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# Clubs Fundraising with Fireworks



Veteran Riders club members Rusty Shackleford, Brian Roberts, Scott Spinelli, John Mackenzie and Dustin Spinola seemed to prove work doesn't feel like work when you're having fun. Their club's fireworks stand is at the Dixon Plaza Safeway. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - In the last week, almost a dozen wood stalls decorated with screaming colors were set up around town for the annual fireworks sales and on Sunday, they turned into small parades of customers. And, thanks to a city that opted to use a lottery system to select non-profits to host those sites, several Dixon civic clubs and groups can fundraise thousands of dollars for their missions.

It's also an opportunity to get club members more involved.

It does, however, take a lot of organizing a roster of volunteers if one doesn't have a bunch of retirees available as the stands are open all day until nightfall.

"Everybody knows what to do so it makes it easier," said Leah Marlin of the Women's Auxiliary for American Legion Post 208. "It usually takes about 25 volunteers for one booth."

Marlin has been involved since the

beginning and was seen assisting the Grillin' & Chillin' and Toys for Tots booth in front of CVS while Dixon Fire Department Captain John Malone was out busy checking to ensure all specifications for safety were completed.

At the Safeway booth, the Veteran Riders were all set up and ready for business on opening day last Sunday, acting more like a guy's poker game get-together with jabs and fun than a significant fundraiser.

Veteran Riders Rusty Shackleford, Brian Roberts, Scott Spinelli, and John Mackenzie proudly showed off their matching shirts and vests. That's the trick in the heat, they say. Have fun and laugh with your friends and the next thing you know, the 4th of July is here.

According to the Dixon Fire Department, here are the locations for safe and sane legal fireworks in Dixon and the names of the groups hosting at those sites through the

4th of July:

Dixon Montessori Charter School - will be at Michael's Wine & Spirits, 1100 Pitt School Road.

Dixon Montessori Charter School Parent Teacher Organization at Punjabi Dhaba, 7800 Batavia Rd.

American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Napa Solano Veteran Riders, and American Legion Post 208 will be at Safeway, 1235 Stratford Avenue.

Dixon Moose Lodge will be at George's Orange, 2635 West A Street.

Grillin' & Chillin' & Dixon Children's Christmas Program (Toys for Tots.) CVS Pharmacy, 1057 North First Street.

West Coast Impact Basketball Academy will be at Walmart, 235 E. Dorset.

Phantom Fireworks will be at Dixon Fruit Market, 7808 Batavia Road. ★

# Sen. Dodd's Bill to Protect School Funding Clears Senate

By Paul Payne, Office of Senator Bill Dodd

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** -The Senate recently passed legislation from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, that would prevent schools struggling with the coronavirus pandemic from incurring additional financial setbacks caused by wildfire-related power shutoffs from Pacific Gas & Electric and other utilities.

"I appreciate the support for my bill to prevent schools to from losing critical funding because of a public safety power shutoff," Sen. Dodd said. "It's especially important now considering the financial challenges presented by Covid-19 and the prospect of another destructive wildfire season. This proposal will help make schools whole if they are forced to endure another PG&E outage."

California public school funding is based on average daily attendance, reported three times a year by school districts. Under current law, if schools are forced to close because of a public safety power shutoff, such as those across the North Bay last year, they could lose part of their expected allocation. Senate Bill 884 changes that, explicitly authorizing the state to backfill average daily attendance money.

SB 884 is sponsored by the Sonoma County Office of Education and coauthored by Sen. Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg. It was approved by the Senate with unanimous support.

"As we enter wildfire season, it is welcome news that schools can now be assured that they will not lose funding because of school closures related to power shutoffs," said Steve Herrington, superintendent of Sonoma County schools. "Schools face many uncertainties and challenges headed into the fall, and it is helpful to know that they do not have to worry about a loss of funding due to power shutoffs outside of their control. Sonoma County Office of Education was proud to be a sponsor of this legislation."

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

# Parks and Rec Commissioners Awarded Second Terms

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Jocelyn Bair and Charles King both wanted to renew their commitment to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Mayor Thom Bogue seem to happily oblige by officially reappointing them at the last City Council Meeting.

Jocelyn Bair is not new to Dixon's parks or recreation activities as she has raised her family here even convincing her mother to move here from southern California after the children grew up. She knows particularly well Northwest Park since she lives around the corner of it.

"When I applied



Jocelyn Bair and Charles King discuss needs for one of the Northwest Park's play areas. The two have been reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for second terms. Photo by Debra Dingman

for the Parks and Rec Commission, I wanted to be someone who helps the city," she said. "I was do decision making in

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# Golden State Killer Pleads Guilty

*DeAngelo is Sentenced to Life Without Parole*



Joseph James DeAngelo Jr.

**Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)**

- According to a press release issued by the Office of Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer:

Joseph James DeAngelo Jr., 74, pleaded guilty to 13 felony counts of first-degree murder and 13 felony counts of kidnapping to commit robbery during a 13-year multicounty crime spree that terrorized much of California during the 1970s and 1980s. DeAngelo was identified through Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG) in 2018, more than three decades after he raped and murdered his last victim in 1986.

DeAngelo also admitted to 161 uncharged crimes related to 61 uncharged victims, including attempted murder, kidnapping to commit robbery, rape, robbery, first-degree burglary, false imprisonment and criminal threats. The uncharged crimes occurred in Alameda, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare and Yolo counties.

The decision by prosecutors to accept DeAngelo's offer to plead guilty to the

26 charged crimes and admit the uncharged crimes was made in consultation with the victims and their family members. The totality of the circumstances, including the age of the victims, the age of witnesses and the death of other key witnesses, and the age of the defendant, were taken into consideration.

This six-county joint prosecution resulted in a guilty plea of:

13 counts of first-degree murder with special circumstances allegations of multiple murders and murder during the commission of rape, robbery, and burglary.

13 felony counts of kidnapping to commit robbery with sentencing enhancements for personal use of a firearm and personal use of a knife during the commission of the offenses.

DeAngelo also admitted to the uncharged crimes of:

Attempted murder, kidnapping to commit robbery, rape, robbery, first-degree burglary, false imprisonment and criminal threats.

DeAngelo's crime spree began in 1975 when he was working as a police officer with the Exeter Police Department. The crimes, which continued long after he was fired from the Auburn Police Department in 1979, escalated from peeping through windows to stalking to rape and serial murder.

The hearing was relocated to the Sacramento State Ballroom to accommodate the large number of victims and their family members in attendance and to ensure social distancing

in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

"The investigation, identification and prosecution of the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer has been a long journey for justice – a journey marked by passion, persistence and sheer determination," said Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert. "Through the revolutionary tool of Investigative Genetic Genealogy, this serial rapist and murderer was not only identified and brought to justice but will spend the rest of his life in prison. It is my sincere hope that today brings healing to victims, their families and communities harmed by the atrocious crimes committed by Joseph DeAngelo."

Joseph DeAngelo will be sentenced to life in state prison without the possibility of parole. The sentence will run consecutive and concurrent to his sentence for the first-degree murders to which he has pled. His sentencing hearing will commence on August 17, 2020. Victims will be given the opportunity to deliver victim impact statements prior to DeAngelo's sentencing on August 21, 2020. The sentencing hearing location will be announced at a later date.

His crimes earned him the nicknames of the Visalia Ransacker, the East Area Rapist, the Original Night Stalker, and the Golden State Killer. It was not until April 2018 that Sacramento authorities announced that Investigative Genetic Genealogy had identified DeAngelo as the person responsible. ★

# Riders Return to SolanoExpress as Freeway Congestion Builds

**By Vincent Ma, Solano Transportation Authority**

**SUISUN CITY, CA (MPG)** - Solano County commuters are returning to the SolanoExpress Bus Service as Bay Area Counties relax Stay-at-Home orders and freeway congestions returns to pre COVID-19 levels as more people go back to work. When possible, transit operators are utilizing "sweeper" buses to pick up additional passengers when regularly scheduled buses have reached their passenger capacity limits, which were placed into effect to maintain social distancing onboard the bus.

"We are trying to ensure that we are meeting the needs of SolanoExpress riders as they return to work," says Beth Kranda, SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium Chair and SolTrans Executive Director. "We know many workers rely on

SolanoExpress to get them to their jobs and we are doing everything we can to provide that service."

According to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, traffic on the Bay Bridge between 5am and 10am is heavier now than this time last year. To assist Solano County commuters, SolanoExpress will begin partial service restoration with additional buses beginning with the Red and Yellow Lines on July 5th and the Blue Line and Green Express on July 6th.

SolanoExpress Riders are requested to wear face coverings and utilize social distancing when boarding, riding, and disembarking the bus.

For additional information on current and upcoming service changes, please call the Solano Mobility service center at 800-535-6883 and visit the Solano Mobility website at [www.solanomobility.org](http://www.solanomobility.org) ★

# SCWA Withdraws Appeal of Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration Project Certification

**Delta Stewardship Council**

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On April 7, 2020, Westlands Water District (Westlands) filed a Certification of Consistency for the Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration Project. The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) submitted an appeal of this Certification on May 7, 2020.

On June 12, 2020, the

SCWA formally withdrew its appeal of the Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration Project Certification of Consistency. As a result of the withdrawal, a public hearing on this matter scheduled for July 6, 2020, is now canceled.

Pursuant to Water Code section 85225.15, Westlands can proceed to implement the covered action.

Under Rule 26 of our Appeals Procedures, Delta

Stewardship Council (Council) members and staff face certain restrictions in the ex parte communications they may have while appeals are pending. Now that the appeal of the Certification of Consistency has been withdrawn, those restrictions are lifted.

For any questions regarding this notice please contact the Council at [engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov) or 916-445-5511. ★

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# Parks and Rec Commissioners

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working, single, involved in tons of things, and knew it would take time.”

The Commission meets at City Hall on the fourth Tuesday of every month and is an advisory body to City Council on matters pertaining to recreation programs and park facilities.

“Whether people are new to town or established, parks are part of our quality of life,” she said. “Parks provide places for people to walk, for children to run, for students to play soccer and bring families together.”

“It does take time, but you have to make that choice to do a really good job and it has worked out very well,” Bair said. The issues discussed can range from park maintenance to how deep the bark should be under a play structure and even parking or lighting.

“The fun part of the job is working with the commissioners who are really good, quality people that you would continue friendships with after the Board. We are all at different stages of life and formed intergenerational relationships.”

There are seven commissioners with one of those for a high school

student. Currently, there are four commissioners: Bair, King, Lorraine Hernandez-Covello, and April Seto. The City is looking for two new commissioners.

Regina Espinoza just came off the Commission, but Bair hopes to be a mentor to someone new the way that Espinoza was for her. “Regina served five or six years and was exceptionally brilliant. She was truly a good leader because she listened and was respectful,” Bair said.

Although she has seen the development of the dog park and plenty of programs over the past several years, her biggest pride is in getting two new maintenance workers.

“It was our mission from day one from all of us to acquire two more maintenance people to maintain the parks and finally we were getting better financially after the recessions,” she said. “We got constant complaints about things not getting done and now we have the manpower to do things like edging the lawns and taking care of the facilities.”

Charles King and his wife moved to Dixon in 2003 and he started getting involved by serving on served on the Dixon Soccer Club Board so also

was very familiar with our local parks. He grew up in San Francisco and clearly remembers his dad helping an old man who had collapsed outside a corner store. They stayed with him until the ambulance came.

“That mark has been placed on me to help people,” he said. “I wanted to do more.” So, he was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission about the same time Bair was. He talked candidly about learning to work with others.

“In the beginning, I had to quiet myself a lot on the inside. I’ve learned to listen to understand where people are coming from instead of bringing instant solutions,” he said. “It takes you away from assuming you have the best answer. You have to think about the impact in their neighborhood and leave your egos at the door. By listening, you learn there may be a better solution.”

His goal is to make improvements such as an obstacle course to the dog park and maybe Dixon can host a competition in the future.

If anyone is interested in helping on the Parks and Recreation Commission, call (707) 678-7000. ★

# CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

## Looking for Places to Walk

We have been cooped inside our houses since around March 17 when Solano County’s Shelter in Place went into effect. Plus there have been protesting and looting across the United States which has taken our attention. For those who are over 60, most have been staying close to home to avoid getting Covid-19. It has been a long time. We have taken up new hobbies around the house—cleaning out closets, painting rooms, taking up gardening, etc. Many of us did know how much we would miss the coffee and lunch date with our friends, and will be glad when the virus crisis is over.

For those who like to walk or run (or walk with dogs), here are a couple of options. The first option is about 5 miles down Interstate 80. Since it has been hot lately, you may want to take your walk early in the morning.

### PEÑA ADOBE ROAD just off Interstate 80, Vacaville

Distance from Vacaville: 5 minutes, 4mi  
The scenic 470-acre Lagoon Valley Regional Park includes the historic Peña Adobe home, barbecue areas, horseshoe pits, multi-purpose field, bike trails, a small pond, as well as Lagoon Valley Lake for recreational fishing and non-motorized boating. The park also features a disc golf course, a 30,000 square foot fenced-in dog park, and fantastic hiking trails complete with beautiful views. Parking is plentiful and costs \$5 for a day permit, payable at the automated machine in the main parking lot.

There are multiple trails to choose from, depending on the intensity of workout you’re seeking. For a flat, easy walk, take the 2-mile loop around the lake. This half dirt, half paved track offers an easy pace and great views of the surrounding hillsides. For a bigger challenge, tackle one of the tougher climbs into the hills. The Tower Trail, a 1.5-mile trail with a 620-foot elevation climb, is a local favorite and will give you quads a workout!

For those who want to stay closer to Dixon there’s an out-of-the-way spot which is right on the edge of town. The City of Dixon maintains a storm-water holding area just beyond the southernmost homes and apartments in the city – and to the west of Dixon High School and Hwy. 113. Because it’s hidden behind a levee, it is not likely you will see it while driving. To find it drive to the western end of Parkway Boulevard from Hwy. 113. There is a small, city-owned building there, and a parking spot next to it for two or three cars. Next to that lot, you’ll see a gate opening in the fence that surrounds the water containment area. Enter through the gate and walk up to a gravel road on top the levee.

The road runs around the entire water holding area in a loop, and you’re not always walking on top the levee (at times, the levee is between the road and the watery, marshy areas). On the other side of the loop road (which is about 1.2 miles long) are agricultural areas of fields and

orchards. The road runs alongside Porter Road for a while

In you’re into birdwatching, you’ll see quite a variety of birds, with Canada geese being the most populous. With more water this year,

You might want to add this pleasant loop to your roster of walking routes. It’s great to be able to get so close to nature right on the edge of the city.

### READI-RIDE UPDATES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The City of Dixon’s public transit service, Read-Ride, continues to refine services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the City must take into consideration both Staff and Public safety, we are continuing to update practices as the need arises. As previously announced, Read-Ride has increased cleaning and disinfecting procedures, taped off a number of rows throughout the buses, and limited the number of riders per bus.

Read-Ride drivers still maintain the right to refuse service if symptoms of illness are displayed but staff is also now requiring passengers wear a cloth face covering per the California Department of Public Health mandate released on June 18, 2020. If a rider does not have a face covering, they will be asked to obtain a face covering prior to entrance on the bus. This mandate states that “People in California must wear face coverings when they are in the high-risk situations listed below:… Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle.” For individual exemptions to the mandate, or further information regarding the new restrictions, please visit the COVID-19 website created by the State of California at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. Read-Ride drivers are still unable to handle cash. This means that only exact fare is accepted. If a passenger does not have exact fare, they will be asked to obtain the correct fare prior to entrance on the bus.

Again, these changes are made in respect to both City Staff and Public Health and Safety as well as in compliance to the California Department of Public Health mandate. Staff would like to thank the public for their understanding as we continue to make changes.

For more information regarding the novel coronavirus and status, please visit the County’s website at <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/ncov.asp>. For more information on the CDC’s recommendation of the use of cloth masks and resources to make your own face coverings, please visit the CDC’s website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. And again, for information regarding the current mandate made by the California Department of Public Health, please visit the COVID-19 website created by the State of California at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. ★

## July Proclaimed Dixon’s Parks and Rec Month

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon’s annual proclamation for July being Parks and Recreation Month has mostly gone quietly by because of the huge fanfare of our fireworks show but this year, our parks are being utilized more than ever because they are the place residents could go to enjoy nature without leaving town. It’s time to laud our Dixon parks as well as the people behind the scenes who make our community a better place to live, work and play.

“Whether people are new to Dixon or established, they want a quality life, and parks are part of their quality of life,” said City of Dixon Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jocie Bair. “In our parks, they can walk, let their children run, play soccer, and bring families together.”

Parks benefit everyone in the community according to the National Parks and Recreation Association. They benefit the economy. They provide important habitats for many animals. They help environmentally because unpaved ground

absorbs water. Trees and grass are a far more efficient – and less expensive – method of managing storm water than sewers and drainage ditches made of concrete. They also reduce urban heat thanks to large trees and vegetation.

Community centers or parks help neighborhood residents to interact with each other and meet new people like they do at a concert, farmers market or picnic. Parks also reduce crime by giving a safe place for youth to play like they do at Northwest Park basketball courts.

Our parks aided in mental health due to Pandemic anxiety since direct exposure to nature has its own benefits on reducing stress and increasing happiness. These benefits are felt almost immediately.

Parks also give a place for physical activity and since gyms were closed until recently, we saw so many people walking the winding paths for their daily exercise.

Being outside and playing in nature is important for children, too. Regular time in nature improves the child’s ability to learn and reduces symptoms of

ADHD, training the brain to focus better. Children who spend a significant amount of time in nature also experience better emotional stability and improved mental health, according to the NRPA that also reported since March, participation in outdoor recreation activities has “skyrocketed.”

Even animals benefit. As cities grow, more and more of these animals find themselves without homes but parks provide a safe place for many of those displaced by urban sprawl.

Our parks are: Cornejo Park on Gill Drive and Wiegand Way, Linear Path from Regency Parkway to North Lincoln Street, Northwest Park on West H Street, Patwin Park on Pheasant Run Drive, Veteran’s Park on Valley Glen Drive, and Women’s Improvement Club Park on North First Street. A variety of options are available at each one including basketball, Bocce ball, tennis, soccer, baseball, softball, swimming, exercise paths with equipment, even a dog park.

The Senior Multi-Use Center is also part of Parks and Recreation where

a variety of classes and events occur at minimal cost to residents.

Don’t forget to mark July 17 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day and thank a park worker!

NRPA encourages people that support parks and recreation to share their

park and recreation story, as well as why their local park and recreation professionals are important to them, with the hashtag #WeAreParksAndRec.

NRPA also encourages people to get creative throughout the month by participating in the Thank a

Park and Rec Pro contest. Film a video thanking a park and recreation professional in your community for the services they provide and post it on social media using the hashtag #ThankAParkAndRecPro for a chance to win prizes throughout July. ★

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## I'll Be The One

by Lyla Lee

"The world of K-Pop has never met a star like this." Skye Shin has always been the "fat girl." Her mom lets her know on a regular basis that girls like her shouldn't dance, they shouldn't wear neon's, and she definitely shouldn't be the center of attention. Yet, Skye has big dreams, and they involve everything that she isn't supposed to do, including auditioning for the international K-pop tv show, *You're My Shining Star*.

When Skye makes it on the show for both singing and dancing, she finally feels validated, but what she doesn't expect is to compete with the famous Korean- American model Henry Cho, becoming an overnight sensation, or the shaming comments cast by one of the judges. As the competition heats up, so does everything else in Skye's life, propelling her right into the center of the K-Pop spotlight, but nothing she does will change her mother's mind about competing.

But with all the extra work Skye is putting in, her amazing talent, and staying true to herself, Skye knows



- ◆ Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books
- ◆ Hardcover, 323 Pages
- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ♥♥♥♥♥

that she can turn everyone around and become the next K-Pop star.

In a book that celebrates body positivity, self-confidence, and pride Skye Shin shows the world that you need to stand up against the haters and allow the best version of yourself to shine brighter than any stage light. Lyla Lee delivers a character that is full of spunk, honesty, love, acceptance, and pride in her heritage, allowing readers to explore the world of

K-Pop competitions. This storyline also delicately highlights cultural standards, as well as the family dynamics of a mother who adheres to her cultural expectations for her daughter and is embarrassed and disapproving of her daughter's outward show of putting herself on stage for the world to view and judge. The strong dynamics of a strained mother-daughter relationship and navigating the unwanted comments and attention of social media, while also discovering new friendships and relationships make this story strong, believable, and entertaining.

*I'll Be The One* by Lyla Lee is a fast fun read that will have you googling K-pop songs and dancing like you just don't care, celebrating everything about being a woman, being confident, and most of all- Being You. A perfect entertaining read for the summer, this book perfectly pairs with a binge read on the couch, or poolside. Lyla Lee is also the author of the wildly popular and adorable Mindy Kim early reader series. ★



# Riley Reviews

## NBC TV IN THE FALL; COMEDIC "MY SPY" FOLLOWS FAMILIAR PATH

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

### THE NBC TV FALL SEASON

True for all major networks this fall season, the NBC network faces challenges for a schedule that could be affected by the pandemic. Especially worrisome just might be the Sunday night lineup.

Programming for primetime Sunday relies on the NFL adhering to its announced program of pro football matchups for the network's Sunday Night Football, which is preceded by Football Night in America's highlights of the daytime games.

With the Raiders in the new Las Vegas Allegiant Stadium and the Rams and Chargers at the new Los Angeles SoFi Stadium, the team owners and the league are banking on a season to showcase the state-of-the-art facilities.

Dick Wolf's franchise "Chicago" series takes up all of Wednesday night, and new for this fall is a spinoff from his "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." That would be

"Law & Order: Organized Crime," starring Christopher Meloni reprising his "SVU" detective Elliot Stabler.

Nearly a decade ago, Detective Stabler was written out of "SVU," but now he's back in a special unit of the NYPD leading a battle against organized crime after a devastating personal loss. What tragedy may have befallen Stabler is apparently not known at this time.

The network is touting the fact that Stabler must not only adapt to changes in the criminal justice system, but leading a task force to take down powerful criminal syndicates is a path to absolution and rebuilding his life.

On "Special Victims Unit," Meloni's Stabler was partnered with Mariska Hargitay's detective Olivia Benson, where they had great chemistry as a team. Chances are good for potential crossovers of the two "Law & Order" shows to reunite them.

Ted Danson's run on "The Good Place" has come to an end, freeing him up to take the lead in "Mr. Mayor," which looks to be a midseason comedy series. His role is described as a wealthy businessman who runs for mayor of Los Angeles for all the wrong reasons.

After winning the election, the mayor has to figure out what he stands for, gain the respect of his staff, and connect with his teenage daughter. The last wealthy guy elected mayor of Los Angeles was Richard Riordan, but this is not his story.

### "MY SPY" RATED PG-13 ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

An early casualty of the Covid-19 pandemic, "My Spy" had the misfortune of a planned theatrical release in mid-March just

when movie theaters had to shut down. It's now available for streaming on Amazon Prime Video.

Nothing is terribly spectacular about the premise of a hulking former wrestler paired up with a precocious child, as this has been done before with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, John Cena and other beefy characters.

Now it's the turn of the heavily tattooed Dave Bautista ("Guardians of the Galaxy"), a retired WWE wrestler, former mixed martial artist and bodybuilder. His brawn serves him well as hardened CIA agent JJ.

The film is front-loaded with a heavy action scene in an abandoned Chernobyl site where JJ poses as an arms dealer negotiating with a renegade Russian general and a bunch of terrorists seeking a nuclear device.

All hell breaks loose as JJ goes full cowboy to wipe out all the bad guys and escape with the plutonium. The only problem is that he fails at his primary mission of finding out the plans of the terrorists.

Back at the CIA headquarters in Langley, JJ gets dressed down by his boss David Kim (Ken Jeong) for botching the mission and for lacking covert spy skills which require subtlety, finesse and emotional intelligence.

His last chance at being an agent is a seemingly lightweight surveillance assignment in Chicago to monitor a widowed single mom Kate (Parisa Fitz-Henley), an ER nurse who lives with her nine-year-old daughter Sophie (Chloe Coleman).

An even worse part of the task is being teamed up with goofy CIA tech analyst Bobbi (Kristen Schaal), who desperately wants JJ to teach her the finer points of being a field agent.

The mission's purpose is to catch Kate's nefarious brother-in-law (Greg Bryk), an international terrorist who may come looking for something left behind by Kate's deceased husband.

After planting high-tech cameras in the apartment of their targets, JJ and Bobbi are rudely surprised to be discovered by Sophie, who proceeds to blackmail JJ to being her new best friend and to teach her about spycraft.

Reluctantly, JJ takes Sophie ice skating, buys her ice cream, shows up at her school's Special Friends Day and manages to teach a few bullies some important lessons.

The best part of the tutelage is when Sophie becomes adept at beating a polygraph test, outsmarting her tutor in a training move, and spouting off pithy statements with the panache of James Bond.

"My Spy" is so predictable that only a person who has not watched a movie in the past two or three decades might be surprised by the outcome. But what the heck, it's a slightcomedy diversion that is still watchable. ★

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# Protesters Topple Statues of St. Serra

**Catholic League Press Release**

**NEW YORK, NY (MPG)** - Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on protesters who destroyed statues of Saint Junipero Serra:

Smashing statues of American icons is all the rage among urban barbarians. Ignorant of history, they are destroying statues of those who were among the most enlightened persons of their time. This includes Father Junipero Serra. The 18th century missionary fought hard for the rights of Indians, and was rightfully canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. A statue of Saint Serra was

toppled in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on June 19, and the next day another statue of the legendary priest was torn down at Placita Olvera in Los Angeles. Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, who is also president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, singled out Saint Serra for his compassion and his effort to establish rights for Indians and women.

In 2015, I published a booklet, "The Noble Legacy of Father Serra," that detailed his many accomplishments. In light of the attacks on him, it is worth recalling some of his heroics.

Serra got along well with the Indians. His goal, and that of the

Franciscan missionaries whom he led, was not to conquer the Indians - it was to make them good Christians. The missionaries granted the Indians rights and respected their human dignity, quite unlike the condition of black slaves. The Indians appreciated their efforts, drawing a distinction between the missionaries and the Spanish crown: the former treated the natives with justice; the latter did not. The civil authorities were the problem, not the priests.

Contrary to the conventional wisdom, the missionaries did not eradicate Indian culture. Indeed, they learned the native language of the Indians and employed

Indians as teachers. Some cultural modification was inevitable, given that the missionaries taught the Indians how to be masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, and painters. The Indians were also taught how to sell and buy animals, and were allowed to keep their bounty. Women were taught spinning, knitting, and sewing.

Archbishop Gomez is right to point out that Serra fought for the rights of women, as well. It was the missionaries who sought to protect Indian women from the Spanish colonizers. The Friars segregated the population on the basis of sex and age, hoping to safeguard the young girls and women from being sexually

exploited. When such offenses occurred, Serra and his fellow priests quickly condemned them.

A total of 21 missions were established by the Franciscans, nine of them under the tenure of Serra; he personally founded six missions. He baptized more than 6,000 Indians, and confirmed over 5,000; some 100,000 were baptized overall during the mission period.

If the truth were told about Saint Serra, he would be heralded as a friend of the Indians, not as their enemy. But truth matters little to those whose hearts are full of hatred and whose minds are closed to reality. ★

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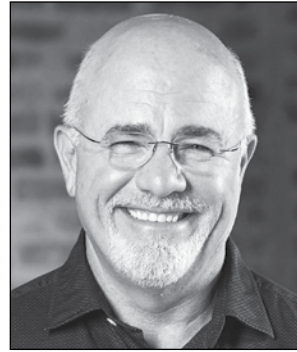


## St. Peter's Catholic Church News

Have you every seen the survival series "Alone"? This is a competition for 10 people who have solid survival skills to see who can survive the longest on their own, alone, in a designated wilderness area. They may choose 10 survival items to bring, aside from clothing and a provided emergency kit. After being dropped off, they must build a shelter and forage and hunt for food and survive. What struck me was how well they all started out, but as the days turned to weeks and weeks to months, the toll of consistent food was one thing, the other was their mental and emotional state. They all made an amazing shelter and used their wits to find, forage and hunt food. I would not have been able to survive more than one day, maybe! However, I found it quite interesting that what got most of them was the loneliness.

As I was watching their stories unfold, I kept thinking, do any of them have a faith life? I did not hear any of them talk about praying or thanking God for the skills they had and were using to survive. Even though they were physically alone from any human contact (aside for periodic medical checks),

they were not truly alone. God was walking with each and every one of them. Their Guardian Angels were protecting them. I know that I would not have even been able to get through my one day without praying and asking God for help, support and encouragement. He invites us to call to Him in time of need. In Revelations 3:20 Jesus says to us, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me." I can think of no other way when we are by ourselves, whether in this type of situation or just at home (especially now), that it would be a great idea to call out to God. He is knocking. Will you answer? Not only is He there for us, but He has also given us Holy Helpers to intercede for us. Patron saints of fisherman (St. Peter), hunters (St. Hubert), archers (St. Sebastian), builders (St. Barbara), protection (St. Michael), who can also be with us in our time of need. In short, remember, you are never alone. You always have someone who loves you and is looking out for you, always! *God bless you.* ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

### Many Benefits to Budgeting

Dear Dave,

Some friends recently introduced me to your ideas for handling money. I've got to admit a lot of it makes sense, but I'm not sure why you're so adamant about budgeting. Can't you get a good idea of your finances by checking your accounts and balances online regularly?

– Parker

Dear Parker,

This is a great topic, especially for those who are new to the idea of getting serious about their finances and gaining control of their money. A lot of folks wonder why I'm so intense about budgeting on paper, on purpose, every month. Part of the reason is they don't

understand all the benefits – financial and otherwise – that come with giving every dollar a name.

The financial benefit is a no-brainer, so it's the perfect place to start. I've been teaching people to live on a budget for many years. The reason? It never fails. People who make, and live by, a zero-based budget every month are much more likely to win with money over time. It's not always easy when you're first getting started, but it's worth it.

There's also an emotional benefit to consider. I can't think of many things more stressful than running out of money before the end of the month. If you don't keep a detailed accounting of every dollar that comes in, and where it goes, you're inviting an incredible amount of fear and uncertainty into your life.

Another benefit is where relationships are concerned. Money problems and fights over money are the leading causes of divorce in America. I've seen how proper budgeting principles can bring a sense of healing, hope,

and restoration to families. During budget meetings, couples learn to talk to each other like never before. They open up, share their dreams and fears, learn how to draw boundaries, and plan for the future. And this benefit isn't just for the married crowd. Folks who are single can develop more personal discipline, and find accountability, that has an impact on their relationships, too.

It's tempting to think the idea of "on paper, on purpose" is nothing but a catchphrase. But it's so much more. Budgeting is absolutely the key to gaining control of your finances!

– Dave

*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 14 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.* ★

## First CreekSpeak Covers Selenium and Mercury in Our Watersheds

By Nina Levin, Putah Creek Council

WINTERS, CA (MPG) - CreekSpeak, Putah Creek Council's series of community talks about the nature, culture, and history of our region begins on July 16th, 2020 with a discussion on the impacts selenium and mercury have on Putah Creek.

California has a complex geology that has important implications on the chemistry of the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds, as well as other eastside drainages to the Central Valley. In this talk we examine the prevalence of the natural elements selenium and mercury in these coastal mountain drainages and how human activities have greatly influenced the risk to fish, wildlife, and humans from exposure to these chemicals. Join us at the first CreekSpeak of 2020 to learn from Dr. Earl Byron and Dr. Darell Slotton about how our local, coastal watersheds rank in terms of exposure and risk from selenium and mercury. We look



This CreekSpeak presentation explores the effects that Mercury and Selenium can have on the wildlife in the Putah and Cache Watersheds, like the beloved Great Blue Heron. Photo: Putah Creek Council

forward to launching our CreekSpeak season by reflecting on how human activities have affected this issue and to discuss what actions are being taken to minimize risk.

In order to accommodate social distancing guidelines, Putah Creek Council has opted to move our speakers series online. The presentation begins at 7pm, and will be held via ZOOM Virtual Meeting Platform. In order to attend a talk, registration must be completed online. Please visit our event calendar on the Putah Creek Council website to register for

CreekSpeak events! A confirmation email will be sent that includes login information to access the Zoom meeting on the day of the talk.

These talks are free to Putah Creek Council members and open to the public (registration will be capped at 100 people). A \$5 donation is requested from those who have not yet joined the Council.

More information about the 2020 CreekSpeak schedule is available at [www.putahcreekcouncil.org](http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org), or by calling the Putah Creek Council office at (530) 795-3006. ★

## Ask Toni

### Did Medicare Call My Mom about COVID-19 Tests Or Was This Fraud?



Toni King

Hello Toni:

Yesterday, a representative from Medicare called my mother asking all types of personal questions to provide her with testing supplies for COVID-19 and specialized masks which can protect her more than the ones bought at the store. I just happened to be at her house and was able to take the call.

I told them that she did not give personal information over the phone I'm concerned this could be a scam, but then if it was Medicare, I'm concerned I could have made a mistake and she will not get the coronavirus help needed if she does get sick.

I've advised my mother not to answer the phone and to let voice mail screen calls. Can you please advise me what I should do or where I could call to see if Medicare is trying to contact my mother?

~ Alice Dallas, TX

Don't Worry Alice:

You can relax because you were correct not to give your mother's personal information over the phone because Medicare or Social Security does not randomly call your home or office and ask for your personal information. Medicare and Social

Security already have the information they need regarding your mother's Medicare account.

Baby Boomers and America's Seniors need to be aware that Medicare or Social Security will never call you! This is the way that scammers get your personal information for fraudulent Medicare billing for services you never ordered only to line their pockets or commit or perform other fraudulent actions that can drain your credit. Both Medicare and Social Security will send you a letter to let you know you need to contact them.

Reader Alert: Since I tuned 65 in May and have now joined Medicare, I have a mymedicare.gov account and was surprised to receive an email from Medicare.gov with a Medicare alert due to COVID-19 virus scams. Medicare is informing Medicare beneficiaries NOT to give out any personal information because Medicare DOES NOT call you regarding medical needs. Medicare will not contact you to provide Coronavirus tests, masks, or other items in exchange for your Medicare or Social Security number. These items are provided by visiting a doctor's office or receiving a prescription distributed by a pharmacy.

**Below are a few tips to help protect you against Medicare or Social Security fraud:**

- **Never** give your Medicare or Social Security number to strangers, especially

those who call you on the phone or come to your door. Just like you tell your grandkids not to talk to strangers, you need realize strangers are not always your new friends. **Play the Stranger Danger Game.**

- **Do NOT** accept "free" offers in exchange for your Medicare number. Remember, there is nothing "free". They will have Medicare pay for whatever they are offering, and they will use your Medicare number to get it paid for!!

- Do not accept offers from door to door sales people. Watch out who you let in your house.

- **Never** sign a blank form
- **Hang up** when someone calls saying they represent Medicare or Social Security and asks for your Medicare or Social Security number! Remember Medicare and/or Social Security know your number already.

Medicare fraud is exploding and stealing "Baby Boomers and Seniors' valuable Medicare dollars." The only way to stop it is to let your friends know what I have just told you. We need to stand together and stop those who only want to make a "fast buck" from your personal information. Together, we can do that!

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition is giving a \$5 discount to the Toni Says® readers on the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced book at [www.tonisays.com](http://www.tonisays.com). ★

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# Join Travis Credit Union Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Initiative!

By **Cookie Powell,**  
Dixon Family Services

**VACAVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Travis Credit Union Foundation is giving non-profit organizations in our communities an opportunity to raise funds for their COVID-19 response!

Non-profit organizations will be listed on the Travis Credit Union Foundation's Community Funding page until September 30th, 2020. Each organization will have an opportunity to raise up to \$20,000 through the

COVID-19 Relief Initiative and receive matching funds of an equal amount from Travis Credit Union.

Travis Credit Union is making \$700,000 available in matching funds for each of its core counties, including: Contra Costa, Merced, Napa, Solano and Yolo. The remaining matching funds will be made available to healthcare organizations in the communities.

The Travis Credit Union Foundation is dedicated to lifting communities through financial wellness. Financial wellness

looks different today than it did earlier this year. While business shutdowns, self-quarantines and "shelter in home" orders have kept people safe from the virus, they have also limited the capacity of families to access income, food and much needed resources. Community organizations are continuing to provide more services with less resources. To meet this demand for support in our communities, the Travis Credit Union Foundation is raising funds for local charities.

"We appreciate Travis Credit

Union's generous commitment to matching \$4 million in donations for local COVID-19 relief efforts," said Damian Alarcon, president, Travis Credit Union Foundation. "Our COVID-19 Relief Initiative through community funding is a wonderful opportunity for Travis Credit Union to double the impact of individual donors. This initiative helps us to accomplish even more together."

Individuals and charities are welcome to learn more about joining our COVID-19 Relief

Initiative by visiting TCUfund.org.

The Travis Credit Union Foundation supports financial education, literacy and wellness initiatives and is the philanthropic arm of the Travis Credit Union. The Foundation's mission is to build financially empowered communities and its vision is to create philanthropic solutions for building sustainable financial wellness in communities for generations to come. 100 percent of funds raised go back to the community. ★

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# Life's Too Short



## Never Say Never

By Debra Dingman

Just when you think that something will never change, it changes. It was almost 25 years ago that I had a precious baby boy and two wild and fun teenagers in my home when I had to face reality that my days as owner of The Dixon Newspaper were behind me. My paper was re-created as the Independent Voice under the ownership of Dave Scholl.

Since then, I have utilized my journalism skills in The Write Mind PR helping small businesses and non-profits grow using my years of writing for the Daily Republic in Fairfield and my schooling at Sac State to focus on the good in this town. Only occasionally would an editorial be pinned if a blatant injustice drove me.

After meeting new owner Paul Scholl, a much younger brother of Dave's, who also owns several newspapers in the Sacramento area, I felt something in the cosmos change. I love that I'm not the owner. I don't have to worry about a lot of the details that come with that and the Publisher makes the buck stop with him, not me. Who would have ever thought, after all these years, that something like this would happen?

As of July, I am proud to be the City Editor. Dixon is already looking better. News stories will be presented without bias. Feature stories will highlight people and businesses. Letters to the Editor will not be by me. Lastly, I will continue to write my hopes, aspirations, fun, discoveries, enlightenments, and concerns in this column, "Life's Too Short" because it is. Thank you for reading. Please share.

### FREE Firewood

For those who are thinking S'mores for camping, you can get your wood fuel for free at 855 Vaughn Rd Dixon. Here's the scoop: Free walnut tree wood for firewood,

burl wood, charcoal is available through July 5 for Dixon residents due to 12 acres of senile walnut trees cleared, including nine large 30 foot diameter piles of aged cut. There is one large 120' x 80' pile of newly pulled stumps/suckers. Be warned, though, there is uneven ground and ground hazards. Visitors enter at own risk and liability. Please stay clear of house and pump where electric is live. This was from Craig Boulris, MD Qian Investments EntourMed Medical Devices.

### Council Plays Tic-Tac-Toe

I know you have all experienced this. You suddenly have some extra time with children or a friend and have time to kill so you start a friendly game of tic-tac-toe. This simple pencil and paper game have been around since the Roman Empire and if you know a couple secrets, you can win every time. Or, if your opponent is also aware of the secrets, you get a 'Cat's Game,' where neither win.

You might also remember the frustration when you can't ever win. Many years ago, I heard the word "majority" when referring to the Dixon City Council but honestly, I really didn't get what that meant. But, I do now. When you observe a City Council meeting over time, you realize that it is just like tic-tac-toe.

The 'secret' is to get three similar-thinking people or people who like to follow a leader. They become the majority. If one of the three makes a motion, it is guaranteed to pass.

If you have a majority that doesn't do their homework by reading all the supporting documentation in the Council packet; if a Councilmember doesn't have the ability to question city management or a million dollar attorney; if you have one who isn't in touch with the people he represents; if there is one who doesn't listen to

people who come to commissions or meetings to offer ideas, comments, and solutions; or if there is one who is smug enough to think he already has the solutions, then you can have real trouble in leadership of a small town.

Another trick is to make a motion before further discussion can happen. Once a motion is on the table, there has to be an action. The action can "die" for lack of a second or if there is a second (which there always is when one of the three made the motion,) it will have to be voted on. And, guess what, there are three almost always voting the same way.

Instead of hearing a variety of options or solutions to a particular problem, a councilman can quickly surpass any other opinion by making a motion knowing that the like-minded are going to make it happen without further delay.

If you look back at the record of votes on the minutes in the last year, for example, you will see that the 'majority' are Councilmen Steve Bird, Scott Pederson, and Jim Ernest who repeatedly vote to spend and to build more government intervention in your lives. Mayor Thom Bogue and Councilman Minnema – and any of their opinions or ideas – are shut down by these three over and over again.

I ask you: Do you see Dixon residents as winners or caught in a Cat's Game?

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## The Supreme Court Becomes a Super-Legislature: The Bostock, Altitude, and Harris cases

Commentary by John A. Sparks

The Supreme Court has just rendered historic decisions in three cases concerning Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Justice Neil Gorsuch and Chief Justice John Roberts joined the liberal wing of the court to produce a surprising 6-3 majority holding that a gay sky-diving instructor (Altitude Express v. Zarda), a gay child-welfare-services-coordinator (Bostock v. Clayton County), and a male funeral employee transgending to a woman (Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC), were illegally fired under Title VII.

The issue of employment protection for gays is the central litigated issue in these cases. However, in order to reach its decision, the majority did considerable harm to one of the most important doctrines of American constitutionalism – the separation of powers. The short and long of it is that the high court converted itself into a super-legislature and in a display of raw "judicial" power inserted "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" into Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. In his dissent, Justice Samuel Alito pointedly observed: "There is only one word for what the Court has done today: legislation."

On the first page of the Opinion of the Court, written by Justice Gorsuch, there is a foreshadowing of what is to come: "Those who adopted the Civil Rights Act might not have anticipated their work would lead to this particular result.... But the limits of the drafters' imagination supply no reason to ignore the law's demands."

This is a strange and ominous formulation. Justice Gorsuch seems to be saying that those who passed Title VII of the Civil Rights Act had a list of certain kinds of employment discrimination that they made unlawful, but they lacked the foresight and imagination to expand Title VII's coverage, which the court now in the year 2020 has supplied for them in its decision.

The dissenters (Brett Kavanaugh and Alito) zero in on the majority's lack of respect for the separation of powers. Justice Kavanaugh says that Title VII clearly prohibits discrimination based on "race, color, religion, sex or national origin." However, though the question in this case is whether Title VII should be expanded to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," the more important question is "Who decides?"

Kavanaugh says that the Constitution gives a clear answer: "Under the Constitution's separation of powers, the responsibility to amend Title VII belongs to Congress and the President in the legislative process, not to this Court."

The history of the Civil Rights Act supports that view. Whenever Congress wanted to add to this list of protections, it did so by passing new legislation! For example, in 1967 it expanded Title VII protections against age discrimination to employees and later discrimination based on disabilities. Since neither of those categories of employment discrimination were in the original 1964 act, they could only be added by legislation, precisely as called for by the Constitution.

Justice Kavanaugh continues by reminding his colleagues that legislators have attempted to add "sexual orientation" and, more recently, "gender identity" to Title VII, but never successfully. In other words, legislative sponsors were never able to garner enough legislative support. This is undeniable proof that the people's elected representatives have not seen fit to add these categories to the list found in Title VII.

According to Justice Kavanaugh: "In the face of unsuccessful legislative efforts (so far) to prohibit sexual orientation discrimination, judges may not rewrite the law ... may not update the law ... may not predictively amend the law just because it believes that Congress is likely to do it soon anyway.... We are judges, not Members of Congress."

Why is a preservation of the "separation of powers" so important?

First, the American founders believed that dispersing power prevents the concentration of power in one branch which, if left unchecked, leads to repressive rule. The founders also understood that

legislative bodies are better suited to engage in nuanced law-making because they can hold hearings, gather and evaluate a variety of conflicting opinions from the citizenry, provide for proper exceptions and exemptions, and better craft enactments which will provide relief but also protect fundamental rights. The judicial branch has a much more limited set of tools which are only properly used to interpret statutes and settle disputes between litigants. The more a court moves away from those essential but limited set of functions – when it dabbles in policymaking, for instance – the more likely it is to fail.

It is apparent that Justice Gorsuch was well aware that the language of Title VII had not been expanded by Congress. Therefore, he attempted to argue that the phrase discrimination "because of sex" had already included "sexual orientation" or "gender identity" since a person's sexuality was involved. He labored over many pages in the majority opinion in an effort to incorporate "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" into the phrase "because of sex." It was a determined effort on his part, but it fails to be convincing for several reasons:

First, it ignores legislative history. Did Congress in 1964 mean to outlaw discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity? Justice Alito does not mince words in answering that question: "It indisputably did not." Instead, the choice of the phrase "discrimination because of sex" was clearly meant to address an employer refusing to hire an applicant simply because the job-seeker was a woman or man. The concern, at the time, was more commonly for women who had qualifications equal to male applicants but who were passed over because they were women. In short, notes Alito, discrimination because of sex "was a familiar and well-understood concept, and what it meant was equal treatment for men and women."

The second objection to Gorsuch's effort to equate "sex" to "sexual orientation" or to "gender identity" is that plainly, over the decades, congressional legislators who sought expanded coverage for "sexual orientation" had themselves viewed the two concepts (sex and sexual orientation) as distinct. The bills they introduced called for the addition of a new term to the statutory list; that is, a different concept, namely "sexual orientation." Such efforts reveal that the phrase "because of sex" already referred to a certain kind of discrimination and therefore, a new concept, encapsulated in the phrase "sexual orientation," was needed to accomplish what they sought – namely, protection for homosexuals.

Thirdly, of the 20-plus states that have anti-discrimination laws that proscribe sexual orientation, those states, almost universally at the same time, separately outlaw discrimination "because of sex." State governments obviously recognized these two concepts as different types of forbidden conduct.

Finally, Justice Kavanaugh points to the findings of the appellate courts on the federal level: "Until the last few years, every U.S. Court of Appeals to address this question concluded that Title VII does not prohibit discrimination because of "sexual orientation." Plainly and simply, the category had not been added to Title VII's list of outlawed employer behavior. Though Gorsuch's efforts convinced some of his judicial colleagues, his reasoning flies in the face of substantial evidence to the contrary. Discrimination "because of sex" that appeared in the 1964 act did not include "sexual orientation" or "gender identity."

In summary, the majority's opinion in this trilogy of cases is a gain for gay rights, but it is most certainly a setback for the separation of powers and for a judiciary dedicated "to interpret statutory terms to mean what they conveyed to reasonable people at the time they were written."

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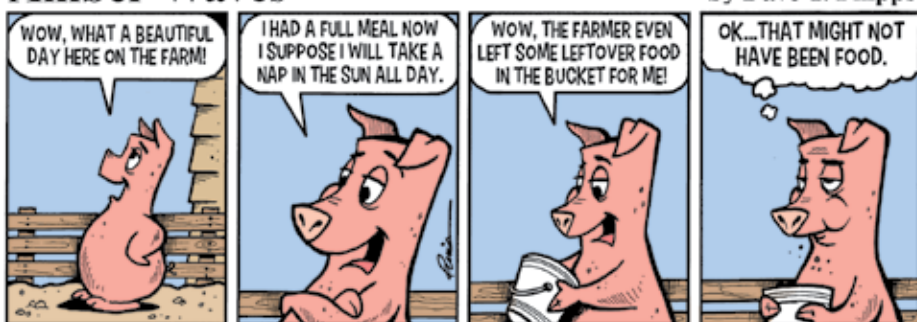
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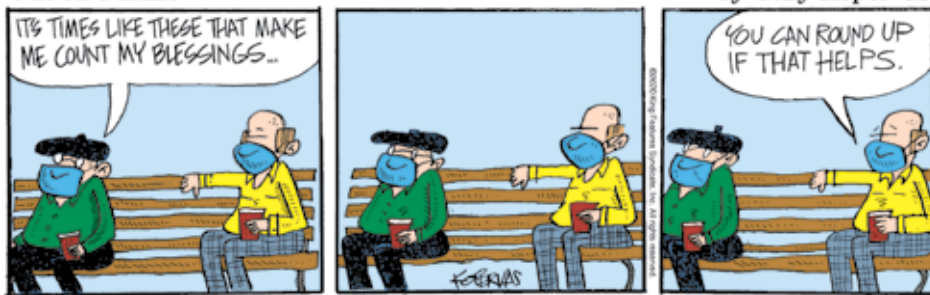
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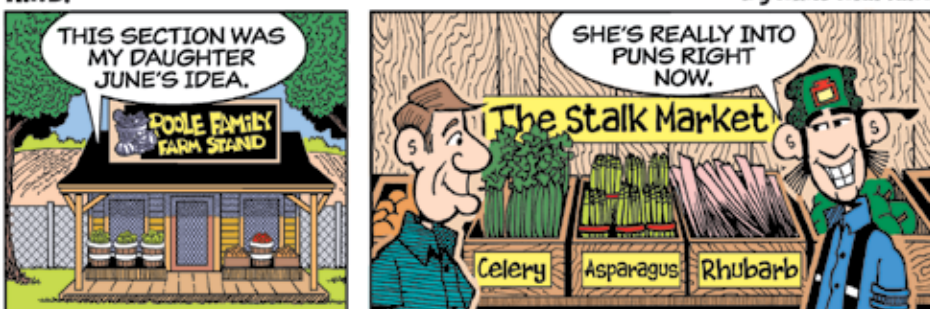
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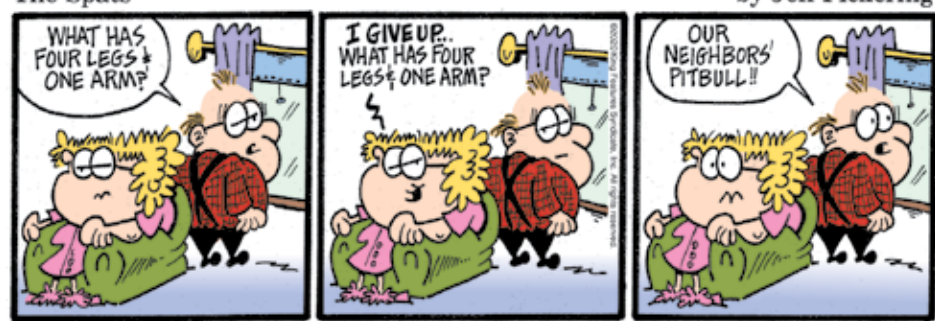
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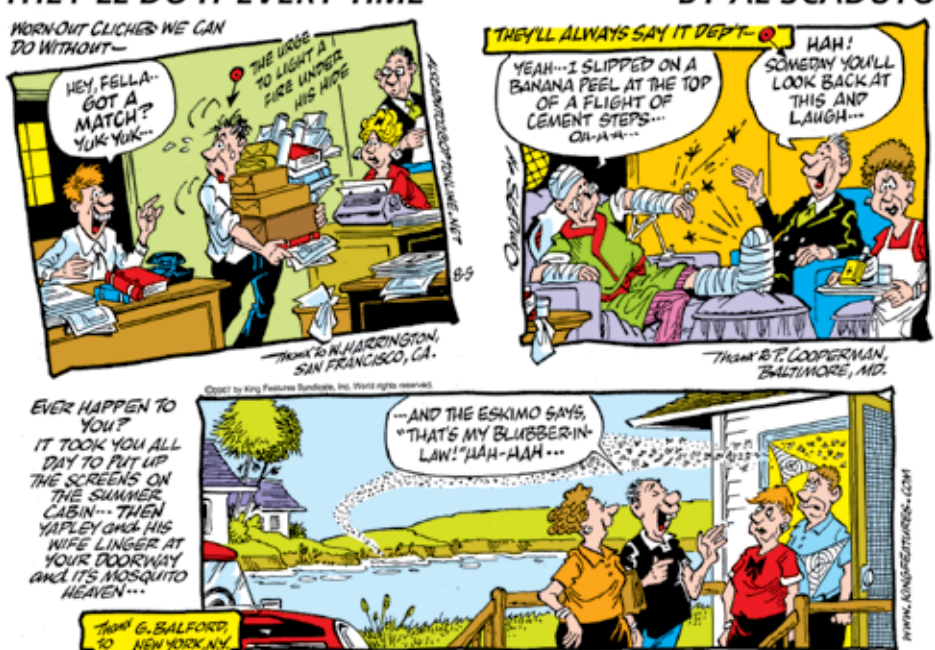
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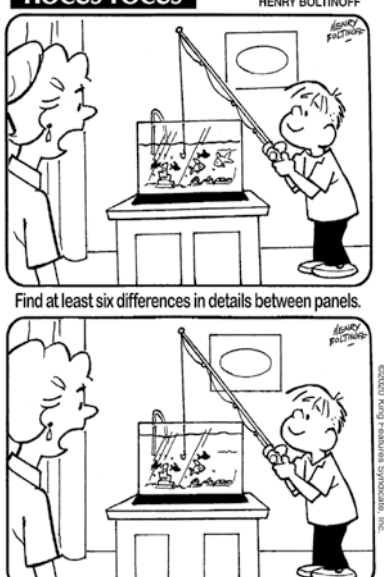
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- Blue
- Instinctive motive
- Barbershop supply
- Cover with asphalt
- Twist and distort
- Dismounted
- Tiny particle
- Like smell of burning rubber
- "King of Great Britain when America won independence"
- Same as pleaded
- "Well-\_\_\_ machine"
- "Abigail Adams \_\_\_ Smith"
- "Preferred cooking device on the 4th"
- They play dead
- Tiller's tiller
- Santa's reindeer
- Dwarf buffalo
- Smart ones?
- "\_\_\_ the hills and far away"
- Penicillin holder, e.g.
- Part of both levorotary and levorotary
- "Like 4th of July"
- Choler
- Egg dishes
- Actress Close
- "Jefferson was three and Washington was \_\_\_"
- Medal of Honor word
- Castle material
- "Roman Candles and Fountains, e.g."
- Manuscript sheet
- Dirty money
- Dire fate
- Type of wrench
- Charitable contribution
- Genesis twin
- Dad's lads
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- Without a date
- "American Revolutionary War spy, Nathan"
- Miscellany
- Type of local tax
- French composer of "Gymnopédies" fame
- Steer clear
- Prefix for half
- "U. S. personified"
- Steak choice
- Power system
- Former times
- Saffron-flavored rice dish
- Stares
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- Negative conjunction
- Jewish folklore creature
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- Machu Picchu country
- Remove from Pinterest board
- Grieve
- "Many retailers hold one for the 4th of July"
- Sign of a saint
- "\_\_\_ of Liberty"
- Rooster's girlfriend
- "13 of these at the start"
- Give a green light
- "What contestants did at Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest"
- Ends of shoe laces
- "\_\_\_ a high note"
- What river did to bank
- Viola da Gamba, pl.
- Waiting pleasantness
- Aria, e.g.
- Comrade in arms
- "It should never touch ground"
- Official flower of the Kentucky Derby
- Riddle without solution
- Obscenity
- Like The Beatles

### Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 9

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# Sunflowers Draw Attention



It's hard to resist a field full of sunflowers, since they are some of the largest and most glorious flowers known, but there are some things you should know before approaching. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

Recently, as I drove toward Dixon on Interstate 80 from Davis, cars were braking suddenly and the root of the problem were people gawking at fields of beautiful sunflowers. To avoid the mess, I took Pedrick Road and just past Vaughn, I noticed several cars scattered alongside the edges of the road and even onto farm lands with a bunch of people out taking pictures of the fields of sunflowers.

I admit the flowers looked like they were from Heaven, practically glowing yellow. I wanted to stop, too, but remembered the warning I saw from the Solano County Sheriff's Department via their Facebook page:

"Several farmers throughout the county have seen an uptick in passersby stopping on the side of the road to take photographs inside of the privately-owned fields. There are several reasons why this is not the best idea.

First, selfie seekers, your one-shot might cause a negative environmental impact on the scenic crops you are trying to show an appreciation for. Secondly, entering privately-owned land without consent can be deemed trespassing. Lastly, a pileup of vehicles alongside the roadway is a traffic concern for us all."

According to one Dixon farmer, the sunflower species is dioecious. This species have male and female plants with only one set of reproductive organs per plant. So, there are male and female sunflowers. When you see the smaller sunflowers, those

are the males, and their job is just to create pollen. The females, which are the larger ones, produce seed.

Farmers bring out pollinators (you'll see boxes of bees) for bees to carry the pollen from the males to the females and there is no cross contamination of the genetics from a different field. Basically what a farmer is doing is offering the bees an all-you-can-eat buffet in hopes they pollinate only their field.

The bees' job is to take the pollen from the male flowers from that field to the female flowers in that field. What you don't want is pollen from another field into your field. Sunflowers are a very tricky game in the farming business. Your farm can only be a certain because you are breeding seeds. So if you go from one sunflower field to take pictures of another field, you could be carrying the pollen from one to another.

There can only be a small amount of genetic variance within the seed when harvested and brought to the processor. If that variance exceeds the allowable contracted amount (for example, it is more than 5 percent for example but note that variance can be different for different farming contracts,) it is considered not as pure and can be a lower pay to the farmer.

Have some respect, officials caution, and stay off private property. If taking photos from the roadway, park safely.

If you insist on capturing the glory of the happy flowers from the private fields, you might want to ask the farmer for permission first so you're not considered a trespasser but an admirer instead. ★

# Knights of Columbus Elect New Board

By Debra Dingman



DIXON, CA (MPG) - The St. Peters Council of the Knights of Columbus (KofC) announced their new officers for next year. They are: Grand Knight Jerry Castanon; Deputy Grand Knight Paul McIntyre; Treasurer Dave McHugh; Trustees are Deacon Dan Blanton and Scott Null. Steve Hamera was appointed as Financial Secretary.

The KofC is an organization of Catholic men whose mission is 'building bridges back to faith.' There is much good and necessary work to

be done in this world and that's what Knights do every day, they say. The group traditionally organizes various dinners and hosts fundraisers but due to the COVID Pandemic, the local group has postponed much of their activities for now but are aiming to return with

activities soon.

It is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.6 million members, with about 50 of those in Dixon. KofC councils are in the USA, Mexico, Canada, the Philippines, Poland and other nations.

It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. KofC donates tens of millions of dollars and tens of millions of volunteer hours to charitable causes each year. ★

# Newsom Claims Right to Withhold Federal Grants to Fund California Deficits

New California State Press Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - California Gov. Gavin Newsom responded to a New California State press release regarding illegal borrowing of federal grant monies to fund budget deficits by claiming the right to seize federal grant funds from counties not requiring face masks.

New California State press release issued early on June 24, 2020 highlighted the State of California intending to fund its \$85 billion budget shortfall through June 30, 2021 by accessing "Borrowable Resources" of over \$59.6 billion, including the over \$27 billion in federal health and financial stimulus dollars to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Later the same day, Gov. Newsom told reporters, the State of California has the sovereign right to indefinitely hold billions of targeted federal grant monies from counties that are not in full compliance with the "new rules and regulations" in his recent COVID-19 Executive Order.

Newsom stated that after doing what he referred to as a "budget deal" with the California Legislature, "We're going to attach some considerations and consequences" for withholding federal funds from non-compliant counties.

New California believes that such action is a violation of law, and if implemented would set a dangerous U.S. Constitutional precedent that a state governor and legislature can withhold spending

federal funds during a crisis to fund its own budget deficit needs.

New California State calls on the United States government to immediately take actions to prevent and protect the public safety by assuring that the State of California is not improperly or illegally using federal funds designated for health and financial stimulus as a source of "Borrowing Resources" to fund California's \$85 billion budget deficits.

New California is a new state in development exercising its Constitutional Right to form from the State of California. The process to form New California is authorized and codified in Article IV Sections 3 & 4 of the United States Constitution. ★

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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.



**Monday, June 22, 2020**

- 1136 – Report of theft in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave.
- 1150 – Non-injury traffic collision report in area of Pittschool Road and Stratford Avenue.
- 1151 – Non-injury traffic collision report in the 500 block of Maddon Drive.

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

- 0923 – Report of stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of West H Street.
- 1055 – Vehicle tow in the 50 block of Sierra Drive.
- 1124 – Report of residential burglary in the 1000 block of Wake Forest Court.
- 1254 – Report of found property in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
- 1453 – Officers responded to the 1100 block of Woodman Way regarding a subject trespassing on a property and violating a court order. Officers contacted Jose Anaya Jr (10/13/1987) of Dixon in the back yard of a residence which he was court ordered to stay away from. Anaya was arrested for violating the court order, and for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Solano County Jail without incident.
- 1725 – Informational report in the 300 block of Industrial Way.

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

- 0753 – Recovery of a stolen vehicle report was taken in the 1300 block of West H. St.
- 1147 – An informational report was taken in 500 block of Sierra Dr.
- 1248 – A fraud report was taken in the 1100 block of Mosswood Ln.
- 1649 – Probation violation/ drug paraphernalia arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of North Lincoln St. Officers contacted Matthew Koster (35) out of Dixon. Matthew was arrested and transported to the Dixon Police Department. Once there Koster was cited and released.

**Thursday, June 25, 2020**

- 1556 – DUI/ Hit and Run arrest report was taken at the intersection of North 1st St. At West D. St. Officer contacted (S) Robert Brownell (59) out of Wisconsin. It was determined Brownell was in violation of Hit and Run and DUI. Brownell was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1819 – A Dixon man was seen by a DPD Officer urinating on a wall near the 1100 block of N 1st Street. The man was issued a citation.

**Friday, June 26, 2020**

- 1840 – A confidential medical report was taken from the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

**Saturday, June 27, 2020**

- 0802 – Domestic Violence arrest report was taken in the 700 block of Vaughn Rd. Officers contacted (S) Richard Swan out of Dixon. It was determined Swan was in violation of domestic violence. Swan was transported to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.
- 0841 – Stolen vehicle report was taken in the 200 block of Porter St.
- 1503 – Informational report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

- 1540 – Officers responded to North First Street after a report that the driver had fallen asleep at the wheel of his vehicle, and was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance. Officers located the described vehicle traveling northbound on North First Street at Regency Parkway. They stopped the vehicle and conducted a DUI investigation. Based on their investigation, Michael James Doyle (11/20/1980) of Dixon was arrested for f alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol level above .08%, and for failing to have an interlock device on his vehicle as required. He was transported to DPD, where he was issued a citation and released to a family member.