

## **The Starting Line – Mission Valley Hotel Workers Allege Unlawful Treatment; Father of Prop 8 DUI Busted (Updated)**

**Collateral damage from charter schools...** A Rand Corporation study profiled in today's [LA Times](#) indicates that charter schools are placing an additional burden on public school funding due to the fact that they are attracting large numbers of students who formerly attended private institutions. In 2008, according to the report, 190,000 students moved from private to charter schools. Although more recent data was not available for the Rand study, the number of charter schools and students attending them has rapidly increased, according to the Times.

The Cato Institute, the right wing think tank that funded the research said that the transfer of students from private schools to charters has increased public-funding obligations by \$1.8 billion. This is placing an ever-growing burden on already under-funded public school systems. A spokesman for Cato is quoted, saying "'On average, charter schools may marginally improve the public education system. But in the process they are wreaking havoc on private education ...driving some schools entirely out of business,'"