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## Acts of Kindness Showing Up

### Small Town Exhibits a Community that Cares



A couple children decide what fruit they will take from a 'farm stand' started by the Norris family of Dixon who wanted to share their garden with others. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." (Aesop) Do people reach out with their random acts of kindness more when there is a crisis? It certainly seems to be happening in Dixon.

Miniature fruit and vegetable give-aways have been seen in front yards and near neighborhood corners including one on Hillview Drive, a street lined with upscale homes. Mary Norris opened a 'Community Sharing Stand' and offered free basil, potatoes, plums, lettuce, lemons, and onions, and apples from her garden and contributions from neighbors. The small stand had signs saying to take what you need; leave what you can. She even put out a market umbrella to protect the produce as well as the browsers as sun protection.

Norris recruited Eat Well Farms for a helping hand, who kindly agreed.

She is assisted by her family to clean and restock daily.

That happy rush of warmth one feels after doing - or even witnessing an act of kindness--has physical benefits, too. Kindness stimulates the production of serotonin which heals wounds, calms, and increases happiness. In addition, blood pressure is affected because the body releases oxytocin, a 'cardio protective' hormone that releases another chemical called nitric oxide in the body that dilates blood vessels, thus reducing blood pressure. Oxytocin also increases self-esteem and optimism that contributes to our mood and overall well-being.

One Dixonite got a sweet thank you and gift basket from her neighbor just to thank her for being a nurse. The woman was deeply touched by the surprise act. There are also 'Booze Fairies' delivering booze (or blessing) baskets of goodies during the pandemic to lighten people's spirits in Dixon. This is a large group

whose purpose is to "keep us all fed and hydrated and meet new friends," according to a Facebook post.

Often, people don't set out to do a specific act of kindness; they just know help is needed and they take action.

People like Mike Sandrock and Dan Mattingly. Anyone who gets their exercise walking down A Street near Pitt School Road knows about the avalanche of pine needles that has been nearly tripping people up.

You might have missed the bright red trucks with the dozen orange-garbed CalFire crew who, for 20 years, have worked to trim, weed, and clean the median strips on the larger avenues in town.

But, this week, blowing away those pine needles there were two men dressed in normal guy-on-the-weekend attire with tennis shoes, shorts, and T-shirts using gas-powered leaf blowers to clean the long block between South Lincoln and Pitt

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## Scammers Are Afoot

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Sometimes no matter how astute we are, we can be taken advantage of with a savvy salesman at our door. We can easily recognize the major utility companies such as Pacific Gas and Electric or AT&T and maybe even Wave Cable thanks to logo attire and badges but scammers are now using those familiar icons to get your money.

"I've learned a lot through this," said local resident Bill Higgins who lives in the Valley Glen subdivision. "The first words out of your mouth should be: Have you cleared this through the City?" The city issues permits for any company to go door to door.

He was approached by a man saying he was with AT&T, selling an improved internet connection because AT&T had come into this area and pulled new wires through.

"When I wasn't interested in the internet connection, he wanted to know who provided our television connection," Higgins explained. The man told him he could get him a better deal which led "from one thing to another." The two talked about Higgins being a truck driver and had four add-on stations Fox, ABC, NBC and CBS so he could get them from east to west coast.

"I told him I didn't want to lose those four channels. He said oh yes, he'd take care of that," Higgins said. "A week later, I lost all 4 of the stations. I still have lost them and I'm not sure I'll ever get them back because I had to write letters and get special arrangements to have them. Then I got a call from AT&T asking for my passcode and my favorite restaurant, leaving a message on my phone. That's when I really started digging into his credentials. He had not gotten city authorization plus he wasn't an AT&T representative, either."

The man had also told Higgins that there was a special with the AT&T promotion that included a home security system for free.

"All we have to do is install the equipment and it won't cost you a nickel," Higgins was told. But, that was not so.

"They have sent me a bill for \$150 installation and two months of fees. There was a mandatory 2-year service contract and in order to get out of it you had to buy out at a cost of \$700," he said. Higgins called AT&T, ADT, and found out the man did not work for either company.

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## Kiwanis Club Awards Four DHS Graduates



Emily Aguirre

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Thanks to the annual Festival of Trees, Kiwanis Club of Dixon is honoring four Dixon High School graduates with \$500 Scholarships each. They are Emily Aguirre, Stephanie Garcia, Alondra Herrera

and Annabel Rubio.

Aguirre will be attending Sacramento State University and majoring in Biochemistry with an ultimate goal to become an obstetrician and gynecologist. She will be the first in her family to pursue a degree as both her parents emigrated from Mexico to escape poverty.

"I want to help my community by educating women about their own reproductive health," Aguirre said. Impacted by an experience with her mother's health, she said, "I want to become a person involved in the community with helping women who have difficulties but can't afford

consultations or checkups or not having knowledge about their bodies."

Aguirre is active in the Catholic Church and took a very difficult schedule of AP classes throughout high school while still participating in soccer, tennis, and track and field. She is bilingual.



Stephanie Garcia

Stephanie Garcia also wants to become a doctor but working in Pediatrics. When she was a sophomore, her 9-year-old cousin was diagnosed with a severe life-threatening condition and had to have several brain surgeries.

"When I visited her in the hospital, she had a team of neurologists helping her get better. Both my cousin and her doctors inspired me to pursue a medical career," Garcia said. She will be attending California State University Dominguez Hills to pursue Biochemistry.

Garcia was involved in the Key Club and has

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## American Spirit Perseveres



Diners enjoy their meals under a very large pergola in the parking area built by Rosemary's Farm-to-Fork and coordinated for several of the downtown Dixon restaurants that open up to back-of-street use. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

I stood in front of the television only for five minutes or less while passing through the house from our kitchen to get some ice water back to our home office. The news flashed a graph with a bold black line escalating upwards and the news guy reported that the cases of COVID-19 had reached five million – more than any other country in the world.

Did I think about our vastly improved sophisticated testing? Did I remember that my friend in Tennessee told me how she was required to take the test because a co-worker said she had tested positive so she was exposed and the test was just a “gentle swab inside her lip?” Did I remember that 98 percent is still the recovery rate?

No, I did not. I went straight back into the kitchen and grabbed two more cookies but this time I poured a cup of cold milk even though I’m lactose intolerant. I did notice, however, that even my succulent plants appeared sad.

But after a few depressing minutes, I reactivated my American spirit. I want to remind everyone that while the news continues to slap us down, the swimming pools, lakes, and rivers are abundantly full with people having a great life. I know this because when I went to get gas, there were boats, jet skis, and kayaks being pulled by people

who seemed very happy campers.

There are still lines in the grocery stores with busy people buying food including the freshest, most luscious fruit and veggies of the summer. I’ve eaten watermelon like crazy these past two weeks because my daughter grew a patch of Texas-sized ones and they are as sweet as ever. Nishimura Farming brought over large tomatoes, boxed-shape shiny green bell peppers and fistfuls of red and green waxed peppers.

And, to make everything really better, know that there are still phones humming with great family conversations and laughter. Nope. No way. Never will any untrustworthy news reporter keep America down, so there, Bil Paul—a writer I normally esteemed but now, after a dozen columns on the pandemic, a Dixon Tribune COVID Doom Prophet. Will you please just stop!

You will see that the American entrepreneurship drive for financial freedom is not limited to any one culture. I noticed that Dixon Nail Salon also moved outside this past week and thank goodness for a whole lot of women in this town who have gotten spoiled by these kinds of businesses over the past decade.

The move to outdoors has happened everywhere and it is impressive and the quick ingenuity by our local business owners—especially one Rosa Barron of Rosemary’s Farm to Fork Restaurant on

North First Street.

Check out the new pergola outdoor dining structure that was set up in one day! Tables and pretty planters were added the next. It is wonderfully large and provides complete shade to have lunch or dinner for several restaurants. Yes, they do serve and there are instructions on big chalkboards on how to handle the new procedures. If you want to go out and eat downtown, there is plenty of reason to do so and enjoy fresh air.

### Best Summer Surprise

Sitting down at my small kitchen dinette with a cold glass of lemon water and getting ready to read the Vacaville Reporter, my cell phone rang. It was my oldest son who very calmly said, “Hi Mom, what are you doing?”

“Well I just sat down from cleaning, planting, and doing laundry to a well-deserved break with lemon water. What’s up with you?” I said. He laughed a little and said he was sitting down relaxing as well as he had several phone calls to make with good news, and then just slipped in so simply: “Megan’s pregnant.” I always wish I could really write for you how I felt but it’s hard to describe your heart exploding with joy.

I had never expected this at all. My oldest adorable grandson’s 6th birthday was a few weeks ago and the youngest one who turns three next month is almost happily potty-trained. Mommy and Daddy have never even hinted at this possibility even when this Nana pressed. But, the pandemic brought them all home together and they all fell in love with the whole family thing, children and chaos, over again.

So, I did what I could not help but do: ran around the house like a crazy woman yelling for David with the news and crying, well actually kind of screaming, with excitement. So, my family is going to add another little blossom next spring and I had just thought it was time to sell my fancy dishes because we just were not going to ever use them anymore.

All of a sudden, baby showers bloomed in my mind and the pretty green dishes were in the middle of my loving sisters’ and happy friends’ faces as they suddenly appeared in my thoughts while we celebrated another baby. I love the way life cannot be held down... Truly, this is the most perfect silver lining of a pandemic ever!

“And we know all things work together for good to them that love God to them who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28.

Debra Dingman, journalist and author is a 27-year Dixon resident. Her columns and articles have run in Solano County for nearly 37 years in Solano County. Her book *Learning A+ Living, Adventures & Rewards of a Mom Entrepreneur*, is published by WestBow Press and is available on Amazon. ★

## Free Business Classes Offered



SBDC Marketing Specialist Brianna Boyd will be helping businesses use social media marketing, utilizing Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and other platforms applicable to businesses large and small. Photo: SBDC

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Solano Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a nonprofit organization that provides expert no-cost advising, low cost workshops and small business trainings to guide small businesses to success and accomplishment.

Growing a business involves multiple steps ranging from selecting a location, determining a marketing strategy, analyzing cash flow implications and obtaining financing. The Solano SBDC can assist one by conducting customized research for one’s business on a specific target geographic area or comparing market potential among different areas.

This market research will not only be used to make better business decisions, it can also be used to demonstrate to a potential lender that the plans are reasonable as one seeks financing. In addition, Solano SBDC staff can assist in determining cash needs and developing one’s loan proposal and monthly

financial projections. Contact info@solanosbdc.org.

Here are a couple upcoming classes:  
Emergency Planning for Your Business: Advance Planning for Disaster

Tuesday, August 18, 10:30 am - noon  
Emergencies are just as likely to hit us during this pandemic year as in any year. Learn how to get your business prepared for what could be around the corner.

In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, fire season and current SBDC Emergency preparedness must now be a significant part of any business plan. This 90-minute training will help businesses get organized with a concrete plan.

Social Media for Beginners  
Tuesday, August 18, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

This class will be taught by Dixon’s own Brianna Boyd, former long-time editor of the Dixon Tribune and current SBDC Marketing Specialist. Social media marketing is an essential tool for businesses large and small. Utilizing Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and other platforms is one of the best ways to reach current and potential customers and clients. With so many available platforms, learn which is best for your business.

This class is specifically designed to introduce the novice social media team or entrepreneur to the most popular social media channels, the strengths and challenges of each, and how they allow you to communicate with your audience.

Successful StartUp Business Planning  
Wednesday, August 19, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Inside of every setback is the seed of new opportunities. Let Covid-19 be the catalyst to help you launch your dream business.

This session will provide an overview of the business planning process and share a multitude of key information sources for developing your business plan. ★

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He also called the Dixon Police who were “quick and responsive” and called the City of Dixon.

Others have been contacted by people selling solar deals. One asked the homeowner to see meter readings so he could see how much he could save the resident. When asked for a business card, the man walked away.

“I did not know the licensing procedure for these people,” Higgins said. “I’ve been afraid to take my blood pressure,” he said and is using his frustrations to alert others.

“Something needs to get out there about people canvassing and it happens all the time. Recently, I had a young man come to the door that claimed to be with Wave Cable.”

He discovered that the City of Dixon not only requires a permit but more.

“The business that they are working for has to have a current business license with the City and then the person that is doing the door to door soliciting has to have a solicitor’s permit which is different from the business license,” said Diane

Peuse with the City of Dixon.

“We are also going through the Department of Justice for background checks before we issue the solicitor’s permit. It can take from four to six weeks and at this point we have no one that has the solicitor’s permit with our city,” she said.

According to the Dixon Police Department, and especially during the pandemic, more and more people are not even answering their doors. Unless you know the person, maybe that’s a good idea. ★

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# New and Old Faces Join Race

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Two new names have been added to the Dixon potential candidate pool. Logan Legg, has pulled papers for District 4 City Council. Legg is a life-long Dixon resident and has a degree in political science. He has until August 12, to return his papers which require 20 verifiable signatures of registered voters in that District.

The other is former multi-term councilman, Ted Hickman, who served his first term in the 1960s, according to one news source. Hickman, who was heavily criticized after writing a newspaper column that many people viewed as homophobic resulting his ousting in 2018, is officially a candidate for mayor. He pulled papers and City staff confirmed his signatures are verified.

That makes for four candidates for City Mayor including the incumbent, Thom Bogue, Councilman Steve Bird and

Councilman Devon Minnema.

The District 4 Council race which includes downtown, Country Fair and Valley Glen subdivisions seem to be more popular than District 3. There are three candidates for District 4 including Planning Commissioner Don Hendershot, former Councilman Jerry Castanon, and Legg.

The sole verified District 3 candidate is Planning Commissioner Kevin Johnson. And, at press time, James P. Ward, Jr., is the only verified candidate for City Treasurer although incumbent Wesley Atkinson pulled papers and also has until August 12 to return them.

As of 5 pm this past Wednesday, the candidate window officially closes. Candidates may place signs starting September 4, 60 days before the election, and every registered voter will be receiving a mail-in ballot this year due to the pandemic. The current Governor's Order is that in-person polling will be available on election day, Tuesday, November 3. ★

# Sen. Dodd's Insurance Claims Streamlining Bill Advances

By Paul Payne, Office of Senator Bill Dodd

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Legislation from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, that would streamline residential insurance claims for victims of disasters such as wildfires cleared a key committee.

"Californians facing the dual threat of wildfires and the coronavirus pandemic shouldn't be subjected to insurance company delays when filing a disaster claim," Sen. Dodd said. "This bill prevents people from being buried under mountains of paperwork and gets them what they need to recover in a timely manner. It's especially important to have that peace of mind in these uncertain times."

Senate Bill 872, sponsored by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, expands the definition of additional living expenses that must be paid to homeowners for losses incurred in a state of emergency. Upon submission of a claim, it requires an advance payment of no less than four months for costs such as housing, furniture rental and transportation. Also, it mandates an advance payment of no less than 25 percent of a

policy limit for lost contents without submission of an inventory form.

"With wildfires continuing to threaten the entire state, we must do everything in our power to cut red tape for future wildfire survivors to access insurance benefits," said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. "I thank Sen. Dodd for authoring SB 872 so future wildfire survivors are guaranteed the time and resources they need to recover, and I thank the Assembly Insurance Committee for recognizing the importance of this legislation."

The bill, coauthored by Sen. Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg, makes insurers give homeowners a 60-day grace period for payment of residential premiums after an emergency. Also, insurance companies will be barred from deducting the land value from payouts for those who build on new lots.

SB 872 passed the Assembly insurance committee on a 12 to 0 vote.

Senator Bill Dodd represents California's 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Yolo, Sacramento, and Contra Costa counties. You can learn more about Senator Dodd at [www.sen.ca.gov/dodd](http://www.sen.ca.gov/dodd). ★

# Dixon Chamber of Commerce Announces New President/CEO

Dixon Chamber of Commerce Press Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the selection of Shauna Manina as the new President/CEO of the Chamber. Most recently, Ms Manina served as Member Relations Director for the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that,

Manina spent 18 years at The Reporter newspaper as their special events coordinator; Newspapers In Education coordinator; special sections editor for the Vacaville Reporter, Woodland Daily Democrat, Vallejo Times Herald, and editor of Around Town magazines. In addition, Ms. Manina has a strong background in small business management, restaurant management,

special events and community involvement.

Manina replaces the current Chief Administrator, Tonyah Everhart, who is resigning due to family commitments. Everhart will continue to serve as an Ambassador and continue to actively support the Chamber mission and functions. Everhart had served as Chief Administrator since March of 2019. ★



### Shortage Of N95 Respirators Complicates Farm Work

With the state's wildfire season beginning to intensify, farm groups say they're looking for solutions to a lack of N95 respirators. State regulations require the respirators to be available to outdoor employees when wildfires worsen air quality, but the masks have been in short supply during the pandemic. Groups representing the fresh-produce business have asked Congress to include resources for farm employee safety in the next COVID-19 relief package.

### Wildfire Smoke May Lead To Crop Damage

Farmers in Northeastern California say they expect smoke damage to crops from the Caldwell Fire, which has burned nearly 81,000 acres of land in Modoc and Siskiyou counties. Officials continue to assess damage to grazing land scorched by the fire, and farmers say smoke will likely hurt the quality of hay, potatoes, onions and other crops. One farmer says irrigated farmland acted as a buffer that stopped the fire from spreading to some areas.

### Uc Study Shows Forest Impact On Water Supply

New research quantifies how forest-management activities such as mechanical thinning and prescribed burns contribute to increased downstream water availability. By studying 20 years of data and satellite imagery for the Yuba and American rivers, scientists at the University of California, Merced, determined the forest-management actions could enhance runoff in the basins by up to 10% – enough water for as many as 4 million people.

### Pandemic Boosts Demand For Fresh Produce

The pandemic has spurred people's interest in fresh food, and speakers at a virtual conference of fresh-produce professionals said they expect that could continue after the virus fades. A firm that researches trends in the food business says more people now value freshness and health in their foods. As restaurants continue to struggle, produce suppliers say they're trying to package fresh fruits and vegetables in ways that require less labor in restaurant kitchens. ★

# CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

## The Saga of the Parkway Boulevard Overpass



Early stages of construction at the Homestead Development. Photo by Debra Dingman

The 2007 Bertolero Report noted that the Parkway Overpass (PO) that would extend Pitt School Road over the railroad tracks connecting to Parkway Boulevard would be completed by August 2007. This report was done in conjunction with the Dixon Unified School District, City of Dixon, and Brookfield Homes. It is thirteen years later and there is no timetable for finishing the project.

But even before 2007 and back in the 1990's, the property south of the cemetery was designed for a large subdivision by the Sacramento-based Walker, Donant Company. At the inception of the project, the project designers, city council, and staff recognized that traffic on First Street/Hwy113 would be impacted by the proposed subdivision and an alternate route would be necessary for safety and traffic flow. Big time developers came to Dixon and built subdivisions and the city of Dixon collected millions of dollars in fees to build the needed Parkway overpass.

Here we are more than 20 years later, and even more housing subdivisions have been added in that area including the very large subdivision, Valley Glen and two (soon to be three) apartment complexes, Heritage Commons. A traffic survey was conducted a few years ago by the city resulting in a downgraded rating on the level of traffic service from a "C" to "D".

Knowing that the city has an account for the Parkway Overpass, in 2016 Shirley Humphrey, a local columnist, wrote a letter to the City Council inquiring about how much money had been collected and the account balance of the Parkway Overpass Fund that is part of the City's balance sheet. No response was received from the mayor nor councilmen, including the two running for reelection in 2016, and they appeared to have no idea about the available money, what would be collected in the future, nor when the project would be started much less finished. This is a problem. Steve, candidate in the 2016 said he would find out the balance, and made efforts.

In 2016, Shirley discovered that the balance of the Parkway Overpass Fund was less than all the fees collected from the developers as the Fund had been cannibalized to help pay for other city projects. It seems that \$1.3 million was advanced to the Storm drain, CIP Pond C, and more than \$600 thousand was given to the West B Street Pedestrian Tunnel railroad under crossing. If all goes well, the Parkway

Overpass Fund will be paid back in 7 years (2023) for the Storm Drain Project and in 2021 (5 years) for the Railroad Track Pedestrian Tunnel.

'Robbing Peter to pay Paul' for city projects is not a sound business practice. These payback schedules are contingent on funds being available. This council talks about the importance of the General Plan. The Parkway Overpass was listed as a "PRIORITY." But what does "PRIORITY" mean to this city council? How can any project goal be realized if the Council shifts priorities and deliberately cannibalizes funds dedicated for other city projects?

Clearly, there is a need for the establishment of a transparent process. Prioritized projects can only move ahead with established goals, objectives, timelines, and responsible individuals; the basic process for effective governance.

We found in 2016 that the city does not do project accounting. Project accounting focuses on the financial transactions related to managing a project including costs, billing and revenue. Professionals such as project managers and accountants use this method to integrate key financial tasks on a project-by-project basis and report their progress and success to management.

Shirley was on the General Plan Committee. When asked by committee members, the Community Development Director at that time thought it would be difficult to secure grant funds for the project because it is the type of project that should be funded by the developers and taxpayers.

It is now 2020 and the city does not have the software to do project accounting. Yet, the staff in almost every town around Dixon does project accounting.

The new Homestead development will add fees per house for the Parkway Overpass, but a guess is that not enough money will be collected to pay for finishing the project. If this project is not given priority and other projects (such as the Pardi Market Plaza) are funded for several million dollars, the Parkway Overpass may never be completed.

We need a change of representatives. The incumbents have had years (2004 to 2020) to finish this project. Our traffic has deteriorated, and there is no solution in sight. Maybe those running for office can assure citizens that this project will be finished soon and provide a financially feasible plan. ★



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# Social Security Matters

## Can My Mother get Benefits from Common Law Marriage?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** My 71-year-old mother has a very small Social Security income. It is not enough to find her housing. I am working to file for increased VA benefits, as she is a veteran. Her partner of 21 years (common law spouse) has passed away, and we have an appointment next week to apply for spousal benefits. First question: We have the option of applying for her partner's SS benefits, and we are completing the form SSA-753 statement regarding marriage. Is there anything else I should have to be prepared for the appointment? Second question: My mother and father were married for 27 years before they divorced. I was going to request filing for his benefits as it is easier to prove than a common law relationship. Is there anything else you could recommend being prepared for the appointment? **Signed: Concerned Daughter**

**Dear Concerned Daughter:** Whether your mother will be able to collect a survivor benefit from her "common law" spouse will depend upon the state in which their relationship was established. Social Security's rules specify that for their relationship to be recognized as a "marriage" for Social Security benefit purposes, it must have been established in a U.S. State which recognizes "common law" marriage. And only a small number of U.S. states currently do.

For clarity, it is only



required that the relationship be established in a State which recognizes "common law" marriage. If their relationship started in a state which recognizes it, and they subsequently moved to and resided in another state which doesn't, SS will recognize that relationship as a valid marriage and your mother will be entitled to survivor benefits based upon the deceased's SS record (100% of the deceased's benefit amount).

States which currently recognize "common law" marriage are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah, plus the District of Columbia. A number of other States previously recognized common law marriage but have since stopped doing so. If the relationship was established in a state which, at the time, recognized common law marriage, Social Security will also recognize the marriage. Various U.S. states have, over the years, changed their laws regarding common law marriage, and Social Security will evaluate your mother's eligibility for survivor benefits based upon where and when the common law relationship was established. They will be looking for proof of the marriage relationship, such as joint bank account statements, joint asset ownership records (e.g., a car registered in both names, joint home ownership, etc.) and it would be good to have multiple forms of such proof available. They may also require a copy of the death certificate for her common law spouse

and, obviously, his Social Security number.

Regarding your mother's other alternative for benefits from her marriage to your father, if your mother and father were married for 27 years, she may be eligible for a spousal benefit from your father as his ex-spouse. If your father is still living, and if she isn't eligible for an SS survivor benefit from her common law relationship (SS doesn't recognize her common law marriage), your mother may still be eligible for as much as 50% of what your father's SS benefit was at his full retirement age (FRA), plus any COLA increases given since his benefits started. Spouse benefits from a living ex-spouse are not as much as the survivor benefit from a current spouse – the survivor benefit is up to 100% of what the deceased spouse was receiving at death; the benefit from a living ex-spouse is up to 50% of the ex-spouse's FRA benefit amount (if that is more than your mother is eligible for on her own SS record). Of course, if your father is deceased, your mother would be eligible for a survivor benefit on his record, which would be equal to 100% of the benefit amount your father was receiving at his death.

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# County Advises for Employees Who Test Positive for COVID-19

Solano County Special Release  
Dated August 4, 2020

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - As widespread community transmission of COVID-19 continues, the Solano County Health and Social Services Department, Public Health division, advises businesses and employers against requiring evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result for returning to work safely. Individuals who have been ill and isolating at home can end isolation 10 days after onset of symptoms, or 10 days after their testing date for those who do not have symptoms at all.

"Anyone who tested positive and has isolated for 10 days from the date that their symptoms began is no longer infectious, even if some may have lingering symptoms," said Bela Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., Solano County Health Officer. "We understand that businesses have concerns about employees returning to the workplace; however, retesting is unnecessary to prove that employees can no longer spread the disease. Once the 10-day isolation has been completed, employees may return to work."

Most people with confirmed COVID-19 will continue to have positive test results for several weeks, even though they are no longer infectious. In many situations, remnants of dead virus particles remain in the body for several weeks, and can cause a positive test result; however, 10 days after symptoms began, individuals can no longer transmit the virus. Retesting unnecessarily prolongs the time for people to be out of work and adds to the already significant backlog and processing times for COVID-19 testing.

In general, Solano Public Health discourages non-healthcare facilities and employers from requiring a clearance letter to return to work. If the 10-day isolation criteria have been met, then there

is no need for a verification for returning to work. Healthcare facilities may have additional policies and procedures for healthcare workers, and their employees are advised to check with their occupational safety program for more information.

Solano Public Health and Solano Environmental Health have created guidelines for businesses and employers on how to keep their employees and workplace environment safe for the following situations, such as: What to do when an employee tests positive: Identifying close contacts who may have been exposed; Disinfecting and cleaning a workplace setting; Other general and ongoing recommendations.

Solano County Public Health encourages all residents to continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health and Solano County Public Health social distancing best practices, including wearing a cloth face mask outside your home whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained, maintaining a physical distance of six-feet from others, practicing coughing and sneezing etiquette, using a hand sanitizer or washing your hands for at least 20 seconds and to stay at home if you're not feeling well.

For more information visit the Solano County Public Health website at [www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19](http://www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19) and on Facebook at [@SolanoCountyPH](https://www.facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH).

Visit the Solano County website at [www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19](http://www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19) to view the updated stay-at-home health order and directive, to access business industry guidance documents and the most recent COVID-19 health information, including the number of COVID-19 cases in Solano County. ★

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# Enough Subsidies for Electric Vehicles

Commentary by Robert L. Bradley Jr.

Americans are naturally wary of electric vehicles (EVs). Salespeople may pitch battery-powered cars as the future, but most drivers see them as an expensive, chancy alternative to petroleum-fueled automobiles. This has been true for more than a century.

Electric cars once stood on their own. "In the late 1890s, at the dawn of the automobile era, steam, gasoline, and electric cars all competed to become the dominant automotive technology," wrote David Kirsch in *The Electric Vehicle and the Burden of History*. "By the early 1900s, the battle was over, and internal combustion was poised to become the prime mover of the twentieth century."

In 1896, in fact, when a young Henry Ford asked Thomas Edison about electricity for his horseless carriage, Edison banged the table with a "no," citing reduced driving range from a heavy battery and inconvenient recharging.

Today, government policies have put EVs back into the market—for the elite. There are federal write-offs of \$7,500 per vehicle and 30 percent for EV refueling stations. Car dealers use EV credits to average down regular SUVs to meet Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards too.

Still, range is poor and recharging time-consuming for EVs, not to mention searching for scarce refueling stations. And far from emission-free, EVs are "elsewhere emission" vehicles since nearly two-thirds of U.S. electricity is generated from natural gas and coal.

Throwing good money after bad, states are handing out subsidies to EV buyers. New Jersey recently instituted rebates of up to \$5,000 per car. California offers up to \$7,000 in electric vehicle rebates, while Oregon provides \$2,500.

Will this change true ways of driving? New Jersey officials believe their plan will

increase electric vehicles to 330,000 in just five years. By 2040, lawmakers hope that electric motors will power 85 percent of light vehicles sold or leased in the Garden State.

That's fantasy. Electric vehicles only accounted for 2 percent of new vehicle sales nationwide in 2019 even with a host of tax bribes. In fact, EV sales have stagnated; California, which provides the strongest incentives for purchasing electric vehicles, saw sales decline in 2019.

It should be no mystery. While gas-powered cars can travel up to 500 miles on a single tank, electric vehicles get a mere 100 to 300 miles per battery charge. Winter heating and summer cooling drain batteries, leading to "range anxiety" wherein drivers fear the engine might die before reaching its destination.

Future battery costs are unsettling to buyers. The Nissan Leaf, for example, requires a new battery every 10 years at a cost of as much as \$8,500. This is one reason why the average new EV loses more than half of its value in just three years, with some losing almost 70 percent. By comparison, the average three-year depreciation for all vehicles is just 38 percent.

Inexpensive gasoline and diesel have made traditional cars even more desirable. Advances in drilling and other technologies were behind gasoline's drop to below \$3 a gallon. Today, regular unleaded averages below \$2 per gallon nationally.

Post-pandemic, when oil demand returns to normal levels, gasoline will remain far below \$4 a gallon price in the summer of 2008, thanks to the shale-oil revolution. Car emissions, too, have significantly declined since the 1970s.

Environmentally conscious regulators and prudent lawmakers can let Americans buy regular cars. Taxpayers will be thankful too.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research. ★

# Another Version of 'Ethnic Studies'



By Dan Walters, Cal Matters

A year ago, the California Department of Education released a draft of guidelines for implementing "ethnic studies" in public high schools.

It unleashed a torrent of controversy – for good reason.

The 303-page document was ersatz Marxist agitprop that, if adopted, would have drummed into young minds the notion that in America, anyone not a white male is virtually enslaved.

"At its core," the draft declared, "the field of ethnic studies is the interdisciplinary study of race, ethnicity, and indigeneity with an emphasis on experiences of people of color in the United States," adding, "The field critically grapples with the various power structures and forms of oppression, including, but not limited to, white supremacy, race and racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, islamophobia, transphobia, and xenophobia, that continue to impact the social, emotional, cultural, economic, and political experiences of Native People(s) and people of color."

In critiquing "systems of power," it advised, "These are structures that have the capacity to control circumstances within economic, political, and/or social-cultural contexts. These systems are often controlled by

those in power and go on to determine how society is organized and functions," adding, "some examples of systems of power are: white supremacy, capitalism, and patriarchy."

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Some of most pointed criticism came from Jewish legislators who said in a letter, "we cannot support a curriculum that erases the American Jewish experience, fails to discuss anti-semitism, reinforces negative stereotypes about Jews, singles out Israel for criticism and would institutionalize the teaching of anti-semitic stereotypes in our public schools."

Hurriedly, state education officials, including Superintendent Tony Thurmond, promised a makeover. The new version is definitely toned down – less a call for social revolution and more a conventional academic outline.

There's some irony in that transformation. The new draft was released as the fundamental change advocated in the first version was gaining currency in response to the suffocation death of a Black man, George Floyd, with the knee of a Minneapolis policeman on his neck.

Nevertheless, the new draft still contains echoes of the previous proposal, to wit: "Ethnic studies should help students become more engaged locally and develop into effective civic participants and stronger social justice advocates, better able to contribute to constructive social change. It can also help students connect current resistance movements to those of the past, and to

imagine new possibilities for a true democracy."

There's another bit of irony in the declaration that ethnic studies "can help students learn to present their ideas in strong, compelling, jargon-free language."

The draft itself is loaded with undecipherable jargon, such as saying ethnic studies help students "conceptualize, imagine, and build new possibilities for post-imperial life that promotes collective narratives of transformative resistance, critical hope, and radical healing." Can anyone translate that?

When the Legislature required an ethnic studies curriculum to be created, its expressed rationale was that since Californians are a complex matrix of ethnicities and cultures, students should become more aware of who we are and how we got here.

No argument there. And there's absolutely nothing wrong with taking a warts-and-all approach, including slavery, genocidal treatment of native peoples and immigration patterns. Facts are facts and we shouldn't shy away from them.

But ideological indoctrination, which the first draft clearly embraced and still colors the second, is not knowledge. The histories of America and California are not only tales of conflict, including a very bloody civil war, but also narratives of overcoming adversity and achievement, and well-balanced ethnic studies should include them as well.

The Legislature is weighing whether to make ethnic studies mandatory. If so, we'd better get it right.

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**TV GUIDE MAGAZINE** CHEERS & JEERS

By Damian Holbrook

## Cheers to United We Fall

for presenting a united parental front. Even though ABC's latest comedy is a classic case of "big lug hubby and hot wife," it's refreshing to see a frazzled married couple – likably played by Will Sasso and Christina Vidal Mitchell (pictured) – who actually seem to like each other. Now that is a modern family.

## Cheers to Peacock

for heating up an English-class staple with the original series *Brave New World*. If Aldous Huxley's tale of a dystopian future had been as ballsy as the new streaming service's updated take

(starring Alden Ehrenreich, and Joseph Morgan), we would have managed to get through the book as a teen!

## Jeers to Peacock

for not completely stuffing its nest. It's great to provide a free tier (to watch an original like *Brave New World* costs \$5 a month), but if you're going to overload the options with Bravo and E! reality shows, at least offer ones we want to revisit. Five versions of *Bad Girls Club* and not a single episode of *NYC Prep* or *Miami Social*?

## Jeers to Netflix

for being a menace to The Society fans. Reminiscent of *Lord of the Flies*, the creepy sci-fi series, about a group of teens



A frazzled married couple likably played by Will Sasso and Christina Vidal Mitchell (pictured) who actually seem to like each other.

(the cast includes Kristine Froseth and Jose Julian, pictured) trapped in their small town after all the adults have vanished, was renewed more than a year ago, but there are still no new episodes. Don't tell us those disappeared too! ★

safety protocols among other complicating factors.

**Question:** With Jimmy Kimmel taking the summer off of *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, do you think it's real/legit, or he's just taking 2-3 weeks off? My guess is that it's ultimately ABC's decision. Have you heard anything? – AR

**Matt Roush:** I see no reason to find anything sinister in Jimmy's summer hiatus. There's a long tradition – maybe not so much in recent times – of guest hosts filling in for the star, though maybe not quite of this duration, but it's not really as revolutionary as it might seem.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: [tvinsider.com](http://tvinsider.com) ★

**ASK MATT**  
BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

## Will There Really Be New Episodes To Watch This Fall?

**Question:** With the coronavirus epidemic and social distancing, will there be any new TV episodes this fall? – C Brown

**Matt Roush:** A fair and simply put question, but it's an impossible one to address simply if at all at this moment in time. There will be a semblance of a fall schedule, but how many returning

scripted favorites will be back in business by the traditional premiere weeks of late September and early October remains to be seen. Given the dire current situation across much of the country as we inch towards August, when most productions would be underway, I'd expect we'll see a significant delay in getting new episodes ready for air on many prime-time shows, as they figure out how to proceed with rigorous

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# St. Peter's Catholic Church News

This Sunday, we celebrate the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday, the Gospel of Mathew portrays a dramatic encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. The encounter occurs as Jesus passes through the region of Tyre and Sidon, both of which are non-Jewish cities inhabited by Gentiles. There were strong tensions that existed between Jews and non-Jewish Gentiles during Jesus' time. Jesus seems to keep with this tense tradition and appears to dismiss her plea to heal her daughter. As the Gospel unfolds, we discover that the opposite is true as Jesus affirms the greatness of her faith that heals her daughter (Mathew 15:28). Jesus demonstrates His salvation for all people by healing the Canaanite woman's daughter.

We find God's salvation promised to non-Jewish populations in the first reading as Isaiah tells us that "foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ... loving the name of the Lord, and becoming His servants" will be brought to God's "holy mountain. Their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar" (Isaiah 56:6-7). Centuries later, Saint Paul referred to himself as an "apostle to the Gentiles" and proclaimed that God has mercy "upon all" (Romans 11:29-32).

These themes describe the universal nature of the Church. The Kingdom of God is first announced to the children of Israel, and salvation does indeed come "from the Jews," but all called to enter the kingdom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us that to enter God's Kingdom, one must first accept Jesus' Word – the

same Word that Jesus compares to a seed sown in a field. Those who hear it with faith are numbered among Christ's flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. Jesus describes that God's Kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus shares the life of the poor – from the cradle to the cross; hunger, thirst, and privation (CCC 543). The church is sent to the nations that she might be the universal sacrament of salvation. All people are called to belong to the new people of God. All people are called to be gathered as "one," the same character of universality under Christ the head in the unity of the spirit (CCC 831 and 849).

Perhaps we should take heed to follow the actions of the Canaanite woman, who not only recognizes Jesus as "Lord" but approaches Him with unwavering faith, not for herself, but the salvation of her daughter. Saint Hilary of Poitiers described the woman's intercession was not just for her daughter but for all Gentile people (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture New Testament. Manlio Simonetti, ed. Downers Grove, Illinois: Inter Varsity Press, 2002*). Let look to for the "Canaanites" in our midst, among the poor and the outcast, that in serving them we serve Christ Himself who lived among them.

Please check the Church's Facebook page at St. Peter Catholic Church or the Church website for more information at [www.stpeterschurchdixon.com](http://www.stpeterschurchdixon.com). ★

# Acts of Kindness

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School Road.

I did a double-take and noticed they weren't teens and their muscles lifted the heavy blowers easily. I went around the block so I could park my car and see what they were up to but in that short amount of time, they had finished. The long, wide sidewalk was cleaned.

Not quick to take credit, Sandrock and Mattingly, volunteers from the Estates Drive neighborhood gave kudos to another neighbor, Carol Von Kaenel, who coordinated the effort. She made the contacts with the city crews to come pick up the rubbish if the neighbors did the clean-up.

"We were just tired of looking at it," Sandrock said at first. "There are only 16 homes in here and we all know each other, so we're pretty tight-knit." Then he said there are

people who can't get up on their homes to clean the gutters from the stacks of pine needles so these two neighbors do what they can to help. The two men also voluntarily cleaned a block-long mass of weeds and debris out of a large water-flow area behind their homes.

"I feel good that it looks better but I'm angry the city can't do better," Mattingly said. The City normally would maintain via the fire crews but with a prolonged fire season, more fires, and the fire crews work popularity with other cities, they are not available. City Engineer Joe Leach is looking for solutions.

"I think it's awesome for people to take ownership. It's a great thing," Leach said.

In writing about the Chamber's search for a new Administrator, I was reminded of the act of

kindness that keeps giving back each month for the Chamber of Commerce. Kevin Johnson, who leases the building from the City of Dixon, sub-leases to the chamber—the sole occupants since the building opened more than a decade ago. His charge? One dollar a month. No wonder he was chosen one of Dixon's Citizen of the Year.

In this pandemic when many businesses and services are financially challenged, having virtually no rent for a vital organization such as the Chamber, affords them to recruit a high quality professional which ultimately, will help support not only Dixon businesses but our May Fair Parade as well.

If any of our readers learn of another act of kindness they'd like to share, please call the Dixon newspaper office at (707) 678-8917. ★

## Six Aggies Earn WCGA Academic Honors

By Mark Honbo, UC Davis Athletics

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Six Aggie student-athletes plus the UC Davis team as a whole captured Scholastic All-America honors from the Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association, the organization announced Tuesday. Alphabetically, the program's honorees are Lauren Chu, Petra Engstrom, Kelley Hebert, Alyssa Ito, Cammi Johnson and Shannon Sklow.

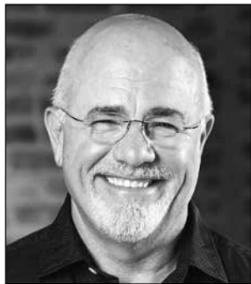
"The academic success of the women's collegiate gymnastics programs across the country truly exemplifies the commitment to excellence in the classroom," said Kerrie Turner, WCGA president and head coach at Bowling Green, in the official press release. "Despite the adversity faced during the COVID 19 pandemic, the student-athletes and teams continued to stay focused on the opportunity to learn and grow regardless of the in-person or remote educational environments. The accolades earned are a testament to the dedication,

commitment, and incredible work ethic fostered within our member programs."

Programs and/or student-athletes with combined 3.0 grade-point averages are eligible for Scholastic All-America honors. UC Davis compiled a 3.2372 combined GPA to rank among the 74 winners of the team award. Unlike the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation academic awards, there is no minimum participation requirement, and freshmen are eligible for the award.

These are the second straight awards for Chu and Sklow, students in psychology and animal science, respectively. Johnson, a fourth-year human development major, previously won such honors in 2018. Hebert (human development), Ito (design) and Engstrom (environmental science & management) each claimed their first WCGA academic nod this year.

UC Davis won the MPSF regular-season championship with a national-qualifying score of 194.715. ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

It can, in many cases, be a valid and reasonable desire. But if you guys are serious about getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances, I'd advise waiting until after Baby Step 3 to make this happen. At that point, you'll have paid off all your debt – except for your home – and you'll have a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in the bank.

Going on vacation isn't a need, it's a want. Buying a new couch isn't a need, it's a want. I know you love your wife, and you want her to be happy and feel good about herself. But right now, this is a want. If it were a medical procedure required to save her life, it would be an emergency – a need. In a case like that, you'd stop what you're doing right now and address the issue.

This may be something you both agree is a valid expense. If it's something you've talked through

together, and something you both want, that's fine. It's a reasonable goal under the circumstances. But I would wait until after you're out of debt and you have your emergency fund in place. Being out of debt will make it so much easier to save up and take care of any out-of-pocket expenses you might have to pay.

All in all, it's money well spent to help your wife look and feel like herself again. Just do it at the proper time where your finances are concerned!

– Dave

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### Might be Money Well Spent ... at the Proper Time

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan. About eight months ago she gave birth to our second child, and now she would like to have a mommy makeover. I want her to be comfortable and feel good about herself, but those procedures can be really expensive. I don't know how to fit that in with trying to pay off debt and get control of our money. What do you think?

– Greg

Dear Greg

Basically, this kind of cosmetic surgery isn't an emergency. It's a desire.

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# Riley Reviews

## REMOTE SUMMER PRESS TOUR TOUTS CABLE SHOWS FOR FALL

**A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley**

Every summer the nation's television critics gather at a press tour for a preview of what networks and cable channels have to offer for the fall season. This year it is a virtual experience, but the major networks opted out of presenting fall programs for interviews.

A consortium of cable channels, along with PBS, has no problem stepping up to showcase programs from basic cable channels such as AMC Networks and Lifetime to subscription streaming services that include Hulu, Amazon Prime Video and Netflix.

Then there are what might be called, for lack of a better term, "boutique" subscription services that highlight programs from Great Britain and other nations. One of them is BritBox, created by British networks BBC and ITV, while Acorn TV is another option for British shows.

Waiting until the fall won't be necessary to enjoy BritBox's "McDonald & Dodds," a British crime series with the ambitious DCI McDonald (Tala Gouveia) and the older, shy DS Dodds (Jason Watkins) teamed as mismatched detectives taking on puzzling cases.

In British police ranks, the DCI is a Detective Chief Inspector and the DS is a Detective Sergeant. The younger, female DCI McDonald is the superior officer, which seems fitting because it appears DS Dodds has not been on a crime scene in forever.

As they might say in Britain, when considering whether to watch "McDonald & Dodds," give it a go. After all, the scenery is lovely because the show is set in scenic Bath, where my sister lives now and which I enjoyed on a visit last year.

For a different take on a show located in Britain, AMC will offer limited drama series "The Salisbury Poisonings," based on the incredible true story of an assassination attempt on double agent and spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia.

Within three days of the deadly plot, key government agencies discovered that a lethal nerve agent called Novichok was used, just half a teaspoon of which could kill 20,000 people.

In March 2018, the British city of Salisbury became the epicenter of an unprecedented national emergency, and "The Salisbury Poisonings" tells the remarkable story of how ordinary people and public services reacted to a crisis on their doorstep.

As if there is not enough British programming, AMC will also debut in the fall the drama series "Gangs of London," which has already been critically acclaimed for its successful first season in the United Kingdom.

The 10-episode series tells the story

of the multicultural city being torn apart by the turbulent power struggles of the international gangs that control it and the sudden power vacuum that's created when the head of the most powerful crime family is slain.

Award-winning filmmaker and show co-creator Gareth Evans observed during the panel discussion that "Gangs of London" was influenced by "all crime television and film" with a particular emphasis on the Asian cinema of "Triad movies and Yakuza movies."

"Gangs of London" explores a dark world of action-packed thrills and violence, and if the pub fight scene in the first episode is any indication, the series looks like it will be a wild ride.

AMC's first-ever anthology series "Soulmates," set fifteen years in the future, when science has made a discovery that changes lives by a test that unequivocally tells you who your soulmate is.

Each episode features a different cast and explores an entirely new story around discovering, or opting not to discover, the results of this new test and the impact of those results on a myriad of relationships.

If you are already happily married with kids you adore, why would anyone tempt fate to discover someone else should be your life partner. But if you are single and never married, would you give it a try? "Soulmates" may provide some answers.

Inspired by the iconic and unforgettable character of Louise Fletcher's Nurse Ratched in the 1975 Oscar-award winning film "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Netflix debuts in September the suspenseful drama series "Ratched."

The setting is 1947 and Sarah Paulson has large shoes to fill in Mildred Ratched, who arrives in Northern California to seek employment at a leading psychiatric hospital where unsettling experiments have begun on the human mind.

On a clandestine mission, Nurse Ratched presents herself as the perfect image of what a dedicated nurse should be, but the wheels are always turning and as she infiltrates the mental health care system, a growing darkness becomes readily evident.

From the clips made available, Sarah Paulson's take on the evil nurse is truly unnerving, and while Louise Fletcher's archetypal performance could never be duplicated, "Ratched" looks to showcase a nonetheless disturbing character.

A little-known fun fact is that is that the filming of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" took place at the Oregon State Hospital in the state's capital city of Salem, which has a Museum of Mental Health on the premises that offers insight into primitive treatment methods of the past. ★

# Five Midnights

by Lorien Lawrence

Take the opportunity to explore your local library and all the amazing books available on audiobook for free. For Solano County cardholders, all you need is to download the hoopla app and start exploring. A wonderful world awaits.

Lupe never expected to be taken to a crime scene the moment she arrived in Puerto Rico. She knew this summer would be different traveling without her father, but staying with her uncle, the police chief, opened the door to a whole different kind of experience, and Lupe was thrilled. This summer was starting with an adventure, and Lupe knew if she could see the crime scene for herself, she could help solve it.

Javier is losing his childhood friends one by one, and their deaths are crimes that even the police chief can't solve. Then Javier discovers a chilling realization; he could be next. Whoever is hunting down these boys is doing it strategically, which could only mean Javier is truly in danger. However, if he wants to solve these crimes and survive, he will need some help.

Reluctantly, Lupe and



- ◆ Publisher: Tor Teen
- ◆ Hardcover, 304 Pages
- ◆ Audio Book, narrated by Almarie Guerra
- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ♥♥♥♥

Javier know they have to join forces if they want to uncover the truth and survive long enough to do it. With old childhood memories, drug pushers on every corner, and their own personal demons, they will have to push past their insecurities and learn to trust one another. But when the clues start to add up to something more than a war on drugs, they quickly realize that monsters might be real, and the monsters within might be even more terrifying.

*Five Midnights*, explores

the inner streets of Puerto Rico and the war on drugs that threatens the youth. It is a story about inner monsters, friendships, and drug wars as five teens learn about the rules of survival and the realization that an ancient legend might not be just the myths told by older generations.

Taking readers deep into the streets of Puerto Rico while also highlighting the culture, the legends, and the history, Ann Davila Cardinal delivers a beautiful exploration of beauty and sacrifice. Ann Davila Cardinal will leave readers grappling with the question if El Cuco is real or a figment of the imagination? This is not your typical book of monsters. This story explores the legend of El Cuco, as well as the monsters that threaten the youth and the lengths those will go to try and save them.

Audio narrator, Almarie Guerra, takes her listeners on a magical journey complete with accents and proper pronunciations. This audiobook is a definite recommendation for anyone who would love to hear this book read like you are sitting at a coffee shop along the Old San Juan shore. ★

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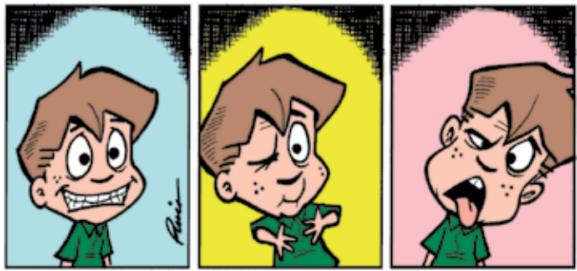
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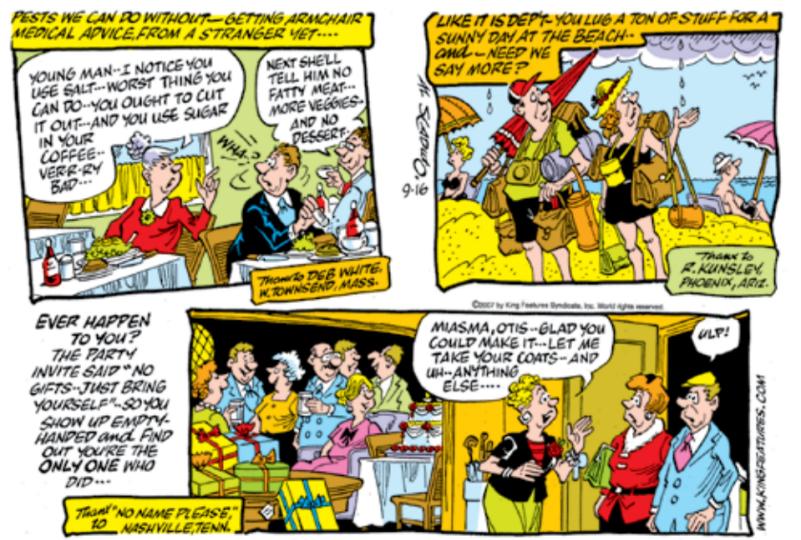
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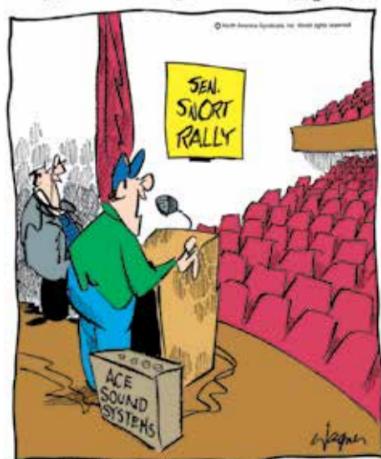
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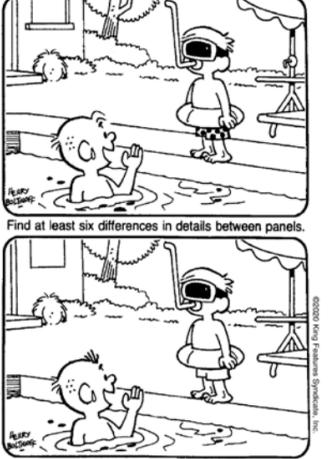
BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



"Taxing, taxing, one-two-three..."



"Do I have time to go shopping?"



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# Tuleyome Offers California Naturalist Course

By Nate Lillge

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.

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.

Tuleyome's 2021 naturalist classes start January 15, 2021 and continue for 10 consecutive Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. Classes are scheduled to take place in Woodland but with the current public safety restrictions due to COVID-19, preparations have been made to hold virtual classes. 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



Participants are also eligible for four academic credits through UC Davis Extension. Photo courtesy of Tuleyome

and how to collect data and interact with nature.

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. ★

# Kiwanis Club Awards Four DHS Graduates

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been an active volunteer in the community including collecting for victims in the recent Camp Fire and Tubb Fires.



Alondra Herrera

Alondra Herrera Mondragon will be living at home while she attends Woodland Community College and after completing general education requirements, she'll pursue her nursing degree at Sacramento State University

When her grandfather was in the hospital, she noted that there were not enough bilingual nurses.

"Observing the nurses and their lack of resources made me realize I can make a difference. That language barrier made me feel I can make an immediate impact in helping other families and that would be very fulfilling to me," she said.

Mondragon made CSF honors and played on the Varsity Tennis Team all four years of high school. She volunteered at various community functions, tutored, and worked part time at Pedrick Produce.

Annabel Rubio is also interested in Biochemistry as the starting path to becoming a doctor possibly in genetics. Rubio had a 4.3 GPA, was ranked 4th in her class, and is enrolled in Cal Berkeley's pre-med program. She will also be the first in her family to get a degree.

Rubio grew up watching television shows like Grey's Anatomy and medical

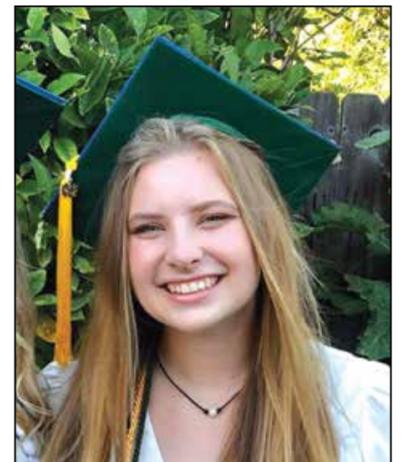
videos like Chubbyemu on YouTube videos. In her freshman year, she took Geometry, Computer Science, and US History at Solano College all while at Dixon High School taking honors classes and playing in the Dixon High School Band, competing on the swim team, and being involved in the Rotary Interact and 'Girls Who Code' clubs.

She enjoyed tutoring tough science subjects to younger students and gives credit to her mother for nurturing her passion for learning.

"If it weren't for my mother's sacrifice of being a stay-at-home mom, I don't think I would be the person I am today," she said. "She has provided me all the tools necessary to go out into the world and flourish mentally, physically, and emotionally."

Past recipients are: 2012 Devon Minnema; 2013 John Loarca; 2014 Camarina Augusto and Rebecca Immel; 2015 Stefany Pineda and Miranda Sanchez; 2016 Madelyn Larson and Cheyenne Shipley; 2017 Alyssa Ponce and Emily Ziegler; 2018 Bethany Bodine and Grace Lightfoot; 2019 Crystal Chien, Beau Carabajal, Mei-lin Hanna and Vadisha Patel.

The Kiwanis Club of Dixon is the parent organization of the DHS Key Club. For more information on the Dixon Kiwanis Club, email [dixonkiwanis@hotmail.com](mailto:dixonkiwanis@hotmail.com) or call (707) 676-5413. ★



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