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Former Dixonite Korry Lindgren of Tennessee (left) and Johanna Hoagland point to the map that is being filled up with Hoagland's travels through every state in the country. Courtesy photo of Johanna Hoagland

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Johanna Hoagland has been a pioneer of sorts for northern California women her whole life, breaking ground as a firefighter in the Bay Area, becoming an accomplished musician, phenomenal knitter, and now travelling to every state in the nation during the COVID-19 Pandemic along with her cat.

"I had been thinking about doing this before I turned 80 and have always liked to travel," she said in a phone call to me while stopped in Tennessee to visit our mutual friends. "My parents camped.

In 1957, we did six weeks across the country and back, starting in Massachusetts where I was born and raised."

Hoagland was pretty sure she'd been to every state in the union but wasn't positive and after winning her fourth battle with cancer, decided to go to every state capital and see all the Presidential libraries. She'd also stop to visit all the former Dixonites she knew that had moved to various parts of the country due to military or job relocations including Eric and Lisa Jeannot in San Angelo, Texas, Chanda Williams in San Antonio, Texas, and Frances Bornemann in Oklahoma.

Orchestrated by a Heavenly guidance, she said, a couple she met at a gathering heard her plans and told her they had the perfect RV for her. It was. The RV had only 17,000 miles on it and would easily accommodate her and her cat, Alice Springs, who wears a pink collar and is leash trained. She rented out her house and drove off in the beginning of 2019.

While in Oregon, she got to feed a baby yak with a bottle while visiting her stepdaughter who has a ranch there. Now she's more than halfway through the states which included a stop at the Nebraska State Fair where she could

admire quilts – especially the winner of the over-85 handmade quilt category.

"They made a special category just for her. She's 92 and first entered when she was 20. She's the only one in that category now. That's the kind of thing that makes [my travels] worth it," Hoagland said with sentiment in her voice.

Hoagland's only companion sleeps on the bed during driving time, but by the end of the day, the soft gray cat is very affectionate.

"She wants me just as much as I want her," said Hoagland. They stop for two to three days at a time

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June Puts Focus on Elder Abuse Awareness

**By Paul Payne, Office
of Senator Bill Dodd**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, acknowledged the month of June as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in recognition of a serious and growing crisis in California.

"Understanding the pervasive nature of this problem as well as the warning signs are critical steps toward prevention," Sen. Dodd said. "Because sadly, not a day goes by without reports of horrific cases of abuse or exploitation of the elderly or adults with disabilities."

Last year, the Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 49, written by Sen. Dodd, which mirrors national and international recognition of the problem in June. It comes as the U.S. population continues to age with 10,000 people turning 65 every day. Each year, there are 6 million cases of elder abuse nationwide with 11 percent of all cases in California, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse. Another report from the National Council on Aging shows only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse are ever reported to authorities.

Elderly and disabled adults face a constellation of abuse including physical, mental, financial, pharmaceutical or medical – any one of which could restrict their ability to protect themselves, to report to authorities or to testify against perpetrators. The situation is worsened by the fact that one in eight people over 65 have Alzheimer's disease, making them more vulnerable. One in two people with dementia experience some form of abuse. Abuse of developmentally disabled adults is also staggering.

"We cannot allow abuse against our most vulnerable people to go unnoticed," Sen. Dodd said. "It is my hope that with greater recognition and awareness, we will end this shameful problem."

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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Local Parade Planned Saturday for Dixon High School Graduates

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Class of 2020 will be celebrated on the morning of Saturday, June 6, with a parade through town starting about 9 am and will be guided by the Dixon Police and civic organization volunteers.

"We want people to celebrate students so we are encouraging people to come out of their homes and whistle, hold up a sign, or wave flags as the procession continues through town but, we must also practice social distancing," said Dixon High School Principal Stephanie Marquez. "These students have been through so much and we know they are going to make a difference in our world. They embody the strength, grit, talent, and love that make our town and school great!"

Marquez has been discreetly working on this plan for several weeks but was never sure things would go

through due to the pandemic restrictions constantly changing. The plan included collaborating with Lion's, Rotary, Kiwanis, Soroptimist, Dixon Business Association, Women's Improvement Club, Dixon Police Department, Living Hope Church, Dixon United Methodist Church, City of Dixon, Sober Grad Night Committee, and parent groups.

The Senior Car Procession includes the Senior and his or her family in a drive through town with their immediate family on Saturday, the original date set for the traditional graduation ceremonies prior to the quarantine. The decorated cars are to line up at Hall Park beginning at 7:30 am. There are 242 students so potentially there could be that many vehicles and the timing of the ceremony could be prolonged.

If you hear a bunch of horns honking and lots of noise, it is most likely

the parade coming by led by School Resource Officer John Malone. The procession will conclude with a diploma ceremony at DHS. The principal is expecting the site to be "beautiful, festive and worthy of our grads, with tons of decorations, and a professional DJ," Marquez said.

While the event is only for DUSD staff, graduates, and families, there will be live streaming of the celebration so friends and families can be a part of the festivities.

Students will walk up to a stage to receive their diploma, program, and gifts from the principal and will be announced by senior teachers. Graduates will then return to their vehicle and be ushered out by their teachers and staff with fanfare.

"Our graduates are our best product," Marquez said sounding full of pride. "That is what we grow at DHS: Awesome people!" ★

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Showing Ram Pride for DHS Grads



DIXON, CA (MPG) - Aggie Animal Clinic Manager Rosie Werley saw a post on Facebook about decorating Dixon businesses in our school colors to show our local students they are loved and cared for despite the COVID-19 Pandemic quarantine stopping their last months of school and halting ceremony preparations. "I have a junior in high school so I could feel their pain," she said. She and the staff got busy to show their pride. They wrapped green paper around their front yard trees and painted their windows with a giant Ram head to congratulate Dixon's 2020 graduates. Pictured L-R are Elvira Lemus, Leslie Figueroa-Romo, Jenn Kresha, Perla Anguio, Jessica Cole, Donia Murray, DVM, and Werley. The veterinary clinic is located at 449 North First Street. Photo by Debra Dingman



During the Dixon High Graduation Parade, students will also be seeing these congratulations from Century 21 M & M Real Estate at the corner of First and A Streets downtown. Photo by Debra Dingman

St. Peters Catholic Church News

Forgiveness. Why Bother? We Need To Forgive For We Cannot Heal Without It!

I would like to introduce you to someone extraordinary. Have you ever heard of a young girl by the name of Maria Goretti from the town of Le Ferriere di Conca near Nettuno on the west side of Italy? In July 1902, she was 11 years old when she defended herself from Alessandro Serenelli, a young man nine years her senior, who was bent on violating her innocence. Thwarted from that violent act, in anger he instead stabbed her 14 times. She was taken to hospital and died the next day, but not before mercifully forgiving her attacker. "Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever."

Wow! Her forgiveness was a great mercy to him and his eternal life, but someone else needed to forgive him. That person was he himself. While serving his 30 years in prison for Maria's murder he harbored anger at her and discontent. Maria, through God's grace did not let him despair. Six years into his sentence Maria appeared to him extending to him 14 white lilies, one at a time, one for each wound as a sign of her forgiveness. His soul was converted and he exhorts that she saved him.

Forgiveness' fullest extent is when we can say to someone who has hurt us, by word of mouth, in writing, or true intent of

our heart, that we forgive them is a merciful act of love of neighbor, but we also need to forgive ourselves. What does that mean? We did not do anything wrong and we did not ask to be hurt, so what is the deal. Fr. Carlos Martins, C.C., Director of Pilgrimage of Mercy, explains that a victim struggles with their own limits, powerlessness, and weakness which can produce hatred of self. Fr. Carlos reminds us of Our Lord's commandment to forgive those who have trespassed against us, and that includes ourselves. If we do not forgive ourselves, "then we are choosing to hate someone God loves."

Maria Goretti loved God so much and understood what it was to be Christian is heart, body, mind and soul. She understood Our Lord's commandment to forgive completely. "She is a true and beautiful model of forgiveness and mercy which sets the heart free and opens it to the healing and mysterious presence of Christ."

Maria is a saint to look to especially in this day and age. May God Bless you.

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CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

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Vacaville Farmers Market Opens Saturdays 8am To 12 Noon

Your access to fresh, organic produce is here. This year the Vacaville tradition continues with some simple layout modifications and grower limitations to ensure shopper safety during the COVID19-outbreak. While current state and county restrictions only allow for essential agricultural products like fruits and vegetables to be sold at the market, other vendors such as arts and crafts booths, local retailers non-profits and hot food vendors will be welcomed back as soon as restrictions are relaxed. Unfortunately, live music and food sampling will be postponed until further notice. It is asked that you enter the market via the Main and Davis Street bridge and exit via School Street. Dogs on leashes are allowed in the park but will not be permitted in the market.

State Parks Photo Contest

Each week, one nature photographer will have their photo featured on Cal State Parks Foundation social media. The last Friday of each month, a GRAND PRIZE WINNER will receive a special prize as well as a California State Parks Annual Pass!! Get out and enjoy California's State Parks, have an adventure and make some memories! Any one of any age may enter. Share your best California Park Photos by using the hashtag #MyCASStatePark and tagging @CalParks on Twitter and Instagram, on Facebook use "California Parks Foundation". You may also enter via Flickr. Get your camera and head to the at State park in the mountains, desert, beach, or farmland to take your prize winning photograph! Let us know what special prize you receive!

Dixon Restaurant Opens For Dine In

Last Friday many local restaurants were able to open their doors for customers choosing to Dine In! I had stopped by the new Burger IM near Walmart on Dorset Drive to run in and pick up a burger to try. Lucky for my friend and I, they had officially opened an hour earlier for "Dine in" customers. What a treat! The owner greeted us and explained that although they had opened in March at the beginning of the pandemic, this was the first time they were able to seat customers. I had heard from many reliable sources how great the burgers were and I was not disappointed. I choose the classic burger which I must say was fantastic! It reminded me of the burger my Dad would barbeque in the backyard with tomato, lettuce, pickles, and, of course, they included the special sauce. Great flavor! They told me the ingredients of the special sauce, but I am not going to share it. You will have to try it for yourself! There is a wide selection of burger meats to choose from - Spanish beef, dry-aged beef, Greek Lamb, Grilled or Crispy Chicken, Hawaiian Salmon, and Falafel. You select the type of meat and there is a long list of additional items you can add to personalize your own burger. My friend's favorite part of the meal was the onion rings that were perfection. You would bite into the onion ring and get the onion and the fried coating in the same bite. Usually when you bite into the onion ring, the onion separates from its coating and comes sliding out, creating an empty ring. Not so at Burger IM! There are a variety of styles of fries including sweet potato and Chicken BBQ, Buffalo or Sweet Crunchy Chili Garlic Sauce. A burger is between \$7-\$8, along with fries and a drink come to around \$10. You can choose to dine-in and the tables and beverage bar are kept immaculate. You can also order online and pick up your order. The phone number is 707-693-6727. Curbside service can be arranged online at Toasttab.com/BurgerimDixon. Try it, you won't be disappointed!

Covid-19 Mitigation Efforts Could Put U.s. On Track To Meet Paris Climate Accord Goals

Americans drove drastically less, saved millions of metric tons of greenhouse gases, and, in some states, lost millions in fuel-tax revenue since COVID-19 mitigation efforts took effect in early March. That is according to the latest special report from the Road Ecology Center at the University of California, Davis. "Although there are economic down-sides to our new normal of reduced driving, there are silver, and even 'gold and green' linings that we can be thankful for, including less greenhouse gases, less money spent on gas, and fewer injuries and deaths from crashes," said Road Ecology Center director and project lead author Fraser Shilling. The report, "Impact of COVID19 Mitigation on Traffic, Fuel Use and Climate Change" is available on the UC Davis Road Ecology Center website. Posted by Kat Kerlin (Reprinted with permission from Kat Kerlin, UC Davis)

Billions Of Miles Of Roads Less Traveled

Using data from Streetlight.com, the researchers estimated changes in daily vehicle miles traveled across the U.S. before and after government shelter-in-place guidance. The difference amounted to a drop from 103 billion miles in early March to 29 billion miles during the second week of April. All states reduced their vehicle miles traveled by at least 60 percent. The report recognized a correlation between the number of COVID-19 cases in a state and its traffic reductions. The higher the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths reported in a state, the fewer miles driven there. New York carried the highest rate of cases during the reporting period. Drivers there and in the surrounding states of New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont drove at least 80 percent fewer miles after shelter-in-place directives began. Nearby Washington D.C. saw the greatest drop of 90 percent fewer daily vehicle miles traveled. The higher the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths reported in a state, the fewer miles driven there. (UC Davis Road Ecology Center)

Fuel Saved, Tax Revenue Lost

Fuel use dropped from 4.6 billion gallons in early March to 1.3 billion gallons during the second week of April, saving U.S. drivers \$8.6 billion per week. It also resulted in fuel-tax revenue reductions, which vary by state. In California, where vehicle miles dropped more than 75 percent, the state's fuel-tax revenue under Senate Bill 1 (2017) also plummeted from \$61 million in early March to \$15 million for the second week of April. For an eight-week, stay-at-home order, the loss to the state is an estimated \$370 million in funds that support highway construction, maintenance and transit improvements aimed at reducing emissions.

Emissions Slashed, Paris Climate Accord Within View

The drop in fuel use was accompanied by a significant drop in U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. During the reporting period, the authors calculated a 71 percent decline in carbon dioxide equivalents from local road travel. This represents a 13 percent decrease in transportation-related annual emissions for 2020 and a 4 percent decrease of total greenhouse gas emissions for 2020 in the nation. That exceeds Paris Climate Accord targets by 3 percent. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions from road transportation were down across the United States from early March to early April 2020. (UC Davis Road Ecology Center) In California, greenhouse gas emissions from transportation are a greater proportion of total emissions than in the United States as a whole. So the state's 75 percent reduction in local road travel was an even greater contribution to climate change targets. If traffic remained reduced by 75 percent for a year, the state would be on track to meet half of its 2050 emissions target by 2021. The study acknowledges that the emissions benefits of stay-at-home orders could go away once normal activity resumes. It concludes with a hopeful note: "It is possible that the U.S. public could embrace the multiple unintended benefits of the pandemic response and retain some level of reduction in harm from travel and economic activity."

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For the Love of Books



By Amy Shane

Book Review & Special Events Editor

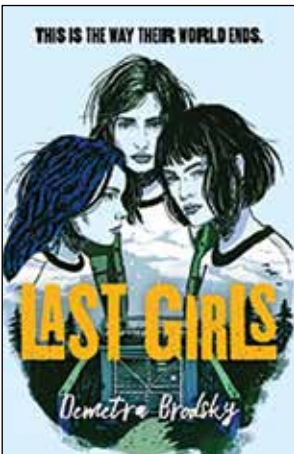
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Last Girls

by Demetra Brodsky

The Juniper sisters know how to survive in any situation. Living life on the move was always normal, so when they finally landed in a secret prepper compound in Washington, Honey, Birdie, and Blue finally had a place to call home, even if their lifestyle was considered extreme. Living with their mother on the Nester side of the compound, they quickly became proficient in hunting, gardening, and preparing for any situation that could catapult the world into unforeseen disasters. Trained to be Responsive, Reactive, and Ready (RRR) the girls were never without their *Every Day Carry* pack, even at High School, which labeled them as weird.

But then there is an incident at school that changes everything, testing Honey and her sister's preparedness and reaction times. However, things aren't always what they seem, and misconceptions can go a long way, changing the balance of who Honey thought she could trust while exposing who is really there to protect her, and who is out to harm her. But that was just the beginning; now everything Honey thinks she knew is about to be tipped on its head. Allegiances, friends, family, and the truth will be tested to the core; proving



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that her preparedness will take a whole new direction than what she intended, and the end of the world as she knows it might be a lot closer than she thought.

In a story that highlights the unbreakable bond of sisterhood, paired with the extreme lifestyle of doomsday preppers, *Last Girls* will open the door to trust, survival, and family. Demetra Brodsky takes readers deep into a prepper compound and into the life of three inseparable sisters.

However, nothing will prepare readers for the shocking twist at the end. Three inseparable sisters, all with their distinct personalities, will make readers fall even deeper.

Honey, with her ability to keep everything together, is the oldest sister and the artistic prodigy. Birdie, a middle sister at heart, is rash, quick-witted, strong-willed, and unwilling to compromise. Blue, the loving little sister, always sees the positive side and creates a sense of calmness. Told in dual narratives that are like puzzle pieces, each chapter brings readers closer to the final unexpected picture that results in an explosive ending. Yet this is more than a story of survival, and it is not an apocalyptic tale, *Last Girls* truly teaches readers the importance of following your instincts, who to hold close, who to trust, and never to give up.

Grab your packs readers; you are about to be taken on a survival trip; do you have what it takes to make it through? Like a Shot in the dark, this story picks up without warning, leaving readers with a residual, unexpected ringing that lasts far past the turning of the last page. Demetra Brodsky takes her readers' breath away, but with her quick wit and survival pack, she will be able to resuscitate them. Proving to readers that if the world comes into catastrophic times, we will all want her in our compound. ★



Riley Reviews

"BOSCH" CAN'T LET GO SOLVING HORRIFIC CRIMES ON TV

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"BOSCH" ON AMAZON PRIME

Adhering to the stay at home orders, notwithstanding some loosening on restrictions, has hindered our ability to enjoy such things as patronizing movie theaters, attending baseball games and enjoying concerts and live stage productions.

Of course, this is stating the obvious, but for available entertainment some of the best options require access to streaming services, with Netflix and Amazon Prime featured most prominently.

The plethora of choices on these streaming services would probably allow someone to stay in the basement at least until the next decade, but that's not a scenario holding any allure for anyone who's not a hermit or in a witness protection program.

Time now permits discoveries of programs that were somehow overlooked. A long-running success story on Amazon Prime, the "Bosch" police procedural aired its first episode in 2014 and is now on its sixth season.

How did I miss a cop show this good from the beginning? In the titular role, Titus Welliver is outstanding as LAPD detective Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch, a veteran in the Robbery Homicide Division at the Hollywood precinct.

From personal experience this past week, "Bosch" is binge-worthy entertainment, and I am determined to see it through to the end. Though with the seventh and final season announced, the wait for final closure might be taxing on my patience.

Titus Welliver carries the weight of the series, and he makes Harry Bosch a fascinatingly gritty character in so many ways. A hard-boiled detective, Bosch's style brings to mind the type of no-nonsense officer found in a vintage film noir story.

Struggling with his own demons, Bosch once served in the Special Forces with tours in the Gulf War and later Afghanistan. With his military background and hardcore attitude, Bosch understands what needs to be done for effective policing.

Unafraid to take action when necessary, we come to grasp his tenacity at the beginning of the first season when he engages in a foot chase with a suspect that ends in a fatal shooting in a darkened alley.

Accused of planting a gun on the suspect that would allow Bosch to discharge his service weapon in self-defense, Bosch faces the heat in a wrongful death lawsuit where the plaintiff's lawyer Honey Chandler (Mimi Rogers) proves to be a tough adversary.

By the way, it won't be the last time that Bosch has to deal with his attorney nemesis, as he will cross paths with Chandler in a later season and even under circumstances that requires mutual cooperation on

a volatile murder case. A sign on Bosch's work space that sums up his credo reads "Get off your ass and go knock on doors." That's exactly what he has to do in the hunt for serial killer Raymond Waits (Jason Gedrick).

Between court appearances and waiting for a verdict in the wrongful death case, Bosch works with his steady, younger partner Jerry Edgar (Jamie Hector) to unravel the mystery of the cold case death of an adolescent boy whose bones were found buried in Laurel Canyon.

A disturbing cat-and-mouse game ensues with the serial killer whose claims of having murdered the boy as one of his victims is not deemed credible by Bosch, when evidence shows the boy had suffered a history of brutal beatings.

A psychopath of the first order, Waits has learned enough about Bosch's background to know that the detective grew up in horrible institutional conditions from a young age after his prostitute mother was killed at a motel and dumped in an alley.

Frequently troubled by his own past and the death of his mother, Bosch will get entangled in cold case investigations that cause worry for Deputy Chief of Police Irvin Irving (Lance Reddick).

"Bosch" has great supporting characters in the work place, from veteran detectives Moore (Gregory Scott Cummins) and Johnson (Troy Evans), longtime partners known as Crate and Barrel, to Lieutenant Grace Billets (Amy Aquino), who is Bosch's immediate superior.

As a friend, Lieutenant Billets often has Bosch's back as his disdain for authority puts him at odds with the career bureaucrats in the department and the Internal Affairs officers probing his moves.

While Bosch is famously taciturn to the point of exasperation for his colleagues, Crate and Barrel are humorously cantankerous and bring welcome levity to the squad room.

Divorced though still cordial with his ex-wife Eleanor (Sarah Clarke), Bosch's personal life is messy when he gets involved in a romantic relationship with rookie cop Julia Brasher (Annie Wersching).

Nevertheless, Bosch is devoted to his teenage daughter Maddie (Madison Lintz), who lives with her mom in Las Vegas, but later spends more time in Los Angeles and takes on a bigger role.

Bosch occasionally bends the rules, whether conducting searches without a warrant or roughing up a suspect, and he's willing to vent his frustrations with authority figures, such as the annoyingly ambitious District Attorney (Steven Culp) who seeks higher office.

"Bosch" is addictive and now is a good time to jump into the series from the first episode. ★



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TV GUIDE MAGAZINE

CHEERS & JEERS

By Damian Holbrook

Cheers to The CW

for letting its ladies call the shots. *Supergirl* star Melissa Benoist, who plays Kara, and *Riverdale*’s Mädchen Amick (Alice) both handily directed early-May episodes of their shows, expanding the net’s roster of actresses turned auteurs, which already includes *The Flash*’s Danielle Panabaker (Caitlin), *Arrow*’s Katie Cassidy (Laurel) and Caity Lotz (Sara) from DC’s *Legends of Tomorrow*.

Jeers to Daytime’s Lost Gems

ABC’s *Story of Soaps* retrospective has us in a

lather over the fact that there is no place to stream classic episodes of formerly iconic serials like *All My Children*, *Another World* and *Guiding Light*. Especially now when so many of us are home during the day!

Jeers to MTV

for self-isolating in the lamest way. Instead of giving its captive audience binge-a-thons of late greats – hello, *The Real World* and *Teen Wolf*! – the ex-music channel kicked off the month with more than 85 hours of Rob Dyrdek’s (pictured) viral video roundup, *Ridiculousness*. That is just...ridiculousness.



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Cheers to American Idol

for hitting a new high. By allowing this season’s finalists to perform from home, ABC’s vibrant-again singing competition has a cool, stripped-down vibe that lets raw talent shine free from the show’s usually garish production values. ★



Is Voting For American Idol Fair To Half The Country?

Question: Why did the producers of *American Idol* choose to exclude the Western half of the country from selecting the winner? Last year they ran the show in real time, as well as repeating in prime time, but this year by the time the show aired in the Pacific and Mountain Time Zones, the live telecast was over. This was unfair to the finalists and to the

viewers – hardly the way to run a final vote. – Nancy

Matt Roush: So much about this final season of *Idol* was unorthodox and, by necessity, anticlimactic. Even the winner, Just Sam (who smartly performed “Stronger (What Doesn’t Kill You),” the hit from *Idol*’s season one champ Kelly Clarkson), barely got to react before it was over. And it’s hard to imagine what ABC had going on in the afternoon hours (West Coast

and Mountain times) on Sunday that would preclude them from airing the finale live to all time zones. Turns out, though, that *Idol* did have a mechanism for fans to weigh in on performances through the show’s YouTube channel, where the songs were apparently posted after they aired, and voters in all time zones could participate in the vote even if they weren’t seeing it live on their TV. (Would have been nice if the show had publicized this more; I didn’t know about it until I did a little research after the fact.) The last thing a show like this needs is a charge of voter suppression.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: tvinsider.com ★

CHP Sees California’s Newest Canine Graduate Teams



CHP K-9 graduates have received certification with the public and will begin deploying to communities throughout the state. Photo: CHP

By Jaime Coffee, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is proud to announce the graduation and deployment of nine CHP canine teams, along with one canine team from the University of California, Davis Police Department. The certification of the new canine teams follows 400-600 hours of training.

Due to the current health crisis, the traditional graduation ceremony and skills demonstration was not held, but the Department does want to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the teams, while sharing the news of their successful certification with the public as they begin deploying to communities throughout the state.

“The addition of these highly specialized teams to our existing canine units is a win for the people of California,” CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. “Sending more handlers and their canine partners to patrol throughout the state, following their intensive training, will undoubtedly make a positive impact on public and officer safety.”

This is the second of two graduations in 2020 for canines trained in handler protection and narcotics detection, handler protection and explosive detection, or explosive detection only. The canine teams complete between 10 and 15 weeks of intensive training at the CHP Academy, depending on their specialty. The CHP officers represent seven different geographical regions, statewide.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. California Highway Patrol Canine Fact List:

Although a formal graduation ceremony

was not held due to the pandemic, eight Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine (PNDC) teams and one Explosives Detection Canine; (EDC) team completed training and were certified by the California Highway Patrol; (CHP) on May 28, 2020. Additionally, one Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine; (PEDC) team from the University of California, Davis Police graduated with this class;

The PNDC teams go through 11 intensive weeks, or 440 hours, of criminal apprehension and narcotic detection training. The PEDC teams go through 15 weeks of intensive training, or 600 hours, of criminal apprehension and explosives detection training. The EDC teams go through 10 weeks of intensive training, or 400 hours, of explosives detection training. The canines are used to support the Department’s mission of providing Safety, Service, and Security to the public;

Among the graduates were four Belgian Malinois (Mal-lin-wah), one Dutch Shepherd, four German Shepherd Dogs, and one German Shorthair Pointer;

All handlers are experienced officers with the CHP. The officers represent the following CHP Divisions: Northern, Valley, Golden Gate, Border, Coastal, Inland, and Protective Services;

The canines are trained to meet the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training canine team guidelines;

To maintain the canine’s interest and skills at a high level for peak performance, and to expose the team to various situations likely to be encountered while working in the field, eight hours of weekly training is required throughout their career;

Following this graduation, the CHP will have 38 PNDC teams, six PEDC teams, and six EDC teams deployed throughout the state. ★

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Three Steps Could Balance Budget

By City Councilman
Devon Minnema

The last three months have been a whirlwind, and we are not done yet. Hundreds of Dixonites are still out of work due to slow reopening and dozens of small business owners are being hit hard by the damage done by being unable to open or ply their trades.

As the entire economy tries to find its footing and the markets struggle to find optimism when huge questions have yet to be answered—about the future of the workplace after so many have worked from home, labor availability due to more lucrative unemployment benefits, the powers of state governments to suppress economic activity, and many more subjects the City of Dixon has the undertaking of creating a budget and five-year forecast for the future.

Recently, the Dixon City Council met to go over the Proposed 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget as drafted by the Finance Department. In light of the lockdown, the vast majority of discretionary projects have been postponed or cancelled effective back in March, and the city’s draft budget reflected that continuing through the next fiscal year.

The Finance Department also reviewed and revised revenue sources and brought them to much more conservative expectations given the likely pace of the economic recovery, yet still presuming that there will not be any additional lockdowns issued by our governor.

In light of the fiscal outlook, the city is expected under the current draft to have a \$1.4 million technical deficit next year that will be made up by the healthy reserves.

While we do have the reserves available to fund this deficit, the five year forecast contained in the proposed budget projects that within 3 years, the city would have a true deficit of half a percent, or \$134,471. By the fourth year, we would be \$3.6 million in the hole. This would mean that in three years, the city would have to raise taxes unless actions are taken today to address the situation.

Granted, there could be a quick recovery, however it is also important to note our place in the business cycle. This “gray rhino” event, as the economists would say, may not create the short-term carnage we are concerned about, but it may leave wounds that will likely fester into the next economic recession, especially that it has been 11 years since the depths of the Great Recession.

Whether or not the recovery from this pandemic serves as the next stage of the business cycle, or if it happens down the road, it would behoove the City Council to take the necessary steps to minimize the impact on the city reserves.

At the budget meeting, I floated a three-step proposal to the rest of the council that would allow us to not impact the reserves by eliminating deficit spending.

First, we would factor in the \$767,000 carry-forward savings from this current fiscal year created by the cancellation of discretionary projects. That reduces the \$1.4 million dollar deficit to a much more reasonable \$650,000.

With that smaller number in mind, we could then cut \$180,000 from the city attorney’s budget, still leaving a more-than-gratuitous half-a-million dollar budget for legal services.

Finally, the remaining \$470,000 could be made up by doing a minuscule 2% across the board cut from each general

fund department.

In three steps, we keep the city’s reserves stable and untouched in case things get actually worse due to, for example, another shutdown, a housing market collapse precipitated by the executive actions allowing mortgage delays and tenant nonpayment, or a natural business cycle correction that puts us in a recession.

Ironically, we know the hang-up in this plan already, and it’s not about cancelling discretionary projects or cutting a small percentage across the board. Already the council raised its number one concern about this plan at that meeting, and I urge you to check it out online if you haven’t already. The number one concern raised was about reducing the City Attorney’s budget.

One Councilmember exclaimed at one point, “We can’t control who sues us!”

However those who have paid attention to the council meetings over the last few years already know that, “who sues us” is only a small fraction of what makes up the city attorney’s very large bill to the City of Dixon. The vast majority of his billings are in fact outsourced legislative responsibilities by the council, and secondly who the city sues.

I happened to learn this quite intimately when I was sued by the city within weeks of getting sworn in. That little project alone cost over \$50,000 and resulted in the California Attorney General throwing out the complaint due to “overwhelming evidence” that I hadn’t broken the law. I would also point out that while this witch hunt put me under considerable duress, it only cost me one-fifth of what it cost the city and I had a bigger, better, and more knowledgeable firm advising me.

The council majority here in Dixon has demonstrated again and again that being right is not a priority when it comes to legal actions, and winning is all that matters. This hubris is enabled by having a law firm that not only writes the codes and resolutions we vote on, but will happily engage in whatever litigation the council wants because it simply results in higher and higher billing.

The council majority bristled at the idea of constraining its behavior and adapting its legal strategies when I made this suggestion, which I pointed out was only reasonable given that the rest of the organization of the incorporated City of Dixon was being asked to constrain itself by doing more with less.

It is the responsibility of the council to draft and approve the city code, ideally with an in-house city attorney who will review the drafts and give suggestions that clarify or better accomplish the goals of resolution. The city attorney should not be writing these ordinances whole cloth and unrequested and then bringing them to the council for consideration.

We can have a balanced budget next year and be fiscally responsible, but not if our council is more attached to the city attorney’s legal firm and cushy representation than to the pocketbooks of Dixonites. If the council maintains their path, it would be clear that their loyalty is to the city attorney at the potential expense of city employees being furloughed and increasing taxes on Dixonites.

Deficit spending is a failure of leadership, so let’s demand that our leaders do the right thing. Let’s pass a budget that is in line with the values of Dixon’s hardworking and enterprising citizenry. ★

Social Security Matters

Are Social Security and Medicare Running Out of Money?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have been hearing reports that Social Security and Medicare will run out of money by 2035 and will only pay approximately 75% of benefits. First, is that true about Social Security? And second, will they reduce benefits to people who are already on it or just the new people signing up? **Signed: Worried about the Future**

Dear Worried: The financial difficulties facing both Social Security and Medicare are well known by those of us who work with these programs every day, and Congress is equally and acutely aware of the issues. But Social Security and Medicare are two entirely separate programs which require two entirely separate answers.

Let’s discuss Social Security (SS) first. The SS Trust Fund now has about \$2.9 trillion dollars in assets. These are reserves accumulated from past revenues which exceeded the cost of providing past benefits to recipients of Social Security. That seems like a lot of money but starting this year (2020) Social Security will need to use some of those reserves to pay full benefits. That’s because benefits paid out to recipients in 2020 will be more than the money coming in (this was expected even before the pandemic exacerbated the problem). And that trend will continue, and worsen, as we go forward in time. Without Congressional action, the



SS Trust Fund reserves will be exhausted in 2035. And unless Congress acts before then to increase SS revenue and/or reduce SS expenses, when the Trust Fund is dry an across-the-board cut in benefits will affect everyone. That’s because with the Trust Fund empty, Social Security can only pay out as much money as it receives in revenue and it’s currently estimated that, in 2035, that will result in a cut of 21% for everyone. Sadly, the actions needed to correct Social Security’s financial issues are well known; what’s missing is bipartisan cooperation in Congress to implement the changes needed.

There is no doubt that Social Security needs reform to be able to sustain full benefits for future generations and, hopefully, Congress will step forward soon to make those changes. Historically, any changes made to Social Security do not affect those who are already collecting benefits (it would be political suicide to do that), but rather will apply to future beneficiaries (much more palatable politically). Of course, that cannot be guaranteed but, if history is our guide, changes will eventually be made which shore up Social Security’s finances, and those changes will affect only those who are not yet eligible to collect benefits.

As for Medicare, part of the FICA payroll taxes paid by every American worker includes an amount (1.45%) to pay for Medicare Part A (hospitalization) coverage for Medicare beneficiaries. Any excess collected

goes into an “HI Trust Fund” reserved for paying Medicare Part A expenses. According to latest reports the HI Trust Fund is projected to run dry in about 2026 at which point, theoretically, only hospital expenses equal to revenue could be paid.

Medicare Part B coverage (for doctors and other outpatient services) is paid for from two sources – one source is the monthly premiums which are paid by every Part B beneficiary, and the other source is the Government’s General Treasury (which picks up the difference between what is collected in Part B premiums and what is needed to pay healthcare expenses). Similarly, it’s expected that the Government will shore up Medicare Part A as needed when the time comes (which it has in the past). So, while Medicare is clearly under a lot of financial stress from the ever-increasing cost of healthcare, it’s highly doubtful that the program is in any danger going away. More probably, Congress will look to cut the program’s expense structure, which would affect medical service providers more than individuals.

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Yes, There's Good News
on COVID-19

It’s not March anymore. The coronavirus has taken a heartbreaking toll on Americans, but the course of the virus is not the same as it was a few months ago. We are on the other side of the curve. There are encouraging signs all over the country, and no early indications of a reopening debacle.

The question now is whether the media and political system can absorb good news on the virus, which is often ignored or buried under misleading storylines.

The press has a natural affinity for catastrophes, which make compelling viewing and good copy. The pandemic is indeed a once-in-a-generation story. So, the media is naturally loath to shift gears and acknowledge that the coronavirus has begun to loosen its grip.

Meanwhile, progressives and many journalists have developed a near-theological commitment to the lockdowns, such that any information that undermines them is considered unwelcome, even threatening. This accounts for the

widespread sense that no one should say things have gotten better ... *or people are going to die.*

Usually, when it is thought the public can’t handle the truth, it is a truth about some threat that could spark panic. In this case, the truth is information that might make people think it’s safe to go outside again.

Almost all of the discussion about reopening is framed by worries that we will reopen too soon, not that we might reopen too late. That is literally unthinkable, even as we have entered a new phase.

As data analyst Nate Silver pointed out last week, the seven-day rolling average for deaths is 1,362, down from 1,761 the week prior and a peak of 2,070 on April 21. That’s still much too high, but the trend is favorable.

Testing capacity, such a concern for so long, has really begun to expand after hitting a plateau for weeks. Testing nationally on some days has been in the high 300,000s or over 400,000. The issue in some states now is not capacity, but actually finding enough people to test.

Scott Gottlieb of the American Enterprise Institute notes that the positivity rate, or percentage of people testing positive, has continued to fall throughout May.

The press has often, out of sloppiness or willfulness, tried to create negative news around the reopenings. CNN recently tweeted, “Texas is seeing the highest number of new coronavirus cases and deaths just two weeks after it officially reopened.” As Sean Trende of RealClearPolitics pointed out, the seven-day rolling average of new cases had indeed been trending up, but the seven-day rolling average of the number of tests had gone up, too – which would naturally turn up more cases. The key indicator is the positivity rate, and it was down in Texas.

Headlines noted that Florida recorded 500 new cases in one day. It generated fewer headlines, and perhaps none, when Gov. Ron DeSantis explained that the state had received a dump of 75,000 test results, yielding the 500 new cases, for a minuscule positivity rate of 0.64%.

It’s not as though we haven’t had a cataract of unassailably legitimate bad news over the past few months. We’ve been experiencing a wrenching public health crisis and a steep recession on top of it. There shouldn’t be a need to obscure favorable trends. We can handle the truth.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

It’s the heat that defines us this month. It greets us at daybreak with its promise, but in an hour or so, it bears down on our shoulders and makes us dream of shade and something cold to drink.

It’s The Heat That Defines Us This Month

The best thing about our hot season, however, are evenings when most of the earth cools, and that breeze slides in off the mesa and caresses our cheeks. Then it’s time to sit, and laugh, and tell stories and just be with someone we love. Then is the culmination of a day we can be proud of.

Inside each of us, we silently and privately applaud ourselves, because the hot day tried us, but we did it. All day. We made it through the heat today. Made it with our hands

today. Made it through to another precious June evening when we can sit on the patio with something cold and someone sweet.

So it gets hot in the daytime. Okay. But just don’t forget to give us these evenings, these blessed evenings when we can recall what cooler weather felt like.

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Newsom Releases Statement on California Demonstrations

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom issued the following statement on the demonstrations across California:

“Over the last few days, we have seen millions of people lift their voices in anger, rightfully outraged at how systemic racism is allowed to persist. Every single day, people of color are disadvantaged and discriminated against. Black and Latino men in particular

face mortal danger all across this country simply because of their race. Every person who has raised their voice should be heard.

“I want to thank all those who helped protect human life last night and today – from community members who exercised their right to protest peacefully and encouraged others to do the same, to the law enforcement officers who faced what were, at times, challenging conditions.

“In California and across the country,

there are indications that violent actors may be attempting to use these protests for their own agendas. We are closely monitoring organizing by violent extremist organizations... To those who seek to exploit Californians’ pain to sow chaos and destruction, you are not welcome. Our state and nation must build from this moment united and more resolved than ever to address racism and its root causes.”

The Governor also issued a statement on

the passing of a federal officer in Oakland: “This is a moment of pain for our state and nation. We are also mourning the tragic loss of a federal security officer and wounding of another in Oakland. Jennifer and I send our sincere condolences to their families, friends and colleagues. No one should rush to conflate this heinous act with the protests last night. A federal investigation is underway, and we should let that process play out.” ★

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Ask Toni

Have an Emergency Survival Plan In Place Due To COVID-19?



Toni King

Toni:

We are new to the Houston area and Hurricane Harvey absolutely stressed my wife, Joy, to almost having a nervous breakdown. In February, she turned 65 and now is obsessed that if we get caught in a flood, she will pick up the Coronavirus (COVID- 19). With an evacuation in tiny boats when areas are under water, she is extremely stressed.

Joy's 91-year-old mother is living in an assisted living facility and we live over 15 miles away from her. What can we do to be prepared for another an emergency regarding the elderly? Seeing what is happening in other areas regarding nursing homes with elderly and COVID-19 this is concerning us? Thanks, ~ Chris from The Woodlands

Chris:

Everyone should have a family disaster readiness plan for hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and/or all types of natural disasters. Now with COVID-19, this is especially important for seniors or those that are disabled. This is especially crucial for their survival because many are energy or technologically dependent for life support or ongoing medical treatment.

Remember to have extra masks and practice "social distancing" of at least 6ft.

Here are a few questions, to help you prepare for nearly any disaster or hurricane no matter what area of America you live with or without coronavirus COVID-19.

- Do I stay or go? Know your evacuation route or have a plan in place. Advise your family of your escape route. This will depend on where you live either in the city or in the country. Leave early because during many storms or disasters there have been massive traffic jams to get out of that area.
- a) Make sure you have a sufficient supply of prescriptions and always bring your list of current prescriptions for yourself or any family member.
- b) Have a copy of medical records for those with critical medical conditions such as your mother-in-law's. Keep the medical records in a safe place that you can get to immediately when evacuating.
- c) Advise your family members where the information is located for those with health issues.
- How will you reconnect with family if separated? Create a plan to reconnect with loved ones if land or cell phones are down. Have a backup battery to charge cell phones.
- Do I have access to clean

water? If you do not have access to clean water, then any crisis becomes critical in a couple of days. Remember, you may not have access to a grocery store due to the type of disaster you are in or supplies may be depleted. Begin gathering water and food supplies due to the low amount that America now has due to COVID-19.

- **Do I have adequate food supply?** Most households have a few days of food available, but the best way to stock up on additional food and supplies is to add a little bit each week. Remember, during a crisis the power may be out, so cook your frozen & refrigerated food first. Be sure to have plenty of charcoal or gas tanks for a grill to last a week or 2.

- **Do I have enough cash on hand in case the ATMs are not working?** Remember to take your check book. Make sure you have your driver's license, passport, or ID to cash a check.

Hurricane season officially starts on Monday, June 1 and will not end until Monday, November 30. America does not take storms or any natural disasters for granted. Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston, tornadoes and forest fires have wiped out areas.

Now is time for America to join together and "Stay Safe"!

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Putah Creek Council Hires New Executive Director

By Stephen McCord, McCord Environmental, Inc.

WINTERS, CA (MPG) - Putah Creek Council's Board of Directors is excited to announce that it recently hired Kenny Liner as the organization's new Executive Director, starting June 2020. "We are very excited to be bringing in such a dynamic new leader for the organization. He has been sharing useful ideas for improvement and supporting staff even before we offered him the job." says Stephen McCord, Chair of the Board.

After 10 years of touring throughout the US and overseas as a professional musician, Kenny returned to his hometown of Baltimore, MD to found and lead Believe in Music, a music education nonprofit organization. The curriculum he created stemmed from his unique ideas about necessary reform in music education, putting an emphasis on self-expression and highlighting the importance of the voices of Baltimore's youth. Kenny worked tirelessly to enhance the learning experience for thousands of students across the city with quality arts instruction. He started consulting other nonprofits and expanded Believe in Music in 2011 to serve students in Los Angeles.

Growing up in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, Kenny has always been connected to nature and feels a strong sense of service in protecting our natural resources. After his first trip to Putah Creek, he fell in love with the region. "I am grateful to have the opportunity to join the Winters community, contribute to the important mission of Putah Creek Council, and work with staff to update and expand the Council's environmental



Kenny Liner, New Executive Director for Putah Creek Council, begins work in June 2020. Photo courtesy Kenny Liner

education and stewardship programs in Yolo and Solano counties."

Interim Executive Director Carrie Shaw is re-retiring after five months of leadership through this transition. Look forward to future social gatherings to appreciate Carrie and welcome Kenny.

Putah Creek Council is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of Putah Creek and its tributaries through advocacy, education and community-based stewardship. To learn more, visit www.putahcreekcouncil.org or www.facebook.com/putahcreekcouncil/. ★



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Visiting every state of the union and filling in the map of the United States is a dream for many and becoming a reality for Johanna Hoagland. Courtesy photo of Johanna Hoagland

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for visits, sightseeing, or resupplying yarn. "I support local yarn shops and shop for locally dyed yarn; that's my souvenir." But, when the Pandemic shuttered stores, that became a "major problem." She was thankful she had brought some yarn from home as that is how she likes to pass her time when she is spending the nights mostly at a Methodist Church, but also in parking lots of large hardware stores or shopping centers.

"I don't need the shops open, because I'm not that kind of spender so in a lot of ways the Pandemic has made things easier," she said. "The roads have less traffic and I couldn't believe how low the gas prices dropped. At Costco in Tennessee, I paid \$1.40 a gallon but I have paid as low as \$1.35!"

Unfortunately, some of the Presidential libraries got closed, but she managed to get through most of the states without a problem until she got to Virginia. She was quarantined for two weeks in a campground and then again in West Virginia. She did what all self-respecting grandmothers would do: She taught the camp host how to knit.

When she was able to move on to Tennessee, she visited former Dixonites Al and Korry Lindgren in Talbot who took the day off work to show her around. The Lindgrens knew Hoagland from the Dixon United Methodist Church where Korry taught her grandchildren in Sunday School and knew her as "the lady who sat in church and always knitted."

"Of course, we were going to visit because she's all the way from California," said Korry. "It was just like the next Sunday at church and like no time had passed at all, ever! Her grandson, Weston, used to come

up to my belt and now in her pictures, he is 6' 2" so that's the only thing that makes you realize how much time has really gone by. My husband enjoyed visiting with her, too. I was completely impressed. It was just her and her car."

They treated her to corn fritters and took her to Gatlinburg where a Christmas shop was open and Hoagland purchased a nativity there.

"It was great to share the day with her and hear about all the churches she had visited on her trip and all the ones I've visited out here and we both agree our Dixon church is our home church," Korry said. The Dixon Church has an annual Nativity Festival that both families have participated in. "Once you celebrate the Christmas season with people every year, they're like your family."

Hoagland's local family, daughters Janna Polik and Erika Emslin who happens to be a Fire Captain with Sacramento PIO Sac Fires, didn't think their mother's plans were brave.

"My daughters do not think I'm courageous. They think it's just normal," Hoagland explained. "Janna married a police officer so it kind of runs in the family," then added, "I am Swedish." They did tell her, though, that she had to be back by Christmas.

I asked Johanna what surprised her the most about her travels and this is what she said: "I've been most surprised at how much these people want to spend time with me. I knew I wanted to spend time with them, but all these folks really wanted was to spend time with me. We have history because we have Dixon, or the church, or my family." ★


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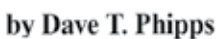
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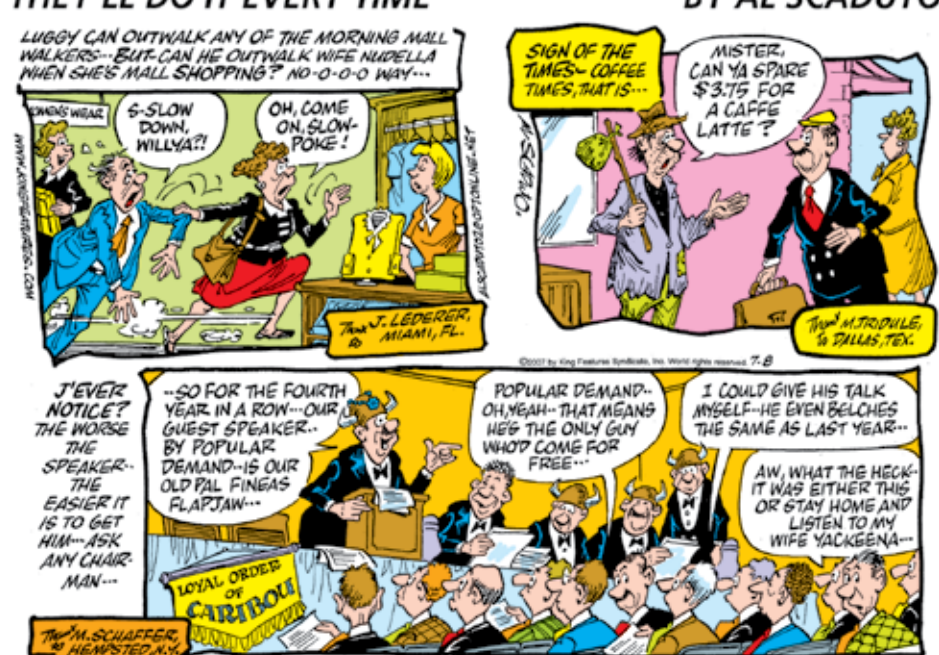


"He'll never get my blood pressure down at \$100 a visit "

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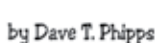


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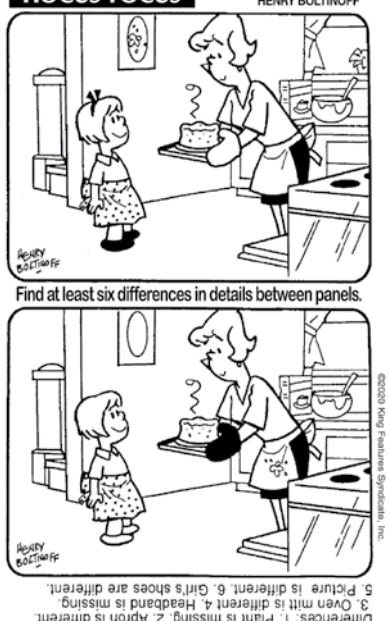


BY AL SCADUTO

Just Like Cats & Dogs



HOCUS-FOCUS



Differences: 1. Plant is missing. 2. Apron is different. 3. Oven mitt is different. 4. Headband is missing. 5. Picture is different. 6. Girl's shoes are different.

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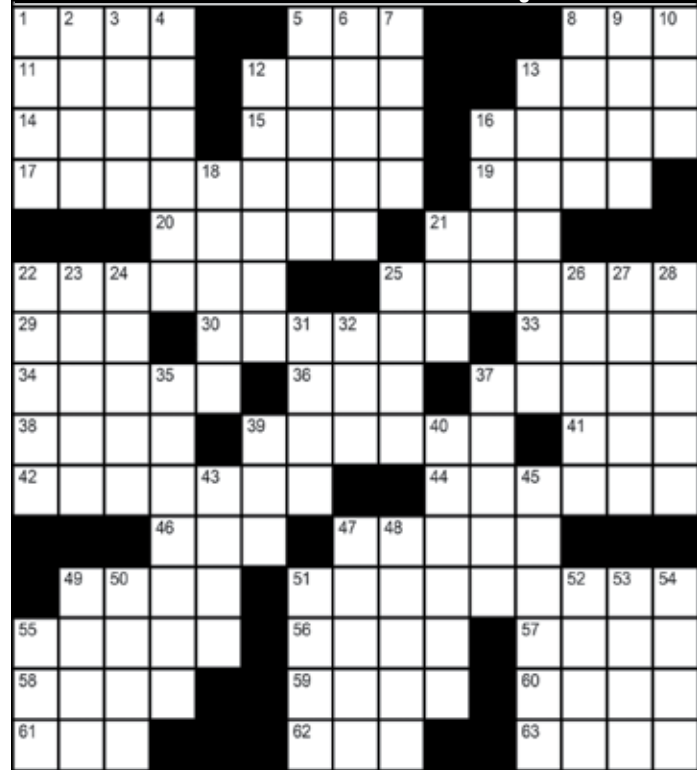
ACROSS

1. Requests
5. Pub dispenser
8. Feline sound
11. HGTV's "____ or Flop"
12. Ferdinand, e.g.
13. Like a ghost
14. "Pro _____, or in proportion"
15. Miscellany
16. "Elsewhere"
17. "Response to #51 Across?"
19. Cher has one
20. Marine enchantress
21. Not tac nor toe
22. "Not underwear!"
25. "Batter's companion"
29. Literary "even"
30. "_____ it," or go full force
33. Quatrain minus one
34. Quavert brown
36. Common conjunction
37. Ban from school, e.g.
38. Homesteader's measurement
39. Complete failure
41. "Stand and Deliver" singer
42. Relating to breastbone
44. Spectacle venues
46. Marcia's jealous sister
47. Type of assistant, for short
49. Sudden and brilliant success
51. "Courtroom protest"
55. Like blue sky
56. Twins, e.g.
57. Was a passenger
58. Shrinking work
59. Volcano in Sicily
60. All over again
61. * _____ se or _____ tem
62. Bear's hangout
63. Quiet attention grabber

DOWN

1. Big do
2. Eastern European
3. Toy with a tail
4. Thinly spread
5. Tutu fabric
6. Mork from Ork
7. Walk, as through mud
8. Cripple
9. Major European river
10. Ancient Chinese dynasty
12. Stock exchange, in Paris
13. Mollify
16. Anisette, for short
18. Often precedes through, to search
21. Cough syrup amt.
22. Greek Bs
23. Don't just stand there!
24. Habituate
25. Gives a hand
26. Of a city
27. Tarzan's swing rope
28. *Reasons to sue
31. Peacock's pride
32. Genetic initials
35. *Lie made under oath
37. Pre-Ionic
39. Believer or Parrothead, e.g.
40. Usually not allowed in court

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43. Back of the neck
45. *To lure into a compromising act
47. *To annul or suspend
48. Jinn or genie
49. Old Russian autocrat
50. Anis-flavored aperitif
51. Newspaper piece
52. Atom that lost an electron, pl.
53. Words from Wordsworth, pl.
54. Type of salamander
55. European peak

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4	8	3	9	5	2	7	6	1
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2	7	9	1	8	6	5	4	3
3	6	4	8	2	5	1	9	7
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DIXON POLICE LOG

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



Thursday, May 28, 2020

0517 – Vehicle burglary report was taken in the 100 block of Dorset Dr.

1327 – Informational report was taken in the 1300 block of W. H. St.

1415 – Felony warrant arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of W. H. St. Officers contacted (S) Adrian Rendon (31) out of Sacramento. Adrian was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.

Friday, May 29, 2020

0214 – A DPD Officer saw a man acting stangley in an aley near the 100 block of North Second Strret. The Officer attempted to investigate and the man resisted his efforts. The man was booked into the Solano County jail for resisting/delaying a Peace Officer.

0846 – A theft report was taken in the 700 block of B. St.

Saturday, May 30, 2020

0238 – A jilted lover attempted to get his girlfriend's attention by knocking on her bedroom window on the 300 block of W Walnut Street. Her mother called to Police. The man was booked into the Solano County Jail for public intoxication.

2156 – A fight broke out between family members on the 900 block of Columbia Drive. One of the family members wanted to continue the fight after the Police arrived. She was booked into the Solano County jail for public intoxication.

2200 – An attempted assault and a vandalism report was taken from the 900 block of Newgate Way.

Sunday, May 31, 2020

0258 – A Dixon man left his house intoxicated and was going to drive a car. His girlfriend alerted the Police and they were able to stop him from driving. He was arrested for public intoxication and booked into the Solano County jail.

1520 – Officers heard an audible alarm and saw suspects running from the rear of a business with merchandise. Officers safely detained the two suspects whom were running, as well as two inside the vehicle being loaded with merchandise. As a result of the investigation on scene, officers arrested the four suspects for the following:

1. Nathan Leealex Rhines (11/8/99) of Fairfield for Felony Probation Violation, Felony Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Obstructing and impeding an investigation and Conspiracy to commit theft.

2. Glenn Michael Ritter (2/13//2001) of Winters for Looting, Conspiracy to Commit Theft, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and for Obstructing and impeding an investigation.

3. Tyler James Scott (6/16/1998) of Vacaville for Conspiracy to Commit Theft, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and for Obstructing and impeding an investigation. He was also charged later with bringing a controlled substance into the jail.

4. One juvenile suspect was arrested for Looting and Conspiracy to Commit Theft.

The three adult suspect were transported to the Solano County Jail without incident. The juvenile suspect was issued a citation and released to his guardian.

2010 – Confidential report taken in the 1200 block of Revelle Drive

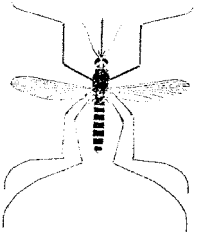
Monday, June 1, 2020

0900 – A welfare check in the 400 block of La Esperanza Drive resulted in one subject being placed into protective custody and transported via ambulance to Vaca Valley Hospital for a mental health evaluation and treatment for intoxication.

1053 – Residential burglary in the 1100 block of Charity Lane.

1552 – Report of theft in the 200 block of East Dorset drive.

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Leaking faucets and broken pipes:	Repair or replace defective parts immediately.
Water under buildings:	Install sump pump and provide drainage if possible.
Roof gutters:	Maintain roof gutters and down spouts clear of debris.
Septic tanks:	Seal and cover all openings and screen vents.
Impounded water:	Fill if possible or provide adequate drainage.
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.
Containers:	Dispose of all unused containers that can collect rain or irrigation water such as tin cans, jars, barrels, buckets, old tires and tubs. Gardening containers such as vases and buckets should be stored upside down.

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