebook, log onto [www.zimride.com](http://www.zimride.com). Sierra Club members John Zimmer and Logan Green launched the college-focused site in 2007. Their web site touts that Zimride is the leading provider of online social rideshare and carpool matching in North America. Launched less than one year ago, over 300,000 people are currently using Zimride. Their goal is to expand the carpooling community and build a more sustainable transportation system.

## 2008 WRAP WINNERS

Congratulations to the four 2008 Vallejo WRAP winners: Artmond Louie DDS, Paul Roberts and Partners (Architects), VALCORE Recycling, and this writer. Additional Solano County winners include Anheuser Busch in Fairfield and Genentech in Vacaville. This Waste Reduction Award Program is sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

## Celebrate America Recycles Day

Mark your calendar and come to VALCORE Recycling from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on November 15. Activities will include a member group garage sale, plant/seed exchange, eye glass recycling, Scouting for food, eye glasses recycling, compost classes at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and more. Call 7070 55-EARTH.

*VALCORE Recycling Board Member Jane Bogner's "A Sorted Affair" is published every other week in the Times-Herald. For recycling information call VALCORE Recycling at 645-8258 or visit [www.VALCORErecycling.org](http://www.VALCORErecycling.org).*

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