


OPINION

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Thumbs up, thumbs down



Thumbs up to
Community
Regional Medical
Center pediatric
nurse **Julie**


Bowen, who won
the "Hands-On" Hero Award from
First 5 Fresno County for her
volunteer work with children. In
addition, **Conne Cleveland**, of
West Hills College-Coalinga Child
Development Center was recog-
nized in the Early Care and
Education category. Grandparents
Mouage and **Herdou Mouanout-
oua** were recognized in the
Family Strengthening category.



Thumbs up to
winners of the 2010
Horizon Awards for
excellence in the
arts: Artists **Edna**
Garabedian,

artistic director and founder of
California Opera Association, and
Agustin Lira and **Patricia Wells**
Solorzano, El Teatro de la Tierra;
Business: **Jacqueline Douma-
nian**, California State University
Summer Arts; Citizen: **Catherine**
M. Rehart, historian and author
of "The Valley's Legends and
Legacies"; Ella Odorfer Educator:
Corrinne Clegg Hales, poet and
professor of English in Fresno

State's Master of Fine Arts
Program in Creative Writing;
Special: **Stephanie Pearl**, mixed-
media artist and co-founder of the
Downtown Community Arts
Collective; Youth: **Anne Rempel**,
multidisciplinary artist (instru-
mental, actor, writer and
painter), Edison High School. This
marks the 25th year for the annual
honors, which are given by the
Fresno Arts Council. The winners
will be honored in a ceremony at
Fresno City Hall followed by a
reception.



Thumbs down to
Assembly Speaker
John Perez, who
spent Friday
hobnobbing with
lobbyists and

campaign contributors in Pebble
Beach — the same day Gov.
Arnold Schwarzenegger released
a bleak California budget, which
includes a call to eliminate the
welfare-to-work program. This
shows poor leadership and how
out-of-touch Perez is for him to be
away from the Capitol when the
budget plan was being released.

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