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Everyone, Chick-fil-A included, has the right to an opinion on issues of

the day, such as gay marriage. When politicians threaten to use government's power to enforce their views, they cross the line. **Opinions, A-10**

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# GOLDEN AGAIN



NATACHA PISARENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Modesto's Erin Cafaro, at left in both photos above, wearing the second Olympic gold medal in women's eight with her rowing teammates. Below, the United States beat Canada to the finish line by half a boat length.



## Cafaro and crew repeat Olympic rowing glory

Erin Cafaro's 2,000-meter boat into immortality has changed everything in Modesto's sports landscape. I mean, where does she belong on the city's best-ever chart? At the top of the list because she's the first Modesto athlete who's earned two Olympic gold medals? Near the top because others performed on more high-profile stages? Further down because hers is a niche sport watched by most sports fans only once every four years? It's worthy of a healthy discussion but, for now, Cafaro — a graduate of Modesto High — owns the tiebreakers. They hang from her neck, they shine in the sun and they stand for peerless athletic excellence. Erin, it's your world. The rest of us are renting. She and her USA women's eight rowing team clinched gold near London while most of us were still asleep Thursday. Cafaro and mornings always clicked. Modesto high basketball coach John Potter would open the



**RON AGOSTINI**

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For more from London and a link to Erin Cafaro's blog, check out [www.modbee.com/2012olympics](http://www.modbee.com/2012olympics).  
Gabby Douglas shines in all-around to win more gymnastics gold. **Page C-1**

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## X-Fest changes it up to keep fans coming

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The secret to the success of X-Fest, Modesto's mammoth downtown music festival set for Saturday, is that it makes musical changes every year, said promoter Chris Ricci.

Since the annual festival started in 2000, Ricci has dumped blues and acoustic acts and added more DJs and hip-hop, and he's bumped up the classic rock acts from the 1970s to the '80s.

"From other events like the Lilith Fair, H.O.R.D.E. Festival and Lollapalooza, I learned that you must evolve your activities and artist themes to the times," Ricci said in an e-mail. "These festivals were unable to change as the tastes of people moved on to new genres and experiences."

For coverage after Saturday's X-Fest, check [www.modbee.com](http://www.modbee.com) for video, photos and more. On Twitter, follow Lisa Renner (@MilleganRenner), who will be tweeting live throughout the night from downtown Modesto.

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## Church fight enters court

But is Hughson case under federal or state jurisdiction?

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The fight over who controls the money, authority and access to St. Mary's Holy Apostolic Catholic Church of the East in Hughson moved court-side this week.

Modesto attorney Jack Sodhi filed a restraining order on behalf of the board of directors, which has been locked out of the church on Fox Road. A temporary restraining order was granted Tuesday by Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge William Mayhew and a hearing was slated for Aug. 14.

But a San Jose attorney representing the Baghdad-based patriarch said Sodhi never should have filed the order. Joseph Dworak filed for a jurisdiction change Monday to move the matter to the federal

court, where he claims the dispute belongs.

Patriarch Mar Addai II is the spiritual head of St. Mary's of the East, the Ancient Church of the East. He is headquartered in Iraq.

The church has been in a squabble with its leader for two years over a \$250,000 loan to a Canadian parish and allegations of sexual impropriety. He arrived in the Hughson area two weeks ago and sent letters to the church's board of directors and pastor, firing them and banning them from entering the church. His supporters, a minority of the church's 180 member families, changed locks twice at the church, covered up recently installed security cameras and tore out an alarm system.

The restraining order against the patriarch; his secretary, Bishop Mar Zaia; and

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