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The Speed of Trust

Newsom wants statewide panel to review any COVID vaccine



Gov. Gavin Newsom says Californians need to have confidence in a vaccine, and the state will have a review process regardless of which presidential candidate wins in November. Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

By Ana B. Ibarra, CalMatters.org

Coronavirus vaccines approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in coming months will not be distributed in California until a statewide panel of health experts can ensure they meet safety requirements, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday, October 19, 2020.

While there is no vaccine available yet, California and other states have been gearing up for its eventual distribution. On Friday, California sent a draft of its vaccination plan to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the draft, state officials said a scientific safety review workgroup, made up of immunization and public health experts from agencies

and universities across the state, will help “ensure public confidence in vaccine safety, efficacy, and implementation efforts.”

Other states also have created committees to review any coming vaccine in response to concerns that the Trump administration might rush the regulatory approval process.

“Of course, we don’t take anyone’s word for it,” Newsom said, in a nod to the politicization of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This vaccine plan will move at the speed of trust. You have to have confidence in the efficacy of the vaccine, confidence that we’re not rushing to judgment in terms of its distribution and its accessibility,” Newsom said.

In response to a reporter’s question, Newsom said the review group

process will stand even if former Vice President Joe Biden wins the election.

A new survey from STAT and The Harris Poll showed 58% of people in the U.S. said they would get vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as the vaccine became available – that’s down from the 69% who said the same thing in mid-August, possibly indicating a growing mistrust among the general public. Only 43% of Blacks said they’d get the vaccine as soon as it was ready compared to 59% of white respondents, according to the poll.

In the summer, California was tapped by federal health officials to help plan for a large-scale rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine as early as Nov. 1. Some public health experts pushed

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Here’s How California Keeps Early Votes Secret

By Lewis Griswold, CalMatters.org

Some county registrars lock up equipment and threaten dismissal to protect California’s early votes from being tallied before election day.

The state legislature changed election law this year so election officials could scan ballots as they come in, to deal with an expected crush of ballots well before election day. Officials wanted to be sure the count wouldn’t be slowed by the decision to send each voter a mail ballot because of the pandemic.

Ballots have been coming in at a record pace. As of today, 32 percent of voters already returned their ballots, according to Political Data Inc.’s ballot tracker.

County elections departments are processing the ballots, but not compiling vote totals.

“(U)nder no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8 p.m. on the day of the election,” the election code states. No one wants to influence the outcome of a race by releasing vote counts before the polls close.

Yet once a ballot is scanned, doesn’t a computer take over? Isn’t a vote total in there somewhere? Couldn’t someone take a peek at it?

No, elections officials say. Scanning starts the process but doesn’t total the votes.

“We don’t generate any reports to know what the result is until election night,” said Michael Vu, registrar of voters for San Diego County.

In San Diego County, the vote tabulation system does not connect to the scanner, he said. And the tabulator puts out a total only “when we ask it to,” he said. That’s election night.

Just to make sure there’s no trickery, the tabulator is kept under lock and key in a separate room, he said. Only the few people who must tabulate votes have access and even they must sign in at the door. Vu said he doesn’t even have key-card access to the room. There’s video surveillance of the equipment, too.

Keeping scanning and tabulation systems separate appears to be common in California. Forty of the state’s 58 counties use the same tabulation system as San Diego County, according to a list from the Secretary of State’s office.

Shasta County uses the same system. Counting votes involves two servers,

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Dixon Museum Will Open Downtown

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - It’s official. Business is going good on West A Street and will be even better now that the Dixon Historical Society has a signed lease with Connie Lewis, the owner of the historical Pacific Coast Ice House at 125 West A Street.

“The work has begun! Committees are being formed, exhibits are being discussed, programs are being planned, and fundraising possibilities are being explored,” said First Vice President Loran Hoffmann.

“We signed a one year lease with an option for an extension but first we want to see if it fits our needs,” said DHS President Bill Schroeder. “I’m certain it will. We were looking at a 5-year lease.” The group is already busy making connections for some minor repairs and display needs.

“The building has approximately 2500 square feet, is all on one level and



This is what a group of happy campers looks like. The Dixon Historical Society Board now has a signed lease and is meeting for the first time in the building they will soon feature as Dixon’s downtown museum. They do need more volunteers to open the place daily. (L-R) Carol Abrams, Bill Schroeder, Kayla Nelson, Nelson Sparks, Loran Hoffmann, Maria Cornejo-Lopez and Gary Erwin. The munchkin in front is Abrams’ granddaughter, Erika. Photo by Debra Dingman

has an ADA-approved restroom. The location in the middle of town with restaurants all around, would be a plus for opening a new history museum because of foot traffic and events held downtown,” Hoffmann said.

“An amenity such as that adds one more unique characteristic to downtown

and provides one more option when they’re here so it’s a positive – and celebrates [Dixon’s] history,” said Larry Burkhardt, City of Dixon Economic Development/Grants Manager.

The group hopes to sell their cookbooks, calendars, postcards of old pictures, and DHS T-shirts

and already reserved a fundraising dinner in March at Bud’s Pub and Grill. They also sell annual memberships.

“It’s going to take some work,” said 2nd Vice-President Carol Abrams. The floor has to be filled in some places so we’ll need someone who does

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Final Push to Get the Vote Out; Elections Are Tuesday

By Debra Dingman

How You Decide – Making a decision for whom you will vote for based on what goes on during campaign season is not the best way. It is better to consider the past years of someone's voting record and actions.

One woman wrote on Facebook that if I just sat down with this particular candidate for one hour, I would learn that he is a great guy. Sadly, I've watched Council meetings for several years while this man was in office and know differently. I know everyone has some redeeming qualities but are they a good leader for Dixon? Do they explain their decisions and respect speakers? Do they come into a meeting with their mind made up and treat people disrespectfully? It is watching council meetings after council meetings to really know one's true abilities to make good decisions by listening to other ideas or concerns from fellow council members, staff, and citizens.

Who has time for that? Very few; which is why

it is easy to vote based on personalities shown during the last few weeks of an election. I cannot implore people enough to just watch a couple city council meetings before you vote. And, not any meetings in the past few months as candidates who knew they were going to run, played their best personas. I found the best City Council meeting you can watch to see a true picture of all mayoral candidates: August 28, 2018. I wrote about in the September 2 Dixon Tribune and posted on September 3 on Facebook. If you have not voted, take a look.

Annoying Knocks

I have volunteered to distribute fliers or knock on doors since I was in my early twenties and pushing a stroller with my baby. The one thing that hasn't changed over all these years is the feeling of pride I get when I have done that kind of job because I know I'm doing what I can to help good candidates get elected.

This year was the first time a person slammed a door in my face. I've had people close the door – but I don't remember the very

loud sound of a slam. The other volunteer and I were stunned and looked at each other in disbelief. Then, we walked away in silence.

"Well, that was rude," my fellow volunteer said, finally breaking the silence.

"We might have interrupted her nap," I said. "I am a total bear if someone interrupts mine. I just know one thing for sure. She has never volunteered in the political process or that would have never happened."

Please be nice to people who call, knock, or text. How else are you going to learn about the people you are about to elect (or not.) And, thank you to all who didn't mind.

Solicit vs. Canvass

When a candidate and his volunteers are out on the campaign trail talking with constituents or distributing flyers, they might see signs near the door that says, "No solicitors." Solicitors are selling something. Canvassers, on the other hand, are exercising the first amendment protected political speech and are allowed at your door unless you have a sign that says "no canvassing." ★

Community Medical Center Gets Face Lift



Ascher Properties is working daily on the facade improvement of the Community Medical Center at 131 West A Street in downtown Dixon. The medical center has been a major tenant for two decades but began as a volunteer effort in the 1960s. They offer Family Practice, Health Education, Nutritional Counseling/Dietitian, Perinatal - CPSP Behavioral Health, Quest Laboratory, Diagnostic Laboratory, Outreach & Enrollment, EIS/HIV Testing, Screening and more. Every day, their staff provides vital care to men, women and children, regardless of ability to pay. Ascher and his crew expect to be finished by the end of November. Photo by Debra Dingman

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concrete. It will cost us \$50 a day so we have to get busy. If we can do this, it will be just great! It will be fun but we're going to need to get some help and get some volunteers." Kayla Nelson, studying history and marketing at the University of Nebraska, is volunteering with online promotions while her husband is stationed at Travis Air Force Base.

"We welcome anyone that chooses to step up and share their ideas and expertise to help make the Dixon History Museum a place the community will be proud. Stay tuned for more detailed information and who to contact to get involved," Hoffmann said.

That site was formerly occupied by Lindsay Hickman of the Barn and Pantry

which relocated next door in the former A Street Deli site after partnering up with Matt Andrews for the Frosty's location.

All are on West A Street in downtown Dixon where Adam Ascher Properties is renovating the facade of the Community Medical Center which is right in between the three newer businesses.

"I'm very, very pleased," said Cherie Fanning, owner of Bud's Pub & Grill at the corner of A and First Streets. "I think that is a great group. My family has been here seven generations and I'm so glad to see it coming. We need that downtown and I think it's wonderful."

For more information, email: dhs.DixonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com or see their website: <https://DixonHistoricalSociety.org>. ★

Solano County Genealogical Society Saturday Speaker Series is Virtual

By Georgia Chun, Solano County Genealogical Society

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Genealogical Society's Saturday Speakers Series is virtual and you're invited! Saturday, November 7th at 11a.m. we present genealogical researcher and blogger, Jacqi Stevens, speaking on Weaving the Strands of Your Family Tapestry. Two case studies will demonstrate the use of resources of all

kinds to find the threads of our ancestors' stories and weave them into a compelling account.

Details can be found on the society's web page at www.scgsca.org. Non-members who wish to attend, please contact the society at scgs@scgsca.org no later than 4 pm (PDT) Friday, November 6th to request an invitation. Inquiries about upcoming events and ancestor research services can be emailed to scgs@scgsca.org. ★



Solano County Press Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County has available resources for caring for older adults, elderly neighbors, and those with disabilities during the COVID-19 situation. Resources and services available for seniors, including grocery store hours, senior phone lines, food, shelter and transportation access, can be found on a List of Resources for Seniors at solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/senior_resources

If you are concerned about your elderly neighbors, older adults, and those with disabilities who may be at risk of

becoming: Sick due to COVID-19; Injured or at risk of falling; Low on food and groceries; Low on medication refills; Victim of elderly abuse.

There is expert help available in Solano County:

Older Adult Resource Phone Line

The following phone line provides information on caring for older adults, elderly neighbors, and those with disabilities in Solano County during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please call and get information on how you can get help with caring for a loved one. To get resources, call: 707-784-1607 (M-F, 8:30am-4pm)

Adult Protective Services

APS investigates reports on abuse of seniors and dependent adults with disabilities who live in private homes, apartments or hospitals. To report abuse, call: (707) 784-8259 or (800) 850-0012

Further resources for conducting well checks for older adults and

elderly neighbors are available in a guide on how volunteers concerned for the well-being of elderly neighbors, seniors and people with disabilities during COVID-19 can access:

For a guide on how to help older adults during COVID-19 visit admin.solanocounty.com:4433/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=32193; For a script for conducting well checks during COVID-19 see admin.solanocounty.com:4433/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=32180

To find the status of activities in the County, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. For more information about COVID-19 in Solano County, visit www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19 or call the Coronavirus Warmline at (707) 784-8988, email COVID19@SolanoCounty.com

For more information visit www.solanocounty.com/default.asp. ★



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back on the idea that a vaccine could be ready for safe distribution by then.

The drug company Pfizer is expected to have one of the first coronavirus vaccines. If its vaccine proves effective, safe and can be consistently manufactured, the company would apply for emergency use authorization in the third week of November, CEO Albert Bourla said in an open letter last week.

But even if ready in this calendar year, Newsom said, supply is expected to be limited and, just like previously with coronavirus diagnostic testing, people who are considered high risk would be first in line.

In one projection, Newsom said that about 45 million doses could be ready for national distribution by the end of this year. California would only get a percentage of these, and each person will likely need two doses. Health workers and first responders would be prioritized, followed by people with high risk of becoming severely ill if infected, according to the state's vaccination plan.

To the rest of Californians: Don't anticipate getting a vaccine at your local pharmacy anytime this year, Newsom said.

Newsom also acknowledged that the state will need to work through some logistical hurdles. Some of the prospective



Ana B. Ibarra

vaccines will need to be stored in cold or "ultra cold" spaces, and their administration would require additional supplies of needles, alcohol pads, bandages and more face masks as doses become available.

Ana is a Sacramento-based health reporter. She joined CalMatters in 2020 after four years at Kaiser Health News, where she covered California health care and policy. ★

Celebration of Life for Veteran Greg Coppes this Saturday

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - People who knew Greg Coppes might have described him as 'rough around the edges' as he was good about being direct and opinionated - but all knew his dedication and love for his family, athletics, and the local veterans. It was devastating to hear the news that Greg was killed last Wednesday evening on a motorcycle jaunt to Fairfield with other Veteran Riders. He was 65.

Greg and Patti Coppes raised three children in rural Dixon and now have grandchildren. After serving in the US Air Force, Greg owned American Commercial Electrical since 1985. He spent many years coaching youth football thus earning the affectionate title of "coach" and also regularly volunteered at the Northbay Stand Down for Homeless Veterans.

He was instrumental in getting the Veterans Memorial Hall that was originally built as a strip mall and then managed it for several years thereafter, creating it to be a popular coffee spot in the mornings and Bingo/bar at night.

He was a former Commander of the American Legion Post 208 in Dixon and founded the Veteran Riders of Napa and Solano Counties, a large group of motorcyclists that became a tight-knit family of friends. As a make-it-happen personality, Greg was also successful in securing a prime spot for the annual fireworks fundraiser across from the Safeway Store that raised thousands for the veterans.

The Solano Area California Highway Patrol responded to the motorcycle collision at 6:37 pm on October 21, on the Interstate 80 westbound



Greg Coppes, former Commander of the American Legion Post 208 and beloved leader of the Napa Solano Veteran Riders, was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident last week. Courtesy Photo

off-ramp to Manuel Campos Parkway and an ambulance responded.

Greg was riding with a group of other motorcycles when the group exited Interstate 80 at the Manuel Campos off-ramp when for unknown reasons, his 2007 Harley Davison motorcycle left the roadway, crashed into a drainage trench and he received major injuries. He was transported to Kaiser Permanente Vacaville where he died.

As the news spread around Dixon, many folks expressed shock and grief. Many posts poured out on the Napa Solano Veteran Riders Facebook page.

"I don't know the details of what happened but I do know that I feel a huge hole in my heart. Coach was my Brother in the wind and a true Patriot," said one.

"There are a million phrases the club uttered while standing outside the ER last night. Tears were shed, brothers were reunited, old rivalries dismissed. Coach was our leader, who left not only a legacy but a fleet of men ready to carry the torch for him well beyond his plan. He had no regrets, for he

was never one to keep his opinion to himself. To be so lucky..." another writer posted.

"Coach had a dream. He wanted to take a rag-tag group of Veterans and turn them into something monumental. His focus and effort paid off. This club went from an oppressed corporate organization to a loyal band of brothers worthy of the MC cube. He loved riding, loved the biker community, and loved his family, both direct and club," was part of the tribute.

According to the CHP report, alcohol and/or drugs were not suspected to be a factor in the collision.

He is survived by his wife, Patti, three children, and several grandchildren including expected twins. A celebration of life will be held this Saturday, October 31, at 11 am at the Dixon Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Coppes' honor to the American Legion Post 208, 1305 North First, Dixon 95620 allowing him to continue to serve other veterans. ★

Still Some Halloween Hope for Local Children

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Halloween Bingo with your children can bring some fun this Saturday but if you go to the 'Trunk or Treat' at Living Hope Church, the children will love you more.

Church leaders had a great success with the Easter Scavenger Hunt this last spring when they couldn't celebrate the "normal" way due to the pandemic and decided they could offer the same kind of "break" for the community if they offered something similar.

Trunk or Treat was an annual event when the church was meeting in the Tremont Elementary School multi-purpose room years ago. Volunteers decorated the trunks of their cars and spaced them in the parking lot for children to go trick or treating in an enclosed, safe place.

"This is the first time we've done this at this building but we're going to all be wearing gloves, we'll have scoops for the candy to be distributed to children, and one family will enter at a time," said Jamie Myers, wife of Pastor Jeff Myers. As a mother of five with three still in elementary school, she knew children would miss traditional Halloween fun.

"We think people are going to be looking for something to do," said Children's Ministry Director Jeanine Thiessen. "I have a



This family from Living Hope Church in Dixon decorated their car trunk in the theme Frozen for a previous Trunk or Treat event. Children will get scooped candy from volunteers wearing gloves and wearing masks during the Trunk or Treat this Saturday, October 31, 6 to 8 pm. Courtesy Photo

feeling we're going to have a pretty good turnout. For families that are concerned [about COVID,] it is a very safe option. Most people will already be wearing masks with their costumes."

There will be about 15 'trunksters' who are decorating their car trunks and trick-or-treaters will also get to vote for their favorite trunk.

"We are hosting a raffle, too. We're going to do it electronically with QR codes posted and they can do it from their phone. We're going to give away a super prize of a Nintendo Switch Light, a \$50 DoorDash gift card, and two \$25 Good Scoop Ice Cream gift certificates as we try to support local businesses," Thiessen said.

Children should bring their own candy bag for trick or treating and be

ready to have a good time, they said. They will take great care to socially distance, limiting the amount of people in at a time with the entire parking lot on Gateway Boulevard blocked off for the event.

"We are going to do our best to keep everyone safe, but we ask everyone to be patient as we have never done this before like this. The family with children gets out and we'll have people direct them into the area where they will walk from car to car," she said.

If you'd like to donate candy or offer a trunk full at the event, you can get more information by contacting Living Hope Church at (707) 693-1512, check out their Facebook page, or email at Jeanine@livinghope-dixon.com. ★

Where Can I Vote in Dixon?

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon residents may drop off their signed and sealed ballot at the City of Dixon up until Tuesday, November 3, 9 am to 5 pm. That is at City Hall, 600 East A Street.

Curbside drop-off can be done at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center at 201 South Fifth Street. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm, including Saturday, plus 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. This is ideal for those who have difficulty getting out of a vehicle or prefer to exercise as much safety as possible from the COVID virus.

In addition to the senior center, other polling places include the Veterans Memorial Hall at 1305 North First Street, CA Jacobs Middle School at 200 North Lincoln Street, and the Dixon Moose Lodge, 180 West B Street. Your voting place should be listed on your ballot but you can also go online and see a map also on the Solano County Registrar of Voters page.

On Election Day, ballots can be dropped off at any location listed on the Solano County website, listed on the ROV page, plus 100 poll-place locations also listed. They are located in every city in Solano County. ★



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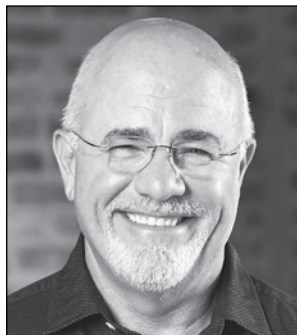
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Dave Ramsey Says

Try to Help Him, but Move Slowly

Dear Dave,

My boyfriend lives in a different state, and I'm planning to move there when we get married. I know I love him, but sometimes he is not what I consider to be responsible with money. There have been times in the past when he has taken out small loans or paid bills late in order to buy something he wanted. How can I talk to him about this?

—Heather

Dear Heather,

If it were me, I think I'd make sure things move a little more slowly in the relationship until he gets his spending under control. Sometimes when things like this happen it's just a situation where a person needs to learn the benefits of budgeting and handling money in a mature, responsible way. You can't do something if you haven't been taught how to do it, and hopefully this is the case with your boyfriend.

You mentioned marriage, so that tells me you're both taking this relationship seriously – that you're in the process of making sure you want to spend the rest of your lives with each other. Bring it up gently, and tell him why you're concerned. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with him. You might even offer to help him make out a monthly budget. That way, once he understands the process and value of spending money on paper before the month begins, it will be easier for him to stick to it.

Good luck, Heather!

—Dave

Idea Behind the Legacy Drawer

Dear Dave,

A friend recently told me about you and your teachings about money. While we were talking, she mentioned something called a "legacy drawer" for important papers. Can you explain more about this?

—Anna

Dear Anna,

Simply put, a legacy drawer is a collection of your essential documents in a safe place where your family and loved ones can find them when you die, or if you're sick or disabled.

It doesn't have to be a drawer, specifically, just a safe, secure place where you keep all the pieces of your financial life – your will, living will, estate plan, investment statements, insurance policies, and property deeds. You should also include stuff like power of attorney documents, bank and lock box access information, and any other instructions for and information about your last wishes and what you leave behind.

The stress and grief when someone becomes seriously ill or dies is bad enough. Don't make it any harder than it has to be by leaving your finances and other essentials in a mess!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 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. ★



Press Covers for Biden

Joe Biden is the most cosseted presidential candidate in memory.

He's run a minimalist campaign that's avoided the press as much as possible, while the press hasn't been braying for more access and answers, but eager to avoid anything that could be discomfiting to the campaign.

Never before has the media been so openly fearful of asking or reporting something that might hurt a presidential candidate. Even the lowest common denominator of news – simply being interesting – has been tossed aside. Boring and uneventful is the new newsworthy.

The tendency reached a new level in the media's handling of New York Post reports on emails obtained from a laptop that Hunter Biden reportedly left off at a Delaware computer repair shop.

Here was a story with enough mysteries and plotlines to keep a couple of newsrooms busy. Are the emails, putting Hunter Biden's sleazy overseas business dealings in a more sinister light,

legitimate? Did Hunter really take the laptop to the shop and forget about it? And, more importantly, what do the emails say about what Joe Biden knows or should have known about Hunter's work that depended so heavily on proximity to the vice president?

Instead, the press has been uninterested at best and hostile at worst. It's the opposite of a feeding frenzy. The media has deployed its bomb disposal unit for fear that a potentially explosive story might detonate.

What Biden has to say about the emails is inherently of interest. Yet, he wasn't asked about it at his recent ABC News town hall. Never mind that his response would have made headlines afterward and the clip would have been shown in every TV segment about the debate.

Subsequently, CBS reporter Bo Erickson betrayed his profession by asking Biden his response to the Post story on a tarmac. He got slammed by Biden, "I have no response, it's another smear campaign, right up your alley, those are the questions you always ask." No one rallied to Erickson's defense. Instead, respectable figures on the center-left shamed Erickson for having asked a politician an unwelcome question – which, the day before yesterday, would have been considered Journalism 101.

Much of the press has pronounced the Post story debunked without doing any work to debunk it and believes as a matter of faith that it is Russian disinformation. Rather, the focus has been reporting on how the Post reported the story, as the press works to discredit media outlets that don't toe the correct political line – you know, just like Woodward and Bernstein did during Watergate.

This tendency toward "anti-reporting" has long characterized Biden coverage. The New York Times took 19 days to cover Tara Reade's sexual assault allegation against him, not wanting to burden its readers with information about a newsworthy charge too quickly.

Any Biden misstep is quickly explained away. The press doesn't seem to mind that the campaign is prone to declare "lids" – or the end of the candidate's public day – early and often.

Usually, the media loves candidates who make good copy, who provide drama and color. In its hatred and fear of President Donald Trump, though, it has thrown in its lot with the dull and meandering Joe Biden, bringing to the effort all the complacency and pointed incuriosity it can muster.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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St. Peter's Catholic Church News

Hello Friends,

This coming Sunday and Monday, we will be celebrating All Saint's Day (Nov 1) and All Soul's Day (Nov 2) respectively. What are these days and why do they matter? All Saint's Day, which is a holy day of obligation, has been celebrated since the fourth century, commemorates the witness of the martyrs who held steadfast to Christ and His Church even to the point of death. Though not all Saints were martyred. When we remember the Saints and ask for their intercession, we are remembering those who came before us and we can look to them as examples of living exemplary lives glorifying, honoring and praising God in all our words and deeds.

All Souls Day, also known as Remembrance Day of the Faithful Departed, is a day set aside to pray and

offer Mass for the faithful departed in Purgatory. In 2 Maccabees 12:42, 46 we read *Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out ... Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.* We are sinful creatures. Therefore, we pray fervently for God's mercy to fall on our dearly departed that their sins be forgiven and their souls soon to be in Heaven. When we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, we are loving them into heaven. Ours prayers matter. God hears every prayer.

Adoration is Monday -Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM. All are welcome to spend time with Our Lord. Masks are required, as well as physical distancing. If you would like to join us for Mass, go to stpeterschurchdixon.com for Mass times.

~ God Bless

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Here's How California Keeps Early Votes Secret

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said Cathy Darling Allen, registrar of voters. They are separate. The first server stores data generated by the scanners that read the ballots. The second is a reporting and tabulation server that runs a different program.

"That's the server we use on election night," she said. Both are kept in a protected area.

In San Joaquin County, scanners and vote tabulation software are supplied by a different company, but the result is the same: the system scans ballots without tabulating them. Eleven counties use this system.

No one can sneak in, run the numbers and take a peek without getting caught,

said Joseph Holland, registrar of voters of Santa Barbara County. "They'd be fired" if they did, he said.

For security, Holland said two people are required to access the tabulator. And whenever anyone accesses the tabulation server, it creates a permanent record called an audit log that cannot be removed from the system.

Finally, the equipment is not connected to the Internet. That's the law to thwart hackers and prevent tampering.

Lewis is a Votebeat reporter covering election integrity. *This coverage is made possible through Votebeat, a nonpartisan reporting project covering local election integrity and voting access.* Source: CalMatters.org ★

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Wildfire Survivors Can Apply for Federal Aid Even if Insured

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - If you suffered personal or business losses in the devastating wildfires that broke out in August and you're waiting for your insurance settlement before you register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, don't delay any longer. Disaster assistance may be able to fill insurance gaps or provide help if you've been waiting more than 30 days on a homeowner's claim. Another reason not to delay: the deadline for registering with FEMA is Nov. 23, 2020.

By law, FEMA cannot duplicate insurance or other benefits. However, it may be able to help with uninsured or underinsured losses if the insurance settlement is delayed.

FEMA may also be able to help:

If you have received the settlement from the insurance company but you still have unmet needs; If you have exhausted the settlement for Additional Living Expenses (ALE for loss of use) and you need disaster-related temporary housing; If your settlement does not cover disaster-related needs such as medical, dental and funeral costs, emergency home repairs and other disaster-related expenses.

Register with FEMA:

Online, by visiting www.disasterassistance.gov; By downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet; Or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available. The toll-free lines are open 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. PDT daily. Helpline operators are also available to answer questions about applications already submitted.

The registration process includes your providing a phone number so FEMA can contact you and set up a virtual home inspection. If you use a relay service such as a videophone, Inncaption or CapTel, you should provide FEMA your specific number assigned to that service.

If your settlement has been delayed longer than 30 days, you may write FEMA to explain your situation. Provide insurance documentation to prove you've submitted your claim, including the claim number, the date you applied and how long you estimate it will take for the company to settle, and mail your letter to:

FEMA - Individuals & Households Program
 National Processing Service Center
 P.O. Box 10055
 Hyattsville MD 20782-70155

You may also fax it to 800-827-8112. ★

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More Homes are Falling for Fall



One sweet 'Falling for Fall' decoration was discovered on Rose Way and the other is Realtor Susan Motley in front of her business at 100 North Adams Street. Since most of the fall decorations have left as folks turned up the Halloween and skeletons decor, these will be the last of the Falling for Fall yard and business decorating we helped sponsor with the Dixon United Methodist Church Women. We are grateful there were so many who participated. Photos by Debra Dingman

Community Ofrenda for Dia de los Muertos



Carnegie Library at Dixon, California. Photo: Solano County

By Jennifer Springfield, Solano County Library

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, the Dixon Public Library created a community altar (ofrenda) on the steps of the original Carnegie library, facing B street. We wish to honor the tradition of Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and to honor the relatives and friends that our community has lost. We invite you to participate in this community ofrenda by placing photos or other offerings in the ofrenda. It will remain on the steps of the library until the morning of Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Please do not place valuable items in the ofrenda. Your items will not be returned to you.

Traditionally, Dia de Los Muertos is not a time for sadness. It is a time for celebration and remembrance of those who are no longer with us. Typical items placed on an ofrenda are: Pan de Muerto (Bread of the Dead), which is criss-cross shaped, representing bones, and signifies the generosity of the host; white candles

which represent hope and faith, or purple candles for grief; skulls representing the people who have passed (when using sugar skulls the sugar symbolizes the sweetness of life); marigold flowers, often referred to as "Flor de Muerto" (Flowers of the Dead), the strong scent and bright orange blooms are believed to help attract souls to the altar; Papel Picado (Perforated Paper) the delicate paper symbolizes the fragility of life and photos of loved ones who have been lost.

We hope that our community ofrenda inspires you to create a personal ofrenda of your own to create a new family tradition or continue your family tradition of honoring those who are no longer with us and their contribution to our lives our community. Thank you for participating in whatever way you are able.

For more information about the ofrenda, please contact the Dixon Public Library at 707-678-5447. For information about other library programs throughout Solano County, please visit solanolibrary.com. ★

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Dixon Family Services to Provide Holiday Food during Covid

Dixon Family Services

DIXON, CA (MPG) - We have our sign-up dates scheduled and they are from Wednesday, December 2, through Thursday, December 10. Those interested should call DFS to schedule an application appointment with a DFS case manager. Application assessments will be done on an appointment basis and can take from 20-30 minutes. Please wear a mask and if possible, do not bring children with you to the assessment.

Due to Covid-19 we do not accept walk-in clients, so please call to make an appointment or to ask any questions. Thank you.

Our program is targeted at Dixon families who have children 0-18 living in the household. When you call for an appointment we will explain any documentation that you will need to bring to your appointment with you. Please call us at 707 678-0442 or email us at info@dixonfamilyservices.org to find out more about the Dixon Family Services Holiday Food Program.

Distribution will take place on Wednesday,

December 16. All food for the program comes from donations by churches, businesses or individual community members; from local food drives and purchases at the CC Solano Food Bank with donation checks from people who want to help in stocking our DFS Food Pantry shelves for the holidays. Call DFS if you want to help.

In November and December we plug in our large freezers to accept turkeys and other meats that are donated by individuals, businesses, churches and other groups. Some local businesses have established some very interesting and fun ways for their patrons to participate in the giving spirit, such as the Dixon Buckhorn and their Annual Turkey Bowl.

Some local large companies, such as Altec give turkeys to their employees and also provide them the option of donating their turkey to DFS for our Holiday Food Program. All turkeys, hams and other large roasts are very much appreciated by the families we serve.

Dixon Family Services

also tries to be aware of and will pass on information about other holiday food and toys programs in our area so that families can get signed up for as much help as they can. We welcome churches or other organizations that are providing a holiday program of any kind to reach out to us and let us know how to help.

If we know the requirements and application processes for other local programs we can tell the people who call us. We can also post information and flyers on our Facebook page. We believe it takes community cooperation by all entities to provide the best service opportunities for those we all strive to serve.

This holiday season is especially important to help families struggling in light of the Covid-19 challenges so many are facing.

For more information about the Dixon Family Services Holiday Food Program, how to sign-up or how to help please call us at 707 678-0442. Leave a message if we are not available when you call, or email info@dixonfamilyservices.org ★

Fatal Motorcycle Collision

By David Harvey, California Highway Patrol

SOLANO AREA, CA (MPG) - On October 24, 2020, at 8:08 PM, a solo motorcycle collision occurred on Mankas Corner Road, west of LedgeWood Road. Witnesses stated a blue Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling east on Mankas Corner Road and failed

to negotiate a sharp right curve in the roadway. The motorcycle traveled off the road and into a trench, where it then collided with a concrete ledge. Multiple witnesses stopped at the scene to assist. The rider was transported to Northbay Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

It is currently unknown if alcohol and/or drugs are a factor. ★

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Horrid

by Katrina Leno by Autumn Krause

“There was a little girl who had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead. And when she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid.”

After her father’s sudden death, Jane, and her mother, Ruth, are left penniless and alone. Without the financial means to stay in their Sunny California home, Jane and Ruth are forced to move across the country and into Ruth’s childhood home. However, North Manor isn’t the welcoming family home that one would expect. North Manor stands triumphant even in its dilapidated state, housing enough secrets and lies to bring the whole city down. Unfortunately for Jane, she is unaware of the house’s tainted past and tries to move forward with a new school, new friends, and a new job. But the secrets of North Manor loom around her like a dark storm cloud. Everyone in the town is aware of the Manor’s dark past, and not everyone has let the secrets stay buried.

All too quickly, the Manor’s stately presence begins to be too much for Jane. Messages and calls



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are made on her phone that she doesn’t remember making, and the lights seem to turn on and off on their own accord. Then, Jane notices that there is someone living behind the locked door upstairs, but no one else can hear or see the person moving about. To make matters even worse, Jane’s mom seems to be falling deep into a dark spiral all of her own. Now, Jane is left to uncover the secrets locked away within North Manor or succumb to the madness. Is Jane really seeing someone in the home, or is

it something else entirely?

Like a haunting lullaby, the faint ghostly echoes of *Horrid* will wrap around its readers, lulling them deep into the secrets buried within North Manor. A story that steps far beyond a simple ghost story and dives deep below the surface of secrets, lies, and mental illness. Katrina Leno delicately crafts a story that encompasses the lasting effects of not dealing with grief, fear, and anger and delves into a world of hidden mental illness. While the undertones of mental illness might be subtle, they are beautifully wound into a haunting tale that makes its presence known. This book was perfectly written for those who want to dive into something more profound than a ghost story but also appreciate the subtle chill that might run down their spine. *Horrid* is the perfect atmospheric read that tiptoes along the edge of creepy, without any horror or terrifying elements, while also delicately intertwining the works of Agatha Christie. This is the perfect read for cold foggy nights that won’t have you sleeping with the lights on. ★

California’s Vague New Financial Regulation Law



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Assembly Bill 1864 didn’t get much media or public attention as it zipped through both houses of the Legislature on the last day of the 2020 session.

Superficially, it appeared merely to reconfigure the state’s financial regulatory agencies into a new entity called the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.

However, those in California’s vast financial industry were paying lots of attention because the bill creates an entirely new regulatory regime with broad powers, including fines of up to \$1 million a day, to police financial players that hitherto have had little oversight.

The official rationale for the legislation is that President Donald Trump’s administration neutered the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, so the state must step in with an equivalent to guard against predatory financial practices that harm consumers.

The new California Consumer Financial Protection Law gives the reconstituted agency authority to go after “abusive practices” whose definition in the law is fairly vague. Thus, the agency itself will

define the term as it also decides which businesses will face its scrutiny.

It appears that the new law will affect firms involved in debt settlement, credit repair, check cashing, rent-to-own contracts, payday lending, student loan servicing and financing for retail sales. However, its primary target seems to be financial services offered by non-banks, particularly what are called “fintech companies” that offer bank-like services via the Internet without maintaining physical offices.

Fintechs, many of them based in the San Francisco Bay Area, have blossomed in recent years as part of the digital economy, competing with traditional brick-and-mortar banks. Their disruptive nature is not unlike the challenge that technology-based ride services such as Uber and Lyft pose to taxicabs and buses.

Late-blooming changes in AB 1864 exempted traditional financial firms that are already regulated, such as banks and credit unions, from the new consumer protection law, leading some analysts to conclude that its unstated aim is to help them stave off competition from new kids on the financial block.

The vagueness of the new law was encapsulated in what Gov. Gavin Newsom said during a signing ceremony. The new law and the new department, he said, will “create conditions for innovation to flourish in a way where we can steward that and we can just work against its excesses. So we support risk-taking, not recklessness.”

Newsom also signed two other financial protection measures, one that requires debt collectors to be licensed beginning in 2022 and the other creating a Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights.

Although the new state law is said to mirror the Dodd-Frank law, it contains at least one significant difference. When federal regulators levy fines for what they consider to be bad conduct, the money goes into the federal treasury. When state regulators impose their fines of up to \$1 million a day, the money will be retained by the new agency to finance more activity.

Will that give the new agency a financial incentive to skip over minor consumer issues and go after big companies? It’s a question that only time will answer.

Significantly too, the new investigative and regulatory mechanism contained in AB 1864 specifically does not usurp the authority of the attorney general to also target companies under the state’s equally vague “unfair competition” law.

From its inception a decade ago, Dodd-Frank has attracted criticism from business executives for regulatory overkill. Will California’s new version be less controversial? We won’t know until the new agency puts some definitional meat on its bones.

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



A Film and TV
Review by Tim Riley

Riley Reviews

“GANGS OF LONDON”
IGNITES BRUTAL CRIMINAL TURF WAR

“GANGS OF LONDON”
ON AMC+ NETWORK

Brutal, gruesome violence on cable television is nothing new. Stabbings, amputated extremities, mutilations, beatings, slit throats, mauling by wild animals, crushed skulls and eye-gouging have become staples with many series.

We may think television programs like “Game of Thrones” and “American Horror Story,” to name two of a zillion, are unique on the scale of bloodshed, but then along comes the British entry of “Gangs of London” on the AMC+ ad-free premium service.

From the very first frame, “Gangs of London” wastes no time establishing its ruthless criminal underworld milieu. Dangling from a high-rise building, a victim witnesses his assailant pouring gas on the rope that holds him high above the ground.

Ignoring the pleas of his quarry, the man sets the rope on fire as it gradually burns through, dropping his prey screaming in pain from the flames to his inevitable death on the concrete pavement.

In a flashback to a week earlier, two jittery young men await a text message that sends them off to a seedy apartment building in Little Albania. Apparently, a drug deal is about to go down as one enters the building while the other waits in the getaway car.

Arriving moments later in a luxury sedan is Finn Wallace (Colm Meaney), the leading crime boss of London. For reasons not readily apparent, he enters the same building while his driver Jack (Emmett Scanlan) waits outside.

The young man waiting in the building, Darren (Aled ap Steffan), is on a mission, but exactly what we’re not sure. Then in a flash, Finn Wallace, standing outside an empty apartment, is gunned down in a hail of bullets.

As the head of an organization which united the city’s most prominent gangs, Finn’s demise leaves a huge power vacuum. First of all, nobody knows who ordered the hit that ostensibly employed two punks to do the dirty work.

With rivals everywhere and billions of British pounds at stake, it’s up to the impulsive, hot-tempered Sean Wallace (Joe Cole), with the help of the Dumani family, to take his father’s place.

The patriarch of the Dumani family is Ed Dumani (Lucian Msamati), and he has been Finn’s right-hand man and consigliere ever since they seized control of London’s underworld two decades ago.

A skilled tactician, Ed Dumani is an influential figure within the Wallace organization who explicitly runs the criminal side of the business. With the approval of his mother Marian (Michelle Fairley),

Sean is ready to take thereins of the family enterprise.

Following his father’s funeral, Sean makes it known to the leaders of the city’s other gangs that his primary objective is to first find out who ordered the hit on Finn, followed by cementing his place at the top of the Wallace empire.

Since all of London’s organized criminal activity appears to get the green light from the Wallace clan, there may be any number of suspects that wanted to bump off Finn, which is another reason Sean is fixated on exacting revenge.

Flexing his underworld muscles, Sean orders all criminal business in the city to be held in abeyance until his father’s killer is identified. To no one’s pleasure, Sean manages to close all the ports to incoming contraband.

Haunted by the ghost of his father, Sean must prove to his enemies as well as his mother that he should be in charge, even if he must destroy the business. One crime lord observes that “a boy like him would burn cities just to convince the world he’s a man.”

Meanwhile, Elliot Finch (Sope Dirisu) is a bottom-rung criminal hoping to work his way up the Wallace organization for reasons that could easily imperil his own life, but he proves his worth by taking on some Albanian thugs with the help of Alex Dumani (Paapa Essiedu).

The brawl with the Albanians at the pub across the street from where the Finn Wallace funeral takes place is such an

epically vicious fight that Elliot bounces one thug’s head so hard on the bar counter as to impale his face with a beer mug.

The storyline of revenge and criminal activity may seem straightforward but there is much to follow in terms of characters from the Wallace and Dumani families, to say nothing of the criminals from different nationalities operating on British soil.

Aficionados of the gangster genre may be intrigued by the callous and violently bloody carnage of “Gangs of London,” which despite being a cable program feels like a distant cousin of feature length films such as “Goodfellas” and “Scarface.”

Anyone hoping that the setting of London might feature all the picturesque areas of the city that look so inviting will be disappointed. The scenery shifts too often from gritty slum areas to drab high-rise buildings under construction.

While “Gangs of London” does not stint on violence, the intense drama benefits from effective character development that keeps you wondering about the various threads of dangerous actions that can easily go astray. ★

FBI Reminds Public about Election Security and Foreign Influences during Elections

Federal Bureau of Investigation

SACRAMENTO - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Sacramento Field Office is reminding the public about election security information resources and how to report alleged election crimes ahead of the November 3, 2020, general election. The FBI is continually coordinating national messaging about election security on fbi.gov/elections and across its social media platforms. The FBI’s goal is to increase public awareness and to inform Americans how they can help ensure a safe and secure election.

For decades, the FBI has served as the primary law enforcement agency investigating federal election crimes. This includes investigating allegations of voter and ballot fraud, campaign finance crimes, civil rights violations, unique cyber threats targeting the election process, and threats posed by foreign governments and actors. The FBI is also the lead federal agency for identifying and combating malign foreign influence operations targeting our democratic institutions through the FBI’s Foreign Influence Task Force (FITF). The FITF brings together all FBI authorities and capabilities from multiple divisions to identify counterintelligence, cyber, criminal, and counterterrorism assets to coordinate and work together to combat the threat.

“Every American should be free to vote without interference or discrimination and

have their vote count,” said Special Agent in Charge Sean Ragan, who leads the FBI Sacramento Field Office. “The FBI is committed to ensuring safe, secure elections and thwarting the actions of any foreign actors who may attempt to influence our elections for their own political or national interests. Our office continues to engage with law enforcement partners and election security officials to ensure the security of our national elections and preservation of this important civic right.”

Each state has primary responsibility for conducting free and fair elections within its borders. The FBI Sacramento Field Office serves communities located in 34 of California’s 58 counties and is in continuous contact with election partners including the California Secretary of State, Justice Department, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and other agencies. Together, we stand ready to investigate federal election crimes, identifying and assessing potential threats, and to protecting the public’s constitutional right to vote.

If you have information about allegations of federal election crimes, voter fraud, or vote suppression, please contact the FBI by calling the FBI Sacramento Field Office by dialing 916-746-7000 or making an electronic report at tips.fbi.gov.

For the current election security information and education resources, follow the FBI Sacramento Field Office on Twitter at @FBI_Sacramento. ★



Ask Toni

Transitioning into Medicare the Right Way!



Toni King

Hello Toni,

You have been referred to me as a resource that can answer questions I have about Medicare. I am turning 65 in January and have not discovered what I need to do to begin Medicare since I am still working?

If I retire soon, do I stay on COBRA or enroll in Medicare plans? What if I get another job? Friends and co-workers tell me one thing about Medicare, but the massive amount of telemarketing calls I am receiving are telling me something else.

I am baffled at where I should begin. I am sure there are others in Medicare land, who also need answers to these worrisome, yet semi-simple Medicare questions.

~ Thanks, Terry, Bellaire, TX

Terry:

Our motto at the Toni Says office is that “your Medicare needs are not the same as your friends”, so discussing your Medicare wants and needs with those who do not know Medicare’s specific rules, can confuse you and may give you wrong information that can affect your Medicare in the wrong way.

Below are a few Medicare questions you asked about and which we typically discuss during a Toni Says® Medicare consultation:

1) Is the Medicare enrollment process automatic?

Answer: Medicare enrollment is automatic only if you have already claimed your Social Security benefits by the time you turn 65. When not receiving your Social Security check, you will not receive your Medicare card and will need to apply online if you are not working full-time with employer benefits or covered under your spouse’s employer benefits.

Failing to sign up at the right time is costly especially after 65 and leaving employer benefits. Read question 3 of this article when leaving employer health benefits past 65 and need to enroll in Medicare

Part A and B properly. You will want to file CMS-L564 with Social Security and an application for Medicare Part B.

2) Should I enroll in Medicare even if I am offered COBRA health insurance when I leave my job?

Answer: Yes. Enroll in Medicare. Although you might need COBRA to cover a spouse or dependent child, Medicare should be your primary insurance coverage once you are 65 or older and not “working full-time” with company benefits. You will want to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B. Explore which option is best for your Medicare situation either a Medicare Supplement that works with “Original Medicare” and a stand-alone Medicare Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage plan with Part D coverage. In today’s health insurance world, many COBRA health plans will allow the COBRA retiree who has Medicare Parts A and B to opt out of the COBRA plan, while the family remains on COBRA.

3) What if I become unemployed or retire, enroll in Medicare, and then go back into a full-time job?

Answer: If your new employer provides health insurance, you can disenroll from Medicare Part B by contacting Social Security (1-800-772-1213) and request the form to delay your Medicare Part B because you now have medical benefits provided by you or your spouse’s current employer.

You can re-enroll in Medicare Part B when you finally retire without paying late enrollment penalties by having your employer sign and file CMS-L564 “Request for Employment Information” form with Social Security.

For a Medicare Checkup, call the Toni Says® Medicare call center at 832/519-8664 or email info@tonisays.com regarding your Medicare plans and options.

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® is giving a \$5 discount on the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced book and now the brand new Toni Says® Medicare recorded webinars on various Medicare topics are available with a bundle discount at www.tonisays.com. ★

Richard McCormick Found Guilty on Ten Counts of Sexual Assault

By Monica Martinez, Solano County District Attorney's Office

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On October 23, 2020, after a two week trial in Department 11 of the Solano County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge William J. Pendergast III, Defendant Richard McCormick was found Guilty as charged on ten counts of sexual assault against three separate minor victims. Defendant Richard McCormick was found Guilty of four counts of Sexual Penetration with a Child Under Ten Years of Age in violation of Penal Code § 288.7(b), two counts of Oral Copulation with a Child Under Ten Years of Age in violation of Penal Code § 288.7(b), three counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts Upon a Child in violation of Penal Code § 288(a), and one count of Continuous Sexual Abuse in violation of Penal Code § 288.5(a). The defendant was also found to have suffered a prior felony

strike conviction for Residential Burglary.

Between 1990 and 2018, the defendant repeatedly sexually abused family members. The victims, who are now 9, 10, and 35, courageously testified about this horrific sexual abuse. The defendant testified that any touching was either a misunderstanding, initiated by one of the child victims, or a false allegation. He further testified that he was the only victim in the courtroom. The jury was unpersuaded by his fabricated testimony.

Defendant remains in custody without bail and is scheduled to be sentenced on January 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 11 of the Solano County Superior Court.

Detective Steven Carnahan of the Fairfield Police Department investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Elaine Kuo. Victim Witness Advocate Jeffrie Lelea provided victim advocacy. ★

Solano Area Major Injury Pursuit

By David Harvey, California Highway Patrol

SOLANO AREA, CA (MPG) - On October 23, 2020 at 5:07 p.m., Solano Area Officer Scott Heitman, was driving on Interstate 80 eastbound, just east of Pitt School Road, in heavy stop and go traffic. Officer Heitman observed a gray Ford F150 pickup truck pass his location on the right shoulder at approximately 60 miles per hour. Officer Heitman positioned his patrol vehicle behind the Ford and an enforcement stop was initiated. The Ford did not yield to the patrol vehicles lights and siren. The Ford proceeded to rapidly accelerate while using the right shoulder. Traffic on the freeway decreased and Officer Heitman used the #1 lane (fast lane) to track the Ford. The Ford accelerated to an estimated 85 miles per hour

when the driver intentionally (later verified by the driver’s statement and video recording) drove across the grass shoulder and collided with a large tree. After the collision, the truck immediately burst into flames. Officer Heitman used his fire extinguisher, after which he and a bystander (off duty California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations Officer) attempted to remove the combative driver. With help from the bystander, Officer Heitman was able to rescue the driver from the burning Ford. The driver suffered major injuries and was transported to Kaiser Permanente for medical treatment. The driver will be receiving care for his personal wellbeing prior to release from Kaiser Permanente. Felony charges for evading arrest in a reckless manner have been filed with the Solano County District Attorney’s Office. ★

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DIXON POLICE LOG

Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.



Thursday, October 22, 2020

1018 - Traffic enforcement stop in the area of West H Street and North Almond. Steven Tokunaga (23), of Vacaville, was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Misappropriation of Found Property. Annie Galarza (18), of Vacaville, was contacted and arrested for False Identification to a Peace Officer, Court Order Violation and a warrant for a Probation Violation. Both subjects were transported to the Solano County Jail.

1005 - Stolen license plate reported in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

1033 - Found property reported in the 400 block of East Mayes.

1601 - Battery report was taken in the 800 block of Alexander Drive.

Friday, October 23, 2020

0651 - Disturbance reported in the 500 block of Morgan Lane. Adrienne Lizarraza (31), of Dixon, was contacted and found to be the responsible. She was found to be in possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. She was cited and released.

0850 - Parking complaint in the 700 block of West B Street. A stolen vehicle was located in the area of the complaint. James Mahoney-Thurman (29), of Davis, was found to be associated to the stolen vehicle. He was arrested for Vehicle Theft, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Committing a Crime while out on Bail. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

0842 - Found property reported on North 1st Street near eastbound I-80.

1436 - Fraud reported in the 300 block of Alder Glen Drive.

2127 - A warrant arrest report was taken in the 300 block of North Adams St. Officers contacted (S) Jessica Spanfelner (33), of Dixon. Spanfelner had two outstanding felony warrants. S Spanfelner was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

2145 - A warrant arrest report was taken on I-80 E/B at CA-113. Officers contacted (S) David Ghusar (36) of Yuba City. Ghusar had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Solano County. Ghusar was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

Saturday, October 24, 2020

0143 - Possession of a stolen vehicle, narcotics and, probation violation arrest report was taken in the 2800 block of West A. St. Officers contacted (S) Yolanda Padilla (34) of Sacramento. Yolanda was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

0944 - Disturbance in the 400 block of East Mayes. A 27 year old female was found to be under the influence and unable to care for her own safety. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

1136 - Embezzlement reported in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive and the City of Vacaville. Melanie Davidoff (29), of Vacaville, was cited and released for Embezzlement.

1924 - A missing person report was taken in the 1300 block of N. Lincoln St.

2310 - A structure fire informational report was taken in the 700 block of Cahill Ct.

2316 - Informational report was taken in the 500 block of Marvin Way

Sunday, October 25, 2020

2208 - Report of attempted robbery in the 1300 block of Stratford Avenue, where a suspect attempted to take the victim's keys and ID. No weapon was seen.

Monday, October 26, 2020

0800 - Report of a suspicious person in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road resulted in the arrest of Nathan Moreno (39) of Dixon for two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. He was taken to county jail.

1308 - Traffic stop in the area of W/B I-80 and Dixon Avenue west resulted in the arrest of Larry Layne (49) of Sacramento for possession of methamphetamine. He was cited and released from the Police Department.

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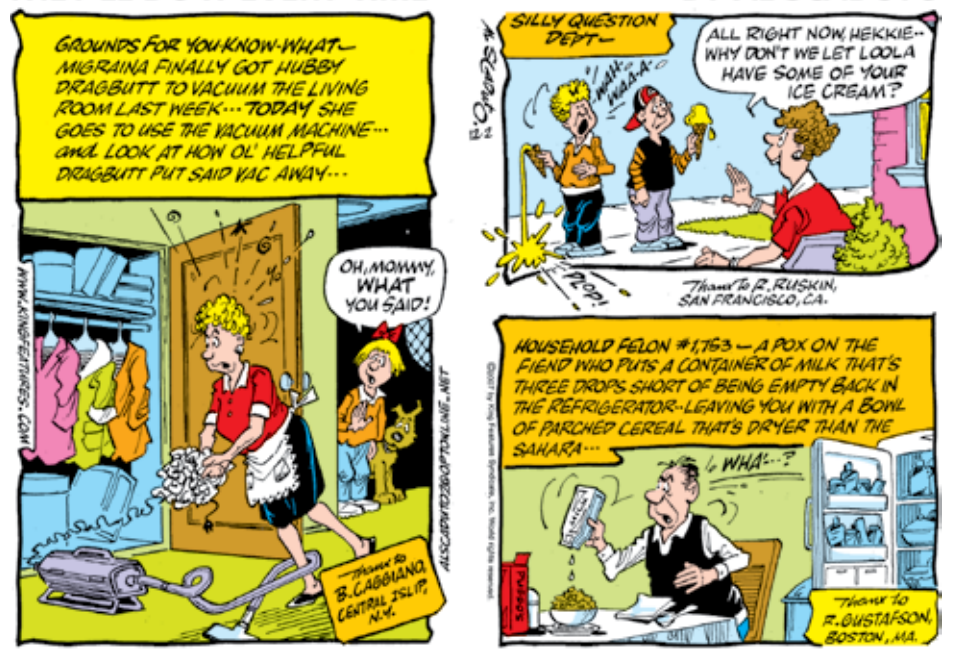
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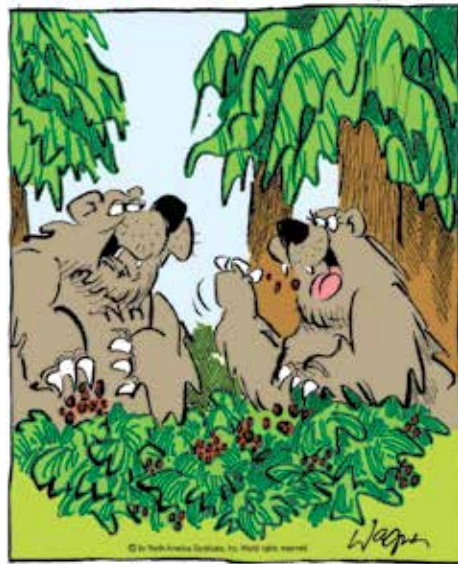
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America's Frontline Doctors Censored by Big Tech



Commentary
by Harold Pease, Ph.D.

At least a dozen medical doctors from all over America assembled in front of the Supreme Court July 27 to counter the only message going forward allowed the American people with respect to the coronavirus. Many had already experienced the removal of their messages on Google, which owns 70% of most American media outside Fox News, including FaceBook, and YouTube (Tucker Carlson Tonight, June 16, 2020).

Outside their COVID expertise they had one thing in common that made their contribution superior to those of Anthony Fauci (a vaccineologist), the CDC and WHO, they are the actual physicians of those with COVID-19. They also each had come

independently to the conclusion that the 65-year-old drug hydroxychloroquine used so successfully in COVID-1 previously, also worked extremely well with its cousin COVID-19 "it's 78% similar to the prior version the COVID-1. Not surprisingly, it works."

These frontline doctors were seasoned physicians in the trenches with the virus. All knew that consequences against their speaking out would likely follow. All knew that what they had to share would be nuked by every media piping the approved media message – be afraid, stay afraid. All knew that what they would tell the American public would be opposite what most Americans were getting on establishment networks, but all were committed to tell the truth. All probably also knew that if they did not speak out now freedom of the press might be gone. If the medical profession could be silenced all other interests challenging the left side of the political spectrum could never survive. Doctors are among the most revered and least political part of our society.

They reasoned that with their combined story they might get through the wall of censorship already in place.

They were wrong!! Google, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter de-platformed them within hours the same day but fortunately not before 17 million heard what they had to say. The establishment print press went after them immediately. It was difficult to find any press, outside Fox News, that did not undermine everything they said, our media is so controlled. It remains that none of the journalists, or fact checkers in these countering pieces were themselves physicians. They know nothing in comparison.

Here are some of the messages Google, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter refused to allow Americans to hear. This is every bit as big a censoring as burning books in the Middle Ages.

Dr. Simone Gold spoke of two phases of the virus, early and late, both treatable with present drugs. But physicians are confronted with a generated "spider web of fear...all around us and it's constricting us" and "draining the lifeblood of the American people," society and economy that "does not make sense." The virus is "treatable" now. "That's what we're here to tell you." "But we implore you to hear this, because this message

has been silenced." "There are many thousands of physicians who have been silenced from telling the American people ... that we can manage the virus." Why? Because "it's 78% similar to the prior version the COVID-1" successfully treated with hydroxychloroquine. "Not surprisingly, it works."

Dr Bob Hamilton, a pediatrician from Santa Monica, California practicing for 36 years, told reporters that kids are almost entirely asymptomatic and can go back to school now, implying without social distancing or masking. "The mortality rates of children is about one fifth of 1%." Kids are "not passing it on to their parents or not passing it on to their teachers." He quoted a pediatric infectious disease specialist and epidemiologists from Scotland, Dr. Mark who said, "There has not been one documented case of COVID being transferred from a student to a teacher in the world, in the world." Dr. Hamilton continued, "We need to act out of science," not out of a generated fear. A fear respecting opening up the schools is driven mostly by the wants of teachers' unions not the needs of the kids.

Dr Stella Emanuel, who works especially with compromised COVID patients as old as 92 with serious medical conditions: diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma told reporters, that "patients do not need to die." None of hers has and she has treated over 350 back to health. "I put them on hydroxychloroquine, zinc and Zithromax," she told reporters, and I've "not lost one." She also placed herself and staff on hydroxychloroquine as a prophylaxis as "we see patients, 10 to 15 patients every day...we only wear surgical masks, none of us has gotten sick. It works." Adding, "Nobody needs to die." Implicit in this comment and voiced by other physicians is that most of those who died could have been spared if treated with hydroxychloroquine in phase one as a prophylactic, and in phase two with the other two drugs.

And why does hydroxychloroquine work so well? Dr. Cole explained, "It concentrates in the lungs 200 to 700 times higher" than the bloodstream. The invading virus heads for the lungs but is blocked by the drug chloroquine from getting in. That is why the drug is so effective as a prophylactic.

Should it get in it seeks to replicate. The addition of "Zinc will mess up the copy machine called RdRP."

Dr Stella Emanuel summed up why the frontline doctors were there. "I came here to Washington DC, to tell America. Nobody needs to get sick. This virus has a cure. It is called hydroxychloroquine, zinc, and Zithromax... You don't need masks, or shutdowns, there is a cure." Then adding, "It is time for the grassroots to wake up and say no, we're not going to take this any longer. We're not going to die." "When people are dying, it's unethical." We know how to treat this virus. We do it every day.

Dr. Harold Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years at Taft College. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org. ★

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