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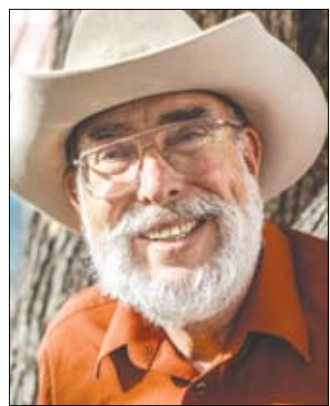
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History in the Making

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

The California Capital Airshow (CCA), presented by Sacramento County, today announced it will honor the 65th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, the largest humanitarian aid effort in history. The Airlift will be commemorated during both days of the Show, October 5-6, 2013 at Mather Airport.

The Berlin Airlift Tribute will honor the quiet heroes who played an integral role in this monumental event, bringing together the pilots, aircraft, and German aid recipients from an important period in history. "The CCA team is excited to share this historical event with Sacramento, and celebrate the contributions of these unsung heroes," said Darcy Brewer, executive director of the California Capital Airshow. "The courageous men and women you will meet at the 2013 Show are remarkable examples of those who could put the war behind them and selflessly saved a city from starvation." During 1948 and 1949, the world watched as the war-torn city of Berlin, Germany, was cut off from outside supplies of food and fuel by a Soviet Union blockade, designed to dominate the city. In a gallant and strategic manner, a flight took off every six minutes, 24 hours a day for over a year; often in fog, clouds, rain and ice to ensure the survival of over



Warbirds Galore in the sky and on the ground The Airshow will be roaring across the skies of our region October 5-6, 2013! The event will offer spine-tingling performances including an international jet team, the Snowbirds, military demonstrations, world-class aerobatics, wingsuit flyers, barnstorming, wing walking, and endless entertainment and displays along the ramp. Photo courtesy of CCA

2 million people in the city of Berlin. In a span of 15 months, with over 277,000 flights, the United States delivered 2.3

million tons of food, clothing, water, medicine and fuel. Although the life-saving supplies were welcomed by more than 2

million residents, what younger survivors remember most is that the "sky rained Hershey bars."

US Air Force pilots pioneered the idea of dropping candy bars and chewing gum with hand-made handkerchief parachutes while 'wiggling' their wings, which alerted the children they were about to receive treats. When news reached the United States that pilots were dropping candy to the young people of Germany, children all over America sent in their own candy to help with the mission. Soon major manufacturers joined in, and by the end, over three tons of candy was dropped on Berlin and 'Operation Little Vittles' became a major success.

The C-54E Skymaster, an actual aircraft used during the Airlift will be on display and fly the Tribute performance each day, narrated by Lt. Col. Jon Huggins, USAF. As the grand finale, parachutists from the Red Bull Air Force will jump from the C-54E with candy "goodies" for the crowd. Numerous participants from the Airlift will take part in the Tribute along with individuals who were children in Berlin at the time. The CCA will be all things "shiny, fast and loud" for all ages and so much more! Tickets are now available online and can be easily purchased at the Airshow web site, <http://www.cca-airshow.com>

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The Bremont Hosreman took off over a decade ago as the worlds only P-51 Mustang formation aerobatic team. They have flown a variety of platforms in formation, working tirelessly to escape gravity. ere they are seen flying the F-86 Sabre Jet. Photo courtesy of CCA

Smorgasbord of Oktoberfest Promises Flavorful Feast

By Susie Aronson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

The Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce has planned one last birthday bash to culminate their 50th Anniversary celebration, with an Oktoberfest October 4, 5:30 at Mather Golf Course. Those attending will experience an evening of exciting, unusual entertainment, and will feast on German food fit for a king.

The menu has been planned to please the palate with several old country favorites with a special culinary flair provided by the creative team of Terri Thompson and Alan Barrow, chef owners of Spoons Encore Fine Catering. The following items will fill the smorgasbord table, fresh and flavorful for the feasting:

- **Wurst and Sauerkraut** (German sausage, cabbage, and sweet German mustard);
- **Brezel and Brot** (homemade pretzels and German breads);
- **Geschmortes Schweinefleisch** (beer braised pork);
- **Spatzle** (tiny dumplings in browned butter);
- **Hanchen Schnitzel** (breaded chicken breast and lemon parsley mayonnaise);
- **Kartoffelpfannkuchen** (potato pancake and caramelized onions);
- **Gurkensalat** (cucumber, dill, and sour cream); and
- **Lebkuchen and Bayerische Crème** (gingerbread, Bavarian cream, and fruit).

Adding a personal touch to the beverage menu will be the featured beverage, "River Bend 50 Beer" the German beer produced by American River Brewing Company in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce.

According to David Mathis, owner of the beer facility, "the German Hefeweizen is an "unfiltered, light but cloudy, wheat beer, with a refreshing and wonderful fruity character." Says Mathis, "It took about two weeks to brew". The beer was first introduced at the July 4 Fireworks at Haggin Park.

As if dining on delicious German food paired with a specially brewed beer were not enough, the festive crowd will be able to enjoy exciting sky



focused events as well: a golf ball drop from a helicopter, with hundreds of balls raining down-part of a contest paying out prize money of \$500, \$300, and \$200

to those who win first, second, and third place respectively; a parachute jump performed by the renowned Red Bull Air Force Team, complete with fireworks; and an informal meet and greet with celebrity pilots, taking a break from their day of air rehearsals (for what promises to be a spectacular weekend California Capitol Air Show). Background music provided throughout the evening is sure to keep the mood lively.

For those who wish to attend the Oktoberfest, tickets are \$35 per person in advance; and \$40 per person at the door. Chances to win the helicopter "golf ball drop" are \$10 each. For ticket information call 916-273-5688, or go to www.RanchoCordova.org.

Pint-Sized Entrepreneur "Pitched" Against Region's Six Best Start-Ups/CEOs -

By Drisha Leggitt

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Nine-year-old Entrepreneur Nicolas Come, inventor of the, "Nicolas' Garden" Mobile App and digital platform, represented his company himself - without adult accompaniment - at SARTA's upcoming, "AgStart PitchFest Finals;" and was selected by the judges to be one of the final three companies to "pitch" in front of key agriculture and technology stakeholders/investors at SARTA's "AgStart Innovation Showcase," on October 16, 2013; as well as receive a scholarship to attend the U.C. Davis Childs Family Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship's Food, Ag, and Health Entrepreneurship Academy, on October 22 - 24, 2013.

Nicolas Come, the Sacramento-area third-grader, who just four months ago launched a company to encourage healthier eating among his generation (and took his "Farm-to-Fork" advocacy, all the way to the President of the United States), plans to again "pitch" by himself - without adult accompaniment - against his final other two adult CEO competitors, at the October 16, 2013 "Showcase" before an audience of hundreds. The Wednesday, October 16, 2013, SARTA "AgStart Innovation Showcase" competition will take place at: McClellan Business Park Conference Center, 5411 Luce Ave, McClellan, CA, 95652.

"Most people don't know that my 'Nicolas' Garden' App was always supposed to be 'Farm-to-Fork,'" Nicolas reports. "With the team I recruited from Hacker Lab, we created the 'Fork' part. But now we need more funding and content partners for the 'Farm' part. If we win the 'Ag-Start Showcase,' competition, we can build the 'Farm' part of my company, and teach more kids where their food comes from, and why healthy food is better for them! I want my company and App to teach kids about growing their own gardens and farming, no matter where they live. I think a lot of kids are like I was: picky eaters. But once I started growing my own healthy food, I tried more of it, and liked it. I think 'Nicolas' Garden' can



At first, 17 well-respected agriculture innovation technology companies were selected as qualified to enter the Sacramento Regional Technology Alliance's (SARTA) "AgStart Innovation" venture competition. Photo courtesy: Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill

do that for other kids, too!" A self-proclaimed, "Picky Eater," Nicolas Come decided to develop an entirely new, digital business model to support healthier living and fight childhood obesity late last year. Knowing how much he enjoyed learning to grow his own food, and cooking the resulting, healthy ingredients with his family, he outlined and diagramed an idea for a mobile application and supporting technology that would be, "by kids; for kids" -- allowing them to share healthy recipes, cooking tips, and other healthy options, in an easy, fun, digital format.

Convinced and emboldened that his idea was important, Nicolas bravely pitched his idea (by himself, while standing on a chair) to over 100 technical experts during a Sacramento Hacker Lab "Hackathon" (a weekend coding competition). At the Hackathon, Nicolas recruited a team of designers, computer programmers, and content specialists; and ultimately developed the concept

for Nicolas' digital platform and business, known as, "Nicolas' Garden."

Now "live," the Nicolas' Garden website and mobile App allows children and families to share healthy, family- and kid-friendly recipes, create meal plans and shopping lists, learn easy and fun cooking tips, play health-related games, and link to other healthy programs and services. In the next generation of the App, kids will earn points and badges for interactivity, growing gardens, making healthy choices, and participation. A map of local healthy eating events, farms, and venues will be available to support farmers markets, restaurants, and other locations and activities promoting family-friendly, farm-to-fork programs.

In the continued effort to promote the use of his Mobile App, as well as his website (www.NicolasGarden.com), Facebook page and Twitter account, Nicolas has become quite the accomplished chef! He has appeared on numerous media programs conducting

cooking demonstrations of his favorite recipes. He has also been interviewed by dozens of print publications; in fact, in the merely four months that the App has been, "live", Nicolas has generated over nine million, positive media impressions worldwide, including media in Japan, India, Malaysia, Latin America, the United Kingdom, and many more. Nicolas has even shared his message (and his tiny busi-

ness card), with the President of the United States! The White House selected Nicolas' photo with the President as the, "White House Photo of the Day!"

Convinced that that Nicolas' Garden Mobile App should be a vital tool to support the "Farm-to-Fork" initiative, Nicolas recently presented a cooking demonstration before over 100 teachers at an "Ag in the Classroom" Conference, inspiring instruc-

tors to incorporate his App in their classroom curriculum. He was also twice a featured chef at the California State Fair. Additionally, he is partnering with Chef Adam Pechal to present the "Farm-to-Fork Family Food Feud" event, as the Opening Act on the Main Stage of the "Farm-to-Fork Festival," on September 28, 2013.

"I know the 'AgStart Innovation Showcase,' is going to be a hard competition," concludes Nicolas. "And maybe some people won't understand right away why 'Nicolas' Garden' should be considered Ag innovation. But think about it; if no one wants to eat their fruits and vegetables in the future, who's going to buy from our farmers? I am trying to help kids like fruits and vegetables now, so that they will grow up, and feed the healthy food to their families, and buy more from our farmers. And we are using a Mobile App and digital technology to do it! What's more innovative than that? These judges are business people and entrepreneurs like me. I'm sure if I explain it to them myself, they'll understand that 'Nicolas' Garden' should be the winner of the AgStart Showcase!"

For further information regarding the Nicolas' Garden, please check: www.NicolasGarden.com. For further information about SARTA, www.sarta.org.

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Culinary Excellence Is On Every Menu of Chef Team

By Susie Aronson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Spoons Encore Fine Catering has been around for twenty years, and for the past three years Terri Thompson and Alan Barrow, have been the owner chefs of the business, always striving for excellence in culinary preparation, presentation, and personal service.

Terri's childhood was spent in the central valley of California, surrounded by the agricultural belt. She brings to the table a knowledge of and appreciation for fresh produce we have available to us, and takes advantage of the opportunity to utilize these

quality ingredients in her culinary creations.

Alan was raised in South Africa, where he was exposed to a variety of meats and produce prepared in a number of different cooking styles by his culinary bent mother. He also brings with him knowledge and expertise in wine, having had his own company organizing events around the pairing of fine foods with the most compatible wines.

Both chefs take dietary needs into account when planning a function, so everyone is able to enjoy what is on the menu.

They try to make "every meal a celebration, and every event a beautiful memory." ★



Artists of Culinary Excellence: pictured above, Alan Barrow and Terri Thompson, the creative chefs selected to prepare the Oktoberfest feast, are also co-owners of Spoons Encore Fine Catering.



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Nature Fest to Star Wild Survivors

CDFW to Offer Winter Swan Tours in Sacramento Valley



Nisenan basket makers will demonstrate their skills at the Nature Fest event. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

Words and Photographs by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Archimedes the owl, Spirit the bald eagle, an elk named Tule and a lynx with the moniker of Mukluk will journey to Carmichael's Effie Yeaw Nature Center on Sunday, October 6.

Their sagas – along with those of bats, snakes, a raccoon called Radar and various raptors – are

aimed to educate visitors during the Nature Center's annual Nature Fest event. Celebrity presenter is Gabe Kerschner, a regular guest of NBC's Tonight Show. Kerschner (59) runs Wild Things Inc. at a 35-acre animal sanctuary in Placer County. He and 60 species of rescued animals annually present hundreds of school programs geared to educate and entertain.

Kerschner's critters are an in-

ternational cast. He has shown alligators, lemurs, a kangaroo named Steve (after Australian naturalist Steve Irwin) and Pook -- a white-headed Thai Gibbon -- on national television. Nature Fest supporters will view a more regional ménage: "For this event, we'll show North American animals," says their protector. "An elk, a rattlesnake, a raccoon and a lynx. My bald eagle is Alaskan, so she's bigger than local ones. Spirit would have a wingspan of over 6.5 feet -- if she had both her wings."

The magnificent bird demonstrates a common wilderness travesty. Explains Kerschner: "Since they've been protected, bald eagle numbers have rebounded. Some fishermen don't want competition. She was only a year old when she was shot. With one wing, Spirit could not have survived. She's gentle and awe-inspiring. When I show her, people get emotional. Children are amazed at her size. They love hearing how eagles dive and use talons to prey."

"Adults often cry. She's our national emblem; they're appalled to see what an American maliciously did to her."

The 2013 Nature Fest represents homecoming weekend for

another wild ambassador. Kerschner's great horned owl was rescued six years ago at nearby American River College. "He broke a wing falling from a nest in the oaks on campus," says the naturalist. "We figured he must be an extra wise owl; he went to college. So we called him (after the mathematical 'wise one') Archimedes." Kerschner's talks promote serious issues but punch lines -- often of bald-eagle/bald-naturalist genre -- fly thick and fast. "I try to be entertaining," he says. "A laugh keeps interest going. You want people to experience a full range of emotions; it makes learning memorable."

Kerschner's critters are not the only educators at the 2013 Nature Fest. Resident Effie Yeaw raptors and reptiles will interact with visitors. The "Twilight" generation will be open-fanged by bat encounters. Spreading wings under the aegis of Sacramento "bat lady" Corky Quirk, exhibited megachiropterans are rescued specimens that improve understanding of gothic fiction's most maligned mammal.

The Effie Yeaw facility is a resource for Native American studies. Fine basketry and abalone pendant-making will be demonstrated in the replica Nisenan village at the center on October 6. Children's Activities, crafts and guided walks through the 80-acre wildlife preserve will be also available.

The fundraiser runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for visitors aged 13 and up; free for children. Parking is included. For more information, visit www.sacnaturefest.com or call (916) 489-4918.

★ Learn about Gabe Kerschner's Wild Things Inc. at www.wildthingsinc.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Each year thousands of tundra swans migrate from northern Alaska to their ancestral wintering grounds near Marysville. These wintering grounds are one of the premier locations for viewing swans in California.

swantours/. The swan tours are part of CDFW's wildlife viewing services program, which includes similar outdoors opportunities at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, Isenberg Crane Reserve



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), in partnership with local rice farmers, will offer free tundra swan tours from Nov. 16 through January 2014. Photo courtesy CDFW



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), in partnership with local rice farmers, will offer free tundra swan tours from Nov. 16 through January 2014. Participants can learn about the natural history of tundra swans as well as ducks, geese, shorebirds, herons, egrets and raptors, which are commonly seen in the area covering 23,000 acres of rice fields and restored wetland habitat.

Tours will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required at www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/2/

and North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve. For more information on the tours, please call (916) 358-2869 or e-mail-interpretiveservices@wildlife.ca.gov.

CDFW will also co-sponsor the 2013 California Swan Festival, to be held in Marysville on Nov. 9-10. For more information on the festival, please visit <http://yubasutterchamber.com/index.php/calendar/swan-festival>.



Archimedes owl is an esteemed teacher despite his own unhappy college experience. Tonight Show veteran Gabe Kerschner will present the raptor and other rescued wild animals at an October 6 open day at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner



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"Whole Lotta Brews Going On" is a key fundraiser for the valuable work of The Partnership. The Partnership provides an array of programs targeted at reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect as well as impacting generational cycles of poverty. "Each year



The Partnership provides parent education and support, safe youth activities, employment services and safety-net services to over 5,000 children, youth and adults in our local community," says Executive Director, Robert Sanger. "We offer this wide range of services in one



place to best serve our families through our Family Resource Center environment."

"Whole Lotta Brews Going On" will be an evening of beer and wine samplings from around the region along with gourmet food tastings from Whole Foods Market in-store vendors as well as local restaurants and caterers. The event features live music featuring the sounds of Mr. December and Foxtrot Mary featuring Marshal Wilkerson. Also, a spectacular silent auction showcasing a variety of desired items ranging from fine art, golf packages, exotic getaways, unique home décor and more. This event will also feature Chef Tyler Stone, a young Chef who represents the next generation in food preparation, and a former contestant of Bravos Top Chef. Tyler enjoys incorporating "molecular gastronomy" into his dishes such as liquid nitrogen wine ice cream as well as other dishes.

You can partner with Whole Foods Market in supporting The Partnership and empowering children and families in our local community by purchasing tickets for "Whole Lotta Brews Going On" and enjoy an evening of delightful, beer, food, wine, and entertainment. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door. Event sponsorships are also available.

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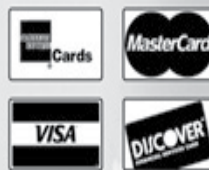
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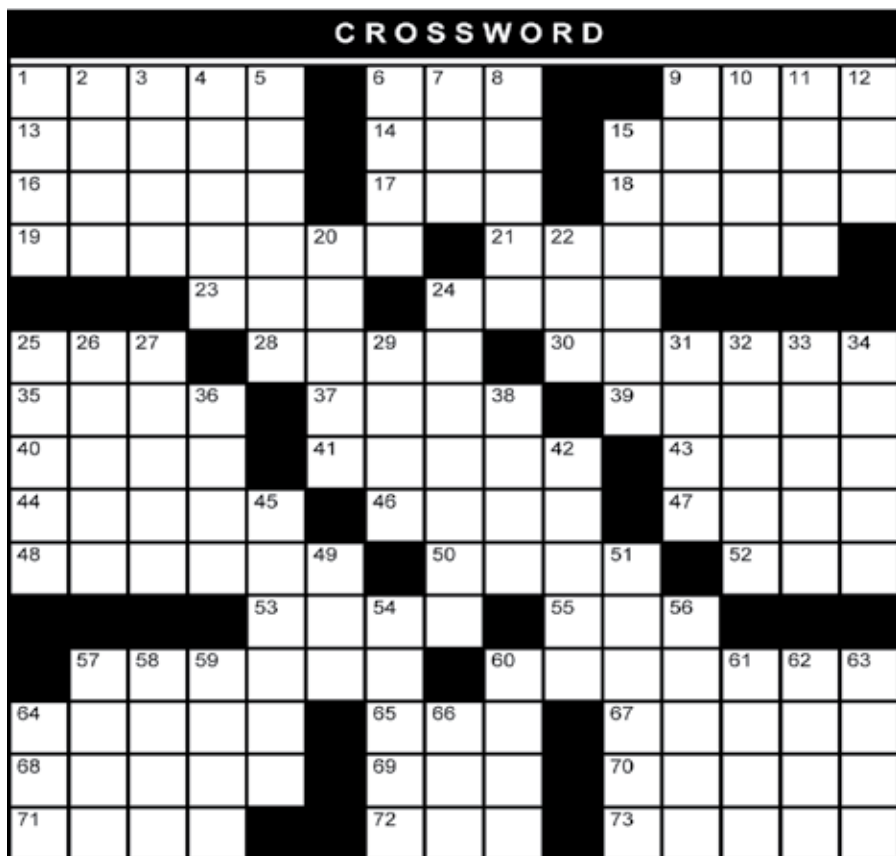


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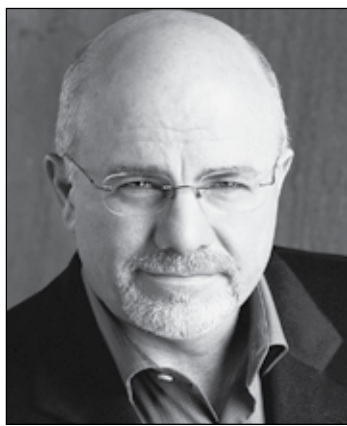
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A Tricky Joint Account

Dear Dave,
I'm getting married soon, and we plan to open a joint checking account. Keeping a register accurately will be difficult because I travel two weeks out of every month. Do you have any suggestions for keeping track of things, or should we just rely on online access to the account?
- Ed

Dear Ed,
I would set up a second checking account, one to which you both have access, that's only for travel. Giving you both access allows you to track what you do and her to see what's going on and act as your backup when it comes time to balance the register. Here's an example. A few years ago we were remodeling our home. My wife and I opened a separate checking account and put all of our remodeling money in there. It was easier to keep the money separate, but we both had access and were involved in the account. Understand, this wasn't a "his" and "hers" arrangement. It was merely for the purposes of keeping our everyday activities separate from the remodeling budget. When you get married the preacher proclaims you as one. That means throughout life and everything involved, including your finances!
- Dave

Dave Says

Don't Use a Land Contract

Dear Dave,
What's your opinion on buying a house on a land contract?
- Keith

Dear Keith,
I would never, under any circumstances, ever buy a property on a land contract.

In some places this kind of thing is called a "contract for deed," but the problem is you don't have the deed. The property is not in your name. You could easily run into a situation where you've paid the balance down for 10 years, then the guy you're paying gets into a car wreck or another kind of financial trouble and someone slaps a \$500,000 lien against the property that's supposed to be yours.

Don't pay for property that isn't in your name, Keith. Land contracts, or contracts for deed, are dangerous for the buyer and just plain stupid!
- Dave

Co-Signer Passed Away

Dear Dave,
My father co-signed for my niece's student loans, and recently he passed away. My mom didn't sign for the loans, but would she be held responsible now?
- Denise

Dear Denise,
I'm really sorry to hear about your dad. But no, your mom is not on the hook for the loans. Your dad's estate could be held responsible though.

When you die, what you own stands good for what you owe. So anything he owned—perhaps his and your mother's home—would have to stand good for it. This means that while your mom isn't liable, the student loan would have to be cleared as if it were a normal debt in order for your mom to keep, free and clear, any of the stuff your dad owned.

There's another possibility also. Federally insured student loans do not count against your estate when you die. If you pass away or become permanently disabled, the loan is forgiven. I believe that's true for co-signers as well, but make sure you check into the situation carefully. We're talking about the federal government, and they don't usually operate in the realm of common sense!
- Dave

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Commentary By Gold River Resident, David Koenig

GOLD RIVER, CA (MPG) - In a recent story, the commissioner of the California Youth Football League defended the tough penalties for coaches who disregard the league mercy rule and says they will continue to be enforced.

The way it reads right now, any coach who runs the score up by 35 points or more will be suspended for a week of practices and one game and the commissioner added that "Bottom line, this is about players having fun and not an ego trip for a coach who has a talented team". How ridiculous is this?? Little league baseball also has a 10-run rule where a game is ended after 4 innings if one team is leading by 10 or more runs so in keeping with the "fairness doctrine" that is wimpifying youth sports and kids all across America, I think we ought to enact new Mercy Rules for the Workplace:

- Companies can no longer have profits more than 10% and anything over that amount will be given to their competitors so they'll feel better about their crappy performance.
- All employees will receive the same performance review and pay raise because we don't want people feeling bad because they don't perform as well as their co-entive payments will be eliminated because we can't

blame sub-par performers for their lack of accomplishment and people should not be incented to work harder when others can't keep up.

• All overtime pay will be eliminated. Just because you want to work harder and put in more time

doesn't mean you should be paid more money than the person who doesn't wish to do the same.

• All company stock programs will be eliminated. Just because you have a better product and sell more of it does not mean that your company should be valued higher than the competition.

• All employees will be able to make their own schedules. We can't expect people to be able to show up on time and not everyone is capable of planning far enough in advance to know when they'll be able to work and

for how long from day to day. "Bottom line, this is about the workers having fun and not an ego trip for companies who have talented employees"... Yup, sounds just as ridiculous.

David Koenig has been a Gold River resident since 1997. To read more, go to his blog site at <http://kongsklassroom.wordpress.com>, or you can email him at david.koenig@hds.com.

City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, October 7, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

CITY-SPONSORED MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT - HEN ORDINANCE:

REQUEST: The City-sponsored Municipal Code Amendment will add Chapter 8.11 to the Municipal Code to be entitled "KEEPING OF BACKYARD HENS," and amend Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code (Section 23.310-1) to allow the keeping of hens within the allowed uses table of the Zoning Code. The ordinance would permit, subject to a registration requirement, the keeping of hens within the certain single-family residential zones of the City, based on the regulations for the care and maintenance set forth in the ordinance.

LOCATION/APN: The Municipal Code Amendment would apply city-wide

ZONING: Single Family Residential (RR, RD-1 through RD-7)

ENVIRONMENTAL: An addendum to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared under CEQA guidelines to address the proposed amendments to Title 23. Analysis concluded that the Zoning Code Amendments would not result in any additional impacts that were not addressed in the General Plan EIR.

PROJECT PLANNER: William Campbell, Principal Planner

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Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department at (916) 851-8750.

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RANCHO CORDOVA ZONING MAP AMENDMENT:

REQUEST: The City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department is proposing to restore urban zoning designations to certain properties in the SunRidge Specific Plan area. The courts determined the SunRidge Specific Plan EIR was flawed and under orders of the court the City rescinded approvals of the EIR and Specific Plan. The court ordered actions invalidated land use entitlements under the SunRidge Specific Plan (zoning for individual land parcels) unless they were vested through a Development Agreement. The parcels under consideration had no Development Agreements and so have reverted to the zoning in place prior to the SunRidge Specific Plan (AG-20). The proposed action will restore the rights to develop land consistent with the SunRidge Specific Plan. The previously designated commercial sites will remain commercial and the RD-20 Multi-Family Zone will be restored, except for those parcels that are currently used by public facilities (water tank, communications and sewer pump station). A detailed map of the project area is available in the Planning Department.

APPLICANT:

City of Rancho Cordova
2729 Prospect Park Drive
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LOCATION/APN: In the general area of Sunrise Boulevard, south of Douglas Road to Chrysanthy Boulevard. 067-0030-038 and 039, 067-0430-001, 018, 043, 044, 067-0430-035, 037 and 040

ZONING: AG-20 Agriculture

ENVIRONMENTAL: Addendum to a previously certified Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT PLANNER: William Campbell, Principal Planner

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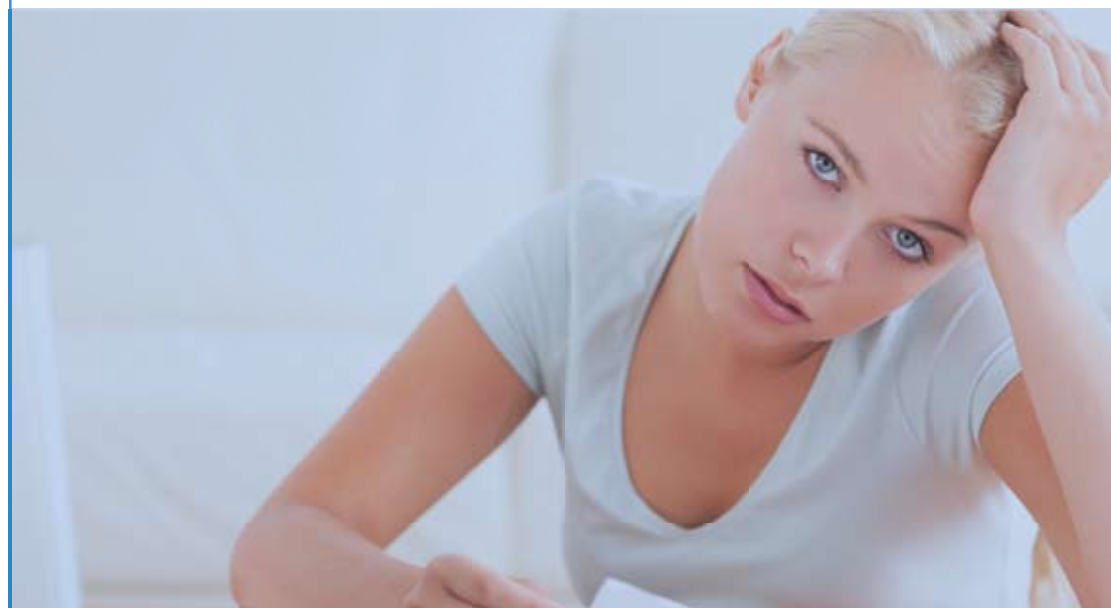
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or feel or are told.

Students in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District are allowed to leave schools and go to other schools in the district. Students at Cordova High leave and go to schools that today have the reputation that Cordova had in the past. The reputations of Cordova High School were in education and of course in football. Cordova also seems to have difficulty hiring some of the coaches they want for the same reasons.

Change is inevitable when we talk about the weather. Changes are inevitable when talking about the Kings – their present and their future. (We will have to see what those changes are). Changes will continue to happen to Cordova High. The easiest changes to see are the buildings like the science building and the new gym and new theatre that will be built. The changes we can't see are the ones that need all of our support. We need to let the teachers, the students, and the general public know we support Cordova High and will be there to support them now and in the future.

What people say about Rancho Cordova today is changing as we continue to improve our City. We need to support Cordova High and let the general public know that we are there for them. What others say or might say hasn't stopped us in the past from moving forward. I received an email that said "He who angers you controls you." ★

From Bob McGarvey, Councilman, God bless you, and see you next time.



By Rancho Cordova Resident Bob McGarvey

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Although time seems to go by quickly, this year time seemed to really drag by for fall to get here. . . sort of like when it would take forever for Christmas to arrive when you were a child. Why I don't know but I am glad fall is here. The colors of the trees, the changes in the temperature, and the different clothes people wear, for some reason, stand out. It would be even better if we would get the "usual" amount of rain here in the valley and the "usual" amount of snow in the Sierras. I guess on occasion life offers you an opportunity to appreciate something that you have every year but our lives go by so fast that when you realize it is finally here, it is gone.

The news of "Shaq" investing in the Sacramento Kings was more than a surprise but he apparently sees both today and the future of the Kings worth investing in. And even though he had to fight very hard against the Kings when it was his business to do so, he apparently sees that the Kings can attain the successes they reached in the past.

I was talking to a retired teacher from Cordova High the other day and he mentioned that some people today can't see what is right in front of their eyes. Cordova High hasn't changed from what it was in the past except for what people hear

The Charitable Side of Gaming

By Noah Howard

When some people think of video game fans, they imagine stereotypes of anti-social introverts playing for hours in a dark room. But the industry has evolved far beyond these popular culture-driven caricatures. Gamers are a community and some are using their virtual worlds to improve the real world by establishing a number of game-related charities that have helped millions all over the globe.

The Humble Bundle is probably the most famous. Every week, it posts a selection of video games available for download, and people can pay as much or as little as they'd like to acquire them. The Humble Bundle usually identifies a number of charities, and the buyer can allocate his or her funds to go to whichever ones they wish. Pay more than the average, and additional games or content is unlocked, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars weekly.

In a similar niche, the UK-based GamesAid also occasionally sells games to raise money for smaller charities that help disadvantaged children. However, they have also expanded their fundraising by reaching out in the gaming community through industry events and by selling game-related memorabilia on eBay.

If you really love to play games for a long period of time, Extra Life sets out to turn those hours into money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Extra Life is almost like a digital jog-a-thon, asking you to earn money by having others pledge for you to play a game on the platform of your choice.

Child's Play is an organization set up to help those who don't have games for them to play at all. Established in 2003, Child's Play works similarly to the Make A Wish Foundation. Hospitals provide wishlists to Child's Play of the goods that their hospitalized kids want, and Child's Play seeks to fulfill as many requests



If you really love to play games for a long period of time, Extra Life sets out to turn those hours into money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Photo courtesy Noah Howard

as possible either through monetary donations or by letting people directly fulfill wish-list requests on Amazon. Though the majority of requests tend to be video games, it's also possible to find books, toys, or even nail polish on the lists. Whatever the children desire, Child's Play aims to deliver.

The gaming industry has garnered more than its fair share of criticism, accused of "desensitizing" people to violence or keeping them from physical activity. Yet, these examples of gamers motivated by charity shows that some good has sprung out of the interactive entertainment community. There are

already numerous ways to participate in gaming's long-hidden charitable side, with more assuredly to come. ★

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On Friday, October 18th at 7:00 pm, Unity of Sacramento is welcoming The Voice, Season 4 Finalist, Karina Iglesias and American Idol, Season 9 finalist, Michelle Delamor for a concert titled "Girls in the Light" with music from our own house band, Chakra. This concert where American Idol meets The Voice" is in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and portions of the proceeds will benefit WEAVE. Proceeds will also benefit the Darryl "Cappy" Lewis and Jerry Wood Center for the Cultural and Performing Arts at Unity of Sacramento. A VIP reception will also take place the night of the concert. Secure your tickets today by seeing Helen Camp in Fellowship Hall, as we anticipate this being a sold out event.

On Friday, October 4th at 7:30 pm, join our very own master musician Michael Bayard, world-renowned Native American flutist Mary Youngblood and the breathtaking vocals of Ann Roach, for a beautiful and compelling musical journey to the ancient lands of Britain, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the prehistoric world of Stonehenge. The theme of this mystical Celtic concert is "Full Moon at Stonehenge." These sound healing concerts at Unity attract audiences from throughout the Western United states. For more information, please see Michael Bayard at the drum set following the service.

On Wednesday, October 2nd from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Unity of Sacramento will host a Mental Health Awareness Conference featuring faith leaders and Assistant United States Attorney Christian Highsmith. This will be an opportunity to learn what the federal law enforcement's perspective is on mental health and how the faith community can participate in creating solutions. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to confirm your attendance.

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Must Be Good To Be Home



Sure was good to see Jimmy
back from the Middle East last
week. He looks good in that uni-
form, too. He was running all
over the place for a few days,
visiting everyone he knows, but
he finally came in to the Mule
Barn and sat at the philoso-
phy counter, headquarters of the
world dilemma think tank, to be
with us.

"Must be good to be home,"
Doc said.

"You bet," Jimmy said. "But it
isn't the same as it was."

We thought about that.
Thought back over the year he'd
been gone. A few new babies
born, a few old-timers gone to
rest. Oh yes, they finally filled
that pothole in front of the drug-
store. But that was about it.

"What do you mean it isn't the
same, Jimmy?"

"This is going to sound funny
to you guys," he said, "but all
that time over there, I kept think-
ing about how nice it was going
to be to get out in the woods at
night again with Ed Lakey and
the dogs and go coon hunting,
you know? It was so hot over
there, I tried to remember what
it felt like to wear Carhartt cov-
eralls and feel that cold night
air and hear those hounds bawling
and running down along the
river. Oh man, that was one of
the things that kept me going."

He looked at us and his mind
came back home there for a min-
ute. "Of course, I missed you guys,
too. Thought about you a lot."

"Well, sure you did," Doc

said.
"Anyway," Jimmy said, "I got
home and the first thing I did
... well, almost the first thing I
did... was call Ed and tell him I
needed to get in the woods, and
how about he throws those dogs
in the truck, you know, and we'll
go hunting? He told me he was
sorry, but he didn't have a sin-
gle hound any more. Had to quit
coon hunting for good."

"Well, you know Ed. He lives
to go hunting with those dogs, so
I asked him what happened. He
said his wife was upset at him
for spending so much time with
those dogs and not with her. She
said he loved those dogs more
than he loved her and she told
him either the dogs would have
to go or she would."

"So Ed said, 'Doggonit,
Jimmy. I flipped a coin and the
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The Kenyan Massacres Roots in America's Somalia Policy

Commentary by Sheldon Richman

Last weekend's hostage-taking — and the murder of at least 62 people — at the Westgate Shopping Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, has its roots in the U.S. government's intervention in Somalia, which began in the 1990s. Although there is no justification for killing innocents, it is fair to point out that al-Shabaab, the Islamist group that committed the attack on the mall and that controls parts of Somalia, would probably not be in power if not for the United States.

As Scott Horton, host of a nationwide radio program focusing on foreign policy, points out in the September issue of *Future of Freedom* (which I edit), the U.S. government has intervened directly in Somalia and backed repeated invasions by neighboring African states, including Kenya. In the process, a relatively moderate government was overthrown, resistance to invaders was radicalized, and the al-Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab gained partial control, which would have been unlikely without that intervention.

Horton, drawing on first-hand reporting by journalist Jeremy Scahill, notes that after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Bush administration compiled a list of countries "ripe for regime change," including Somalia, "none of which had any involvement whatsoever in the attacks or any real ties to those who did.... Luckily for the Pentagon and CIA, it was not very difficult to find cut-throat warlords willing to accept their cash to carry out targeted assassinations and kidnappings against those they accused of being Islamists — or anyone

else they felt like targeting."

A backlash followed. Somalia's Islamic Courts Union, a coalition of a dozen groups, put down the warlords and the U.S.-sponsored Transitional Federal Government. "The ICU then declared the reign of Islamic law," Horton writes. "That, of course, was none of America's business, and even if it had been, the Somali regime lacked the power to create an authoritarian religious state like, say, U.S. ally Saudi Arabia.... And Somalia's traditional Muslim beliefs were much more laid-back and tolerant than those in Arabia."

This was unacceptable to the Bush administration, so in late 2006 it had Ethiopia, its Christian client state and an old Somalia antagonist, invade and overthrow the ICU, "with CIA and special-operations officers leading the attack." In 2008, however, Somalis kicked the Ethiopians out. Helping in the effort was, in Horton's words, "the youngest and least influential group in the ICU, al-Shabaab ('the youth')." On its way out of power the Bush administration, seeking to save face, got the "old men of the ICU" to agree to "accept the form of the Transitional Federal Government." This only inflamed al-Shabaab, which accused them of being American agents.

"It was only then — years after the whole mess began — that it declared loyalty to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda. It started acting like al-Qaeda too, implementing Arabian-style laws and punishments in the areas they dominated, such as cutting off the hands of those accused of stealing," Horton writes.

Unfortunately, the Obama team has continued along the

same disastrous path:

After the Ethiopians withdrew, [the administration] sent in the armies of Uganda and Burundi under the auspices of the African Union to hunt down and destroy al-Shabaab. Then came the Kenyans, who apparently panicked after luxury resorts near their border had come under attack. In 2011 the Ethiopians reinvaded. Kenyan forces took the port city of Kismayo from al-Shabaab in 2012 and loudly declared victory when the rebels melted away. But the stubborn insurgency continues the fight.

The Americans, for their part, continue to back the invading forces, as well as what passes for the "government" in Mogadishu, with hundreds of tons of weapons and tens of millions of dollars.

The CIA and the U.S. military still take a direct hand, not only by helping the nominal government, but also by attacking Somalis with helicopters, cruise missiles, and drones — and, Horton writes, "by overseeing at least two different torture dungeons."

The horrendous attack in Nairobi has the news media abuzz over possible terrorist threats to "soft targets" such as shopping malls, not only in Africa but also in the United States itself. As we think about this, we should realize that this is a threat made in Washington, DC.

How many times do we have to experience what the CIA calls "blowback" before the American people cry, "Enough!"

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