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## Ancient Chinese Medicine Makes Its Way to Dixon



Christian Iwanicki in her Dixon Acupuncture and Ancient Medicine office. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Ancient Chinese Medicine isn't as scary as it used to be. I used to envision what it would be like getting my extra-sensitive self stuck by needles slowly being pushed into my body and knew it would hurt – but that wasn't the case at all.

I had tried everything else to stop incessant hunger and decided that after all these years, sticking a needle into the muscle that sends the message to my brain that I am hungry might be possible. Could it be blocked? I wanted to find out.

I didn't have to look far. Across my desk came the City of Dixon Business License notice for Christian Iwanicki, Certified Acupuncturist,

located right here in town. I took it as a sign. I called and right away felt comfortable with her exceptional knowledge of the bigger picture: How we care for our bodies in western civilization versus Eastern.

"The Eastern perspective is based on the whole body and we use Chinese Medicine as a diagnostic lens and therefore we can potentially treat anything," Christian said.

Before going back to college for my journalism degree, I was a certified childbirth educator and later worked as an Assistant Midwife who worked from the belief system that our babies and our bodies were perfectly designed. When provided healthy foods, air and exercise, we'd thrive and when we needed

additional help, it was always better to go with the most natural remedies and non-invasive medical tools if at all possible.

When I first met with Christian, we discussed my limited knowledge of Acupressure Massage which I learned to alleviate childbirth pain and she brought out a diagram of an ear showing how all the various points connected to other parts of the body.

"If you look at it, it's even in the shape of a baby in utero," she said. I was immediately enamored with her. Of course it did.

But in today's society, it is rare that anyone even gets exposed to medical alternatives since popping a pill is not

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## Walgreens to Pay \$3.5M Settlement

Office of Solano County District Attorney

**FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG)** - Solano County District Attorney Krishna A. Abrams announced today that a \$3.5 million stipulated judgment against Walgreen Co. ("Walgreens") was entered on December 17, 2020, which settles allegations that Walgreens unlawfully disposed of hazardous waste in violation of state laws and violated injunctive terms from a prior 2012 stipulated judgment. The case was prosecuted by a multi-jurisdictional task-force which included the Solano County District Attorney's Office Consumer/Environmental Crimes Unit. The case was filed in Alameda County Superior Court and judgment entered in case number RG20081172.

The current settlement follows an investigation by prosecutors of Walgreens' conduct between 2013 and 2020, during which time prosecutors allege that the company improperly disposed of hazardous waste into company trash bins destined for municipal landfills that are not authorized to accept hazardous waste. The hazardous waste included items such as over-the-counter and prescription medication, electronic devices, batteries, aerosol products, cleaning agents, as well as other hazardous items generated through the company's regular business activities. This settlement also resolves allegations that Walgreens failed to shred or otherwise destroy customer records containing confidential information before disposal.

The current stipulated judgment requires Walgreens to pay an additional \$3.5 million, which consists of \$2.8 million in civil penalties, \$300,000 in supplemental environmental projects, and \$400,000 in reimbursement of investigative and enforcement costs. The monetary settlement includes just over \$300,000 in penalties and costs to Solano County. In addition, the settlement includes provisions requiring Walgreens to continue to employ four California-based compliance employees to oversee its hazardous waste compliance program and ensure hazardous wastes and confidential consumer information is properly disposed of at all stores.

Walgreens owns approximately 600 pharmacy and retail facilities in California, five of which are located in Solano County. Walgreens, like all retail stores, is required to properly manage hazardous waste that is generated

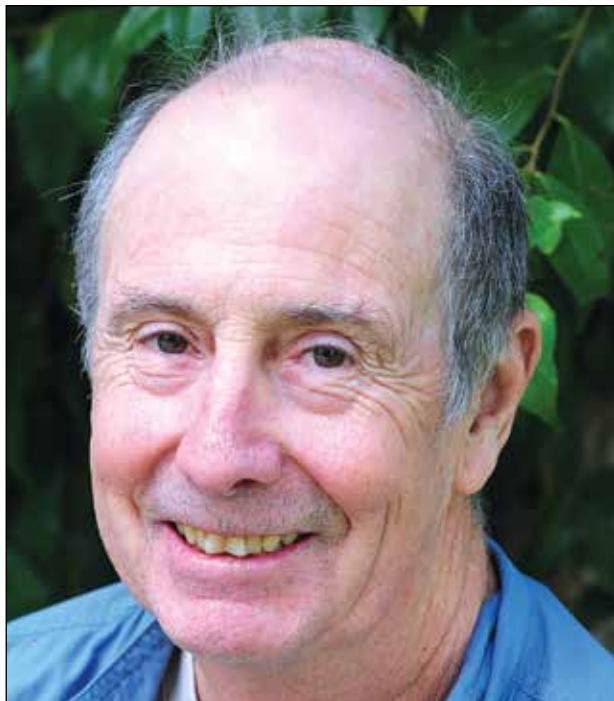
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## A Discovery in the UC Davis Hammock Lab May Lead to Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - Inhibitors of a key regulatory enzyme in humans and experimental animals studied in the lab of UC Davis distinguished professor Bruce Hammock may lead to a role in treating people with Alzheimer's disease by reducing inflammation in the brain. "Inflammation in the brain, or neuroinflammation, is strongly implicated in Alzheimer's disease," said Hammock, co-author of a research paper, "An Epoxide Hydrolase Inhibitor Reduces Neuroinflammation in a Mouse Model of Alzheimer's Disease," published Dec. 9 in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

"This paper is getting worldwide attention, and I hope it stimulates research on the role of lipid mediators in brain health" said Hammock, who holds a



Bruce Hammock, UC Davis distinguished professor. Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

joint appointment with the Department of Entomology and Nematology and the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer. Some 5.8 million Americans have Alzheimer's

disease, an irreversible brain disease that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills. A team of eight scientists, led by Hui Zheng of the Baylor College of Medicine,

Houston, explained that the enzyme, soluble epoxide hydrolase (sEH), is elevated in the brains of patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and in an amyloid mouse model with AD. Blocking sEH "may replenish the natural epoxy lipids, combat neuroinflammation, and improve cognition," they said.

Hammock describes sEH as a key regulatory enzyme involved in the metabolism of fatty acids. It regulates a new class of natural chemical mediators, which in turn resolve inflammation while reducing blood pressure and pain. Hammock and his lab have been involved in research on this enzyme for more than 50 years.

"Inflammatory processes are known to be associated with the pathology and neurodegeneration associated with Alzheimer's disease," said Dr. Charles DeCarli,

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## Shuttering Indoors Means Extra Kindness Needed

By Debra Dingman

So many people I've talked to from family to story interviewees all express sadness over the shutdown. It isn't anger. It isn't rebellion. It isn't even frustration. It appears to me that it is a sort of grief like we don't know what to do with but endure. We need to be really kind to each other right now and since this is a New Year, it is a good time to start.

I have recently discovered a new BFF (Best Friend Forever.) It is my husband. I'm not sure if we have ever lived together so closely than we are now. Due to the Air Force or his company, there have been many extended times we have lived physically apart from each other. Then we lived in a 2-story home with a big yard. Between me cleaning that house and him taking care of that yard, I can see why this smaller home with little yard has created a new intimacy for us.

The pandemic brought him home to work. I am respectful of his conference calls as he is my Zoom meetings. Our home office chairs are 6-feet apart.

Although I work part-time in a downtown office, he isn't even getting in a car, so when I get home, he's already got dinner ready. My appreciation runs deep.

He runs errands and complains about dealing with billing problems over the phone, sets up medical and dental

appointments and goes to the post office. I tease that he is finally entering the "real-life world." He finally sees what I have done all these years; why I hate certain parts of the tasks and why I enjoy most living in Dixon so I can get where I need (and almost all that I need) in a very short amount of time with energy spared for other things that are more loving.

I don't think David ever once helped me make our bed. In his defense, I learned to be very fast since I do it every morning. But, with the fact that we are both getting up at the same time now, he is kind enough to help me make it daily. And, there are many tasks that we now do together like emptying the dishwasher or grocery shopping that has brought us so much closer.

I enjoy listening to him talk about his retirement plans and what areas of education he is exploring. It helps me see a whole new side. From culinary school, baking classes, or giving up his dreams of ever being a pilot, he offers great conversation.

My big problem is running into him. After the exasperation where one of us wants to say "get out of my way," it is important to be kind and gracious.

Wherever people are - home or doing essential business, kindness is so needed right now. Even though we wear masks, one can still say hello. We can still tell when someone is smiling back. Happy New Year to all! ★

## Solano SBDC Offers New 'Biz Rx' Program



This spacious pergola was built and utilized in Ferguson Alley by the restaurant owners who have a backside to it: Rosemary's Farm to Fork, Dawson's Bar and Grill, and Bangkok Garden. But, it cannot even be utilized for outdoor dining for the next three weeks of the Deep Purple pandemic restrictions. All restaurants under this order allow take out and pick up only. The Solano Small Business Development Center is offering programs that can help small business owners stay in business. Meanwhile, please order out to support our Dixon merchants. Photo by Debra Dingman

### Solano Small Business Development Center

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Caring for your business's health is as important as caring for your personal health. Register today for the Solano SBDC's new 'Biz Rx' program and receive a custom prescription for your business's future success.

'Biz Rx' includes two key components. The first is a no-cost webinar series, led by Solano SBDC's Lead Business Advisor Onna Young. The second is a no-cost, confidential one-on-one assessment with an SBDC advisor that will include an in-depth S.W.O.T. - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats - analysis of the participant's business. Business owners can register for both at [www.solanosbdc.org/BizRX](http://www.solanosbdc.org/BizRX).

Solano SBDC Director Tim Murrill designed 'Biz Rx' in response to the many conversations he has had with area business owners navigating through a tumultuous 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic, and

state ordered shutdowns.

"We know this year has been challenging for our small businesses," he said. "People are concerned for the health and future of their businesses moving into 2021. Many would like to pivot their business or are looking for new opportunities, but do not know where to start.

"Look at 'Biz Rx' as a check-up or re-charge for your business and future opportunities," he added. "Each assessment will be personalized and geared specifically to you and your business and will reveal key areas of opportunities. We want our business owners to get as much value from this experience as they possibly can."

The free monthly webinar series, 'Biz Rx: Diagnosing Marketing and Revenue Improvement Opportunities,' includes a guided assessment of your business's marketing and sales strategy.

"We'll ask you a series of easy to answer questions that are designed to provide insights about where

to head next with your marketing and sales strategy," Young said. "There's no pre-preparation needed to gain the clarity you seek. Whether you feel clear or confused, we are here to help shine a light on what's missing and on where to head next."

Attending the webinar is not a requirement for the assessment. The assessment is available and free to all business owners.

To register for a 'Biz Rx' assessment, visit [www.solanosbdc.org/BizRX](http://www.solanosbdc.org/BizRX), contact Barbara Gilbert with the Solano SBDC at 707-646-1071 or email [bizrx@solanosbdc.org](mailto:bizrx@solanosbdc.org).

The Solano SBDC offers free individualized and confidential advising for existing businesses and start-ups with 500 or fewer employees. Business advisors are experienced in a variety of areas, including lending, business plans, marketing, sales, strategy, leadership, restaurant operations, human resources, retail, and product pricing.

Learn more and apply to be a business client at [www.solanosbdc.org](http://www.solanosbdc.org). ★

## Next Town Hall Addresses "Does the State Owe You Money?"



Bill Dodd

Dear Neighbor,  
With the holidays upon us, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for re-electing me

to represent you in the California Senate. And I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy new year.

Please continue to follow COVID-19 public health directives. It is critical to stop the surge of infections and get our economy back on track. Updates on the vaccination roll out will be the focus of my next virtual town hall on Jan. 12 featuring state schools Superintendent Tony

Thurmond.

In the Legislature this year, I had seven bills signed into law during our pandemic-limited session. There is still more work to be done and I look forward to another productive year. A website below seeks your input on future proposals.

As always, my office is available to help you with a state agency or answer any questions you might have. You can contact me by visiting my website. ★



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# Ancient Chinese Medicine



The slimmest needles—barely visible to the eye—are used in acupuncture, and for most people, cannot be felt when inserted into various parts of the body. Photo by Debra Dingman

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only easy, if you have Kaiser, it's pretty inexpensive, too.

Christian learned about it because her mother had dire migraines and had sought alternative medicine. When Christian was 9-years-old, she would go with her mom and clearly recalls walking up the steps to a "pretty older home" and feeling a sense that she would do this kind of work in her future.

"I truly believe [that feeling] was a message," she said. "I think it was God." That consideration is understandable not only because of her namesake but also because she attended Neighborhood Christian School and Woodland Christian High School.

Then, when Christian was in high school, she got thrown from a horse and was seriously injured. She was in a lot of pain and the doctor prescribed Opioids. Her mother took her back to the Acupuncturist.

"The process is so holistic and has many nutritional aspects to it," Christian said. "It's been around for several thousand years." Chinese medicine actually dates back to the 11th Century Shang Dynasty. Some of the earliest writings were written on tortoise shells and bone.

Christian admits she struggled in high school and in discovering what she wanted to do with her life while in her early twenties but when she was struggling with her own health issues — and could not get help with traditional western health medicine, she got more serious about studying eastern medicine.

Ill health is understood as a stagnation, deficiency, or the improper movement of the qi or blood and may result in an imbalance of yin and yang, she explained.

While Acupuncture is well known in the respect of using needles, Christian talked freely about her other therapeutic tools. There are herbs, cupping, massage, and dietary recommendations to restore health. She learned these things when she went to the Acupuncture and Integrated Medicine College in Berkeley where she ultimately received a master's degree. Subjects included rigorous academics in Eastern and Western labs, clinical and pharmacology.

"California has the most stringent laws,"

she said as she placed warm suction cups all over my back, tightening them ever so lightly so that I could feel them grip the skin and slightly raise some of the muscle underneath my flab. It didn't hurt at all and I relaxed to her soothing voice as she talked. It's hard to describe the soreness also feeling soothing but over the course of 20 minutes, I felt completely relieved of tension and the ache in my right shoulder caused by some arthritis developing from constantly working at the computer went away.

"The cups are like a deep tissue massage because they access the fascia and muscula-



This is a small suction cup with a 'tightening' device at the top that pulls tension out of the muscles. It was especially helpful for releasing tension on one's back after several were applied all over the back. Photo by Debra Dingman

ture," she said adding that they are growing in popularity. She also inserted several needles in various places but I could barely feel a prick if anything at all. This relief lasted a good two weeks until the stress of Dixon's elections consumed me. Fortunately, each treatment averages approximately \$70. I had acupuncture and the cupping twice about two weeks apart. I did absolutely lose my chronic hunger during that time.

In the United States, Chinese medicine is also becoming increasingly integrated with biomedical practices and is often used in conjunction with medical treatments and psychological care. These providers are licensed as a separate profession in 44 states and the District of Columbia. There are 27,000 of such providers who work independently in the healthcare community to treat a variety of medical conditions and support the maintenance of health and reduction of stress.

"I'm really excited I'm in practice in this town where I grew up," she said. Christian and her husband live in Dixon and her father, Joe Quinn, serves on the Dixon Planning Commission. In her off time, she enjoys training her dog and says she's "addicted to weight lifting."

Her efficient office is clean and welcoming. It is located at 805 North Lincoln across from Northwest Park and across from Demaray Chiropractic. The practice is by appointment only. Call (707) 592-6826. ★

# A Discovery May Lead to Treatment of Alzheimer's

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director of UC Davis Health's Alzheimer's Disease Center, a National Institutes of Health-funded research center funded by the National Institutes of Health. "While the exact mechanisms remain elusive, these new data offer a unique avenue for novel therapeutic development and may be the first step in the process of finding an effective treatment for Alzheimer's disease." DeCarli, who was not involved in the Baylor-UC Davis study, is a distinguished professor of neurology in the Department of Neurology and the Center for Neuroscience. He serves as the Victor and Genevieve Orsi Chair in Alzheimer's Research and directs the Imaging of Dementia and Aging laboratory.

The team, including three researchers from the Hammock lab — Hammock, Sung Hee Hwang and Debin Wan — and five from Baylor — Zheng, Anamitra Ghosh, Michele Comerota, Fading Chen, Nicholas Propson — identified a lipid metabolic pathway regulating neuroinflammation. Further development of sEH inhibitors may lead to a potential treatment for AD, they said.

In their abstract, the scientists explained that epoxy fatty acids "are derivatives of the arachidonic acid and omega-3 fatty acid metabolism pathways and have anti-inflammatory activities. However, their beneficial efficacy is limited because of their rapid hydrolysis by the soluble epoxide hydrolase (sEH)."

Zheng, director and professor of Baylor's Huffington Center on Aging, also holds joint appointments with Baylor's Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology and the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics. Her laboratory focuses on basic and translational research on Alzheimer's disease. "Our expertise is mouse genetics, and we are known for using sophisticated mouse models and innovative approaches to probe the biology and pathophysiology of AD," she writes on her website.

Hammock added: "We have been lucky to collaborate with the scientists from Baylor and others around the world to find ways to resolve inflammation and reduce chronic diseases of aging. One of our sEH inhibitors is in human safety trials on a clinical path to treat chronic pain, we are hopeful

that the compound also can be repurposed to ameliorate symptoms of diseases in the central nervous system." Of the 5.8 million Americans who have Alzheimer's, around 5.3 million are 65 and older, according to the Alzheimer's Association. About two-thirds are women. "African-Americans are about twice as likely to have Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia as whites. Hispanics are about 1.5 times as likely to have Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia as whites."

The National Institute on Aging indicates that the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease doubles every five years beyond the age of 65. At present, someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer's disease every 66 seconds. Worldwide, some 44 million people have Alzheimer's.

The abstract: "Neuroinflammation has been increasingly recognized to play a critical role in Alzheimer's disease (AD). The epoxy fatty acids (EpFAs) are derivatives of the arachidonic acid metabolism pathway and have anti-inflammatory activities. However, their efficacy is limited because of their rapid hydrolysis by the soluble epoxide hydrolase (sEH). We report that sEH is predominantly expressed in astrocytes and is elevated in post-mortem brain tissue from patients with AD and in the 5xFAD  $\beta$  amyloid mouse model of AD. The amount of sEH expressed in AD mouse brains correlated with a reduction in brain EpFA concentrations. Using a specific small-molecule sEH inhibitor, 1-trifluoromethoxyphenyl-3-(1-propionylpiperidin-4-yl) urea (TPPU), we report that TPPU treatment protected wild-type mice against LPS-induced inflammation in vivo. Long-term administration of TPPU to the 5xFAD mouse model via drinking water reversed microglia and astrocyte reactivity and immune pathway dysregulation. This was associated with reduced  $\beta$  amyloid pathology and improved synaptic integrity and cognitive function on two behavioral tests. TPPU treatment correlated with an increase in EpFA concentrations in the brains of 5xFAD mice, demonstrating brain penetration and target engagement of this small molecule. These findings support further investigation of TPPU as a potential therapeutic agent for the treatment of AD." ★

# Tuleyome Certified California Naturalist Course

By Nate Lillge, Tuleyome Organization

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) -

Tuleyome is once again providing a Certified California Naturalist course in partnership with the University of California. Tuleyome's Naturalist course, which begins in January 2021, introduces students to the wonders of California's unique ecology and engages them in the study of, and fosters a sense of stewardship of, our region's natural communities.

Tuleyome's 2021 naturalist classes start January 15, 2021 and continue for 10 consecutive Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. In addition to the ten classroom dates, students are required to attend three field trips, scheduled for Saturdays during the class. These in-field classes help students understand and apply what is learned in the classroom and how to collect data and interact with nature. Due to the continuing health and safety crisis caused by COVID-19,



Tuleyome naturalist classes start January 15, 2021. In addition to the classroom dates, students are required to attend three field trips. Photo courtesy Tuleyome

the classroom portion will begin virtually. Tuleyome has developed safe field trips to ensure the safety of all participants.

The program uses hands-on learning, problem-solving, citizen science and volunteer service to build an appreciation for and deep understanding of the Northern Inner Coast Range Mountains and the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region. No special degrees or previous naturalist experience is required. Class time is set aside to help students learn how to accurately identify

some of the region's most common plant, animal, and insect species. Participants are also eligible for four academic credits through UC Davis Extension for an additional fee.

Visit Tuleyome's website at [www.tuleyome.org/projects/calnat](http://www.tuleyome.org/projects/calnat) for more information and to sign up.

Tuleyome is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that engages in advocacy and active stewardship with diverse communities to conserve, enhance, restore, and enjoy the lands in the region. ★

# Walgreens to Pay \$3.5M Settlement

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in the normal course of its retail and pharmaceutical business and to maintain such hazardous waste in labeled and segregated containers to ensure that incompatible wastes do not combine to cause dangerous chemical reactions.

Walgreens cooperated with the investigation. The instant case resolves violations statewide in California, and was prosecuted primarily by the District Attorneys of Monterey, Alameda,

Riverside, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo Counties, and the City Attorney of Los Angeles.

"Environmental protection remains a priority of the Solano County District Attorney's Office," said District Attorney Abrams. "This statewide settlement with Walgreens ensures future compliance with California environmental regulations and continued protection of the health and welfare of the residents of Solano County and all of California." ★

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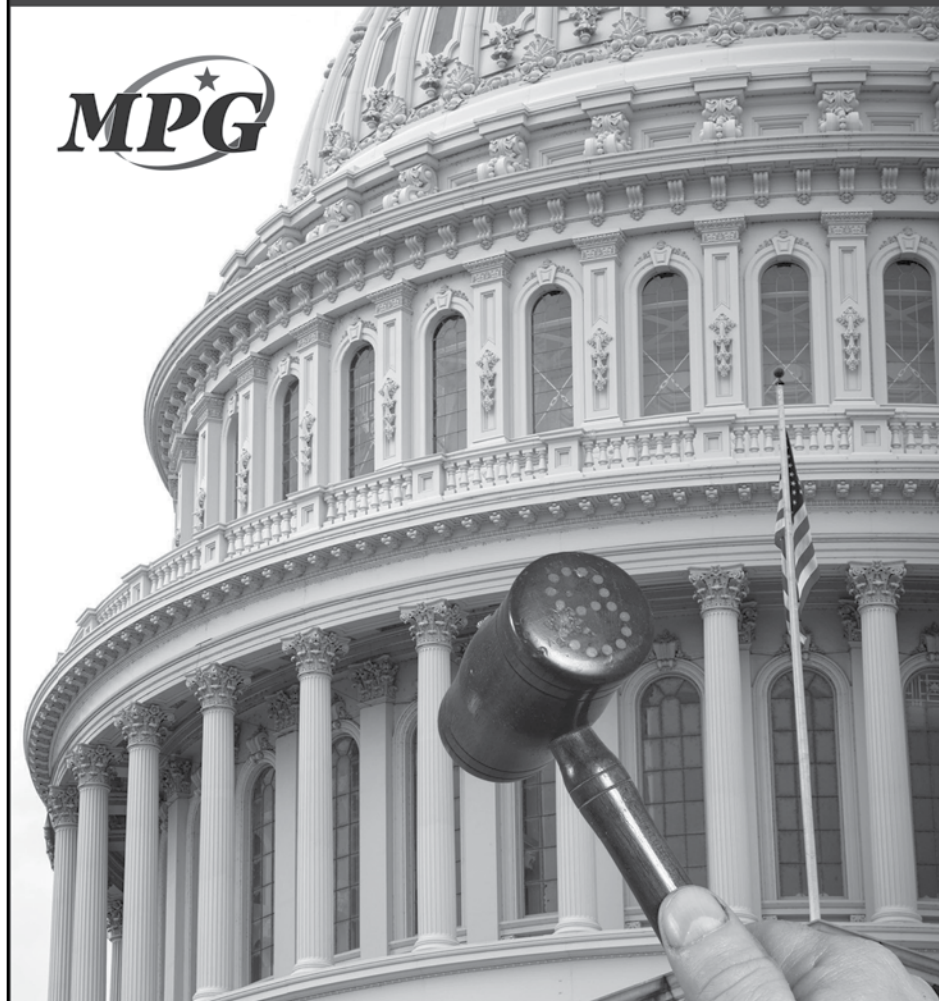
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# Dixon's Measure S Water Rate Repeal

## They Still Aren't Hearing You and the Scare Tactics Have Begun

**Commentary by Michael Ceremello**

After reading Debra Dingman's right-on-the-money commentary on the Dixon city council's special meeting on Thursday, December 17, my analysis will be shortened here. The purpose of this meeting was to seemingly get input from those who were instrumental in repealing a 330% water rate increase.

In an undated letter to four proponents of the repeal, the city manager Jim Lindley had the temerity to demand that the proponents not only give a presentation with less than a week's notice but to delineate solutions to the proposed capital improvement projects as well as to provide funding sources. If you read last week's paper, you saw the proponent's response printed in full.

Rather than answering questions on which the engineering department has been silent for almost two years, the city attorney and council took an adversarial position, continuing to claim their way is the only way. The majority of the meeting was run by city attorney, Doug White, who claimed there were four buckets of money and only the capital improvement bucket could be altered.

There is a basic flaw in any financial analysis which does not look at all variable costs. When your major cost of running the water system is electrical and the State's impetus is toward moving to solar, you would think anyone with a smidgen of common sense would go there first. Instead we are told to ignore the \$1.4 million in operating costs.

So what does city hall propose to get the system economically balanced? Your elected officials want to go right out for another rate increase and they want to add a "public engagement" consultant, whose job it is to parrot their position. How about just finding solutions instead?

Let's look at additional scare tactics promoted by White. Don't be fooled. The State isn't going to take over the water system. They didn't in Atwater and both the city's general fund and water fund were in deficit by millions of dollars. Who was their city attorney? ... Doug White.

Next we have the impact of having to deal with hexavalent Chromium also known as Chromium 6. Early in White's presentation he sloughed off the issue of affordability on our citizens as if some of us are just casualties of war.

To attain the ridiculously high standards the State attempted to impose of no more than 10 parts per billion of Chromium 6, the cost has been estimated at \$6000 per home per year which would increase your water bill by \$500 per month. This is why the California Manufacturers Association and the Solano County Taxpayers Association signed on to a lawsuit requiring the State to follow its own mandates on economic impacts to communities.

Rather than the city joining the fight, White advised the city council to stay out

of it. Now he is again telling all of you to just pay your bill and shut up once the State again attempts to wiggle out of their responsibility.

To summarize White's solutions, blithely accepted by councilmen Pederson and Ernest, there will be a number of meetings during the coming year where each project will be analyzed in detail. If these meetings are nothing more than indoctrination sessions, this will be a monumental waste of the public's time and money.

Considering the city engineer Joe Leach stated that part of the West Yost report detailing future projects was hidden from the public because of "homeland security concerns," I have to question how much else is being hidden while those who we don't trust continue to tell us to trust them. How is it a concern to show the condition of a well or to discuss alternative solutions to drilling a new well?

I have put in a request to Leach to ascertain the electrical demands and current cost of pumping. I have yet to receive even an acknowledgement of my request. I estimate current electrical costs are running anywhere from \$750K to over a million dollars a year.

What happens if we install solar at our well sites or elsewhere in the city to supply electricity? One, you reduce electrical costs thereby freeing up those monies for other projects which still must be vetted in detail by those claiming they are unnecessary or unjustified. Two, there is a cost associated with installing solar which can be supplanted in part through grants, which staff hasn't seemed to be able to find but I found in less than a minute.

I welcome the additional meetings but only if they are truly workshops like those the wastewater committee held. To hear councilman Kevin Johnson ask the mayor about taking public comment with the mayor responding that citizens will get their three minutes after staff's hour and a half presentation makes me believe this mayor doesn't really want to hear anything the public has to say and certainly not in detail.

Who is not listening? According to Pederson, Ernest, and Doug White, the citizens aren't listening. According to the proponents, it is the council and staff who aren't hearing. There is more than one way to get things done and you aren't going to get anything done except by use of force if you aren't willing to consider all options.

Try bringing in actual well drilling experts or those in the business of rehabbing existing wells instead of desk jockeys looking at actuarial tables. Find individuals with varying opinions rather than just those who agree with your current position.

This can be done, folks. I will say we are off to an inauspicious start although it is a start. Building trust isn't a brainwashing exercise. ★

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## Changing Election Rules Alters Outcomes



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

Periodically, owners of major league sports teams change game rules and in doing so they inevitably affect the games' outcomes, purposely or not.

Politics are no different. Changing the rules of campaigning, voting and other political procedures affects election results.

We saw an example of that adage this year. Loosening voter registration requirements, allowing or disallowing ballot harvesting and, in some states, shifting from in-person voting to vote-by-mail affected voter turnout, altered the composition of the electorate and thus ultimately had an effect on what or who won or lost.

Obviously, writers of rules – federal and state legislators, mostly – have a motive in changing them to benefit themselves, their parties and their allied interest groups.

That's why, for instance, the national Democratic Party poured untold millions of dollars into state legislative campaigns. The campaign's avowed goal was altering the partisan balance of statehouses, now mostly Republican, to affect how congressional districts are redrawn after the

2020 census, but it largely failed.

Two constitutional amendments introduced in the California Legislature's newly convened session attest to the continuing desire of politicians to change political rules and thus outcomes.

Senate Constitutional Amendment 1, submitted by Sen. Bob Hertzberg, a Democrat from Van Nuys, would flip how referenda – measures to overturn laws passed by the Legislature – are submitted to voters.

Currently, an interest group opposed to a new law can challenge it by collecting enough signatures to place a referendum on the ballot. Voters are then asked to either validate the new law by voting "yes" or repeal it by voting "no." Hertzberg wants a "yes" vote to repeal the new law and a "no" vote to keep the new law in place.

Is the current procedure a little confusing? Yes, particularly since the referendum process is only occasionally used. But it's doubtful that SCA 1's change would be less confusing.

Hertzberg apparently believes that the change would decrease the chances of a successful referendum because if voters are somewhat undecided or confused about the underlying issue, they are more likely to vote "no."

He introduced SCA 1 a month after his landmark law abolishing cash bail for criminal defendants was overturned by a referendum, Proposition 25, sponsored by the bail

bond industry. Voters marked nearly 55% of their ballots "no" on Hertzberg's bail bill.

Proposition 25 is widely seen as a template for other referenda by business groups adversely affected by laws passed by a liberal Legislature.

Senate Constitutional Amendment 3, offered by Sen. Ben Allen, a Redondo Beach Democrat, would make a huge change in recall elections.

Currently, when enough signatures are collected to seek the recall of an elected official, such as then-Gov. Gray Davis in 2003, the issue is placed before voters in two simultaneous ballot measures. One is on the recall itself and the second is to elect someone to replace the ousted officeholder if the recall is successful.

With 135 candidates on the second ballot, action movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger succeeded Davis with about 48% of the vote.

SCA 3 would place the targeted officeholder on the same ballot as the challengers, meaning the incumbent could stay in office with a plurality of the vote instead of the harder-to-achieve majority vote currently required for the recall ballot.

When you change political rules, you likely change the outcome of the political game, just as in football or baseball.

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

## Help Scouts Fundraise by Recycling Your Christmas Tree



KC Baltz and Scout Tyler Collins assisted by other Scout families work on recycling Christmas Trees at last year's fundraiser for Troop 152. Courtesy Photo

MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Their one and only fundraiser of the year for Dixon Boy Scouts is their annual Christmas Tree recycling and promises to be very successful since they already had 50 reservations before Christmas, according to Shawn Collins of Troop 152.

There will be two opportunities for Christmas tree pickups this year. One will be Saturday, January 2 and the other is Saturday, January 9. They do ask for a \$10 donation and will pick up your tree.

If you would like your tree picked up, there are several options to schedule it. You can fill out the Google Doc request form, found here online at <https://goo.gl/PsEg1Z> or you can visit [ww.troop152dixon.com](http://ww.troop152dixon.com).

You can also email to [fundraising@troop-152dixon.com](mailto:fundraising@troop-152dixon.com) or call (707) 676-6152 and leave a message.

Scouts BSA is for boys who are 11, or are at least 10 years old and have completed the fifth grade or have earned the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award, through 17 years old.

Boys experience a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster to achieve the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness through camping, fun with friends and more.

The Group normally meets weekly at the Dixon United Methodist Church but during the pandemic, more information is available for the current schedule by calling or contacting via the above numbers/sites. ★

## NorthBay Healthcare Grief Support Programs Continue

NorthBay Healthcare Press Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - NorthBay Hospice and Bereavement will begin another eight-session "Journey Through Grief" support group meeting on January 12. The sessions are held online starting at 6 p.m. and they focus on healing and learning about grief. Each session is facilitated by a therapist and is offered free of charge to all Solano County residents.

Also meeting online are the Veteran Men's Grief Support Group on Thursday at 10 a.m., and the Adult Grief Support Group, that meets on Thursdays at noon. All attendees must reserve a spot to attend these groups and are requested to register by 5 p.m. the day before, by calling (707) 646-3517.

To register for the Journey Through Grief program, please contact Brenda Boyd at (707) 646-3517.

# CLG NEWS UPDATES

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**World's Second Largest Hydroxychloroquine Plant in Taiwan Blows Up** | 22 Dec 2020 | News sources in Taiwan (thanks to Dr. Meryl Nass for breaking this story here in the U.S.) are reporting that the world's second largest supplier of raw materials to make hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) blew up earlier this week, which will most certainly put a strain on the world's supply of HCQ. Taiwan English News reports: An explosion at a pharmaceutical factory in Taoyuan City left two injured and caused a fire early this afternoon, December 20. People as far as Tamsui District in New Taipei City reported hearing the massive blast shortly after noon. Immediately after the blast, thick black smoke could be seen pouring out of the SCI Pharmtech factory. While the factory is located close to Taipei Taoyuan International Airport, operations at the airport were not affected, according to reports in United Daily News and ET Today. The Taoyuan City Fire Department dispatched 76 personnel, 28 fire appliances and 2 ambulances to the scene of the fire.

**Rep. Mo Brooks: 'Dozens' of House Members Joining Jan. 6 Electoral College Challenge** | 28 Dec 2020 | Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Ala.), the GOP leader of a plan to challenge Electoral College votes on Jan. 6, said that "dozens" of House members are going to sponsor a measure to object. "There are dozens in the House of Representatives who have reached that conclusion that I have; we're going to sponsor and co-sponsor objections to the Electoral College vote returns," Brooks told Fox News on Monday morning. The move, which has to occur during the Joint Session of Congress on Jan. 6, requires a member of the House and a member of the Senate to carry out. So far, Sen.-elect Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) has suggested he might join Brooks and the other GOP House lawmakers. Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) has also suggested he might as well. Neither Tuberville nor Paul have made public statements affirming the effort.

**Trump Urges Supporters to Gather in DC on Jan. 6** | 28 Dec 2020 | President Donald Trump on Sunday urged supporters to join the planned protests in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021. "See you in Washington, DC, on January 6th. Don't miss it," Trump wrote in a tweet, promising more information later. A number of groups are planning to gather in the nation's capital next month as members of Congress convene in a joint session to count electoral votes. At least 11 members or members-elect in the House of Representatives plan to object to electoral votes. They have not yet received a commitment from a senator; challenges require both a representative and a member of the upper congressional chamber. The objection wouldn't be upheld unless a majority of each chamber vote in favor of it.

**Oops! Over 4,000,000 Votes Cast By the Same Person in Pennsylvania** | 27 Dec 2020 | With 521,879 last names representing 9,008,753 votes we can determine that each unique surname is responsible for an average of 17.26 votes. ...The surname to votes ratio was 17:1. If there were 245,033 surnames were identical then the same person voted 4,165,561 times. On December 26, Bobby Piton tweeted: "I have some absolutely Stunning News to report regarding PA. I examined just over 9,008,753 records and have identified 521,879 unique Last Names. 245,033 or just under 47% of the total Last Names in PA only belong to 1 and only 1 person!"

**Peter Navarro Says 379,000 Illegal Ballots Were Cast in Michigan** | 21 Dec 2020 | Last Thursday, Dr. Peter Navarro released an explosive report outlining the fraud in the 2020 election. The report explained how Democrats cheated in the 2020 election in various contested states. Notably however, the report did not include a detailed breakdown of Michigan. At the time of the report, Dr. Navarro explained there was insufficient data to draw estimates of how the various types of irregularities in Michigan translate into possible illegal votes. This morning, Dr. Navarro joined Steve Bannon's War Room: Pandemic. During the interview (48:00 mark), Navarro told Bannon he now has the "receipts" for Michigan. Dr. Navarro explained that Biden's lead in Michigan is currently alleged to be 154,000 votes. "My top line number at this point for illegal, possibly illegal ballots, is 379,000," Navarro said. "That's more than twice the victory margin," he continued. ★

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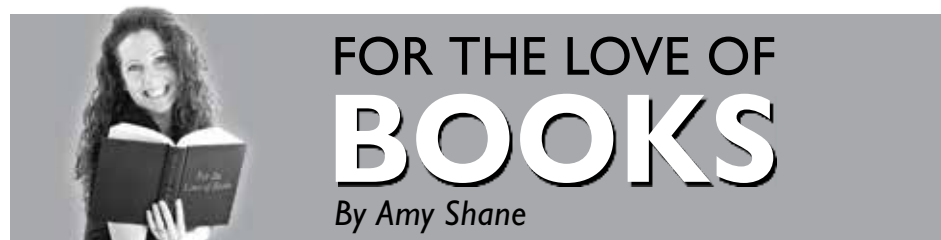
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# Riley Reviews

## “WONDER WOMAN 1984” AN ELEGANT SUPERHERO SAVES THE WORLD

A TV Review by Tim Riley

“WONDER WOMAN 1984”  
RATED PG-13

The origin story of Wonder Woman was developed in the 2017 film named after the DC Universe superhero, delivering the elegant, stunning and strong Gal Gadot as the demigod warrior on a mission to thwart the Germans during the First World War.

“Wonder Woman 1984” places Diana Prince (Gadot reprising the role), whose alter ego is the superhero, into the thick of the Cold War era where a con-man utilizing the television medium to promote a Ponzi scheme may prove more threatening to mankind than the Soviets.

But first, the film opens with a flashback to the paradise island of Themyscira that is inhabited solely by Amazon warrior women. As a young girl, Diana competes in a grueling triathlon against adult women more than twice her size.

Showing grit and determination in a contest of skill and strength that represents a hybrid of Olympic competition and a fantasy match in a “Harry Potter” film, Diana learns a valuable and virtuous life lesson from her elders.

The year 1984 brings the still elegant Diana to the position of a staff archeologist at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., where she studies and catalogs ancient artifacts, one of them being a seemingly ordinary stone object that is anything but mundane.

In a reflection of the solitary responsibility shouldered by one possessing superpowers, Diana appears to be a loner, even aloof from her colleagues. This also could be her still longing for the lost love of her life, pilot Steve Trevor (Chris Pine), a casualty of war.

However, she befriends Smithsonian colleague Barbara Minerva (Kirsten Wiig), a nerdy, awkward geologist who is overlooked or dismissed by workmates and harassed by louts on city streets.

Barbara takes an interest in the odd stone object that Diana has deemed to be of no significant value, at least not until TV con artist Maxwell Lord (Pedro Pascal) who peddles get-rich-quick schemes on oil prospecting wants to get his hands on it.

The stone has power to grant anyone’s wish, which leads to Steve’s return from the dead. Diana’s love has delightfully humorous fish-out-of-water encounters with the marvels of technology and the gaudiness of contemporary wardrobes.

As for her part, Barbara covets the confidence, strength and appeal of her

glamorous colleague, not realizing that there is much more to Diana’s poise and beauty than surface appearances.

Meanwhile, the snake oil salesman Maxwell Lord, who cares about no one other than himself and his young son Alistair (Lucian Perez), ingratiates himself into the museum’s work for ulterior motives.

The beginning and middle parts of the story in the nation’s capital allow Diana to moonlight on occasions in crimefighting with random acts of heroism, like rescuing kids from deranged robbers at a mall or saving an oblivious pedestrian from being creamed by a speeding Pontiac.

But when Steve is back in the picture, the duo take flight in a purloined jet and head to the Middle East for other heroic acts contra the dastardly plans of Maxwell Lord for world domination and supremacy in the oil markets, or something to that effect.

Truth of the matter is that in the middle part, aside from great stunts by Wonder Woman disrupting a hostile military convoy in the desert, a lot of the action, with the exception of fight scenes in the White House, becomes forgettable not long after the viewing.

What is not so unmemorable is the evolution of Barbara into full villain mode as the Cheetah, whose powers grow stronger while Diana’s appear to diminish. And yet, the Cheetah looks more like a cast member in an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical than true menace.

In his quest for self-aggrandizement, Maxwell Lord becomes more a caricature of overacting than a true threat to the world, even though he’s a megalomaniac destined to fail as he’s ultimately no match for Wonder Woman.

In this dreadful year of a global pandemic, movie studios have struggled with how or even whether to open any tentpole films that deserve the big screen experience. “Wonder Woman 1984” may be viewed on HBO Max and whatever theaters might be open.

Does this superhero movie lose its full impact by being seen on a flat screen in one’s family room? The hunger for blockbuster entertainment not on a streaming service makes it worth the effort for fans of this genre.

At a running time of two and a half hours, “Wonder Woman 1984” could have been trimmed, or at the very least, the wait to get to the climactic action with Diana in full superhero costume, whipping her mystical lasso, could have come sooner.

Be sure to hang through the end credits for a special appearance of an iconic figure, still looking marvelous after all these years and demonstrating that she’s still got it. ★

# The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

“I remember you.” Three words that will change this story forever. Villon, France, 1714. Adeline always desired to live a life that was free, free from the usual constraints put on her by her family, from society, and from being a woman. She dreamed of being a tree, where she could grow as she pleased, belonging to no one. But Adeline was not a tree; she was a girl, and she had been given away. Adeline never wanted to be a wife, trapped in a life that wasn’t hers, raising someone else’s children, so she fled, praying to any God who would listen. She knew the danger of praying to Gods that answer in the dark, but Adeline didn’t care, all she wanted was to be free, and when the darkness appeared as a man shrouded in shadows, she made a bargain. A barter for time without limits, and in the end, she would relinquish her soul. But a barter always has a trade, and for Adeline, that meant she would live a life where no one would remember her, but Adeline didn’t care. A life that is free was worth any cost.



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◆ Intended Audience: Adult  
◆ Rating: ★★★★★

For 300 years, Adeline, now Addie, embarked on endless adventures, propelling her through centuries of history, art, war, and technology. Addie became witness to the world, a muse to artists and musicians, living a life that was beautiful in moments, and forgotten by everyone the second she left the room. Then she walked into a little bookstore and met Henry. Henry who has a story of his own, and most importantly, he remembers her.

Are you a storyteller or a story keeper? In this breathtaking story of sacrifice and desire, The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue will capture its reader’s souls while

taking them on a journey that travels through the centuries. Echoes of this book linger like a delicate, creeping fog even weeks after turning the last page, as readers are left with the soft whispers of longing, forgetting, and the desire to be remembered. V.E. Schwab’s powerful writing seeps off the pages with its own crescendo, lulling in readers with words that play out like a haunting lullaby. Schwab knows how to connect with her reader’s heart while also delivering an atmospheric, historical read.

While the words on the pages hold their own power, this is also a book that should be experienced as an audiobook. Narrator Julia Whelan elevates the storyline by breathing life into each individual character. Her voice is soft and gentle when it needs to be, then quickly builds with a mixed rush of urgency or sneer of power. Whelan’s unique ability to raise the story’s intensity but also allowing the time for it to fall into crushing despair highlights the beauty of a well-narrated book. The only question that remains, will you remember Addie? ★

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**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

**0616** – Suspicious circumstance in the 200 block of North Adams Street. Frederick Reed (48), of Sacramento, was arrested for Trespassing and Attempt Vandalism. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

**1159** – Informational report taken in the 200 block of West A Street.

**1850** – Theft report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**1300** – Death investigation in the 1100 block of North Lincoln Street.

**Monday, December 14, 2020**

**1600** – Traffic stop in the 400 block of West H Street resulted in the arrest of Oscar Delatorre (32) of Dixon for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released with a new court date.

**2244** – Domestic violence report in the 400 block of South Jackson Street.

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**1230** – Report taken for a vehicle versus pedestrian in the 500 block of Devonshire Drive. 20-1668.

**2358** – Report of vandalism to a vehicle in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

**0748** – Hit and Run reported in the 1300 block of West H Street.

**0850** – Vehicle vandalism reported in the 100 block of North 2nd Street.

**1418** – Bike stop in the 1000 block of North 1st Street. Daniel Figueroa-Rios (46), of Dixon, was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Misappropriation of Lost Property and Probation Violation. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

**1803** – Hit and Run traffic report taken in the 1600 block of Fulmor Dr.

**Friday, December 18, 2020**

**0830** – Traffic enforcement stop in the 100 block of Gateway Drive. Sean Bond (35), of Lincoln, was arrested for Driving on a Suspended License and a Probation Violation.

**1526** – Trespass reported in the 700 block of West B Street. Joseph Nesbitt (40), of Vacaville, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana 1+ ounces Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and a Probation Violation.

**1950** – Traffic collision report was taken in the 100 block of North 1st St.

**2244** – Theft report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

**0831** – Traffic enforcement stop in the 500 block of Sierra Drive. Richard Nunes (47), of Dixon, was contacted and arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Probation Violation. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

**1143** – Warrant service in the area of Auction Lane and North 1st Street. Carlos Ascencio (39), of Dixon was arrested on two Felony Warrants for Failure to Appear. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

# Seasonal Affective Disorder

By Evelyn Hill,  
The Jason Foundation

**HENDERSONVILLE, TN (MPG)** - Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is characterized as a type of depression that is related to changes in seasons, typically tied to the start of fall and persisting into the winter months. We know that depressive disorders don’t take holidays and this time of year can be stressful. For individuals who suffer from or are at risk for depression, though, the impact of holiday stresses and pressures can be much more severe than the momentary frustrations that almost everyone experiences. Typical symptoms of SAD, sometimes referred to as winter depression, may include the following (Mayo Clinic): Feeling depressed most of the day, nearly every day; A lack of energy; Losing interest in activities you once enjoyed; Feeling sluggish or agitated; Oversleeping or having problems with sleeping; Social withdrawal; Feeling hopeless, worthless or guilty; Substance abuse.

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1. Dealer's hand, in cribbage
5. Wade's opponent
8. Galsworthy's "The Forsyte"
12. Nevada city
13. Prima donna
14. Weasel's cousin
15. Makes collar for RBG
16. Between the id and super-ego, pl.
17. Can be hot or cold, meteorologically speaking
18. "Real estate-related board game"
20. Elvis Presley's "\_\_\_ and Fortune"
21. Preface, e.g.
22. "A top one is a game piece in #18 Across"
23. Open carriage
26. Having a malignant influence
30. "Wheel of Fortune" request
31. Stay clear of
34. Knife wound
35. Touch of color
37. Computer network acronym
38. Awaken
39. Wet nurse
40. Castrated man
42. Yale-\_\_\_ College, Singapore
43. Aircraft's additional equipment holder
45. They're denoted in red
47. Eric Stonestreet on "Modern Family"
48. Allergic reaction to bee sting
50. Amusing
52. "Word game"
55. Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the \_\_\_"
56. Joie de vivre
57. Charlie Parker's nickname
59. Bake an egg
60. Knocks on the door, e.g.
61. 1970s hairdo
62. Milk \_\_\_ candy
63. Swallowed
64. Reason to cram

**DOWN**

1. Tube in old TV
2. Paper unit
3. "He's Just Not That \_\_\_ You"
4. Herzegovina's partner
5. Excessive sternness
6. Convex molding
7. "Candy Land difficulty level"
8. "Napoleon-themed game of strategy"
9. Niels Bohr's study object
10. Autry or Wilder
11. Simon's former partner
13. Performed comprehensively or in \_\_\_ pl.
14. Butcher's refuse
19. Beginning of sickness
22. TV classic "Hee \_\_\_"
23. "Board game island ready for settlers"
24. True inner self
25. Linear particle accelerator, for short
26. Take-out handout
27. Half human-half goat, pl.
28. February "People," e.g.
29. "Game with rooks"
32. "Game involving Mr. Boddy's murderer"
33. Chewbacca's sidekick
36. "a.k.a. draughts"
38. Type of parallelogram
40. Liberty Tree, e.g.
41. Vacuums, e.g.
44. Extra shirt, e.g.
46. Sabbath, alt. sp.
48. Audience's approval
49. Window treatment
50. Windy king of Israel
51. "Metamorphoses" poet
52. Serum, pl.
53. "The Game of \_\_\_"
54. Makes mistakes
55. Acid drug
58. Part of URL

### Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 8

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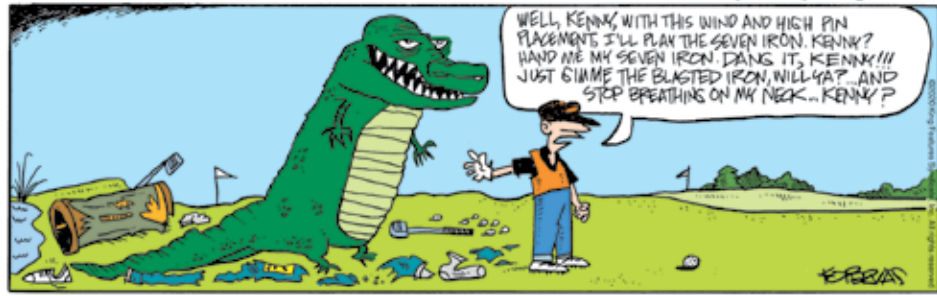
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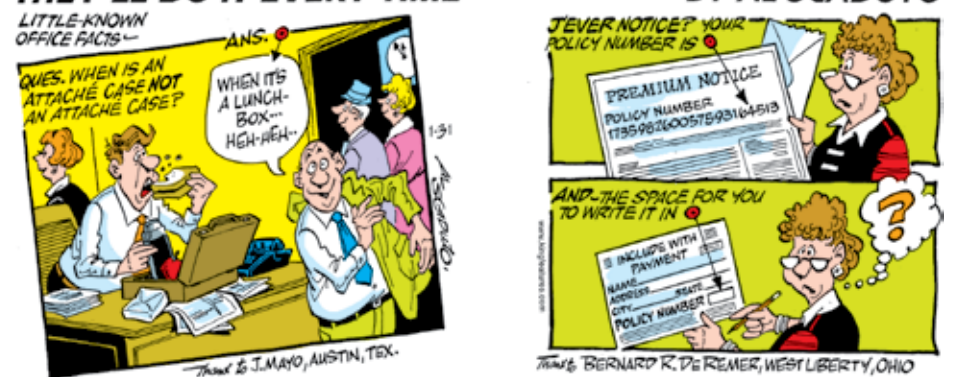
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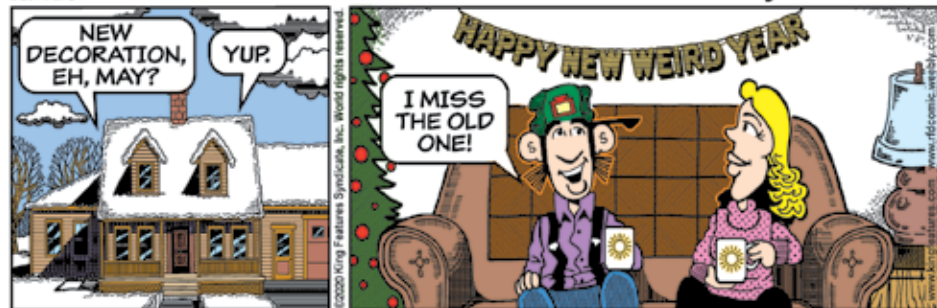
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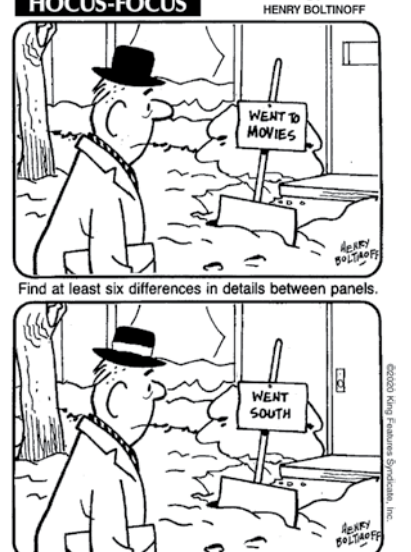


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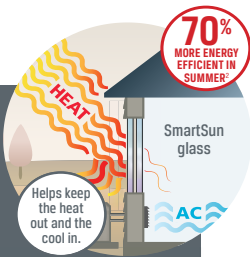
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