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BMXers Race to Placer

Oak Creek BMX to Host 3,000 Spectators and Riders



Photo courtesy Placer Valley Tourism

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - BMX racers from all over California have been training all year long to qualify for the upcoming BMX State Finals, set to take place at Oak Creek BMX in Roseville September 13th through 15th. Over 700 riders will be participating in this tournament, forecasting the largest State Finals ever. ABA BMX and Placer Valley Tourism have partnered up to bring this exciting competition to Placer Valley. California is the mecca for

BMX riders. It has only been five years since the sport has been recognized and included as an Olympic event, and the sport continues to grow here; the qualifying tournament, the State Doubles, had the most participants ever. Every BMX track in California will be represented by one or more qualified riders in the Finals.

Riders are competing for the awards of the day—novelty backpacks, enormous custom trophies, and even high-end

bikes will be awarded to top finishers. Number plates will be awarded for the top 10% of each age and skill class, and the top scorers will go on to compete in the Race of Champions (ROC) that precede the Grand Nationals on Thanksgiving. The Grand Nationals is where athletes are invited onto the Olympic team, so the State Finals are where California rivals can show their talents and compare skills for the first time this season.

Come check out the intense

first round of competition. Concessions, bike equipment and raffles will be available for sale.

Placer Valley Tourism [PVT] is made up of the 23 hotels in Roseville, Rocklin and Lincoln, California. PVT recruits and supports hundreds of annual events with grants, marketing, volunteers, and other services as needed. To learn more about how PVT can help bring your event here, visit www.playplacer.com or call (916) 773-5400.

Legendary Farm Worker Icon Passes

By UFW President Arturo S. Rodriguez and CCF President Paul F. Chavez

Jessie De La Cruz was an icon of the farm worker movement and one of the first women organizers of the UFW who never faltered in her wholehearted devotion and loyalty to Cesar Chavez and La Causa since the union was founded five decades ago. Her entire life was a triumph against the cruel exploitation and bleak poverty she knew toiling as a migrant farm worker from early childhood, including crippling labor with el cortito, the infamous short-handled hoe.

Jessie inspired thousands of people by drawing upon the same virtues Cesar Chavez demonstrated, most notably her simple humility. She never sought the spotlight or public recognition for her many contributions, preferring instead to do the hard, grinding work on the frontlines of the farm workers' struggle.

She first met Chavez when he was conducting a housemeeting, speaking with farm workers about forming a union, at the home in Parlier she shared with her husband, Arnold, in early 1962. Jessie was serving coffee when the Cesar asked her to sit down and take part in what was going on. That was when her life changed. Encouraged by Cesar, Jessie became one of the best organizers the union produced, from organizing in the fields to boycotting grapes and other products in the cities. She worked with the UFW across the state and with Cesar at his office at La Paz in Keene, now the National Chavez Center and Cesar E. Chavez National Monument.

De La Cruz embodied Cesar Chavez's conviction that ordinary people have within them the ability to do extraordinary things. If consistency is a value, then she was a saint. Our heartfelt condolences and solidarity go out to Jessie's family, some of whom continue her legacy by serving farm workers and other working people.

Source: UFW newsroom

Sierra Gold Chorus Holds Open House to Meet New Director

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sierra Gold Chorus, the Auburn Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is having an OPEN HOUSE to introduce their new director, Ron Black, and to invite women to join them as they prepare for their annual Christmas Show. The Open House is on September 16, at 6:30 pm, 11577 E Avenue, Burbank Hall, De Witt Center in Auburn. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend Monday evening rehearsals and perform in the Christmas Show. For more information, please call Caroline (530) 478-0130, Barb (530) 885-4202, Bev (916) 663-2105, or visit www.sierragoldchorus.org

The Sierra Gold Chorus has a membership of over 50 women from Nevada City to Sacramento, including Placerville and also as far away as Sparks, Nevada! The members share a love for music and singing barbershop harmony. As a member, you too can experience the exhilaration of performing and singing with the chorus. Any woman of average



singing ability, with or without vocal training, will find a part that fits her voice range with the help of the chorus musical leaders and the director.

Ron comes to Sierra Gold Chorus with an impressive and strong music and barbershop background. The chorus is looking forward to growing in

musical skills and size under his leadership.

Sweet Adelines International, a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers,

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Placer School for Adults is Expanding



By Bill Bettencourt

PLACER, CA (MPG) - The Placer School for Adults continues to expand the course offerings across several interest areas, including academic, healthcare, technology, and personal enrichment.

Academic area categories include: high school completion, English as a Second Language, GED preparation, and adult basic education. In the Career Technical area, classes include a huge menu of technology courses including in CompTIA A+ certification; PC Technician and Networking; and countless other computer technology courses in MicroSoft applications, as well as digital photography, PhotoShop, cell phones, social media, online marketing, accounting basics, and Quickbooks Pro, to name just a few. One of our most popular classes called PASSAGE includes 90 hours of instruction that will ignite your job search with new skills and confidence gained in this intensive program. For more information on this and

all our classes, download our catalog from our website at www.placeronline.org.

In healthcare, classes include Medical Assistant certification, Medical Terminology, Emergency Medical Technician, Veterinary Assistant, and more titles coming in the Spring.

In personal enrichment, choices are expansive and rich including: outdoor camping and backpacking trips, fitness classes at the DeWitt Center, new cooking courses plus a series of healthy cooking classes through the Weimar Institute, art classes in calligraphy, drawing, ceramics, acrylics, oil and pastel, Indian style art and crocheting, among others.

One of the school's new courses this fall, called Women Empowering Women, has recruited community leaders to share tips for success in the 21st century. In this class women will come and hear the stories of other women, guest speakers, who have found success in the workplace, and it will serve to encourage and empower women

to say, 'I can do it that.' The class will also offer some tips and tricks on computers.

Classes continue through the semester well into January, so you can sign up now for a class that begins in a month or two, or you can sign up later. You can also buy a gift certificate for a friend, and enroll online for most classes, at www.placeronline.org.

Placer School for Adults is expanding its marketing efforts this year, with newsletters containing discounts, a more active presence on Facebook and a stock of close to 100,000 course catalogs distributed throughout the region by mail. The planning for Spring has already begun with solicitation for new ideas for classes through a link on the website www.placeronline.org.

A free newsletter is available through a sign-up on the website, and you can "like" and follow posting on Facebook at Placer School for Adults.

Sign up, get active, learn something new, keep growing, get fit, enroll now, and support adult education.

All Aboard for the Colfax Art Walk

COLFAX, CA (MPG) - The Colfax Art Walk kicks off the Annual Railroad Days Celebration early this year, on Friday, September 13, with great artists and lots of activities.

As promised during the August Art Walk, the Kids' Community Canvases and the winning art from the Children's Art Show will be on display at the Pop Up Gallery, 14 N. Main St. A new Community Canvas is set up just outside the Pop Up Gallery on the sidewalk since the Community Canvases were such a big hit with Colfax's children. The Pop Up Gallery also hosts the original jewelry creations of Tara Beaton, granddaughter of legendary Rocklin jewelry artist and founder of the City of Rocklin's Theater Arts program, Connie Omans. Beginning at 7 pm, Colfax musician, John Potter, will join Beaton in the Pop Up Gallery, playing progressive soft rock.

As an Art Walk special feature, PlacerArts is hosting a joint exhibit by Colfax artists Richard Swayze and Dick Hough at Sierra Vista Art Center, 55 School St. Both artists have won numerous awards during their separate careers and have talked about doing an exhibit together for 18 years and everything came together this month. The public may now enjoy a joint exhibit of the artists' latest works in their hometown.

Lauren Williams, of Grass Valley, took photographs all over town during the August Art Walk and a selection of the nearly 100 photographs can be seen on the



Mirrored Room by Dick Hough in the Colfax Art Walk at Sierra Vista Art Center.

Colfax Art Walk Facebook page. Williams returns this month to take more and has her own exhibit at our newest restaurant, the Kitchen Garden. Featuring a delicious farm-to-table menu, Kitchen Garden opened just two days before the August Art Walk and has already become a favorite destination to enjoy a great meal or tasty appetizers.

Pam Wilkinson returns to the Colfax Greek Bistro showing newly completed oils and plein air paintings. A resident of Sun City Roseville, Wilkinson has also shown in Blue Line Gallery, Timber Creek Gallery and as part of the Art League of Lincoln's Phantom Gallery. Her plein air fences intrigued viewers last year with the visual conundrum: "Is the fence keeping me out or keeping others away?"

Over at Ammo Camo and Bait, animal portrait and landscape artist, Margie Comer, of

Lincoln, exhibits a new collection of award winning paintings. Meanwhile, Connie Heilman, exhibits a new collection at the Co-op, and Brian Morris returns for a held-over showing at Main St. Pizza.

For a complete list of venues and featured artists, view the online map at PlacerArts.org/programs/colfaxartwalk. You can also pick up a free map at any of the participating businesses in Colfax, marked prominently by red "Colfax Art Walk" signs.

PlacerArts is the Arts Council of Placer County, a non-profit, public benefit agency and the designated State Local Partner of the California Arts Council for the County of Placer. The Colfax Art Walk is coordinated, in conjunction with PlacerArts and the Sierra Vista Art Center, by the all-volunteer Colfax Art Walk Committee.

Big John Enos Shares Secret Salmon Holes and Hot Spots

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The Rooster Tails Fishing Club breakfast meeting will be held on Friday, September 20 at the Auburn Elks Lodge, 195 Pine St. at Lincoln Way, Auburn. The doors to the Lodge open at 7 am with a fantastic \$12 wide-selection buffet breakfast served at 8 am. At 9 am sharp, Big John Enos, Pro Fishing Guide and owner of Big John's Fishing Guide Service, will explain how to score quality salmon on

secret holes and hot spots. The breakfast meeting is open to the Public. Interested men and women anglers are encouraged to arrive early to secure a good seat.

John has spent 20 years of salmon fishing on major Central California Rivers and finds that sharing his non-traditional fishing secrets has made him in high demand. Some anglers have found many of John's unorthodox but legal tackle

modifications and fishing techniques funny until they see a cooler full of quality salmon. Although Rooster Tail Members are blessed to have hired many quality fishing guides over their past 30-year history, Big John is a perennial favorite speaker and his presentations are always entertaining and educational.

Further information can be found at www.roostertailsfishingclub.org.



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Taiko Drumming Comes to the Mountains



The Stockton Bukkyo Taiko drummers will perform at the Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall Park, 24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill, CA Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 11a.m. Sponsored by The Foresthill Library, this event is free to the public. As a prelude to the concert, Johnny Grunigen's Martial Arts will present a demonstration beginning at 10:30 a.m. In addition, attendees will have the chance to try their hand at drumming, visit with the performers

and observe a drum-making display, as well as interact with the library staff that will be available to outline current programs/ services. Be sure to get your tickets for the upcoming drawing for this year's Foresthill library quilt (on display at the performance). The winning ticket will be selected at the Holiday in the Pines Craft Show Saturday, November 2.

Stockton Bukkyo Taiko is a drumming performance group based out of Stockton, CA and has been performing

taiko for over 20 years. Robert Crawford, one of the drummers, is a Foresthill resident. You can check the group out at www.stocktonbukkyotaiko.org

Come early. The activities are all outside, so bring your family, your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic lunch. Water will be available.

For further information, contact *Jeanne Crawford* at synergy43@yahoo.com or (530) 367-1943.

Fake Contractors Get Surprised at CSLB Sting

Eight face illegal contracting charges

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) – The net cast by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) to catch unlicensed contractors in a Roseville undercover sting operation this week bagged not only phony contractors, but turned up a number of real ones who, despite having CSLB licenses, were violating various aspects of the state's Contractor License Law.

CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) arrested eight individuals invited to a home near Maidu Park August 27, 2013, to bid on awning, wood flooring, concrete, landscaping, and painting projects. Those suspects were given Notices to Appear (NTA) in court to face misdemeanor charges that involve contracting without a state license, and illegal advertising.

SWIFT investigators posing as homeowners were assisted by the Roseville Police Department

and Amador County District Attorney's Office, whose investigators are part of a multi-agency workers' compensation unit.

Investigators noted a higher-than-usual number of legitimate licensed contractors who were not abiding by the license terms. Violations included using a business name not listed with CSLB, failing to include license numbers in advertisements, and submitting a bid for work outside the job classification. In one case, a licensed electrician submitted a bid for painting. The licensees caught now face possible administrative citations.

"Part of the responsibility that goes with a contractor license is following its rules," said CSLB Registrar Steve Sands. "This sting reinforces why it's so important for consumers to check a contractor's license before hiring them.

With a simple check they'd be able to determine if the person is properly licensed, if they're

licensed to do that particular type of work, and if they have insurance to cover workers who're going to be on your property."

The eight unlicensed suspects received NTAs for contracting without a license (Business and Professions Code section 7028). Only CSLB-licensed contractors can accept projects totaling \$500 or more in combined labor and material costs. The eight will also face a charge of illegal advertising (Business and Professions Code section 7027.1). State law requires that unlicensed operators state in all forms of advertising that they aren't licensed.

The suspects are scheduled for arraignment on October 2, 2013, in Placer County Superior Court, 10820 Justice Center Drive, Roseville.

Visit CSLB's website at www.cslb.org for tips about how to hire a contractor.

SUSPECTS WHO RECEIVED NOTICES TO APPEAR

Suspect Name	City Of Residence	License Classification	Alleged Violations
Eliseo Emanuel Devai	Loomis	C61, D3 – Awnings	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising
Gerald Martinez	North Highlands	C15 – Flooring and Floor Covering	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising
Edward William Hays Jr.	Sacramento	C33 – Painting and Decorating	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising
Pervis Lee Roots Jr.	Sacramento	C-8 – Concrete	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising
Andrey A. Korneyenko	North Highlands	C33 – Painting and Decorating	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising
Joshua Isaiah Alva	Roseville	C15 – Flooring and Floor Covering	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising
Agustin Magallon Roman	Auburn	C27 – Landscaping	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising
Louie Navarro Rosales Jr.	Sacramento	C27 – Landscaping	Contracting without a license, illegal advertising

Cinema at the State Theatre

Cinema at the State Theatre presents a series of compelling documentary films which all have something in common: One person can make a difference.

FREE CHINA: THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE

Saturday, September 7th 4:00pm & 7:30pm ~ Tickets: \$8 (cash or check only at the door)

This documentary addresses a spiritual movement called Falun Gong (Buddhism and Daoism). This practice has become so popular that it threatens a paranoid Chinese bureaucracy, resulting in its becoming outlawed. The subjects of the film are the heart of the movie; Jennifer Zeng, Former Chinese Communist Party Member, best-selling author of "Witnessing History: One Chinese Woman's Fight for Freedom" Dr. Charles Lee, Chinese American Businessman and labor camp survivor. "Free China's a cry against political persecution and censorship in the world's most populous nation.

PEACE PILGRIM

"An American Sage Who Walked Her Talk"

Thursday, September 12th 5:30pm

This event is FREE ADMISSION sponsored by The Charles and Gail Muskavitchy Fund at Placer Community Foundation and catered by Laura Kenny, Real Foods Catering

Note: Each patron will receive a complimentary copy of the "Peace Pilgrim" book.

From 1953 to 1981 a silver haired woman calling herself only "Peace Pilgrim" walked more than 25,000 miles on a personal pilgrimage for peace. She vowed to "remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until given shelter and fasting until given food." In the course of her 28 year pilgrimage she



touched the hearts, minds, and lives of thousands of individuals all across North America. Her message was both simple and profound. It continues to inspire people all over the world. "This is the way of peace: overcome evil with good and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love." ~ One person does make a difference.

GREEDY LYING BASTARDS

September 19, 2013 ~ 2:00 & 7:00 pm ~ Tickets: \$8

Greedy Lying Bastards is a 2012 American documentary film directed by Craig Rosebraugh. The film explores the phenomenon of climate change denial. It's no longer an

inconvenient truth. It is a question of our survival being put at risk by a few wealthy people who are determined to get even wealthier. The Guardian and the New Yorker both examined the issue of highly funded think tanks, and how they influence American politicians. Greedy Lying Bastards delves into the money trail behind these groups — focusing on the industrialist Koch Brothers, and the millions of dollars they've spent lying to the American people.

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Yoga in the Park



Auburn's Ashford Park sets a tranquil tone to enjoy the weather and ambience of YOGA-IN-THE-PARK every Monday morning under the oaks. This annual summer session is offered by the Auburn Recreation District.

Photos by Paula Johnston



Tools for Living: Assistive Technology Expo

By Paula Mosqueda

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - Life can be challenging, especially for those who have physical, visual, hearing, and mental disabilities. With that in mind, Placer Independent Resource Services is presenting the 12th Annual Tools for Living Assistive Technology Expo. It will be held in the Placer Building of the Auburn Gold Country Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

An assortment of groups and organizations will be present to converse with anyone who is

interested in their programs. The following organizations are just some of the groups that will be participating: Mobility Works, Seniors First, the Center for the Visually Impaired, Gold Country Amputee Support Group, Braille and Talking Books, Scleroderma Foundation of Northern California, and Disabled Sports, USA.

If you know someone who may be facing life challenges, you are encouraged to attend this event. Parking and admission are free.

If you are a member of an organization that assists people

with disabilities and would like to have a table at this event, contact Helene at PIRS, at (530) 885-6100. There is no fee to take part.

PIRS is an independent living center. Their mission is to advocate, empower, educate, and provide services for people with disabilities to enable independent living. PIRS serves Placer, El Dorado, and Alpine Counties.

For more information about Placer Independent Resource Services, visit them at 11768 Atwood Rd., #29, Auburn or go to www.pirs.org.

The "Cool"est Race In Town

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On a beautiful morning, 7 miles north of the town of Fort Bragg on the coast of Mendocino, the fog cleared way to make a spectacular 43rd Annual World Championship Ride & Tie Race.

As the excitement from the race comes to an end, not more than a few hours after the race results are posted everyone is asking are you going to the next Ride & Tie? Yep and its going to be the Coolest! Not just because it's a Ride & Tie, but because it is in the town of Cool, 6 miles south of Auburn.

Leslie Yates Memorial Coolest Ride & Tie and Biathlon October 12, 2013

All proceeds will be donated to the Leslie Yates Ride and Tie Mentorship Fund and Michael Gray Foundation.

You say "I don't run just



Photo courtesy Von Boyenger

ride" or "I just ride don't run", well, we have a race for everyone. 22, 14, 9 and 5-mile Ride and Tie Courses, plus 14 mile Biathlon Course (5 mi run, 9 mi ride, 2 people). No Excuse not to participate!

Most important it is a fundraiser for the Michael Gray Foundation out of Cool and the

Leslie Yates Memorial fund to help financially assist those who want to try the sport.

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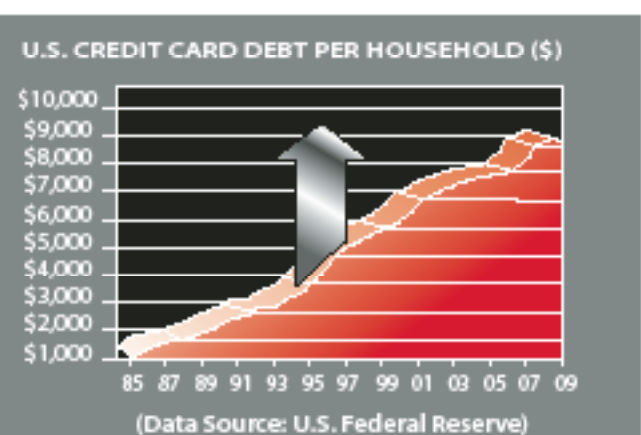
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Tom Hill
CGA STAFF WRITER

Every three minutes another person falls behind on credit card debt. It's no wonder, since every major credit card company has nearly doubled the minimum monthly payment on consumers' bills. Federal Regulators forced the change because of their concern about the growing mountain of consumer debt, which stands at \$2.17 trillion. Many consumers can only pay the minimum payment, which can take up to 30 years to pay off. Now, relief is in sight for millions of Americans.



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Senator Nielsen Issues Statement on Democrat Senators' Prison Proposal



State Senator Jim Nielsen

"To have an effective and efficient prison system, we must have both rehabilitation and prisons. Nor can we assume that rehabilitation is the answer in lieu of facilities to incarcerate habitual criminals who continue to victimize our citizens.

"The Senate Democrats' prison proposal differs greatly from the Governor's plan. This is yet another example of why the Governor should call for a special session of the Legislature.

"It is only under an extraordinary session that lawmakers, from both houses of the Legislature, will have the time and attention to strategize on long-term solutions for a more efficient and effective prison plan."

Senator Jim Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity and Yuba. To contact Senator Nielsen, please call him at (916) 651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - State Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber), who served on the California Board of Prison Terms from 1990 to 2007, issued the following statement August 28th on the prison proposal unveiled by Democrat Senators:

"Supporting rehabilitation, drug and mental health treatment programs is an essential component of a long term plan. We, however, cannot assume that the plaintiffs and their lawyers, and the federal court will agree to a three-year extension to reduce the state's prison population.

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PCSO Seeking Armed Bank Robber

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Placer County Sheriff's detectives are looking for a man who robbed a bank in Kings Beach.

The suspect walked into the Bank of the West located at 200 Bear Street in Kings Beach and handed the teller a note. According to the teller, the man displayed a black handgun. He is described as an older white male, with a thin build and wearing a baseball cap, a gray sweater and black jeans.

The suspect fled the bank

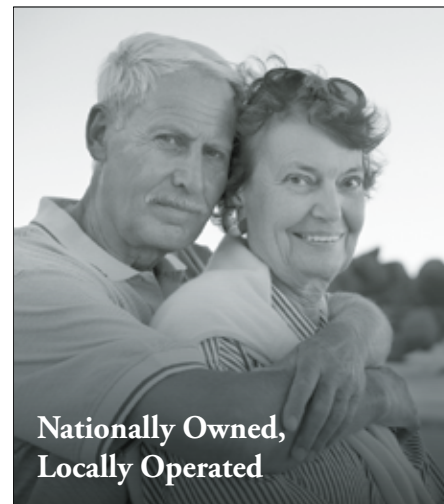


with an undisclosed amount of money. It is unknown if this robbery is related to the robbery of the El Dorado Savings Bank last week in South Lake Tahoe. Sheriff's detectives are working with the South Lake Tahoe Police Department to determine if they are, in fact, related.

Anyone with information about this suspect is urged to contact Detective Sage Bourassa at (530) 581-6322.

Source: Placer County Sheriff

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Senator Gaines' Legislation Signed Into Law



Senator Ted Gaines

protecting debtors from unnecessary collection efforts.

The first bill, Senate Bill 14, restores an important exemption for Bear Lake Reservoir that will allow the lake to be used for recreational activities as well as continuing its role as a source of drinking water for the surrounding communities.

"Bear Lake is gorgeous and I'm so happy that people from around the state will be able to enjoy it now that Governor Brown has signed my bill," said Gaines. "Opening the lake will be a boon for the local economy and for recreation, and we can do it all while preserving the drinking water quality that the region depends on."

Senate Bill 551 was also signed by the Governor today. This bill will help ensure that debtors who

have already satisfied their judgments are not subject to further collection actions.

"When a judgment is paid that should be the end of it," said Senator Gaines. "We had rules in place that made it difficult for banks or other collectors to tell when a judgment had been satisfied, leading them to keep trying to collect the same debt over and over. Senate Bill 551 provides some clarity and standardization that will benefit debtors and collectors alike and make California an easier place to do business."

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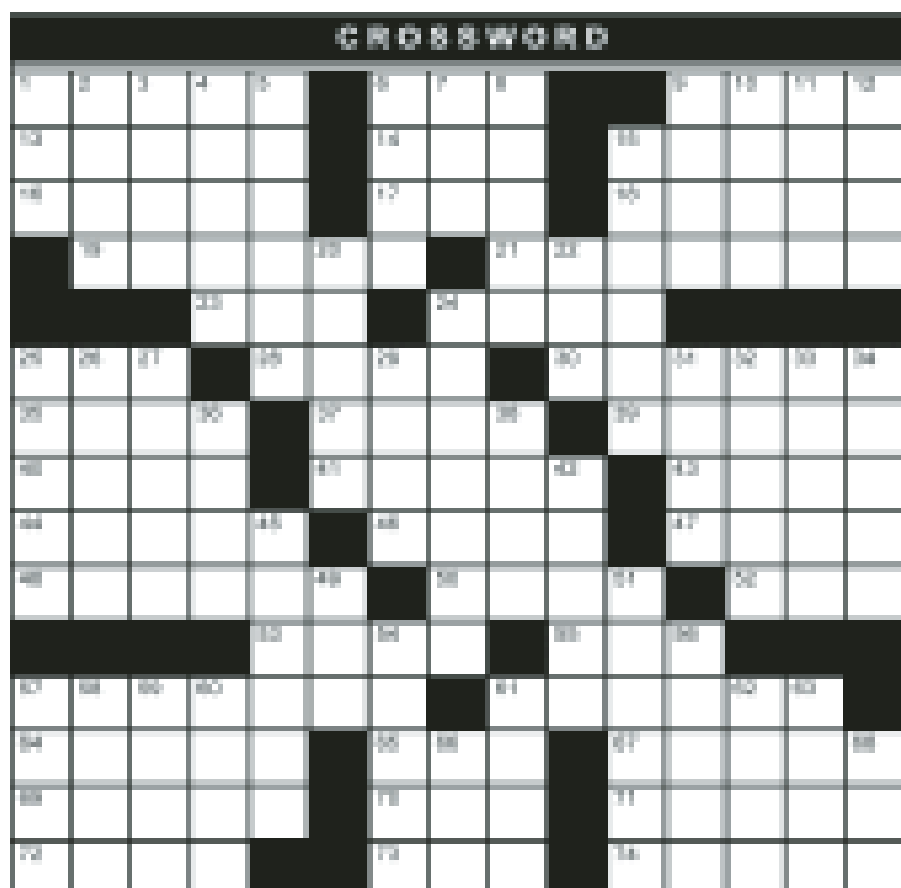
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Dave Says

Free Range is a Good Thing
 When it comes to raising chickens, the free range movement is gaining momentum. It's all about giving chickens the freedom to roam and forage for their food. This is a great idea for many reasons. First, free range chickens are healthier and taste better. Second, they are more resilient to disease. Third, they are better for the environment. Finally, they are better for you. So, if you're looking for a way to raise chickens that is both ethical and profitable, free range is the way to go.

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By Ronnie McBrayer

Settle Down

to the remarkable and beautiful people who surround them. The person who never has enough, never gets around to enjoying what they do have. They never settle in to live, appreciate, or love the life with which they've been richly blessed.

To this end, there is a familiar but enlightening parable about an American investor who takes a vacation to the Pacific coast of Mexico. One morning the investor meets a local fisherman carrying a string of the most beautiful fish the American has ever seen. He strikes up a conversation with the angler and discovers that the man has a simple daily routine.

He gets up early to fish, returns to shore to sell his catch at the market, goes home to play with his children, takes a siesta with his wife, and then strolls into the village each evening where he nips cerveza and plays guitar with his friends.

The American scoffed. "Listen," he said, "I am an Ivy League MBA, and I can help you. If you spent more time fishing, with the proceeds you could then buy a bigger boat. With the success of the bigger boat you could then buy several boats, until eventually you would have a whole fleet of fishing vessels.

"Instead of selling your small catch to the market, you could sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You could control the product, the processing, and distribution. You could move to the city, and leave this smelly beach-side dock all together."

The Mexican fisherman asked,

"But señor, what then?" The American laughed and said, "Here's the best part! When the time is right you announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich. Then you could retire, move to the coast, fish early in the morning, play with your children, take a siesta with your wife, and stroll to the village each evening where you could drink cerveza and play guitar with your friends."

No, this isn't an easy lesson to learn, but there comes a point where one must accept the life he or she has in order to be happy. That's not my attempt to squash dreams, to pour water on someone's ambitious fire, or excuse a person's refusal to make life's necessary changes. Simply put, there is a big difference between grasping for a utopian mirage, and actually living out and working for a life that can be a peaceful, gratifying, fulfilling oasis.

That life – a real, satisfying, happy life – can be yours right here, right now, if you will settle down, settle in, and live it; because at this moment, you are already where you need to be. You might be the only one who doesn't know it yet.

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Some Mysteries Are Tough to Solve

By Rev. James L. Snyder

For my wife's birthday (I'm not allowed to mention which one), I surprised her with round trip tickets to her family reunion in upper New York State. Out of courtesy to her, I elected not to include myself in her little vacation. After all, it's her family and that is just the kind of man I am.

I must say I was looking forward to a week in the house by myself, where I could be the absolute boss. Nobody to tell me what to do. Nobody to tell me where to go. For a week, I would be the king of my castle, the captain of my ship, the pilot of my spacecraft

Actually, I need more than one week to do all of these things.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage deserves time off and away from Yours Truly. All year long, she works hard, and most of the time has her hands full trying to untangle me from one foil after another. Lately, it has developed into a foil-time job.

The day finally came for me to take her to the airport and see her off. As I kissed her goodbye, my thoughts roved back to the week that lay before me as a freelance husband.

All the way back from the airport, I played my Barry Manilow CD. I like Barry Manilow because he can't Smile Without Me. Believe me, a smile creased my clock all the way home.

One difference between men and women, or maybe I should say husbands and wives, is the notion of cleanliness. Wives have the idea that cleanliness is next to godliness. If true, ours is the godliest house on the planet. Even God must wipe his feet before coming into our home.

As a man, I see absolutely no connection between cleanliness and godliness. I do my best thinking, not to mention praying, in the midst of clutter. If godliness is related to happiness, then

I am in heaven when I am in the midst of hodgepodge — the podgier the better.

Along about Friday afternoon, I was absolutely in heaven. The house was a complete wreck, and I could not have been happier. About this time, an incident developed that brought me to my senses.

I was about ready to take a shower when I noticed the soap and shampoo in my shower were gone. I knew reserves are somewhere in our house, but for the life of me; I could not put my fingers on any of it. This is by my wife's design.

Notwithstanding, and I was standing in my birthday suit, I needed to take a shower. Then a brilliant idea struck me. Since my wife has not been home all week, the shampoo and soap in her shower should be in great supply. Snatching my towel from my shower, I headed for hers.

One thing I noticed in my wife's shower was the variety of bottles. Not wearing my glasses, I couldn't read the labels on any of them. However, I was not here to read bottles, but to take a shower, so I disregarded the labels.

I turned on the shower, adjusted the water temperature, and began my shower. I reached for the nearest bottle, which I assumed was shampoo. After dousing my hair with a generous portion, I began scrubbing my head. I noticed, however, no suds. I grabbed another bottle and repeated the procedure with the same results.

After using 17 bottles, I finally found one that produced suds.

I remember thinking to myself, what does my wife do with all these bottles in her shower that do not do anything? Nevertheless, in a moment I forgot the whole incident, stepped out of her shower and toweled off.

I made a cup of coffee and settled into my easy chair to watch a little television. As I sat there, I

noticed a strange fragrance. This is the difference between men and women. A man enjoys strange smells. A woman, on the other hand, enjoys fragrant aromas.

I smelled a fragrant aroma with a strong tinge of fruit about it. It smelled as if someone had brought me a bowl of mixed of fruit. I knew for a fact, there was no fruit in the house, so this fruity aroma puzzled me.

I got up and walked around the house looking for this bowl of fruit. No matter what room I was in, I could smell the fruit. It was the strangest thing I ever experienced.

Finally, I went back to my easy chair and cup of coffee not knowing where these fruity fumes were coming from. Some mysteries are tough to solve.

Then something hit me right between the eyes. The fruity bouquet was coming from me! I took several healthy sniffs and discovered I smelled like a bowl of fruit. I could not understand this phenomenon. Then I remember the bottles in my wife's shower.

I went back to investigate and discovered my wife had bottles of fruity concoctions of every variety.

A verse from the Bible came to mind. "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." (Philippians 4:18 KJV.)

The only fragrance worth dwelling on is a life well pleasing to God.

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By Karen Anderson

Cooling the Flames of Anger

your anger toward others, and yes, even God gets angry. The nice thing is that when God gets angry, it is only for a moment, and then we can connect with Him again. Isn't that a relief? It is to me. I don't want God to be angry with me for a long time. I want, instead, to be walking hand in hand with Him.

The insight from God's Word on anger is this: "Slowness to anger makes for deep understanding; a quick-tempered person stockpiles stupidity."

What has your experience been with this one? Sometimes I get so aggravated with others because no matter how hard I try, we just keep going around in circles. They don't understand them. What also drives me crazy is when something is being read into my words that I never said. Talk about irritating!

What is the solution to this merry-go-round? I think it's the idea that instead of everything building up, ready to explode, take a deep breath and ask for God's intervention. My added prayer to God would be, "Like, RIGHT NOW!" That would normally be my response. When you think about it, by slowing down your words, you create coolness

in the body instead of heat.

I don't know about you, but the madder I get, the faster I speak. I guess I've been stockpiling stupidity for many years. I must have a huge pile by now! I pray that God rids me of that stockpile once for all. I don't need it in my life any more. You need to be free from yours too.

I encourage you today to post this verse where you can see it and be reminded that God has a plan even for angry times. You need to STOP, THINK (meditate), then SPEAK. You will probably find that the anger you thought was so important will be gone. Thank you, God, for such a great verse to remind me to live in peace; it is SO much better.

PASSAGE: Proverbs 14:29 (The Message)

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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

Dear Ones, Just what does saying that actually mean? If you're playing some kind of game, it means you just didn't get the gist of how to win it. However, life is not a game, and too many people actually "avoid" the truth of how to live it!

These people take all kinds of rabbit trails away from the truth God has set before them to live according to the Ten Commandments. They compromise their actions and distort the word SIN to satisfy their fleshly desires. They avoid words like sin, faith, truth, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, God, and anything that brings spiritual conviction.

Missing the Mark!

One needs to be watchful over sinful living because God will turn anyone over to the gods they worship. Baal is the god of storms! And hasn't our world experienced all kinds of storms in recent years?

Satan has deceived people in authority all over our world, and wickedness reigns when 50 million babies have been killed in the practice known as "partial birth" abortions; 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys in the United States are victimized before adulthood; and websites are devoted to adultery. To top off the wickedness, two movies were made in 2007 with the premise of bestiality. Isn't this insane? And we are accountable!

However, the God who created and loved us since the beginning of time has provided an escape for those who will look to Him to find the Way, the Truth, and the Life He desires each one of us to enjoy. He knows your heart, and He wants to fill it with His forgiveness, love, peace, and everlasting joy. Going God's Way will bring you an abundant life of His blessings as you

walk with Him. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; but we can be justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23-24)

Wouldn't you like to receive Him today?

Read and follow the Wordless Book of colors. Black represents sin and the darkness of a heart not forgiven. When the Savior enters those who shed His precious red blood, He washes all sin to be white as snow. Then one day, dear friend, you will walk with God's huge family on the golden streets of heaven. Now just kneel and pray, inviting Jesus into your heart and life. Read the Bible every day, and grow in Christ.

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What The Butler Gets Wrong about Ronald Reagan and Race

Commentary By
**Steven F. Hayward,
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One cold evening in Dixon, Ill., in the early 1930s, a young man known as Dutch Reagan brought home two African American teammates from his Eureka College football team. The team was on the road, and the local hotels had refused the two black players. So Reagan invited them to spend the night and have breakfast with his family.

In November 1952, in one of his final meetings as president of Hollywood's Screen Actors Guild, Ronald Reagan called upon the entertainment industry to provide greater employment for black actors. His stand went against the times and received national media attention.

As president, in the same March 1983 speech in which he called the Soviet regime an "evil empire," Reagan decried "the resurgence of some hate groups preaching bigotry and prejudice" in America. And at a reception for the National Council of Negro Women in July of that year, Reagan declared: "I've lived a long time, but I can't remember a time in my life when I didn't believe that prejudice and bigotry were the worst of sins."

These are just a few examples of Reagan's sensitivity to racial discrimination. This attitude was instilled by his mother, who was deeply involved in the Disciples of Christ, and his father, who refused to allow him to see the movie "Birth of a Nation" because it glorified the Ku Klux Klan.

But you don't get any sense of that in the film "Lee Daniels' The Butler."

Based on an article by The Washington Post's Wil Haygood, adapted for the screen by Danny Strong and directed by Daniels, "The Butler" is the story of Eugene Allen, an inspiring African American who worked under eight presidents in the White House, Reagan among them. As historians of the 40th president, having written more than a dozen biographies between us, we are troubled by the movie's portrayal of Reagan's attitudes toward race. We are especially concerned because many Americans readily accept Hollywood depictions of history as factual.

Two particular incidents in the film concern us:

The butler character (played by Forest Whitaker) is invited by the Reagans to a state dinner, a gracious move wholly typical of the first family. The butler's wife (Oprah Winfrey) clearly enjoys the evening, but the butler is portrayed as uncomfortable. He feels he's being used as a political tool, a prop, a token African American. Shortly after this supposed humiliation, he resigns from his White House job.

In reality, Allen felt no such thing. As noted by Religion News Service, "He was especially fond of the Reagans." A member of Allen's church recalled that "he often talked about how nice they were to him." Allen did leave the White House during the Reagan administration, but as Haygood's profile mentioned, he received a "sweet note" from the president and a hug from the first lady.

Another questionable moment in the film relates to apartheid. Reagan is shown telling a

Republican congresswoman that he will veto any sanctions against South Africa. The lawmaker pleads with the president, insisting that sanctions are the moral course and that Republicans are on board. Reagan refuses to budge, offering no reason for his stubborn support of the racist regime, apparently unsympathetic to black suffering.

The unfairness of this scene can be demonstrated by any number of historical facts. In June 1981, still recovering from an assassination attempt, Reagan sent his closest foreign policy aide, William Clark, on his first official trip; it was to South Africa to express America's disapproval. An unsmiling Clark told Prime Minister Pieter W. Botha to his face that the new president and administration "abhorred apartheid." Clark walked out on Botha.

While accurate in depicting Reagan's opposition to sanctions against South Africa, "The Butler" does not explain why he opposed them. Reagan saw sanctions as harmful to the poorest South Africans: millions of blacks living in dire poverty. He also feared that the apartheid regime could be replaced by a Marxist/totalitarian one allied with the Soviet Union and Cuba and that communism would spread throughout the continent. South Africa's blacks were denied rights under apartheid, but communism would mean no freedom of speech, press, assembly, religion, conscience, emigration, travel or even property for anyone. Moreover, in communist nations such as Cambodia and Ethiopia, people had been slaughtered and starved on mass scales. Nearly a dozen nations had become part of the Soviet orbit in the immediate years before Reagan became president. He didn't want South Africa to undergo the same catastrophe.

Reagan adopted a policy of "constructive engagement," seeking to keep South Africa in the anti-Soviet faction while encouraging the country toward black-majority rule — no easy feat. In one of his finest speeches, he told the United Nations on Sept. 24, 1984, that it was "a moral imperative that South Africa's racial policies evolve peacefully but decisively toward ... justice, liberty and human dignity." Among his administration's successes was the Angola-Namibia agreement, which led to the withdrawal of the white South African regime from Namibia and paved the way for that nation's independence.

"The Butler" doesn't deal with any of this complexity. Instead, it perpetuates an ahistorical caricature of Reagan as racially insensitive.

For decades, Reagan's legacy has been unfairly dogged by claims that his 1980 presidential campaign was marked by the use of code words and symbols that accommodated white racists. Critics point, for instance, to his post-convention appearance at the Neshoba County Fair in Mississippi. Civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner had been killed in nearby Philadelphia, Miss., in 1964, and some commentators say Reagan was insensitive to this tragedy when he said, "I believe in states' rights; I believe in people doing as much as they can ... at the private level." But the former California governor, a

strong believer in federalism, had been talking about states' rights since the early days of his political career.

Two days after his appearance in Mississippi, Reagan affirmed his position on civil rights. "I am committed to the protection and enforcement of the civil rights of black Americans," he told the Urban League in New York City. "This commitment is interwoven into every phase of the programs I will propose." He received generous applause from the predominantly black audience.

Reagan didn't make much headway with black voters during his presidential campaign, but he certainly tried, holding the Republican National Convention in Detroit (the first time either party had done so) and campaigning in the Bronx with a message of hope. He was endorsed by Hosea Williams, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s top deputy in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and by Charles Evers, brother of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

While president, Reagan didn't help his case with black voters when, in an October 1983 news conference, he fumbled a question about whether King had been a communist sympathizer. However, Reagan called Coretta Scott King to apologize, and the next month he signed Martin Luther King Jr. Day into law in the presence of King's widow and children.

Few in today's civil rights community will admit it, but the Reagan administration rescued civil rights law from the political and constitutional dead end of quotas and racial redistribution. For example, the Reagan Justice Department applied a higher threshold of proof of discriminatory intent before an employment discrimination case could be brought to court. Previously, companies were presumptively guilty of discrimination if there was a statistical disparity between the racial makeup of that company's workforce and the demographics of the surrounding labor pool. It was difficult, expensive and cumbersome to challenge this presumption, which is why most companies settled with Justice quota schemes.

The Reagan administration's civil rights policy was guided by the notion that remedies should be directed toward individual victims of discrimination rather than to classes or racial groups. In some areas of the law, such as employment discrimination cases, civil rights enforcement activity increased relative to its pace under the Carter administration.

Films like "The Butler" can be good opportunities for a healthy consideration of our troubled racial history, but not if they persist with inaccurate portrayals. Rather than advancing a flawed portrait of Reagan on race, perhaps "The Butler" can start the process of getting Reagan right on race.

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I don't know about you, but I am a real ice cream buff, so I thought it would be fun for Dr. Hirsch to give us some stats on the flavors. These are the flavors with which they have done research. So pick out your favorite flavor, and discover your personality traits!!!

VANILLA: Impulsive, easily suggestible, idealist.

CHOCOLATE: Self-absorbed, dramatic, lively, charming, flirtatious, seductive, gullible.

VERY BERRY STRAWBERRY: Dependent, nonthreatening, follower more than leader.

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MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP: Cynical, argumentative, frugal, cautious.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DOUGH: Ambitious, competitive, visionary.

PRALINES 'N CREAM: Loving, supportive, avoids the spotlight.

JAMOCA (i.e. coffee): Scrupulous, conscientious, moral perfectionists.

CHOCOLATE CHIP: Generous, competent, a go getter.

RAINBOW SHERBET: Analytic, decisive, skeptical.

ROCKY ROAD: Engaging, good listener, aggressive.

I've got to tell you when he asked me what flavor I liked best, it was difficult since I love every ice cream flavor conceived. I did succumb to the Rocky road or the straight chocolate, but I think the Rocky road fits me best. But then I love vanilla as long as I can slather on the chocolate syrup and whip cream!!! So, on to the world of snacks. We all love 'em. Here are the ones he asked me to ponder.

POTATO CHIPS: Those who love potato chips are ambitious, successful, high achievers.

TORTILLA CHIPS: A perfectionist, always with the highest expectations of themselves.

PRETZELS: Lively and energetic. Those who prefer pretzels crave novelty and easily become bored by the usual routine.

SNACK CRACKERS: Contemplative, thoughtful, logic rather than intuitively oriented. Decisions are reasoned and not based on emotions.

CHEESE CURLS: Formal, always proper, conscientious, principled. The cheese curls lover maintains high moral ground with their family, work, and romantic partners.

MEAT SNACKS: Gregarious, social. The meat snack lover is at their best amidst the company of others.

Alright, you got me! Let me at those potato chips! I am not pushing one brand over another, but I do love Lay's Potato Chips, and it's true, I can't have just one. It's more like a whole bag goes down at a sitting! Yes, the big one! Hey, I have to have some bad habits too.

Anyway, Dr. Alan Hirsch has a lot more to say about our taste preferences in his two books "What Flavor is Your Personality" and "What is Your Food Sign." If you would like to know more about why we prefer what we do, check out www.smellandtaste.org or www.scienceofsmell.com. Maybe next time when I have Dr. Hirsch on my POPPOFF Radio Show, I will ask him why hot cinnamon rolls trigger a sexual response. Got your attention now, don't I? Till next time, happy snacking!!!

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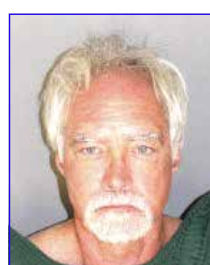
Standoff Ends with Armed Man in Custody

PLACER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Following a tense, armed standoff in the woods in Foresthill, Placer County Sheriff's deputies took an intoxicated, suicidal man into custody after being called to a domestic dispute at his home this morning.

Residents of the Cedar Grove Mobile Home Park called 911 to report a physical fight between Earnest C. Larimer and a woman at his home on Racetrack Street. The woman was able to leave the home before deputies arrived, but Larimer stayed inside and fired a round from his pistol-grip 12-gauge shotgun.

Eventually, Larimer exited the rear of the home carrying the gun and fired two rounds after entering the woods. Deputies arrived and formed a perimeter around the wooded area. They negotiated with him to drop his weapon for about 30 minutes. Deputies showed great restraint in a tense situation and were able to disarm Larimer and take him into custody without further incident.

During this incident, the Sheriff's Office issued a computerized phone




Earnest C. Larimer

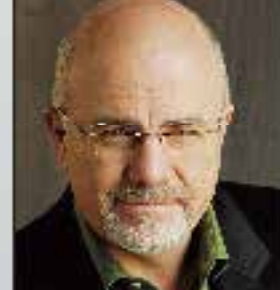
warning to nearby Foresthill residents to lock their doors and remain in their homes. Nearby schools were notified of the incident, and they went into lockdown.

Larimer was transported to the Placer County Jail and booked on charges of domestic violence, making criminal threats, felon in possession of a firearm and reckless discharge of a firearm. His bail is set at \$500,000.


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IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK



by Bryan Golden

During the gold rush of the 1800s, a fellow named Roger headed west, bought a claim, and started digging for gold. After a few weeks of excavating, Roger hit pay dirt. The vein he struck was fairly substantial, yielding a consistent amount of the precious metal. Roger didn't get rich, but he certainly made quite a good living from his mine.

Roger's good luck lasted for about a year. Then the gold he tapped into seemed to run out. Undeterred, Roger kept digging. After a month of no success, he sold the mine and all of the equipment for pennies on the dollar. Roger wasn't really that upset. He had been able to save up a sizeable sum, which he was going to use to start a business back east.

William had also gone west hoping to strike it rich. Having very little money, William was happy to buy Roger's mine for next to nothing. William didn't care that the mine was no longer producing gold. He saw it as an opportunity. William had more time than financing, so he figured he could devote his time to further exploration.

Since he knew nothing about mining, William hired a geologist to examine the claim and advise him as to where he should dig next. The geologist calculated that the gold vein Roger originally discovered had turned

inward about half a foot. All William had to do was dig a few inches in a different direction. William followed the recommendation and struck a major find that made him very wealthy.

Roger called it quits when he was literally inches from more gold than he could have imagined. He was closer to success than he realized. Every day, people all over the world give up on something they conclude is unobtainable. Usually, they are literally a mere grasp from their goals when they throw in the towel.

The problem is that until you reach your destination, you often don't know how far you have to go. Like Roger, you are usually closer than you think. What a shame to abort your quest when you may be so near!

You will only fail when you give up. Since you don't know how near at hand success is, it doesn't make any sense to quit. Had Roger understood this principle, he would have struck it rich. I'm sure that if Roger ever discovered how close he was, it would have haunted him for the rest of his life.

As a society, we've grown impatient. We expect immediate results. We can communicate instantaneously with virtually anyone on the planet. It's possible to travel anywhere in a matter of hours. We can see the

pictures we take instantaneously. A person can win the lottery and become wealthy overnight. There are examples of people being plucked from obscurity and receiving instant celebrity status.

So it's very possible that you expect to reach your goals rapidly. If you are impetuous, you'll abandon your quest prematurely. It really doesn't matter how long it takes; the time goes by anyway. Just imagine how you would feel knowing you gave up when you were so close. You don't want to be in a position to always wonder how things would be if you had just kept going a little further.

Continually keep in mind that you're closer than you think to attaining your dreams. Don't repeat Roger's mistake and quit when you're just around the corner from success. Since you never know how close you are, you have no option but to keep going.

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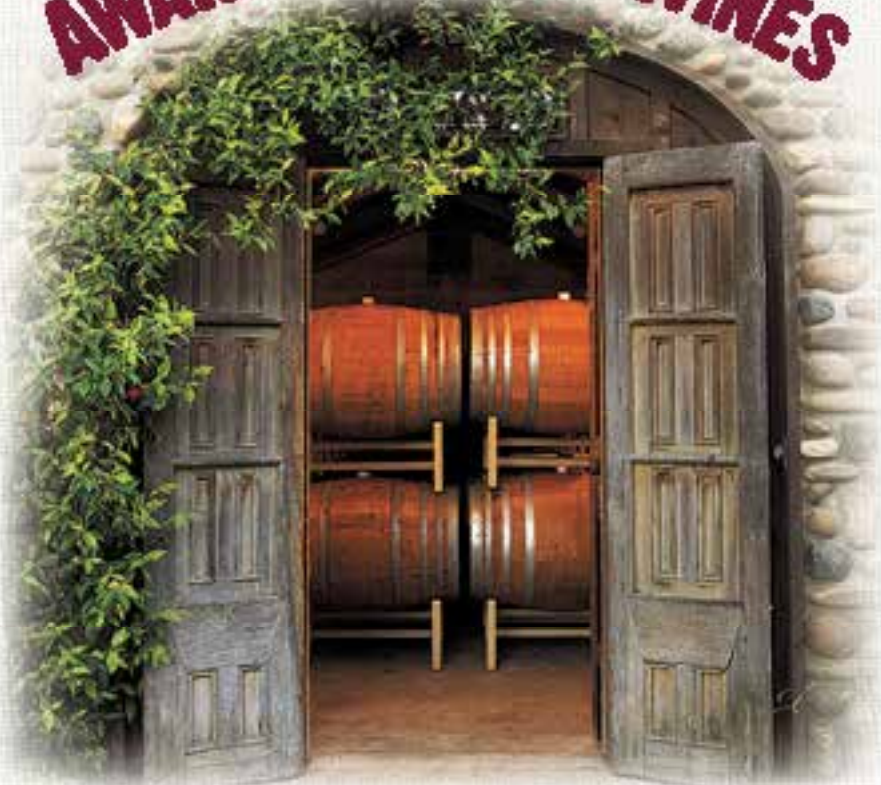
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