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Pardi Market Plaza Phase One Opens



With the completion of Phase One of three approved phases, local retailers will pick up at least 18 parking spaces to encourage a vibrant social hub. Photo provided by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - After nearly 25 years of having a gravel and dirt lot at the center of A and First Streets in downtown Dixon, the Pardi Market Plaza opened with little fanfare – unless you were watching social media. The City of Dixon Facebook site postings showed a definite slant to those more disappointed than pleased.

A color picture of what looked similar to a Space X landing pad was posted on the site and it is true, without trees or shrubs of any kind, it looks stark and not worthy of the 1.7 million dollars spent thus far not including the cost of owning the lot for the past two decades.

Numerous residents posted about the site being hot, ugly, or a waste of taxpayer's dollars and some defended the project saying that it was better than the green paper flapping from the cyclone fence or the

dirt and potholes over the years.

However, it is only completion of Phase one and better things are on the horizon if the economy recovers next year.

"To the best of my recollection, somewhere in between August and September of last year, the Council approved all three phases of this project," said Mayor Thom Bogue. "It looks like a clean surface but know the bark is not part of the final project. It will be grass." Phase Two is slated for next January and February so parking and the site will be closed again for the duration of that.

For now, the close-by merchants are happy to pick up at least the 18 parking spaces and have the fences gone.

"It looks like a lot of wasted space right now," said Vickie Ruiz of The Printing Shop. "But we counted 18 parking spaces and we're happy they took down the green paper."

"It is just so nice to have it open," said Courtney Kett of Dixon Florist.

"It makes it so convenient for people to come down. We love seeing everyone."

Some posts were recommending tables, chairs, and umbrellas to be put out to help the restaurants but also to add places for people to sit. At this point, there are only paths to walk. There may be fanfare planned but repeated phone calls to Joe Leach, City Engineer/Public Works Director for more information were not returned.

According to the Wordpress site on the project, "The City of Dixon envisions transforming the former Pardi Neighborhood Market site into a vibrant community plaza. The Pardi Market Plaza would serve as a new community social hub and parking area at this key downtown core location."

Citizens who want to see more of the conceptualized drawings, can go to: <https://pardimarketplaza.wordpress.com/documents/> ★

JAILBREAK!

**Gavin Newsom
is Releasing
18,000 Criminals
onto Our Streets**



Governor Newsom

**Orange County
Republicans
Press Release**

ORANGE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Governor Newsom is releasing roughly 18,000 convicted criminals into our communities.

In what the Newsom administration calls "decompression measures" the Los Angeles Times reports that 10,000 criminals have been released and an additional 8,000 will be released by the end of August.

This move places every California family in danger. In Orange County a public warning was sent by District Attorney Todd Spitzer and Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Michelle Steel regarding the release of Cary Jay Smith into the community of Costa Mesa. Smith has admitted to killing three children and claims to have molested 200 children while very publicly claiming he has no hesitation to do it again.

He is only one of 18,000 dangerous criminals the Democrats will release.

It is unconscionable that the Democrats while advocating for defunding the police would place an additional burden on local police departments and cities already struggling due to the Governor's erratic shut down orders.

The Republican Party is the party of Law and Order. We support our men and women of law enforcement and stand with Orange County residents' rights to be safe in their homes. The Democrat Party is rabidly seeking to defund police departments and Governor Newsom is using Covid-19 as an excuse to ignore his most basic responsibility of keeping Californians safe. ★

**WE
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Chamber Seeks New Administrator

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - For decades, the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Dixon Business Association have acted as supporters of the business community but now, amid the pandemic shutdown of most businesses, both organizations closed offices or stopped having meetings and both organizations have lost significant leadership.

Tonyah Everhart, Chief Administrator for the Chamber since last summer after decade-long Administrator Carol Pruett, will serve until a replacement can be found, according to Chamber Board member Robin Tully of Tully Consulting Group. Last edition, the newspaper reported on the

Downtown Dixon Business Association's President had stepped down.

"We definitely are working hard as a Board and united team with Tonyah, our current Chief Administrator, in making positive changes within the Chamber for the benefit of members," Tully said. "We have appreciated Tonyah's efforts and sincere goal to help the Chamber and its members. She will be continuing on until we can get a new person interviewed and selected."

Everhart was a long-time Chamber Ambassador before being placed in position by the former Chief Administrator and plans to return to that Ambassador role for her husband's company, Dixon Financial and Insurance Services. Chamber Ambassadors

are volunteers who help with Chamber Mixers and events. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to reach the Chamber President Kay Cayler and also Everhart.

"The Chamber is also working hard behind the scenes during the COVID19 government mandated shutdowns to make changes that will benefit members," said Tully. "We had numerous special meetings including an intensive workshop to identify what changes could be adopted to improve Chamber operations and member benefits."

According to social media posts, the job description reads that they are focusing on "an outgoing bright individual." They are also looking for a person with experience

in office operations such as Quickbooks, email correspondence, invoicing, marketing and member outreach and also is proficient at organizing and running Chamber Events.

"This is an exciting opportunity for someone who likes working with the public and making a difference in their community. Popular Chamber Events include monthly mixers, KUIC coffee breaks, the Dixon May Fair Parade and the Epicurean Feat. Please submit resumes to: info@dixonchamber.org immediately.

For a copy of the Job Advertisement for most information, contact info@dixonchamber.org or robin@tullygroup.com. The Dixon Chamber is located at 220 North Jefferson and phone is (707) 678-2650. ★



This is Really Living

By Debra Dingman

I hope you're not sleeping through all this. There are so many issues in Dixon right now that I can only hope you have your seatbelt on. This is truly an impacting time and we should be happy to be living in it.

There are major issues going on with the planned water improvements that will cause a rate hike and it will be shocking for at least half the towns when they get bills that appear to skyrocket. It seems a battle between the citizens of our community and the City.

Parents and students are dealing with issues of NOT going back to school – at least in the physical sense. They will be adopting long-distance learning techniques and putting education online. There are so many strong feelings about this issue that I feel the air electrified!

From all my reading, most parents, teachers, and professionals are against this. In fact, the only one that seems to be for it is Governor Newsom. But, to comply with all the restrictions that would keep students and teachers “safe” would cost so much money, that California will literally break. So what to do?

Then we have the COVID-19 /state governor imposed shutdown, open, shutdown again crisis crucifying small businesses. Can I get my hair cut or not? Can I go get the special paper and craft supplies I need for an upcoming friend's wedding or not? Is the Goodwill or Recology open or not? I call for almost anything before I go out to make sure the place is open. And, I can't imagine the future impacts on our economy and my grandchildren's economy.

I've noticed that the fast food drive-through lanes are packed more than ever because you can't stop at a diner. Only gas stations have restrooms open again and we

all know that's not our favorite thing.

So instead of worrying and getting full of desperate thoughts, I relaxed and stared out the window at the beautiful green trees while sipping on my delicious decaf coffee. I knew I would do what I could with today. It dawned on me that this is really living. When I sit still, I can feel all this swirling around me and I can choose which area I want to focus my energy.

We have so much to be grateful for. I have discovered new ways to get my spiritual nourishment. I signed up for a Kaiser class and it helped me deal with anxiety.

My Dad had a heart attack last week and multiple mini-strokes that took chunks of memories. It has been a difficult week for my family, especially my siblings—but one full of introspection and love. I knew lots about strokes but never considered that my Dad could possibly be stuck in a time where he was raising us six children in our small, Tracy home. Those were great years. I was touched to the core when he asked my step-mom from his hospital bed, “Is Debbie coming?”

Day by day, we are doing all we can to enjoy this life and live fully. My siblings and I got together to Facetime Dad. He asked me why I was crying. “I'm just so happy to hear your voice!” I said.

“I don't know why you dust didn't let me go,” he said with a laugh.

“Just because you were ready to go, Dad, doesn't mean we we're ready to let you,” I laughed as the reality really did set in that we were indeed, living.

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. ★

Solano Census Invites Voter Registration this Saturday

Solano Census Press Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano Census, in collaboration with local organizations, churches, and clubs, is inviting the community to participate in the 2020 Census/Voter Registration Car Caravan, Saturday, July 25, from 11 a.m. to 1.

The car caravan will be a parade of cars driving through a strategically selected route within Fairfield and Vallejo. Participants are asked to display on their vehicle census messaging to raise awareness of the 2020 Census and the importance of registering to vote.

Organizers ask that everyone arrive at either of the following locations at 10 a.m. to decorate cars, participate in media, photo,

and video blitz. And, above all, to have fun.

St Stephen CME Church
2301 Union Ave - Fairfield

Old Raley's Shopping Center
4300 Sonoma Blvd - Vallejo

At 11, attendees will leave with and follow the caravan, honk horns, and drive through the Census Popup/PPE/Food Giveaway points. Or, attendees can volunteer at any of the Giveaway points.

Social distance and mask safety will be required in compliance with the CDC and California guidelines.

For additional information, contact Tiffanee Jones at Tiffaneedjones@gmail.com or K. Patrice Williams at patrice@brandgov.com. ★

CDFW Now Hiring Wildlife Officers

CDFW Law Enforcement Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Law Enforcement Division is beginning the next cycle of recruitment for wildlife officers. If you want to make a positive difference in California as a member of a professional, effective, responsive law enforcement organization dedicated to ensuring public safety and protecting of our natural resources, this may be the career for you.

Applications must be submitted by July 31, 2020. Apply for a "Warden Cadet" position if you are not currently a peace officer. Apply for a "Warden" (lateral) position if you have your Peace Officer Standards of Training (POST) Basic certificate and are currently employed as a peace officer within the State of California.

"Warden Cadet" job bulletin: <https://jobs.ca.gov/JOBSGEN/8FG09.PDF>

"Warden" (lateral) job bulletin: <https://jobs.ca.gov/JOBSGEN/7FG12.PDF>

All prospective candidates are encouraged to extensively review informational materials on our website in addition to the above job bulletins. If you have additional questions, please email LED's recruitment officer, Lt. Perry Schultz, at becomeagamewarden@wildlife.ca.gov.

CDFW wildlife officers are fully sworn

California peace officers with a fundamental duty to serve and protect the public. They have the authority to enforce all California laws. Wildlife officers patrol the mountains, valleys, deserts, creeks, streams, rivers and ocean. They frequently work alone and cover both rural and urban areas. California's diverse ecosystem spans 159,000 square miles divided into 58 counties, with a human population more than 39 million. The state has 1,100 miles of coastline, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, 4,800 lakes and reservoirs and 80 major rivers. Wildlife officers patrol with trucks, off road utility vehicles, personal watercraft, large patrol vessels, snowmobiles and aircraft. They work undercover, conduct surveillances and complete in-depth investigations, including writing and serving search warrants. CDFW's Law Enforcement Division has numerous specialized teams and assignments including K-9, wildlife trafficking, cannabis enforcement, marine patrol, and oil spill prevention and response.

Successful applicants for warden cadet will attend a POST-certified law enforcement training academy, conducted by CDFW at Butte College in Oroville. Following the academy, probationary wildlife officers will work with seasoned field training officers for several months, where they will learn to apply their training in practical circumstances. ★

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Food & Farm News

Farm Employee Shortages Persist

Despite high unemployment rates during the pandemic, California farmers say they continue having trouble filling their harvest crews. Some farmers say people laid off from other jobs did move into farm work, but that slowed as businesses began to reopen. At the same time, farmers have stressed the need to maintain employee health and safety. The California Farm Bureau launched a new round of public-service announcements this week with COVID-19 safety messages.

Legislation Could Modify Payroll Program

Rules governing the federal Paycheck Protection Program have made it difficult for many farmers to qualify for the program, which helps employers meet their payroll obligations during the pandemic. The American Farm Bureau Federation says fewer than 2% of employers in agriculture and related sectors have received loans through the program. It supports legislation in Congress making technical fixes to help more

farmers participate.

Pandemic Adds To Issues Weighing On Cotton Market

Pandemic-related effects on top of other concerns have led California farmers to plant less cotton this year. The pandemic brought mill closures around the world and has caused people to buy less new clothing. Those factors, plus inventory from last year's crop, trade disputes and water shortages, prompted California farmers to cut cotton acreage 20% compared to a year ago. Harvest will start this fall.

Miniature Backpacks Provide Health Data On Chickens

Fitting chickens with tiny backpacks has helped University of California specialists learn how to recognize when parasites bother the birds. UC Riverside scientists say the small sensors caused chickens no discomfort, and gave researchers data about bird behavior that signaled parasite attacks. The scientists say the information could be used by farmers to protect their birds from parasite damage. ★

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Solano Schools Will Start School Year with Distance Learning



Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools. Photo: SCOE

By Jennifer Leonard, Solano County Office of Education

FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) - On July 17, 2020, Governor Newsom announced mandates for public and private schools across the state, based upon the state’s county monitoring data. Previously, some Solano County school districts and charter schools made plans to reopen school campuses with varying models of social distancing, modified schedules, and distance learning options for students. However, the newly issued orders require that schools located in counties on the state’s County Monitoring List must begin the school year with distance learning from home. Solano County is currently on the state’s County Monitoring List due to recent increased in COVID-19 cases.

In a press conference, the Governor reviewed California’s Pandemic Plan for Schools which stated that using health data, schools may physically open when its county has been off the Monitoring List for 14 consecutive days. Schools within counties that do not meet that requirement must begin the school

year with distance learning. The state’s plan also requires staff, and students in 3rd grade and above, must wear masks at school. Students in 2nd grade and below are encouraged to wear masks or face shields. Additional requirements in the plan include physical distancing, symptoms checks, quarantine protocols, and COVID-19 testing.

California’s Pandemic Plan for Schools also features protocols for COVID-19 exposure within school communities. The new directives cited in the Governor’s presentation stated that “a classroom cohort goes home when there is a confirmed COVID-19 case, a school goes home when multiple cohorts have confirmed cases or more than 5% of the school is positive, and a district goes home if 25% of their schools are closed within a 14-day period.” Local educators are expecting more details about what each plan protocol entails.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson commented on the new state plan saying, “Educators across Solano County are working tirelessly to design and implement solutions to meet a broad range of unique needs for thousands of students. Bottom line is equity for every student is critical. Our districts and charters schools will continue to be flexible, resourceful, and innovative no matter where instruction occurs on the first day of school.”

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond commented earlier this week that the quickest way

to reopen schools is for every Californian to do their part: wear a face covering, wash hands, and practice physical distancing. While some evidence shows children are less at-risk for COVID-19, adult-to-adult transmission remains a concern statewide. Solano County Office of Education mirrors the State Superintendent’s message and continues to encourage families to stay attentive to illness prevention and hygiene protocols, including:

Stay in your home and isolate yourself if you are sick; Adhere to state guidelines for face coverings in public spaces; Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds; Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; Stay 6 feet or more away from others when outside of your home; Frequently disinfect commonly touched surfaces

Solano educators are committed to being resilient, prudent, and passionate about creating the best learning environments possible, under very challenging circumstances, during this pandemic.

Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 64,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state. ★

CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

NEXT GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The faces of candidates running for local political offices have been appearing throughout the community’s news outlets since last week’s first filing date. There is still time for additional candidates to enter Dixon’s race! Again, the candidates that have stepped forward so far do not represent the gender nor diversity of our community. Why not? Come on folks! We are not a community of middle age white males over the age of 50. YES, there is one exception, Councilman Devon, that is giving up his council seat to run for Mayor. Applications are being accepted until August 7th at 5:00 pm.

Dixon has some outstanding leaders that need to step forward at this crucial time. We have a group of individuals that serve or have served on various city commissions and committees, speak up at council meetings, exhibit interest in the community, and promote best practices. These folks are needed to move Dixon from its path as an I-80 bedroom community to a strong, self-reliant town with a robust business community.

We will be electing a mayor, two city council representatives, one from District 3 and one from District 4, and a city treasurer. All elected positions are four-year terms. In November, ALL registered voters will mark their ballot for their choice of mayor and city treasurer. Your current residential address will determine IF you will be voting. Residents of District 1 and 2 selected their council representatives in 2018 and will NOT vote in 2020; District 3 and 4 WILL vote in November for their council representation. Each of the four districts has about 2,500 REGISTERED voters.

In November, residents living in the former Solano Irrigation District (SID) will be able to vote on rolling back the water rate increase implemented by the City of Dixon. You are in this district if you PAY YOUR WATER BILL TO THE CITY OF DIXON. If you pay the California Water Service for your water, you will NOT be voting. And, yes, you have consistently paid more for your water service than when SID or City of Dixon service. Generally, the older sections of town are served by the California Water Service.

Another topic that you will want to learn more about before going to the polls in November is the election of a Dixon City Clerk. The responsibilities of the Dixon City Clerk have been handled by a salaried city employee and service staff since the late 1980’s. The City Clerk is the local official for elections, local legislation, the Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act, and the Brown Act. Before and after the City Council takes action, the City Clerk ensures that actions are in compliance with all federal, state and local statutes and regulations and that all actions are properly executed, recorded, and archived.

Now is a good time to start thinking about important issues in Dixon and which candidates best represent your views. If you know someone who would be a good representative encourage him/her to run.

Life of an Elected Representative

Becoming an effective municipal elected official requires much time and effort. Most elected officials, regardless of their form of government, find they are a public servant full time.

A significant portion of time is spent on fulfilling duties – attending city council meetings and other meetings, reviewing reports and other materials, meeting with constituents, and attending various functions

in your official capacity as mayor or council member.

Elected officials give up certain aspects of their privacy. The elected official truly lives in a fishbowl. Accordingly, an elected official’s actions, however uneventful they may seem, may be subjected to close public scrutiny. Anything an elected official has said or done may appear in the newspaper, the evening news, or on the Internet.

It is important to understand the roles, lines of authority, and limitations of elected and hired positions working within the confines. The mayor; The city council; The city manager or administrator, if any; The city clerk; The city attorney; The city’s department heads.

The purpose of a city council is to serve as the legislative body of Dixon. Council members are tasked with representing the interests of their constituents. In addition to proposing, passing, and ratifying laws and ordinances, city councils manage budgets and investigate city agencies when necessary.

The city manager is not responsible for legislation but is responsible for carrying out the elected official’s direction.

A city council with established priorities and goals is more effective in accomplishing high priority local projects. The City Council needs to work with citizens and members from throughout the community to identify and establish long and short term clear, understandable goals along with a timeline of objectives leading to complete the goal.

Allow time to read the meeting agenda packet carefully. The packet contains background information on items that are scheduled for consideration at the next council meeting. Becoming familiar with this information prior to the council meeting allows for time saving critical questioning and answer seeking to reach an informed decision.

Check with constituents from your district to ensure you are aware of the views from your district and voting appropriately. These folks can be a republican or a democrat. The thing that matters is that they are your constituents and they voted for you to represent their views.

As an elected representative, the Solano County registrar of voters can provide a list of the registered voters in your district. Set up a list of voters with e-mail addresses so that you can stay in contact with those who voted for you. Your constituents will appreciate knowing what is happening in Dixon. Keep them informed and get their feedback.

Becoming an elected official is not for the faint-hearted. It requires long hours and full commitment by the elected individual as well as support from family members and friends. It is an opportunity to make a difference by changing Dixon’s path. Please consider the possibility of running for office.

We are interested in learning what you think are HIGH PRIORITY projects for Dixon. Next week, we are going to discuss the downtown traffic problem and the immediate need for the Parkway Overpass. We would love to hear from you on what you determine as HIGH PRIORITY projects in Dixon. Possibly, the Pardi Market Plaza project, preservation of Historical buildings and sites, Dixon’s General Plan – 20 years, and more.

You can reach us at Shirley humphreysaf@gmail.com or Loran at lhoff817@yahoo.com. Your viewpoints are important to our town. We look forward to your ideas. ★

American Banker Ranks First Northern Bank in Top 200 List

By Rashelle Snead, First Northern Bank

DIXON, CA (MPG) - First Northern Community Bancorp (the “Company”, OTCQB: FNRN), holding company for First Northern Bank (“FNB” or the “Bank”), announced that First Northern Bank earned a place among the top 200 publicly traded community banks in the United States as determined by American Banker magazine. The annual ranking is for community banks with less than \$2 billion in assets and was released with the magazine’s May 2020 issue.

The ranking—based on a three-year average of each bank’s return on average equity (ROAE), placed FNB at #99, up from its 137th-place ranking last year. The honor recognizes the local community bank as one of just a handful of Northern California-based banks to make the grade.

Over the last three years, FNB’s ROAE averaged 10.92%, a reflection of the Bank’s financial stability and strength, but also the management team’s ability to generate income from the equity available to it. First Northern Bank recently celebrated its 110th year in business as an independent community bank that specializes in relationship banking. The

Bank has consistently ranked as the #1 local small business lender in the greater Sacramento region for over a decade.

The Bank, headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, and Contra Costa Counties, as well as the west slope of El Dorado County. Experts are available in small-business, commercial, real estate and agribusiness lending, as well as mortgage loans. The Bank is an SBA Preferred Lender. Non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services are available at every branch location, including: Auburn, Davis, Dixon, Fairfield, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Sacramento, Vacaville, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. The Bank also has a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek and a mortgage loan office in Sonoma. Real estate mortgage and small-business loan officers are available by appointment in any of the Bank’s 11 branches. First Northern is rated as a Veribanc “Blue Ribbon” Bank and a “5-Star Superior” Bank by Bauer Financial for the earnings period ended March 31, 2020 (www.veribanc.com) and www.bauerfinancial.com).

The Bank can be found on the Web at thatsmybank.com, on Facebook and on LinkedIn. ★



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Social Security Matters

The Founders had a Biblical perspective on human nature, that it was a mixture of good and evil. If people were to govern themselves and have the best possible government, then a political process should be developed where the wisest, most experienced and most virtuous could be found and elected to public 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.



Wednesday, July 8, 2020

1044 – Fraud report taken over the phone for an incident that happened at Walmart.

1500 – Fraud report taken over the phone for an incident that happened at the 600 block of Fountain Way.

1614 – Informational report taken at Sierra Court reference a domestic dispute that occurred over the weekend.

Thursday, July 9, 2020

0032 – A DPD Officer conducts a traffic stop near the 1000 block of Justin Way. The driver is on parole and search of his car and his nearby residence yields two guns, a replica gun, fake ID cards, counterfeit currency, and over a quarter pound of methamphetamine. He was booked into the Solano County Jail and a hold has been placed on his parole.

0736 – Burglary report was taken in the 2400 block of North 1st St.

0943 – Found Property report was taken at the Dixon Police Department. A debit card was found at Walmart.

1027 – Vandalism report was taken in the 900 block of Monique Wy.

2229 – A patron at a local Dixon Motel was found to have a warrant for his arrest for robbery. He was booked into the Solano County Jail.

Sunday, July 12, 2020

0700 – Report of found property in the area of Rosemary Court.

1330 – Report of Domestic Violence in the 400 block of West Cherry Street.

Monday, July 13, 2020

0100 – Traffic stop in the 1100 block of North Lincoln Street resulted in the arrest of Jackie Taylor (45) of Oroville for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without an ignition interlock device, and driving on a suspended license. He was taken to county jail.

0610 – Report of vehicle burglary in the 1300 block of West H Street.

0725 – Report of vehicle burglary in the 900 block of Justin Way.

0900 – Report of panhandling in the 1000 block of North 1st Street.

1400 – Informational report in the 200 block of West Mayes.

1411 – Report of theft in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

1615 – Mental health evaluation in the in the 1300 block of Commercial Way – Subject was voluntarily transported to CRISIS.

1457 – Mental health complaint in the 400 block of West E Street resulted in one subject being placed in protective custody and transported to Solano CRISIS for an evaluation.

2100 – Report of battery in the 700 block of Park Drive.

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

0818 – Stolen vehicle report in the 1300 block of North Lincoln.

1030 – Report of stolen property in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

1041 – Officers responded to a report of Domestic Violence in a vehicle in the area of East B Street and North 2nd Street. Upon arrival, officers observed a physical altercation between one male and one female. As a result of their investigation, Jewlyahnnique Henderson Saygbe (12/26/1986) of Carmichael was arrested for Felony Domestic Violence. She was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.

1520 – Vehicle tow in the 300 block of Archer Place.

1535 – Information report in the 200 block of South Jefferson.

1830 – Vehicle burglary reported in the 800 block of Nancy Drive.

For the Love of Books



By Amy Shane

Book Review & Special Events Editor

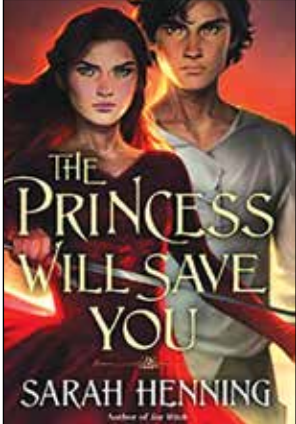
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The Princess Will Save You

by Sarah Henning

When Princess Amarande’s father suddenly dies, she is left with the horrible reality that she must marry in order to rule her Kingdom. Now, every neighboring Kingdom’s eligible Prince and King have come vying for her hand in marriage. Each with their own ulterior motive of ruling by domination and greatness. However, Princess Amarande knows in her heart that this is not how she wants to rule, nor does she have the desire to marry into a contract of power and greed. Amarande was raised to think for herself, stand for her Kingdom, and most of all, to fight for what she believes. Trained as a warrior and a swordswoman, Amarande will not go down without a fight. However, the battle for power is a



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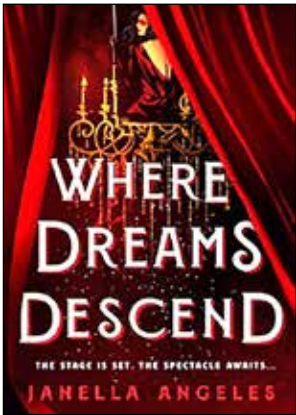
fierce one, and when Prince Renard realizes that her heart can’t be swayed, he does the only thing he knows how, take what he wants by force; kidnapping the one person who holds her heart.

However, Amarande will not let anyone make up her mind for her, as she sets out on an epic adventure to retrieve her love and save her Kingdom. In an epic battle of pirates, power, greed, love, and sacrifice, *The Princess Will Save You* is this summer’s fantasy adventure. Inspired by the movie *Princess Bride*, this storyline takes the classic tale and turns it on its head. This time the princess gets to do the saving. A story filled with obstinate rulers, a dutiful stable boy, a band of thieves that aren’t quite sure where their honor lies, and a princess who will let nothing stop her quest; readers will want to grab their swords and stand up and cheer as they root for a princess to defy the odds and fight for love and honor. ★

Where Dreams Descend

by Janella Angeles

A magical read that will whisk its readers right into the middle of the grand spectacle of the circus. Kallia dreams of headlining at the greatest show on earth, The Conquering Circus. However, being a headliner won’t be easy. Magic is strictly forbidden for any women, and women who dare to attempt their moment in the spotlight are rarely seen again. As Hellfire House’s starring showgirl, Kallia is aware of the risk and the danger behind performing magic, yet she also knows that magic is her passion, it is in her blood, and she is meant to be a powerful magician. Unable to stay hidden any longer, Kallia casts herself in the spotlight, risking it all, to battle against all the other men in a competition for the ultimate title. However, this competition isn’t like any other, it’s full of deadly secrets and lies, and is seemingly rigged for a



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predetermined winner. Yet, Kallia won’t let any of this stop her, she is determined to battle at any cost and any risk to become the next headliner, doing whatever it takes to win. But when magicians start to go missing, Kallia quickly realizes there might be more to this competition than becoming a headliner, but a

battle of life and death. What is promised to be the magical book of the season, *Where Dreams Descend* will take readers deep into the dark, fantastic world of magic. Janella Angeles is just waiting to dazzle her readers with all the lights and magic of the circus. With rich descriptive fantasy storytelling, Angeles takes her readers into an opulent world where magic drips from the crystal jewel set swings, and showgirls are robed in glittering jewels. Filled with dark twists, theatrical performances, and determination, this battle for power takes readers into unseen dangers at every turn. Described as a “combination of *Moulin Rouge* and *Phantom of the Opera* with a dash of Erin Morgenstern’s *The Night Circus*,” *Where Dreams Descend* is just waiting for readers to get lost in its wonderment and awe.. ★



Riley Reviews

“PALM SPRINGS” OFFBEAT ROM-COM; CLASSIC TV WITH “MR. LUCKY”

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“PALM SPRINGS” (RATED R) ON HULU

The seemingly endless time loop of reliving each day, most memorably realized in “Groundhog Day” with Bill Murray’s weatherman Phil Connors trapped in an existential purgatory of arrested development, is the basic premise in play for the offbeat romantic comedy of “Palm Springs.”

The thematic genesis of “Palm Springs,” now streaming on Hulu with a MPAA rating as the film had been destined for wide theatrical release, is not just the Bill Murray opus but also a touch of the black comedy slasher film “Happy Death Day.”

Andy Samberg’s Nyles, by all appearances a slacker with a girlfriend he doesn’t seem to care about in any serious way, is a wedding guest doomed to repeat the same day over and over at a tony spot somewhere in the southern California desert.

Waking up each day next to his girlfriend Misty (Meredith Hagner), a self-absorbed party girl who consents to meaningless quickie sex, Nyles is constantly reliving November 9, the wedding day of Tala (Camila Mendes) and Abe (Tyler Hoechlin).

As the plus-one for bridesmaid Misty, Nyles feels no consequences for his actions, showing up at the wedding and reception wearing shorts and a bright Hawaiian shirt and delivering an impromptu toast to the newlyweds.

At the reception, Nyles meets Sarah (Cristin Milioti), the older sister of the bride and a pariah in her own family. An attraction develops between them, especially after Nyles discovers Misty cheating on him.

Things get weird when a seriously deranged older man named Roy (J.K. Simmons), starts shooting arrows from his bow in an attempt to kill Nyles, thereby interrupting a romantic moment with Sarah.

With an arrow stuck in his shoulder, Nyles crawls into a nearby cave that is glowing with a baffling light, and though he warns Sarah not to follow, she also gets sucked into the mysterious flaming whirlpool.

As a result, now both Sarah and Nyles are trapped in the time loop, and unlike the equivocal Nyles, Sarah wants so badly to escape that she resorts vainly to drastic measures such as driving back to Texas and running in front of a speeding truck.

When desperation fails, Sarah turns to tutorials in quantum physics to find the way out of the metaphysical limbo, sharing her plan with Nyles, who expresses love for her but seems to be okay staying in the loop.

With the repeats of the chaotic wedding day unveiling secrets of family members, the bantering and bickering Nyles and

Sarah form a deeper bond that blossoms into love regardless of their shortcomings.

A whimsical romantic comedy, “Palm Springs” works because of the mismatched chemistry of the energetic, snarky Andy Samberg’s Nyles and the despairing, mordant Cristin Milioti’s Sarah, the unwilling maid of honor.

“MR. LUCKY” CLASSIC TV ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

From the same era of the late Fifties in which the private eye series “Peter Gunn” began its three-season run, “Mr. Lucky,” another half-hour crime show, shared similar traits in that the series was also created by Blake Edwards with music by Henry Mancini.

In the role of the titular character, John Vivyan owned a floating casino. With his sidekick Andamo (Ross Martin), Mr. Lucky would become enmeshed with the mischiefs of assorted gamblers, crooks, gangsters, fugitives and hit men cavorting on his yacht.

The first episode finds Mr. Lucky and Andamo operating the casino on a banana republic island ruled by the corrupt dictator El Presidente (Nehemiah Persoff). To curry favor and keep his enterprise open for business, Mr. Lucky would purposely lose money to the dictator in weekly poker games.

Fortune would run out for Mr. Lucky when Andamo was exposed as a revolutionary seeking the overthrow of the government by running guns and plotting an assassination of El Presidente.

The floating casino named Fortuna was sunk by government

forces, forcing Mr. Lucky and his compatriot to flee with only the clothes on their backs and some pocket change.

Relocating to an American port city in the second episode, Mr. Lucky scored a big haul in a dice game and managed to buy the yacht of a swindler and turned it into a casino that was christened the Fortuna II.

Skirting the laws against gambling, the Fortuna II was anchored three miles offshore in international waters, and the floating casino became identified as “Lucky’s” with a pair of dice brightly illuminated to flash the numbers seven and eleven.

The “Mr. Lucky” series suffered misfortune midway into its one and only season when major sponsor Lever Brothers decided its product did not mix with gambling and insisted the casino be turned into a floating restaurant and nightclub.

The absence of the shady world of gambling took the edge off a series that delighted in having disreputable people mixing it up with conflicts that had to be resolved aboard a seabound casino.

Catch the early gritty black-and-white episodes of “Mr. Lucky” on Amazon Prime Video before the chance slips away. ★

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PG&E Offers Personalized Emergency Plan Tool for Customers

By Brandi Merlo,
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - Whether it's earthquakes, wildfires, winter storms, health pandemic or power outages, Californians need to be prepared for any emergency or disaster. That's why Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has launched a new tool on our online Safety Action Center that helps customers be prepared.

By using the "Make Your Own Emergency Plan" tool and answering a few short questions, visitors to the website can compile and organize the important information needed for a family's personalized emergency plan. This includes important phone numbers, escape routes and a family meeting location if an evacuation is necessary. It also includes reminders to check smoke-detector batteries and when to practice your family emergency drills.

Once completed, the personal emergency plan can be printed and shared with the rest of the family.

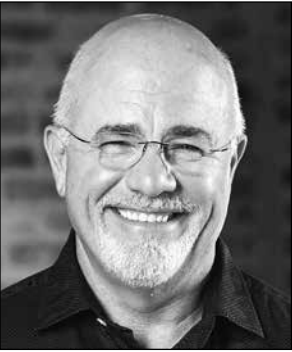
"Wildfire season in California had started. We want to help our customers and communities prepare for a wildfire, a safety power shutoff or a natural disaster," said Laurie Giammona, PG&E chief customer officer and a senior vice president. "That's why we

have created the Safety Action Center. And we know that each customers' situation is unique, which is why this new tool lets customers create a personal emergency plan that works for them and their families."

The Safety Action Center was launched in 2019 and includes videos, quizzes, step-by-step guides and tips to help keep families safe during wildfires, earthquakes, power outages and other emergency situations. On the site, you'll find:

Ten tips to keep cool during a heat wave; A video that shows you the six steps to put together an emergency kit; Tips on how to prepare for a power shutoff; Advice on creating defensible space around your house; How to help your community during the COVID-19 health crisis; And much more.

The Safety Action Center is just one of many ways that PG&E is working to mitigate wildfire risk and enhance public safety as part of the Community Wildfire Safety Program. To learn more about safety progress so far in 2020 as well as how PG&E is going to make any needed Public Safety Power Shutoffs smaller in the number of customers impacted, shorter in duration and smarter by integrating new technology, visit the Safety Action Center at safetyactioncenter.pge.com. ★



Examining the Debt Snowball

Dear Dave,

What exactly is the debt snowball, and why is it such an important part of your plan?

– Lee

Dear Lee

The debt snowball is Baby Step 2 of my plan for getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances. Specifically, it's the part of the plan where you sit down with your budget, and look at all the money you owe. Then, list your debts from smallest to largest – except for your home – and pay them off in that order.

I know, there are all sorts of arguments about paying off the ones with the highest interest rates first. But this is psychology class, not math. Personal finance is 80% behavior, and 20% knowledge. Besides, if

Dave Ramsey Says

you were so great at math you wouldn't have debt, would you? Pay off your debts from smallest to largest, unless there's a huge emergency, such as you're facing foreclosure, or the IRS is banging on your door.

The reason we pay off debts from smallest to largest is to build confidence and enthusiasm by notching quick wins. If you go on a diet and lose weight in the first week, you'll probably stay on that diet. If you go on a diet and gain weight, or go weeks with no visible progress, chances are you'll quit. When you start the debt snowball, and in the first few days pay off a couple of debts, it lights a fire underneath you, and you start to believe you really can do it.

After you list the debts from smallest to largest, pay the minimum payment to stay current on all the debts except the smallest. Every dollar you can squeeze out of your budget goes toward the smallest debt until it is paid. Once the smallest one is paid, the payment from that debt – plus any extra "found" money – is added to the next smallest debt. Then, when debt number two

is paid off, you take the money that you used to pay on number one and number two, and you pay it on number three. When three is paid, you attack number four and so on. A lot of folks get to the bottom of the list, and find they can pay well over \$1,000 a month on a student loan or a car. At that point, it won't take long to bust out and be debt-free except for your home.

The main elements that make the debt snowball so powerful are budgeting, getting current before you start the debt snowball, the smallest-to-largest pay-off, sacrifice, discipline, and focused intensity. If you think the debt snowball is just another trick, or something you might kind of try, it won't work. You've got to go all-in to win!

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Concerned Dixon Home Owner

Dear Editor,

I am really concerned for the citizens of Dixon. The city does not care about its residents. I live in Dixon and drive to work at 6:30 am on West A St. which takes me to the freeway. Recently, there was a stop sign put in overnight, on W. A Street and Evans! Coming home, since there were "no alerts" about this stop sign, I almost missed it. I slammed on my brakes to stop, instead of just the normal look around and turn left with preclusion. Whoever is running this city, they are supposed to be following a series of steps and procedures before they install a stop sign, and they should alert the drivers and the neighbors in the area, "long before" a local police officer, who was sitting in his car, gives out a bunch of tickets to unaware residents. What the heck?

Who needs a big fat gouge in their wallets for an unwarranted traffic ticket? I'm sure many people probably don't know that it was installed overnight. I do not remember seeing the equipment that counts number of cars driving on

West A. I haven't seen any "alert signs" for the drivers either. Is this another way (dictionary term "extortion") for the City to raise revenues? Currently, every utility company does care about its customers, giving discounts and waving large fees, due to the Covid virus affecting lives, but the City of Dixon doesn't care. Just remember, many of its residents are not on the Taxpayers' payroll. Yes, we actually pay these guys through our taxes.

There really isn't enough traffic to warrant a stop sign now. Probably when the new homes are built we may need to have a stop sign, but not now.

This town is NOT for its residents. Could it be they are catering and accommodating the Developers? And silly Dixon councilmembers, don't understand that many citizens are watching the way they run this City?

If you get a ticket for not stopping on this stop sign fight it in court!!!

I am a concerned Dixon home owner, who invested my money in this town and want better life in a supposedly quiet little town. ★

Minnema First to Submit Mayor Bid

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Six years ago, Devon Minnema, a Dixon native, was a sophomore in college, and was only 18 years old when he declared he was ready to take on city politics in his hometown.

He ran against two incumbents. "I am dedicated to growing an even better Dixon. That's the spirit in which I am proud to announce my candidacy for Dixon City Council," Minnema said then and ran against two incumbents, Dane Besneatte and Thom Bogue and although he lost, it wasn't by much. He ran again in 2016 and won, unseating incumbent Jerry Castanon to take the then newly formed District 4 seat.

At age 24, Minnema may seem young to run for Dixon's Mayor but his interest in politics stretches back at least a decade. In 2009, at age 13, he staged his own anti-tax protest after being the youngest student awarded a fully paid participation in the Young Americans for Liberty National Convention.

He believes his youth, energy and passion are

assets for Dixon.

"Having a fresh perspective we need somebody who is going to represent youth, a younger generation and is savvier with all the technologies that are coming out today," Minnema said in his first campaign. He has proved that this past term as Councilman elected to represent constituents of District 4.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Minnema got the list of all registered voters in Dixon and used technical skills to create a mass emailing posting the residents of the entire town to what the new rules would actually mean to the locals.

"There is a lack of understanding about technology with my colleagues at City Hall. I'm a digital native. It is easy for me," he said. "People need information, especially when they are scared from a health or economic crisis. I knew I could help."

His every-few-day posts were welcomed and appreciated and highlighted his leadership skills, according to numerous comments on Facebook or through emails. The young councilman admits he spends full-time hours on the part-time councilman job because he

says, "It's my passion."

With fanfare, watermelon and iced waters on the front lawn of City Hall, Minnema announced his candidacy for Dixon Mayor.

"One thing that has become glaringly clear in the last few months is that we need bold, new leadership for the journey ahead." He told the crowd. "Leadership that comes with total commitment and is informed by perspective and faith... that engages all of the generations in our community... who will welcome newcomers and the chronically disaffected, not create an in-group out-group dynamic to prevent participation."

Minnema talked about his appreciation of the diverse community "whether they drive Teslas or John Deeres" and addressed the need for leadership to respect that the citizens "are smart enough to understand the issues we face when put in plain English."

He thanked the audience and ended with "Together, we are the new leadership for the journey ahead." His nomination papers which required registered voters to sign will be verified before formally accepted. ★



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UC DAVIS WVB: Miller Elevated to Associate Head Coach



New assistant head coach Nicole Miller of the Aggies' women's volleyball program. Photo: UC Davis Athletics

By Jason Spencer, UC Davis Intercollegiate Athletics

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis assistant coach Nicole Miller has been promoted to the position of associate head coach of the Aggies' women's volleyball program, Head Coach Dan Conners announced.

"Nicole has been a critical piece to our staff the last three seasons, bringing a fantastic work ethic, talent, and experience, that has been an integral part of our success," Conners said. "She has invested an incredible amount of time and energy into our student-athletes and is a fantastic role model for them.

"Nicole has been a lot of fun to work with and has been essential part of our recruiting efforts helping us to bring in student-athletes that excel both on the court and in the classroom. I'm thrilled to have had the opportunity to work with Nicole the past three seasons and I am excited she is a part of building the future of Aggie volleyball."

Miller enters her fourth season on the sidelines as a member of Conners' staff, coordinating the program's recruiting efforts as well as assisting in all aspects of the program.

She also works closely with the UC Davis middle blockers, helping a pair of Aggie middles to rank among the top 10 in the Big West Conference in hitting

percentage in 2019 (rising junior Josephine Ough was second at .386 with rising senior Alexa Rockas standing sixth at .315), while Ough stood fifth in the league in blocks at 1.08 per set and 103 overall.

"I'm grateful to Dan and the UC Davis athletic administration for the opportunity to step into this leadership position," Miller said.

In her three previous seasons, she has also helped UC Davis rank among the top four in the Big West in blocks, including standing third in the conference in 2017.

During her tenure with the Aggies, Miller has helped mentor seven student-athletes to a total of 10 All-Big West Conference awards, including five first-team honorees, a league freshman of the year, and three selections to the conference's all-freshman team.

Off the court, the Aggies have excelled as well, as a total of 11 student-athletes have gone on to earn 18 Big West All-Academic Team laurels. The seven honorees in 2019 are tied with the 2016 squad for the second-most in the history of the program behind only the nine selections in 2013.

Hired prior to the 2017 season, Miller returned to her Northern California roots following collegiate coaching stints at Clemson, Charlotte, Cincinnati, and Houston, as well as club experience with the A5 Mizuno Volleyball Club.

A standout for St. Mary's HS and the Delta Valley Volleyball Club, the Stockton, Calif., native played collegiately for South Carolina from 2002-05, serving as team captain for three seasons, capturing a pair of SEC Good Works Team nods for her volunteer work in the community as well as an SEC Academic Honor Roll award as a senior. ★

UC Davis Names New Director of One Health Institute

By Kristin Burns, UC Davis

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine has appointed Michael Ziccardi, DVM MPVM PhD, as executive director of the One Health Institute (OHI). Ziccardi, a wildlife veterinarian, epidemiology professor and scientist, will serve a five-year term through July 2025.

As executive director, Ziccardi will lead the OHI in its mission to solve complex problems impacting health and conservation such as zoonotic disease emergence, food insecurity and biodiversity loss.

The largest research center in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, the OHI arose in 2009 out of the School's deep commitment to the One Health approach, which recognizes the interconnection between the health of people, animals, plants and their shared environment.

The OHI has been on the forefront of the global response to COVID-19, providing legislative guidance in the U.S. as well as laboratory support and workforce training in some of the least resourced regions of the world, through pandemic preparedness and response projects including USAID PREDICT and USAID One Health Workforce-Next Generation.

"This new leadership opportunity is truly an honor," Ziccardi said. "In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, society has experienced first-hand the key importance of pursuing large-scale issues with a One Health focus, as well as the amazing expertise and cutting-edge science that OHI staff and faculty continues to bring to the problem. I look forward to helping keep the OHI at the forefront of critical global health issues, and also exploring how we can better use our skills to address other societal problems."

In addition to assuming oversight of COVID-19 response activities for the OHI, Ziccardi will be responsible for



Dr. Michael Ziccardi examines a rescued Kemp's ridley turtle. Ziccardi is a leader in oiled wildlife response, and continues to direct the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, a partnership between California's Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center. Photo: UC Davis

the Institute's administrative stewardship and facilitation, which comprises four main centers, including at its core the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center, and several programs, projects and initiatives. Ziccardi's main responsibilities to the School will be to work to ensure a supportive environment for OHI faculty, staff and students while promoting a culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion that embraces the UC Davis Principles of Community.

For the past six years, Ziccardi has served as co-Director of the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center, the OHI's flagship center. As an associate director of the OHI, he has been an active member of the Institute's leadership team since its inception in 2009.

Ziccardi continues to direct the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, a partnership between California's Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center. Under his leadership since 2003, the OWCN is widely recognized as an international leader in oil spill response with more than 40 member organizations throughout California, including

world-class aquaria, universities, scientific organizations and rehabilitation groups.

A veteran of more than 50 spills worldwide, Ziccardi helped establish and lead the Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Unit during the Deepwater Horizon spill in 2010 for more than five months. He wrote National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s oiled marine mammal response plan in 2005 for rescuing and treating oiled marine mammals, and oversaw a complete revision after the 2010 incident.

"Dr. Ziccardi brings experience in leadership, strategic planning and operational management to his new role," said Michael Laimore, dean and distinguished professor of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. "His knowledge, advocacy experience, and vision will help expand partnership opportunities for the One Health Institute."

A UC Davis alumnus, Ziccardi obtained his doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1993, his master's degree in preventive veterinary medicine in 1994 and a Ph.D. in epidemiology in 2001. A Professor of Clinical Wildlife Health in the Department of Medicine

& Epidemiology, Ziccardi also teaches globally on wildlife health and conservation.

Ziccardi maintains an active research program investigating emergency response involving animals in crisis and the One Health effects of petroleum in the environment. He currently serves as Chair of the NOAA Working Group for Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events as well as the industry-funded Global Oiled Wildlife Response System.

A two-time recipient of the Pacific State/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force Legacy Award, Ziccardi was also honored by the UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Foundation with the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2016.

"I enthusiastically welcome Dr. Michael Ziccardi as the OHI's new leader," said Jonna Mazet, founding executive director of the One Health Institute since 2009. "I anticipate great success as he leads the OHI into its next phase, pursuing a healthier, more equitable and more sustainable future for humanity and the planet."

Read Dr. Michael Ziccardi's Executive Director Statement: A Vision for the Future: Leading the One Health Institute Toward a Post-Pandemic World ★

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Ask Toni

What is a Retiree HRA Account?



Toni King
Hi Toni:

My husband is an oil company retiree and two weeks ago, we received a letter stating that his employer is terminating all Medicare eligible retirees Aetna and Express Scripts group benefits with a termination date of September 30, 2020. We will have reimbursement from a HRA account, which I do not know anything about.

His employer has chosen a specific HRA company to help us choose the right Medicare and Part D options and assist with administering the HRA account that pays our insurance premiums. My husband and I will want an appointment with your office to sort out what is the right option regarding this new HRA Marketplace.

We do not want a major catastrophe by making the wrong decision for our future Medicare needs. ~ Thanks, Becky from Baton Rouge, LA Becky:

Becky:

I have good news for you because I personally attended an Employer Retiree Educational Seminar recently. The seminar was very professionally presented with the speaker making sure that all the Retirees questions were answered.

The insurance rep advised all that attended to discuss

with their doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies which Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and Medicare Part D plans, they accepted. She discussed how to prepare for the phone consultation and that the retiree and spouse will be assigned a specific benefits counselor who will be their counselor, not a random customer service rep that moves on to the next phone call.

From the meeting, I learned that for the remainder of 2020, the retiree and spouse who are in a Retiree plan will have a specified amount to help pay for Medicare and Prescription drug plans monthly cost.

A Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) is an account that has been established for the employee (you) and funded by an employer. You can use the funds in your HRA to receive reimbursements for eligible health care expenses up to the allocated amount.

The HRA is tax-free if the retiree and/or spouse meets certain requirements to qualify for the HRA funding.

Once you have enrolled in a Medicare plan through employers which provide HRAs, one will then have access to the HRA and use the HRA to reimburse your costs for items listed below:

- All or a portion of the monthly premiums for individual Medicare Supplemental insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Part D Prescription drug plan.
- Medicare Part B or D premiums (if any)
- Eligible medical out of pocket such as coinsurance, co-payments and

deductibles

- Dental and/or vision premiums enrolled thru the HRA plan.
- Your HRA can be used to pay for all IRS Code Section 213 (d) expenses.

The speaker discussed “what is a guarantee issue” time for the retiree with health issues which prevents one from qualifying for a Medicare Supplement medically.

With guaranteed issue rights, an insurance company must:

- Sell you a Medigap/Medicare Supplement policy. “You have the right to buy any Medigap/Medicare Supplement Plan A, B, C, F, K or L that’s sold in your state by any insurance company if your Medicare Part A starts prior to January 1, 2020. Those who’s Medicare Part A begins after January 1, 2020 qualify for Medicare Supplement Plan A, B, D, G K or L with plans C and F no longer available.
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New York Is Not a COVID-19 Model

If only the rest of the country could handle COVID-19 as well as New York.

That's the lament of progressive commentators as coronavirus cases spike in the Sun Belt and the South.

Washington Post columnist Jennifer Rubin hailed New York City the other day after it reported no deaths for the first time during the pandemic. This is what competent government can accomplish, she gushed.

Valerie Jarrett, former aide to Barack Obama, tweeted, “Short term sacrifice saves lives!!!”

This is all perverse given that New York is only now emerging from one of the worst COVID-19 debacles on the planet. There is nonetheless a widespread feeling that New York has been blessed with its exemplary leadership. Gov. Andrew Cuomo, incredibly enough, has sky-high approval ratings.

If New York is going to be held up as the model, every officeholder in the

country has a new road map for handling the virus: See a significant percentage of residents of your largest city get infected, barely prevent your hospital system from getting overwhelmed, implement a policy that increases infections and deaths at nursing homes, suffer more than 30,000 deaths and a higher per-capita death rate than any country in the world – and then, after all that, get hailed as a hero.

In fairness, New York had many factors working against it. It was hit first, while the virus and how to treat it were still poorly understood, and New York City is an international travel hub with densely packed neighborhoods and a heavily trafficked public transit system. Of course it got hammered.

The outbreaks in other parts of the country aren’t anything like what happened in New York, at least not yet. What states like Florida, Arizona, Texas and California are trying to do is avoid New York’s fate, even as they are lectured about the superiority of the Empire State’s approach.

The positivity rate – the percentage of tests coming back positive – has increased in all of these places, and in Arizona has gone above 20%. During the worst of the outbreak

in New York, the seven-day moving average for the positivity rate reached an astronomical 50%.

Deaths are going up, too, but the scale so far is completely different. In New York, about 32,500 people have died. In Florida, a state of comparable population, about 4,300 people have died. In Texas and California, both bigger states, about 3,300 and 7,000 people have died.

New York should be a watchword, not something to emulate.

It is in a better situation now, but only after the virus burned through much of the city. A state survey found that more than 20% of New York City residents have antibodies to the virus. This isn't an experience anyone should want to duplicate.

The fact is that the virus isn’t interested in scoring partisan points or establishing the superiority of red state versus blue state governance. It is highly infectious and now is hitting places it missed earlier in the pandemic as they have started to reopen.

We should wish them the very best – and fervently hope they don't suffer the same calamity that befell New York.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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6. Horse poker
9. Deadly slitherers
13. Way to curl hair
14. "Today is gone. Tomorrow is another ____."
15. Islam's Supreme Being
16. Subway coin
17. Salve for Tin Woodman
18. Grim Reaper
19. "A ____'s Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need."
21. "Christmas Day will always be, just as long as we ____."
23. Structure named for 31st President
24. Indoor allergy trigger
25. Ship pronoun
28. H. H. Munro's pen name
30. Something or anything
35. Madam, to a cowboy
37. Dr. Jones, to his friends
39. Best not mentioned
40. Not in favor of
41. Myths and legends, e.g.
43. Maître d's list
44. France's longest river
46. "I Can Read ____ My Eyes Shut!"
47. Use a beeper
48. In direct line of descent
50. Italian car maker
52. Equinox mo.
53. Coral barrier
55. Not a friend
57. "From there to here, From here to there, Funny ____ are everywhere."
60. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. ____."
63. Canine foe
64. However, poetically
66. Full
68. Up and about

DOWN

1. "Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing ____."
2. Turkey dance
3. Punjabi believer
4. Correct
5. Pause in breathing, pl.
6. "If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is ____."
7. "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words
8. Indian metropolis
9. Sheltered, nautically
10. BBO side
11. Toupee spot
12. "Zip it!"
15. Countdown to Christmas
20. Inbox item
22. Chowd down
24. Middle of a torso
25. "A person's a person, no matter how ____."
26. Capital of Vietnam
27. Dine at home
29. "You're on your own. And you know what you ____."
31. Pipe smoker's tool
32. Letter-shaped girder
33. Polynesian kingdom
34. "Today you are you, that is true. There is no one alive who is ____ than you."
36. Bog down
38. Sasquatch's Himalayan cousin
42. Elevator passage
45. Breadwinner
49. Race part
51. 50-50
54. Bar by estoppel
56. Related on mother's side
57. Baloney
58. Rwanda's majority
59. a.k.a. The Islamic State
60. Itty-bitty bit
61. ____ von Bismarck
62. Not quite an adult
63. Latissimus dorsi, for short
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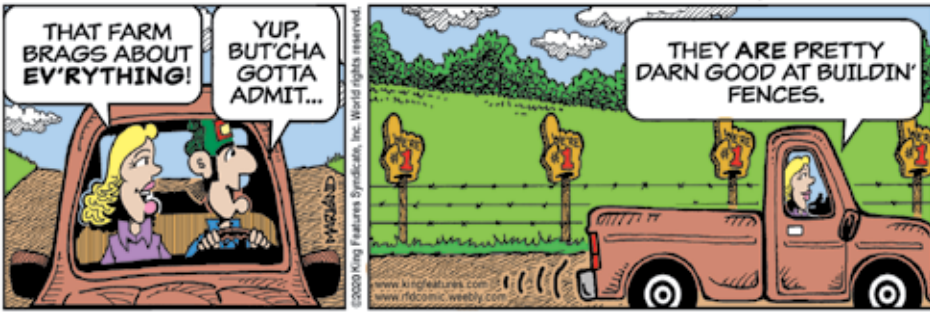
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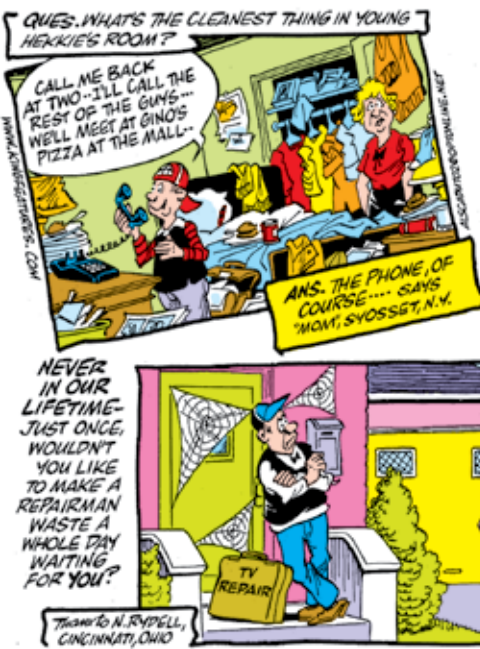
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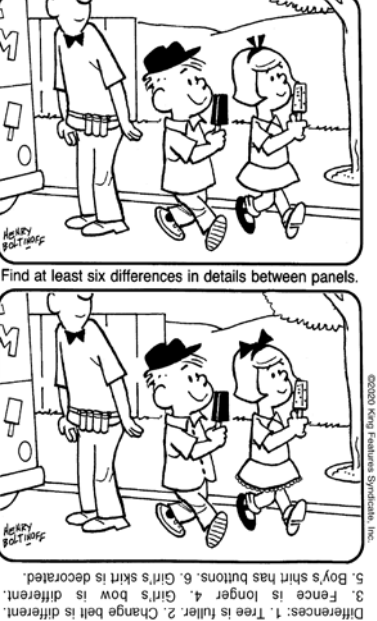
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Human Trafficking Victims Qualify for Income Loss

California Victim Compensation Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Human trafficking victims in California can now qualify for up to \$20,000 in income loss paid through the California Victim Compensation Board.

Signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Bill 629 (Smith and Gonzalez) went into effect on January 1, 2020, making human trafficking victims eligible for up to \$10,000 of income loss per year, for up to two years. The bill required the Board, on or before July 1, 2020, to adopt regulations that allow it to rely on evidence other than official employment documentation in considering and approving applications for compensation. The Board adopted the regulations in May. The Office of Administrative Law approved the final regulations, ahead of the July 1 deadline.

“It’s clear the trauma of human trafficking extends far beyond the time having been trafficked – survivors often have faced homelessness, addiction and mental health issues stemming from their exploitation,” Assemblywoman Christy Smith said. “My bill with Assemblywoman Gonzalez removes a loophole in the victim compensation system that required survivors to obtain a note from their employer – often times this was their trafficker. The regulations adopted remove these barriers to justice and provide critical support for victims rebuilding their lives.”

“Survivors of human trafficking face unimaginable obstacles when they work to put their lives back on track. They are typically on their own and have to figure out how they will pay for housing and food, apply



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for work, and get treatment for medical and mental health.” Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez said. “Most human trafficking survivors don’t have the formal documentation CalVCB had previously required to collect lost income, such as a W-2 form. CalVCB’s new rules, now in effect thanks to our legislation AB 629, are a just and fair way to help survivors get back on their feet and get the help they need.

“CalVCB recognizes the challenges human trafficking victims face as they work to rebuild their lives,” said Executive Officer Lynda Gledhill. “By providing financial support, along with options for medical and mental health treatment and other compensation, CalVCB is able to play a small part in victims’ recovery.”

As with all claims, victims will need to provide CalVCB with evidence of a crime, including, but not limited to, a statement under penalty of perjury from the applicant, a caseworker, a licensed attorney or a witness, or a law enforcement report. Victims

brought from other countries and trafficked in California may also qualify. Before AB 629 became law, victims could only prove income loss with formal employment documentation or voluntary cooperation from their traffickers, meaning most could not qualify.

AB 629 became law on January 1, 2020, allowing victims to submit income loss applications, even as CalVCB drafted the required regulations. In the months that followed, CalVCB has approved five income loss claims and compensated those survivors more than \$70,000.

Victims, advocates, representatives, and attorneys can apply for compensation in several ways:

Create an application using CalVCB Online – a secure and private portal that can be easily accessed from a smartphone, tablet or computer; Contact a local county Victim Witness Assistance Center; Call the CalVCB Help Line at (800) 777-9229; Download an application from CalVCB's How to Apply page; E-mail CalVCB at info@victims.

ca.gov.

Victims must apply within seven years of the date of the crime. Minor victims must apply by their 28th birthday. CalVCB will release funds for minor victims after their 18th birthday.

If you are a victim of human trafficking, or you suspect someone you know is being trafficked, there are a number of local, national and international organizations that offer and provide help and services, including temporary shelter, legal assistance and medical and mental health treatment.

The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) provides reimbursement for crime-related expenses to victims who suffer physical injury or the threat of physical injury as a result of violent crime. CalVCB helps crime victims and their families cover unforeseen expenses such as medical bills, mental health treatment, funeral and burial expenses, income loss and more. To learn more about CalVCB, please visit victims.ca.gov.

Scammers Exploit California's COVID-19 Contact Tracing Program

Governor’s Office of Emergency Services Press Release

MATHER, CA (MPG) - During the COVID-19 pandemic fraudsters are using this opportunity to create fear amongst residents across California.

Many traditional financial crimes and schemes are now orchestrated through electronics. Now, more than ever people of all ages, including the elderly can be victimized by these criminals.

The newest plot line in these online crimes, include California contact tracers.

What Is A Contact Tracer?

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Governor Gavin Newsom launched “California Connected,” the state’s comprehensive contact tracing program and public awareness campaign. A contact tracer from the local health department might call if you've been exposed to COVID-19. Under this program, public health representatives will telephonically interact with those who have tested positive, alert anyone that may have been exposed, and keep personally identifiable information (PII) confidential.

How To Spot A Scammer?

Real contact tracers won’t ask you for money - Only scammers insist on payment by gift card, money transfer, or cryptocurrency; Contact tracing doesn’t require your bank account or credit card number - Never Share account information with anybody who contacts you asking for it- Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Social Security number. Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you; Your immigration status doesn’t matter for contact tracing, so real tracers won't ask - If they do, you can bet it's a scam; Do not click on a link in a text or email - Doing so can download malware onto your device.

Be wary of suspicious emails, phone calls, and text messages. Contact your local health department to verify that the call or messages are valid, think before clicking on any links, and be aware of suspicious attachments.

For additional information regarding California Connected or COVID-19 visit CDPH Contact Tracing, CDPH COVID-19.

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