

## This Week in Washington

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### Pombo receives Guardian of Seniors' Rights Award

This week, I was presented the Guardian of Seniors' Rights Award by the 60 Plus Association, a non-partisan group that relies upon support from nearly 5 million senior citizens.

"I believe it unequivocally when I say that senior citizens can count on Richard Pombo," said Jim Martin, President of the 60 Plus Association. "I would not be touting the leadership of Richard Pombo unless he was heart and soul in the corner of seniors."

### How about them Quakes!

In November, 2003, the San Jose Earthquakes defeated the Chicago Fire to win the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup. Today, the U.S. House of Representatives formally recognized and congratulated the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup, passing House Resolution 475.

"This achievement means a lot to our community," said Rep. Pombo. "These guys are great role models for our kids – overcoming injuries and working together to prevail in the championship game. My kids and I were especially rooting for Quakes defender Troy Dayak from our hometown of Tracy, Calif."

The resolution was sponsored by Bay Area lawmakers: Rep. Pombo, Rep. Honda, Rep. Lofgren, Rep Eshoo, Rep. Tauscher, Rep. Stark, Rep. Lantos, Rep. Farr, Rep. Lee, and Rep. Thompson. It recognizes the players, coaches, staff and supporters for bringing the tournament to San Jose.

You can view the Earthquakes' release at: [http://www.sjearthquakes.com/press\\_box/030904release.htm](http://www.sjearthquakes.com/press_box/030904release.htm)

### Update on the Dedication of the National World War II Memorial May 29th in Washington, D.C.

*Constituents with questions regarding their ticket orders should call 1-800-297-1421.*

Friends, like many of you, I'm anticipating the opening on the National World War II Memorial on Memorial Weekend, May 29th, 2004. I thought you would enjoy an update on the events scheduled in conjunction with the ceremony in Washington.

Seating for the event will span the Mall and include the MCI Center, and members of the WWII generation have been given the majority of the seats in each section. Individuals who requested tickets should have received notification indicating how many tickets have been reserved for them.

For those who will be in Washington over Memorial Day Weekend without tickets for the dedication, there is a non-ticketed viewing area on the Mall that should accommodate about 10,000 individuals in seats and another 30,000 standing room attendees. This area will be between 10th and 14th Streets, adjacent to the Smithsonian's WWII Reunion described below.

The Memorial should open to the public in mid-April 2004 and remain open through Friday, May 28th, so visitors may enjoy an early visit to the new Memorial prior to the dedication weekend events. The Memorial will be closed on Saturday, May 29th until at least one hour after the conclusion of the Dedication Ceremony,

### Congress Rules 'Watching Waistlines' is the Job of the Consumer Not the Federal Government

This week the House passed the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act (H.R. 339) to prevent frivolous, greedy lawsuits against food manufacturers and sellers by people who claim that they were forced to eat certain foods that made them gain weight.

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<http://sites.stockpoint.com/AARP/drugbenefit.asp>

**(WWar II Memorial cont.)**  
then reopen and remain open throughout the summer.

Stay Tuned for more information in the coming weeks...

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