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Jack Brown is Legionnaire Extraordinaire



Leah Marlin and her Dad, Legionnaire of the Year, Jack Brown, stand in the room they are creating as the Veterans Museum inside the Dixon Memorial Veterans Hall. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A large four-foot by four-foot display of a silver-painted airplane model took Jack Brown away just for a moment. His chatter with his daughter quieted as he studied the craft and then he returned to point out the details only a military man might know.

Jack Brown was 22 and just getting out of college studying police science when he was drafted. Serving in the Marines for a few years as a Colonel's Aid in the Infantry Division taught him something valuable: Quiet dignity and hard work.

"I learned how to take orders," the man with a full head of snow, white hair said with a laugh as he sat comfortably in his "second" home; the Dixon Memorial Veterans Hall at 1305 North First Street where he has been selected as Legionnaire of the

Year. Continuing to serve with pride, Brown has dedicated countless hours to preserving the legacies of those who served our nation.

"Jack is Leah Marlin's Daddy, and they do a lot for the hall," explained Post Commander Wayne Holland. Marlin is the Hall Coordinator and renting the hall is another income-generator that enables them to stay open for their veterans and provide services. "Jack has been really exceptional this year. We've lost eight of our active members since September."

Holland then listed them: Harold Benzel, Rocky Cristes, Greg Coppes, Russ Cayler, Robert Ikelman, William Smith III, Joseph Klink, and Mack Robertson. In the last few years, they also lost heavily involved members Heber Holbrook, Mike Hagerman, and Sandy Sanders.

"Most of those were dual

members," he said, so the members that have supported the Dixon Veterans Hall for decades have left openings for new men and women to step up. Brown was one of them.

"He never hesitates to help," said Holland. "In the recent windstorm, the wind broke off a large branch and I called him. Within two hours, he was here, cut up the branch, and cleaned up. He also volunteers at our dinners." When Holland and Norm Shontz talked about creating a museum inside the Veterans Hall with all the paraphernalia, Marlin called her Dad and the two got to work on it.

Marlin knew the hall would rent out easier if some of the pictures, flags, and awards were not in the grand area, so the museum idea gave them a "win-win" situation. The father-daughter team spent all last

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Genealogical Society Speaker Celebrates Women's Suffrage Warriors

Solano County Genealogical Society

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - 2020 marked 100 years since the Susan B. Anthony (nineteenth) amendment joined the U.S. Constitution. With this amendment, 26,000,000 women were added to the rolls of eligible voters which was a significant achievement in American history. After the women's rights movement began with a convention in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848, it took nearly 75 years for suffragists to win the vote for women.

Beverly Lane will present a virtual program, "Women's Suffrage Warriors - Women Win the Vote in 1920". This virtual presentation begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 5th at the next meeting of the Solano County Genealogical Society.

Beverly Lane is a lecturer, historian and author and serves on the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and the Contra Costa County Historical Society boards. She is curator for the Museum. Her presentation will include efforts to win civil rights for women, stories of the leaders, the 1911 California woman suffrage success, and a focus on the decade before the Nineteenth Amendments' passage in 1920.

Guests are welcome to attend this free event. If interested, send an email to the society at scgsca.org no later than 4 p.m., June 4th, and request an invitation. More information on the event can be found on the society's webpage at www.scgsca.org ★

Scholarships: The Giving Goes Both Ways

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Forty-one different clubs, organizations, businesses, and individuals came together to award thousands and thousands of dollars to college-bound graduates this past week. The Dixon High School Community Scholarships Ceremony was emceed by Principal Stephanie Marquez to a large crowd of supportive families outside in the campus quad.

But, students were not the only ones being rewarded. Parents of students who passed albeit in tragic accidents or illness, as well as family members of deceased teachers or deceased members of the community were there to memorialize their beloved ones through this act of benevolence.

James Franceschi, husband of Dixon Montessori School teacher Jacy Franceschi, sought to memorialize his wife by



Thirty Dixon High School students were awarded scholarships from the Jacob Cole Schneider Family Foundation at last week's DHS Scholarship Ceremony. Several scholarships were given out this year in memory of a lost loved one. Photo by Debra Dingman

handing out scholarships to outstanding students in the areas close to Jacy's heart. The woman died a couple of years ago after a long and agonizing battle with cancer. Her "army" of family and friends, many who grew close through the frequent social media postings of the struggles fighting the disease, put together three scholarships

of \$500 each; one each in education, health, and agriculture.

Colleen and Jim Schneider, who lost their 17-year-old son, Jacob, in a tragic accident two years ago, set up their scholarship program to memorialize their son's love of the outdoors. In 2020, the Jacob Cole Schneider Family

Foundation gave out 63 scholarships. This year at the ceremony, they handed out 30 more. That set a record for the DHS scholarship program and several more organizations followed suit.

Most of the scholarship providers gave out more than one award: A Heart Enriched by Service; Continued on page 6





Dixon is Being Re-Discovered

By Debra Dingman

It might be because of the Homestead Development which is getting wide-range exposure for home sales. This is the first major development that includes a senior housing element and perhaps because of the proximity to Interstate 80, put us back on the map. But, it could also be that we were one of the first cities along the I-80 corridor to approve the cannabis companies after pot was legalized.

We do not know for sure, but we do know there are new developments popping up all over town and each gives us more attention. This means a lot of money to the city coffers, too, so that's a good thing and may actually create enough in the budget to mow down those ugly dried, yellow weeds along our streets and trim trees and bushes on all the medians throughout Dixon without increasing taxes.

First, I noticed a social media post by Jesse Rosales, 35, a casting director out of New York where he's been living since he graduated from Dixon High School after growing up here. He was looking for people who might be interested in a reality show on "co-dwelling" – people who would be willing to go into purchasing a home with

another person/couple/family where they would reside together.

People with \$500,000 approval would not be able to buy anything decent in San Francisco, he explained, but if they pooled their buying power with another couple, for example, look what a million dollars could buy in Dixon. He talked about the house on A Street that is a spacious 3-story and has a price of just over one million. I was surprised he even knew about that house, but he said he still had family in Dixon and has relatives who live next door.

He had done some research about the last time Dixon was discovered by the movie studio "investor". I told him that was not our proudest moment. I'm looking forward to an interview with him so more about Jesse in the future...

We also had a bit of limelight when Dixonite Jeff Mitchum starred in a Jeopardy! and did some winning on America's favorite quiz show. Jeff and his wife are both high school teachers--he in Vacaville and she at Dixon High. I'm sure there were a whole bunch of people rooting for him and some even called to make sure I knew.

Next up was the Texaco commercial shot

at Frosty's last Thursday evening. I called Frosty's owner Matt Andrews and learned the company discovered the hometown look of Dixon. I think that's pretty cool and I can't help but think when we get done with the near \$3-million Pardi park, we're going to have the best looking downtown ever.

Side Hustle Op

This is the last week for an opportunity to get trained by one of the best newspaper carriers this side of the Rockies. Okay, I'm being extreme, but since I went on a ride-along to see how one of our newspaper carriers gets his job done, I've been impressed. Precision throwing.

He spends a few hours one afternoon a week folding newspapers and another couple hours throwing them. He calls it his side hustle and brings in "chump change" as he works full time elsewhere. But, college night classes will make his extra gig end so we're looking for someone new.

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City Council

This coming Tuesday, June 1, at 7 pm is the next City Council Meeting run by Mayor Steve Bird. It will be held via Zoom.

The meeting is not in person but all members of the public may participate in the meeting via video conferencing by going to the city website and clicking on the zoom link and "raising your hand" for questions or comments. Or, by calling (669) 900-9128, meeting ID: 988 621 1137, passcode 604754 and you will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

When participating via teleconference, press *9 or you can email questions and comments to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us. Good luck.

Soccer Season

The next Dixon Soccer Club registration events will be Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9am-11am and Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the John Knight Middle School parking lot. Registration will take place from each vehicle for safety purposes. Parents need to bring a copy of the player's birth certificate, as well as the registration fee of \$140 per player (cash/check.)

The player must be present at registration for a photo to be taken, or the parent must provide a closeup wallet sized photo of the player with no hat, or glasses, with the registration materials. More information on future registration dates and online registration links will be available soon. For more info, call (707) 678-8799.

Swim Lessons

The City Recreation Department is offering swim lessons for children beginning June 14 at the Pat Granucci Aquatic

Center in Hall Park. A variety of classes will be Monday through Thursday and will be conducted in 2-week increments. All Beginner and Intermediate swim lessons will be taught Parent & Child Style where an adult is required to be in the water with each participant throughout the duration of the swim lesson.

Online registration will incur an Active Network processing fee. Call (707) 678-7441 or email ageorge@cityofdixon.us.

Free Ride

If you are needing a ride to go to a COVID vaccination clinic, the in partnership with Solano Public Health & Uber Health, you can arrange a free ride by calling the Vaccine Line at this number: (707) 784-8655. There will be help on the other line to get you scheduled at the right location and get you there.

Golf Fundraiser

Dixon teams are invited to participate in the Soroptimist International of Greater Davis annual golf tournament on Saturday, July 17, at the Davis Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Yolo County's Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC), which benefits victims of child abuse and their families; the Davis Youth Softball Association, and Soroptimist Live Your Dream Programs.

Golfers will tee off beginning at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$100 player and includes lunch. Winning golfers will receive great prizes and can participate in the two-person scramble, shots closest to the pin and the most accurate drive.

Local golfers are encouraged to bring their friends and to sign up for this fun and relaxing tournament. Interested golfers should contact Grace Starkovich at 530/756-6673 or Wanda at 530/756-9222. ★

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month including every weekend cleaning out the back rooms that were formerly used by church or other groups but aren't any longer. They made the one meeting room look more professional and ready for veteran groups and in the hall, they stripped, sanded, removed wall hangings, patched walls, and spent days painting.

"We just do what needs to be done," said Marlin. "My Dad worked 12 years at Ace Hardware in Winters after retiring from a career in the grocery business. He goes to all the children's sporting events and takes care of FFA animals. We keep him busy." He also worked several years at a Berryessa grocery store that allowed him to keep a boat at the dock.

"Those were fun years," he said smiling in his crisp, white-collared shirt sporting a gold-threaded Legion logo. "I taught my grandson how to drive and I have three great grandkids. I don't need a wife; I have a daughter," Brown said with a wry smile. "She tells me what to do."

There is obvious pride in the museum tour he supplies where everything appears neat and orderly, a part of his character according

to his two grown children, both living in Dixon and Vacaville with their families.

"I want one whole wall dedicated to women who served," Brown said, adding that the man who made the large silver plane model must have spent hours on it. It was donated and included a tiny plastic woman pilot.

"He wanted people to know women were the workers and the welders," Brown explained. They have found "priceless memoirs" at garage sales like a 60-year-old ALP 208 cap. In addition, Marlin holds a black and white framed picture of long-time legion member Kitty Lockwood being sworn into the service by her father. The one-room museum also holds several glass cases of military ships donated by life-long veteran Holbrook before he passed.

The look and feel of the American military has changed, but legionnaire extraordinaire Jack Brown is committed to preserving the honor of those who served.

For more information on joining the American Legion Post or volunteering at the Veterans Hall, call Holland at (707) 301-0941. ★

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He Might Know a Thing or Two: Dixonite Wins on Jeopardy!



Jeff Mitchum, contestant on Jeopardy, wins \$31,200. Picture courtesy of Sony Television, with graphic by Solano News Net

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There were plenty of local folks cheering for Jeff Mitchum, 35, a contestant on the popular Jeopardy! show May 11 whether it was because they knew him from teaching at Vacaville High School, living in Dixon, or growing up in Rancho Cordova. There might have even been some Dixon students watching on their phones or tablets as Jeff is married to Dixon High English teacher Emily Mitchum and they have two children.

"I never cheered so much for someone I don't know," laughed Rita Orr from Vacaville whose niece was a Principal at Vaca High for several years where Mitchum is now in his sixth year as an English teacher. Orr also has several friends who live in Dixon. "There are so many connections, it makes you root for them. I was so excited," she added.

The TV show attracts millions of week-night viewers and has been on the air since 1964 but in a couple different formats. The

daily syndicated version featured Alex Trebek as host from 1984 until he died last year of pancreatic cancer at age 80. It was the middle of the 37th season so Mitchum got to meet temporary host Bill Whitaker.

Everybody knows Jeopardy is that show that gives the answer and expects the contestant to ask the question. It isn't a game of chance. On the contrary, you have to know things. Mitchum, who earned a master's degree in education from the University of California, Davis did know a few things and won.

"You know, being a teacher, being a good teacher, definitely requires a little bit of thinking on your feet," Jeff said. "And, I definitely had to do a lot of that while I was playing for sure." Jeff described the whole experience as "exciting and nerve-wracking all at once." Jeff said it was fast-paced and before he knew it, he finished five rounds.

In one of the final rounds, the statement was: "Its chapter includes wisdom from King Lemuel, taught to him by his mother, as well as the famous virtuous woman passage." Jeff correctly answered Proverbs 31 as did another contestant but the other contestant did not beat his bet and the other contestant who would have beat his bet, had the incorrect answer. This was an easy one for him as Jeff grew up in Cordova Neighborhood Church in Rancho Cordova where his father was a senior pastor, then a Business Manager in the Central Pacific District until he retired last year.

For his efforts, Jeff won more than \$30,000. Dixonite Marianne MacDonald who watched the entire match was thrilled.

"I've watched the show for years and I'm a big Jeopardy fan," she said. ★

Scouts Showing Memorial Day Patriotism; Elmira Cemetery Plans

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - American flags have begun to sprout all over town as Dixonites join the millions of Americans across our country in recognition of Memorial Day, a federal holiday marked to remember those who died in military service to the United States of America.

Some of those flags were placed throughout the business section of downtown in a collaborative effort of the American Legion Post 208 and Dixon's Scout Troop 152.

Scoutmaster Leonard Oram along with his Eagle Scout son, Corey, and some of the other 14 boys in the troop set them out and will pick them up as part of their service to community and showing of patriotism. Cub Scouts from Troop 253, also a part of the Golden Empire Council in Sacramento, along with their families and with the guidance of Assistant Scoutmaster John Decker, will also be helping to memorialize our military heroes at the Silveyville Cemetery, 800 South First Street, across from the Dixon May Fair.

There are 750 veterans including 16 at Tremont and maybe some out at Binghampton Cemetery, according to Silveyville staff. They also have one gravesite headstone marked "Tomb of the Unknown," dedicated to deceased U.S. service members whose remains have not been identified.



Scouts from Dixon's Pack #253 and Troop #152 shown in 2019 after completing the task of putting American flags on 750 veteran's tombstones in Silveyville Cemetery, Tremont, and Binghampton Cemeteries for Memorial Day. Photo provided by Pack 253

Flags will be placed at all of them.

"Some of the things we do to teach patriotism start with the Pledge of Allegiance, which we say before every meeting," said Oram. "We also work on multiple community service projects during the year, including placing flags not only on Memorial Day but also on Veteran's Day." The scouts do a food drive every March with the food staying in Dixon assistance pantries, put out the trash and recycle containers along the street the morning of the Dixon May Fair Parade and pick up trash at the parks in the community.

The Scouts work on Merit Badges that teach Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World with each one earning them a different Merit Badge.

"Within each rank that they earn are some different lessons on citizenship," Oram explained. "These are just a few ways that the Scouts are exposed to patriotism without it

seeming like a homework assignment from school."

While there are no Memorial Day services planned for Dixon due to lingering COVID restrictions, the Vacaville Veterans are holding a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Vacaville Elmira Cemetery on Monday, May 31, at 11 am.

With the theme of Duty, Honor, Country Remembered, the tribute will consist of numerous speakers and presentations by Gold Star Mothers and Families; Tina Benedict; Vacaville Firefighters; Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Honor Guard; Boy Scouts; and the US Air Force Sergeants Association.

Taking Covid-19 precautions, you are asked to bring your own chairs.

The Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, reports viewing is open from sunrise to sunset, 365 days a year and volunteers are placing flags as well but there is no official service planned at that location. ★

Hierbas y Flores to Host Annual Lavender U-Pick Festival May 29 - June 13

By Lisa Murray, Sky Girl Productions

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - Hierbas y Flores is hosting a Lavender U-Pick Festival from May 29 to June 13 in the lavender field at Soul Food Farm (6146 Pleasants Valley Road.)

Hierbas y Flores is a partnership / farm venture between Soul Food Farm and Morningsun Herb Farm to plant beautiful fields of lavender in the countryside of Solano County. During the month of June, the many varieties come into bloom, filling the field with lavender in shades of purples, blues, lavenders and whites.

The public is invited to come out to the fields during the flowering season to harvest their own bundles of lavender. There is plenty of space for social distancing. Pre-registration is required and 40 visitors are allowed into the field at a time so that participants can enjoy a quiet, relaxing experience. Pre-registration is available from the hierbasyflores.com website or by scanning the QR code. There will be products available for sale made locally from Hierbas y Flores' own essential oil and flower water, as well as the amazing olive oil produced by Soul Food Farm.



The public is invited to come out to the fields during the flowering season to harvest their own bundles of lavender. Photo courtesy Lisa Murray

There is no cost to register and to come out to the fields. Bundles of lavender are \$6 each. Ties, buckets, and sanitized clippers will be available but visitors are encouraged to bring their own buckets & clippers if possible.

During the two-week festival, two workshops will be offered: Fresh Lavender Wreath-Making (\$70) and Lavender Wand-Making (\$20). The Lavender U-Pick Festival day is June 12th. There will be vendors, lavender lemonade and lavender chocolate chip cookies available for sale.

To pre-register, view and download the festival schedule and map, visit <http://hierbasyflores.com> or scan the QR code to be taken to the registration page. ★

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Inflated Job Numbers Prop Up Bullet Train



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Whenever politicians spend large sums of taxpayer money on pet projects, they invariably overstate their supposed economic benefits, particularly creating oodles of “good-paying jobs.”

They all do it, using a deceptive assumption that if one worker works one day on the project, it’s counted as a “job.”

Ralph Vartabedian, a reporter for the Los Angeles Times who – thank goodness – specializes in telling us what’s really happening, or not, in the state’s woe-begone high-speed rail project, punctures its job creation myth in a recent article.

Vartabedian cites a banner on a bullet train viaduct in Fresno claiming “5,000 jobs and counting” but reveals that while consuming many billions of dollars, the project has employed only about 1,000 construction workers at any one time.

“The boast of 5,000 jobs refers to the number of workers dispatched from union halls,” he wrote. “Each time a worker is sent to a job site, whether for one day or hundreds of days, it counts as a job for the purpose of the banners.”

“Rail authority Chief Executive Brian Kelly

defended the worker count as a valid measure of progress, saying the authority has been doing it for years.”

In other words, since inflated job numbers have been used for years, Kelly would have us believe it’s a valid practice.

In fact as Vartabedian discovered from analyzing bullet train data, “hourly workers have received about \$265 million of the \$6.1 billion that has been spent on construction, representing just 4%. Of the total \$8.1 billion spent on the project, the labor portion is even smaller, 3%. The \$265 million is less than what the rail authority spends every three months.”

The much-inflated job creation claims are important because construction union support has been one of the most important factors in keeping the project alive despite lacking a rational justification.

The original vision, backed by voters, was for a statewide north-south system of high-speed travel, but no one ever came up with a plan for financing such a system, which would cost upwards of \$100 billion.

The Fresno structures, dubbed “Stonehenge” by local critics, are part of a very limited stretch in the San Joaquin Valley, financed by some state bonds, a federal grant and a share of proceeds from the state’s auctions of greenhouse gas emission permits. At the moment, it would run from a few miles north of Fresno to a few miles north of Bakersfield.

Gov. Gavin Newsom came close to killing the project after taking office in 2019, only to back-track under pressure from construction unions.

Newsom then declared that he wants to expand the current project northward a few miles to Merced and southward a few miles to Bakersfield, assuming that someday it could be connected to the Bay Area and Los Angeles. But that also added billions of dollars to the projected costs.

Newsom’s latest budget proposal would appropriate \$4.2 billion from remaining voter-approved bonds to advance his version of the project and mentions “potential federal funds” to fill the remaining financial hole – a reference to President Joe Biden’s ambitious infrastructure program.

However, Newsom’s plan doesn’t sit well with some legislative leaders who would prefer improving commuter transit. Some bullet train money has already been shifted to electrifying the Caltrain commuter service on the San Francisco peninsula, and Southern California lawmakers, led by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, want similar diversions for their region.

The commuter projects would probably use inflated job creation claims as well, but at least they would be serving real needs, rather than a unrealistic pipedream.

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

CONVERSATIONS

By Shirley Humphrey

City Holds Three Meetings in Five Days

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The city held a goal setting meeting to identify the council’s goals for the next 12 months on Saturday, May 15; the following Tuesday, May 18, the council held a meeting to approve the 2020-2040 Dixon General Plan; and the next day, May 19, they met to approve next year’s budget.

A neighborhood group, active for years in the older residential neighborhood of downtown, submitted a letter in opposition to the adoption of the 20-year General Plan. The group pointed out the need for a fire station on both sides of the railroad tracks by identifying a recent train derailment that caused the evacuation of a five-mile radius around the community of Sibley, Ohio on May 17. The train was carrying explosive fertilizer.

As the neighborhood group pointed out, “If that type of disaster befell Dixon, our at-grade RR crossings at First Street and A Street, as well as the eventual above-grade crossing at Parkway, could all be impacted. Emergency responders would have to rely on more distant access to the old and new neighborhoods east and southeast of the RR tracks. Both the John Knight Middle School and Dixon High School are located on the same side of town, the side of town where there is no fire station, nor is a fire station proposed for that side of town in the 20-year General Plan.

The neighborhood groups brought up a number of other issues pointing out how the General Plan Update would impact our older areas of town. For example, the group is concerned about some of the uses proposed for downtown Dixon. They wrote: “Economic development of the downtown area should consider the close proximity of residential uses. Increased traffic, overflow parking into neighborhoods, frequent large events, live entertainment, etc. all contribute to increased noise for residents in the vicinity. The quality of life of those residents shouldn’t be sacrificed for the sake of economic interests. Many residents of the area do not have the economic means to escape new sources of noise in the downtown area by moving to more privileged neighborhoods such as the Southwest Development area. Make no mistake, we would like to see downtown thrive. We only ask for consideration of those who live nearby.”

Ginger Emerson, General Plan

Committee member, addressed the Level of Service: “Not long ago, the City reduced the Level of Service (LOS) in order to avoid widening of streets. The reality for our older neighborhoods meant accepting a further decline in our quality of life and public safety associated with ever increasing traffic (LOS issues) OR sacrificing the historic character of our neighborhoods and losing much needed on-street parking by widening streets to accommodate more traffic. The idea that the opening of the Parkway Boulevard overcrossing will alleviate the traffic issues is nothing more than a pipe dream. It won’t address traffic created by more and more families throughout town needing to access the junior high school.”

I (Shirley) am a General Plan member and wrote that a former fire chief said that a fire score is a rating that determines how well our local fire department can protect your community and home. Insurance companies use the score to help set home insurance rates, such as a home that is less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire is less expensive to insure. However, the impact of your area’s ISO score on your homeowner’s insurance policy varies by insurer.

If both fire stations are on one side of town, how much is the city willing to subsidize fire insurance rates for affected residents if homeowners insurance premiums are increased due to a negative ISO fire rating. If your area has a poor fire score, it’s a good idea to take extra steps to fireproof your home, like installing a sprinkler system or smart smoke alarms. How much is the city council willing to subsidize homeowners for this type of expenses?

The outcomes from the meetings included: The city council setting goals for the next 12 months. (Residents should request to see a copy of the goals that were established so they can follow the City’s progress on the goals over the next year.) The 2020-2040 General Plan was approved as submitted by the council members, regardless of citizens’ concerns regarding lack of a fire station on one side of the railroad tracks resulting in slower emergency response times. And, the city council approved the next year’s budget. It was a very, busy week for the staff and council of the City of Dixon. ★

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Newsom Transforms Taxpayer Protection into Welfare



Ted Gaines

By **Betsey Hodges,**
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California actually has a government spending limit, hard as that may be to believe, and Gavin Newsom is making a mockery of it, just as his predecessor did.

In 1979, a year after signing off on the revolutionary Proposition 13, voters passed Proposition 4, implementing the “Gann Limit,” which would peg California’s state spending to the 1978-79 level and only let it grow adjusted for inflation and population. State revenues above the voter-approved limit can be reckoned with several different ways, including refunding half of the excess revenues to taxpayers, with the other half going to schools.

Newsom is choosing the refund path for this year’s massive Gann Limit excess, which is currently estimated at \$16 billion dollars. But instead of sending their money back to the taxpayers in relation to how much they paid, giving everyone a slice of the rebate in proportion to their tax contributions, Newsom is turning the program into a giant transfer payment scheme.

Paul Gann, the father of Prop. 13 and the namesake of this taxpayer protection plan, would be dumbfounded by Newsom’s willful misunderstanding and shameless appropriation of his taxpayer-protection initiative.

The wealthiest taxpayers in this state, the top five percent, paid nearly 70-percent of California income taxes last year. Those citizens were also supposed to get relief from the Gann Limit. Instead, they get nothing.

Newsom is sending rebates to the bottom two-thirds of tax filers only. What about the top-third, who paid a whopping 97-percent of the total income taxes in 2018, for example? In Newsom’s redistribution plan these top payers are simply out of luck, even though it’s their payments providing the bulk of the excess. And before you shout, “tax the rich!” understand that in that same tax year, we are talking about people making \$60,000 a year.

It’s great that the Governor wants to help taxpayers during the pandemic, even though it was state policy that caused so much of the damage to small businesses and killed so many jobs. If the governor and legislature want to make more direct payments to citizens out of the general fund, after Gann Limit refunds have been fairly distributed, be my guest.

In fact, I challenge Governor Newsom and the legislature to find ways to make the state more affordable and livable for all citizens, starting with lower taxes on personal income, on business income, on gasoline, and by eliminating green energy mandates that

have forced our electricity prices up 9-times faster than the national average over the past decade. These steps would help every day of the year, not just on the day he announces his budget.

Getting money back into the hands of job-creators – by lowering costs and equitably rebating the Gann Limit dollars – would actually fuel a California rebound.

But to repurpose a taxpayer protection act, approved by voters, into a new tax and welfare plan, is bad-faith politics and speaks to why Newsom is facing a recall.

Governor Brown’s 2017 budget dodged the Gann Limit by magically reclassifying \$22 billion in spending as neither state nor local, as required by the original Proposition, making it disappear, along with the hopes of fiscal conservatives.

Brown would not adhere to the mandates of the 1979 Gann Limit reform; he tricked his way past the law and shafted taxpayers along the way. Apparently, Governor Newsom was watching and learning, waiting for his own opportunity to betray the intent of California’s voters.

Mission accomplished. Newsom’s plan is ugly political alchemy, where he mutates a rebate program into a new tax on the homeowners, small business owners, teachers, police and other middle-class people who will be paying the taxes they will never get back. He should refund ALL taxpayers according to their tax payments and quit manipulating the Gann Limit for his political needs. ★



No, Israel Is Not an Apartheid State

The charge of apartheid is the new blood libel.

As Hamas rains rockets down on Israel, members of the Squad in Congress and other left-wing enemies are using the occasion to amplify their accusation that Israel is an “apartheid state.”

This is a transparent attempt to delegitimize – and isolate and ultimately destroy – the Jewish state by associating it with a racist regime that the world united to squeeze out of existence.

Rashida Tlaib, the Democratic congresswoman from Michigan, says that Israel is “promoting racism and dehumanization” under an “apartheid system,” and Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota refers to “Israel’s apartheid government.”

The charge is given a patina of legitimacy by Human Rights Watch, which recently issued a 213-page report devoted to the allegation, and other anti-Israel organizations that understand the accusation’s potential power to define Israel out of the circle of advanced democracies.

It doesn’t take much moral discernment to understand, even if one takes a harsh critical view of how Israel conducts itself, that it is nothing like an apartheid regime in South Africa that depended on a rigorously

enforced system of racial repression.

The Arab minority in Israel (about 20% of the population) may face obstacles, but it is not treated like black South Africans.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and her ideological compatriots tweeted the other day, “Apartheid states aren’t democracies,” which nailed the point, just not the way they intended.

Israel is a democracy that affords its Arab citizens full rights. They vote in elections and Arab parties sit in parliament. These parties obviously have a profoundly different worldview than the Zionist parties, which has been a barrier preventing cooperation between them. But this year, in a first, Arab parties were part of the negotiations over forming a new government before they broke down.

Arab Israelis are full participants in Israeli society. There are Arab justices on the Supreme Court. About 20% of doctors in Israel and about half of pharmacists are Arab. Roughly 17% of students seeking an undergraduate degree are Arab, a number that has roughly doubled over the last decade.

As Steve Kramer of The Times of Israel puts it, “They arguably are the most free Arabs in the Middle East.”

Then, there are the Palestinian territories, where there is a marked lack of democracy courtesy of the Palestinians themselves.

Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, who is still serving a four-year term that began about 15 years ago, cancelled new elections scheduled for May 22. He found a way to blame Israel

for this move, of course, but the bottom line is that his party, Fatah, feared Hamas would win, as it did in the last Palestinian election back in 2006.

The Palestinians have made postponing elections into a high political art, in keeping with the lack of democratic accountability in their neighboring Arab states.

How Israel should handle the threat of another terror state devoted to its destruction arising on its borders is, any fair-minded person should concede, an inherently difficult question.

It has offered the Palestinians a state twice, in 2000 and 2008, to no avail.

Israel evacuated the Gaza Strip entirely in 2005. It can’t be blamed for Hamas winning the elections in 2006, taking over Gaza in a coup against Fatah a year later, and misgoverning the territory ever since, with an emphasis on using it as a base from which to wage war against Israel.

Much is made of its border controls in Gaza and the West Bank, but a border isn’t a denial of citizenship rights, rather a demarcation between two societies. If the Palestinians would ever accept the right of Israel to exist and embrace a program of peaceful development, they’d get their own sovereign state.

Instead, they want to wipe Israel from the map, and are getting an assist from purveyors of the malicious lie that Israel is morally indistinguishable from the old, racist South Africa. *Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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Merriam-Webster Alters Definition of ‘Anti-Vaxxer’ to Include Opponents of Mandatory Vaccination | 15 May 2021 | Recently, the Merriam-Webster dictionary (also called “The Ministry of Truth” in some circles) decided to broaden the scope of how to define the word “anti-vaxxer.” Merriam-Webster’s website now defines “anti-vaxxer” as “a person who opposes vaccination or laws that mandate vaccination.” In other words, any person who does not believe in forcing a needle in the arms of others now falls under this term, regardless of their personal views on vaccines. “Welcome to ‘1984.’ This is the Ministry of Truth,” rapper and podcaster Zubey said on Twitter, in reference to George Orwell’s dystopian novel.

Knock, knock. Have you had your vaccine yet? California sends out thousands to check | 19 May 2021 | Right now, thousands of people are out knocking on doors in order to get as many Californians vaccinated as possible. The state of California has kicked in 10 million to fund the effort, which is being led by Healthy Future California and UCLA, in partnership with 70 community-based organizations. There are an estimated 2,000 people who are employed “to make peer-to-peer appeals and provide support to help overcome barriers to vaccinations,” according to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s office... According to an April Public Policy Institute of California poll, nearly one in five Californians said they would either wait a year to get the vaccine or wouldn’t ever get vaccinated.

OSHA Imposes New Guidance for Employer-Required COVID-19 Vaccines – Contractors criticize mandate to classify adverse reactions as recordable safety incidents | 3 May 2021 | New guidance from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration is causing contractors to change their COVID-19 vaccine requirements, and many of them criticize the guidance as diametrically opposed to the Biden administration’s stated desire to increase vaccinations. On April 20, OSHA released the new guidance in the frequently asked questions section of its website for COVID-19 safety compliance. The question asks whether an employer should record adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccination if the employer requires the vaccine. OSHA states that if a vaccine is required, then any adverse reaction is considered work-related and therefore it must be recorded.

Starbucks, Walmart, Costco, Trader Joe’s, Publix no longer require masks for vaccinated customers. | 15 May 2021 | A day after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new masking guidelines, retailers started announcing changes to mask policies for fully vaccinated customers. Trader Joe’s, Walmart, Sam’s Club, Costco, and Publix were the first to confirm updates to mask requirements, leading the way for mask-free shopping except where required by state or local mandate. In some cases, vaccinated store employees can also go to work without a mask... Starbucks updates its policy starting Monday and makes masks “optional for vaccinated customers beginning Monday, May 17, unless local regulations require them by law.”

Biden admin diverts \$2B from COVID, health spending to care for migrant kids – Secretary Xavier Becerra pulled 850 million more out of a fund meant to replenish the Strategic National Stockpile | 18 May 2021 | The Biden administration has pulled more than 2 billion out of programs authorized by Congress for COVID-19 testing, emergency medical supplies and other health needs – and is spending it on shelter for the 45,000 unaccompanied migrant children that have flooded across the US border this year. The Department of Health and Human Services siphoned 850 million out of funds allocated for testing in Joe Biden’s massive 1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill, Politico reported Saturday.

FBI reclassifies 2017 shooting of Republican lawmakers as domestic terrorism | 16 May 2021 | The FBI, under Republican pressure, has reclassified the 2017 near massacre of more than a dozen Republican lawmakers at a baseball field in Alexandria, Virginia, from “suicide by cop” to an act of domestic terrorism. The new designation of shooter James Hodgkinson as a “domestic violent extremist” is contained in a lengthy FBI report titled “Strategic Intelligence Assessment and Data on Domestic Terrorism.” Republicans began pressuring the FBI on April 15 when Rep. Brad Wenstrup of Ohio, who was at the park that morning of June 14, 2017, disclosed at a public hearing that the FBI officially classified the shooting as “suicide by cop.” ★

Scholarships: The Giving Goes Both Ways

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Alumni of Tremont; American Legion Auxiliary; American Legion Post 208; Angus Madden Memorial; Barbara Iten Memorial; Dixon Chamber of Commerce; Dixon Dolphins Swim Team; Dixon High Music Boosters; Kiwanis Club; Lions Club; Dixon Montessori School; Quarterback Club; Rotary; Rotary Interact Club; Soccer Club; Teachers Association; Women’s Improvement Club; DuPratt Ford; First Northern Bank; Friends of the Public Library; Frank E. Koehler Vocational Memorial; Jacob Cole Schneider Family Foundation Memorial; Jacy’s Army Scholarships for Women in Ag, in Education, & in Healthcare; Jose L. Gutierrez Memorial; Katie Grave Anderson Memorial; Laura Emma Meyer Scholarship; Malcolm Timm Memorial; Montezuma Lodge 172 & Bud’s Pub & Grill; Muriel M. Morris Educational Fund;

Rosemarie Vinneys Memorial; Shawn Tutt Memorial; Sheri Dannenberg Memorial; Soroptimist International; TEAM Dixon; and Tully Group STEM.


Dr. Peter Timm and Pamela-Gill-Fisher handed out scholarships on behalf of the boards for the Angus Madden Scholarship Foundation and also the Muriel Morris Educational Fund.

“Hopefully these students will remember someday that someone helped them and they will do something for someone later on,” Timm said. “When I get a chance to say something, I try to remind them that when they have a few extra dollars, to pay it forward.”

There were 138 scholarships total awarded with the top honoree, Megan Kett, nabbing eight scholarships and Emma Miller winning six. The Community Scholarship Program is coordinated by the high school’s counseling office. ★

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Celebrate AAPI Month With These Stunning New Releases!

Grab your scissors, glitter, and glue because the delightful and adorable Amy Wu returns with a whole new adventure in, **Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon**. After learning about dragons, everyone in Amy's class crafts their own unique dragon, but Amy's doesn't feel right. Amy knows she needs to make the most special dragon, and after a little help from her family, she makes one that is perfect. Amy's charm, tenacity, and perseverance returns in another story that will teach readers to solve problems and stay unique to themselves, while also being able to create their own dragon with the included craft project directions.

In this heartfelt journey of love and remembrance, **Ocean Meet Sky** takes readers on a beautiful, magical adventure. Wildly imaginative and absolutely breathtaking, this adventure treasures the loving bond between grandfather and grandchild. Filled with raw emotion and heart, this book will appeal to all generations of readers while transporting them to a magical world and beyond. With their enchanting books, The



path of discovery and love. This series is one that captures readers' hearts and is worth reading over and over.

The Infinity Courts by Akemi Dawn Bowman. When Nami is murdered before she even gets the chance to graduate high school, she wakes up to find that she is in the Infinity, a place where the human mind goes after the body dies. However, she quickly discovers that the Infinity has been taken over by Ophelia, who is set on eradicating human existence, leaving Naomi with the only thing to do—bring down Ophelia and save the humans.

Politics, family, and magic collide in the second book to the Shamanborn trilogy, **Broken Web** by Lori M. Lee. Sascha will stop at nothing to take down the shaman who is slowly killing her best friend, and she thinks she knows how to do it. But Sirscha also finds herself caught between who to align herself with in an upending war, the east or the west? A story that is sure to be just as fast-paced and impactful as the first, **Broken Web** delivers, action, adventure, and determination. ★

Fan Brothers know how to take readers on an adventure they will never forget.

With one of the most powerful and breathtaking covers, **The One's We're Meant to Find** by Joan He promises a powerful, emotional, and thought-provoking journey. With one sister trapped on an island and the other left searching even when all hope is gone. With its focus on the bond of sisterhood, destiny, and the lengths one will go to find the other when all hope is lost, readers can only hope to be whisked into a powerful, raw, and emotional tale.

Catch the end of the series on Netflix and with the new Netflix-tie cover of **Always and Forever Lara Jean**, by Jenny Han. Jenny Han took readers by storm with the adorable Lara Jean and the accidental mailing of her secret love letters, setting her life into an unpredictable



Riley Reviews

"ARMY OF THE DEAD" OVERRUNS LAS VEGAS; FOX TV PREVIEW

A TV Review by Tim Riley

"ARMY OF THE DEAD" RATED R

Available in both movie theaters and the Netflix streaming service, "Army of the Dead" sounds like the work of filmmaker George A. Romero ("Night of the Living Dead"), but that would be a neat trick since he passed away nearly four years ago.

Taking up the mantle of mimicking Romero's body of work, Zack Snyder, who did a remake of the master's "Dawn of the Dead" in 2004, takes an aggressive approach to the genre in "Army of the Dead," where zombie heads are like targets in a carnival shooting gallery.

The setting is Las Vegas, not in the way you may remember it from your last visit. It's a walled-off city where the iconic welcome sign has been trashed and replaced by a notice that constitutional law does not apply.

No Bill of Rights protects the zombies. The president has announced that Sin City will soon be annihilated Hiroshima-style. But, first casino tycoon Tanaka (Hiroyuki Sanada) wants a team of mercenaries to pull off a heist of \$200 million in his casino's vault.

For the job, he recruits fearsome Scott Ward (Dave Bautista), once a decorated soldier who rescued a high-ranking official from zombies but now a fry cook, to head up a team, with military side-kicks Maria Cruz (Ana de la Reguera) and Vandrohe (Omari Hardwick).

Part of the team consists of nervous German safecracker Dieter (Matthias Schweighofer) and wise-cracking, cigar-chomping helicopter pilot Marianne (Tig Notaro), who's great for some comic relief.

There's also the coyote Lilly (Nora Arnezeder), signed up to help the crew sneak into the undead zone, and Tanaka's insider Martin (Garret Dillahunt), a man with a secret plan who is distrusted by all the other mercenaries.

At two-and-a-half hours long, "Army of the Dead" needs some serious editing to trim the periods that drag a bit or even to shorten the seemingly endless sequences of shooting zombies in the head.

However, why quibble with the running time, when all we really need is to be entertained with a combination zombie apocalypse movie and heist thriller? For mindless fun, "Army of the Dead" makes the most out of the Vegas setting and zombie playbook.

FOX FALL SEASON PREVIEW

An annual ritual for the broadcast television networks is known as the "Upfronts," a presentation of upcoming series programming to the advertising industry which finances what ultimately shows up as entertainment on whatever device you choose.

This year, FOX reached out to the nation's critics to participate virtually, first in a press conference call with network executives and then in the one-hour online Upfront, both hosted by Charlie Collier, CEO of Fox Entertainment.

While the media industry is focused on big streaming services and a turn away from broadcasting, Collier made the case that FOX remains relevant for its programs to be exclusively ad-supported, claiming that no one can "corner the market on creativity."

The unveiling of the primetime slate for the 2021-2022 season during the Upfront revealed the network is adding four new dramas, two new comedies, four new unscripted series and one new animated comedy to its lineup.

Starting this fall, "The Big Leap" and "Our Kind of People" are two new dramas, and "Alter Ego" is a new unscripted series. The midseason is loaded with new programs that were announced at the Upfront.

Compared loosely to the "Glee" musical comedy-drama series, "The Big Leap" drama is a modern tale of second chances, which revolves around a group of diverse, down-on-their-luck characters participating in a reality dance show that builds to a live production of "Swan Lake."

On the heels of his latest show failure and with the help of his choreographer (Mallory Jansen), Scott Foley's Nick Blackburn signs on to produce a brand-new dance contest series filming in Motor City.

Inspired by Lawrence Otis Graham's provocative, critically acclaimed book, "Our Kind of People: Inside America's Black Upper Class," the titular new series takes place in the world of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, where the rich and powerful black elite come to play.

"Our Kind of People" follows strong-willed, single mom Angela Vaughn (Yaya DeCosta) as she sets to reclaim her family's name but soon discovers a dark secret about her own mother's past that will shake up the community.

As for a new unscripted fall series, "Alter Ego" is an all-new original singing competition where second chances are reignited when singers from all walks of life become the stars they always wanted to be, but only as alternative personalities.

By early in the new year, we'll have more to say about a slew of midseason new shows, including the promising comedy "Welcome to Flatch," where a documentary crew stumbles on a small Midwestern town populated with many eccentric personalities.

It may come as a surprise to no one that chef-cum-television personality Gordon Ramsay will be back with his umpteenth cooking competition, where "Next Level Chef" stages a unique culinary gauntlet over three floors of different kitchens. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Water Districts Seek Added Supplies

With farmers plowing under crops and removing trees due to water shortages, irrigation districts are trying to find supplemental supplies. Districts on the west side of the Central Valley face the prospect of receiving no water from a federal project. A gubernatorial drought declaration intends to streamline water transfers. Water district officials say transfers could "play a key role" this summer, but won't prevent significant agricultural losses.

Aquifer Recharge on Farms Could Aid Domestic Wells

Pouring water onto farmland in the wintertime could help nearby communities replenish their groundwater supplies. University of California research shows nearly 300 rural communities could benefit from "managed aquifer recharge." The research is part of ongoing work to determine how flooding farmland in the winter could refill underground water supplies. Scientists have been charting the impact on aquifers and on the crops and farmland involved.

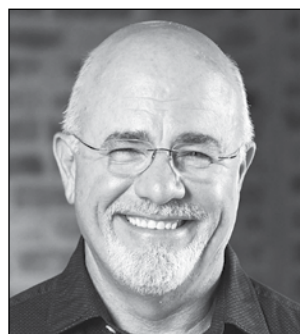
Study of Plant Roots May Enhance Drought Tolerance

In a development that could improve the drought tolerance of crops, University of California scientists say they have identified genes that protect plants from drying out. Working with tomato plants, the UC researchers studied genes that regulate a moisture-barrier layer in plant roots. The barrier prevents a plant from losing water. The scientists say the new knowledge may help them breed crops that survive longer during drought.

Strawberry Sales Boost Demand for Transplants

People have been buying more strawberries during the pandemic, which has increased demand for the starter plants farmers use to grow the crop. Northern California nurseries that produce strawberry transplants report receiving more orders, as every growing region in North America increased plantings to meet customer demand. Plant breeders have also been developing strawberry plants that yield more berries per acre and resist plant diseases, while retaining high flavor. ★

Dave Ramsey Says



shine has worn off, get rid of the place. If the latter is the case, you'll get the responsibility of being a landlord off your back and become debt-free all at the same time!

– Dave

Dear Dave,

I've been following your advice for about a year. I'm almost out of debt, and I live on a budget, but looking toward the future it seems like it will be very difficult to save up for a down payment on a home. I live in Chicago, and property prices are very expensive. I have a friend in Georgia who suggested I buy a less expensive property there, then fix it up and flip it to make the money I would need for a down payment. What do you think of this idea?

– Erik


Dear Erik

When you take on the kind of work you're talking about, you need to ever-see what's happening every step of the way. You're working out details, keeping an eye on the crew, and having to handle a dozen other issues tied to the project. Plus, you can't just walk up to a house or see it online, buy it, and expect to come out ahead in the deal.

People who flip houses for a living professionally eyeball dozens, sometimes hundreds, of properties to buy just one. It's not an easy way to make money, and it's definitely not something I'd recommend doing from a distance. In short, I wouldn't do it, Erik. Fixing and flipping properties is a hands-on business, and trying to do it from 700 miles away would be a nightmare. Just keep on working the budget and save as much as you can. I'd consider getting a part-time job for a while to add to the down payment fund before I'd try to fix and flip a house that far away.

– 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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 - Clear the whiteboard
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 - Alpine structure
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 - Gauche or Droite, in Paris
 - In a frenzy
 - Unagi
 - Fancy necktie
 - Eye protection, sing.
 - Not dangerous to health
 - Dwight the President
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 - *Screen-free message
 - Hairpiece, slangily
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 - *Dirty hobby?
 - African prairie
 - Like family lore
 - Don't let it hit you on your way out
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 - Purse to match a gown
 - Lake of Scottish lore
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 - Used to be
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 - *Guessing game
 - Administer an oil
 - *"Don't make me _____"
 - With pleasure
 - Full of bunnies?
 - Full of gentleness
 - Ranee's wrap
 - *Macrame or wood carving, e.g.
 - Expunge
 - Bodily disorders
 - Hermes and Apollo
 - *'I' in Greek alphabet
 - Person, place or thing

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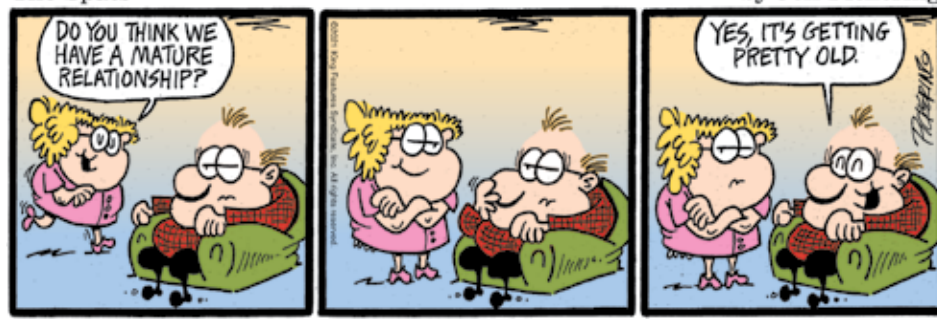
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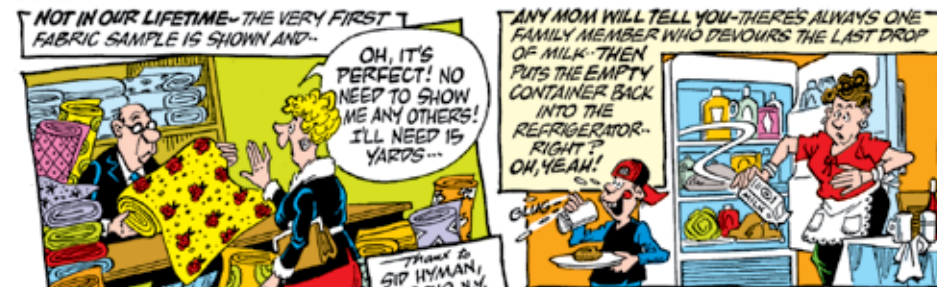
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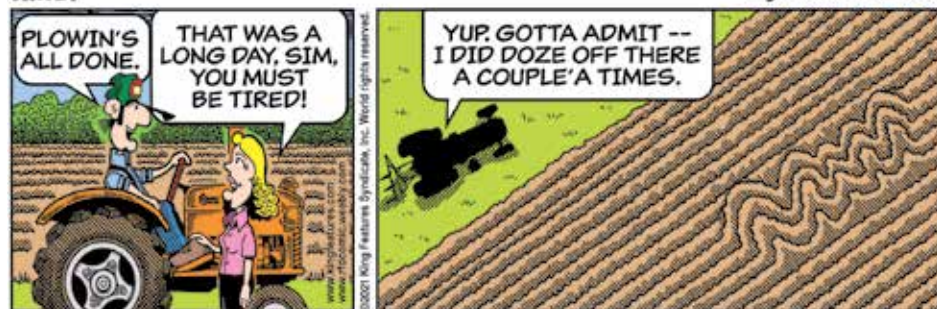


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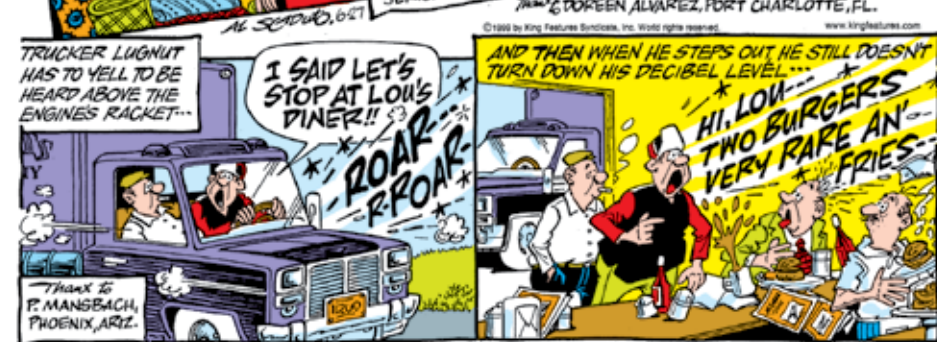


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All photos provided by each individual pictured above.

By Loran Hoffmann

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Women's Improvement Club is pleased to announce the names of the six outstanding Dixon High School seniors that were selected to receive scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to further their education and to help them pursue their career goals. This has been a landmark year for the DWIC by being able to provide twice as many scholarships as we have in past years, due to the generosity of our members.

The scholarship recipients will be recognized at an End of the Year Celebration that will be held on Wednesday morning from 10 am to Noon on June 16, at the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park.

The 2021 Dixon Women Improvement Club scholarship recipients are:

Lisette Abundez is interested in attending UC, Santa Barbara and earning a bachelor's degree in Marketing that she hopes to use when working for the Walt Disney Company.

Elizabeth Granillo will be leaving Dixon to attend Modesto Junior College and transfer to Oklahoma State University where she will be preparing to become a teacher of Agricultural Science or a Veterinarian for large animals.

Megan Kett has set her sights on attending Oklahoma State University or UC Davis to become a Veterinarian.

Ana Miranda enjoys science and has been accepted at UC Davis, San Diego, and Berkeley as well as Saint Mary's College in Moraga. She will pursue a career in medicine in the specific field of Anesthesiology.

Erica Munoz is leaving for San Diego to attend either San Diego State University or UC San Diego. She will be studying biology to fulfill pre-requisites for medical school. She plans to return to Dixon or the nearby area as a Pediatrician.

Jadelyn Young has selected to attend California State University, Sacramento this fall and will study Nursing. She plans to become a Pediatric Nurse at a children's hospital. ★

The Weight of Memorial Day



For countless families across the nation, Memorial Day is a stark – and often painful – reminder of those loved ones who were never afforded the opportunity to be honored as veterans. Image by Matt Sawyers from Pixabay

Commentary by Robert Graves

For the second year in a row, Memorial Day may look a little different than in years past. However, the spirit of the day, along with our memories and emotions, remains the same. For countless families across the nation, Memorial Day is a stark – and often painful – reminder of those loved ones who were never afforded the opportunity to be honored as veterans.

Their sacrifice is a true expression of selfless service – something no one would pick for themselves. Whether they volunteered to fight in a war, served at a time of peace or never expected to wear our nation's uniform until their draft number came up, they represent the best America has to offer.

We feel their losses, from the sacred and silent hills of Arlington National Cemetery to the many other final resting places worldwide. Far too many mothers, fathers, siblings and children feel the immense weight of seeing an empty chair at the table year-round.

This fall marks the 20th year we've been at war, longer than any American conflict that came before. About 2.7 million Americans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, over half of whom deployed more than once. Those returning veterans are now our fellow community members, neighbors and friends, who can speak of the bravery and sacrifices known only to those who witnessed it firsthand.

There are also incredible accounts of courageous heroes who cannot speak for themselves. For example, Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn Cashe will become the first black service member to receive the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan.

At 35 years old, and on his second deployment to the war-torn country following the 2003 invasion, Cashe didn't hesitate to sacrifice himself to save his fellow soldiers. His Bradley Fighting Vehicle had struck a

roadside bomb and was soon engulfed in flames. Drenched in fuel and under enemy fire, Cashe entered the blaze not once but three times to pull others out of the vehicle.

Cashe sustained second- and third-degree burns to more than 70% of his body, but despite his severe injuries, he insisted on being the last soldier on a medical evacuation helicopter.

Four of those soldiers perished, and Cashe succumbed to his injuries 22 days later, joining the ranks of those taken away far too soon.

While it is impossible ever to know what was going through his mind in those chaotic yet critical moments following the attack, we may catch a glimpse of what it could have been by listening to Medal of Honor recipient Army Capt. Florent "Flo" Groberg. With another soldier's help, Groberg put himself between a suicide bomber and a dismounted patrol in Afghanistan in 2012. Although Groberg thankfully survived, four soldiers were killed.

Groberg has said, "In combat, there might be a moment where you have to make a decision that will more than likely dictate whether or not you live or die. When you are willing to put yourself in front of that bullet, in front of that suicide bomber, in front of that mortar, in front of anything that is going to kill you for your men – that's love."

We know Cashe loved his soldiers – he made the ultimate sacrifice for them. The harsh reality of war, and military service in general, is that, sadly, not everyone will make it home.

As we gather together – whether safely in person or online – let us honor the memory of those heroes no longer with us, and let us strive to live up to the example set by such selfless patriots today and every day.

Robert Graves is California Director of Operations Department of American Veterans, California. ★

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of Becoming Infected with the West Nile Virus

A number of types of sources found within residential neighborhoods are capable of producing enough adult mosquitoes to bother not only the residents of one home but a number of homes in the area. These mosquitoes are also capable of transmitting West Nile virus! Water left standing for seven to ten days can produce mosquitoes during warmer weather. There are a number of simple precautions that can be taken to prevent this from happening...

TYPE OF SOURCE	WHAT TO DO...
Leaking faucets and broken pipes:	Repair or replace defective parts immediately.
Water under buildings:	Install sump pump and provide drainage if possible.
Roof gutters:	Maintain roof gutters and down spouts clear of debris.
Septic tanks:	Seal and cover all openings and screen vents.
Impounded water:	Fill if possible or provide adequate drainage.
Flower pots:	Drain-off excess water or invert if not in use.
Swimming pools & Hot tubs:	Use filter and skimmer daily to remove egg rafts and larvae. Chlorine will not kill mosquito larvae. Provide drainage for filter and sump pumps. When not in use, cover tightly.
Wading pools:	Change water weekly. When not in use turn upside down.
Swimming pool covers:	Tighten cover to prevent sagging.
Ornamental ponds:	Stock with mosquito fish and remove excess vegetation such as leaves, and thin pond lilies occasionally. Maintain even water level. Screen inlet on recirculation pump. When cleaning pond, transfer to glass bowl - chlorine kills fish. If pond is no longer desired, make holes in bottom and fill with dirt or sand.
Bird baths:	Change water frequently, preferably every 2-3 days
Lawns:	Avoid over watering.
Tree holes:	Fill with a polymer such as Soil Moist or Broadleaf P4 granules which absorb water - can last for years, available at garden supply stores, sand or dirt, drain if possible - when in doubt, call a tree surgeon.
Water troughs:	Change water weekly or stock with mosquito fish.
Boats:	Use a water tight cover or store upside down.
Containers:	Dispose of all unused containers that can collect rain or irrigation water such as tin cans, jars, barrels, buckets, old tires and tubs. Gardening containers such as vases and buckets should be stored upside down.

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