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Davis Christian Fellowship Will Be Presenting at Dixon Community Church

By Rev. Michael Farias

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Community Church, is excited to announce that Reverend Will Klier will be speaking this coming Sunday, March 17th at 10:00 am.

Will and his wife Jen have spent the last 17 years serving as U.S. Missionaries with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries to UC Davis; locally known as Davis Christian Fellowship (DCF). They facilitate an on campus weekly worship service with over 150 student leaders packing a lecture hall to worship Jesus.

Currently 24 of their students lead Bible Studies throughout the campus and at DCF's two ministry houses, 10 yards from university.

Over the years Will and



Will and his wife Jen will be presenting March 17th. Photo courtesy Dixon Community Church

Jen have seen nearly 40 of their alumni serve a year or more in missions work around the world. Will said, "We believe the motto of the university, "Let There Be Light", is a prophetic call to send the light of Jesus throughout the world, sending graduates to the marketplace and

the nations".

Each year Will and Jen take students on spring and summer foreign missions trips and host outreaches engaging UC Davis students. According to Klier, UC Davis is the nation's top 6th public university and a very strategic mission field, comprising

37,000 students from over 100 different nations.

Additionally, The Davis Christian Fellowship worship team will be leading the music portion of the service.

Dixon Community Church is located at 955 East A Street in Dixon. Service is held every Sunday at 10am. ★

John Currey Wins Crystal Clear Award

By Loran Hoffman

DIXON, CA (DIV) - Local resident, John Currey, won the 2019 Crystal Clear Award which recognizes exemplary efforts to protect and address water quality in the Sacramento Valley. The award was presented at the Northern California Water Association annual meeting on March 1 in Chico.

The organization stated that "John works tirelessly to implement both the NCWA and the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Conditions (SVWQC) mission and vision of sustainable water management – for today and future generations – that includes all beneficial uses in the Sacramento Valley.

"Through his services as a member of the Solano Land Trust Board of Directors, management of agricultural leases on the state owned Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area that showcases wildlife benefits from working agriculture, as a technical advisor to the Solano County Groundwater Management Agency, City of Dixon General Plan Update Advisory Committee, as well as his advisory roles with the California Association of Resource Conversation Districts, and work with four agencies in the formation of the Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for joint drainage improvement projects, John Currey inspires thoughtful public discussion that will assure reliable affordable and high quality water supplies will be available to serve multiple benefits in the Sacramento Valley."

Unbeknownst to John, his wife, Taci, and their children left Dixon to surprise John just before the award was given. **Congratulations, John!** ★

Join Wild Farm Alliance Outreach Field Day

By Shirley Humphrey

WOODLAND, CA (DIV) - Join Wild Farm Alliance for their first field day in their farmer-to-farmer series "All Things Avian" on March 19th, 8:30am-1pm. Participants will have the chance to hear from a variety of experts and get hands on experience learning about beneficial birds and how to support them. Duane Chamberlain of Chamberlain Farms in Woodland, CA will be co-hosting the field day.

Duane Chamberlain has been farming in Yolo County for over

50 years, managing his productive fields in ways that support songbirds, raptors and herons, placing easements on some for the rare Swainson's Hawks, and working to develop native bird habitat between his fields and a slough that flows through the farm.

In addition to hearing from Duane there will be several other speakers, including avian researcher Sara Kross and UC farm advisor Rachael Long. Sara will share her research on songbirds, Barn Owls and falcons, and Rachael will discuss current research on hedgerows.

Others will cover how irrigation practices and conservation plantings support birds. Attendees will also have the chance to participate in a demonstration conservation planting and learn first-hand the importance of native bird habitat on farms!

Register for the event at: https://www.wildfarmalliance.org/chamberlain_farms Registration is \$15 and includes lunch and a copy of WFA's Bird Booklet.

CCA and DPR credits available. Register by March 15, 2019 to reserve your spot. ★

Time to Tell that FAT to Get Lost

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (DIV) - In 2017, the StateofObesity.org published an updated report of obesity numbers and ranks across the 50 states and Washington, DC. The new information showed California as one of the healthiest states, based on weight, in the US. About 25-percent of state residents are overweight or obese. That plants the state firmly in the 4th spot on the list; only three other states are considered lighter, so to speak, than California.

This new obesity data shows very little change in nearly 15 years as the percentage of overweight and obese residents climbed less than 1-percent.

Based on the collected data, men weigh about 225 pounds and have a body mass index (BMI) of 32. Women weigh about 187 pounds and have an identical average BMI of 32. The average weight to lose in Solano County was the only measurement that deviated from state data.

The average amount of weight Solano County residents need to lose is



Based on the collected data, men weigh about 225 pounds and have a body mass index (BMI) of 32. Women weigh about 187 pounds and have an identical average BMI of 32

61 pounds. That total is 20-percent higher than the California average of 51 pounds. On a national level, however, Solano County measures only 3-percent higher than the average 59 pounds to lose.

With anonymous information collected daily from more than 33 million annual visitors, Dietspotlight has dissected the state data

into individual counties, including Solano County, California. Surprisingly, as it doesn't occur often, county statistics are nearly identical to state statistics.

The information used to calculate average weight and BMI was shared by men and women searching for products designed to help with weight loss. Most often visitors are seeking facts about fat

burners, diet pills, detox supplements, workout programs, and more.

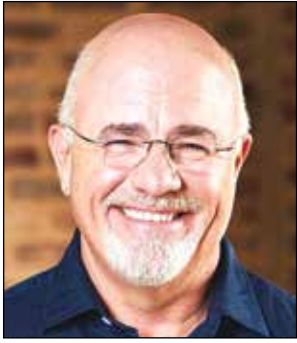
After 10 years dedicated to sharing trustworthy information, Dietspotlight wanted to do more. Today, research used to support articles is verified by a Medical Review Board of well-respected professionals like Summer Banks FNS, Anthony Dugarte MD, Devon Golem RD, and Natalie Rizzo RD. ★

More Residents Moving from Dixon

For those of you who drive up and down West a Street (a main arterial street), you may have notified six to eight houses for sale. We know that one house is being sold because the previous resident was killed in a tragic accident. Another has stated that he is moving because it is too expensive to live in California.

It could be that a few of the baby boomers are leaving California because they can cash in on their homes and buy similar homes in other states for much less. It could be that a few people on the same block decided to move at the same time.

We do not know if this is a trend in California but it does raise questions. We will try to ask a few questions of those moving to see if there are any common factors and get back to you. ★



Insurance and Savings

Dear Dave,
I just realized our insurance has a health savings account (HSA) option. We've considered dropping this insurance soon and going to a cheaper Christian medical sharing program. We've got about \$19,000 in debt between credit cards and a car payment, and we're on Baby Step 2 of your plan. Our thought was to fund the HSA for a period of time as a means of saving, cancel that policy, then go over to a medical sharing program we found that costs \$600 a month less. After that, we would start paying down debt again.

Dave Ramsey Says

What do you think?
- Amy

Dear Amy,
There are two components to an HSA, the insurance component and the savings component. You don't have to participate in the savings component. The insurance component is simply a large deductible, 100 percent coverage after the deductible, cheaper-premium health insurance plan. If I were in Baby Step 2, I would not do the savings component. I would only do the insurance component, or I'd do the medical sharing program.

I'm not sure why you'd need to jump back and forth it you're going to permanently move to a medical sharing program. I get the idea of saving money, but what you're talking about isn't something I'd recommend for someone who's in debt. I wouldn't fund a savings account of several

thousand dollars only for medical when you're not even on Baby Step 3, which is saving an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. That money needs to be used to pay off debt first.

It's not the end of the world if you don't fund the HSA portion of your current insurance plan. If you went with a medical sharing program, and just saved up a large emergency fund, the only thing you'd really lose out on is the tax deduction associated with an HSA.

Good question!
- 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. ★

St. Peter's Catholic Church News

By Chris Simpson

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday. We have this blessed opportunity to draw closer to our Lord Jesus and to our true self. We are made for God and His love, and while the world, the flesh, and the Devil, so to speak, give humankind competition for this love, the three observances during the 40 days of Lent help us renew our faith. The first observance is prayer, humbling ourselves before God; the second is fasting whereby we bring our appetites and desire under control; the

third is almsgiving which delivers us from self and points to taking care of others. Prayer is transformative and leads us to holiness. We seek silence, the incubator for prayer.

40 Days for Life in which we pray to end abortion is from March 6th - April 14th. Prayer and fasting can make a difference. A bilingual Rosary will be prayed Thursday March 7th at 6pm, Monday nights at 7, and Friday morning at 7:30. St. Peter's has many opportunities to sustain our Lenten discipline: daily mass at 8am and Thursday 8pm in Spanish,

Confessions Thursday 7-8pm and Saturday 4:30-5pm, Stations of the Cross (bilingual) 6pm on Fridays with a simple Lenten meal following, Holy Hour - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 8am-7pm, and the church is always open for individual prayer.

During Lent, protect us dear Lord, from the tyranny of pride and self-indulgence and help us grow in Your likeness. Amen, God bless all!

For more information concerning St. Peter's activities, please contact www.stpeterschurchdixon.com ★

California Senior Legislature is Working for You

Commentary by Carl Burton, CSL

The California Senior Legislature (CSL) was created by legislation by assembly member Henry Mello in 1979. CSL is an official nonpartisan "shadow" legislature that works to improve the lives of older Californians. The idea behind the legislation that created the CSL was to help seniors in providing model legislation for older citizens and advocating for the needs of older adults in California.

Who is better suited than seniors to research and write legislation to help senior citizens in California? The California Senior Legislature (CSL) is the group doing

that work! California seniors know best what seniors need to live in a safe place and have a healthy lifestyle.

CSL member's research issues around housing, transportation, health, social services, recreation, education, and identifying and stopping elder abuse and then submitting their proposed legislation to members of the regular California State legislature so they can propose legislation that address identified senior needs.

Since its establishment, the 40 CSL volunteer senior senators and 80 CSL volunteer senior assembly members, elected by their peers to represent all of California, have submitted over 300 proposals to the

California State Legislature and over 200 bills have become law. CSL success proves its usefulness in providing model legislation to help our aging population which will grow to more than double by 2030.

Now I urge all California taxpayers to support our work on behalf of our senior citizen population by making a tax-deductible contribution on their state income tax return, under Contribution Code 438 - the California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Contribution Tax Fund.

Thanks for your support, Carl Burton, Assemblyman California Senior Legislature carl@carlburton.com ★

IRS waives estimated tax penalty for farmers, fishermen who file returns and pay tax by April 15

IRS Special Release

WASHINGTON, DC (DIV) - The Internal Revenue Service will waive the estimated tax penalty for any qualifying farmer or fisherman who files his or her 2018 federal income tax return and pays any tax due by Monday, April 15, 2019. The deadline is Wednesday, April 17, 2019, for taxpayers residing in Maine or Massachusetts.

The IRS is providing this relief because,

due to certain rule changes, many farmers and fishermen may have difficulty accurately determining their tax liability by the March 1 deadline that usually applies to them. For tax year 2018, an individual who received at least two-thirds of his or her total gross income from farming or fishing during either 2017 or 2018 qualifies as a farmer or fisherman.

To be eligible for the waiver, qualifying taxpayers must attach Form

2210-F, available on IRS.gov, to their 2018 income tax return. This form can be submitted either electronically or on paper. The taxpayer's name and identifying number, usually a Social Security number, must be entered at the top of the form. The waiver box—Part I, Box A—should be checked. The rest of the form should be left blank.

Further details can be found in Notice 2019-17, posted today on IRS.gov. ★

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This Sunday at 10am Davis Christian Fellowship will be ministering in both worship and the Word. Reverend Will Klier, the Chi Alpha missionary and leader of the ministry on the UC Davis campus will be preaching from the Bible. Students from the DCF worship team will be leading the congregation in a time of praise and worship. Said Pastor Michael Farias of Dixon Community Church, we are excited to learn about the great work these leaders are doing on the campus of UC Davis.

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Dear Readers,

Ted missed his deadline this week to get his column in on time for the production team to hit their weekly deadline. To keep his column streak "alive" we've chosen a few of his jokes from previous issues. While missing the deadline is certainly not laughing matter, we hope you will enjoy reading a few of his jokes until next week.

- Rabbits were long considered to be vegetarians.....until one was spotted with a hare in his salad.
- I have finally attained that age where every conversation I have seems to start with a discussion of the weather.....and ends with a litany of my latest aches and pains.
- Egomaniac is a rather strong term... I'd prefer to think of myself as more of an ego fanatic.
- I'm now on year 3 of the '7-day ab challenge'.
- Scientists are trying to prove that "gusts" of wind are just trees... silently farting.

- A lot of people live paycheck to paycheck and that's nice... i however live paycheck to credit cards to old used amazon gift cards to diverted utility payments to change found in the couch to help from relatives.
- I waited seven days before i buried the cat... I wasn't sure if she'd used up all nine lives.
- I bought the "Sounds of the Amazon Rainforest" CD but it wasn't as relaxing as I'd hoped. The first half was birds chirping and monkeys howling... the rest was all bulldozers and the whine of chainsaws.
- As an optimist, i always believe my most spectacular failures are still ahead of me.
- If people aren't supposed to count their chickens before they hatch.... how do they know if they've put a dozen eggs in the carton?
- I ate too much Mediterranean food... and now I falafel.
- How come when our phones fall we panic... but when our friends fall we laugh? ★

Time to "Kick Some Butts"

Call for Free Resources to Kick Butts

By Georgie Kramer

Cigarette smoking is still the leading cause of preventable death and disability in the United States and rural smoking rates are higher than those in more urban areas. Especially concerning to healthcare professionals is the recent rise in "vaping" or e-cigarette use. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine which is the highly addictive drug found in cigarettes. Nicotine is also toxic to developing fetuses, adolescent brain development, and pregnant women, in particular. Some smokers use e-cigarettes to help them quit smoking cigarettes. However, the research shows that using e-cigarettes



Kick Butts Day is an annual event that aims to promote a future free of the death and disease caused by tobacco.

for cessation is just a change in smoking behavior, and rarely leads to stopping a nicotine addiction.

Kick Butts Day on March 20, 2019 is an annual event that aims to promote a future free of the death and disease caused by tobacco. Quitting smoking – even for a day – is a great way to recognize Kick Butts Day. Free help to quit all nicotine products including vaping is available for all California residents. The California Smokers'

Helpline (www.nobutts.org) offers telephone counseling in various languages, extra support via text message, self-help materials, online help, and referral to local programs.

Help yourself- or a loved one - to Kick Butts! For more information about local cessation help or more information on nicotine products, contact the California Health Collaborative's EQUITY project at (530) 345-2483 x 206. ★

CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

Honoring Hometown Heroes Air Show at Travis Air Force Base Saturday and Sunday, March 30-31

The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will be the headliners of a two day event that showcases the pride, precision and professionalism of American Airmen. In addition to the Thunderbirds, the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team along with the F-22 Raptor and C-17 Globemaster demonstration teams. There will be displays from both Cal Fire and the California Highway Patrol and a fun zone for children 10 years of age and under.

Mark your calendar to attend this fun, exciting and informational family friendly event. Admission is FREE for all.

Country Night at Stars Recreation Center In Vacaville Sunday, March 25 from 3-7 p.m.

Singles of Solano County invite you to join them for music and dancing by DJ Adams. Cover charge of \$15 and no host bar. Cork fee for those bringing their own bottle of wine is also \$15. Appetizers will be served and there is a raffle and door prizes. Kick up your heels and grab your hat and join the Singles of Solano County for a fun event! ★

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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.



Sunday, March 03, 2019

0520 Suspicious vehicle 1300 blk Hawthorne Ct. Chelsea Franklin (23), of Dixon, and Justin Sharp (40), of Suisun City, contacted, Sharp arrested for Possession of Heroin and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Franklin arrested for Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Probation Violation. They were transported to the Solano County Jail.

1240 Report of an intoxicated subject 1200 blk Stratford Ave. Robert Harmony (62) of Dixon found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and taken to jail for public intoxication.

1342 Stolen license plate report Regency Pkwy and Madden Ct.

1419 Stolen vehicle located 200 blk N Second St.

Monday, March 04, 2019

0711 Recovered stolen vehicle 700 blk Priddy Dr.

1400 Missing person reported 1300 blk N Lincoln was later located.

1527 Vehicle burglary in the 1900 blk Regency Pkwy.

Tuesday, March 05, 2019

1448 Found property report at Dixon Police Dept.

1608 Vehicle burglary report 1700 blk N First St.

2100 Suspicious vehicle 200 blk E Dorset Dr. Nadia Nomura (40), of Sacramento, found to have a Traffic Warrant out of Sacramento. She was also in Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Methamphetamine. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

Wednesday, March 06, 2019

1127 Suspicious activity report 500 blk Peterson Ln.

1216 Theft of mail from mailbox on Allison Ct.

1251 Vehicle theft from the 1300 blk West H St.

2206 Welfare Check 500 blk Peterson Ln.

Thursday, March 07, 2019

0330 Suspicious Vehicle Brians Way and West H St. found to be a stolen vehicle and recovered.

1550 Disturbance 400 blk Ellesmere Dr. Gloria Mercado (20) of Dixon arrested for Misdemeanor domestic violence, trespassing and public intoxication.

1624 Hit and run collision 200 blk E Dorset Dr.

1944 Traffic Stop Merryfield Dr at Justin Way resulted in Brandon McCabe (33) of Dixon arrested for an outstanding warrant. McCabe was booked into the Solano County Jail.

2048 Suspicious Circumstances 1300 blk Stratford Ave.

2235 Traffic Stop 100 blk East Chestnut St. resulted in Daniel Stinson (32) of Dixon arrested for DUI. Stinson was cited and released from the PD.

2315 Vehicle Burglary 1200 blk Stratford Ave.

Friday, March 08, 2019

0823 Stolen vehicle 400 blk N Jackson St.

0841 Vandalism 900 blk Newgate Way.

0942 Terrorist Threats 500 blk Stern Dr.

1237 Occupied stolen vehicle on I-80 near SR 113, resulted in arrest of Rodney Horne, (26) of Oakland, for Embezzled Vehicle and Jonathan Lee, (26) of Oakland for Possession of Stolen Property and Parole Violation. Both occupants transported to the County Jail.

Friday, March 08, 2019 (Cont.)

1250 Vehicle Collision Vaughn Rd and N First St.

1500 Juvenile Disturbance East D St. and La Esperanza.

1326 Fraud report 100 blk S First St.

1717 Domestic Violence Restraining Order 1400 blk Pegord Ave.

1944 Traffic Stop N Almond St. at Devonshire Dr. Eric Whitaker (22) of Dixon arrested for an outstanding warrant and booked into Solano County Jail.

2038 Vehicle Burglary 200 blk Dorset Ct.

2205 Domestic Violence at Hall Park. Ricardo Ruiz (30) of Dixon arrested for Domestic Battery and booked into Solano County Jail.

Saturday, March 09, 2019

1114 Traffic Stop W/B 80 at Pitt School Rd. Shaunta Covin (30) from Solano County arrested and booked into Solano County Jail for an outstanding warrant.

1127 Stolen vehicle 1300 blk N Lincoln.

1211 Pedestrian Stop 1200 blk Stratford Ave. Subject detained for public intoxication and transported to the hospital for treatment.

1411 Trespassing 300 blk S Lincoln.

2017 Traffic Stop East Pkwy Blvd at S First St. Jayden Waldren (23) of Dixon cited and released for Reckless Driving.

2042 Vehicle Burglary 200 blk Dorset Ct.

2336 Traffic Stop 600 blk Humbolt Dr. Edgar Bojorquez-Gastelum (32) of Dixon arrested for 3 outstanding warrants and driving without a license, he was booked into the Solano County Jail.

Sunday, March 10, 2019

0018 Alarm Call 200 blk Sanborn Ln. While on the call, a vehicle stopped St. and contacted. Brynna Day (33) of Dixon arrested for DUI, possession of controlled substances, and for bringing controlled substances inside the jail when she was booked into their custody.

1016 Suspicious person report 700 blk N Almond. Beau Reed (37), of Dixon, cited and released for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

1031 Vandalism report 100 blk N First St.

1546 Missing person report 500 blk Spruce Dr. - later returned home.

Monday, March 11, 2019

0902 Assist CHP N First St. and Stratford Ave.

1255 Domestic violence report 1700 blk N First St.

1326 Missing person report made at Dixon Police Dept.

1306 Vandalism report 400 blk La Esperanza Dr.

1517 Commercial Burglary report 1400 blk Regency Pkwy.

2143 Suspicious vehicle check 1200 blk Stratford Ave resulted in arrest of Robert Smith (34) of Dixon for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released from the scene.

2204 Traffic stop 1400 blk Ary Ln resulted in arrest of Michael Harris (28)

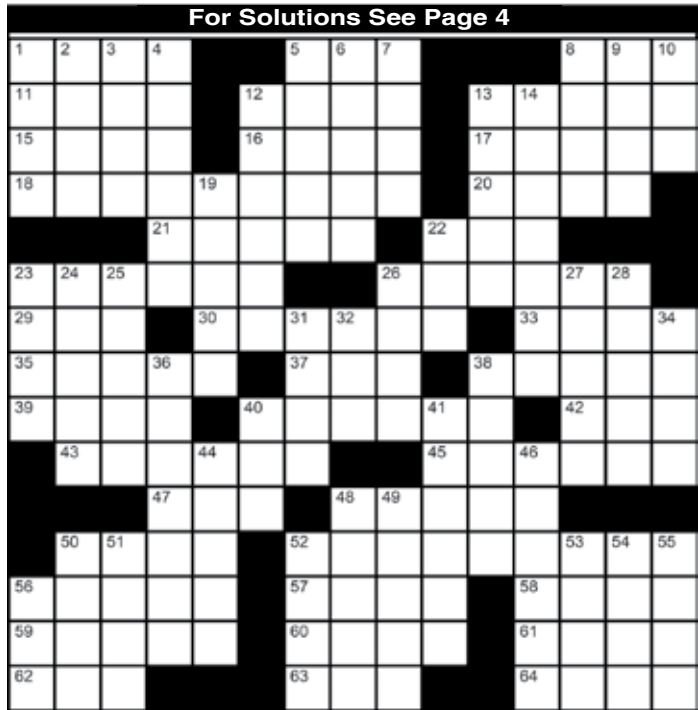
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- ACROSS
- Nibble away
 - Information space
 - School support org.
 - Royal Indian
 - Short for Dorothea
 - Oak nut
 - And others, for short
 - Seat of intellect
 - Branch of philosophy
 - "Wart to end all wars?"
 - Lump of stuff
 - Type of examination, pl.
 - Owned
 - Downer
 - Wiggle room
 - *...Wan of "Star Wars," a 20th Century Fox film
 - Tends to fire
 - Affirm
 - Grabbing tool
 - Blade drops
 - ...ballerina or ...donna
 - *Village People song
 - Verse with repeating lines
 - Bartender's Triple
 - Panhandler
 - **"Cheers" owner
 - Any high mountain
 - Like yellow polka dot bikini
 - Tropical edible root
 - *First on the moon
 - Holy See's administering body
 - Focuses
 - *...Lady, a.k.a. Margaret Thatcher
 - Newspapers and such
 - December 24 and 31, e.g.
 - Vena
 - Common conjunction
 - Itty-bitty
 - Fence piece

DOWN

- Increased in size
- *North Atlantic Alliance, acr.
- Slightly open
- Whack
- Mark from a lash
- Is dressed in
- Dry riverbed
- *"Wait Kelly's comic strip (1948-1975)
- *Aldous Huxley's journey
- *Mandela's org.
- Foil
- Aquarium scum
- *Conflict without active fire
- One step to success?
- "For ... a jolly..."
- Half-rotten
- *Manhattan Project invention
- Don't do this to words!
- Raunchy
- Dispatch boat
- *Aden Emergency locale
- Skunk's defense
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- *First in space
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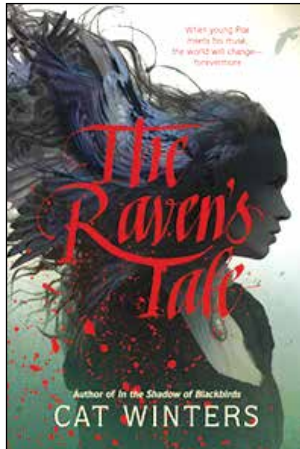
The Raven's Tale

by Cat Winters

In a story of poetry and Muses, a young Edgar Allan Poe wrestles with inner demons, ghostly visions, and his desire for love and acceptance. In a time where people see Muses as people and not mere fantastical, imaginary beings Edgar Poe has found his, a beautiful, dark, macabre, woman who is part woman, part raven.

Struggling with religious expectations along with the fear of embracing his artistic passion, Edgar spends his days in woeful longing; longing to discover his true calling, longing for his true love, and longing to be free of his family. Yet, nothing compares to the hold his adoptive father has upon him, and the shame of being an orphaned child of the theater.

However, with his desire for education, poetry and love, Edgar leaves himself open and vulnerable to the passion of poetry, until it takes shape as his frightful muse, Lenore. Torn by obligation and desire, Edgar struggles under the surmounting pressure of schoolwork and debts, as he allows obstacles to pre-occupy his mind, from



- ◆ Publisher: Amulet
- ◆ Hardcover, 368 pages
- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ♥♥♥♥♥

the poetry he is meant to write. But Lenore, won't stand idle, her transformation depends on taking Edgar into the dark recesses of his mind.

A place that is genuinely as frightening and dangerous as she is, Edgar must allow his muse to help him in order to create the haunting prose that courses in his veins. While everyone fears that following the path of a Muse will lead to madness, Lenore might be the one path Edgar must follow in order to live.

A dark and twisted

battle between desire and intent, *The Raven's Tale* is an alluring, fictional portrayal of a young Edgar Allan Poe. Pulling darkness from the shadows and shining light upon it, Cat Winters once again mesmerizes her reading audience with atmospheric intensity, strong characters and a compelling storyline, which could only be in the true style of, Edgar Allan Poe.

Matching the moodiness and temperament of the time, Cat Winters draws readers into a fantastical world all over her own, while highlighting how a young Edgar Allan Poe could have become the man readers revere today.

Exploring, heartache and tragedy and turning it into prose, Cat Winters matches Edgar Poe's lyrical, poetic tempo with her own, magically weaving a tale that is dark, passionate and unrelenting. Opening the door to a story that is as insightful as it is entertaining, the heavily laden research is apparent and respectful to the life of the famed author, allowing fans to fall even deeper in love with the works of, Edgar Allan Poe. ★



Riley Reviews

"CAPTAIN MARVEL" A FEMALE-DRIVEN SUPERHERO ACTION ADVENTURE

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"CAPTAIN MARVEL"
Rated PG-13

The abundance of superheroes generated from the source materials of Marvel Comics and DC Comics is a driving force for a seemingly endless stream of cinematic versions bombarding the theatrical market.

The Marvel Comic Universe has become an enormous media franchise based on comic book characters from Marvel Comics. On television, the "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." series runs on ABC. Netflix streams "Marvel's Runaways," "Marvel's Iron Fist," among many other titles.

The list of Marvel films, including "Avengers" and "Captain America," is way too long to enumerate. Suffice it to say, there is no shortage of material for now or the foreseeable future.

Now along comes "Captain Marvel" with the added twist that the titular character is female, and Brie Larson (Oscar winner for Best Actress in "Room") wears the iconic jumpsuit's whole chest piece with the starburst and the red and blue colors.

Without any real depth of knowledge of the Marvel Comic Universe, this reviewer accepts as an article of faith that "Captain Marvel" represents the first stand-alone, female-franchise title character, namely in the person of Carol Danvers aka Captain Marvel.

With that said, Brie Larson's Carol Danvers is first introduced as Vers, a warrior and member of Starforce on the planet Hala in the Kree Empire, serving under the command of her mentor Yon-Rogg (Jude Law).

Urged by the ruler of the Kree, Supreme Intelligence (Annette Bening), as well as by Yon-Rogg, to keep her emotions under control, Vers has fragmented flashback

memories that suggest a human connection to planet Earth.

In outer space, the enemies of the Kree are the Skrulls, shape-shifting aliens with an uncanny knack to confound rivals. The Kree Empire's full-blown battle against their lizard-skinned adversaries affords Vers the opportunity to use her awesome superpowers.

The Skrulls, under the command of their fearsome leader Talos (Ben Mendelsohn), abduct Vers, but she manages to escape from the Skrull spaceship in a pod, crash landing on Earth in 1995.

Her presence in Los Angeles comes to the attention of agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson, digitally made younger) and Phil Coulson (Clark Gregg), who are in the midst of an alien investigation.

Fury doesn't believe in aliens but he's intrigued with trying to catch Vers riding the light rail system in pursuit of Talos who takes the identity of an old woman passenger that doesn't fool the superhero.

By now, fans of Marvel are familiar with the late Stan Lee's penchant for a cameo appearance similar to what Alfred Hitchcock was known to do, namely to elicit a knowing recognition of the master's presence.

In this case, the posthumous tribute to Stan Lee carries an insider wink. As a passenger on the train, Lee is reading a script for "Mallrats," a film from the '90s in which he performed a similar cameo task.

The fun part of Vers coming to our planet is that her pod crash lands through the roof of a Blockbuster Video store, where she peruses a VHF cassette of "The Right Stuff" before using an outdoor pay phone to call home.

Other amusing nostalgic relics that figure into the story include modifying the

use of a pager and the slow pace of a dial-up computer at an Internet café. While navigating the urban jungle of Los Angeles, Vers comes to realize that her true identity is that of Carol Danvers, a former U.S. Air Force test pilot presumed to have died in a crash six years earlier.

With the mortal threat by the Skrull leader's continuing pursuit, Carol teams up with Fury, now willing to believe in aliens once upfront and personal with one, to essentially retrace Carol's life as a pilot for clues to combat common enemies.

The relationship between the skeptical Fury and fish out of water Carol leads to amusingly caustic banter and barbed comments, and yet they focus on the need to retrieve a mysterious glowing cube that must not, at all costs, fall into the wrong hands.

The investigative trail sends Fury and Carol to rural Louisiana to the home of Maria Rambeau (Lashana Lynch), who was once Carol's best friend when they served together as test pilots and is now urged by her young daughter to join the intergalactic fight.

It should be noted that while the cynical yet witty Fury proves to be the most interesting human character, the real scene-stealer is an orange tabby cat named Goose who has more personality than any of the aliens.

Overall, though the hardcore fans may disagree, "Captain Marvel" has the feel of a standard-issue superhero film more invested in the spectacle of the action than the emotional connection to be had with its characters.

The visual imagery is certainly appealing and the humorous jabs from Nick Fury are great fun, and make sure to stay through the end credits for the "Avengers: Endgame" preface. ★

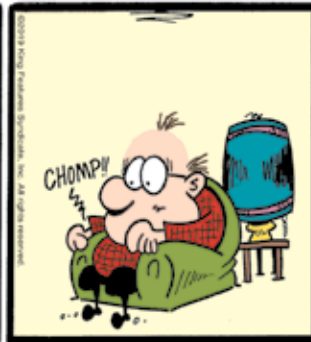
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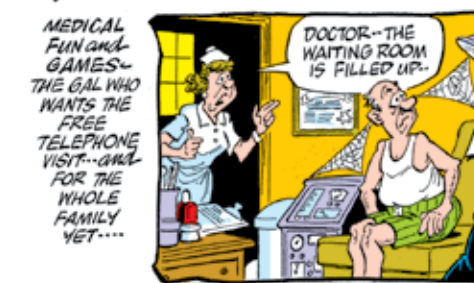
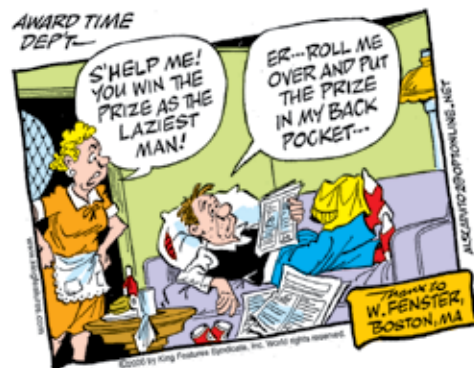
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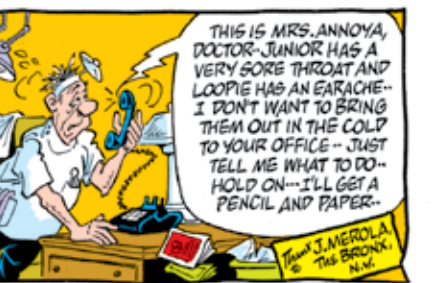


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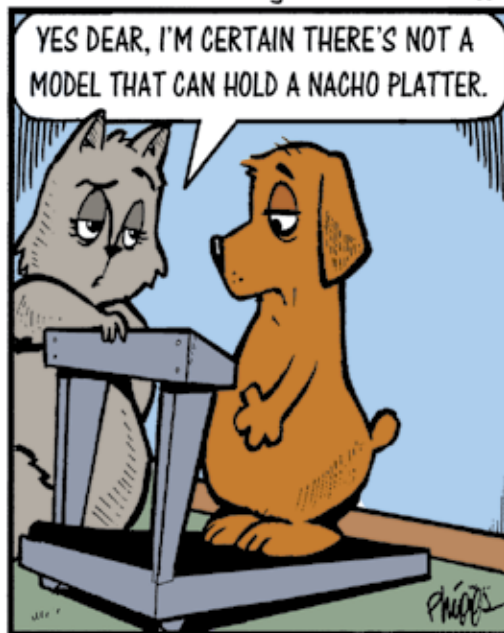


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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Seat is different. 2. Boots are higher. 3. Small from window ledge. 4. Fridge area said is missing. 5. Snow is gone.

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Student Housing Development Formally Breaks Ground



Wielding golden shovels today (Feb. 26) are, from left: Reed Kawahara, director of public-private partnerships at Real Estate Services; Emily Galindo, interim vice chancellor of Student Affairs; Mark Rutheiser, associate director of Real Estate Services; Kelly Ratliff, vice chancellor of Finance, Operations and Administration; Chancellor Gary S. May; Mike Sheehan, interim associate vice chancellor of Student Housing and Dining Services; and Grant Rockwell, executive director of Real Estate Services. Photo by Gregory Urquiaga/UC Davis. Courtesy UCD Media Dept.

By Andy Fell, UCD

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The University of California, Davis formally broke ground on February 26, 2019 for The Green at West Village, a campus apartment project with room for up to 3,300 students.

"I'm thrilled to celebrate with our partners this major step forward in addressing the critical need for affordable student housing," Chancellor Gary S. May said. "Today's groundbreaking is part of an ambitious plan to provide access to more housing for our students."

Work on the site began in December, and the first 1,000 beds are expected to be available for fall 2020. At this time, the project is the largest student-housing construction project in the United States.

The Michaels Organization of New Jersey is the developer, with architectural services by Stantec, a global design company headquartered in Edmonton, Canada. The general contractor is CBG Building Co. of Arlington, Virginia.

"This student housing community demonstrates what is possible when the public sector and private sector form partnerships that leverage the strengths of both," said Joe Coyle, president of Michaels Student Living. "An affordable, sustainable living environment for the students of UC Davis is the goal, and this groundbreaking is the first milestone toward that end."

Set on 34 acres, The Green at West Village will comprise nine four-story apartment buildings along with indoor and outdoor community space and recreational fields. A 10,000-square-foot community building will house a fitness center, multipurpose room and student support services. The project has a goal of 100 percent zero net energy use on an annual basis.

Plan Added More Residential Beds

The university's original request for proposals aimed for 1,875 beds. However, UC Davis, The Michaels Organization and Stantec

worked together to develop a plan that cut back on space for student vehicles, allowing more residential units.

The development is part of UC Davis' new Long Range Development Plan, which projects the university will add 9,050 student beds and house 100 percent of any growth in student enrollment on campus.

The development is a public-private partnership between UC Davis, The Michaels Organization and Collegiate Housing Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

When construction is complete, the apartment complex will be operated by Collegiate Housing Foundation, which will hold the ground lease from the University of California. UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services will provide on-site program and residence support services and be responsible for leasing and marketing activities.

The first apartments at West Village opened from 2011 to 2013, providing space for 2,261 students. ★

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Volunteer at the Putah Creek Native Plant Nursery



Community volunteer Paola Leal and Stewardship Team member Nicolle Herr care help grow toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) at the Putah Creek Nursery. Photo courtesy Putah Creek Council

By Amy Williams,
Putah Creek Council

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (DIV) - Putah Creek Council seeks volunteers to help grow and care for native plants at the Putah Creek Native Plant Nursery. Located in south Davis, the Putah Creek Nursery grows over 60 species of native plants for habitat restoration. Seeds and cuttings are collected from the throughout the Putah-Cache watershed and propagated and cared for by community volunteers. Each winter, the plants are installed along Putah Creek and its tributaries where they provide food, shelter, and cover to native wildlife, improve water quality, and enhance aesthetics for creek visitors.

"Our cooperative native plant nursery, sponsored by CAL FIRE and Solano County Water Agency, is a terrific example of cooperation among state, local

and non-profit entities to promote propagation of native plants from locally collected seeds and cuttings for public benefit habitat enhancement projects," said Rich Marovich, Putah Creek Streamkeeper and founder of the Putah Creek Nursery. "The nursery has greatly leveraged local habitat restoration efforts on Lower Putah Creek and elsewhere in Solano and Yolo counties. It has subsidized projects by local Resource Conservation Districts and Tree Davis among others. Planting native vegetation, including many species that have been declining throughout their ranges, is key to sustaining our wildlife heritage. Many of the species that we grow are drought tolerant, enhancing the resiliency of landscapes in addition to providing wildlife benefits."

The Council hosts community volunteer events

at the nursery on alternating Saturday mornings year round. Upcoming Saturday events are scheduled for March 16th and 30th, and April 13th and 27th. Tasks vary for each event, but generally include seeding, transplanting seedlings into larger containers, weeding, organizing, and clean-up. All ages welcome, including supervised children under twelve. Putah Creek Council will provide all the gloves, tools, and supplies.

The Putah Creek Nursery is a joint effort between Putah Creek Council, the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, and CAL FIRE's Lewis A. Moran Reforestation Center with funding provided by the Solano County Water Agency.

For full event details and to register, visit www.putahcreekcouncil.org, or call 530-795-3006. ★

Ask Toni

Medicare Part A Enrollment When Still Working



Hi Toni,

I turned 65 in August of 2018 and am still working covered entirely by my large company health plan. My wife is 63 and covered by the plan. My question is ... Do I need to enroll in Medicare Part A now or can I wait until I retire? Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Brian from The Woodlands

Brian:

Since you are past 65 and have not enrolled in your Medicare Part A, you are fine. You can enroll now in Medicare Part A only since you are working full-time with employer benefits. Or you will be enrolled in Medicare Part A only when you decide to start your Social Security check and keep working full-time when you are at your full retirement age.

A few years ago, I learned a valuable Medicare Part A lesson from a gentleman that I was meeting with to help with his Medicare retirement planning.

He was 72 and failed to

enroll in Medicare properly receiving the "famous" Medicare Part B penalty.

At 70, he retired and began his Social Security benefits. He chose to enroll in his company COBRA and delay his Medicare Part B because his Part B premium would have been over \$400 a month due to his income. He waited until his COBRA ended 18 months later which was past his Medicare Part B enrollment time and received a Part B penalty.

When I met with him, I discovered that his Medicare Part B penalty was 20% for 2 full 12-month periods since he began receiving his Social Security check at 70. Remember, he was 72 when we met. I figured his penalty would have been 70% for 7 full 12-month periods (72-65=7).

The Medicare Part B penalty as defined in the Medicare and You handbook is that your Medicare Part B premium may go up 10% for each full 12-month period you could have had Medicare Part B but failed to enroll. If you sign up for Medicare Part B during a Special Enrollment Period, you will have an 8-month period which begins when your employment ends, or group coverage ends which every comes first. This person waited until 18-months when his COBRA ended because he

didn't know the Medicare rules.

This is when I discovered that Medicare Part A was not mandatory to begin at 65 if one is working full-time with employer benefits or covered under their spouse's full-time employer benefits.

When this person does delay beginning their Medicare Part A/or B until they decide to begin their Social Security check or have decided to retire leaving their or their working spouse's employer benefits. It is at that time that their Medicare Part A will begin 6 months prior to apply if this specific person is past 65. Yes, your Medicare Part A will begin 6 months before the date that you apply. Apply June 1st and your Medicare Part A will begin January 1st. Confusing.... I know!

If one is turning 65 and applying for Medicare Part A only, then Medicare Part A will begin the 1st day of the month they turn 65

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