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Even the 145th Dixon May Fair, which was scheduled for May 7-10, will not be held this year. The fair has been the oldest continuing fair in California. Photo Pixabay

By Dave Scholl

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - For Dixon, 2020 will be remembered as "The Year There Wasn't" – when dozens of well-loved local traditions were cancelled due to the historic Corona Virus pandemic.

Even the 145th Dixon May Fair, which was scheduled for May 7 -10, will not be held this year. The fair has been the oldest continuing fair in California.

According to Bill Schroeder, President of the Dixon Historical Society, the fair is believed to never been cancelled before – although the Parade at least once was due to rain.

May Fair CEO Pat Conklin thought the fair may have been cancelled once before during World War II – but she wasn't sure, and the Fair has no records to confirm that.

The May Fair Parade hosted by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and which normally draws a crowd of over 6,000 people was also cancelled.

The annual Soroptimists Antique

Show cancelled earlier.

So too was the 28th Annual Dixon Mother of the Year (MOTY) Award. The Dixon Kiwanis Club was to take on organizing those awards, including distributing over 1000 nomination forms to Dixon schools. But after all the schools were closed, the project has to be cancelled.

The Dixon Scottish Games, held annually the last week of September, have also been cancelled, according to Phil Venable of the Dixon Scottish Cultural Association.

So too was he Kiwanis annual "Breakfast With The Bunny;" and the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner; and the Dixon Family Services Comedy Night.

Still in jeopardy – but might be possible are the July 4 fireworks, the VFW Poppy Drive; Grillin' & Chillin'; the Dixon Lamb Festival (the first weekend in October); the Downtown Business Association Tree Lighting; and some annual crab feeds.

No firm information yet on the

Dixon Toys for Tots / Community Christmas Programs.

Dixon churches have cancelled most open services. St. Peter Catholic Church cancelled all Masses, at the direction of Bishop Soto of the Sacramento Diocese. However, St. Peter's is live-streaming a 9 am bi-lingual Mass every weekday, and on Sunday an English Mass at 9 am and Spanish Mass at 11:00 am. Congregants can post comments on the face book page during the Masses.

St. Peter's church is also open daily for personal prayer and adoration. Parishioners may sign up for specific times for each day, both to make sure someone is in the church at all times. And the number of people there is sufficiently small. Holy Week services are also expected to be live-streamed.

At this time, it is unlikely there will be a community sunrise service Easter morning. If anyone plans to live-stream services,

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## DMV Offices to Continue Serving the Public during COVID Outbreak

Department of Motor  
Vehicles

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is moving to offer Californians essential services online starting next week to continue processing critical transactions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Field offices will be temporarily closed to the public statewide beginning March 27 and reopen, virtually, on April 2. All in-office appointments at this time will be canceled. Customers are encouraged to check the [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov) website for future appointment availability.

DMV online services will continue to be available at [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov). Customers can also take care of many tasks at the hundreds of kiosks throughout the state or through available local business partners. DMV's customer service centers will continue to operate during normal business hours at 1-800-777-0133 or connecting via the live chat feature on the DMV website.

DMV field office employees will return on Wednesday, April 1 to process transactions and begin training on the DMV Virtual Field Office, which began in a limited pilot March 23. The Virtual Field Office gives customers the capability to take care of transactions that previously required an in-person office visit by virtually interacting with DMV staff. Beginning April 2, customers initially can complete vehicle title transfers and complex vehicle registration renewals by visiting [virtual.dmv.ca.gov](http://virtual.dmv.ca.gov). The DMV will gradually add more transactions to continue to provide alternatives to an in-person office visit.

The DMV is concerned about the health and safety of its customers, including seniors and those at risk for COVID-19. Following deep cleaning of the offices, expansion of virtual services and development of new protocols, DMV will offer in-person services in each region. More updates on how DMV is addressing the needs of its customers will be announced soon on its website.

Californians who do not have an urgent need to go to a DMV field office should delay their visit, including those interested in applying for a REAL ID. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced that the REAL ID enforcement date is October 1, 2021, and customers who want a REAL ID will have an opportunity to apply at a later date. ★

## Rebuild CA Foundation Calls for Full Transparency and Accountability in Dealing with the Coronavirus Crisis



Gavin Newsom

By Angela Toft

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Doug Ose, Chairman of the Rebuild California Foundation ([rebuild-ca.org](http://rebuild-ca.org)), issued the following statement:

"All levels of government work best with full transparency and accountability.

Transparency and accountability allow the voter to make informed decisions. Rebuild California Foundation strives to do the research and education necessary for an informed electorate.

As reported by the LA Times on Friday, California was prepared in 2010 for a pandemic: millions of masks, gloves and garbs for medical personnel; up to 21,000 beds of standby capacity; mobile capability to go where needed. Unfortunately, beginning in 2011, the Governor and the Legislature systematically dismantled the Health Surge Capacity Initiative. Consecutive budget year decisions by the Governor

and the Legislature meant that the relatively small amount of funding necessary to preserve California's ability to respond to a pandemic was re-programmed for other purposes.

In addition, policy judgments by the Governor and the Legislature contributed to a reduction in the number of laboratories that can be utilized to combat medical emergencies. According to a report in the Sacramento Bee, the number of laboratories that can do the testing needed has been reduced from 40 to only 29. In addition, funding for laboratory staffs has not changed since 2009; funding for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 for public health is the same

as it was for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Further, our research indicates that the Governor has access to significant sources of non-public information that can serve to give leaders an early heads up for a potential emergency. We have not been able to determine when Governor Newsom was first briefed about the threat posed by coronavirus.

Finally, we are not privy to any discussions Governor Newsom may have had with Legislative leaders about the coronavirus crisis.

Rebuild California Foundation will continue to examine issues affecting California and to educate the voters that live here." ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Bridging the Gap

Dear Dave,

In light of recent events in our country, do you have suggestions for things people should think about and plan for if they get laid off from their jobs?

—Sam

Dear Sam,

It's no secret that things are shutting down all across the world. If your workplace has closed its doors and isn't offering pay, then it's time to regroup and get some things in order. The thought of being without a paycheck can be overwhelming, but a little thought and planning can help you get through times like these.

Start living on a budget, if you aren't doing so already. Making a monthly budget will show you exactly where your money is going. Without it, you can't use every dollar to its fullest potential, because you don't even know how much money you have to work with. Plus, your budget will show places where you can cut back and save money.

If you don't have any income right now, make a

budget based on the amount of money on hand. If you have \$600 left to your name, budget out exactly where each of those dollars will go. It's time to squeeze every last penny out of what you've got. If you still have cash coming in from a spouse's job or some other source, then adjust your budget to reflect that. Maybe the two of you usually bring in a combined \$5,000 a month. Adjust your budget to live off that one income for the time being.

When the going gets tough, you need to focus on the things you really need to survive—food, utilities, shelter, and transportation. I call these the Four Walls. If there's any money left over after you take care of the Four Walls, make a list of what else you need to pay, and tackle those in order of importance. Reach out to anyone you can't pay, and explain the situation. They might be able to work something out, but they can't help if they don't know. Be up front with them, and pray for the best.

When you're just trying to make it to another day, you don't need to pay extra on debt. Instead, focus on piling up cash. Once life gets back to normal and everything is okay, you can pick up where you left off with your debt snowball. If it's within your budget to keep making minimum payments on your debt, go for

it. But the Four Walls come first. This is also the time to sell anything and everything you don't need to make some extra cash. With so much being shut down right now, there might not be as many traditional ways to make extra money. So, look into driving for Amazon, delivering takeout food, or dropping off grocery orders. Even if one of those doesn't work out, you can still take up odd jobs around your neighborhood. Be on the lookout for opportunities that will add a few extra bucks to your pocket. Don't forget to cut back on unnecessary expenses, either. Stop or pause your subscriptions. Call your cable, internet, and cellular providers to see if there's anything they'll do to work with you.

Finally, in times of real need, don't be too proud to ask for a helping hand. Many churches and community groups in your area exist for situations just like this.

God bless you all!

—Dave

*Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.* ★

Dear Editor and Readers of the IV,

I have received several emails with conflicting concepts about the vote of the Dixon City Council at the Special City Council Meeting two weeks ago. Since there are concerns that the council overstepped by voting to set up a civil fine structure for flagrant and repeat violations of the County Health Officer's Order, I would like to explain why it was so important to do so.

First off, the city did not create its own list of violations regarding COVID-19, it only created a civil penalty structure for violating the Solano County Health Officer's Order, which is slightly more stringent than the statewide order.

The reason this structure was and is necessary is because of the wording at the beginning of the Health Order that says, "Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both."

Given that statement, this order carries the full weight of the law and even has a criminal weight attached to it (misdemeanor), however it also says it is "punishable by fine." Fines are civil penalties and not criminal penalties. Violations with a civil penalty attached to them WILL NOT result in arrest so long as it is within the steps of a legal fine structure.

Without a legal fine structure for violations of a law, an officer enforcing that law must use criminal standards to enforce it if the unlawful action continues, which I would point out is disturbingly sanctioned in the County's Order explicitly by the use of the word "imprisonment."

At the special council meeting it was clear that not only myself, but the majority of council members did not want anyone arrested for violating the county's health order. One of my colleagues on the council, while still stating he wanted fines and not arrests, even advocated at first for the first penalty being \$500, which I thought was absurd. Despite that councilman's earlier statements, I was able to get the council to back a four-tier fine structure starting at \$100, compared to the staff recommendation of a three-tier fine structure starting at \$250.

The majority of the council members

also implored the Police Department to issue warnings first and to reserve civil citations for only the most flagrant and repeated violation of the law.

This was considerably less heavy handed than putting Dixon's police officers in the default position of having to make arrests as would have been the case had no action been taken to set up a civil penalty structure. I think we can definitely agree that throwing folks into the detention cell or taking them up to Fairfield over all of this would be absolutely ridiculous, however that would have been the only action available to our police department had the council not taken this action.

You may be thinking to yourself, "Why can't they just warn people?"

The first answer to this is that they are just warning people. To my knowledge, there haven't been any citations issued since the civil penalty structure was voted on.

The second answer is that there must be rule of law. If the consensus formed that there was no consequence for breaking the county's order, there would be some folks that would publicly violate it in any way possible for the sake of doing so and undermine the entire thing, as well as other city and county ordinances. An officer of the law has to be able to administer some type of consequence for violations of the law, so I pushed for the least impactful option and a lower starting point for the fines.

I hope this clarifies the situation a bit for those who were upset at the council's action. These times are hard enough without throwing people in jail over going about their lives. I find it regrettable that rumors were able to circulate regarding the decision of the council, and I take full responsibility for not clearly articulating the reasoning behind this decision for myself both at the council meeting and immediately following.

Stay healthy and RAM strong,

In Liberty,

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# First Northern Bank Announces COVID-19 Customer Support Plan

**Kimberly A. DeBra,**  
EVP/Chief Communications Officer  
FIRST NORTHERN BANK

DIXON, CA (MPG) - As the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to develop, First Northern Bank's number one priority is the safety and well-being of its customers, employees and communities. We are very fortunate that everyone is pulling together to make this difficult time run as smoothly as possible at First Northern Bank. We are especially grateful for our amazing team of employees - they are taking the situation in stride and taking good care of our customers.

The Bank has taken prudent steps to ensure its branches and loan offices can remain open during this unprecedented health crisis. Office hours have been reduced to 9am - 3pm Monday through Friday (drive-up/walkup hours 9 am-5 pm); enhanced cleaning procedures published by national health officials have been adopted; and employees are practicing social-distancing. Customers have also been reminded of the available

alternatives to branch banking: Mobile Banking, Online Banking, ATMs, Night Depository, and TeleBank.

In addition, First Northern Bank has proactively developed a COVID-19 Customer Support Plan designed to provide relief to those business and consumer customers financially impacted by the current crisis.

The Plan includes:

- Communications regarding the safety and soundness of America's banks. With FDIC Insurance on deposit accounts up to \$250,000, banks are the safest place for your money.

- Loan Assistance for those impacted by COVID-19 o Waiver of all Late Fees for qualifying consumer, small business, commercial and agricultural loan customers for a period of 60 days (may be extended if economic circumstances dictate). To qualify for this waiver, the borrower must not be past due more than 30 days on any loan as of March 1, 2020. This waiver is automatic for qualifying customers; you will not need to request the waiver. ★

# Dixon May Fair Cancelled Due to COVID-19 Concerns

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please email the information and links to: [staff@independentvoice.com](mailto:staff@independentvoice.com).

If any person or group has current information on community activities, please also send that information.

Dixon has been blessed for many years with dozens of community events. At least the current crisis will help us all appreciate each of the more - and appreciate the hundreds of people who diligently work to make them happen.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist due to COVID-19. Executive Order N-25-20 was issued on March 12, 2020 and requires compliance with any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials.

On March 11, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued "Gathering Guidance" which states that large gatherings should be cancelled. Updated guidance issued March 16, 2020, states that all events that bring people together in a single space at the same time (such as auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space) should be cancelled until further guidance is issued by the California Department of Public Health.

On March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered (Executive Order N-33-20) all individuals to stay at home indefinitely. He has regularly cited an 8 week time frame but has stated it could be longer.

The fairgrounds staff has been carefully monitoring the situation and

reviewing timelines to be able to produce the annual event. Many steps must be taken to produce the Dixon May Fair and with restrictions placed on businesses and patrons the planning has been stalled.

The decision was made by the Fair Board at their meeting Thursday, March 26 to comply with guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for mass gatherings and State of California recommendations.

"While the decision was difficult, the Board of Directors has the utmost concern for the safety of the staff, the participants and the patrons during this unprecedented period in our history," said Roy Gill, board president.

"This is a difficult time for all of us and we realize the economic impact this has on the fair industry, our partners, exhibitors and friends. We will be exploring ways to assist the young livestock producers who have entered the Fair to get their animals to market. We would encourage them to contact the Solano County Fair regarding exhibiting their animals which is June 18 - 21, 2020," said Patricia Conklin, CEO.

Fairgrounds staff will be reaching out to participants and anyone who purchased online tickets regarding refunds in the next few weeks. Due to Executive Order N-33-20 the Dixon May Fair office is currently closed. The best way to contact the office is [info@dixonmayfair.com](mailto:info@dixonmayfair.com).

The Dixon May Fair is produced by the 36th District Agricultural Association, a California state institution. ★

## St. Peters Catholic Church News

During this time of crisis and uncertainty many are not able to go to their places of worship to pray together, to comfort each other, to be with each other. It is not an easy time. Many are anxious about what the future will bring in the next several weeks. We are journeying in a spiritual desert much like Christ did when he began his mission 40 days in the desert. He made it through those 40 days with prayer and fasting. His mission was to call God's children back to Himself. They would not listen. Now, at the end of His mission, Jesus journeyed to the cross and His crucifixion. He embraced the cross for us. We can embrace this time with Him and journey with Him. How do we do

this? We do what Jesus did, we spend time praying. We pray with our family. We pray online with our friends. We pray alone in our room. We pray together asking God to take this crisis from us, to heal those who are sick and comfort those who are mourning. God is allowing this time. He is calling us back to Him. Are we listening? Will we turn to Him? In Deuteronomy 31, Moses exhorts us to *Be strong and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the LORD, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you.* (31:6) Dear Brothers and Sisters, have faith, pray often, be safe, and be well. We will persevere. We will get through this. God Bless You+ ★

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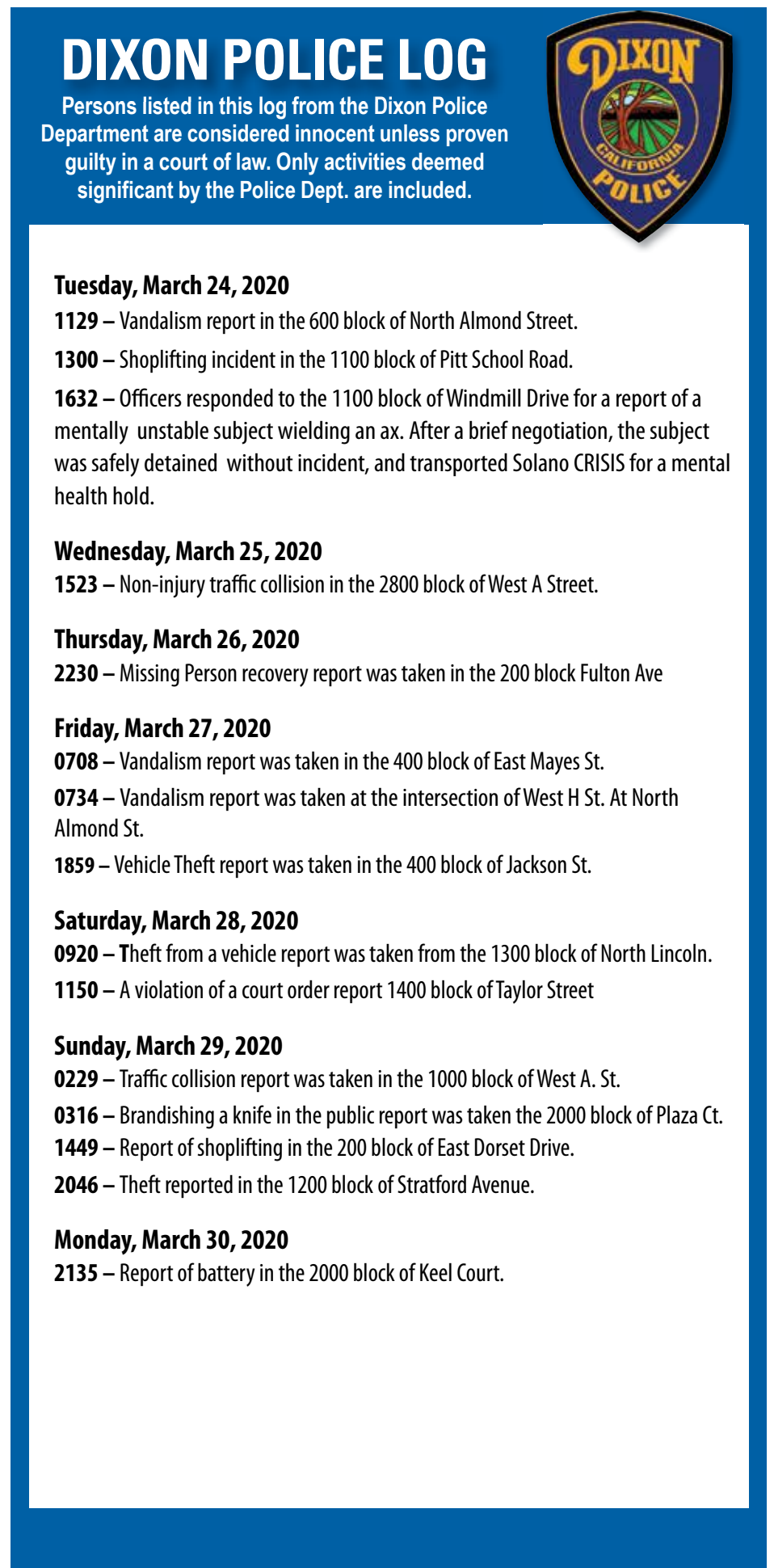
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**DIXON POLICE LOG**  
Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**  
1129 - Vandalism report in the 600 block of North Almond Street.  
1300 - Shoplifting incident in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road.  
1632 - Officers responded to the 1100 block of Windmill Drive for a report of a mentally unstable subject wielding an ax. After a brief negotiation, the subject was safely detained without incident, and transported Solano CRISIS for a mental health hold.

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**  
1523 - Non-injury traffic collision in the 2800 block of West A Street.

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**  
2230 - Missing Person recovery report was taken in the 200 block Fulton Ave

**Friday, March 27, 2020**  
0708 - Vandalism report was taken in the 400 block of East Mayes St.  
0734 - Vandalism report was taken at the intersection of West H St. At North Almond St.  
1859 - Vehicle Theft report was taken in the 400 block of Jackson St.

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
0920 - Theft from a vehicle report was taken from the 1300 block of North Lincoln.  
1150 - A violation of a court order report 1400 block of Taylor Street

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**  
0229 - Traffic collision report was taken in the 1000 block of West A. St.  
0316 - Brandishing a knife in the public report was taken the 2000 block of Plaza Ct.  
1449 - Report of shoplifting in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.  
2046 - Theft reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

**Monday, March 30, 2020**  
2135 - Report of battery in the 2000 block of Keel Court.

# For the Love of Books



By Amy Shane

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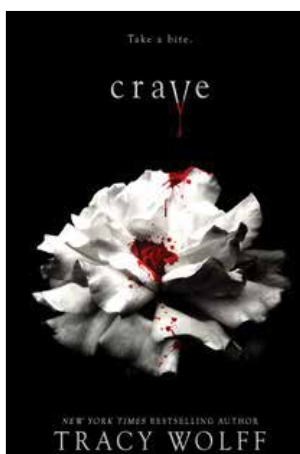
## Crave

by Tracy Wolff

After the sudden death of her parents, Grace didn't think life could get any more complicated. Then she was sent to live with her Uncle, who is Headmaster at the exclusive Katmere Academy. The moment Grace stepped foot on the snow-covered Alaska ground, she realized that this place would be nothing like San Diego, and neither would Katmere Academy. With its old-world opulence, Katmere stood out like a gothic fairytale castle complete with ornate windows and gargoyles flanking the walls. Still, the moment she walked through the antique doors into the grand hall complete with black crystal chandeliers, giant tapestries, and a roaring fire, she knew without a shadow of a doubt that her life was about to change.

Instantly, she is greeted by Flint, who is charming, endearing, incredibly strong, and excited to have her at the Academy. Then she is approached by a terrifying, intense guy who prickles with disdain and almost snarls a warning to leave. While Grace knows this is the last boy she should ever speak to again, Jaxon Vega's infuriating obstinance is enough to leave her intrigued, and she can't get him out of the head.

However, it's not just these two boys that she needs to worry about, Katmere Academy is full



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of dark, twisted secrets, and everyone seems to have their eyes on Grace. The one thing that is quite clear, the guy who caught her attention with his strange, unique beauty is truly dark and dangerous, and yet there is something that makes her want to know more, ignoring all the warning bells that are sounding off in her head.

It is true, every school has their secrets, their intimate cliques and social circles that don't intermingle, but Katmere isn't like all the others. Katmere has an ancient secret that it is bound to protect, and Grace quickly realizes she is the only human in a sea of vampires, witches, and shapeshifters. Now, with their undeniable connection, Jaxon and Grace will have to discover if their love is enough to save Grace's life, and protect

them from the hidden enemy seeking vengeance on the school.

Vampires are back in a new thrilling story of life, death, love, humor, and revenge. Described as *Twilight* for the new generation, *Crave* is the latest intense, young adult paranormal romance thriller that everyone has been waiting for.

Tracy Wolff knows how to mesmerize her readers with the ability to create a story that is unique, enticing, and intense. By taking the age-old dilemma of forbidden love, Wolff delicately unfurls the tempting bloom of angst, want, need, and desire and puts them up against betrayal, loss, and duty. Filled with authentic, relatable characters that will leave readers divided with whom they believe they should align with, and a strong heroine that exemplifies strength and perseverance, who doesn't need to sit around and be saved by anyone. The tug-of-war between right and wrong, human verses vampire, and vampire verses shapeshifter, takes this book on a thrilling tempo that will make readers want to sit and read as fast as they can.

Plunging readers into the harrowing halls of Katmere Academy, Wolff takes her time to build and weave a lush storyline that will make readers want to stand up and cheer, laugh out loud, and ask for more. ★



# Riley Reviews

"JACK RYAN" THRILLING SPY ADVENTURE; YOUTUBE DELIGHT

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan" On Amazon Prime Video

As a prolific American novelist, Tom Clancy became very popular for churning out numerous books centered on espionage thrillers and military subjects, several of which became the source material for box office hits.

Amazon Prime Video is now streaming the entire second season of "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," based on characters created by the noted author, and John Krasinski returns in the titular role.

While Season 1 had Ryan globetrotting to the volatile Middle East and elsewhere, Season 2 introduces us to a new look for Clancy's CIA analyst hero. Clean-shaved the first go around, now he's got a full beard and working on Capitol Hill for Senator Jim Moreno (Benito Martinez).

To be sure, Jack Ryan started out in the first season as a desk-bound financial analyst for the CIA who uncovered a terrorist plot while working under the cantankerous James Greer (Wendell Pierce) before getting into the rough-and-tumble of espionage.

With Season 2, it's no surprise that Ryan won't linger for long in the stuffy hallways of Congress after he tracks a potentially suspicious shipment of illegal arms in the Venezuelan jungle.

Venezuela has been in the news plenty over recent years, having much to do with a succession of corrupt, tyrannical leaders, each one as odious as the other for decimating their country. Here's looking at you, now deceased Hugo Chavez and Nicolas Maduro.

The latest "Jack Ryan" seems very topical in many ways. Itching to get back into the fray, Ryan and his Senator boss head down to Venezuela for a "diplomatic" mission that does not go well.

The president of this South

American country is Nicolas Reyes (Jordi Molla), who is so patently slippery and deceitful that he's equally cartoonish and viciously thuggish. The wonderful Andy Garcia would have also been a great choice for this role.

Greer gets back in the picture when he gets sidelined from his new post in Moscow and ends up in Venezuela with Ryan just at the time President Reyes is facing a re-election campaign.

Reyes has an unexpected formidable opponent in Gloria Bonalde (Crisina Umana), a real contender whose husband, a former government Minister, has suspiciously been missing for more than a year.

On a covert mission with U.S. special forces, Ryan's intel leads them up the Orinoco River to a compound deep in the jungle that is guarded by a bunch of mercenaries where contraband is located.

Before being relieved of duty in Venezuela, Ryan gets involved with mysterious Harriet "Harry" Baumann (Noomi Rapace), who might be a rogue agent but certainly knows about German hitman Max Schenkel (Tom Wlaschiha) who killed Ryan's friend.

Ryan talks his superiors into letting him chase a lead in London to track down a shadowy figure behind the financing of arms deals, but it affords a chance for a cat-and-mouse game with the assassin Schenkel.

Then it is back to Venezuela for daring missions and political intrigue that makes "Jack Ryan" Season 2 worthy of binge-watching, especially now that we can't leave home except for groceries and medicine.

An unanswered question is where will the next season take us on another thrilling adventure. Season 2 ends with a hint that there could be more corruption to be uncovered either at home or in connection with what was

left behind in Venezuela.

**Broadway On Youtube**

Just like any other entertainment venue that would draw a crowd, New York's Broadway theatres are closed for business at least until the middle of April but probably longer given the Big Apple's notoriety as the nation's current hotspot for the coronavirus pandemic.

Good news comes in the form of theater-loving audiences having another way to enjoy a show from home while theatres remain dark. London's National Theatre will stream live productions for free on its YouTube channel.

Beginning on April 2nd, the inaugural broadcast will be Richard Bean's hilarious slapstick comedy "One Man, Two Guvnors," starring James Corden, who took home a Tony Award when the show transferred from London to Broadway.

"One Man, Two Guvnors," similar to other productions to follow, will screen every Thursday at 11 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time and then remain available for seven days. The Playbill website provided this helpful link: [www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre](http://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre) Here in the United States, James Corden is probably best known for taking over from Craig Ferguson a late-night television talk show that is now titled "The Late Late Show with James Corden" on CBS.

Eight years ago, I was fortunate to have been in New York and caught "One Man, Two Guvnors," which is without any doubt one of the wildest, gut-busting hilarious comedy productions ever produced on Broadway, and I say this as a fan of the genre with no hesitation.

Nothing really beats seeing this type of production live on stage in front of an appreciative audience. Not sure how it will play out on television, but it is definitely worth giving a try, and I will hope to relive the joy once experienced in person. ★



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# MUSINGS

By Mike Ceremello



## What's Behind All Of This Insanity?

Commentary  
by Mike Ceremello

Let's start with some trivial stuff first. Maybe you haven't noticed it but gas prices are down a lot everywhere but in Dixon. The price of a barrel of oil has plummeted downward from \$55 per barrel to \$20. That equates to a \$35 per barrel drop which should reduce the price at the pump by \$1.05 to \$1.40. We should only be paying around \$1.60 for regular right now.

Don't tell me that the lower prices haven't yet worked their way through the system. Costco in Vacaville is charging \$2.59 while Woodland's price is \$2.39. I have seen posted prices as low as \$2.19 in Sacramento. So why is Dixon still charging \$3 per gallon? "Because they can" isn't a good answer. Time to show your displeasure by filling up elsewhere.

Next, I want to look at water rates which are going up by 50% on April 1st. Very few of us get to go to work because of this virus panic. The council stays at home teleconferencing into their own meetings. So why hasn't one of them on the dais brought forward action to hold off rate increases until after the shelter at home nonsense is over?

I hope you don't forget this when November's elections roll around. Besides rolling back the rates simply because they have mismanaged the city owned water system by not analyzing the operating costs of the system and taking steps to reduce these costs, those in charge need to be removed from office by recall or electing someone else.

I need to be careful here. Mayor Bogue has bought in and doesn't seem to care anymore. It is hard to blame him being saddled by the remnants of the last regime. So fine, he can resign, wait out his term or whatever, but he needs to vocally oppose these contrarians on principle alone.

I understand Jerry Castañon wants his seat back. While I am irritated with the incumbent showing that he is nothing more than a different variety of the same old commodity, a politician conniving to create his own base of support, I have not forgotten what Jerry gave us and his disdain for the freedom of the press. Who brought in our current city attorney, Doug White? Who was it who threatened a land owner when that person wouldn't sell his property to Carissa Carpenter, the would be movie mogul?

All I want is a council which doesn't "talk out of both sides of their necks" to quote a dear friend of mine. You can't claim you are concerned about us when all you do is set

up fine schedules to penalize us if we don't obey your will or orders. How about really doing something for the public for a change? A rate reduction is appropriate.

**So now we can go back to the topic of the day, the virus to end all viruses.** As we have beaten the facts up logically, I want to examine one conspiracy theory from my own perspective. A friend advised me to watch the 2005 movie *V for Vendetta*. I had only watched it once a long time ago and I had forgotten the premise.

The historical basis of the Gunpowder Treason instigated by a group but relegated to one individual, Guy or Guido Fawkes, has its only connection to the movie by both of these proposing to blow up the House of Lords or Parliament to force a regime change. Fawkes' motive was to replace an Anglican king with a Catholic one. V's motive was total regime change because the chancellor was Hitlerian and was backed by a complicit government and media. While that sounds familiar, given what we are now experiencing, the amazing part is V's background and personal history.

The whole movie is based on "graphic novels", otherwise known as comic books, written in the 1980's. The Wachowski brothers, who gave us the Matrix trilogy, developed this into a screenplay in the mid 1990's before the Matrix but didn't get it filmed until 2005. The reason I am prefacing my final points is the scary relation between fact and fiction.

Building on Rahm Emmanuel's line echoed by many Democrat politicians, "never let a crisis go to waste", I would go one step further in saying, "if no crisis exists, make one". Once you have a crisis, the politicians believe that anything is possible such as outright government theft of our freedom, liberty and property. One line in this movie stuck out for me. A virus is the perfect way to get rid of the public while preserving their possessions. Didn't the first George Bush get rid of the neutron bomb which had the exact same purpose?

In the movie, the fictional government started a program to develop just such a germ warfare program to be perpetrated on others but used their own citizens as their guinea pigs. V was one of these people and one of the few who survived. His escape resulted in his disfigurement which necessitated the use of the Guy Fawkes' mask. Government's lack of morality in reducing its citizenry to pawns for their political plans gave rise to V's anti-government hatred and revenge in the form of a vendetta.

So which country developed this virus? I now hear from supposed experts that it came from bats. These experts are part of the governmental complex. Why should anything they say be trusted? Others have said this virus has DNA from several strains of past flus. This was the original basis that this was a man made virus as this couldn't occur randomly. Considering that there is a lab in Wuhan, the possibility is more likely the virus came from there rather than an open air market as is now being said.

Considering how phony our own politicians are and how their only driving force is to obtain more control and power over those who elect them, it is relatively easy to observe they want this panic to continue for quite some time to solidify a societal change from independence to governmental dependence. The Chancellor makes a statement that the public has to be made to believe the government is acting in the public's best interest. Isn't that exactly what we are being told today?

We have seen the loss of our First Amendment right to freedom to peacefully assemble. While I have no problem with being told we should practice social distancing, it should be our choice and not an order. The same goes for our right for redress of our grievances. How do you do a public records request, when you are prevented from entering city hall which is reserved now only for the elites, that is city employees and elected officials?

Finally we have the proof that the United Nation's Agenda 21 mandate to push everyone into stack and pack housing is outright idiocy. Where are the major viral outbreaks occurring? Please tell me this isn't part of a plan, for now or in the future, for achieving one of the Agenda's goals of removing 90% of human population from the planet. Thomas Jefferson was right.

**"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure,"** Jefferson wrote in a letter to William S. Smith, a diplomatic official in London, on November 13, 1787. Rather than bloodshed, by either the government enforcing their collective will on a naïve public or an outraged populace who becomes so frustrated with those who won't listen, it would be far better to let intelligent, moral, and efficient individuals take care of the basic tasks of preserving our Nation and its freedoms.

Unfortunately, it is becoming harder and harder to find these men ... anywhere ... ★

## NRA & Other Groups Sue California

File Federal Lawsuit against Los Angeles Sheriff Villanueva, California Gov. Gavin Newsom Over Constitutional Violations

National Rifle Association  
Special Press Release

**FAIRFAX, VA (MPG)** - The National Rifle Association (NRA) joined individuals, retailers, and other gun rights groups in filing a federal lawsuit challenging state and local policies and enforcement practices that violate Second and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The gun rights groups includes the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), the California Gun Rights Foundation (CGF), and the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC).

"Municipalities who target lawful gun stores for closure aren't promoting safety -by weaponizing their politics to disarm you and your loved ones, these shameless partisans are recklessly promoting a gun-control agenda that suffocates your self-defense rights when you need them most," said NRA-ILA Executive Director, Jason Ouimet. "NRA members recognize these unlawful power-grabs for what they are, and the National Rifle Association is proud to stand and fight alongside fellow Second Amendment groups who recognize it, as well."

"California's attack on fundamental rights in times of emergency must be stopped in its tracks," observed SAF founder and Executive Vice President, Alan Gottlieb. "This case is part of our mission to win firearms freedom one lawsuit at a time. And more, the lawsuits we are filing across the country are making a large number of other states, counties, and cities think twice before closing down essential gun stores."

"Twenty-eight years ago, the LAPD had to withdraw their officers to protect their safety. We hope that the stay-home orders will mean that our public servants will not become infected in this pandemic, but the Constitution guarantees that everyone has a right to acquire arms and defend themselves should law enforcement not be able to respond before it's too late," remarked CGF Chairman, Gene Hoffman. "No petty autocrat can be allowed to suspend the Bill of Rights."

"Especially due to the restrictive nature of California's Byzantine gun laws that require the use of licensed dealers to buy and transfer both firearms and ammunition, the defendants' orders and actions challenged individually and collectively violate the Constitution and individuals' fundamental rights to keep and bear arms and due process of law," explained attorney and FPC Director of Legal Strategy,

Adam Kraut. "These irrational and outrageous fiat restrictions cannot withstand constitutional scrutiny and must be enjoined from enforcement."

"California's State and local governments cannot simply suspend the Constitution," FPC President Brandon Combs said. "This case is one of many actions FPC is taking around the United States to fight for liberty and freedom. The entire FPC team has been and will remain all-hands-on-deck, working around the clock on important efforts to safeguard the People's individual liberties and property, especially the rights to keep and bear arms, free speech, privacy, and due process. FPC is fully committed to uniting the advocacy space and partnering with organizations and law firms around the country to fight government abuses and defend the People's right to defend their lives and homes. We especially wish to recognize and thank our incredible members and supporters who make all of our legal action, research, and grassroots activism programs possible."

Individual arms applicants/purchasers and retailers affected by 'stay-home' or shutdown orders can report potential civil rights violations to the NRA-ILA COVID-19. See <https://www.nraila.org/coronavirus>

**Second Amendment Foundation** ([www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing, and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 650,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.

**California Gun Rights Foundation** ([www.cagunrights.org](http://www.cagunrights.org)) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves its members, supporters, and the public through educational, cultural, and judicial efforts to advance Second Amendment and related civil rights.

**Firearms Policy Coalition** ([www.firearmspolicy.org](http://www.firearmspolicy.org)) is a 501(c)4 grassroots nonprofit organization. FPC's mission is to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, especially the fundamental, individual Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, advance individual liberty, and restore freedom.

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. It is more than five million members strong. Visit <http://nra.org>. ★

## Social Security Matters

### Retiring from Work; When Should I Claim Social Security?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor



**Dear Rusty:** I turned 63 August 12th, 2019. I will be retiring June 30th, 2020 from my current job. I will have made approximately \$35,000 by then and am receiving severance pay of \$19,000 on June 30th. Will the pay I receive through June 30th affect what I can draw from Social Security? Also, how much of a difference would it be if I wait until August 12th, 2020 to officially start drawing Social Security? Is there any other information I should be aware of before I start drawing Social Security  
**Signed: Anxious to Retire**

**Dear Anxious:** First, let me assure you that the money you earned this year before your benefits start aren't counted as part of Social Security's "earnings test" which could affect your payment after your benefits start. When you claim, your Social Security benefit amount will depend upon two things - your "primary insurance amount" (or "PIA") which is determined from your highest earning 35 years (adjusted for inflation)

over your lifetime, and the age at which you claim your SS benefit. By claiming at age 64 in August, your benefit will be cut by about 15.6% from what it would be if you wait to claim at your full retirement age (66 plus 4 months). Your earnings for 2020 won't be applied to your SS record until after you file your 2020 taxes in 2021, so won't affect your benefits (if appropriate) until after that. If your 2020 earnings are more than any of those in the 35 years used to initially compute your benefit, your benefit will increase at that time. The day of the month you were born isn't significant, only the month. So, if you apply to start benefits in August of 2020, your benefit cut will be as stated above because you're claiming exactly 2 years and 4 months early. But if you wait longer you'll gain another 5/9ths of 1% (.556%) for each additional month you delay up until your full retirement age (FRA).

Although you plan to retire from work, be aware that if you decide to return you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit once you are collecting benefits before your FRA, and that will be the case until you reach your full retirement age. If you go back to work

after you start your SS and earn more than \$1,520 in any remaining month of 2020, you'll not be entitled to benefits for that month. Starting in 2021, you'll be subject to an annual earnings limit of at least \$18,240 (that's the 2020 limit - limits for future years aren't yet known but will be higher). Exceeding the annual limit will cause SS to withhold half of anything you earn over the limit. The limit is more, and the penalty is less in the year you reach your FRA and goes away once you have reached your full retirement age.

Finally, to be sure you're aware, you can actually defer claiming SS until age 70 if you wish. After you reach your full retirement age you'll earn delayed retirement credits (DRCs) of 8% per year of delay, which are added to your benefit when you finally claim it. That would give you a benefit which is 29% more at age 70 than it would be at your full retirement age.

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# Old Deals, New Wheels

Dr. James L. Snyder

A new resident has parked itself in the driveway of the parsonage. After ten years of the old resident parked outside, it is a nice change to see this new one.

For the past year, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has been looking for a new vehicle. When I say looking, I really mean, "Looking." She leaves no stone unturned in her quest, especially for a new vehicle.

After a year of searching, she finally found one that met her credentials. I did not believe it at first. I know it takes something very special to really please her. For her to come home one evening and say, "I finally found the van I want," was a shocking moment for me.

When she found this particular vehicle, she was truly ecstatic. I really cannot blame her. After a year of searching, searching, and finding one and then discovering it was not what you wanted has to be a tiring experience; all the vehicles she rejected throughout the past year.

But the story is not over when she finds the vehicle she wants. It's really just beginning.

The next step, of course,

is to go to the salesman and bargain for a good price.

First, there has to be a trade-in price for her current vehicle. Trust me when I say, she knows just what it's worth and will not take a dime less. The salesman, on the other hand, thinks he can use her trade-in as a bargaining chip. Is he going to be surprised!

After the trade-in is settled comes the price for the new vehicle. According to her research, my wife knows exactly how much that vehicle is worth. I would not be surprised that she knows more about it than the salesman.

The next step is for her to drive the vehicle around to make sure everything is working. Nobody can do this better than she can. If up to me, if the engine starts, I am satisfied. If I can drive around the block, I am ecstatic.

Not so with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. After her intense inspection and trial run, she will know everything about that vehicle.

My job, although not as important as hers, is to sign all the paperwork, including the bank loan.

For the past week, I heard what a great deal she got

and how wonderful this new van is. And, she should know because she did all of the work.

I am certainly not complaining, because, with her expertise in this area, I do not have to try to find a van for her. As she was exploiting all the merits of this new van, I just smiled because she was happy. You know the saying about a happy wife.

As she was going on about her van, I could not help but think of what Solomon said. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Proverbs 31:10-12).

I may not be as wise as Solomon, but like him, I made the find of a lifetime.

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# California Government Makes Recovery More Difficult

Commentary by Steven Frank

On March 26 the national unemployment numbers were released. Nationally, in the past week 3.3 million Americans were unemployed. In California, we contributed over one million to that number. While we are 14% of the nation, we had 33% of the unemployed. Could it be the implementation of AB 5, which was expected to kill hundreds of thousands of jobs, "worked". No more freelance journalists, photographers, health care workers, truckers and more.

Then you have the price of gas. On March 25 the national average cost of unleaded was \$2.06 a gallon. In Dallas the price was \$1.61 a gallon – in Simi Valley it was \$3.09 – the difference between the Dallas cost and California – Sacramento taxes and government regulation of the gas formula.

The City of Hayward, in the Bay Area is rethinking its increase in the minimum wage, due to the virus.

"The move by the three councilmembers comes in the wake of already massive layoffs in the Bay Area related to the COVID-19 outbreak and shelter in place order given last week by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"I'm trying to preserve jobs," Marquez said. "I'm fearful if we don't do something to help these businesses, people will be out of work."

Councilmember Sara Lamnin, who voted for the minimum wage ordinance last month, said Tuesday that the wage bump actually foments jobs loss. "Minimum wage increases do eliminate jobs, and in a time like this, we need to preserve them," she said.

Even those that supported the minimum wage increase, when the economy was going good understood it would cost jobs. Now with the Wuhan Virus, the disaster magnifies.

Yet, the State of California is on the way to a mandated \$15 minimum wage.

How do you recover when AB 5 makes it too expensive to hire new workers, the minimum wage forces business to pay unqualified people wages and benefits that are not warranted?

Because of the factors noted, and others, this will accelerate the use of technology in California businesses. For instance, the push for driverless cars – already on the roads in San Fran, Oakland and Santa Ana, will be done by end of 2021 – then rider share companies will need much fewer drivers and cars. Oh, the new cars will be electric, making environmentalists happy.

Telecommuting will continue to explode, on a permanent basis. The State could even give tax credits for

telecommuting employees. This will alleviate a lot of the gridlock on the roads.

The biggest change will be in urban planning. The Left has been promoting the New York lifestyle. High density communities, pushing people on buses and subways, by the millions, causing close contact and the spreading of disease before the health care industry is aware of the problem. State Senator Scott Weiner, with his SB 50 and current legislation, SB 902, wants us to look and feel like New York. That goes along with the push to get people out of safe cars and into disease carrying, and physically dangerous, government transportation.

After this crisis is over, one way of staying well is to stay out of crowds. No elbow to elbow commute on the BART, watch movies that are streamed into your home instead of sitting inches away from strangers with the sniffles at a theater.

Life is going to change when this crisis is over. As part of that is the way we do business. In California, high taxes, bad regulations, dangerous housing policies and more, make it more irresponsible and unhealthy – and maybe it is a necessity that productive and responsible families leave the State.

Even the illegal aliens are going to be a bigger problem. Since the cost of hiring is so high in the former Golden States, the use of people that can be paid under the table makes more economic sense. So, low skilled or inexperienced Californians will not get hired, while cheap illegal labor will get the menial and bottom rung jobs.

The crisis has forced government to reconsider regulations and rules that hold back health care innovations, the building of needed masks, ventilations and pushing lifesaving drugs to the patients. The governors of Maine and New Hampshire have suspended the ban on plastic grocery bags, since they knew that cotton bags are disease carriers. Hopefully, like housing density, this too will be rethought, and ended.

Do not expect California to become responsible after this crisis ends. Only the financial collapse of the State will accomplish that. Just last week Kaiser Permanente decided not to build a \$900 million facility in Oakland, due to delays, government costs and regulations. As tech firms leave the State, maybe the politicians will get the message?

Until then I would "short" California as if it was a stock. We are in trouble and those in charge are short term thinkers. Long term they still believe in making us the Socialist Paradise.

Can California recover? Not with current policies and leadership. ★

# FEMA Resolves Claim with PG&E

By Robert Barker, FEMA

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), has reached an agreement with PG&E and the Official Committee of Tort Claimants (TCC) that will resolve claims by FEMA in the PG&E bankruptcy proceedings. The agreement is subject to final approval by DOJ.

FEMA may receive up to \$1 billion in compensation for federal disaster assistance provided in response

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PG&E and the TCC will meet these goals.

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# Stop the Spread: A Patient Guide to the Novel Coronavirus

By Steve Arnoff, American College of Emergency Physicians

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is providing guidance for patients to minimize their risk of getting or spreading the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. A new resource from ACEP, Stop the Spread: A Patient Guide to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), provides tips on how to minimize the risk of contracting the virus – including whether you should wear a face mask – and how to determine

whether patients should visit an emergency department.

“We are in the middle of flu season, which means emergency departments are already strained. To make sure that everyone can get the care they need, it’s important to know when to go to the emergency department if you think you have COVID-19,” said William Jaquis, MD, FACEP, president of ACEP.

Older patients and those with chronic or pre-existing conditions have the highest risk of serious cases or complications. If you think you are sick with COVID-19,

consider your symptoms. Call your doctor if you’ve been in contact with someone who already has COVID-19 or has traveled to an affected region and within 14 days you develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath.

If your symptoms are mild, contact your primary care physician to discuss your best options for care. Call 911 or visit your closest emergency department if:

You’re experiencing a medical emergency; You’re sick enough that you need to go to the hospital, especially if you recently started experiencing shortness of

breath, or; You’re sick and you are a high-risk individual, such as an older patient or a person with an already weakened immune system.

“Your local emergency department may not yet have the COVID-19 test. Your primary care physician can decide if you meet the criteria and help determine where to get tested if necessary,” said Dr. Jaquis.

The latest patient information is available at [www.emergencyphysicians.org/COVID19](http://www.emergencyphysicians.org/COVID19).

For more information, visit [www.acep.org](http://www.acep.org) and [www.emergencyphysicians.org](http://www.emergencyphysicians.org). ★

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## LEGAL NOTICE

March 23, 2020

To: Interested Professional Engineering Consultants

SUBJECT: Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for Professional Engineering Services

The City of Dixon (City) is soliciting the services of professional engineering consultants to assist the City with on-call Domestic Water Production analysis and Domestic Water Well Design services. Task 1 under this contract shall include:

- Location analysis of the existing “Industrial” well in contrast to feasibility and benefit of potentially locating a replacement well on another adjacent parcel or on a parcel in the same general location of the City. The analysis shall include water production potential (well potential) for each land parcel as a key part of the feasibility and benefit analysis of each proposed parcel. Analysis and feasibility shall also include cost of acquiring required land.
- Feasibility report and recommendation for location of the replacement “Industrial” well. The feasibility study noted in bullet #1, above, should cover up to five (5) parcels of land including the current “Industrial” well site.

Task 2 under this contract shall include:

- Engineering design of the replacement well for the existing “Industrial” well. Engineering design shall include site layout, well development specifications, site security, connection to and interaction of the replacement well with the remainder of the existing city-wide water production and distribution system, depth of replacement well to meet required water production standards, well controls system(s), treatment, preparation of complete bid documents, bid assistance in the form of responses to bidder questions, bid assistance in the form of bid analyses of bids received and recommendation of award to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Additionally, design services during construction will be required to review and respond to requests for Information (RFI’s). Review, comment on and ultimately approve contractor submittals for materials and equipment. Design services during construction shall also include site visits and reviews as well as specialty inspections of portions of the work and installation(s).

The final selection of a consulting firm will be based on past performance, the proposal for the scope of work, the proposed cost of the consultant’s services and an objective evaluation of the submitted proposals by City staff. A Firm will be selected to perform the work as the project is initiated within the next few months.

Upon award of the project, a kick-off meeting shall be scheduled at the City Hall located at 600 East A Street. Topics of discussion will be the scope of work and Consultant’s work schedule.

The Consultant shall be responsible to schedule materials and work such that all his activities will be conducted within the approved hours.

Following are the holidays observed by the City of Dixon:

HOLIDAY	DAY OF OBSERVANCE
New Year’s Day	January 1st
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Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day after Thanksgiving	Fourth Friday in November
Christmas Eve	December 24th
Christmas Day	December 25th

When specified dates fall between Friday and Monday, Consultant shall secure the specific adjustments to the above listing from City Staff.

This RFQ is targeting firms with specific experience in feasibility studies of placement of domestic municipal water production wells and specific experience in designing and construction contract management and inspection of the installation of municipal water production wells.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A copy of the City of Dixon Professional Services Agreement is attached for information purposes as Exhibit A. Any exceptions a firm may have with any term or condition of this agreement must be identified and addressed for said project. Upon mutual agreement between the consultant and the City, final approval of the Agreement will be made by the City Council.

### INSURANCE

The City of Dixon requires that a consultant furnish evidence of Professional Errors and Omissions Insurance coverage of a limit not less than TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000), Comprehensive General Liability Insurance coverage of a limit not less than TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000 per occurrence), and Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance coverage of a limit not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000 per occurrence). These limits may be increased depending on the particular risk factors and/or size of a particular project. In addition, the consultant shall maintain Worker’s Compensation Insurance covering its employees and sub-consultants with a limit not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000 per occurrence). Refer to Section C-21 of the Professional Services Agreement (Exhibit A) for more information.

### SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

For assistance in developing the format of the SOQ, please refer to Exhibit B.

Submit six (6) copies of the SOQ by mail to the following address:

City of Dixon, Engineering Department  
Attn: Deborah Barr, Senior Engineer  
171 South Fifth Street  
Dixon, CA 95620

Submittals will be received until 4:00 PM, May 4, 2020 at Dixon City Hall. Late submittals will not be accepted.

All Statements of Qualifications shall become the property of the City of Dixon.

Should have any questions, I may be contacted by email at [dbarr@ci.dixon.ca.us](mailto:dbarr@ci.dixon.ca.us).

Sincerely,  
Deborah Barr  
Senior Engineer

## LEGAL NOTICE

March 23, 2020

To: Interested Professional Engineering Consultants

SUBJECT: Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for Professional Engineering Services

The City of Dixon (City) is soliciting the services of professional engineering consultants to assist the City with on-call **Water Tank evaluation and restoration**. Task 1 under this contract will include:

- Review all tank maintenance and rehabilitation work needed over the next few years and create a budget to spread out the costs over multiple budget cycles
- Clean and complete removal and replacement of the existing interior coating system(s) at the City’s Parklane Tank 1
- Partial removal and restoration of the existing interior coating system at the City’s Parklane Tank 2
- Provide Warranty Inspections.

Future Tasks may include:

- Inspection of other tanks
- Providing ongoing maintenance/compliance inspections
- Tank cleaning
- Tank restoration
- Emergency Services
- Graffiti removal

The Parklane tanks are 1,000,000 gallon AWWA –D100 Steel Tanks constructed and coated in 2006. The work includes completion of incidental repairs and the complete recoating tank interior and appurtenances including returning the tank to service and post coating cure disinfection and VOC testing, along with removal from site and disposal of all project generated waste, including removed coating products, spent abrasive media, spent cathodic anodes, and any existing silt within the Tank. The Work also includes a 3-year warranty inspection of the coating system.

The Consultant shall, prior to removal of the interior coating, at his own expense, contract with an independent testing laboratory and sample the interior coating for lead. Laboratory results will be submitted to the City for approval. If lead is found steps must be taken to ensure all applicable regulations by the USEPA and OSHA are adhered to during the abrasive blasting operation and disposal of the blast materials. Note: Due to the lack of prior records for the interior coating of this tank, the potential existence of lead has been assumed. Although based upon the prior inspection report and age of the tank, it is acknowledged that there is a high degree of certainty that the tank will not have any existing lead coatings. The non-existence of lead coatings must be verified by the Consultant prior to the beginning of coating removal.

The final selection of a consulting firm will be based on past performance, the proposal for the scope of work, and an objective evaluation of the submitted proposals by City staff. A Firm will be selected to perform the work as the project is initiated within the next few months.

Upon award of the project, a kick-off meeting shall be scheduled at the City Hall located at 600 East A Street. Topics of discussion will be the scope of work and Consultant’s work schedule.

The Cleaning and Restoration will occur during normal business day between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM. The Consultant shall be responsible to schedule materials and work such that all his activities will be conducted within the approved hours.

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When specified dates fall between Friday and Monday, Consultant shall secure the specific adjustments to the above listing from City Staff.

This RFQ is targeting firms with experience in the inspection, cleaning and restoration of water tanks.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A copy of the City of Dixon Professional Services Agreement is attached for information purposes as Exhibit A. Any exceptions a firm may have with any term or condition of this agreement must be identified and addressed for said project. Upon mutual agreement between the consultant and the City, final approval of the Agreement will be made by the City Council.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Qualifications To Provide “On-Call” General Construction And Emergency Repair Services

City of Dixon  
City Engineer/ Public Works Department

April 9th, 2020

The City of Dixon (CITY) is pursuing general construction services on an “on-call” and emergency repair basis for the City of Dixon Water Division. Qualifications shall be submitted by firms that have a capable and demonstrable background in the type of work described in Section IV, “SCOPE OF SERVICES,” of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The Qualifications shall be submitted to the City Engineer/ Public Works Department, 171 South Fifth Street, Dixon, California, 95620, no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 7th, 2020. Each Proposer shall submit a reproducible original, five (5) bound copies, and an electronic version (Adobe Acrobat PDF) of the Qualification in accordance with Section VI, “QUALIFICATION FORMAT,” of the RFQ. This Request for Qualifications and attachments are available on the City website at <http://www.ci.dixon.ca.us/bids.aspx>. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS TO CHECK THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ANY FUTURE ADDENDUMS TO THIS RFQ.

A tentative schedule of award is included in Section V of this RFQ, subject to revision at the discretion of the City. The successful Proposer will be asked to enter into an agreement with the City reflecting the terms and conditions of the Qualification based on the City’s Professional Services Agreement (Agreement) requirements. A copy of the Agreement is included as Attachment A to this RFQ. Qualifications should include a list of any proposed modifications to the Agreement by the Consultant. Award of an agreement is subject to approval by the City Council of the City of Dixon.

All questions regarding this RFQ should be directed to Jason Hoffman, Water Operations Supervisor via electronic mail at [jhoffman@cityofdixon.us](mailto:jhoffman@cityofdixon.us).

## LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Qualifications/Proposals To Provide “On-Call” Services (24/7 emergency and non-emergency) and Annual Pump Maintenance Services

City of Dixon  
City Engineer/ Public Works Department

April 9th, 2020

The City of Dixon (CITY) is pursuing Pump Maintenance/Inspection contractor services on an “on-call” (24/7 emergency and routine non-emergency) services as well as annual maintenance services for the City of Dixon Water Division. Qualifications shall be submitted by firms that have a capable and demonstrable background in the type of work described in Section IV, “SCOPE OF SERVICES,” of this Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P).

The Proposal shall be submitted to the City Engineer/ Public Works Department, 171 South Fifth Street, Dixon, California, 95620, no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 7th, 2020. Each Proposer shall submit a reproducible original, five (5) bound copies, and an electronic version (Adobe Acrobat PDF) of the Proposal in accordance with Section VI, “PROPOSAL FORMAT,” of the RFQ/P. This RFQ/P and attachments are available on the City website at <http://www.ci.dixon.ca.us/bids.aspx>. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS TO CHECK THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ANY FUTURE ADDENDUMS TO THIS RFQ/P.

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All questions regarding this RFQ/P should be directed to Jason Hoffman, Water Operations Supervisor via electronic mail at [jhoffman@ci.dixon.ca.us](mailto:jhoffman@ci.dixon.ca.us).

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## DWR Awards \$47 Million in Grants for Groundwater Sustainability



Dead grass gets a makeover of bark mulch by Applied Landscape Materials on a median near Folsom High School in Folsom, Calif. on July 1st, 2015. Photo: Kelly M. Grow/California Department of Water Resources

By Akiela Moses, Department of Water Resources

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded \$47 million in grant funding to 53 applicants to support local agencies in development of plans to manage groundwater basins for long-term sustainability. These grants will support various projects including facilitating community outreach efforts, preparing feasibility studies for proposed actions to restore groundwater supplies, and installing monitoring wells to oversee groundwater levels.

This funding will provide important assistance in successful local implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which establishes a framework for managing the state's groundwater resources.

"Sustainable management of our groundwater basins is a critical aspect of making

our communities more resilient" said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "The investments we make today will ensure that groundwater, such a critical resource for our state, continues to be a part of California's water portfolio long into the future."

The grants were awarded to nearly 30 groundwater sustainability agencies for the installation of monitoring wells to better evaluate the needs of the groundwater basins in their area. Five other grant recipients will conduct aerial electromagnetic surveys to map aquifer conditions to better assess groundwater quality and storage conditions and to identify opportunities for recharge. These are just a few of the actions supported by this round of grant funding to further assist in developing groundwater sustainability plans.

Groundwater, which provides approximately 40 percent of California's total water supply during an average year, often serves as a buffer in

critically-dry years by providing a supplemental, clean water source when surface water resources are diminished. In the last decade, groundwater overdraft has severely depleted this valuable water source, impacting communities statewide.

Funding for these awards was made possible by Proposition 68, from which \$46.25 million was made available for competitive grants, and an additional \$1.2 million of Proposition 1 funds. DWR will begin working with grantees immediately to develop and execute grant agreements.

In 2022, DWR anticipates the launch of a competitive grant solicitation process to provide at least \$88 million in grant funding for plan implementation and projects that support local water supply and groundwater resiliency investments.

Visit the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program webpage to learn more. ★

## America's Furry Heroes

Military Working Dogs Keep Us Safe



Dogs highly trained are instrumental in sniffing out IEDs, patrolling, and standing guard. To honor and support the four-legged warriors who serve, we are proud to offer our K9 Care Packs! Photo: MAF

By Scott Rabb, Move America Forward

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As you may know, Military Working Dogs have been used for years by our men and women in uniform deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These dogs highly trained and are instrumental in sniffing out IEDs, patrolling, and standing guard. It's as dangerous for these K-9's as it is for our soldiers, especially in the harsh environment of Afghanistan. IED's threaten our troops as well as the local Afghan civilians, so every bomb found by a K9 warrior means innocent lives are saved.

To honor and support the four-legged warriors who serve, we are proud to offer our K9 Care Packs!

Our K-9 care packages include special dog-goggles to protect their eyes from dirt and debris. And we're proud to announce that we're now including KONG Brand durable dog toys in our K9 packs. We are very proud and thankful to the Kong company for helping us get these KONG dog toys into our boxes.

Donating a care package is the easiest way to give them the comforts of home they are so far away from while they are making such enormous sacrifices.

Each box also has a wonderful array of high quality food, snacks, and hygiene items

for the human soldier as well.

These handlers and dogs are highly trained and are instrumental in sniffing out IEDs, bomb making materials, patrolling, and standing guard. It's as dangerous for these K9's as it is for our soldiers, especially in the harsh environment of Afghanistan. IED's threaten our troops as well as the local Afghan civilians, so every bomb found by a K9 warrior means innocent lives are saved.

We talked to actual military dog handlers and asked them what kind of items they would find most useful and at their recommendation our packages now include KONG brand dog toys. These were the number one requested item and we're still including other assorted chew toys and canine treats.

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## The Produce Distribution in California is Guaranteed throughout Coronavirus Crises

By Andrea Alves, Jones & O'Malley

**LOS ANGELES, CA (MPG)** - The potential coronavirus quarantine and panic buying shortages won't stop produce distribution in Southern California, according to the President of SGS Produce Carole Shandler.

SGS Produce is one of the founders of food distribution on the West Coast, operating since 1907 and guaranteeing food supply through two world wars, major natural disasters and 9/11. <http://www.sgsproduce.com>

The American produce industry is resilient and very well prepared to face such emergencies, and the USDA is being "very helpful and working fast to inspect containers and release all the supply lines coming from the US and abroad", says Carole.

While some food distributors who specialize in schools and restaurants chains are facing lower demand due to shut-downs, and exports to

Asia following the same path, local grocery retailers have immediate supply of produce available, particularly those with a shorter shelf-life such as fruits and vegetables. SGS is experiencing a low stock of just dry rice and beans and potatoes, forecasted to be back to normal levels in the next couple of days.

Produce distribution is guaranteed to reach all the regular demographics, including the low-income areas who depend on a more affordable supplying.

Besides maintaining short and long-term supply of produce in California, SGS's President says that all their employees are working with a touching sense of duty, as well as the truck drivers and the office team. "It is important right now that people have access to the food they are familiar with, in order to keep the emotional and physical comfort. That includes the ethnic varieties, which we are prepared to supply as well." At this point, Carole does not report

any concerns with labor shortage in the industry.

SGS encourages retailers to campaign on clear information about how to sanitize your produce before consuming it, as well as the importance of not excluding fresh fruit and vegetables of the daily diet in order to maintain a healthy immune system. "This is a time to work hard against consumer misconceptions and confusion"

Many industry members report that the COVID19 crisis has increased their sales, seeing the negative effects on travel and event cancellations, as well as on extra contingency meetings.

SGS is working hard with partners in the produce industry to keep the regular prices in times of uncertain demand, as well as to offer the best and fastest food distribution for the population of California.

Please contact SGS' PR manager for daily update and information about specific products and regions. ★

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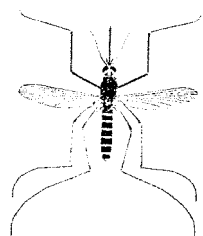


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# REDUCE THE RISK



## of Becoming Infected with the West Nile Virus

A number of types of sources found within residential neighborhoods are capable of producing enough adult mosquitoes to bother not only the residents of one home but a number of homes in the area. These mosquitoes are also capable of transmitting West Nile virus! Water left standing for seven to ten days can produce mosquitoes during warmer weather. There are a number of simple precautions that can be taken to prevent this from happening...

TYPE OF SOURCE	WHAT TO DO...
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.

**Solano County Mosquito Abatement District**  
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## Ask Toni

### Will Medicare Pay for the Coronavirus?



I must take one of my family members or myself to the doctor or hospital.

Thanks, Sheila from Bellaire, TX

Sheila:

We are witnessing a healthcare crisis that no one can be sure if they are safe. Especially the 60+million Medicare beneficiaries frightened of COVID-19, the disease caused by Coronavirus.

Let me discuss the various ways that Medicare will cover the testing and medical care for the 2 different Medicare plans...Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans:

• **Original Medicare with Stand-alone Part D and COVID-19** (Coronavirus) testing began on or after Feb. 4, 2020. You will pay nothing for Medicarecovered clinical diagnostic laboratory testing provided. Your medical providerwill have to wait until April 1, 2020, to be able to submit a claim to Medicare forthis test. \*\*it is very important to verify that your Medicare facility, provider ormedical professional is accepting **Medicare assignment** for Medicare to pay for COVID-19.

Toni:

I must have missed this when listening to the national media coverage of the Coronavirus, but no one has explained how Medicare is covering the testing, vaccinations or quarantined in a hospital if anyone in my family that is on Medicare becomes infected with the virus.

My husband and I have recently retired and are covered by Original Medicare with a Medicare Supplement and a stand-alone Medicare Part D plan. Our parent's situations are different as they both are covered by Medicare Advantage plans. My parents are both Texas retired teachers covered by TRS Medicare Advantage plan and my husband's parents are covered by his father's employer retiree Medicare Advantage plan.

How will Medicare pay for these different situations? I'd like to know what to do if

Medicare Advantage plans to waive cost-sharing for COVID-19 lab tests. Check with your Medicare Advantage plans to verify your coverage and costs.

Telehealth coverage and additional coverage maybe offered. Once a vaccine for COVID-19 is available, then Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan copays apply. It is advised that the medical provider or facility be in network to receive your lowest cost for medical and vaccine costs.

Sheila, after April 1st when the medical community that is accepting **Medicare assignment** begin to file claims regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), then we will really know how claims will be paid. Remember accepting **Medicare assignment** and not just billing Medicare is the key to how a COVID-19 claim will be paid. Since you and your husband are covered by Original Medicare with a Medicare Supplement and stand-alone Medicare Part D, you may pay a certain amount for your claim and your parents which are both covered by a Medicare Advantage plan with Part D may pay a completely different amount or co pays because these are two different types of Medicare plans.

For questions regarding the maze of Medicare, call the Toni Says® Medicare hotline at 832/519-8664.

Toni King, author of the *Medicare Survival Guide®* is giving a \$5 discount on the *Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced* book and bundle packages for the *Toni Says® newspaper article readers* at [www.tonisays.com](http://www.tonisays.com) ★

# Mother of the Year



## 2020

**Mother of the Year and two finalists will ride in the Dixon May Parade on Saturday, May 9, and receive floral gifts. Entry DEADLINE IS 5 pm, Friday, May 1, 2020.**

Enter your mother or any other Dixon mom who you believe exemplifies the finest qualities of motherhood, including helping children develop character especially by example, promoting family values, meeting both daily and extraordinary challenges of family life, showing charity towards others, and helping to improve the community through personal action.

Essays should be no more than 500 words and should be accompanied by a recent family photo for publication when the award is announced. Fill the complete form, and check one or more categories if needed.

6th Grade and under     7th to 9th Grade     10th Grade to adults

MOM'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_, DIXON, CA 95620

( ) - ( ) -  
 MOM'S PHONE NUMBER                  NOMINATOR'S PHONE NUMBER

NOMINATOR'S NAME AND AGE (YOURSELF) \_\_\_\_\_

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