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By Mary Jane Popp



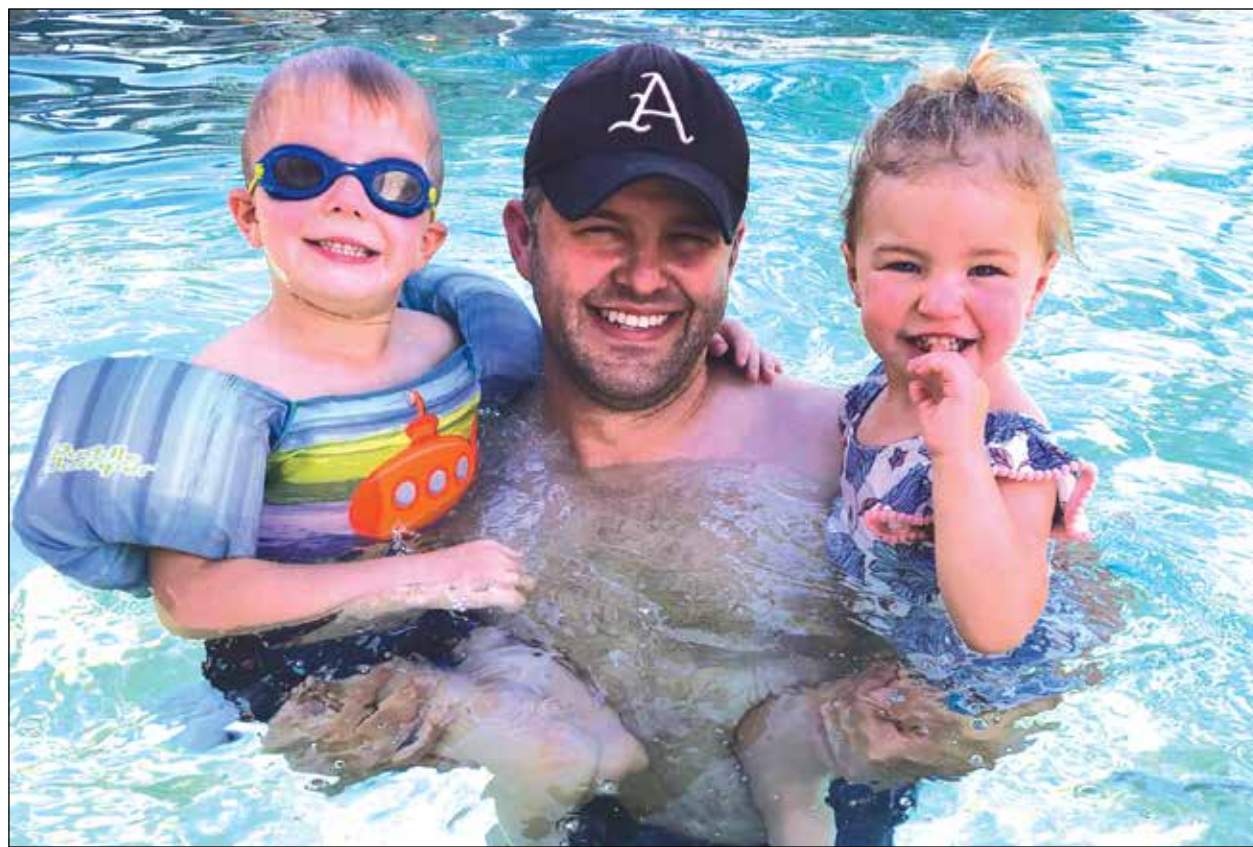
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Stronger Family Bonds



Tyson Krous of Dixon plans on having fun with his children, Jameson and Faith, on Father's Day this Sunday. Photo courtesy Krous family

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - This Sunday is Father's Day and most will celebrate the contribution that fathers and father figures make for their children's lives. In talking with three different dads years apart in age, the goal was the same: strengthening family bonds.

"Father's Day means the world to me," Donny Everhart, 54, said as he exhaled deeply and leaned against the door jamb of the newspaper office. "For two reasons: One, I had a father and two, I am a father." Everhart, Dixon's Citizen of the Year, takes Father's Day seriously and sees it as an opportunity to share with his sons and pass on some of the respect he had for his own father.

They have a tradition of watching a bunch of John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, and Audie Murphy movies or one of the many 'oldies but goodies' that he watched with his dad. His favorite is the Duke and

over the years, they have watched the "Fighting Seabees," "Kelly's Heroes" "Big Jake," and "Where Eagles Fly."

"I watched a lot of the Duke with my Dad," said the father of five who moved to a cozy chair to talk about fatherhood. "My older son will be coming over and this is a way I'm honoring the memory of my father and passing my values onto my sons." It's true those movies can help teach respect, liberty, loyalty, fairness and honor and more of the moral foundations all while munching on beef jerky or Slim Jims.

"The single most important attribute that I want my sons to get is integrity," he said. "A person's worth is only as good as his word." Then he listed honesty and a deep sense of family noting with apparent appreciation that he got that when he was growing up. Everhart owns Dixon Financial and Insurance Services.

Jim Ward, 64, is a 20-year Dixonite who has seven children and 15 grandchildren and will probably be seen at

the Barn and Pantry with a few members of the family for Father's Day. He says it depends on what family or what child it is, because they have seven "very diverse personalities that are entirely different," and it matters if they come with their children or not, he said.

All remember him with cards, visits, or calls--and at least half the grandchildren do, too.

"It makes me feel old," he said with a laugh. "We always have someone coming over because six out of the seven are married with their own lives and they all work in very different fields and lead very busy lives."

"It's really bittersweet, though," he said. "It's because we celebrate Father's Day but my father passed away in 1992 of a heart attack and I lost my mom in 2011. When you've lost your parents, then the day is also reflective."

"It's nice to get all the cards and attention but at the same time you

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Commissioners Give Approval to Care Facility, Model Homes

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - City Planning Commissioners have been very busy despite the COVID-19 shutdown, meeting via Zoom.us.

At May's meeting, the commissioners unanimously approved a Request for Conditional Use Permit and Design Review to allow for a residential care facility to be built. The property is located on an empty lot on North Lincoln Street near the northwest corner of North First Street. This was to allow the scope of operations which includes allowing for the care and limited medical services that are otherwise needed in the operation of such a facility.

Six model homes were also approved for Homestead Village 3B, the new development between Lincoln and Pitt School Roads passed Hillview Drive. There will be three designs to choose from, representing 88 lots altogether. This area is zoned low density residential. Commissioners made amendments to have more streetscape variety and less repetition and other minor details. The information was presented by Scott Greeley, Associate Planner, who also answered Commissioner's questions.

At that same meeting, commissioners also required that all signs and appurtenant structures be maintained in good condition. In the Dixon City Code, the rules pertain to the placement, sizing, and display of signs in the City's various zoning districts. The new ordinance established a general prohibition against dilapidated signs in all zoning districts. Dilapidated signs are signs which are, for example, in disrepair, defaced, worn, damaged, malfunctioning, deteriorated (such as peeling paint), or unsafe. Citations and fines would incur if not fixed by the owners after 60 days' notice. The source for this is Chapters 18.24, Signs, of Title 18, Zoning, and Chapter 9.0 Public Nuisances, of Title 9, Health and Safety in the Dixon Municipal City Code.

Another big item was a detailed Planning Commission Memo in regard to Hamid Foolad, EZ Auto Sales owner who has requested to build on the lot adjacent to Tractor Supply. Foolad owns a used car sales lot currently on Adams Street but wants to build a new building on a lot near Tractor Supply on the corner of Vaughn

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This Student's Focus is Flying!

By Debra Dingman,
Dixon Kiwanis Club

DIXON, CA (MPG) - I met Rayleigh through the Dixon High School Key Club noting the unique spelling of her first name and the unusual last name: Finsterbusch. Her personality reminded me of a mix of determined businesswoman and friendly student. She definitely was an impressive leader for the Key Club and her peers made a great, fun team that accomplished much during the year.

Kiwanis members, who support the student service organization, believe that if you can teach youth to serve while they are young, they will serve the rest of their lives.

We saw Rayleigh often through Kiwanis meetings where she represented her fellow club members, and it was a pleasure to have her help at the Kiwanis



Rayleigh Finsterbusch is aiming to attend the United States Air Force Academy. Photo by Debra Dingman

events and fundraisers including Festival of Trees.

This last week, the Kiwanis Club of Dixon

awarded Rayleigh an official Key Club Graduation Medallion on a blue satin ribbon in time to adorn her

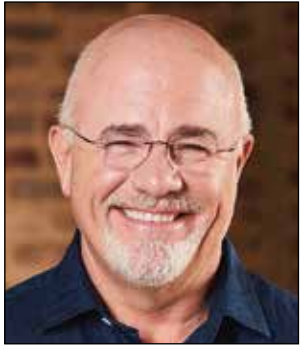
graduation gown.

"Rayleigh is always kind," said Key Club Vice President Skylar Bruce. "As our club president, she always wanted things to work for everyone. She always did what she had to do and worked really hard staying on top of everything she needed to go learn how to fly." Rayleigh also served as a Teacher's Aid for two years and Skylar said teachers loved Rayleigh.

Knowing she was headed for college, our Kiwanis Club encouraged her to apply for the Kiwanis scholarship which we hand out to deserving students each year, but she told us she got a full-ride scholarship into the United States Air Force Academy.

Rayleigh is leaving her Dixon home of 12 years this next week to go to Colorado Springs. She plans to major in

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Dave Ramsey Says Library Seeking to Fill Council Vacancy

Combine Finances?

Dear Dave,
Is it okay to combine finances with someone and start working on a budget before you marry them? I just got engaged, and we've been talking about the idea of getting a head start on our finances together.

– Autumn

Dear Autumn,
First, congratulations! I hope you two will have long and happy lives together. Now comes the hard part. But you asked for my opinion, so here goes.

No, it's not a good idea to combine finances with anyone you're not married to. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad you two are thinking about your finances and your future – and I'd never wish anything bad for you – but all kinds of things can happen before you become husband and wife. What if you spend time paying off his debt, or vice versa, then the relationship doesn't work out?

However, this doesn't mean you can't begin working together on budgets for the future, and planning and dreaming about the goals you have together. The thing to keep in mind is you'll both need to be operating in full transparency mode to make it happen. He should know all about your income and debts, and you should know all about his. Along the way, you two need to have serious, regular discussions about saving, spending, and debt to ensure you're completely on the same page with your finances before the big day.

There you go. My advice is both of you should pay only your own bills until after you're married. And remember, once that happens there's no yours and his anymore – it all becomes ours.

– Dave

Self-Insure?

Dear Dave,

I've been researching long-term care policies. Can you reach a point financially where you can self-insure long-term care needs, and not buy a long-term care insurance policy?

– Paul

Dear Paul,

It's possible, mathematically speaking, if you have the resources available to pay for the care you'd receive in a nursing home or similar facility for about 20 years. Not many folks have that kind of money, though. I think it's a large enough bill that it makes sense to transfer the risk to a long-term care insurance policy.

Keep in mind, too, if you're married you have to think about your spouse, and make sure they have enough to live on comfortably at the same time. That's a lot of money. And that's why I advise virtually everyone to put good, long-term care coverage in place at age 59 or 60. It can mean the difference between living with dignity, or having to depend on the government!

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. ★

Solano County Library Special Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Library Advisory Council (SCLAC) is currently accepting applications from Dixon residents to fill one vacancy. The SCLAC is currently a ten-member Council. Five members are appointed from the five supervisorial districts, the other five members are appointed from the cities that the Library serves. SCLAC serves in an advisory capacity to the Director of Library Services and discusses county library issues in addition to recommending the County Library budget to the Board of Supervisors. SCLAC meets six times a year, on the third Monday of the

odd months at the Fairfield Civic Center Library. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm and last about an hour.

This is a volunteer position. Applicants must be citizens of the City of Dixon to apply.

Applications may be downloaded from <http://solanolibrary.com/library-advisory-council>. Applications are also available at the Dixon Public Library and must be submitted no later than Tuesday, June 30, at 5 p.m. Please call 1-866-572-7587 to schedule an appointment to pick-up/drop off an application.

Interviews of applicants will be scheduled as soon as possible after that date. Interested community members are encouraged to apply. ★

SCOE Touts Success of Virtual Girls in Robotics Leadership (GIRL) Camp



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

By Jennifer Leonard, Solano County Office of Education

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), in partnership with Vacaville Unified School District (VUSD) and UC Davis C-STEM (Computing, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), piloted a very successful virtual Girls in Robotics Leadership (GIRL) Camp for middle school girls, June 8-12, 2020. In-person GIRL Camps, offered in previous years, were paused in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As an alternative, SCOE, VUSD, and UC Davis collaborated on this pilot project to provide a virtual opportunity for girls to continue learning leadership, STEM concepts, and robotics-based curriculum. Lessons learned from this year's virtual camp will help SCOE expand GIRL Camps and other virtual

opportunities in 2021.

To ensure access to all female students, GIRL Camps are hosted by Solano County Office of Education at no charge. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, SCOE had been able to expand the GIRL Camp and connect with girls from several Solano cities thanks in part to significant financial contributions from Genentech, Soroptimist International of Central Solano, and Valero.

"It is amazing to see what the girls have accomplished remotely in only five days of coding and programming Linkbots. It is my hope that this experience will encourage them to dive deeper into coding and consider a career path in computing and related fields. SCOE is thrilled to be part of bridging the gender gap in technology," says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. She further adds, "none of this could have been possible without the generous contributions of our community partners including Genentech, Soroptimist International of Central Solano, and Valero."

According to the National Science Board 2018 Science and Engineering Indicators, women make up half of the total U.S. college-educated workforce, but only

28% of the science and engineering workforce. SCOE's Girls In Robotics Leadership (GIRL) Camps are focused on addressing gender gaps in science and engineering career fields.

During the virtual five-day camp, the girls learned teamwork, communication, and leadership skills via Zoom. The virtual GIRL Camp introduced students to robotics, principles in engineering, computer programming, and Ch/C/C++ (programming code). They were able to interact with women engineers from Northrop Grumman and Genentech as well as other technology practitioners from VUSD and the Academy of 21st Century Learning through a career panel discussion. Virtual campers learned film production, the creative process involved in making short videos, and using Linkbots that they programmed to perform certain movements. The week ended with students showcasing their video projects and coding skills to their parents, SCOE and VUSD officials, and community members, during a virtual Girl Camp activity.

For more information about the GIRL Camps, contact SCOE's Director of Innovative Programs and Student Success Lilibeth Pinpin at lpinpin@solanocoe.net or 707-399-4439. ★

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Pip Wine Bar & Shop



Pip Wine Bar & Shop owner, Amy Grabish, reopens after COVID-19 at 116 North First Street in the former Firehouse Bistro location. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There are times a woman just wants to relax with a cool glass of wine after work. There are times some guy wants to take his gal somewhere cozy and with her, discover new flavors of wine or a special brew of beer. And, there are friends who want to hang out in a living room setting without having to clean up the house first. These are the reasons Amy Grabish wanted to open her wine bar in downtown Dixon.

There were many times she wanted that for herself, but there wasn't any place in Dixon that didn't have that 'bar' feel, she said. In her work, she sold wines to restaurants and shops so she had an idea that began as a 'pip' in her mind—a grape seed—that grew.

"I saw how Dixon was growing and knew I was not the only one who would like a place like I envisioned," she said. "I realized I could make it happen. If anyone can do it, it was me and things began to get right in alignment; like learning that the landlord was my former neighbor. He literally lived next door from me where I grew up in St. Helena. That

They have a bar menu with flights of wine, glasses of wine, pints of beer and cider, and a small, curated snack menu which was created so they could open-in order to be served, one must order food, she reminded. There is also a retail area where you can purchase bottles of wine and beer but also sherry, sake and wine-related gift items.

"All of our beverages come from small producers who are real people so you won't find our products in any big grocery or discount stores," she said.

Her knowledge of wines from around the world is extensive and one will leave the experience with certainly a better knowledge of what they like to drink. She speaks of imports from Spain and Portugal as if they are as common to her as milk.

"This is my life and my job," she said nearly glowing with pride and accomplishment. She should feel that way; she has already endured her business getting shut down by the COVID-19 Pandemic just ten days after she opened. During that shuttered time, she turned to online sales and was able to meet customer's requests via pick-ups, deliveries, and believe it or not—virtual wine tastings.

The company also gives back by donating a portion of their online shop sales to the Restaurant Relief Fund set up for displaced restaurant workers during the shutdown.

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was one more star." "First came the idea, then the plan, then the hope," she said and spoke with admiration of her husband, Larry Fox, a welder who also created the special hand sanitizer stand at the front door. He did "most of everything inside" the beautiful venue including chip away all the old wall covering to expose near perfect bricks. "I love having him to bounce ideas off of," she said.

The Pip Wine Bar and Shop opened in March at 116 North First Street in the former Firehouse Bistro location.

"I wanted everybody to feel comfortable so designed the floor space for a variety of situations," she said showing off the spacious floorplan with settings for a single person, a couple, or a group of friends in an upscale living room setting. It also features a well-stocked retail area toward the back. There is also an exquisite-looking, expansive, solid black marble counter for those who prefer to have tastings while on barstools.

"To come here, you just need to be a good human being," she said about the fun place, then as an afterthought, added: "And, over 21."

CONVERSATIONS

A CDF Loan Seeded 600 Affordable Senior Apartments in California

By Leslie Mead, CDF

Submitted by Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

Publisher's note: Shirley is a board member of Delta Senior Housing Cooperative
A \$60,000 forgivable loan from the Cooperative Development Foundation to fund 60 senior housing units is seeding the development of 600 affordable senior apartments in Northern California.

In 2003 the Davis Senior Housing Cooperative (DSHC) was in need of funds to finance predevelopment expenses for Eleanor Roosevelt Circle, a planned senior housing cooperative development for moderate income seniors named in recognition of the first lady's unwavering support of cooperatives.

The vision for ERC came from Margaret Milligan, the founder of DHSC who found that there was limited housing available in Davis for moderate income seniors.

"Margaret wanted to create a cooperative community for moderate income seniors with a cooperative spirit where every resident was a member and owned a share. She wanted a community where there was a lot of sharing and the residents would help each other with meals, transportation, classes and leisure activities," said Bill Powell, President of Delta Senior Housing Communities, Inc in a 2019 interview with 2001 Hall of Fame inductee and cooperative developer David Thompson. In 1998, David and his partner, Luke Watkins had formed Neighborhood Partners, LLC to develop cooperative and mutual housing.

Thanks to the link with Thompson, former NCBA Vice President, Western Region, DSHC and CDF negotiated an agreement that stipulated that if DSHC succeeded with the senior housing cooperative, it would pay CDF principle, interest and a success fee. If DSHC did not succeed the loan would be forgiven. No payment of interest or principle was required until the project was completed.

In 1994, Thompson along with Jerry and Chris Rioux of HCD Services had received a similar \$30,000 loan from CDF for the purchase of a mobile home park in Woodland, California where residents bought the 150 space park and turned it into a limited equity housing cooperative.

"Without that \$60,000 from CDF, there is no question that we would not have had the funds to move forward with ERC. That \$60,000 was the kick starter for our first project, the 60 affordable senior apartments we eventually built at ERC," said Powell.

"For DSHC, it was extremely important that we could borrow the funds and know that if we did not succeed, we would not owe the funds. DSHC had no assets, no collateral and no income. DSHC had no funds at all to pay back the \$60,000 loan. No other lender would lend us \$60,000 and be willing to lose all those funds if we did not succeed," Powell continued.

"When we heard that CDF had approved the \$60,000 forgivable loan to us, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the loan CDF had given us. The \$60,000 in funds really boosted our spirits. It was like the story of the "Little Engine that Could," and we had arrived at a place on the journey where we could say, I Think We Can."



Heritage Commons, Dixon, CA Photo credit: Philip Clayton Thompson

And DHSC did become the Little Engine that Could. Not only was CDF paid back, but today, DHSC has 174 units in two communities with another 44 units breaking ground this September of 2020. Additional land in two other communities has been donated to DSHC that will accommodate an additional 400 units of senior housing.

Unfortunately, the development was not ultimately developed as a cooperative. The ERC development hinged on acquiring a two acre plot of land from the city of Davis. In the end the city's requirement that the city site house a range of extremely low to low income residents collided with the project's ability to get funding for a cooperative development. DSHC was forced to abandon its moderate income focus and the cooperative ownership model to become a nonprofit 501(c) (3).

While Margaret Milligan never got to live in her moderate income senior cooperative housing, Powell says her impact at ERC remains. "One of the legacies of Margaret's thinking is the little Co-op Store that sits in the middle of the ERC Community Building as a central gathering point. The Co-op Store is staffed weekdays by volunteer residents and makes food and other items available to the residents. Community members and local food retailers send their surplus food, fruits, vegetables and bread to the Co-op Store to be given out to residents. We named the Community Room the Margaret Milligan Community Room to commemorate Margaret's initial leadership of the Davis Senior Housing Cooperative that transformed over time to become Delta Senior Housing Communities, Inc."

"We have also been able to house many local seniors who either were or would be homeless without DSHC. For example, one elderly lady was homeless and living under a bridge in nearby West Sacramento. She was found, rescued and then brought to ERC. Several churches and other groups raised funds to help her by giving her furniture, clothing and other items so that she could live in an apartment of her own at ERC. Some of our present residents were previously living in their car or someone's garage," said Powell.

Delta has grown from one project at Eleanor Roosevelt Circle to three phases at Heritage Commons in Dixon, two future phases at Gracewood in Woodland and two other future phases at Bretton Woods in Davis. DSHC are partners with Neighborhood Partners, LLC and The John Stewart Company on all eight projects in Northern California. That \$60,000 seed loan from CDF blossomed into homes for about 700 low income seniors.

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City of Dixon Dog Park Reopens

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On June 04, 2020, the City of Dixon dog park located in Hall Park reopened with social distancing regulations. The City of Dixon is cautioning all users to maintain safe social distances when visiting the dog park. Dog park users are reminded per COVID-19 social distancing requirements to remain at least 6 feet apart, not to pet other people's dogs

and it is recommended that they wear face coverings when social distancing with people outside of their household cannot be achieved.

Dog Park patrons are asked to bring and use personal hand sanitizer, continue good hygiene practices and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on COVID-19 as hand washing is not available at the dog park. Dog park users are also asked to provide

their own means to sanitize gate openings and common metal surfaces and should sanitize those surfaces before and after each use.

As off-leash dogs tend to group together, often leading their owners to convene as well, social distancing may be difficult. We hope to keep our dog park open and can only do so if dog park users follow the recommended guidelines and do not conjugate in numbers greater than 10. ★

For the Love of Books



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Fake Plastic World

by Zara Lisbon

The question still remains—Who killed Eva-Kate Kelly? When the social media icon, Eva-Kate Kelly moved across the canal, Justine’s life took an unprecedented turn. Just being around Eva-Kate was a fast-paced experience; all glitz, lights, and life passing you by at high speed. Justine was instantly wooed by the lavish lifestyle, and couldn’t help but fall into her captivating hold, unable to walk away even if she wanted too. But that was before she heard the message on the phone. Before she spent hours going through her mom’s files, and before Eva Kate turned up dead, floating in the canal.

Now, being tried for her murder, Justine must recount the steps from that evening, even if she doesn’t remember them. Although everyone in the country thinks she is



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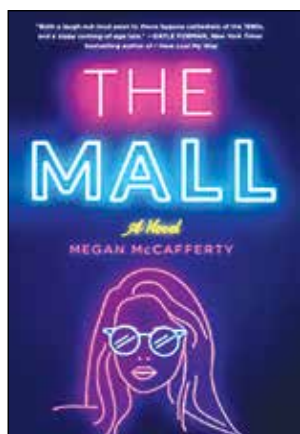
guilty, Justine is willing to do anything to prove her innocence. Yet, there are still so many unknowns from that night, and only one person knows the truth. Is Justine truly innocent, or is she living in her own created Fake Plastic World? ★

In the shocking conclusion to Fake Plastic Girl, readers will finally find out who killed Eva-Kate. Zara Lisbon writes with genuine authenticity, giving her readers a story that is fast-paced and believable while taking them on a battle between illusion and fantasy. Opening the door to an elite lifestyle, Lisbon highlights the true vulnerability of celebrity life, while exposing the dangerous fractures that lie within. Readers will receive front row seats to the trial of Justine Childs, the social media frenzy, and the lengths one family will go to prove their daughter’s innocence. However, be prepared, Fake Plastic World takes readers in and out of false illusion, perceived reality, and ultimately the truth giving readers the ending they have been waiting for. ★

The Mall

by Megan McCafferty

Cassie Worthy can’t wait for her summer to start. After being sick in bed with the worst case of mono, she missed all the joys of senior year from prom to graduation. Now, everything is about to change for the best. Ready to start her job in the mall, Cassie will be able to spend every day with her boyfriend until they leave for college in New York. All her dreams are ready to begin until the moment they crash and burn, and Cassie is suddenly left dumped and without a job. Thank goodness fate and old friendship steps in, and Cassie discovers herself working in the last place she would ever shop at, let alone partying with the Mall’s underground elite. Then, she is enlisted to help with a treasure hunt,



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searching for a rumored fortune hidden in the Mall. Yet, searching for the treasure might not be the lighthearted adventure she thought, and, in the end, the secret

fortune might not be what was expected. However, her summer at The Mall is one that will be unforgettable, and rekindling old friendship might be the greatest discovery of all.

Be whisked back to the time of scrunchies, spandex, neon, cassette tapes, food courts, and, most importantly, The Mall. Megan McCafferty epitomizes everything that celebrates the early 90’s with plenty of 90210 references, makeovers, music from Sam Goody, and stores that were in every mall across America. The Mall’s, lighthearted storyline will keep readers entertained and curious to the very last page filling any 90s fan’s heart. The only thing this book is missing is a perfectly paired mixed tape. ★



Riley Reviews

CBS TV IN THE FALL;
SPOOKY “VAST OF NIGHT” ON AMAZON PRIME

A Film and TV
Review by Tim Riley

THE CBS TV FALL SEASON

Even though a big question mark hangs over the fall schedule for any major television network, CBS has announced plans to bring back, in its own words, “eighty percent of its top-rated television lineup.”

At least for the fall, the math suggests a higher return of established series, as only two series appear to be on the schedule. Yet, the long-running, popular “Hawaii Five-O” called its quits after ten seasons with an episode last April aptly titled “Aloha.”

One new series, reminiscent of the reboot of the departed “Hawaii Five-O” is “The Equalizer,” which is described as “reimagining of the classic series” that starred British actor Edward Woodward as a retired American intelligence agent acting as a pro bono protector.

The new version stars Queen Latifah as Robyn McCall, an enigmatic woman with a mysterious background who uses her extensive skills to help those with nowhere else to turn.

Appearing to others as an ordinary single mom quietly raising a teenage daughter, Robyn McCall is known only to a few as an anonymous guardian angel and defender of the less fortunate.

A series that ran four seasons, the original “The Equalizer” also spawned two movies of the same title, starring Denzel Washington as Robert McCall, doling out vigilante justice to nasty Russian mafia thugs.

There has been some speculation that a third installment of “The Equalizer” could be realized on the big screen in another two years, but that would only make sense if Denzel Washington takes the lead role.

With prolific writer and creator of television series Chuck Lorre (“Two and a Half Men”) the driving force, the new comedy series “B Positive” will star Thomas Middleditch as a therapist and newly divorced dad who is faced with finding a kidney donor.

Middleditch’s Drew finds a donor when he runs into Gina (Annaleigh Ashford), a rough-around-the-edges woman from his past who volunteers her own, thus forming a friendship that will forever impact both of their lives.

“The Silence of the Lambs,” a movie almost three decades old, provides the source material for a new midseason series entitled “Clarice,” which was the given name of Jodie Foster’s rookie FBI agent.

Starring Rebecca Breeds in the titular role, “Clarice” dives into the untold personal story of FBI agent Clarice Starling as she returns to the field in 1993, six months after the events of “The Silence of the Lambs.” We may have to revisit the film to refresh fading memories. ★

“THE VAST OF NIGHT” ON AMAZON PRIME

Playing as a movie within a television program, the first image of “The Vast of Night” is a black-and-white television set announcing that night’s episode of a program named “Paradox Theater.”

The announcer’s voice sounds so eerily like that of Rod Serling that one momentarily gets the feeling of being transported back nearly six decades ago to the science-fiction realm of “The Twilight Zone.”

The voice intones “You are entering a realm between clandestine and forgotten, a slipstream caught between channels, the secret museum of mankind, the private library of shadows – all taking place on a stage forged from mysteries.” This is pure Serling-type monologue.

Running at 90 minutes with credits, “The Vast of Night,” eschewing overwrought special effects, is a character-driven science-fiction story that focuses on one night’s experiences in the 1950s of a teenage girl and a late-night radio DJ in a small New Mexico town.

Though young, winsome high school student Fay (Sierra McCormick) works nights as a switchboard operator, she’s first seen meeting up with radio host Everett (Jake Horowitz) before the start of the season’s first big basketball game.

Going on duty that evening at the switchboard, Fay hears a strange audio frequency that disrupts phone calls, and a sense of odd happenings start to mount with a woman’s panicked call about something hovering in the sky.

A mesmerizing stretch of time with Fay at the switchboard, alternately trying to figure out what is happening with crossed lines and then experiencing a growing sense of disquiet, is itself enthralling.

Fay and Everett get pulled down the rabbit hole of what Rod Serling would surely craft for mystery when a guy named Billy (the never seen Bruce Davis) reveals unsettling government UFO secrets during a spellbinding phone call to the radio show.

Then comes another call from senior citizen Mabel (Gail Cronauer) who beckons Fay and Everett to her home to talk about similar activity in the past she does not wish to discuss over the phone.

Not to be overlooked is Fay’s absolute fascination with futuristic inventions that would include radio-controlled cars, underground trains crossing the country in one hour, and everyone being assigned a telephone number at birth.

First-time director Andrew Patterson, working with few gimmicks other than stealthy long camera movements and the screen spookily going black on occasions to heighten suspense, delivers a twisty plot with a bold cinematic style in the appealing “The Vast of Night.” ★

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Stronger Family Bonds

Continued from page 1 reflect back on all the years that have gone," the retired CHP Officer said. "I was very close to my dad even though my parents separated. Neither of them ever got remarried and he always lived in the area. He'd take us out every Sunday for about seven or eight years [into adulthood] and never missed picking us up."

Ward easily remembers his dad taking him to movies that had just come out and definitely remembers many Father's Day with his dad.

"Between 6 and 12-years-old, there was always a brand new Disney movie so we went to those together," he said. "Even after that, it was a tradition to see every single James Bond movie from 1962 to 1992. I'd only go see those movies with him." He'd like to do something repeatedly with his own children but they have grown up with truly diverse careers so what works for getting together for one doesn't work for others.



James P. Ward holds a rifle, standing next to a military medical Dodge Power Wagon. Photo provided by James P. Ward

"What a lot of people forget is that the 50s was a different time, a different everything, and then came the 60s and it was different again and people are still trying to attest what was right or wrong back in those times. But you can't judge it by today's standards because we're living in different times," he said.

That's why he's happy there is the Barn and Pantry in town and that's where he plans to go because it is a bridge between the generations.

"When they had everything going on last summer pre-COVID, it was really great," he

said. "We had gone a couple of times to their live entertainments and my daughter really liked the décor, the entertainment and the atmosphere."

Tyson Krous, 37, is a younger Dad who has two young children, Jameson and Faith. There is always action around their house with energetic little people and he hopes to spend Father's Day like the other two dads interviewed: With family. He plans to go out fishing with them and if all goes well, they will be having fish tacos for dinner. According to Jameson, it isn't Father's Day; it will be "Happy Tacos Day." ★

The Solano Race Place at the Solano County Fairgrounds Opens

Solano County Fairgrounds Press Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano Race Place at the Solano County Fairgrounds is now open after having closed in March 2020 due to health and safety restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fairgrounds staff has worked diligently and undergone special training to ensure that operations conform to the requirements for low risk activities as defined in the "Solano County Social Distancing Protocol" which was updated on May 5, 2020.

"We are pleased to be able to open the Solano Race Place in advance of the Belmont Stakes, which takes place on June 20," stated SCFA Executive Director & CEO, Mike Ioakimedes. "Although the Belmont Stakes is not typically the first race of the Triple Crown series, this year it replaces the Kentucky Derby in that role due to the disrupted schedule of horse racing across the globe. We welcome patrons to once again start enjoying all the fun that the Race Place has to offer and build up to the excitement of the Belmont Stakes happening in a couple of weekends."

The following is a partial list of the physical and operational changes at the Solano Race Place enacted to ensure social distancing and health protections:

- (1) Installation of plexiglass shielding at the security station and pari-mutuel betting windows;
- (2) Removal of multiple chairs and stools to limit the proximity of seating positions;
- (3) Disabling half of the betting machines and betting windows to provide social distancing;
- (4) Clearly marked, six-foot spacing for seating and queues

for admissions, ATM and betting stations; (5) Limiting capacity to 50 patrons at any given time; (6) Posting of signage inside and outside of the facility regarding social distancing and hygiene guidelines for both patrons and employees; (7) Installation of multiple hand sanitizing stations throughout the facility; (8) Frequent cleaning of high-contact surfaces and common areas along with cleaning logs to document sanitation procedures.

In addition to these items and the entire list of county operational requirements, employees and patrons who are exhibiting any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or who are not practicing social distancing will be asked to leave the facility. Employees will be provided with face masks and gloves and be required to wear them during their work shift. Employees have also been given dedicated training for appropriate personal hygiene techniques and the unique cleaning and operational requirements for opening the Solano Race Place.

Patrons of the Solano Race Place are strongly encouraged to wear face masks while in the facility and masks will be available for purchase for those that need them. Food and beverage operations will remain closed until a future date. While these services are closed, patrons will be allowed to bring in their own food and non-alcoholic beverages. Once food service resumes, outside food and beverages will no longer be allowed.

The Solano Race Place will be open on Fridays through Sundays, with additional select days based on the broader simulcast racing calendar. For exact operating days and times visit www.scfair.com/solano-race-place. ★

Focus is Flying!

Continued from page 1 aeronautical engineering and become a pilot for the Air Force.

"Both my parents were in the Air Force and my dad worked on planes so I always thought that it would be amazing to fly them. It just fascinated me and that is what I want to do," she said.

The DHS Key Club was founded in May of 2013 after several months of getting their charter established with approximately 20 students. Mykaiah Clermont, a junior at DHS, was then sworn in as incoming President and was given the official club gavel and Key Club

Banner which continue to be used at meetings.

Key Club International, a service leadership program of Kiwanis International, is the oldest and largest service program for high school students, and gives its members opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership skills. Key Club attributes its success to the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others.

For more information on the upcoming school year's Key Club at Dixon High School, email dixonkiwanis@hotmail.com or call (707) 676-5413. ★

Social Security Matters

When Should We Claim Our Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor



per year of delay), up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. As a point of information, if you wait until your full retirement age to claim, you will have collected the same amount of money at age 78 as if you had claimed at age 62; and if you wait until age 70 to claim you'll have collected the same amount of money at age 82 as if you had collected at your full retirement age. If you live at least until "average" longevity, you'll collect more in cumulative Social Security benefits by waiting.

So, when should you claim? If you're still working and earning "professional salaries", then waiting at least until your full retirement age would be a wise choice. If you expect at least average longevity and don't need the money right away, waiting until age 70 would be a prudent strategy. But if you don't work and expect less than average longevity, then claiming at any time you need the money would be a reasonable decision. This is a choice only each of you can make.

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needs and, importantly, your expected longevity. Both of you can get the maximum benefit available to you by waiting until you are 70 years old to claim, but that only makes sense if you are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman).

If you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age (66 ½ for you and 66 plus 4 months for your husband), those benefits will be cut. If you collect now, your benefit would be cut by about 27% and your husband's by about 22% (based upon your respective years of birth). Further, if you claim before your full retirement ages and continue to work, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings test, which limits the amount you can earn before they take back some of your benefits (the 2020 earnings limit is \$18,240; if you exceed that they'll take back half of anything you earn over the limit). The earnings limit changes annually but goes away at your FRA.

At your full retirement ages, you'll be entitled to 100% of the benefits you've earned from your lifetime of working (approximately the amounts estimated now). If you can and do wait beyond your full retirement age (FRA), for each month you delay you'll earn delayed retirement credits of 2/3 of 1% per month of delay (8%

Commissioners Give Approval

Continued from page 1 Road and North First Street. There will be office space he plans to make available for other tenants.

Those details include how many vehicles can be placed at the front of the space and how many at the back; that they must be clean, washed, in working order and fully operational;

that there be certain painting, trees, and lighting, etc. and that "the property shall be kept clean and maintained at all times."

The Commissioners had lengthy discussion at the June 9 meeting that will be covered in the next edition.

The City Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each

month at 7 pm normally at City Hall, 600 East A Street in the Council Chambers. Due to the pandemic, they have been meeting via Zoom.us online. Commissioners are Jack Caldwell, Randy Davis, Baudelio Diaz, Don Hendershot, Kristina Jardis, Joe Quinn, and Chair Kevin Johnson. ★



Law and Order Is Not Fascist

Confronted by a clear and present fascist threat, the staff of The New York Times rose up to humiliate and punish quislings in its ranks.

In a now famous op-ed, Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton called for federal troops to quell riots and looting, an idea that the Times staff considered worthy of Oswald Mosley or Benito Mussolini.

As the Times was disavowing the Cotton piece and preparing to push out or demote its top opinion staffers for publishing it, columnist Michelle Goldberg wrote a response called "Tom Cotton's Fascist Op-Ed."

She acknowledged that the Times published Russian President Vladimir Putin and Taliban leader Sirajuddin Haqqani and "a similar case could be made for hearing from Cotton, an enemy of liberal democracy." But the difference is that Cotton "is calling for what would almost certainly amount to massive violence against his fellow citizens."

The sophomoric and ahistorical charge that President Donald Trump and his

supporters are fascists is now a staple of elite left-of-center opinion.

There is no doubt that Trump's periodic blustery assertions of having total authority are gross, would freak out Republicans if a Democrat made them, and deserve to be condemned. The president loves strength and is drawn to theatrical demonstrations of his own power.

But his critics are unable to distinguish between wild statements at press briefings or in cruel tweets on the one hand and establishing a one-party state or invading France on the other.

Law and order, a favorite Trump theme, is not fascism.

Consider Cotton's op-ed. The senator called for federal troops to assist in subduing rioters and stipulated that "a majority who seek to protest peacefully shouldn't be confused with bands of miscreants." If this is fascism, any effort to stop people burning down buildings now has to be considered dangerous.

Masha Gessen of The New Yorker wrote of Trump's photo-op with a Bible in front of St. John's Church, "perhaps he had seen a picture of Hitler in a similar pose" (a photo of Hitler in a similar pose that circulated on social media afterward was a fake).

Trump, like Cotton, distinguished between peaceful protesters and rioters, and

surely one purpose of his tough talk on federal troops was to prod governors and mayors to get a better handle on the situation on their own.

Much has been made of protestors being pushed back from Lafayette Park before Trump walked over to St. John's Church, but Attorney General Bill Barr has explained this was an effort to expand the perimeter around the park, where there had been mayhem and fires the night before.

Kristallnacht it was not.

No one has talked about crushing peaceful protests. No one has urged the stifling of dissent (no one, that is, outside of The New York Times and other "woke" circles). No one has talked of suspending the election. In fact, Trump has been faulted for wanting an overly normal election, with a traditional convention and standard in-person voting.

In a long piece on Trump "collaborators" in The Atlantic, Anne Applebaum noted how "references to Vichy France, East Germany, fascists, and Communists may seem over-the-top, even ludicrous. But dig a little deeper, and the analogy makes sense."

No it doesn't. It only speaks of the lack of seriousness of those who insist on making it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Ask Toni

Why is My Medicare Part B Premium Over \$400 Monthly ... I Was Laid Off!



Toni King

Dear Toni:

Been reading your articles regarding COVID-19, being laid off and enrolling in Medicare properly. I have not read an article on how to lower the premium if you are not making the income you were before you were laid off.

I received a letter from Social Security stating that I must pay \$462.70 for Part B and \$70.00 for Part D, totaling over \$532.70 monthly.

I was recently told that you understand Medicare rules and I could possibly appeal my Medicare premium because I am not working full-time with an income of \$350,000; instead only receiving a \$2,400 monthly Social Security check.

What do I do to appeal this decision and bring my Medicare premium to a lower, affordable amount?

Thanks
~ Gary from Phoenix, AZ

Gary:

Do you want to wait 2 years for the IRS to inform Medicare that your income has decreased due to being laid off or do you want to let Medicare know that you have lost your job and are no longer making the kind of income you were making?

During a Toni Says® Medicare consultation, we hear about the Medicare Part B and D premium problems from those on Medicare who have been laid off or have decided to retire. People believe that everyone pays the same amount for their Medicare Parts B and D, but those days are long gone! If your income as an individual is over \$87,000 or married is over \$174,000; your Medicare Parts B and D premiums will be more.

Social Security explains in the letter that is mailed to you, how they arrived at the Part B and D premiums based on your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" (MAGI) from your last filed tax return.

Your MAGI was over \$320,000 and the table used in the letter you received from Social Security shows what the Part B and Part D premium adjustment (nice way of saying it's going to cost you more) will be, whether you are filing single or married.

Most retirees do not realize that they have **special situations** also known as **life changing events** that can lower your "income related monthly adjusted amount" (IRMAA). Below are a few of the life changing events that can make your income go down:

- You have gotten married or divorced, or your spouse has died.
- You or your spouse have **stopped working** or have reduced your hours.

- You have lost property that you were making money from due to a disaster or other event beyond your control; or

- You or your spouse's benefits from an insured pension plan stopped or went down.

Use form SSA-44 titled "Medicare Part B Income-Related Premium - Life-Changing Event" and attach the original documents or certified copies to verify your change in income.

Once Social Security is satisfied with the evidence, it will update its records and correct Part B and Part D premiums to what your current income is.

Don't forget a onetime increase in your income such as property that is sold or cashing in your IRA or even winning the lottery(aren't we wishing for that) can change your monthly adjusted gross income (MAGI) that may cause you to pay a higher Part B or Part D premiums.

**Social Security reviews your income each year and will adjust your Part B and D premiums to your new income level the next year and again you will want to file SSA-44 form until your income finally comes down to the lower amount.

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. ★

St. Peter's Catholic Church News

"Prayer is being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us." (St. Teresa of Avila)

Prayer requires effort and sincerity, just like a human friendship. If we seek light from a lamp, all we need do is plug it into an outlet and we have instant illumination. If we seek light from our Lord, we may need to patiently and humbly pray for days, weeks, or even months.

Over the past two months, I have found myself praying while walking the dog. I noticed that my "walking" prayers, mainly the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Sacred Heart prayer, and a few others, are somewhat distracted. There are frequent interruptions caused by picking up after the dog or a friendly wave to a neighbor. At the same time, I found my "walking" prayers to be meditative and fruitful, so I continued them.

It seemed to me that I was just a little bit friendlier on my prayer walks, holding my rosary in one hand and the dog leash in the other. I was a bit more open to really listening to a neighbor tell a story. I was more at peace, glancing occasionally up at the sky thinking of His promise of eternal life.

Then, three weeks ago my walking prayers

went dry. It seemed as if things became routine. The heat bothered me. My friendly waves became less friendly. My mind would more frequently wander to work matters or chores that needed to be done around the house.

Yesterday, toward the end of my walk, I started praying Psalm 23. I found myself reciting it very slowly. I got to the last verse, saying "surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." The words somehow reverberated within me. The sheer goodness of Him. His unfathomable Mercy. How much in need I am of Him. What a poor sinner I am, incapable of any good without Him. His endless love converged on me and filled my soul.

I walked on in silence, stunned in a way, yet completely at peace. Tears filled my eyes. A few streamed down my cheeks. I glanced past the rooftops, out to the mountains. A magnificent blue sky, filled with long, thin sleeves of white clouds. Then, I finished Psalm 23 "and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen."

That ended the walk and I arrived at the door of the house. I paused for a moment. "Thank you, Lord for the gift of prayer," I said silently. I wiped my tears with my sleeve and went into the house. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

The Coolness and the Blessed Rain, Again



Slim Randles

When the world is hot and my skin is fried, scratching from the constant dry, let the clouds boil up, boil up high. And then shade the earth with the darkening sky and bring the secrets and the smell of rain. The coolness and the blessed rain, again.

Our land is brown but blessed, stressed in the heat, the shiny heat of day. The slender green of rivers slide along, striving to continue, to feed its own along the banks, the banks where the dust rises. Rises,

powdery clomp by clomp as we walk, walk the shady way.

And though the heat, the dryness of heat, pushes down our weary feet, we plod along. Ours is the blessing of challenge, to live, to thrive in the heat. To toil and sweat, to make the cold drink at day's end that much sweeter. Sweeter as it goes down, cooler as it falls, dropping the coolness inside us and forcing us to smile. That summer smile.

When the heat falls hard, on many days, unquenched by the dark of night, we ask, in quiet times, we ask. Bring us the clouds, the black-bellied clouds, the clouds that softly hold the heads of gods in their moistening grasp. The clouds, those big-bellied bustlers that hold the violence,

the wind, the flashes, the noise. The clouds we wait for and pray for and look for on the western ridge. Let them come, with their silver tops and their bellies black as night and cool as forgiveness. The summer clouds, the clouds that define our culture, our art, our summer, our hot, heavy summer.

A rain, a storm, a suddenness of life and blast and sweet charity designed to keep us living here, here in the rain, here in the sun, and keep us praying, here in the rain, and looking toward the west for more, always to the west, always looking for more.

Brought to you by millions of American kids who can find good things in almost any crisis. Here's to the longest vacation from school. Yay! ★

Legislative Democrats Pass Incomplete State Budget with \$9 Billion Tax Increase

By Jacqui Nguyen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) issued the following statement after legislative Democrats passed a fake budget bill, Senate Bill 74, just to meet state and constitutional deadlines.

"The state is facing a government-induced recession with more than 4.8 million unemployed Californians and a budget deficit of \$54 billion." Despite this economic crisis, the Democrats' backroom budget deal has prioritized pet projects and includes a \$9 billion tax increase on our job creators.

"Today's incomplete and poorly prioritized budget is the result of last-minute discussions that lacked public transparency. Californians deserve better," said Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove.

As presented, SB 74 is a budget riddled with bad accounting practices and does

not prioritize the needs of California families and job creators. The Governor and Legislative Democrats' Budget include:

\$22 million to enforce the anti-worker law (AB 5, 2019) forcing more people out of work, even though there are more than 4.8 million residents on unemployment now; \$5 million to buy a new state park even though the Governor has prevented people from going outside; \$2.9 billion to continue the high-speed rail project, despite more cost increases, project delays, and a \$54 billion state budget deficit; \$9 billion in new taxes on businesses, even though thousands of businesses are barely staying afloat or being forced to close due to the stay-at-home order; Lastly, the Governor and legislative Democrats are relying on billions of dollars from the federal government-yet the Governor allocated \$6.5 million to sue the federal government.

Source: California Senate Republicans ★

Once Again the Budget Prolongs State's Financial Problems

By Nghia Nguyen, Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Legislature passed its version of the state budget, a framework that increases taxes and relies on subsidies from the federal government. Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), Vice Chairman of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee,

issued the following statement:

"This budget does not solve the state's financial problems." It prolongs the crisis, thereby, delaying and deepening the economic pain for Californians, especially those in need of state services."

"We need to cut spending now. It is irresponsible to give schools and recipients of state programs false

hope that the federal government (i.e. federal taxpayers) will bail out the State of California.

"Employers - especially small businesses - have had to bear the brunt of this pandemic. Businesses are finally re-opening, many at limited capacity. Under this budget, there is another \$4 billion in taxes heaped upon them for next year. How can they afford to stay open?" ★

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Sen. Dodd Responds to Vallejo Police Shooting and DOJ Review of Department

By Paul Payne,
Office of Senator Bill Dodd

VALLEJO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, issued the following statement in response to a recent officer-involved shooting death by Vallejo police and the state Department of Justice's announcement that it would review the Vallejo department's policies

and procedures on the use of lethal force:

"I appreciate the Attorney General coming in to review and help reform the Vallejo Police Department," Sen. Dodd said. "From use of force, to elimination of bias and improving training, it's critical that we have an outside review."

Sen. Dodd added: "That's a positive step, but there's much

more we need to do. This week, there was yet another fatal police shooting in Vallejo - another tragic loss of life. My thoughts are with Sean Monterrosa's loved ones. They, and the Vallejo community, deserve a clear understanding of the events that led to this shooting, which is why I am calling for an independent investigation. Justice must be served. We have seen too

many families grieving senseless killings of African Americans and people of color by law enforcement. This must stop."

The statement and action by the Attorney General follow a number of high-profile Vallejo police shootings. The latest was early last Tuesday, when an officer shot and killed a San Francisco man, Sean Monterrosa, 22. The shooting

came in the wake of widespread protests of the police killing of George Floyd.

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

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Lambtown Festival 2020 - Imagining a 21st Century Sheep and Wool Show

Let me begin this letter by relieving your fears: we are NOT cancelling Lambtown Festival 2020!

There will, however, be some significant changes to this year's Lambtown Festival. With the unprecedented safety issues surrounding COVID-19 uncertainty of when large gatherings will resume, the Board of Directors feels it is neither plausible nor responsible to continue planning a live, in-person event at the Dixon May Fairgrounds in October. Rather, we will host Lambtown Festival virtually, as we continue to serve our mission to celebrate all things sheep, lamb, and wool through education and enjoyment for all. By making this decision now, we have the ability to showcase our many sponsors, vendors, instructors, producers, and local Dixon businesses over the coming months and especially on the third and fourth of October.

While not every aspect of our fairgrounds-based festival translates directly to a virtual festival, we have been hard at work on ways to create the Lambtown Festival experience that you have come to know and love. As an example, our Sheep to Shawl Competition is annually the largest of its kind in the country, featuring seven or more teams of eight participants spending four hours together - under the same tent - to transform wool into a shawl. In a virtual version of this competition, teams would work independently but under the same time limitation to create their shawl, then ship it to a central location for live judging during the festival weekend. While each competition and event will require slight modifications, we look forward to the challenge ahead of us. Likewise, we are thrilled that this year we can invite attendees from around the country - and even the world - to participate in

a sheep and wool show this year, when so many festivals have been cancelled.

We are already coordinating the many moving parts involved with pivoting to a virtual festival. In the coming days and weeks, we will be reaching out to our partners and participants with updates and information once details are finalized. You may have noticed that our newsletters and social media postings slowed down to a trickle while we waited for clarity on the situation surrounding COVID-19. Now that we have a clear path forward, we will resume keeping you informed and up to date whenever new information is available.

As with most things surrounding COVID-19, the details of a virtual Lambtown Festival are fluid and changing on a daily basis. Please keep an eye for updates, and make sure to keep the weekend of October 3rd and 4th blocked out on your calendar. We hope you'll join us in this new venture as we encourage growth through education, camaraderie through competition, and community through our shared interests.

Lastly, in light of recent events, I want to make it abundantly clear that Lambtown Festival has a zero-tolerance policy on racism and bullying. Despite the layer of anonymity that a virtual festival might hold, we will remove and ban any participant who engages in inappropriate behavior. Our Diversity Statement and Code of Conduct can be found on our website.

Warm regards,

Roy Clemes
President, Board of Directors
Lambtown Festival 2020

Life's Too Short

By Debra Dingman

Pitt School Road Development

The final touches are being put into the center divides on Pitt School Road leading to the new Homestead subdivision just past the Village Green residential community. It has been amazing to watch every little detail of this work over the past six months even through the COVID shutdown. The workers were there almost every single day and because that's where we walk for exercise, we got a close-up view.

They have done a great job and now all the telephone lines are underground so there are no more leaning poles and the road has been widened to be two lanes in both directions. Now, when we walk, we will go all the way out to the end of the construction which has all the roads and cul-de-sacs in place with new, wide sidewalks.

To see more about what Taylor's Builders are planning with Homestead, check out SouthwestDixon.com and see their Specific Plan of almost 1,200 homes approved in 2005 but will be built over the next eight years. The first homes will be built by homebuilder D. R. Horton with two models and 13 homes on Meadowlark Lane, east of South Lincoln. Models are expected to open in September.

Decaffeinated Debra

It's finally happened. I had to go completely caffeine free. I've warded off this major life-changing event by taking baby steps. First I stopped drinking Starbucks café mochas. Then, I ordered tall Starbucks Pike's Decaf pour over. Then, I went to Folger's Instant Coffee. Then, I went to mixing that container of regular Folger's with the same size container of decaf-but my heart was still going haywire. I had no choice. I started on straight decaf.

I hope I wake up someday soon.

Yes, the heart is finally beating regularly and I'm certainly happier about that because it wards off having to get a pacemaker. The true sign of being decaffeinated hit me last night when I noticed a chocolate chip in a handful of granola as I was tossing it in my mouth.

"Oh, it's only one little chip," I said to myself. The option to spit out the mouth full of luscious almonds, cashews, peanuts and raisins was not an option but it will be in the future. My heart began to go cuckoo in less than 15 minutes. I woke up two extra times in the night. I feel completely

groggy this morning even after my decaf coffee. I just checked my pulse. Yes, it's a regular beat even though I feel dead.

Good Housekeeping Forgets Dads

My new subscription to Good Housekeeping Magazine came yesterday. I was excited to see if they had any unique Father's Day articles that I might get an idea from for a newspaper story but as I flipped through the pages, I didn't see anything.

I turned the magazine over then to its side so I could read the month of publication. Maybe this was Mays's edition? Nope. It was June's and there was no mention of Father's Day. In fact, there was a picture on the front cover of a large copper pot and a gloved hand showing the cleaning of it with a headline saying, 'How to Clean Anything.' Obviously, they had forgotten about Father's Day.

It is rare for any publication not to acknowledge special days like this but, then again, it is about housekeeping. With maybe the exception of one guy, there are no men I know who would clean anything willingly. Even my grilling hubby has let barbecue chicken drippings turn into black cement on his grill by closing it away for the winter storage.

I would have thought a picture of a man at his patio grill would have been chosen instead but you know, men really do get the short end of the parent celebration equation. This is why I think that is so: They don't really want to go out to eat as much as women, or get their thrills at a salon, or even like flowers the way most women do. I could be wrong, but it seems that it is so much easier to make HER really, really happy.

Several times when I mentioned Father's Day during the past two weeks, people could not remember when it happens. I just hope everyone remembers their good dads and celebrates them this Sunday, June 21. Happy Father's Day wishes to all Dixon Dads!

Debra Dingman, journalist and author is a 27-year Dixon resident. Her columns have run in Solano County for nearly 37 years in the Daily Republic, Vacaville Reporter, Dixon Tribune and now, Dixon's Independent Voice. Her book Learning A+ Living, Adventures & Rewards of a Mom Entrepreneur, is published by WestBow Press and is available now on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and on TWMPublicRelations.com. ★

2020 Feds Feed Families Virtual & Can Food Drive

By Arlene Salvador, Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) is proudly participating in the 2020 Feds Feed Families (FFF) Food Drive from June 1 through July 31, 2020. Due to COVID-19, this year's food drive campaign will be carried out virtually in communities where social distancing is in place. Participation from all VA facilities will be crucial in maximizing our efforts.

FFF Food Drive efforts help food pantries and food banks stay stocked during the summer months when they traditionally see a decrease in donations and an increase

in need through donations of food to food pantries and food banks. It also brings awareness to issues of hunger.

This year's campaign highlights the need for giving during summer months and all year long. Summer months can be challenging for the nearly 30 million children who receive free and reduced-price meals during the school year. Since Feds Feed Families launched in 2009, this campaign has collected more than 92 million pounds of food for donation. In 2019 alone, the campaign donated 2.8 million pounds. Federal employees across the country can help feed people, enhance food security, and help those facing difficult times.

Employee participation is voluntary.

What are we doing??

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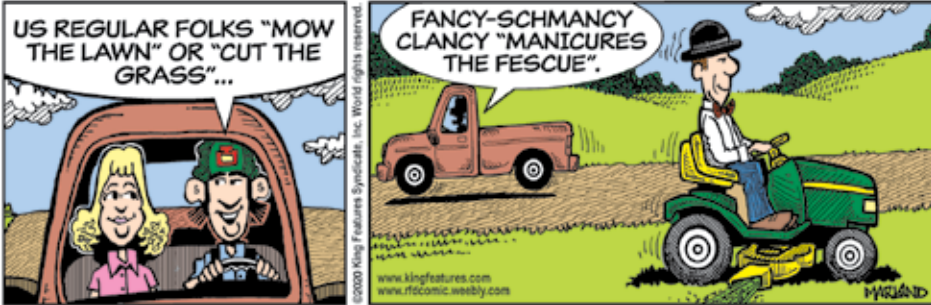
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GRIN THE BEAR IT



"Keeping me in the waiting room for 45 minutes was a dirty trick, Mrs. Figby!"

LAFF-A-DAY



"When are you going to start having birthdays again, Irma? I'm tired of growing old alone."

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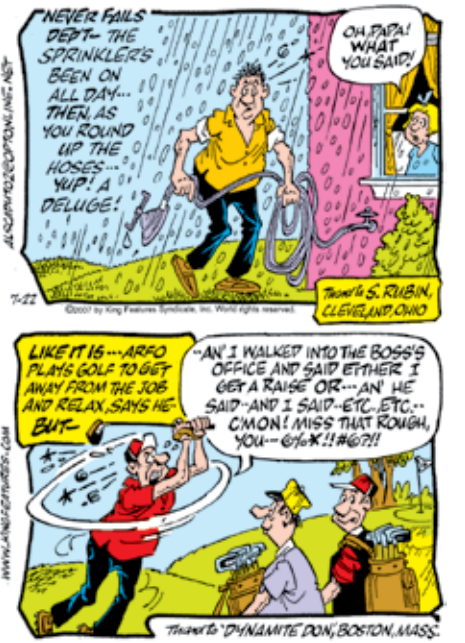


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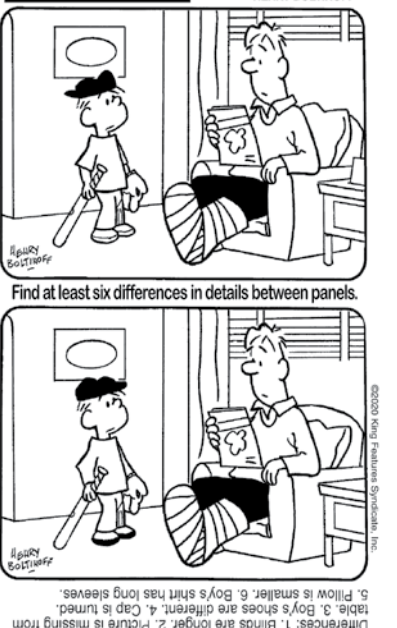


Just Like Cats & Dogs



by Dave T. Phipps

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.
Differences: 1. Birds are longer; 2. Picture is missing from table; 3. Boy's shoes are different; 4. Cap is turned; 5. Pillow is smaller; 6. Boy's shirt has long sleeves.

Crossword Puzzle on Page 9

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CLUES

- ACROSS
- Kind of lively dance
 - Greenwich time
 - Pilgrimage to Mecca
 - Belittle
 - A note to follow soh
 - Annie Oakley's show
 - Hipbone-related
 - Chicago to Detroit direction
 - Historical period
 - "Most gifted Father's Day gift?"
 - "a.k.a. Father of the Constitution"
 - Have a cold, e.g.
 - Bog deposit
 - Styling product
 - Not yet final, in law
 - Squirrels away
 - "Metamorphoses" poet
 - Antioxidants-rich berry
 - Text that precedes the main text
 - Car brand, e.g.
 - "Full House" father
 - Brazilian indigenous people
 - a.k.a. dropsy
 - Precedes shine
 - Paving stone
 - Early TV manufacturer
 - Bayonet wound
 - "Zip it!"
 - Popular form of communication
 - Part of a match
 - "Christopher Robin's father"
 - "Father known as "one-shot" Finch"
 - Largest deer
 - "Richard Bobbsey's offspring"
 - Precedes desist
 - Cuckoo
 - Friedrich Schiller's "___ to Joy"
 - Personnel person
 - Job for a body shop
- DOWN
- It's equivalent to pain?
 - Sound mind, ___ body
 - Not of the cloth
 - Japanese port
 - Jelly ingredient
 - High school club
 - "Boy's father in "The Road"
 - Recurring melody
 - Shoshonean people
 - Without further ___, pl.
 - 1920s art style
 - "John-John's father"
 - Cow's favorite grass?
 - Homer's classic
 - Pleasurable interjection
 - Adrian Brody in 2002 film
 - "Wednesday's father"
 - Dodge
 - Compare
 - "Antithesis to Mufasa"
 - Liberal pursuits
 - Don Giovanni and such
 - Echo sounder output
 - "a.k.a. the father of modern economics"
 - "Indecent Proposal" star Moore
 - Research facil.
 - Used for raising
 - U.K. Prime Minister, 1945-51
 - Lady lobster
 - "You ___!"
 - Xe
 - Make a connection, two words
 - In the thick of
 - Steak condiment
 - Express complaint
 - Antonym of is
 - All over again
 - Popular Father's Day greeting
 - Olympic cast-out
 - Bone-dry
 - Commotion

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DADDY

It's been a long time since I could say daddy, but I still remember the great times we had together. He was not the mushy type and he didn't call me his little princess, but he was always there when I needed him. He didn't have the warm and fuzzy life growing up. He was born to immigrant parents in Ilasco, Missouri. Yup! I said the same thing ... where? But it does or did exist. Dad took us there to see where he was born. But his parents weren't the ideal couple. So his mom took the kids and returned to Romania where they had come from. His dad didn't put his family first. He stayed in the U.S. and became an interpreter for the Ford Motor Company in Detroit Michigan.

He was brilliant, speaking some eleven languages, but not the fatherly type. Dad didn't talk much about how he came to the U.S. He just said when he was

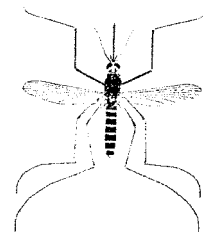
never looked back. During WW II he so wanted to join the Army, but they had him put caps on bombs and test them in a munition plant, a job as treacherous as being on the front lines. But he wanted to do what he could for his beloved country.

There's so much more. He went from furrier to becoming an Ironworker believe it or not, because of the stress he had dealing with temperamental star types. And he was good at that too til he had a bad accident that almost took his life. Just two weeks after he was released from the hospital, he insisted on driving me to the state championships so I could compete singing and playing violin. He was always there when my brother and I performed making sure he had a tape recorder and sound checks. He always said he would never be the father to us that his father was to him. He cared and loved us til the end! I remember the last time I said "I love you dad" and planted a big kiss on his shiny bald head. He's been gone a long time, but daddy (John Popp) you will always be in my heart and I am honored to be your daughter!

But dad was not one to feel sorry for himself. He worked hard and got into the fur business and studied in New York and overseas to become a design furrier. He made good! He worked his way up to designing fur coats for movie stars like Joan Crawford and Bette Davis at Metro Goldwyn Mayer in Hollywood. He

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Flower pots:	Drain-off excess water or invert if not in use.
Swimming pools & Hot tubs:	Use filter and skimmer daily to remove egg rafts and larvae. Chlorine will not kill mosquito larvae. Provide drainage for filter and sump pumps. When not in use, cover tightly.
Wading pools:	Change water weekly. When not in use turn upside down.
Swimming pool covers:	Tighten cover to prevent sagging.
Ornamental ponds:	Stock with mosquito fish and remove excess vegetation such as leaves, and thin pond lilies occasionally. Maintain even water level. Screen inlet on recirculation pump. When cleaning pond, transfer to glass bowl - chlorine kills fish. If pond is no longer desired, make holes in bottom and fill with dirt or sand.
Bird baths:	Change water frequently, preferably every 2-3 days
Lawns:	Avoid over watering.
Tree holes:	Fill with a polymer such as Soil Moist or Broadleaf P4 granules which absorb water - can last for years, available at garden supply stores, sand or dirt, drain if possible - when in doubt, call a tree surgeon.
Water troughs:	Change water weekly or stock with mosquito fish.
Boats:	Use a water tight cover or store upside down.
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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.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020
0538 – Stolen vehicle report in the 300 block of Berkshire.
1023 – Report of fraud in the 200 block of East D Street.
1335 – Officers responded to the 300 block of West Chestnut street for a report of battery. While on scene, officers arrested David Hernandez (6/23/1990) of Dixon for Felony Parole Violation, two counts of Felony Threats, Misdemeanor Battery and Misdemeanor Child Abuse. He was booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.
1620 – Officers conducted an investigation in the 1400 block of East Monte Vista and arrested Marc Marino (3/15/1991) of Vacaville for Felony Burglary and Felony possession of stolen property, and for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was transported to the Solano County Jail without incident.
1630 – Recovered stolen vehicle in the area of Pembroke and Morgan.
1931 – Death investigation in the 1400 block of Austin Drive.
2110 – Hit and run accident reported in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
 Nothing significant to report

Thursday, June 11, 2020
1555 – Vandalism report was taken in the 1000 block of Newgate Wy.
1655 – Jose Anaya (32) broke into his sister's home on the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue. Anaya then threatened his family with a knife. Anaya was booked into the Solano County Jail for burglary and criminal threats.

Friday, June 12, 2020
2056 – A DPD Officer conducts a traffic stop on the 1600 block on N Lincoln. The driver is found to be in possession of heroin and methamphetamine. He is booked into the Solano County Jail.

Saturday, June 13, 2020
0112 – A DPD Officer conducts a traffic stop on the 2000 block of North Lincoln. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence.
1034 – Criminal threats report was taken in the 600 block of N. Almond St.
1513 – Reckless Driving and Vandalism Report was taken at the intersection of Parkgreen Dr. at Sommer Dr.
1938 – A homeless man stole a work truck from a landscaping company on the 1100 block of N Lincoln. He was arrested and booked into the Solano County Jail.

Sunday, June 14, 2020
0208 – A Domestic Violence incident occurred a on the 200 block of East Broadway. The suspect was arrested and booked into the Solano County Jail.
0853 – Officers responded to the area of 900 Newgate to investigate a reported hit and run collision. As a result of the investigation, officers arrested Erika Vizcarra (2/17/1995) of Dixon for hit and run. She was cited, fingerprinted and released from DPD without incident.
1800 – Report of a stolen motorcycle in the 1300 block of West H Street.

Monday, June 15, 2020
1325 – Informational report at DPD.
1930 – Domestic violence reported in the 1900 block of Dailey Court resulted in the arrest of Julie Hutchison (39) of Dixon for misdemeanor domestic battery. She was taken to jail.

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