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Court Ruling Will Devastate Charities and Booster Clubs

We can add 17,000 more slot machines, but the Governor wouldn't want charities to use electronic bingo machines to survive?

Sacramento - Just when California charities need financial assistance the most, a court ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals bans an important fundraising tool by blocking charities from using electronic bingo machines to raise money.

Starting February 1, 2010, California charities can no longer operate electronic bingo games, severely limiting their ability to raise desperately needed funds.

The impact is immediate and devastating.

Electronic bingo machines raise millions of dollars to support local charities every year, but special interests have pushed to ban the popular games and stop this critical funding source. Bingo fundraising

supports extracurricular programs at numerous schools in the Sacramento area.

Electronic bingo was put in jeopardy last year when special interests urged State Lawmakers to ban the games. In what was described as a "back room deal" legislation seeking to ban electronic bingo games was rushed through the Capitol in just 11 days. Despite strong opposition from non-profit charities, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the legislation.

Charities and disability advocates immediately challenged the law in federal court, arguing the electronic bingo machines are necessary tools to ensure players with disabilities have equal access

to bingo games. Sacramento Federal District Court Judge John Mendez sided with the charities, granting a preliminary injunction in April 2009, which allowed charities to continue operating electronic machines until a trial scheduled for August, 2010.

However, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the Mendez decision in December 2009, a decision that forced charities to shut off their machines on January 31, 2010.

This devastating move will leave hundreds of California charities without a reliable fundraising source unless a sufficient alternative is presented.

For more information see www.savecharitybingo.com

Can Anybody Find Me SomeBUNNY to LOVE ?



Sacramento—With Valentine's Day just around the corner, the Sacramento SPCA is urging people to visit the shelter to Find SomeBUNNY to Love!

The SPCA will kick-off a Rabbit Adoptathon on Friday, February 12. Through February 28, the SPCA is reducing rabbit adoption fees to just \$20 (more than half-off regular adoption prices). Every rabbit is spayed or neutered before adoption, and every adoption includes a free follow-up veterinary check-up.

The SPCA cared for more than 150 homeless rabbits in 2009. Rabbits are bright,

inquisitive, social and affectionate animals that enjoy the company of people and often other gentle animals, including other rabbits. Rabbits are quiet, clean animals and are reasonably easy to litterbox train, making them excellent indoor companions.



February is National Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month. The SPCA is taking the opportunity during this special month to spotlight the rabbits housed at the shelter, and to educate people about these unique companions.

Visit the Sacramento SPCA today at www.sspca.org to see some of the shelter's adoptable bunnies, or come to the SPCA shelter through February 28 to Find SomeBUNNY to Love. The SPCA is located at 6201 Florin-Perkins Road in Sacramento and is open Tuesday-Sunday from 11 am – 6 pm.

The Death of Hollywood



Even sandbagging could not protect Hollywood Video from flood of bankruptcy.

By Perry Hartline

It was Tivo, Netflix and the movie rental kiosks at Raley's and Safeway; it was the cost of keeping a staff and a location in a broken economy; and cautious families guarding nickels. The Hollywood Video stores in Fair Oaks and Carmichael are stumbling to the grave two years after the Citrus Heights and Gold River stores went dark. By mid-March twenty-two people will be EDD statistics.

Parent company Movie Gallery, in Willsonville, Oregon, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection February 2. It was the second time in three years. Nationwide 805 starving stores are turning off the lights, and thousands of people will be unemployed, kids working their way through school, housewives working part-time to help their families, and some who's only income was Hollywood. A handful of small towns will have no stand-alone video rental and sales outlet.

Where else in Carmichael and Fair Oaks could you find

a freelance video game or film critic, usually a neighbor, standing next to you. "You know anything about this movie?" A careful look at you, then a look at the box in your hand, back to you, then the truth. "Yeah, that really sucks. If you want something scary try this one. I almost spewed my frappuccino when that thing got loose and started chewing people!"

The staff reviews were delicious. When you weren't sure, you asked the kids in black behind the counter. They'd kick it around and someone who felt strongly would say, "If you want to know about Pearl Harbor don't get that, get Tora! Tora! Tora! It's long, but it's honest. The one you have there only looks like a war picture. It's a cartoon. It's really stupid!" Then as an afterthought, "You might like it though." You end up getting them both - and find out the kid was right.

Where will we find ancient movies we've never seen? Classics and foreign films we'd never consider watching if they

weren't on the shelf in front of us? Where will we find an on-staff gamer who game-speaks to our kids? Online? Maybe. Someday. In our neighborhood.

Want a new slightly used movie? Maybe a hard to find oldie? In the waning days it will be a Dutch auction at Hollywood Video. You can play chicken with the prices on DVDs. As the days pass the prices drop until the DVDs are gone. Same for the posters, light fixtures and stands.

It was the cost of the movies and games, the bricks and mortar, and the kids in black behind the counter that made Hollywood Video what it was. And that's what killed Hollywood Video - and Linens 'n Things, Circuit City, Good Guys even Levitz and Sharper Image.

Neighborhood businesses, some of them chains employing our neighbors, are dying. Who will fill the empty spaces? As a town, as a nation, we need a place to visit, chat a minute, and learn something. Goodbye, Hollywood.

Rate of Buying Businesses Declines

The rate of buying businesses in Sacramento County last month (January, 2010) was off 18% from the activity recorded in the first month of last year, according to BizBen.com--businesses for sale in California.

There were 27 small and mid-sized Sacramento County businesses sold in January '10, a drop from the 33 deals completed January '09. The city of Sacramento accounted for 19 of the transactions. Citrus Heights recorded 3 sales and one completed escrow each was posted in Carmichael, Elk Grove, Fair Oaks, Folsom and Galt.

"We're expecting to see the county report increasing sales in

following months, compared to the same months last year," said Peter Siegel, MBA, founder and CEO of BizBen.com. "That's what happened in much of the state in January. California's entrepreneurs were buying businesses at a rate that exceeded, by 24%, the activity of last January.

Siegel noted that "uncertainty has hung over the business market like a cloud, but people need to move forward, and the increases in much of California are an expression of that pent-up demand. "Another factor slowing activity has been the difficulty in getting purchase money loans" he said. "But California buyers

and sellers are pretty resourceful and they've been working out seller financing programs and other strategies to complete their deals without the help of lenders."

"If the Obama Administration can get more cash into the small business arena, as has been promised, we should see substantial growth in Californians buying businesses," according to Siegel.

Sales statistics for Sacramento County, by city, (see the BizBen.com Sacramento County sales statistics page) are: Carmichael: 1, Citrus Heights: 3, Elk Grove: 1, Fair Oaks: 1, Folsom: 1, Galt: 1, Sacramento: 19



By Jon Coupal,
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers
Association

There is an old expression, “what am I, chopped liver?” that is employed – usually in a social setting – when one is being ignored. For all the harsh words, finger pointing and declarations of entitlement that fill the current budget debate, there is something strikingly absent from our political ruling class: An acknowledgement that taxpayers have been, and will continue to be, the sole driving force of any economic recovery.

Case in point: Governor Schwarzenegger told assembled lawmakers, “Together, we got California through the front end of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.” These self-congratulatory remarks are akin to crediting the arsonist for putting out the fire. The governor and the legislature took a difficult situation and made it worse for Californians by increasing their tax burden by \$12 billion as part of the ill-fated budget “deal” struck nearly a year ago.

As for the current plan, despite the tax-and-spenders cries that the cuts are way too draconian, the new budget proposal is hardly a model of fiscal prudence. Let’s first dispel the myth that there are no tax increases in this plan. Homeowners and commercial property owners who carry insurance – and who doesn’t? – will pay a new “surcharge” to pay for Cal Fire – even if you live in an urban area which has its own fire department. The Governor calls this a “fee.” But there is not enough lipstick in the world to call this anything other than a tax.

Perhaps even more troubling are what can only be called “conditional

Taxpayers -The Chopped Liver of the Budget Debate

taxes.” These taxes, falling mostly on businesses, would be triggered if the state does not receive the nearly \$7 billion it wants from the federal government. Dianne Feinstein’s excoriation of Arnold for the tone of his demands is not a hopeful sign that California will get anything close to the money that leaders from both parties say we are entitled to. The proposed taxes on businesses are bad enough – taxes which eventually fall on consumers – but one of these taxes would also be an extension of the child tax which voters overwhelmingly rejected last May. Again, hitting the very citizens from whom our leaders expect help in getting out of the recession.

Taxpayers have another “chopped liver” moment when they see the regurgitation of the budgetary gimmicks that have been so discredited in the past. Let’s start with the obvious gimmick of proposing a constitutional amendment to require more to be spent on higher education than on prisons. Isn’t this just another example of “ballot box budgeting?” And, by the way, why is the governor trying to suck up to the powerful education lobby when nothing he will do will ever please them? Exempting education from spending reductions might poll well, but will we ever get real education reform without some sort of competitive pressure being applied to our behemotheducationalbureaucracies?

Another disappointment from the governor is his pressing for the adoption of the recommendations of the Tax Commission. The key proposal is a “business net receipts tax” having many of the same characteristics of a European style “value added tax (VAT).” This method of taxation hides the actual tax from the view of the consumer. While the governor says we must be “bold,” it is neither bold nor wise to play a game of “hide the tax” with hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

Lest one think that taxpayers

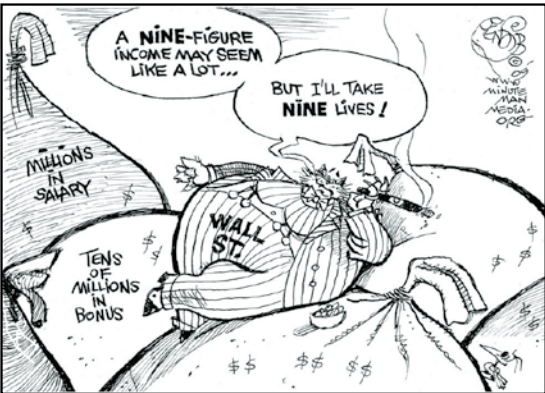
are wholly disappointed with the governor’s proposals, he should be given credit for tackling prison spending. His proposal to use the private sector to run prisons will surely anger the powerful guards’ union, but there is no excuse for California paying nearly twice what other states pay for incarceration.

Also good is the governor’s emphasis on jobs. Still, he needs to be reminded that government can provide few meaningful jobs. Streamlining the permitting of construction projects and creating CEQA exemptions will take the brakes off job creation and help bring down California’s astronomically high 12.3% unemployment rate. (Of course, the best thing he could do for employment is to acknowledge that the science over global warming is less than clear and maybe, just maybe, we ought to suspend AB 32 implementation until California finds its economic footing).

Finally, the governor is doing the right thing in sounding the alarm over California’s unsustainable pension system. As the governor stated, pension liabilities have increased 2,000%, while revenue has risen 24%. This is an albatross that will ultimately sink any hope for California’s future unless it is reformed.

And while the criticism of Schwarzenegger for producing another fantasy budget may be well founded, the reaction of the liberals in the Legislature has been a fantasy on hallucinogens. Karen Bass claims that “the budget amounts to a big pile of denial.” Who is in denial, Madam Speaker? Your party’s jihad against taxpayers has inflicted most of the damage to this state. Heck, even Bill Lockyer said as much.

Jon Coupal is President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association - California's largest taxpayer organization -- which is dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and promoting taxpayers' rights.



The Real Dangers of Consumerism

By Daniel Graham

Not all consumerism is bad. Consumerism is appropriate in the marketplace. It is good to be careful consumers, to exercise the freedom to choose within our budgets and personal tastes, and to protect ourselves from fraudulent or predatory businesses.

Consumerism becomes problematic, however, when we let it permeate the rest of our lives, for example, our approaches to government, Church, and even family.

Consumerism corrupts government. Since the 1960s, citizens and politicians alike increasingly view government as a buffet of goods and services. Policy debates devolve into crass arguments about which politician can provide the greatest value for the least taxes. Appeals to the virtues of freedom and self-reliance are lost; civic duty becomes irrelevant. The healthcare debate is an example of the triumph of consumerism over virtue. The consumer-oriented government, destined to grow without limits, is thereby doomed to become oppressive. The irony is that consumer-oriented citizens will eventually despise the government they created.

Consumerism is even more poisonous for the Church and explains the exodus. Juila Duin, religion editor for The Washington Times, details the hemorrhage of membership in her engaging book, *Quitting Church: Why the Faithful are Fleeing* and What to do about it. The modern church, in keeping with the times, uses marketing methods to recruit new members. Membership equals money. Senior

clergy run the church on a corporate model, offering more and more services, novelties, and conveniences.

For example, the Diocese of Arlington just set up a program where parishioners can auto-pay donations by credit card or bank transfer without the inconvenience of attending church services. The members of the laity become customers, rewarding the clergy-managers depending on perceived value. The members of the laity, behaving like prudent consumers, shop for a better value -- or they quit church altogether.

Some clergy argue that we need to attract the unchurched with goods and services, then steer them toward God. In business, that marketing strategy is called bait-and-switch, a tactic despised by consumers and doomed to failure. Such tactics demean religion. If we approach religion as consumers, we will eventually be disappointed in the goods and services. Most likely, we will join the ranks of the millions of consumer-oriented Christians who stop going to church.

It is ironic that politicians and clergy attack consumerism in the marketplace, while at the same time they embrace consumerism as their mode of operation.

The saddest aspect of consumerism is its effect on families. If spouses treat one another as employees or customers, or as sources of goods and services, then marriages will be in deep trouble. Consumer-oriented parents manage their children. Some parents boss their children like little employees who are usually wrong. Other parents kowtow to their children, the little customers

who are always right. Eventually parents become disappointed in their children and the children become disappointed in their parents.

Consumer-oriented families have no staying power. These family members like the hearth-and-home perks: Thanksgiving dinner and warm apple pie, companionship and sentimentality. However, when a family member becomes damaged goods -- stricken with dementia, for example -- the consumer’s impulse is to send the damaged goods back or at least get the damaged goods out of sight. The healthy family members may decide that the stricken member’s life is not worth living -- the goods and services consumed are not worth the costs. They calculate that the cost of being a family exceeds the benefits, and the consumer-oriented family falls apart.

We need to work hard to reverse this disturbing trend so that consumerism does not ruin our love of country, our faith, or our families. We need to keep consumerism where it belongs -- only in the marketplace.

Daniel Graham is an award-winning novelist. Some of his books include *TENEBREA RISING*, *THE POLITICS OF MEANING*, and *THE WRITING SYSTEM WORKBOOK*. His new book, *CAN DO WRITING* is already on the reading lists for major universities such as Harvard Business School and Queens College, Toronto. The *FAMILY MATTERS* column is copyright © 2010 by Daniel Graham and <http://www.fgfbooks.com>, the website of the Fitzgerald Griffin Foundation. All rights reserved.

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FAIR OAKS CEMETERY
MEMORIAL DAY AND AVENUE
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The Twelfth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 29th at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks, with formal ceremonies starting at 10 AM. Vice Chairman of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District, Thomas Askins will be the Master of Ceremonies. The musical program will be provided by the American Veterans Band, conducted by Warren “Bud” Turner.

The Fair Oaks Cemetery District and the Memorial Day Ceremony Committee are finalizing plans for one of the most popular and inspiring Memorial Day ceremonies in the area. This year’s theme is to honor “The Women Airforce Service Pilots” (WASP).

The cemetery will be also decorated with hundreds of flags lining its roadways as “The Avenue of Flags.” We will also be adding more names to the Veterans Memorial Wall. Honored Speaker, Brigadier General, Mary J. Kight, Assistant Adjutant General for the California National Guard. She will speak on what it was like to fly planes during WWII.

Congressman Dan Lundgren has provided a flag that has flown over the nation’s capitol. This flag will fly over the Veterans Memorial for one year in honor of all Veterans of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). The flag honoring All Veterans of the Armed Services, which was flown over the memorial this past year, will be retired and formally presented to Bob Clouse, Board Chairman Fair Oaks Cemetery District.

A formal Color Guard and Rifle Salute Team from VFW District 17 will provide military honors and assist the Commanders of the local VFW, American Legion and the VFW Auxiliary to the laying of the wreath at the memorial in honor of over thirteen hundred veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

Covered seating will be available for veterans and visitors. Dedicated seating will be available for veterans of World War II and their wives. The Fair Oaks Historical Society and the Orangevale/Fair Oaks Grange will provide complimentary refreshments after the ceremony.

Upward is a Family Affair



Upward Sports Volunteers (left to right): Steve Bernhard, Marc Welty, Jay Myers, Scot Bernhard, Ray Myers, & Tom Medley.
Players (left to right, front row): Kyle Welty, Emerson Myers, & Tim Welty

By Ken Freedman

Jay Myers coached his son’s basketball team last year at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church and has joined the staff as a Coach Commissioner, but it goes even

further than that. He has one brother-in-law and two cousins who are now coaches as well. His father is now a referee, and cousin Scot’s father-in-law is also a referee. In addition

to that, three of the families’ children play in the league. More than 520,000 children in 46 states and four countries participate in Upward Sports leagues learning skills for the sports arena and values for life. Some 480,000 volunteers, coaches and referees serve as role models and mentors on and off the court. There is joy in volunteering when you are really making a difference in a child’s life. Upward Sports is designed with the concept that it isn’t the game but the child. Building self esteem and learning discipline as well as being part of a team is what it is about. Fair Oaks Presbyterian has 155 children and 22 teams playing this season. Practices started in December and the first of the games began in January. The season will conclude in March with a celebration for the players and families.

Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce Celebrates its 52nd Year



Pictured (left to right) enjoying the event are Steve Miller, City of Citrus Heights Councilmember, Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Mayor of Citrus Heights, Chris Boyd, Citrus Heights Police Chief, Bob Pascuzzi, Chief Financial Officer for Mercy San Juan and Bryan Gardner Marketing Director for Mercy San Juan. Photo by Amanda Morello.

On January 29th, the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce held its annual installation dinner and fundraising auction at the new Citrus Heights Community Center. The event was attended by a large contingent of local business people, politicians and city executives, all dressed in elegance for this gala event celebrated at the first time in the new facility. The Chamber, directed by Bettie Cosby, Chief Executive Officer, with loyal support from Renee Larscheid, Membership Director, continues to be a driving force in the support and development of local business. They offer ongoing training events and luncheons and leadership training through the chamber organization. Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Mayor of Citrus Heights, led the swearing in of the new Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

for 2010. Entertainment for the evening was presented by singer Peggie Diamond, and the Upstage Production dancers, directed by Connie Savage. The event was catered by Randy Peters Catering of Citrus Heights. Event committee members who helped tremendously to stage the event were, Peggy Anderson, Kristi Barker, Trish Dawson, Peggie Diamond, Lezlie Lang, Charlie Miller, Emily Neeland, Diane Pleines,

Mary Purvis, Carol Spiker, Alx Smith, Donna Sturla and Paul Savage. Event Volunteers who also lent a big hand in creating the event were Ruth Artates, Troy Barker, Nick Clark, Sheri Cook, Dale and Margaret Ingvarsdson, Melissa Mistler, JA Neeland, and Desiree Traynor. Event Gold Sponsors included Mercy San Juan Medical Center and the City of Citrus Heights. Additional sponsors were Atlas Disposal Industries, C&M Mortgage, Citrus Heights Police Department, Pacific Gas and Electric, River City Bank, Sides & Ferkovich Accountancy, Corp., SureWest, Williams-Paddon Architects and Planners, Inc., Allied Waste Services, Lucky Derby Casino, National University, Sacramento County Supervisor Roberta McGlashan, Waste Management and Western Health Advantage.



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Greg Clothier will verify this fact. He and his wife **Ann** have been Private Investigators, and yes, they specialize in cheaters. So when they penned “*A Woman’s Guide to Revenge*” you can be sure the information comes from first hand experience. The stories are funny but true about getting even. No one can spot philanderers better than this couple, and the stories prove it...like the woman who found out her husband was planning a trip to meet his mistress, and she lovingly packed his suitcase with underwear that she’d rolled in poison oak. Obviously, this woman found out just how sweet revenge can really be. Bottom line is, don’t back your woman into a corner.

Greg will also share signs that point to a cheating spouse like: He cleans up his old car or buys a new one. He won’t tell you his e-mail password. He

picks petty fights. He criticizes your manners. He buys a new wardrobe. He comes home in a good mood. Now some of these may have rational explanations, but it more of a combination of things not just one of the above.

Greg and Ann tell these true stories from their files that will give you insight to what can happen to turn your world upside down like the one about Susan and Alan. Susan was a full time homemaker. Alan had an affair. Susan forgave him, and as some women do, blamed herself for getting too involved with the kids and promised herself she would spend more time doing her husband’s favorite things. For awhile it was all right. And for awhile it was. Business was good and their life seemed to be back to normal.

Then a year ago, Susan related, Alan began to change. He threw away his glasses and got contact lenses (another classic sign). He spent more time on his appearance and started wearing trendy clothes. When he left on trips to Santa Barbara, he now wore upscale cotton slacks and loafers instead of his usual conservative suits. More ominously, Alan began to complain that his business was losing money. He insisted they cut




back on everything...vacations, dinner parties, shopping trips. He even took Susan’s credit cards away claiming they couldn’t afford to charge anything. The story gets worse, but there are lessons to be learned from these stories, and the Clothiers tell all.

Cheating husbands and scheming boyfriends aren’t just the stuff of novels, they are real-life louts who betray the trust of their mates, squirrel away assets, and leave untold numbers of women betrayed and destitute. But “*A Woman’s Guide to Revenge*” changes that with real life stories from those on the front line. So, my advice to you is beware of the fairer sex, she may deal out what is fair to you.

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!!!

Join Mary Jane for the **KAHI Noon News Monday - Friday and then again for POPOFF 10 PM - Midnight.**

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Air Force Airman Anastasia D. Miles

CITRUS HEIGHTS

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She is the daughter of Troy Miles of Tremain Drive, Citrus Heights, Calif. Miles is a 2009 graduate of New San Juan High School, Citrus Heights.

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Guest speaker Daniel M. Lynch, author of “Google Your Family Tree”, will present four sessions: Introduction to Google for Genealogists; Using Google for Genealogy Research; Google News Archive, News Timelines and Google Alerts; Google Images, Video and other Tools for Genealogy.

Fee: \$22/members; \$27/non-members; \$32 after March 12 or at the door as space permits. Optional lunch \$7. Raffle prizes. Registration form at www.rootcellar.org or contact Sammie Hudgens, (916) 481-4930.

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Citrus Heights -- The Lichen K-8 School PTA is hosting their first annual E-Waste collection event on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 9am to 1pm in the Raley’s Parking lot at Antelope Road and Lichen Drive (near I-80 and Antelope). The event entitled “Valentine to the Earth” in honor of the Valentine’s holiday the following day, seeks to raise funds for Lichen K-8 School while making the earth a little nicer place to live. The PTA will partner with California Electronic Asset Recovery (CEAR, Inc. Rancho Cordova, CA) to recycle the e-waste collected at the event. “It is important to us that we work with a firm that is a certified E-Steward and who shreds all hard drives and handles all hazardous materials in a way that benefits our earth.” said PTA President Laura Taylor. Taylor credits a partnership with the Antelope Crossing Business Association with helping to facilitate such an event. “The businesses in our local area have been a huge support to our school, so naturally we wanted to work with them on this important event.”

Boy Scout Information Nights

Get involved with Scouting! Troop 281 is Gold River’s Boy Scout Troop. We invite your family to attend one of our informational meetings:

Tues., Feb. 23, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm

By attending one of these meetings, you should be able to:

- Learn about planned outings and activities for 2010
- Meet current troop leadership
- Learn how your son can learn leadership skills
- Ask questions
- Learn how you can get involved

We have asked a representative from the local Venture Crew to attend our Boy Scout Troop 281 informational meetings. Venturing is part of the Boy Scout program for youth (girls and boys) age 14 through 20.

For more information, please refer to our Troop website: www.troop281.net, the local Boy Scout Office’s website: www.gec-bsa.org or just give us a call at (916) 852-9333

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Changes in Community Healthcare to be Featured at Chamber of Commerce



Brian Ivie, President of Mercy San Juan Medical Center

County Supervisors Lower Developer Fees

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a temporary reduction of development fees for building in the North Vineyard Station area. “The reduction amounts to about 15 percent, or about \$4,200 per unit, said Steve Pedretti, the county’s Engineering Director. This follows the Board’s decision to increase sewer credits for residential developments last week which equates to about \$6,500 per unit. These reductions are part of the County’s continued effort to examine all development fees to create a comprehensive fee plan that will help developers get back in business. The county is experiencing a 52-year low in building permit business

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Sacramento Works Career Center

Citrus Heights, 7011 Sylvan Road, Suite A, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

The Sacramento Works Career Center – Citrus Heights will hold a “How to do business with SMUD” presented by Sacramento Municipal Utility District, on February 12, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

- Learn about the Supplier Education and Economic Development SEED Program or Small Business Program
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The workshop is free of charge. Register online at diane@crossroadsdiversified.com or call Diane Louise @ 916-676-2540

Asm. Huber Hosting a Series of Neighborhood Coffees

Sacramento -- Assembly-member Alyson Huber is hosting a series of neighborhood coffees during February. She invites residents of the 10th Assembly District to come join her for a cup of coffee and discuss state issues. Residents are encouraged to bring their questions, ideas and solutions regarding state legislative issues that affect the community.

Tuesday, February 16th 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Starbucks, College Greens Shopping Center 8393 Folsom Blvd. (Corner of Folsom Blvd. and Julliard Dr.) Sacramento, CA
Thursday, February 25th 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Starbucks, Target Shopping Center 7505 Laguna Blvd Elk Grove, CA

Thursday, February 11th 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Starbucks, Gold River Town Center 2095 Golden Center #10 Gold River, CA

Please call (916) 319-2010 or visit www.asm.ca.gov/ huber for more information.

2 Alarm Fire in Fair Oaks

Fair Oaks - At 7:19, February 5th, Fire fighters arrived to find a one story home in the 5100 block of Oak Point way with flames shooting 50 feet in the air and threatening neighboring homes. The 911 call was delayed which gave time for the fire to intensify. It took over 34 fire fighters 19 minutes to bring the fire under control. The home owner was treated and transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation and a minor burn on his head. No fire fighters were injured. The estimated structural damage is \$400,000.00 and the fire cause is under investigation. Metro Fire would like to remind our citizens to exit your home immediately and phone 911 from either a cell phone or a neighbor’s house if your home is on fire.

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by Marlys Johnsen Norris

Don't we all have expectations? Expectations of other people's reactions and of our conscious efforts to please others. Of course we do! When we live our lives doing what is right, we automatically expect a favorable response outcome. Yet, I have heard that we should not have expectations about anything because expecting something good from our efforts is setting ourselves up for a great big disappointment. They tell us we need to examine our motivations for what-ever we have done. Are we doing it for the wrong reason?

Expectations

God certainly does not reward any action when our motivation is not according to His will. Years ago I counseled a friend who was dissatisfied with her marriage partner and was attracted to another man who was affording her attention. She wanted to pursue a relationship with this other man. She could not see this as a sin in her life. I listened to her story. Then she asked me to pray for that this relationship would be a completely satisfactory. She had no idea of what she was asking me to do. She knew that I love to pray for the needs of people, but I had to tell my friend the truth-- "I could not pray for this because it was out of the will of God." She was very surprised and I am sad to say also, hurt. Obviously she was not familiar with the Word of God and was shocked her friend refused to pray for her request. She was very disappointed because she had "expectations" both of me and of God. Had I prayed for this situation, I would have entered into a sinful act. When disappointment becomes the order of the day, every one of us can look back and see that it was a direct result of having an "expectation" about the response or result. We must trust in a loving and mighty God to balance the affairs of our lives. He knows all about us to the very number of hairs on our head. Plus He loves us with an everlasting and unconditional love and proved it to us when Jesus, through whom (God) of the universe, died to redeem men. He spilled His blood to rescue sinners from the eternal fires of Hell and reconcile them to Himself. (Hebrews 1:2)

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by Pastor Ray Dare

You have more untapped potential on the inside of you than you've ever imagined. If you will begin to develop this potential, God will do greater things in your life than you ever thought possible. You were made for more than just getting up and going to work and coming home and getting up and doing it all over again and again for 50 or 60 years. You must understand that you are a person of destiny. You are here in God's divine plan. He has strategically placed you here at this particular time in history because He has great confidence in you to be the person, the leader He's made you to be for Him. God didn't choose Moses, or David, or Paul to live in this hour. He chose you to live in this hour to make a difference with your life. The Bible tells us in 1 Timothy 1 to "Stir up the gift of God..." that is within us. God is counting on you to make a difference and He has given

You Were Made For More

you incredible gifts and talents that must be developed. The enemy will tell you you're just a housewife. You're just a business person. You're just a plumber. You're just an accountant...whatever. No. Listen friend: God has given you something very important to do for Him. You've got to be obedient, you've got to be open to following the God-given dreams and desires He's put on the inside of you. So many people are waiting for a big voice to boom out of heaven to instruct them what to do. But most of the time, it's not like that. It's going to be a simple desire. The Bible talks about "A still, small voice". You may be sitting around waiting for the right time to do what God's been telling you to do. You think as soon as my kids get out of school, I'll do it. I'll be obedient to God. I'll get involved. As soon as this big project at work gets over, then I'm going to get involved. Whenever the right time comes, then I'm going to do what God's calling me to do. But friend, you all know as well as I do, there will never be a right time. The time to do what God's telling you to do is right now. We've got to quit making excuses. Everyday you put it off you're missing out on God's best for your life. Let me challenge you: Don't hide your talents. You've got to stir yourself up and step out in faith and do what God's been telling you to do. You will never be truly fulfilled if you compromise what God has put on the inside of you. Get involved. Act on the dreams and desires He's put in your heart. You have seeds of greatness on the inside of you. You have more to offer this world than you can imagine. We are living in a very historic and critical time in God's timetable. He's counting on you and me to rise up and be leaders and to make a difference in this generation. Soon, you and I will be giving an account to our Master as to what we've done with the talents He's entrusted to us. We must make the most of the time. Be serious about your relationship to God. Stay focused on the things of God. Stay in church. Be faithful. Don't hide your talents anymore. Be quick to obey God. If you will dare step out in faith and begin developing the potential He has placed within you, God will use you in incredible ways!

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DMV Offices Closed Fridays Feb 12 & 19

Sacramento -- The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds customers that all public offices will be closed on Fridays Feb. 5, 12 and 19, 2010, in keeping with the Governor's Executive Order S-13-09. All Offices will be open on Friday, Feb. 26.

The Department offers a number of online services through its website (www.dmv.ca.gov) including payments for vehicle registration and driver license renewals via secure debit transactions, filing a notice of release of liability, change of address, and scheduling appointments. Customers who have a registration renewal date that falls on Feb. 5, 12, and 19 will have penalties waived until the next business day.

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Gold River Racquet Club Honored by USTA



Marty and Mike accepting the award from Linda Peltz, Awards Committee Chair

The United States Tennis Association Northern California (USTA NorCal) awarded Gold River Racquet Club the Member Organization of the Year. The award was given at USTA NorCal’s annual Awards Celebrating Excellence in Service (ACES) gala held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco on January 30, 2010 and was accepted

by Marty Rothfels, Director of Tennis and Mike Burchett, General Manager. ACES are presented in several categories and the awards celebrate players, programs participants and volunteers for their continued commitment and services to tennis. The award given to Gold River Racquet Club is for service to the tennis community, service to

its members through junior and adult programs, and historical perspective. The Member Organization of the Year Award was instituted in 1981 by USTA. Gold River Racquet Club will now compete nationally against 16 other organizations that were nominated by their section of the USTA for Member Organization of the Year. Gold River Racquet Club has been a force in the tennis community for 24 years. Gold River has hosted the NCAA Division II Women’s event, USTA Senior Intersectional Team Championships and 10 years of World Team Tennis just to mention a few of our events. They have had the good fortune to have the likes of Connors, Agassi, Borg, Roddick, Davenport, Navratilova, McEnroe and so many other great players grace our courts. Gold River also has hosted over 50 USTA NorCal tournaments for juniors and adults over these last 24 years, and has hosted USTA adult league district and national events.

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Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief
Opens Feb. 12, rated PG
percyjacksonthemovie.com

Zeus’ master bolt is missing and 12-year-old Percy Jackson is the prime suspect. As if he doesn’t already have enough challenges with a missing mom, a penchant for getting expelled from school and being diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD. Oh, and might be the son of Poseidon, the Greek sea god. Adventure ensues in this Chris Columbus-

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Elmo’s World: Let’s Play Music (ages 2-5, released Feb. 2, not rated): Combining animation and live action is this delightful title, the 19th compilation in the series starring the popular little red monster. Joining Elmo for musical learning are his buddies Mr. Noodle, Abby Cadabby and Baby Bear. A visit by violinist Miri Ben-Ari is a treat for Elmo and small fry viewers alike. DVD comes with 16 pages of downloadable activity and story

sheets. Grade: A.

The Hoobs: Hoobloads of Learning & Fun (ages 3-6, released Feb. 12, not rated): This children’s TV show from The Jim Henson Company has become a cult favorite in the U.K. since 2001 and is just now catching on Stateside. Five colorful creatures from Hoobland travel the universe to file entries in the Hoobapaedia, an enormous reference database. Grade: B

LeapFrog: Math Adventure to the Moon (ages 2-6, released Feb. 9, not rated): This edutaining title sends preschoolers to the moon, and along the way teaches them counting, sorting, addition and other early math skills. Older DVDs feature LeapFrog characters Lilly, Edison and Tad covering language skills, and is just as good. Grade: A





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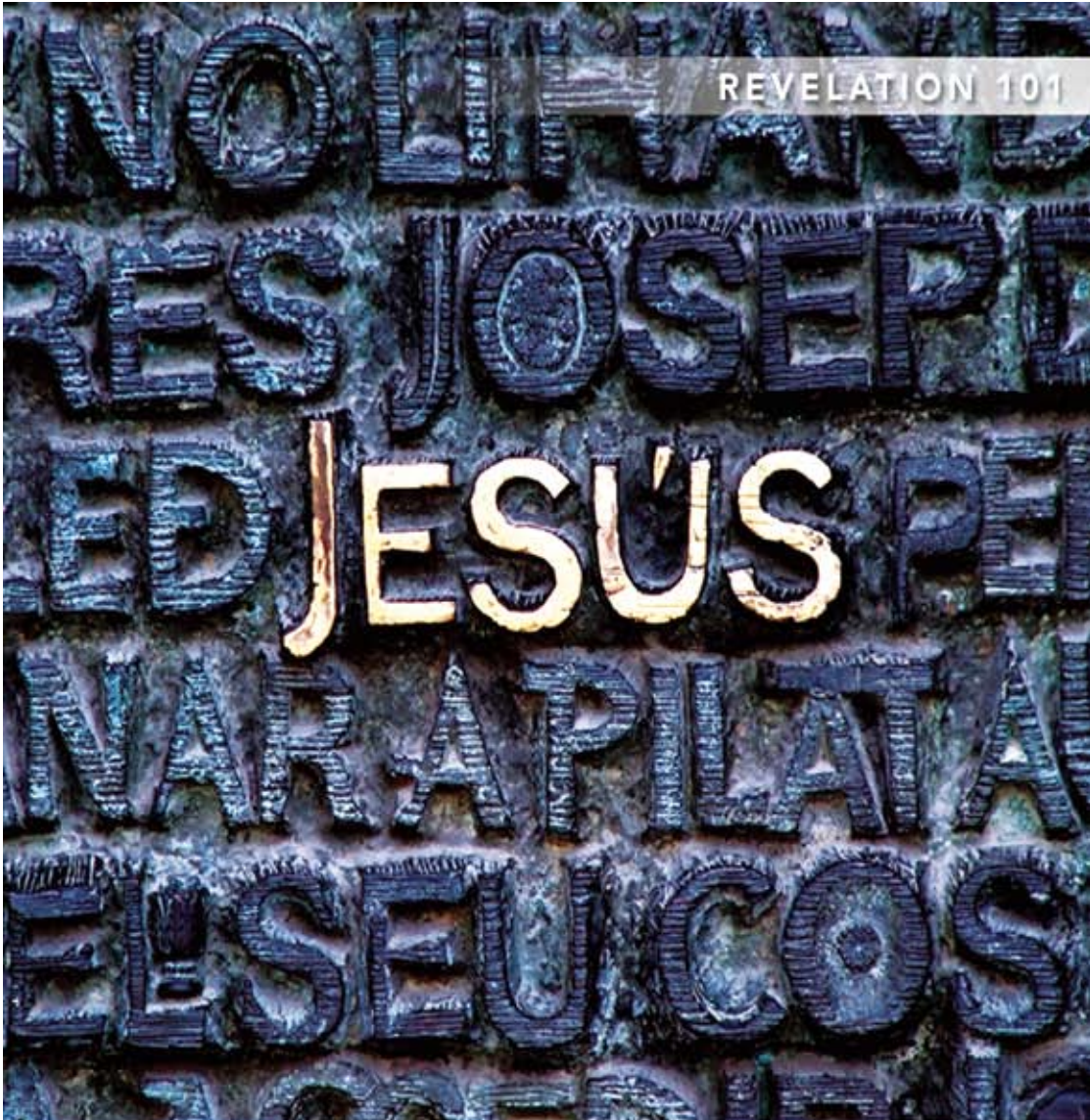
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RC Mayor Issues Weighty Challenge

Rancho Cordova – That’s the community weight loss goal challenge issued Monday (February 1st) by Rancho Cordova Mayor Ken Cooley, who teamed up with local business and community organizations to issue the Rancho Cordova “Great Health Challenge.” Kicking off a 10-month community-wide effort to embrace healthy physical activity while dropping at least one pound each month between February and November, the Great Health Challenge includes an internet-based tracking system and fun activities and rewards aimed at getting residents and business groups in the community off the couch and into the action.

If the goal is met, the entire community will drop a total of 40,000 pounds of weight during the promotion – or 20 Tons in 2010. The challenge is for participants to drop at least one pound a month during the campaign and reap the benefits even a 10-pound weight loss can bring, including a healthier heart, reduced incidence of diabetes and increased general well-being. Individuals who “live, work, play or pray” in Rancho Cordova are encouraged to logon to www.20tonsin2010.com to register.

The challenge was issued by the Mayor during the February 1 Council meeting, where he noted the importance of good health not only to the individual, but to the local economy, as well. “Healthy employees help spur and invigorate business success as the cost of healthcare decreases, absenteeism is reduced and productivity climbs.” Cooley said. “Getting fit is not just a good idea for our citizens, it’s important to our economic health, as well.”

The Great Health Challenge takes aim at alarming statistics which show half of California’s adults are overweight and are at risk for many chronic conditions, including diabetes,

heart disease, cancer, arthritis, stroke and hypertension. One in four California children between the ages of nine and 16 are in the same boat. Noting Rancho Cordovans like to express their community spirit by responding to a good challenge, Cooley said he hopes many citizens will sign up to be part of the health and fitness challenge. So far, sponsors of the Great Health Challenge include the City of Rancho Cordova, Cordova Community Council, Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce, and Go.RanchoGuide.com but the ultimate goal is to have dozens of businesses and their employees, organizations, sports groups, faith groups, even youth organizations, pledging to drop a few pounds to help reach the community-wide goal of 20 tons. For more information on the Great Health Challenge – 20 Tons in 2010, please contact Melody Mayer at melody@20tonsin2010.com or call 916-247-8217.

El Dorado Savings Bank Reports Higher Earnings, No Foreclosures


El Dorado Savings Bank based in Placerville, California, reported earnings for 2009 at \$10.7 million representing a 12% increase over 2008. In addition, El Dorado completed its 21st consecutive year without any foreclosed property on the books. “We are very pleased with the strong performance of the bank, especially considering the challenging economic environment”, said Chairman and CEO, Thomas C. Meuser.

El Dorado ended the year with assets of \$1,656,273,713 representing an increase of \$36.4 million over year-end 2008. Savings deposits rose by \$67.3 million, or 5%, compared to 2008. “Many new customers moved their accounts to El Dorado Savings Bank during the year due to the ongoing volatility in the markets and the bank’s excellent reputation”, stated Meuser. Along these lines, El Dorado was named one of the top 20 banks in the United States by the Weiss “Safe Money Report” and also continued to receive the highest ratings from Bauer Financial, Veribanc and IDC Financial Publishing. When asked about El Dorado’s ability to maintain growth and profitability during difficult economic times, Meuser stated, “We kept our focus on quality assets, while much of the competition became involved in sub-prime home loans or large commercial loans and real estate development loans. El Dorado lost some business during that period, but now we are experiencing the benefits of our long term strategy.”

El Dorado Savings Bank ended the year with Core Capital of \$151.6 million, or 9.15% of assets, which is well above the 6% regulatory requirement for a “well-capitalized” bank. “Risk based capital”, which measures the quality of El Dorado’s assets, was 30%, three times the well-capitalized requirement of 10% and one of the highest ratios in the industry.

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money for cancer research, educational programs, and free services for cancer patients and their families. The Gift of Hope program enables the American Cancer Society to deliver bouquets of daffodils anonymously to cancer patients at medical centers and facilities throughout the greater Sacramento area. A Gift of Hope, a bouquet of 10 daffodils, is not delivered to a specific cancer patient and the donor's name is not attached to the gift. A minimum of \$25 is suggested, but donations of \$50, \$75, \$100 or more will help support greater numbers of cancer patients and their families. "Daffodil Days provides an opportunity for an average

person to demonstrate their compassion for those battling cancer. Every Gift of Hope donation makes a difference in the lives of real people fighting cancer, whose faces light up when they receive a surprise daffodil bouquet," said Vita Sarginson, corporate relations manager with the American Cancer Society. "Compassionate individuals and companies are not only cheering on these courageous cancer patients; they're saying that the community is behind them, and that we're funding research that may find a cure." In 2009, American Cancer Society delivered more than 2,500 Gifts of Hope to more than 37 facilities in the greater Sacramento area.


According to the American Cancer Society, cancer will affect the lives of one in every two men and one in every three women. "By participating in Daffodil Days, you are giving hope by enabling the American Cancer Society to offer free programs and services to improve the lives of people facing cancer," said Sarginson. The American Cancer Society offers many free programs such as: Road to Recovery, a transportation program for those who need a ride to and from cancer-related treatment; Reach to Recovery and Man to Man, a program where cancer

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