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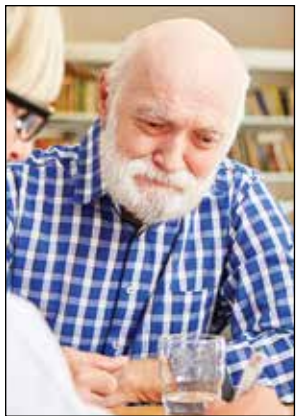


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Fathers Coach Champions



The Dixon Little League 9- to 11-year-old Dodgers pictures from left to right. Front row: Brayden Booth, Caleb Glover, Perry Settlemoir IV, Franky Guizar, Dominic Cruz, Fernando Guizar, Ricky Ruiz and Sion Kurtz behind Julian Ramirez. Back row: Assistant coach Perry Settlemoir III, Brayden Glaude, Michael Weele, and head coach Francisco Guizar. Far back by scoreboard is Assistant coach Jose Cruz. Photo courtesy of Sarah Settlemoir

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Within 15 minutes, the sparkling and glistening quiet backyard pool filled with more than a dozen robust boys, their siblings and inflatable toys. Parents unloaded pizza boxes, coolers and bags of beach towels while spreading greetings from beneath sunglasses and baseball caps. They are more than friends; they are champions!

They have all spent the last several months together in the Dixon Little League in the 9- to 11-year-olds division under the coaching of Francisco Guizar and assistant coach Perry Settlemoir III. These two dads found a way to bring their Dodgers team through a season of 17 straight wins.

Guizar is a father of three boys, ages 11, 9 and 3, and never had the

opportunity to play sports when he was growing up.

"I grew up in Brentwood and wanted to play sports and I've always been athletic, but my parents were very hardworking farm workers with 12-hour shifts. When we were home it was all about family, friends and food," Guizar explained.

But those parents wanted their children to go to college, so along with his three siblings, they all graduated from Sacramento State. His wife, Patricia, is a stay-at-home mom and is a co-director of catechism at the Catholic church as well as PTO President at Dixon Montessori Charter School.

"We have a very busy life but with technology, emails (and) phones, I have the flexibility," Guizar said.

Guizar got started in coaching

when there weren't enough coaches and he felt for the children who would not get to play because there weren't enough parental volunteers to coach. If someone wants to play sports, there is always a way to make that happen, he reminded, including financial assistance from local organizations.

"I started with soccer and enjoyed it. There is always a need to coach. If you've never done it, it's a challenge, but I took some online courses and read books," Guizar said. "I found that being involved with my kid's activities took me away from 'work, work, work.' On the weekends I get to concentrate on the kids. I try to show my kids they can do it."

Now, he has coached seven years and served on the soccer board, the

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Rotary Awards \$12K in Scholarships

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Rotary Club is an international service club with an objective of service in the community and around the world. This year the Dixon Rotary Club distributed eight scholarships totaling \$12,000.

With numerous applications received, the Scholarship Committee was tasked with selecting the recipients. It was with great honor that the Dixon Rotary Club presented their 2022 scholarships to: Nathan Algood, Priscilla Ascencio, Javier Barragan, Donald Bingaman, Dyrin Chavez Hernandez, Martha Ibarra Montes, Catherine Kersey and Dana Ramos Mendoza.

Nathan Algood will be attending Butte Community College majoring in Welding Technology. His career goal is to become a Weld Inspector. Nathan received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Priscilla Ascencio will be attending Woodland Community College to pursue a career working and helping children. Her goal is to become a Neonatal Nurse or a Pediatric Nurse. Priscilla received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Javier Barragan plans to make a stop at a community college and continue to a four-year college to become a Nurse. Javier received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Donald Bingaman has been accepted to attend California State University, Sacramento, and plans to major in Criminal Justice. His goal is to be an FBI Special Agent. Donald has received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Dyrin Chavez Hernandez plans to attend the University of San Francisco seeking her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Her career goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner to inspire young children of immigrants. Dyrin has received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Martha Ibarra Montes will be attending Napa Valley College seeking a degree in Education. Martha has received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Catherine Kersey has been accepted to attend Brigham Young University. She will determine her major at a later date. Catherine has received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Dana Ramos Mendoza has been accepted to attend the University of California, Davis, with plans to become a compassionate veterinarian. Dana has received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Club members congratulate these students and wish them success in their future endeavors. ★

Switchboards to Bucket Brigades

Story and photos
by Kim Evans-Schroeder

DIXON, CA (MPG) - For the first time, local 3rd graders got their history lesson about their own hometown thanks to utilizing our own Dixon Historical Museum just down the street from their school.

As part of their 3rd-grade curriculum, three groups of excited students from Anderson Elementary were organized by their teacher Judy McDonald and met outside at the now downtown iconic red and green prairie wagon.

Retired Dixon Unified School District principal Dan Rott served as museum docent talking about how wagons were pulled over the Sierras filled with hopeful families who wanted to settle in California.

The children learned that the first group of people to live in the Dixon area was the Patwin/Wintun Indians. The second group was the Spanish/Californios of Spain and

México beginning in the 18th century followed by the third group which was the Northern European Americans in the 19th century.

Once inside, the children saw photos and a movie poster while Rott shared about Dixon's movie star Border collie sheepdog, King, who once jumped

into the car of Frank Sinatra, a famous movie star from the past.

In front of an old phone switchboard that might

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Students get a history lesson about pioneer wagons coming across the Sierras to settle near or in Dixon.



Tornado Wraps Up Trying Trip

By Debra Dingman

I don't fly well. I haven't flown at all in the past three years but when I learned my brother's chances of surviving a long and complicated surgery to remove a cancerous tumor, I took a plane to Denver to help hold up my sister-in-law who has been one of my best friends since these two crazies married 49 years ago.

When I got to the Sacramento Airport at 3:30 am for my 5 am flight, I found it unbelievable that the place was closed. Several people had to wait at the doors for security to unlock and then had to wait for staff to fire up all the computers so we could check in. When I finally boarded the stuffed plane, I could feel my heartbeat in my ears and tried to be inconspicuous with my 'childbirth breathing' so I'd stay relaxed.

Once I got to my brother's house, the stress was incredible. Their whole family was ready to put their three houses on the market and move to Texas. They also had taken in a 14-year-old needing family stability but to add to it all, there was a brand-new Beagle puppy.

That puppy might have actually saved us all from far worse scenes because the fear of the unknown, the constantly changing operating plans, and the reality of a crushed future is more than any family can take. These are times I'm especially happy I know God.

At the risk of breaking any HIPPA laws, I'll spare the details, but I will tell you both my brother and sister-in-law thanked me profusely for being there. I was there to love and support them at home and the hospital--a place I'm comfortable because of my former jobs. I also helped feed and care for their dogs and family. Although rough in the beginning, it all came together, and my brother was recovering in the

hospital when I left. They also had some vague idea of the future with possible chemotherapy.

My sister-in-law and I hugged and cried goodbye. I hate leaving them because I love them--nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews. Okay, even their dogs.

While waiting for the plane, I noticed the clouds getting darker and darker, but we boarded the plane and I strapped in while the attendant did their emergency instructions. The plane started slowly rolling out of the bay while I kept my eyes on the sky and worried about flying through the storm. Then the Captain came on and loudly said there was a tornado on the field and we were moving the plane back up to the gate for safety.

It was just seconds later when he came back on and ordered us to deplane immediately, leave everything behind, and get to the tornado shelter. People were un-clicking and heading out when he came back on and said we weren't moving fast enough. Then he said it louder and to run.

Everyone was running through that tube to get inside. I had seen signs for the shelters but couldn't remember where they were so was following others. There were flashing lights everywhere and a super-loud alarm, so I just prayed we were going in the right direction.

Suddenly, a loud announcement said the tornado warning was cancelled but due to lightning, we could not re-board. The sound of relief went through the terminal. Almost an hour and a half later, we were taking off from the runway. I felt the tears of relief start to come but this time I remembered to take my anxiety medication. The rest of the trip I lazily read the Denver Newspaper and knew I'd have a story to tell. ★

Dixon News Briefs



A 1962 Imperial Photo by Rich Hardy and cars like this can be checked out at downtown Frosty's. Photo courtesy of Rich Hardy

MPG Staff

Classic Cars

The fun of checking out some really cool classic cars is back at Frosty's on every 2nd Thursday of the month 6-8 p.m. Cars show up from all over and enjoy the delicious food while you're at it. Frosty's is located at the corner of South Jefferson and West A Street, directly across from the Dixon Police Department.

City Council

The next City of Dixon City Council Meeting scheduled for June 21 will start at 7 pm inside the Council Chambers at City Hall, 600 East A Street. The last Council Meeting was difficult to hear via Zoom due to some speakers not speaking into the mic so if you want to clearly hear what is being said, it might be better to attend in person.

Formula Shortage

As heard in the news media, nationwide there is a shortage of infant formula, and Solano County Health & Social Services, Solano Public Health's Nutrition Services Bureau has been surveying local WIC provider stores. The recent data indicate that the shortage has hit our area.

Also, the California Department of Public Health recently reported to Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ's) that the shortage is being experienced statewide and is expected to last about six weeks. California Department of Public Health is asking LHJ's to submit orders for formula to the state.

In Solano County, these shipments from the state will be delivered to WIC Only Stores which are located in Fairfield and Vacaville. The WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Only Store in Vallejo is closed due to a fire and does not have a reopening

date, so the shipment will be delivered to the Solano County Tuolumne offices and will be distributed by the Vallejo WIC Office to WIC clients. The delivery should be received in about a week.

Since the Solano Public Health anticipated this shortage, they placed an order for infant formula to use in case of emergency. This delivery will be delivered to each WIC Office in Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo.

This supply will be available in case of an emergency. For example, if a non-WIC client is eligible for WIC, but not enrolled, we will help them to enroll in WIC and provide a formula. Or, if the WIC applicant is determined not to be eligible for WIC, but there is a need for an emergency formula, WIC can provide a limited amount.

Additionally, if there is a natural disaster, this supply will be helpful to those who have been evacuated. This delivery is expected in a week or two. Dixon WIC phone number is (707) 678-0717.

Panda Express

Looking for a job that starts at \$18 an hour? Apply at the Dixon or Vacaville Panda Express quickly! All positions are needing to be filled now plus if you're interested in management, one can earn up to \$27 an hour. Go to PandaCareers.com. They are an Equal Opportunity employer.

Women Entrepreneurship

Solano Economic Development Corporation will present a Webinar by Nancy Perlman, founder of FourthWave, an accelerator for Women-led Technology businesses, in a talk on female-led innovation and entrepreneurship on Wednesday, June 22, from noon to 1:30 pm. It is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Call (888) 864-1855 for more info or to register. ★

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Fathers Coach Champions



Head coach Francisco Guizar (right) and assistant coach Perry Settlemoir III coached the 9- to 11-year-old Dodgers in the Dixon Little League to an undefeated 17-0 record. Photo by Debra Dingman

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baseball board, and the DMCS Board. It also is great to see the tremendous personal growth in the children, he said, revealing that at the first practice games that he thought, “It’s going to be a tough season.”

“There were kids who couldn’t hit a ball at the beginning, but can now hit a home run,” he said with enthusiasm. “This group of kids brought a successful season and we built great friendships. We challenged them to take on any obstacle and I pushed them to be better than they were (last week).”

When asked about how he deals with over-participating parents who coach from the bleachers, he said “That’s always going to be there but not our team.”

He explained that when you spend so much time with the children and their parents, you continue to bond with them. In addition, some of the boys have played together for years while for others, it was their first season.

“It’s just like having 12 more kids,” he said.

Assistant Coach

“I have found that parents who seem to be readily involved are really involved,” Settlemoir said, who with his wife, Sarah, hosted the end-of-season pool party for the Dodgers. Their entire back yard was designed with bringing families together and experiencing days like that day, he

said with tenderness in his voice.

Settlemoir, who played intramural sports growing up, met his wife in college. He is from Manteca and Sarah grew up in Fremont. Perry took a job relocation to move to Dixon two years ago. He also serves on the Board of Dixon Montessori and she is the Parent Teacher Organization Treasurer.

“We love it here,” he said.

Their son, Perry the 4th, made the all-star team and was voted “most thoughtful” by his classmates. Their daughter, 8, just made competitive gymnastics. Perry III has a family rule that each child only gets to participate in two activities a year to prevent them all from the family “crazies” and helps them each become more specialized, he said.

When the Dodgers won several games in a row, Settlemoir knew they’d have to work even harder and didn’t let up on their practices. When boys “were being boys,” he used them as teachable moments of teamwork and camaraderie.

“I try to be everybody’s dad,” he said thoughtfully.

Due to the increased competition, he expressed some worry ahead of the Tournament of Champions that was held on Saturday, June 11.

“We’ll be playing against Vacaville and Davis teams, and they have more talent to draw from,” Settlemoir said. “But I’m looking forward to what’s coming.” ★

Stage 2 of Water Shortage Contingency Plan in Effect in Dixon

Cal Water News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - As part of its drought management and response plan, California Water Service (Cal Water) officially entered Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan today in its Dixon District. Stage 2 includes additional outdoor watering limits and increased water waste penalties.

Cal Water filed its application to move into Stage 2 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on May 9 and held a public meeting on June 1 to help educate residents and businesses about new irrigation restrictions, water waste penalties, and programs to help reduce water use. This move put Cal Water in line with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s recent Executive Order for all water suppliers to move into Stage 2 of their drought plans.

Outdoor landscape irrigation is now limited to two days per week as follows, between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., unless local ordinances state otherwise:

Addresses ending with an odd number: Tuesday and Saturday; Addresses ending with an even number or with no street number: Wednesday and Sunday.

Additionally, penalties for violating the prohibited uses of water have doubled. Some of the common restrictions include:

All leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in a customer’s plumbing fixtures and/or irrigation system must be repaired within five business days of written notification by Cal Water; Vehicles may only be washed with a hose that has a shut-off nozzle or similar device; Water may not be used on driveways or sidewalks, unless for health and safety purposes; No watering of outdoor landscapes may occur during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; Restaurants may only serve water upon request, and

hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily.

“We have been preparing for these increasingly serious drought conditions, and Stage 2 of our Water Shortage Contingency Plan helps us conserve while continuing to support our customers and provide quality, service, and value to them,” said Ben Voight, Dixon Local Manager. “We offer Dixon customers a variety of conservation programs and encourage them to take advantage of these resources to help save water every day.”

Cal Water’s industry-leading conservation programs include:

Lawn-to-garden rebate of \$3 per square foot of lawn removed and replaced with low-water-use landscaping; Spray-to-drip rebate of \$0.50 per square foot of landscaping converted from standard spray irrigation to a drip system; Rebates on high-efficiency appliances and devices, with certain rebates now doubled; A free smart landscape tune-up program that includes an irrigation system evaluation along with installation of efficient devices and repair of most irrigation leaks; A free residential conservation kit that includes a garden hose nozzle with shutoff valve, high-efficiency showerheads, faucet aerators, and more for residential customers

More conservation programs, drought resources, and a full list of the prohibited uses of water can be found at calwater.com/drought.

Cal Water’s Dixon District serves approximately 10,400 people through 3,100 service connections in Dixon and about 2 million people through 494,500 service connections in California. The utility has provided water service in the area since 1927. Additional information may be obtained online at www.calwater.com. ★

New Officers Will Help Improve Dixon



The leading gals of the DWIC pictured from left to right. Back row: Dianae Schroeder, Cindy Heeney, Ramona Todd, MaryKay Callaway, Martha Dukes, Phyllis Quiring, Jewel Fink and Teri Brown. Bottom row: Debra Dingman, Carol Marshall and Trisha Seastrom. Photo courtesy of Arlene Gaulke

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - One of the few clubs in Dixon still thriving despite being established in 1899, is the Dixon Women's Improvement Club. The founders were women from families that had settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 and were interested in beautifying and improving their little town of Dixon.

After 123 years of this non-profit promoting the best interests of the town, another annual installation of new officers and Committee Chairs have happened. The incoming leaders are President Trisha Seastrom; Vice-President Carol Marshall; Treasurer Cindy Heeney; Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Quiring; Recording Secretary Teri Brown; Financial Reviewer Martha Dukes and Past President Jewel Fink.

The Board will receive additional help from the Standing Committee Chairs who handle the operations of the organization. They are Teri Brown for Community Grants and DWIC Rose Garden; Historian Arlene Gaulke; Membership Chair Mary Kay Callaway; Parliamentarian

Teri Brown; Publicity Debra Dingman; Scholarships Diane Schroeder; Hospitality Ramona Todd and Sunshine/Phone Pat Inderbitzen.

The membership is multi-generational providing members opportunities for role modeling and personal development. Last year, some of the activities included floral designing, a painting lesson and field trips to the Eight Acres Goat Farm near Winters and Coloma's Gold Country.

The Club welcomes new members and offers an assortment of enrichment programs and activities that appeal to all, according to Past Presidents. Membership fee is \$35 per year and the group usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the social hall of the Dixon United Methodist Church at 209 N. Jefferson.

The DWIC does not meet in July and August, but will reconvene on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. If one enjoys stimulating speakers, fun activities, the camaraderie of friends and are interested in joining, contact their Membership Chair Callaway at (916) 541-0417 or President Seastrom at (916) 390-2044. ★

Switchboards to Bucket Brigades

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have seemed ancient to the children, he demonstrated how the red and black cords connected most local businesses and residents to others by Lois Fanning, Dixon’s lone switchboard operator, adding that this was prior to private phone lines. Students also got to see an ice box used prior to the invention of the refrigerator.

Retired teacher Melissa Glide used a replica of the Dixon Methodist Church to teach the students the way in which the church was, "rolled into town" on logs from Silveyville to Dixon, when the Dixon railroad was established in 1868.

Outside, the children happily participated in a bucket brigade overseen by museum volunteer Fred Vandervold who explained the way in which the local citizens used to extinguish fires prior to there being a fire department.

Students were asked various questions at all the stations and eagerly raised



Former Dixon Schools teacher/principal Dan Rott shows children an old switchboard used to connect phone calls in the “old days.”

their hands to give the answers they had learned from their teachers prior to arriving at the museum. They each received a Milk Farm magnet and a Historical Society t-shirt and were encouraged to bring their parents back to visit the museum.

The Dixon Historical Society encourages all

of the local schools to arrange times to bring their students to the Museum for a visit and ‘live’ lessons. They can be reached at any time at dhs.dixon-historicalsociety@gmail.com. The Dixon History Museum is located at 125 West A Street in downtown Dixon. Phone is (707) 693-3044. ★

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Voters in S.F. and L.A. Voice their Disgust



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

It may be tempting to make too much of what happened Tuesday in California’s two most prominent cities, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Right-wing media are screaming that the overwhelming recall of San Francisco’s uber-progressive district attorney, Chesa Boudin, and businessman Rick Caruso’s top finish in a field of 12 candidates for mayor bodes well for a Republican comeback in this deep blue state.

That’s not going to happen.

However, it’s also tempting to make too little of Tuesday’s voting patterns in those two cities. Progressives rationalize Boudin’s ouster and Caruso’s strong finish as attempts by the Trumpian right to seize control. In fact Boudin tried, and failed, to make that case to his city’s voters.

Rather, both outcomes reflect legitimate concerns by voters, including those who consider themselves to be left-of-center Democrats, that the quality of life in both cities has deteriorated and that their elected leaders have failed to recognize and confront that fact.

Deterioration is especially stark in San Francisco with rampant drug use that

is taking a heavy toll on human life, squalid camps of the homeless dominating city sidewalks and a wave of burglaries and smash-and-grab robberies that goes unpunished.

Writer Nellie Bowles vividly captures the San Francisco crisis and why ordinarily progressive San Franciscans became disgusted in a lengthy article that Atlantic magazine published today.

“They did it because (Boudin) didn’t seem to care that he was making the citizens of our city miserable in service of an ideology that made sense everywhere but in reality,” Bowles wrote. “It’s not just about Boudin, though. There is a sense that, on everything from housing to schools, San Francisco has lost the plot – that progressive leaders here have been LARPing left-wing values instead of working to create a livable city. And many San Franciscans have had enough.”

Bowles noted that Boudin’s recall was foretold by the recall of San Francisco school board members who were preoccupied with symbolic acts of political correctness, such as changing the names on school buildings while ignoring the effects of school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I used to tell myself that San Francisco’s politics were wacky but the city was trying – really trying – to be good,” she wrote. “But the reality is that with the smartest minds and so much money and the very best of intentions, San Francisco became a cruel city. It became so dogmatically progressive that maintaining

the purity of the politics required accepting – or at least ignoring – devastating results.”

Boudin himself came close to acknowledging why he lost, albeit with a tinge of rationalization, telling the San Francisco Chronicle, “Voters were not given an opportunity to choose between criminal justice reform and something else. They were given an opportunity to voice their frustrations and their outrage and they took that opportunity.”

What about Los Angeles?

It has suffered from the same chronic problems that plague San Francisco and a political leadership that has been equally ineffective in dealing with them. Caruso, a very wealthy shopping center developer, tapped into widespread frustration, particularly about crime, in a deluge of self-financed media ads.

Los Angeles’ notoriously low voter turnout also helped Caruso garner more than 40% of Tuesday’s vote, topping Congresswoman Karen Bass, the candidate of the city’s Democratic leadership, by several points.

However, with neither getting a majority, they are headed for a runoff in the November election, when turnout will be higher. That will be a truer test of whether Angelenos are ready for the change that Republican-turned-Democrat Caruso promises but Bass and her supporters shouldn’t ignore the quality-of-life backlash.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



Water Shortages Diminish Tomato Forecast

This year’s California tomato forecast is growing smaller. In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted that tomato farmers would produce 12.2 million tons. Now that estimate has been revised downward, to 11.7 million tons. That’s because California farmers are producing less than anticipated due to drought and reduced water deliveries. “Up and down the state, people are challenged with their water supply,” said Bruce Rominger, of the California Tomato Growers Association.

As Hemp Loses Market Bloom, Farmers Hope To Diversify Products

Industrial hemp was supposed to be a new cash crop for many traditional California farmers. Many rushed to plant hemp, hoping to cash in on the demand for the health and wellness product CBD. But that market is saturated, and many farmers are pulling back. They’re either plowing under their hemp crop or storing the harvest until they can find a buyer. Some farmers say they hope to diversify to other hemp products, such as livestock feed, fibers, textiles or paper.

Vilsack: Usda Food Plan Is A ‘Better Deal’ For Farmers And Consumers

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is promising to transform the U.S. food system. In a speech, Vilsack said the pandemic and supply chain disruptions have presented a “litany of challenges.” He outlined a new USDA framework for a transformed system to stock store shelves and “deliver a better deal for farmers, ranchers and growers and consumers.” Sen. John Boozman, ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, said the USDA plan “fails to meet the moment.”

Appeals Court Says Bumblebees can be Protected as Fish

Can a bumblebee be considered a fish? A California state appeals court says yes. The appellate ruling reversed a lower court decision, which had blocked the state from listing the bumblebee under the California Endangered Species Act and granting the insect protection as fish. Farm groups argue that granting endangered status for bumblebees could affect farming activities, including growing crops, grazing and pesticide and herbicide applications. ★

Donate to the Quanda McGadney Memorial Fund

Caltrans News Release

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is mourning the death today of Quanda McGadney, 51, a Landscape Maintenance Worker for the department. McGadney was killed while working near Lagoon Valley Road on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Solano County.

McGadney had served the people of California for more than 18 years and joined Caltrans in 2018. She is survived by her 9-year-old daughter, Nairobi, and her two sisters, Priscilla Stevenson and Candice McGadney.

Just after 10 a.m. today, McGadney was struck by a hit-and-run driver on west-bound I-80 near Vacaville. She succumbed to her injuries on-scene. The California Highway Patrol has arrested a suspect.

McGadney is the first Caltrans District 4 (Bay Area) employee to die on the job since 2017. She is the 37th in the history of District 4 and the 190th Caltrans worker to lose their life on the job since 1921.

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) funds its efforts with contributions from donors like you. Only with the generous support of our donors and sponsors for our annual signature events are we able to provide the financial assistance to workers



Quanda McGadney, 51, was killed while working near Lagoon Valley Road on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Solano County. Photo courtesy of the California Transportation Foundation

injured on the job and families of workers killed in the line of duty. By supporting the CTF Injured and Fallen Worker Fund you are making a difference in the life of a family when the tragic news comes of an injured or fallen loved one. Please note, donations to an individual injured or fallen worker fund are not tax deductible. Thank you for your pledge to help families through their time of crisis.

To help Quanda’s family at this difficult time, you can donate to her memorial fund that was established through the California Transportation Foundation. Donations can be made at

the following link: https://donorbox.org/quanda-mc-gadney-memorial-fund?f-bclid=IwAR14FkYulau-GrqGBEQTHiJoAzoE-ifANVm2DQaOEGid_n5dMKs5kkOqMybHE

About the Quanda McGadney Memorial Fund

All donations to this account go directly to the Quanda McGadney Memorial Fund. Quanda McGadney, a Caltrans District 4 employee was struck and killed by a hit and run driver while working on I-80 near Vacaville. CTF is matching donations up to \$7,500 to this account. Donations to this account are NOT tax deductible. ★

Heeney’s History Wheat Farming Part 1

Commentary by Ed Heeney

I guess my favorite “farming” time for me as a boy growing up in Kansas was the wheat harvest. Much of the work was done using horses and “boy” power. Many of the labor-saving machines were just beginning to appear and few farmers could afford the expense of the new machines.

The Kansas Plains had once been rolling acres of Buffalo grass, Bluestem, Indian, and Switchgrass which made great pasture for herds of buffalo. But once the “sodbusters” came and plowed up the native grasses, wheat became the King of the plains. The Plains Indians moved on; the buffalo became nearly extinct. And many Easterners pulled up stakes and headed West expecting to become rich.

There may have been a few millionaires in the wheat business, but there is more to growing wheat than appears. In our part of the country, we grow hard red winter wheat. The soil is cultivated in late summer and the grain is planted somewhere around September/October. It is a “crap shoot” from here on out. If the farmers are lucky the soil will have enough moisture to cause the grain to sprout. If not, he will just have to wait until it rains. And then when it rains, he hopes it is not too heavy and washes away the seeds.

The farmer actually has little to do about his crop until harvest time in the summer. From now until then he watches rain, no rain, snow, hard freeze, green bugs, Hessian fly, etc. Plus, the price of wheat fluctuated in Chicago and other world markets. To cope with all this uncertainty the area farmers gather in the local farm store and swap problems, estimates, forecasts, etc. (They can’t afford group therapy sessions so do their own).

With any luck, the winter has behaved and Spring comes roaring in with the routine Kansas winds. The wheat is about 2 ft tall and with the wind rippling through the fields it looks like a green ocean waving back and forth. In a few days, the heads of wheat begin to appear and this gives a bit of an idea of how the yield will be. The grain heads turn brown as the ripening cycle begins.

All over the countryside, farmers are at the edge of their fields calculating how much crop they can expect. They snap off a head of wheat, crush it in the palm of their hand and take a bite of the wheat berry in their teeth. The crunchiness stage tells how close this field is to harvesting.

Ed Heeney is a long-time Dixonite who has been very active in the community over his lifetime. He enjoys sharing his missives with Dixon Independent Voice readers. ★




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Bat Walk at the Yolo Causeway



People watching bats at the Yolo Basin Foundation Bat Walk. Photo courtesy of Polly Kleinberg

Yolo Basin Foundation News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Summer is here, and the bats are back! The maternity Mexican free-tailed bat colony under the I-80 Yolo Causeway is growing daily as they return from wherever they spent the winter. The bats return to the Causeway as the weather warms, crops grow and insect populations explode. These amazing, winged wonders are mammals that fly. In late June each summer the females give birth to one pup. She nurses that pup for about 5 to 6 weeks and then it joins her as she flies throughout the Central Valley to consume

crop pests and mosquitos. There also are males that live in the Yolo Causeway bridge, but their groupings are smaller, so they are less noticeable. Throughout the summer Yolo Basin Foundation offers opportunities to learn more about the bats. Registration is now open and some evenings have already sold out. This year the Bat Talk and Walk events are in a hybrid format. The Talk is virtual and the Walk is in-person. Live ambassador bats are present for up close viewing at both the Talk and the Walk. Children who are interested in bats are encouraged to join Yolo Basin Foundation for a morning of “Bats and

Crafts.” They will meet live bats from our local area and have fun creating crafts and playing bat games. This special event is aimed at children, ages 3-8, especially those that are too young to stay up late to watch the bats fly. Parents must stay with their children. Maybe you want to learn to build a Bat House, or only want to hear the Talk to learn more about bats. All events and some fun fact videos about our programs and the bats can be found at <https://www.yolo-basin.org/bats2022>. Yolo Basin Foundation offers environmental education programs for all ages related to wetlands and wildlife. ★

Use Your Library Card to Visit State Parks

CA State Library News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks and the California State Library today announced an additional opportunity to advance safe and equitable outdoor access to all Californians. Starting in the first week of April – National Library Week – California State Parks will be distributing the California State Library Parks Pass to public libraries across the state for checkout by library patrons. The new pass will allow free vehicle day use entry at more than 200 participating state park units. “Spending time in nature is crucial to our mental health and well-being,” said First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom. “We’re lucky to have the largest state park system in the nation, and I am thrilled to partner with California State Parks and the California State Library to help make those spaces more accessible to California families. With the California State Library Parks Pass, anyone with a library card will be able to unlock the benefits and beauty of our majestic state parks.” Research shows that spending time in the outdoors is associated with better mental and physical health, and that many Californians face barriers to accessing their parks. California has a wealth of state parks, and many public libraries are likely within driving distance of one. By reducing barriers to park access and partnering with entities such as public libraries, the state can help more Californians explore the outdoors and generate positive impacts in the area of health, natural resource stewardship, and historical and cultural connections. “Parks and libraries have the potential to be powerful symbols and agents for California’s open spaces,” said California State Parks Director Armando Quintero. “It is an honor to work side-by-side with the California State Library, Newsom Administration and partners to advance outdoor access to all Californians via public libraries, inspire stewardship for the state park system and build a healthier California.” As part of a three-year pilot program starting in April, each library jurisdiction will receive at least three California State Library Parks Pass hangtags per branch for checkout by library patrons, including mobile libraries. Park Passes will enter circulation on a rolling basis throughout April and May for checkout by library patrons; library users can contact their local library for more information. Library-card holders will be able to check out the pass for the allotted number of days allowed by the local library, then return the pass to the library for others to use. The pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle at participating state park units. “Libraries are trusted community hubs where Californians know they can find what

they need to work, play, and thrive,” said California State Librarian Greg Lucas. “This partnership with State Parks now allows Californians to ‘check out’ California’s great outdoors at their community library.” Libraries are already an important part of Californians’ lives. There are 1,184 public library buildings in California, and more than 23 million Californians have library cards. In 2019-2020, these libraries circulated over 97 million items free of charge, such as books, technology, Wi-Fi hotspots, videos, music, instruments, tools, telescopes and more. Additionally, the libraries hosted over 300,000 programs in 2019-2020, with almost 7.5 million people attending. The California State Library Parks Pass program is one more way that Californians can get empowered through their libraries. Additionally, the California State Library will be providing grant funding to libraries for outdoor-related items for checkout, programs that teach natural resource stewardship and outdoor skills, or to encourage their library patrons to enjoy the outdoors and make historical and cultural connections to parks. “All Californians should have the opportunity to be outdoors in nature,” said California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot. “Yet many of our state’s residents live in communities without adequate parks and open space. This innovative new program will enable more Californians to explore our incredible State Parks system, and in the process create more equitable access to nature and the outdoors.” The 2021/22 State Budget included initiatives to advance equitable access to state parks and open spaces for all Californians. A \$9.1 million one-time General Fund investment was included in the budget to launch a state parks pilot to expand parks pass distribution, especially for youth in disadvantaged communities. The pilot includes the California State Park Adventure Pass program that provides free day-use passes for fourth graders and their families, the revamped Golden Bear Pass Program and the California State Library Parks Pass. “California State Parks Foundation was honored to work with First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom to secure funding for the California State Library Parks Pass program and other innovative pilot programs to increase access to the state’s magnificent park system. We firmly believe every Californian should have access to the beauty and benefits of parks, and we know that cost can be a barrier to visiting. We’re excited that local branch libraries will now be a gateway to state parks,” said Executive Director of the California State Parks Foundation Rachel Norton. Detailed information on the new California State Library Parks Program, including full terms and conditions, is available online at CheckOutCAStateParks.com. For more information on all the new parks pass programs, please visit parks.ca.gov/CaliforniaOutdoorsForAll. ★

Congress Is Going After the Alleged Price Gougers — Again

Commentary by Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

As Yogi Berra, baseball’s preeminent wit and philosopher, would say, “It’s déjà vu all over again.” Fifteen years ago, I wrote in this space about an attempt by Congress to impose additional taxes on oil companies at a time of high gasoline prices. Last Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives did it again. It passed “The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act” by a vote of 217-207. Four Democrats and every Republican voted against the bill. The bill would empower the federal government – specifically, the Federal Trade Commission – to fine oil companies if they increase prices in an “excessive” or “exploitative” way (without, in typical congressional vagueness, bothering to define what constitutes “excessive” or “exploitative”). It is sad that members of Congress who voted for this bill are raging against oil companies when what is really causing the problem is the inexorable economic law of supply and demand. Gasoline prices are uncomfortably high now, not because oil companies are headed by unusually greedy individuals, but because supply is not keeping up with demand. Consider, if you will, another big market in the U.S. economy – the housing market. The media are full of reports of soaring prices for houses in various parts of the country, often explaining that the price explosion is because supply is not keeping up with demand. What would you think of a federal law imposing a tax on homeowners who take advantage of current market conditions to sell their house for what would have been considered a ridiculously high price just a year ago? You would rebel in righteous indignation, I hope. After all, it is your house, your property, and you should be free to sell it at whatever price you can get in the marketplace. Are homeowners who are receiving top dollar for their houses behaving “exploitatively?” Of course not. That is just the way the real estate market is right now. How is that different from what is happening in the oil market? It isn’t different at all; it’s simply the law of supply and demand at work. The only difference is that some members of Congress believe they can get away with taxing oil companies, whom they routinely demonize, while they know that if they tried to tax homeowners on windfall profits derived from the sale of their homes, they would be voted out of office.

One tactic that the anti-price gouging crowd in Congress is employing against oil companies is to accuse them of deliberately keeping production low and supplies tight. Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA), one of the co-sponsors of the fuel price gouging bill, asserted, “Big Oil is threatening our entire economy by keeping supply low and jacking up prices at the pump.” Similarly, Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), the chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said, “The problem is Big Oil is keeping supply artificially low so prices and profits stay high.” In the first place, nobody has the right to dictate to a business how much they should produce (well, not in a free-market system based on property rights; under socialism, government does in fact issue such commands). But what makes blaming oil companies for crimped supplies so offensive here is that the Biden administration is in the forefront of efforts to curtail the production of oil. I wrote twice last year (here and here) about specific anti-oil production policies that the Biden administration has adopted, and those policies haven’t changed a bit. In fact, just a few days before Reps. Porter and Pallone tried to blame oil companies for tight oil supplies, the administration canceled oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico and Cook Inlet. Existing leases are being held in regulatory purgatory by bureaucrats refusing to approve a green light for actual production. A few days ago, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) commented that 16 months after the Biden administration announced a pause on granting new oil exploration leases, “we still have no new leases,” and, “it has become crystal clear that the ‘pause’ is in fact a ban.” With President Biden accompanying his aggressive anti-fossil fuel policies with equally aggressive rhetoric about sharply reducing, if not ending, Americans’ consumption of fossil fuels within the next decade or so, one can understand why oil companies might be hesitant to spend billions to ramp up production. Why should they risk huge losses if that production is going to be shut down not too long from now? Without commenting on if or how fast the U.S. economy should shift from fossil fuels to various “green” modes of energy, the present question is whether the current government policy of impeding the production of oil is hurting us more than it is helping. What do you think? *City College.* ★

California Streamlines Access to COVID-19 Testing and Treatment

CDPH News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and OptumServe are upgrading testing sites across the state to provide both testing and treatment for individuals who test positive and qualify for COVID-19 treatment. Test to Treat sites allow individuals to get tested, be seen by a provider, and receive a prescription for antiviral pills. This will improve access to COVID-19 treatments for uninsured Californians, especially in communities hardest hit by the pandemic, a foundation of California’s SMARTER Plan. California is launching 146 OptumServe Test to Treat sites throughout the state over the next couple of weeks. A Test to Treat locator map is available for Californians to easily see where they can access these services. “We are working to ensure that Californians who have symptoms of COVID-19 have access to rapid testing and immediate treatment, regardless of insurance coverage,” said CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón. “Our goal is to help Californians recover if they get COVID-19 and ensure high-risk patients have access to treatments that can keep them out of the hospital.” California’s expansion of Test to Treat sites aligns with the federal government’s Test to Treat initiative in the National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Testing and treatment provided at OptumServe locations is designed for people without insurance. Sites will offer tele-health medical services and provide antiviral pills (Paxlovid

or molnupiravir) or prescriptions to eligible patients. Services will be free of charge. While COVID-19 vaccines and boosters remain the safest way to prevent the virus, COVID-19 treatments can lower risk of severe illness and hospitalization. They work best when taken soon after symptoms begin. If a person has symptoms, they should call or email their health care provider right away to ask about testing and if they qualify for COVID-19 treatments. If they don’t have a health care provider or don’t hear back from their provider, they can visit a Test to Treat location to get rapid testing and find out if they are eligible for treatments. Communities may have other Test to Treat locations not included on the Test to Treat locator map. To learn about other locations, people are urged to contact their health care provider or local health department. Testing and treatment will be free of cost to all patients at OptumServe locations, but other treatment facilities may charge for the administration of an antiviral. Individuals should check with their insurance provider to see if their plan covers treatment. **Get Vaccinated or Boosted When Eligible** With COVID-19 cases increasing statewide, public health experts urge Californians to get vaccinated or boosted when they are eligible. Vaccination appointments can be made by visiting myturn.ca.gov or calling 1-833-422-4255. The consent of a parent or legal guardian may be needed for those under age 18 to receive a vaccination. Visit Vaccinate All 58 to learn more about the safe and effective vaccines available for all Californians age 5 and up. ★

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Celebrate Father’s Day with These Budding Stories

Celebrate reading time with dad with these new releases that are bound to become favorites.

Growing an Artist by John Parra

The day has finally come that young Juanito gets to go to work with his dad. At his dad’s landscaping business, they will mow, trim, and even pick up new plants, while also learning a few life lessons along the way. With sketchbook in hand, young Juanito sketches everything he sees, from plants to flowers and even a nest of baby birds. Through working and drawing side-by-side with his father a passion is born.

Follow the beautiful journey of father and son and how a father’s willingness to share his passion bloomed his son’s passion for art. Artwork from the author also is a beautiful display highlighting the special bond to this book.



GiGi and Ojiji by Melissa Iwai

Gigi could not wait for her grandpa -Ojiji, to arrive from Japan. She practiced her Japanese and made lots of plans. Then her Ojiji arrives, and he is a little older than she thought, and they both can’t understand each other. Will Gigi be able to learn Japanese and their customs in order to find a way to connect with her Ojiji?

Beginning readers will fall for this heartwarming story of a little girl and grandfather while also learning some Japanese words in the attached glossary.

Brave Enough by Rob Justus

Little Brother is terrified of monsters, and Big Sister believes they are phony-ba-loney make-believe. Now, it’s up to Big Sister to prove there really aren’t monsters, while teaching him to be brave, strong, and fast. Then, just as Big Sister believes she is making headway, something happens, proving that maybe she is wrong. Now, it will be up to Little Brother to show just how brave, strong, and flashy he really is.

In this great sibling adventure, a little brother and big sister together combat their fears while also showing their

strengths. An adorably hilarious take on monster hunting, Brave Enough perfectly highlights the beauty of sibling relationships while also teaching readers that they too can be “Brave Enough.”

Don’t Eat Bees
(Life Lessons From Chip the Dog)
by Dev Petty, illustrations Mike Boldt

Chip is a smart dog and he is here to tell you all about being a dog. Most of all what to eat and not eat. He has learned some important lessons, like socks come in pairs, which means there is a spare for him to eat. However, he has also learned a valuable life lesson- “Don’t eat Bees.” School papers are very important to eat, but bees are not. Grandpa’s teeth will make everyone laugh, and bees will not.

Chip the dog will have readers falling over in fits of laughter, as he takes them on a well-thought-out journey of what he should and should not eat. A laugh-out-loud adventure paired with hilarious and adorable illustrations will instantly propel this book to become a new family favorite. ★



Riley Reviews

CBS FALL SCHEDULE BUILDS ON THE STRENGTH OF WINNING SEASON

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

A winning strategy for a television network is to assert a ratings victory for the 2021-2022 season even if at the time of such declaration the season hadn’t reached the finish line.

CBS is claiming to be the number one network for the past 14 straight seasons, winning 19 of the past 20 seasons. Airing the Super Bowl and the NFL’s AFC Championship game this year proved to be a ratings boost.

“CBS had another incredible season. In addition to repeating as America’s most-watched network, we launched several breakout hits, not to mention winning and improving many time periods across our schedule,” said Kelly Kahl, the network’s president of Entertainment.

Thursday night’s time slot of 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. will be branded as the “power hour” for comedy with the return of “Young Sheldon” and breakout hit “Ghosts.” When does “Young Sheldon” become “Old Sheldon?” Just asking, because at some point the kid has to become Jim Parsons.

The “power hour” will be followed by witty new drama “So Help Me Todd,” starring Marcia Gay Harden and Skylar Astin as razor-sharp, meticulous attorney Margaret Wright and Todd, her talented but scruffy, aimless son whom she hires as her law firm’s in-house investigator.

As the black sheep of the well-heeled Wright family, Todd is a laid-back, quick-thinking, excellent former private detective who fell on hard times after his flexible interpretation of the law got his license revoked.

Margaret’s penchant for strict adherence to the law is at complete odds with Todd’s scrappy methods of finding his way through sticky situations by the seat of his wrinkled pants.

However, Todd proves his crafty ability to sleuth out information with his charm and wide-ranging tech savvy. As a result, Margaret asks her son to join her firm, and Todd agrees since it means getting his license reinstated.

Will mother and son working together mend their fragile dysfunctional relationship? Will they accept other for who they are? Tune in to “So Help Me Todd” on Thursday nights to find out.

Considering what happens too frequently in California, “Fire Country” will be a topical new drama series, starring Max Thieriot as Bode Donovan, a young convict seeking redemption and a shortened prison sentence by joining a prison release firefighting program.

In Northern California, Bode and other inmates are partnered with elite firefighters to extinguish massive, unpredictable wildfires across the region. It’s a high-risk assignment.

The heat is turned up when Bode is assigned to the program in his rural

hometown, where he was once an all-American son until his troubles began. Now he’s back with a criminal rap sheet and the audacity to believe in a chance for redemption with Cal Fire.

“Fire Country,” inspired by series star Max Thieriot’s experiences growing up in Northern California fire county, will air on Friday nights.

From executive producers of “NYPD Blue,” new drama “East New York” stars Amanda Warren as Deputy Inspector Regina Haywood, the newly promoted boss of the 74th Precinct in East New York, a working-class neighborhood on the edge of Brooklyn in the midst of social upheaval.

With family ties to the area, Haywood is determined to deploy creative methods to protect her beloved community with the help of her officers and detectives.

But first, she has the daunting task of getting them on board, as some are skeptical of her promotion, and others resist changes she is desperate to make.

Her team includes her mentor, shrewd veteran two-star Chief John Suarez (Jimmy Smits); Marvin Sandeford (Ruben Santiago-Hudson), a highly respected training officer and expert on the neighborhood; Tommy Killian (Kevin Rankin), a detective with some old-school approaches to policing.

Captain Stan Yenke (Richard Kind) is Haywood’s gregarious and efficient right hand. Also on board is Crystal Morales (Elizabeth Rodriguez), an intuitive detective, and Andre Bentley (Lavel Schley), a trainee from an upper middle-class background.

Ambitious patrol officer Brandy Quinlan (Olivia Luccardi) is the sole volunteer to live in a local housing project as part of Haywood’s plan to bridge the gap between police and community.

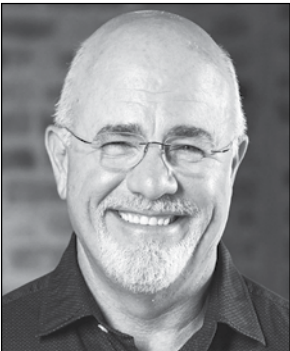
Deputy Inspector Haywood has a vision that she and the squad of the 74th Precinct will not only serve their community – they’ll also become part of it. “East New York” will air on Sunday nights.

The long-running scripted series “The Love Boat” that aired on the ABC network was arguably a cultural phenomenon, and now it’s the inspiration for new reality romance adventure “The Real Love Boat” scheduled to air on Wednesday nights.

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Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 3, and we were talking the other day about how our home, travel trailer and cars have appreciated recently. Everything is paid for except the home, but we were wondering if we should increase the amount of insurance coverage on these items since they have skyrocketed in value.

– Dale

Dear Dale,

Yes! And you should make it a habit to review all your insurance coverage once a year.

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Dave Ramsey Says

coverage. Some policies have a “cheat” that allows you an extra five or 10 percent, maybe even 20 percent in some cases. But if you’ve got a \$300,000 policy on a house you bought five years ago, and it has appreciated to \$450,000 then burns to the ground, you’re screwed. The only thing dumber than not having enough insurance to replace belongings like that is having no insurance at all.

Lots of times, in the old days, if you bought a car or homeowners policy, it covered your car or home regardless – even if they had gone up in value. Then, when some insurance companies got absolutely hammered after some events like Hurricane Katrina, they stopped doing that. They stopped covering actual replacement value, and started covering only the specified amount on the policy. Today, it can be tough to even find replacement value coverage on

houses. And if you do, it’s crazy expensive.

When it comes to your home especially, you need to have a policy equal to the value of the home, and you should revisit your coverage and your home’s value every single year. You have to be vigilant about things like that, Dale, because your insurance company won’t be!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



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People visit a makeshift memorial for the 21 victims of an elementary school mass shooting in the town square in Uvalde, Texas, on May 29, 2022.

Parents Need to Get Serious About School Safety, Parkland Dad Says After Uvalde

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

The families of 19 children and two teachers who were slain on May 24 in Uvalde, Texas, spent last week at funeral homes and gravesites, saying goodbye to their loved ones.

“The parents are destroyed. Heartbroken. They’re never going to be the same again—ever,” Andy Pollack told The Epoch Times. Pollack’s 18-year-old daughter Meadow was one of 17 people killed in the 2018 mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

“The pain that they’re feeling now is a pain that never goes away. It doesn’t heal with time. It’s something that you just live with,” he said.

Within hours of the Uvalde tragedy, many Democrats in Washington, including President Joe Biden, began to focus on introducing gun control measures, while many Republicans balked at the idea and instead talked about mental health and hardening schools.

“I don’t even bother with the politicians,” Pollack said. “It’s the parents. If a parent, regardless of their party affiliation, thinks that it’s safe to send their children to a school without a single point of entry or police officers, then it’s on them. It’s their children they’re sending to the schools. It’s on the parents—send your kid to a safe school.”

Pollack said parents need to get involved in school safety—from electing school board members that focus on safety, to asking questions about the safety initiatives in place.

“Everybody thinks that it can’t happen to them. I’ve got to live with it. I sent my daughter to the school—like these parents—and I thought it was safe there,” he said.

Police Response

As with the Parkland shooting, the police response to the massacre at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, has been heavily criticized. Conflicting information added to the chaos in the first few days after the shooting, and Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin ultimately asked the Justice Department to step in and investigate the response.

Suspect Salvador Ramos entered Robb Elementary at 11:33 a.m. and was fatally shot at 12:50 p.m.—almost 80 minutes later.

Police officers were inside the school building within two minutes of Ramos gaining entry through an unlocked door, according to a timeline provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The department’s Texas Rangers are

investigating the shooting.

Two of the officers were wounded by Ramos as he shot at them in the hallway before gaining entry to a classroom, where he then killed 19 children and two teachers.

The onsite incident commander, school district police Chief Pete Arredondo, instructed police officers to not pursue and engage Ramos.

As many as 19 officers waited in the hallway at one stage, Texas DPS Director Steve McCraw said on May 27.

“There were plenty of officers to do whatever needed to be done with one exception: The onsite commander inside believed they needed more equipment and more officers to do a tactical breach at that point,” he said.

The commander, McCraw said, “believed that, in fact, it was a barricaded subject, that we had time, there was [sic] no kids at risk.”

Meanwhile, several children in the classroom were calling 911, asking for police to come.

A team of elite Border Patrol agents ultimately breached the classroom and shot Ramos.

Red Flags

At Parkland’s Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz was stalking the hallways and classrooms, shooting for 5 1/2 minutes before walking off campus. The school’s only armed officer, Broward County Sheriff’s Deputy Scot Peterson, failed to enter the school and confront the shooter.

Additionally, the Broward County Sheriff’s Office and the FBI both came under scrutiny for ignoring multiple warnings about Cruz.

The FBI released a statement on Feb. 18, 2018, four days after the shooting in Parkland, saying the agency had received a tip about Cruz the previous month.

“The caller provided information about Cruz’s gun ownership, desire to kill people, erratic behavior, and disturbing social media posts, as well as the potential of him conducting a school shooting,” the FBI statement said. The information wasn’t passed along to the local FBI office, and no further investigation occurred, the FBI said.

“These kids that are threatening people’s lives, [law enforcement] all know who they are before they commit these heinous crimes, right?” Pollack said.

He suggests that current laws should be enforced before politicians look to create new ones.

“When someone’s sick, mentally sick, and they’re threatening to hurt themselves and oth-



A memorial for Meadow Pollack, one of the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, sits in a park in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 16, 2018.



Andy Pollack, father of Parkland shooting victim Meadow Pollack, speaks about school safety, in Las Vegas on April 6, 2019.

ers, why isn’t it going on their background? That’s what they should be looking at in Congress. Not making more laws—let’s enforce this law,” he said.

Under U.S. law, it’s illegal to sell a firearm or ammunition to an individual while knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the person “has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to any mental institution.”

Pollack said the mass shooter in Buffalo, New York, last month should have been prevented from buying or possessing firearms because of his past behavior. The accused gunman, Payton Gendron, had threatened students at his high school a year ago and told a teacher he wanted to “murder and commit suicide,” according to New York Gov. Kathy Hochul.

At the time, school officials alerted police, and Gendron was taken to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation, but was released without any action taken under New York’s 2019 red flag laws, Hochul told WKSE radio on May 16.

Red flag laws allow a judge to issue an extreme risk protection order that requires an individual to surrender any firearms and makes it illegal for them to possess or buy a firearm.

In this case, after Gendron had been released from the hos-

pital, state police didn’t seek to remove his firearms, and a mental health red flag didn’t appear on his background check when he subsequently bought guns. Gendron is accused of killing 10 people and wounding three others in a Tops Friendly Markets store in Buffalo on May 14.

“They’re taking away from real solutions when they focus on guns,” Pollack said, referring to lawmakers.

Gun Control Legislation

Biden, who visited Uvalde several days after the shooting, railed against Americans owning so-called assault rifles, referring to AR-style rifles, as well as the “gun lobby.”

“As a nation, we have to ask: When in God’s name are we going to stand up to the gun lobby? When in God’s name will we do what we all know in our gut needs to be done?” the president said on May 24, hours after the Uvalde shooting.

“What in God’s name do you need an assault weapon for except to kill someone? It’s time—for those who obstruct or delay or block the common sense gun laws, we need to let you know that we will not forget.”

Biden said he is expecting “rational Republicans” in the Senate to work on a bipartisan gun control bill.

White House press secretary

Karine Jean-Pierre reiterated that the problem is “with guns” during a May 31 press briefing.

“I know there’s been conversation about hardening schools; that is not something that [Biden] believes in,” she said. “He believes that we should be able to give teachers the resources to be able to do the job that they’re meant to do at schools.”

Meanwhile, Pollack says the hardening (or securing) of schools to match courtrooms, airports, or sporting events is a no-brainer.

“[Biden] believes in hardening the Capitol building and protecting the people in Congress, but our children, they’re not a valuable asset? They’re not worth protecting?” he said.

Tempers flared during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on June 2 as lawmakers clashed over Second Amendment rights versus increased gun control. Members held a markup session on HR7910, legislation that was introduced just a week after Uvalde.

The bill raises the legal age of owning certain semi-automatic centerfire rifles or shotguns from 18 to 21, restricts magazine capacity to 10 rounds, and requires homemade firearms to be registered. It also adds criminal penalties related to gun storage in the home.

Texas Reaction

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, has focused on mental health and school security since the Uvalde shooting, steering clear of suggesting additional gun laws.

On June 1, he requested that legislative leaders convene a committee to review and provide recommendations “to prevent future school shootings” on the topics of school safety, mental health, social media, police training, and firearm safety.

“We as a State must reassess the twin issues of school safety and mass violence,” Abbott said in the request. “As leaders, we must come together at this time to provide solutions to protect all Texans.”

Three years ago, Abbott enacted school safety and mental health measures designed to further “harden” schools against attacks and provide students with greater access to mental health services, as well as a system to identify potentially violent students.

Funds were allocated to schools to increase their safety measures, including fencing around schools, security cameras, emergency communications systems, and secured buildings.

The laws were in response to a 2018 mass shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas, during which 10 people were killed and 13 others wounded. The shooter, a 17-year-old student at the school who was armed with his father’s shotgun and a revolver, entered the art complex on campus and began shooting before surrendering to police 30 minutes later.

The school had an active-shooter plan in place and two armed police officers on campus. School leadership was also in the process of training and arming some teachers.

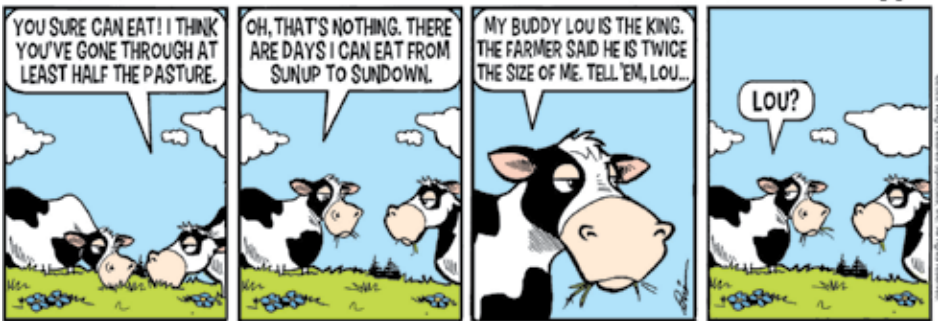
Four years later, in Uvalde, the shooter entered the school building through an unlocked door and was able to then enter an unlocked classroom. The school resource officer wasn’t on campus.

Since he lost his daughter, Pollack has advocated for parents to become more involved in school safety. He also recently partnered with a website that focuses on what schools, parents, and students can do to enhance safety.

“The first thing I like to tell parents is, ‘If you can afford it, send your children to private school,’” he said. “You don’t read about school shootings in private schools. ... They take security seriously; you can’t get into those schools.”

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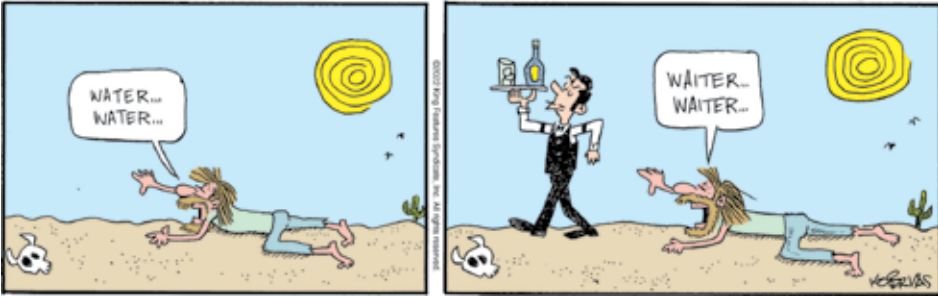
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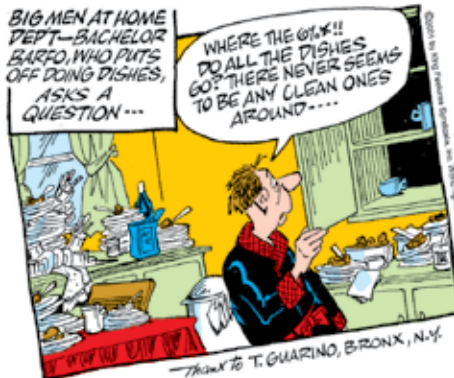
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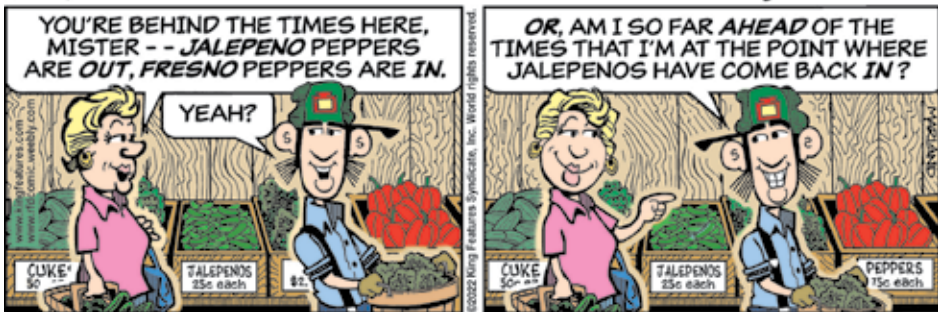
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Medi-Cal Holding Seniors Back

By Ana B. Ibarra,
CalMatters.org

California living is expensive. So imagine having to get by on \$600 a month. That’s essentially what some seniors and people with disabilities have to do in order to access Medi-Cal, the state’s health insurance program for low-income residents.

Individuals with significant medical expenses – but whose income is too high to qualify for free Medi-Cal – may still access the program if they pay some of the costs.

That share of cost works like a monthly deductible; people are allowed to keep \$600 for personal use and must spend the rest of their income on health care expenses before their Medi-Cal coverage kicks in.

“If you make \$1,600 a month, \$1,000 has to go toward paying for your care,” said Tiffany Huyenh-Cho, a staff attorney at Justice in Aging, an organization that is urging state lawmakers to update the income rule. Because people using this type of Medi-Cal usually have costly care, for some it’s worth paying, but most can’t afford it, she said.

In January of this year, the latest month for which state data is available, there were about 81,000 people who were enrolled in Medi-Cal but couldn’t use it because they did not meet their share of the cost. The majority are over 65 or have a disability, data show.

Take Maxine Wells of San Diego – she is 91, and with the help of her son,



Thirty-year-old Medi-Cal income limit leaves some seniors without needed care. Photo © Robert Kneschke | Dreamstime.com

Keith Wells, she recently applied for Medi-Cal. Her Social Security monthly income of \$2,000 puts her over the limit for free coverage. Keith is still waiting to get official word from the state on his mom’s eligibility status, but isn’t sure they’ll be able to meet her share of the cost.

The dollar amount that people get to keep, \$600 for an individual and \$934 for a couple, hasn’t changed since 1989, when the minimum wage was \$4.25 an hour.

“It was shocking to hear it hasn’t been updated since then,” Keith Wells said.

Older adults like Wells also qualify for Medicare,

the federal health insurance program for seniors and people with disabilities. But Medicare doesn’t cover all her needs or at-home care. Wells, a former beauty shop owner, suffers the aftermath of a heart attack, which left her heart muscle damaged. She has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), dementia and anxiety. Medi-Cal would supplement her Medicare coverage. About 1.4 million Californians are enrolled in both programs.

California has put forth sweeping and first-in-the-nation policies to expand health insurance coverage to more people. It has one of the lowest uninsured

rates in the country – about 6% of California residents don’t have health insurance. Still, pockets of people continue to struggle to afford the coverage and care they need, meaning they go without it.

Aging advocates say older adults tend to live on fixed incomes but are sometimes subject to rules that haven’t kept up with the current cost of living.

Aging and health advocates are now asking legislators and the governor’s office to allow Medi-Cal recipients who need to pay a share of cost to keep more of their income. Assembly Bill 1900 by Assemblymember

Dr. Joaquin Arambula, a Fresno Democrat, proposes to raise the monthly limit from \$600 for an individual, which is about 55% of the federal poverty level, to \$1,562, or 138% of the federal poverty level.

This adjustment would require federal approval, according to the Department of Health Care Services, which oversees the Medi-Cal program.

Arambula’s bill made it out of the Assembly last week and is now before the Senate. “This is simply a matter of fairness for Californians who are struggling to make ends meet and need access to health care,” Arambula

said about his bill in the Assembly Health Committee hearing earlier this year.

Linda Nguy, a policy advocate with the Western Center on Law and Poverty, said it would be difficult to pass the bill if funding for it isn’t included in this year’s state budget. Funding for this proposal was not included in the governor’s May revision of the budget.

However, the version of the budget released by the Legislature’s Democratic leaders allocates \$31 million to reduce the share of cost for this population. The Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom must now come together and hammer out a final budget.

The Legislative Analyst’s Office has estimated that this proposal would cost anywhere between \$53 million and \$151 million, of which half would be paid for by the state and the other half through federal funds. Without that funding, Arambula’s bill would likely get stuck in the Senate’s fiscal committee, Nguy said.

At least nine other states and the District of Columbia allow people who pay a share of cost for Medi-Cal (Medicaid in other states) to keep a higher amount for personal use than California does, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

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