

The Park Street Journal

I can't count how many times I've read the Wall Street Journal in my life, but I know it's not many. But in these economic times, I've been driven to know more about the financial market on both local and global terms. I grabbed the *Wall Street Journal* (actually, I had to drive all the way to Chico to find a copy). It cost me \$2, not including the gas. Talk about economics!

As I write this article, I'm looking at the "Biggest 1,500 Stocks." There's General Motors, Procter and Gamble, Lockheed Martin, McDonalds, New York Times, Pepsi, Safeway, Tootsie Roll, Toyota, and Wal-Mart. The list goes on and on. And then there are the new highs and lows – the stocks that go up and down. There are the market movers, which are smaller stocks that have the biggest moves in the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000, either gaining or declining. Recent gainers include Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Decliners are Applied Microsystems, Earthlink, and Ethan Allen. I'm reading about global government bonds and their mapping yields, the corporate debt, investment-grade spreads that tighten the most and spreads that widen the most and high-yield issues with the biggest price increases and decreases. At a moment's glance, I also scan the mutual funds score card for stocks and bonds.

Are you following me? Are you lost? Well, let me then tell you what the *Park Street Journal* might say. It is much simpler by far. Your investment at this time as a stock holder in Feather River Recreation and Park District is very strong. It has many highs, and some lows. Liquidity has gone down, but will be rising at the first quarter starting in January (tax allocation of \$600,000 with an additional \$111,000 through the Benefit Assessment District). Your capital infusions for the purposes of fixed assets are forecasted to be coming in strong by way of a negotiated impact fee agreement with the City. Fixed asset "stocks" such as the development of the Riverbend North Park soccer fields have a very high market share with a total of \$1,020,000 for turf stimulus. There's a strong demand by you, the investor, to see your "stock" kick in and for the District to build a green market share to increase your asset portfolio of turf for sports.

The Pat Alley Memorial Dog Park is barking up the right tree with the establishment of a donation fund. The disc golf long curve in the market is on the upward trend and should settle lightly on a sound financial basket of cash. Your "stock" in the Nolan Complex has been going up in the last quarter of 2008, with a settling of cash investment based on the economy and collection of impact fee funds in the coming year. The Butte County Office of Education is making a sound physical asset investment at the Nelson Sports Complex to build an educational and recreational center adjacent to the Feather River Recreation and Park District's Nelson Pool. Your liquid shares are fluid and will become more of a hot market rebounding in the third and fourth quarter in the summer of 2009.

In short, we're all mutually funding parks and recreation. It is by far the best investment we can make for the present and the future to provide good dividends. In these hard economic times, it is good to know our quality of life stock investments and values are sound and strong throughout all market highs and lows cycles.

Quote

"You can get pretty discouraged and your soles can get pretty thin after you've been job hunting a couple of months." ~ Unemployed man in Minnesota, 1931

"Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow." ~ Calvin Coolidge

"Money will not make you happy, and happy will not make you money" ~ Groucho Marx

"Only those who will be sellers of equities in the near future should be happy at seeing stocks rise. Prospective purchasers should much prefer sinking prices." ~ Warren Buffet

"Fund" Facts

There are so many ways to have fun with your family that don't require spending a lot of money, or even any money at all. Here are a few:

1. Visit the public library. The Oroville Library offer arts and crafts activities and story hours for kids, as well as show movies. You can check out books, magazines and DVDs, all without spending a dime! The Oroville Library is located at 1820 Mitchell Avenue. Give them a call at 538-7641 or visit them at www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/OrovilleBranch to find out what 's going on!
2. Play a board game! Dust off that Monopoly box or grab a deck of cards. If you're "bored" with your board games, try trading games with a neighbor or good friend.
3. Create a scrapbook. Grab some family photos, some old magazines to cut up, construction paper, and some glue and have some fun!
4. Take a walk in the park. Go for a nature walk, play on a playground, or swing on a swing.
5. Volunteer for a day. Pick a charitable cause and offer to donate a few hours of your time. It won't cost you a thing, but is worth so much.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 5-9 – **Midway of Fun Carnival** at Riverbend Park. Carnival hours are as follows: Wed., Thurs. & Friday 4-8 p.m.; Sat. 12-10 p.m.; Sun. 12-8 p.m. For more information, call the YMCA at 533-9622.

Nov. 25 – **White Christmas Talent Show** tryouts at the Municipal Auditorium, 5 p.m. The Talent Show will be held on December 13. For more information, call FRRPD at 533-2011.

See you in the parks!