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City Attorney Picks Another Fight

Doug White's "Welcome to the Neighborhood" Ends with Threat



If you have had a similar experience with the City of Dixon and their attorney, we would really love to hear from you. Please email me directly at FireDougWhiteinDixon@MPG8.com. MPG file photo

By Paul Scholl, Publisher

DIXON, CA (MPG) - My business is built upon resurrecting struggling or near-deceased local newspapers, rebuilding them to be an asset to the communities they serve. My company works very hard to help people and organizations in need, to support local businesses and start-ups, and to raise people up within the community. Since I began my company I have donated well over \$1 million of support back into the communities where we publish newspapers. On April 1, 2020 I purchased the Dixon Independent Voice newspaper from my brother Dave, due mainly to his years of health struggles.

Within one week Dixon's city attorney sent us a letter at Messenger Publishing Group that the city was "Effective immediately" unilaterally rescinding a contract with the Dixon Independent Voice to print the legal notices for the city, which is sharing the city contract with Dixon's other newspaper. They cited the minimum requirements for the contract, stating because we have our main office for our eight local newspapers in Carmichael the agreement was null and void.

In the letter they also stated that the agreement could not be transferred under the terms of new ownership. The transfer of a newspaper's adjudication status happens regularly in the industry and does not need to be filed again through the county it serves. Over the last few years I have purchased the Carmichael Times, Rancho Cordova

Grapevine Independent, The Gridley Herald, and recently the Territorial Dispatch in Marysville and the Dixon Independent Voice. We also just recently had the Citrus Heights Messenger adjudicated in Sacramento County and the City of Citrus Heights. Each of these newspapers is adjudicated and all well-qualify under the strict performances required for adjudication. The Dixon Independent Voice meets the standards required. All of our newspapers are audited each year by an outside nationally authorized newspaper audit company that verifies our distribution.

Perhaps the city attorney is unaware of the State mandated "Shelter in Place" orders. These orders prohibit us from acting on securing a local lease for a new office within Dixon. In the meantime, the current adjudication remains intact as all requirements for adjudication remain fulfilled.

On the notice from the city attorney that the agreement is not transferrable, that would mean that any business doing business with the City of Dixon must have their agreements nullified immediately upon the sale of their company, which in many cases would mean their assessed value upon the sale of the business would be far less. If this is true, and if this is not disclosed to any buyer before the sale, lawsuits could be flying all over the county. It also means that if the city cannot provide the documentation that this is true with every single business sold while having a contract with the City of Dixon, then it does not apply in the case of

the Independent Voice either.

Upon reviewing the financials of the newspaper prior to its purchase I saw the rate the city is being charged for their legal advertising publishing. It is barely over \$5 per column inch. That is an artificially low price and is grossly unfair to any publisher. They are simply printing them at that price to earn the contract and take the funds away from the competition. The regular going rate in most markets is at least three times higher.

In the final paragraph of the notice from Doug White it reads "Please be advised that the City will be filing a motion in Solano County Superior Court to vacate the previous decree that the Independent Voice is a newspaper of general circulation in Solano County." Not only are they in error, but now they have made it personal. They are trying to create a legal challenge to our adjudication where there isn't one. Will Mr. White be wasting the taxpayer's hard-earned dollars again on another vendetta he will surely lose?

Apparently the aim of Dixon's City Attorney Doug White is to destroy local businesses. Or, at least he wants to destroy the Dixon Independent Voice. I am making this situation public so the good citizens of Dixon can see for themselves just how the city attorney works.

If you have had a similar experience with the City of Dixon and their attorney, we would really love to hear from you. Please email me directly at FireDougWhiteinDixon@MPG8.com. We look forward to investing in serious investigative reporting in Dixon. ★

Government is the Problem

Commentary by Mike Ceremello

The problem with government, so aptly perpetrated by city attorney Doug White, is that a little power corrupts and absolute power goes straight to their egos and, obviously, not to their brains. Of course, the city council is complicit in the secession of power to the city lawyer because they can't be bothered to either know the law or uphold their oath of office.

This last council meeting was a tour de force, actually farce, in how to exclude the public while pretending to follow the Brown Act. Despite what you may read elsewhere, Gavin Newsome, the governor of the State of California, did not suspend the Brown Act in its entirety but instead modified it so that large groups wouldn't be violating his unconstitutional order.

The meeting started with White saying that the chat room contained within the internet group meeting platform would be disabled to where the only communication permitted would be through the moderator. This was being done, according to White, who knows nothing about free speech, because comments were a distraction and wouldn't have been permitted in an open meeting. Sorry but you are free to make any comment you like from the podium during a meeting.

Having an additional venue for comment between audience members promotes free speech and allows questions to be answered by knowledgeable attendees without disrupting the flow of the meeting between council and individual item presenters.

Once again the control of the public participation was done not by a "moderator" but by Nubia Goldstein who is one of White's other attorneys. Initially none of the public was blocked from speaking. When White attempted to alter the agenda to include two urgency "emergency" ordinances, I interjected that he needed to take public comment. I was quickly silenced and ignored. Viva big brother but 1984 has come and gone.

For those of you who don't understand, the approval of the agenda is an item on the agenda. Any item on the agenda may be addressed by the public before or during its consideration. Newsom did not eliminate that in his executive order, which

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PG&E is Ensuring Business Continuity in Challenging Times

By Brandi Merlo, PG&E

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting countries and industries world-wide and is having many local impacts. People are rightfully concerned about the health and safety of their family and friends, the education of their children and their finances as more businesses temporarily close.

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difficult time as helping to maintain essential services, no matter what. With inclement weather continuing across Northern and Central California, right now that means tracking weather systems and working with our workforce in the field to stage resources, inspect our equipment, make needed repairs and ensure we're prepared for what comes next," Vesey said.

PG&E announced it has formally activated its Emergency Operations

Center to facilitate and coordinate the company's response to the spread of the virus. The company has had an Incident Management Team monitoring and responding to the virus.

All PG&E's customer service centers where customers can normally pay their bills will be closed. This follows guidance on social distancing. Customers who typically pay their bills at one of these centers can

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Dave Ramsey Says

month. But honestly, with everything that's been going on with your finances, if he's not at least breaking even at this point, then it's time for him to do something else for a living full-time.

I'm an entrepreneur and business owner. Trust me, I totally understand the allure and excitement that goes with running your own business. But your own household and its immediate financial responsibilities come first. The only money that should go into the business account is income the business creates.

—Dave

No Free Passes

Dear Dave,

I own a small business, and recently a relative asked for a job with the company. I hate to say this, but I've got reservations about hiring her. She's basically a good kid, but not the most reliable person in the world. Do you have any advice on how to handle a situation like this?

—Bill

Dear Bill,

As an entrepreneur, you have the right and responsibility to do what's best for your company. That means

you shouldn't hire anyone who isn't a good fit – even a relative.

If a relative is qualified, and the kind of person who understands they'll have to bring it every single day, performing at a level equal to or above your other team members, that can be a special and rewarding thing. But if that relative is the kind of person who expects special treatment or is a problem child, that kind of situation can be a nightmare for you, your company, and the whole family.

Would you hire this person because they'd make a good team member? Would you hire this person if they weren't part of the family? If the answer to either of these questions is no, don't hire them. It's as simple as that.

The bottom line is you have to do what's best for your business, your immediate family, and your team.

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. ★

California State Parks Closes Additional Beaches and Parks



California State Parks Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With Governor Gavin Newsom's stay-at home order and the critical need to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, California State Parks announced additional temporary full closures of parks. Effective at sunset on April 3, in San Diego County, Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve and the following state beaches are closed until further notice: Cardiff, Carlsbad, San Elijo, Silver Strand, South Carlsbad and Torrey Pines. In Los Angeles County, the popular Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve State Natural Reserve (SNR) is also closed. A list of the closures can be found online at parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve. The list is dynamic and is updated as needed.

To date, State Parks has temporarily closed some parks fully, meaning all vehicular access, trails and restrooms within these parks are closed. It also has closed vehicular access at all parks, including for off-highway vehicles and recreational boats; closed all campgrounds, museums and visitor centers; and cancelled all events. Some parks with vehicular closures remain open for locals provided they practice safe, physical distancing of 6 feet or more and are visiting parks near their primary residences.

Visitor guidelines

Many state parks continue to experience

visitation surges that make it impossible for the public to implement safe, physical distancing. The State of California understands the public's need to connect with the outdoors, but activities requiring travel by vehicle to destination parks or beaches are not appropriate at this time.

The public is reminded to adhere to the following guidance:

Stay home if you are sick; Stay close to home when you get outdoors. This is not the time for a road trip to a destination park or beach; Venture out only with people in your immediate household; Walk around the neighborhood and enjoy neighborhood parks; Always maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or more when recreating in the outdoors. If you cannot maintain physical distancing, leave the park; Do not congregate in parks.

State Parks will continue to monitor visitation and physical distancing at all state park units and if the safety measures implemented thus far are not sufficient to protect public health, additional measures may be taken to fully close more state parks. All Californians have the responsibility to "Flatten the COVID-19 Curve at Parks."

Virtual visits and distance learning

Instead of taking road trips to state parks during the stay at home order, State Parks invites the public to explore the nation's largest State Park System virtually. Many state parks are offering live feeds across their social media platforms, and state parks can also be explored online via Google Street View Treks. For those wishing to view the poppy blooms and other wildflowers in bloom right now at Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve SNR, they

can view them via a Poppy Cam, which livestreams the current bloom conditions. The park is also showcasing the blooms via 360-degree views and upcoming live feeds on the park's Facebook platform.

Additionally, the award-winning Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students (PORTS) Distance Learning Program is offering free home learning programs for families. Programs are now available between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. PDT, Monday through Friday. Each hour focuses on a specific range of grade levels where interpreters will read books and tell stories about their parks, tour iconic museums including Hearst Castle and explore majestic redwood forests and marine protected areas.

Families can register for the home learning programs by visiting the new PORTS website www.ports-ca.us. Currently, space is limited to 500 families per program, but thanks to an established partnership with Zoom Video Communications, PORTS will be increasing the spaces available for these webinars in the coming weeks to meet the growing demand.

In addition to the free home learning program, the new PORTS website also offers 360-degree virtual tours of various state parks, online teaching tools and links to popular State Parks YouTube channels and previous broadcasts. The website is updated frequently with new material and will continue to evolve as State Parks creates online content for families and teachers.

Visit www.parks.ca.gov/newsroom for the most up-to-date information on how the department is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. ★

Responsibilities Come First

Dear Dave,

My husband runs a small business that has never done very well. We have three kids, and I make \$55,000 annually in my job. Part of what I make has been going into the business for over a year to help keep it afloat, and we don't have a lot of money in savings. What do you think we should do?

—Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

If you're putting other money into a business account, that's a pretty good sign you're not making money in the business. You and your husband need to sit down together, and do a household budget and a profit and loss statement on the business. You've got to get on the same page financially.

Put all his business expenses on the profit and loss statement in detail, and write out what it would take for him to break even each

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A Solano County Guide to Coronavirus

By Tomas Hoyos, VORO

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - This Solano County 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-2019) guide has the latest information on coronavirus in the county. The primary sources include the New York Times, the State Government and Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO). Please feel free to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or additions to coronavirus@voro.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Coronavirus?

Coronavirus are a group of viruses that can cause either mild illness, such as a cold, or can make people sick with pneumonia.

What is 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Recently, a novel (new) coronavirus was detected. A "novel coronavirus" is a strain that has not been previously seen in humans. The disease, called COVID-19, can be spread from person to person. The United States is seeing "community transmission," meaning the source of the infection is unknown.

There are no specific vaccines or treatments available for this novel coronavirus, or any other coronavirus. However, medication and vaccine research is underway.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough or shortness of breath. An infection can result in death, but that is a rare outcome. Most people with COVID-19 will have mild symptoms. People who are at most risk for severe illness are those who have health conditions including: Chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, cancer or a weakened immune system.

Prevention

As of April 2020, the Health Department recommends the following precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19:

Stay home if you are sick. Avoid close contact with people who are sick; Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing — do not use your hands; Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; Do not touch your face with unwashed hands; Do not shake hands. Instead, wave or elbow bump;

If you have family or friends who are elderly, have compromised immune systems or chronic respiratory or coronary issues, do not visit them if you feel sick. Stay home and keep your loved ones safe;

If you must work in person, consider staggering working hours. For example, instead of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., change some work hours to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or disinfecting wipes;

Get your flu shot. Although the flu shot will not protect you from COVID-19, it will help prevent the flu which has similar symptoms to this coronavirus;

Health Care and Testing

If you are experiencing fever, cough or shortness of breath and traveled to an area where COVID-19 is spreading, or you have had close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, call your health care provider. Your provider will work with the Health Department to determine if you need testing.

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), New York Times. ★

CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

Is It Time to Move into the Digital World?

We have been concentrating, or we should say, glued to the television listening to the ups and downs of the coronavirus saga.

This seems like a good time to talk about something else. Many organizations have found new ways to hold local meetings because the governor has requested that California residents shelter in place. One teleconferencing method Dixon explored was Zoom for folks to participate in city council meetings. The results were average. There did not seem to be thought given to those folks who are not comfortable with technology and some residents do not have access with the internet.

We have always talked about getting more folks involved in local government. Technology has made it easier than ever for citizens to participate in open discussions with municipal leaders.

We have social media, video transmissions, and much more. We can watch local government from our homes, our offices, even our phones in ways that we could not have imagined before the turn of the century. In many ways, we are locked in to the same thinking we had when the internet first became widely available.

But we have basically built the entire governance system as though we have simply shrunk and mobilized our TV sets. We can email the city council—but we cannot engage with them other than by coming down to city hall, utilizing our two or three minutes to say our piece and sit down.

Local government is a passive experience. We have video, we have text messages, we have instant messaging and much more, but yet our experience with a very few exceptions is not much different today than it was 20 years ago.

New technology points to the way for a more interactive process for our local elected officials. It can be hard for citizens to get to city hall to attend a meeting in person. It is hard for those working full time with the challenges of setting up a home office in a small house, not to mention many others doing this with children at home going bonkers and being home schooled. It is hard for those who don't drive to attend a city council meeting.

The Dixon City Council approved an upgrade of Granicus which makes it possible for citizens to see the city council meeting. We can hope, but doubt, that our council was very forward looking and included the ability for citizens to interact with the council on-line and other modern technology. Time will tell what these gentlemen (there are no elected women council persons) have approved for the city of Dixon.

It would be interesting to know what the city councilmen's expectations are for the city manager. Is there an expectation that the city manager will use new methods of innovation and creativity and new sources of information to serve the needs of residents, businesses, tourists and other government agencies? How is this evaluated? Is a survey conducted with all participants to find out how the city rates in the information technology area? Has the council thought about appointing an information technology commission to evaluate and help Dixon come into modern times? Do these gentlemen care?

Technology has made it easier than ever for citizens to participate in discussions with municipal leaders. If a citizen is able to call in and ask the mayor a question online while that citizen is at home after hours for example, that will save them a great deal of time and effort.

Cities are, for lack of a better word, "competing" against other cities for residents, businesses, tax dollars, state grants, and federal grants. Therefore, anything

your municipality can do to create an edge is important! In the next 3-5 years, many of these things will simply become the norm. So, if you can adopt these ideas and technologies now, we're confident you'll be a leader in your area very quickly (and your citizens will notice). How will Dixon's local government stack up in this environment?

Social Distancing Malaise

Social distancing is tough on everyone. But for those that who live alone the situation creates a feeling of being isolated and disconnected from family and friends. Having recently moved to a smaller home, I have plenty of boxes to unpack, files to discard, and pictures to hang, yet I am finding it difficult to complete any one task.

I read an article on the internet that made me realize that I was not the only person suffering from a lack of focus and feeling uncentered during this unsettling time. The article recommended eating nourishing food and drinking a lot of water. According to leading medical professionals on the internet or television commercials, eating nourishing food and drinking lots of water is the answer to whatever is ailing you whether it be the dreaded COVID-19 or simple constipation!

I have chosen a name for my special condition - "Social Distancing Malaise." I offer the following advice along with my own remedies for this "novel" condition that may be affecting other members of the world, besides me.

We are creatures of habit. It is important to establish a routine and stick with it. Because we don't know how long we will be sheltering in place or the economic future, we need to follow a simple pattern and focus our thoughts on today and what we will do in next hour rather than next week, next month, or even next year.

Get out of the recliner or turn off the computer and MOVE your body. It is not necessary to leave your home to do some simple exercises. Many of the morning shows are featuring various celebrities demonstrating a series of movements or dance steps that you can easily follow without leaving your home. The dog will love you forever if you take him/her on a walk once or twice a day. The same goes for the kids and grandkids! Just remember 6 feet for social distancing when passing by others who are out-of-doors.

Think about doing something creative. Get out your family photos and organize them, make a photo book of last summer's vacation, do some painting – artistic on canvas or the bedroom walls, go out and take some photos, do some journaling. Clean and organize the garage or under your sink. Start a project or hobby you have wanted to try but never had the time. You now have the gift of time to explore.

Take advantage of technology to regularly check in with friends and family. Technology provides many different ways to socialize with a person even though you aren't together. FaceTime, ZOOM, Skype, or even a phone call. Now is the time to reach out to people you have not talked to in months or possibly years. You realize that no matter where they live, they are sharing a similar experience with "staying in place" and social distancing. They will appreciate hearing from you!

Set small goals for yourself. Read a book that has been laying on the nightstand or watch a video documentary on history or science. Learn to play the ukulele. Listen to different kinds of music. Try a new recipe each day for one week.

Remember, there is an end in sight, even if we don't know when it is. And as my mother would say, "this too shall pass." ★

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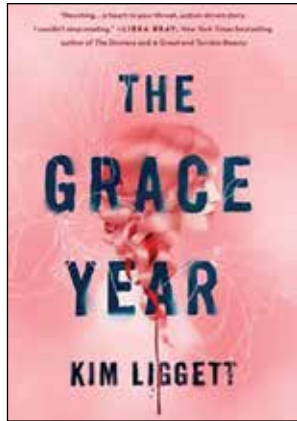
The Grace Year

by Kim Liggett

It is believed that the women of Garner County all harbor a magical power that is released just on the cusp of their sixteenth birthday. That upon their "Grace Year," they possess a glamour like magic that can lure men from their beds and tempt them with desires. In order to preserve purity, as well as keep the members of the county safe, the girls are exiled and sent to live in a colony deep in the woods. In addition, they must never speak of the Grace Year, it is a hidden truth, a forbidden word and a time that most would want to erase. One thing is for certain, no one knows what happens on each Grace Year, but they all come back changed, and some don't come back at all.

As the last year's survivors return, the new group of girls are stripped of the white ribbons laced within their hair and given a red ribbon, the mark of blood, and the loss of innocence. To mark them even more, each girl wears a veil to the parting ceremony. Those chosen to marry will have their veils lifted, and those not selected will enter into a life of service.

Tierney James doesn't believe in the demoralizing practice of the Grace Year, she dreams of being free and desires to work amongst the fields, instead of being tied to a man. However, Tierney's fate is determined by the men around her and not upon her own free will, as she is given a red ribbon and sent to the colony.



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- ◆ Hardcover, 408 pages
- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ♥♥♥♥♥

Thrown into the humblest of living conditions, Tierney, and the rest of the girls must learn to survive without anything. Making beds on iron frames with dirty or missing mattresses, drink from a solo foul-tasting well, and ration out their small amount of food; while poachers guard the gates threatening to kill anyone who dares to pass the borders. As the months meld together, the girl's resolve starts to crumble. Alliances begin to tear at their fragile existence, exposing the simple truth that it's not those outside the gates that need to be feared, but those trapped within – proving that the Grace Year and its red ribbons might be more of a mark upon their souls and their minds, than a tie that binds their braids.

Lord of the Flies meets The Village and The Handmaid's Tale in this harrowing, poignant story that

is as disturbing and agonizing as it is heart rendering. With soft echoes of the beauty behind womanhood, mixed with the truly haunting power of having it being taken away. More than a coming of age book, *The Grace Year* is a story that explores a society that turns girls against girls and strips any type of power from women.

A storyline that is rich in symbolism, while also being an exploration of love and sacrifice hidden behind fear created from a brutal Patriarchy with hidden motives.

Kim Liggett's truth and honesty behind her storytelling is powerful and strong, as she calls to her readers to look past their deepest fears, and personal desires and look to the woman ahead of them and behind them, and band together in love. Liggett gives readers a society that is built on women turning on themselves more than any man could do, while discovering that lies become fact when they are told over and over, generation to generation. Liggett also leaves readers grappling with the question, Can the red ribbon that wraps around those braids, be the very object that strangles the power from their souls? With moments that are also evoking, beautiful and raw, readers will still be able to explore shimmers of hope like sunlight through a heavily wooded forest, within the sweet embrace of love and humanity. ★



Riley Reviews

SURREAL, STRANGE WORLD OF "TIGER KING"
 A NATIONAL OBSESSION

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem And Madness" On Netflix

Pop culture is thriving right now on Netflix if for no other reason than most of the people not involved with essential businesses are trapped at home and tuning into programming that might not have gained a lot of traction otherwise.

Could that be the reason for the sudden national obsession with "Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness?" What explanation is there for the fascination with all the misfits on the margins of society that inhabit the strange world of exotic animals held in captivity?

Everyone seems to be talking about a character named Joe Exotic, the gun-toting redneck, gay polygamist with the bleached mullet who runs the Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park in the middle of nowhere Oklahoma.

We are in the midst of a global pandemic with almost daily White House briefings from the coronavirus task force, and a presumed journalist asks President Trump if he's considering a pardon for Joe Exotic now languishing in jail.

On to more a serious matter is the question of whether Joe Exotic, whose real name keeps changing depending on the shedding of his birth surname to adopt a combination of names of the men he happens to marry, has obtained his long sought-after celebrity status thanks to Netflix.

If he were not in prison right now, would Joseph Maldonado-Passage, aka Joe Exotic, be running for political office again, as he once did in his quixotic campaigns for president and then governor of Oklahoma in 2018, where he came in third in the Libertarian Party primary?

The seven-episode docu-series, featuring interviews of Joe and his employees, the oddball assortment of competitors, his campaign manager, shady businessmen, law enforcement officials, and his greatest nemesis, raises more questions than answers about everything.

That Joe Exotic ends up in the Grady County jail is no surprise since the first episode establishes that he's getting three square meals a day while languishing in a cell probably much more confined than the cages for his tigers.

Bragging of the over 200 tigers and other big cats in captivity at his animal park, the flamboyant showman Joe Exotic, dressed in colorful unbuttoned print shirts with a gun holster strapped to his waist, finances his operation by charging visitors to cuddle and play with tiger cubs.

Exotic's tourist attraction draws the ire of his chief nemesis, Carole Baskin, the CEO of Big Cat Rescue based in Tampa, Florida, who maintains a sanctuary with her third husband Howard, who oddly enough could pass for a Prince Charles lookalike.

In her view, Carole maintains that the petting zoo aspect of the cubs which may make for great selfies is a form of abuse, but the real story is how these creatures become disposable when trafficked to other collectors.

As the series moves along, the bitter rivalry between Joe and Carole reaches such a disturbing level of hatred that the Oklahoma zookeeper regularly features the animal rights activist in various states of being harmed or killed in his Internet series of Joe Exotic TV.

Part of what motivates Joe's extreme vitriolic behavior towards Carole, culminating in the murder-for-hire plot that lands him in the hoosegow for 22 years, is an outlandish conspiracy theory that she killed her previous husband

and fed his remains to tigers. The third episode has plenty of focus on the 1997 disappearance of kooky Carole's second husband, the millionaire Don Lewis who spent a lot of time on frequent trips to Costa Rica. Exotic was only too eager to spread innuendos of foul play.

Other eccentric characters in the exotic animal trade are also highlighted and interviewed. The middle-aged Bhagavan "Doc" Antle, fashioning himself as a cult leader married to several young women, runs an animal park in Myrtle Beach.

Not to be outdone in the polygamy game, Exotic holds a wedding ceremony for his marriage to two men at the same time, one of which is the young Travis Maldonado who meets a tragic fate when demonstrating wrongly off-camera that a gun without its clip would not fire.

Another animal collector, featured only too briefly, is a former Miami drug lord Mario Tabraun, who claims that he inspired Al Pacino's murderous character in "Scarface." It's astonishing that he comes off as more normal than others in Exotic's weird orbit.

As for a shady businessman in the mix, enter Jeff Lowe, a felon who forms a partnership with a nearly bankrupt Joe to keep the animal park functioning and ends up in a bind for sneaking tigers into a Vegas hotel room.

We've only scratched the surface of the eccentric characters, some of them missing limbs and others lacking a good dental plan, that populate the surreal, strange world of the "Tiger King," that is so appropriately subtitled as "Murder, Mayhem and Madness."

The bottom line is that this Netflix docuseries is akin to watching a train wreck or a hundred car pileup on the interstate. Many of us have nothing more pressing to do than observe in disbelief. ★

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MUSINGS

By Mike Ceremello



Government is the Problem

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by the way are only suggestions and not law. Of course without the public commenting, or should I say my commenting, White was able to incorrectly prevent one of the ordinances from being placed on this meeting's agenda.

The government code says it takes only a majority to put an urgency ordinance on the agenda without providing the normal 24 or 72 hour notification to the public. As I didn't want to see this totalitarian unconstitutional code put in place, I didn't smarten up any of the chumps on the dais, not that they would have taken my word for it anyway. What takes a 4/5ths vote is passing the same ordinance once it has been placed on the agenda. So how is it super smart Doug, the professional litigator and Brown Act expert extraordinaire didn't know this?

So you might be asking yourselves at this point what were they trying to do? Do you remember the last urgency ordinance about this virus the council passed with a fine structure starting at warnings to be followed by a \$100 starter fine? Crazy, fear-filled Scat Pederson wanted this first fine to be \$1000. So this urgency ordinance repealed the last one and brought back a new fine structure starting at \$250, exactly what was proposed the first time.

There is a little problem with even this aspect of the law. It is called Government Code §36900. This sets the fine structure for infractions at \$100, \$200, and \$500. So even the current urgency ordinance, which wasn't repealed by the way, is still illegal but don't tell that to our attorney who according to Terrible Ted knows more than any of us who can read plain English.

Next, they wanted to adopt the Solano County Health Office's March 30th order directing all to "shelter in place". This presents another problem for the "urgency" ordinance as it requires an unexpected need occurring "after" the regular agenda had been posted. Funny how quickly Doug White can work to write up an entire agenda item with bogus arguments in five days including the weekend and then lie to say how this was "unexpected". This must be the reason the council doesn't mind paying him a million a year.

Also included in this totally illegal and irregular train wreck was to "adopt(ing) any subsequent orders that the Solano County Health Officer, the Governor or the State Public Health Officer may issue to limit the spread of COVID-19 during the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency." When have you ever heard of not discussing potentially unconstitutional rules, procedures, and law by abrogating the council's authority to

other unelected officials?

This is the type of governance this type of council has always desired. Even Devon Minnema, who signs off on letters to his constituents "in Liberty", wants enforcement in the way of fines to force people to give up their liberty. Where were you Devon on Easter Sunday when your gendarmes were over at St. Peter's church threatening to cite parishioners if too many attended church service? Maybe I need to introduce you to Mark Meuser of the Dhillon Law group which threatened to sue San Bernardino for this act which contradicts the First Amendment giving people the right to practice their religion according to their conscience.

Not satisfied with this attempt at taking away the public's ability to participate in their governance, White took it upon himself to go after the new editor and publisher of this paper. According to the letter sent by Erin Dervin of White's office, Paul Scholl is in "breach of contract" to provide legal notices for the city. So much for councilman Jim Ernest's attempt to put this sorry situation to rest by dividing the contract between the Tribune and Independent Voice. The only problem is there is NO contract as I confirmed with the city clerk.

As if that isn't enough, this inept attorney who knows nothing about publishing law also stated her firm would be going to court to ask that the adjudication as a paper of general circulation would be removed. Nothing has changed except ownership and the adjudication goes with the newspaper and not who owns it.

At this point you have to ask yourself is Doug White's reasoning about why you want to keep his firm as our city attorney versus hiring an in-house attorney valid? Aside from the fact White looks for ways to get more billable hours through unnecessary litigation, his comprehension and misinterpretation of the law to suit the goals of a city council should be enough to get rid of his outfit. Despite White's claim of wide expertise on a variety of law types, his firm still contracts out certain types of litigation, such as reported in Santa Clara by the San Jose Mercury News, just like an in-house attorney would do.

Considering all of the enemies White has made, he doesn't need to make any more. Disbarment looks to be in his future. All of the marijuana firms he has helped out to make inroads into communities may not want him as a paid advisor at any time in the future. Maybe we should all pray for Doug White.

Oops we can't. He doesn't want us in the church ... ★



Pandemic Shows Why Borders Exist

When President Donald Trump announced a restriction on travel from Europe in a mid-March Oval Office address, European Union officials erupted in outrage.

The president of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, issued a joint statement with the president of the European Council, thundering, "The coronavirus is a global crisis, not limited to any continent, and it requires cooperation rather than unilateral action."

Just a few days later, von der Leyen advanced her own proposal to ban nonessential travel into the EU.

We are all restrictionists now. In the coronavirus crisis, everyone realizes the importance of borders, even the people who not long ago were ideologically hostile toward them.

Borders mark off the sovereign territory of one people from another. They are a means – if they can be enforced and defended – for a sovereign state to protect its people from invaders, and

unwelcome immigrants and goods. They are a tool almost every nation has used to try to keep the coronavirus from gaining a foothold in its population, and to try to keep it from spreading further.

The lyrics of the treacly John Lennon classic "Imagine" – recently performed by celebrities organized by actress Gal Gadot as a balm in this time of distress – have never been so absurdly inapt. If there were really no countries and the world were as one, we'd be even more vulnerable to whatever threat arises in a city in central China, or anywhere else on the globe.

Of course, travel restrictions haven't prevented the spread of the disease – there's no such thing as an airtight seal. But restrictions at least bought governments some additional time, and openness to foreign travel from China has been an accelerant on its spread.

Such restrictions are the least of it. Italy has had trouble importing masks because European counties have been working to hold on to medical supplies, indeed to hold on to food. According to the Wall Street Journal, "German officials said their restrictions were partly designed to safeguard supplies at German supermarkets from French shoppers."

So much for a new era of European

solidarity dissolving historic, centuries-old political and cultural divisions.

In a crisis, everyone realizes their foremost obligation is to their own.

Of course, Trump is naturally inclined to this view. He imposed travel restrictions even before he was truly seized with the seriousness of this crisis. The pandemic gives new credibility to his dim view of our commercial entanglement with China and, before this is all over, there will probably be bipartisan legislation to minimize our dependence on Chinese-manufactured pharmaceuticals and medical equipment.

None of this means that we shouldn't wish other counties well, help them if we can, and share research and technologies. But borders exist for a reason. All peoples have their own governments that, if they are doing their jobs, put the health, safety and welfare of their own people first.

The coronavirus has acted as a solvent on a decade or more of cliches about the arrival of a globalized world where old lines drawn on a map no longer matter. In a crisis, everyone turns to borders as a first line of defense.

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Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

April 17, 2020

State of California
Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 West El Camino Avenue
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This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 5, 2020, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake a project known as Heritage Commons Phase 3 (proposed project), for the purpose of the construction of a 44-unit affordable senior housing complex. The project site consists of two separate parcels located at 195 and 197 Heritage Lane in the City of Dixon, California. The western parcel at 195 Heritage Lane includes a total of 0.274-acre and is identified by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 116-130-046. The eastern parcel at 197 Heritage Lane includes 0.869-acre and is identified by APN 116-130-049. Combined, the project site parcels total approximately 1.143 acres. Currently, the project site is undeveloped and consists of vacant land with ruderal vegetation.

Of the 44 one-bedroom units, 10 units would be located within a single building on the western project site parcel and the remaining 34 units would be split between three buildings within the eastern project site parcel. The proposed buildings would each be three stories. The HOME units are intended to be very low-income senior housing. The proposed project would include 21 HOME-assisted units. Four of the HOME-assisted units would be reserved for individuals with an area median income (AMI) level of 25, five HOME-assisted units would be for those with an AMI level of 50, and 12 HOME-assisted units would be for those with an AMI level of 60. In addition, the project design would comply with all federal and State accessibility requirements (i.e., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Americans with Disabilities Act).

The total development cost of the project is projected to be \$13,630,000, \$3,467,814 of which would be funded by HCD under the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program administered by HUD. Construction period funding of \$13,630,000 will be provided from proceeds from the HCD HOME loan in the amount of \$3,467,814; proceeds from the issuance of tax-exempt bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 (bonds will be purchased by Wells Fargo Bank or a similar financial institution); a loan in the amount of \$968,000 from the First Northern Bank of Dixon; an equity investment of \$545,948; and deferred costs of \$1,648,238.

Permanent funding of \$13,630,000 will be provided from proceeds from the HCD HOME loan in the amount of \$3,467,814; a loan in the amount of \$968,000 from the First Northern Bank of Dixon; an equity investment of \$5,156,867; a private bank loan in the amount of \$3,000,000 and a deferred developer fee of \$1,037,319.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The following effects of implementation of the proposed project were identified in the Environmental Assessment:

- A remote possibility exists that burrowing owls could re-occupy the area prior to commencement of construction activities.
- The possibility exists for unknown historic or cultural resources to be encountered during project construction activities.
- Traffic and construction noise levels could exceed recommended thresholds.
- Moderate to highly expansive near-surface clay soils could cause differential movement and significant damage to overlying structures and improvements.
- If soil generated from construction grading is in excess for the proposed project and must be removed from the site, soil characterization would be required in order to determine appropriate off-site disposal or reuse.
- During construction activities, heavy equipment and large trucks would be used to transport construction materials to the site. Such equipment has the potential to leak hazardous materials such as oil and gasoline. Associated impacts to surface water could occur.

Mitigation measures have been adopted by the HCD to eliminate or minimize all adverse environmental effects identified in the Environmental Assessment for the project. Such mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, the following: conducting a preconstruction nesting survey for burrowing owls; response measures if cultural resources are discovered; provision of noise attenuating features along the site boundary near SR 113; implementation of recommendations included in the Geotechnical Investigation report prepared for the proposed project; soil characterization, if soil is to be removed from the site; compliance with the City's construction noise standards and practices; and preparation of a Spill Prevention and Control Program. With implementation of all mitigation measures, no significant impact would occur from the project.

It should be noted that the project is located within a larger subdivision area (Brookfield Project) for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Because the project is within the EIR study area, the project is required to comply with the applicable mitigation measures set forth in the previously prepared EIR. Therefore, certain mitigation measures identified for the larger subdivision area are also applicable to the project.

HCD has determined that, with implementation of all mitigation measures, the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. The Environmental Assessment (EA) and additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Department of Housing and Community Development, HOME Fund, 2020 West El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833, and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Jennifer Seeger, Acting Deputy Director, at HCD. All comments received by May 4, 2020 will be considered by HCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD certifies to HUD that Jennifer Seeger, Acting Deputy Director, in her capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the HCD to use HOME funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the HCD's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objection is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of HCD; (b) HCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing and Community Development, HOME Fund, 2020 W. El Camino Ave., Suite 650, Sacramento, CA 95833. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jennifer Seeger
Acting Deputy Director
Department of Housing and Community Development

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IRS Issues Warning About Coronavirus-Related Scams

By David A. Tucker II,
Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service urged taxpayers to be on the lookout for a surge of calls and email phishing attempts about the Coronavirus, or COVID-19. These contacts can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft.

"We urge people to take extra care during this period. The IRS isn't going to call you asking to verify or provide your financial information so you can get an economic impact payment or your refund faster," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "That also applies to surprise emails that appear to be coming from the IRS. Remember, don't open them or click on attachments or links. Go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for the most up-to-date information."

Taxpayers should watch not only for emails but text messages, websites and social media attempts that request money or personal information.

"History has shown that criminals take every opportunity to perpetrate a fraud on unsuspecting victims, especially when a group of people is vulnerable or in a state of need," said IRS Criminal Investigation Chief Don Fort. "While you are waiting to hear about your economic impact payment, criminals are working hard to trick you into getting their hands on it. The IRS Criminal Investigation Division is working hard to find these scammers and shut them down, but in the meantime, we ask people to remain vigilant."

Don't Fall Prey to Coronavirus Tricks; Retirees Among Potential Targets

The IRS and its Criminal Investigation Division have seen a wave of new and evolving phishing schemes against taxpayers. In most cases, the IRS will deposit economic impact payments into the direct deposit account taxpayers previously provided on tax returns. Those taxpayers who have previously filed but not provided direct deposit information to the IRS will be able to provide their banking information online to a newly designed secure portal on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) in mid-April. If the IRS does not have a taxpayer's direct deposit information, a check will be mailed to the address on file. Taxpayers should not provide their direct deposit or other banking information for others to input on their behalf into the secure portal.

The IRS also reminds retirees who don't normally have a requirement to file a tax return that no action on their part is needed to receive their \$1,200 economic impact payment. Seniors should be especially careful during this period. The IRS reminds retirees – including recipients of Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099 – that no one from the agency will be reaching out to them by phone, email, mail or in person asking for any kind of information to complete their economic impact payment, also sometimes referred to as rebates or stimulus payments. The IRS is sending these \$1,200 payments automatically to retirees – no additional action or information is needed on their part to receive this.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that scammers may: Emphasize the words "Stimulus Check" or "Stimulus Payment." The official term is economic impact payment; Ask the taxpayer to sign over their economic impact payment check to them; Ask by phone, email, text or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up their economic impact payment; Suggest that they can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster by working on the taxpayer's behalf. This scam could be conducted by social media or even in person; Mail the taxpayer a bogus check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell the taxpayer to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it.

Reporting Coronavirus - Related or Other Phishing Attempts

Those who receive unsolicited emails, text messages or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), should forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

Taxpayers are encouraged not to engage potential scammers online or on the phone. Learn more about reporting suspected scams by going to the Report Phishing and Online Scams page on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Official IRS information about the COVID-19 pandemic and economic impact payments can be found on the Coronavirus Tax Relief page on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). The page is updated quickly when new information is available. ★

Will the Cure Kill the Patient?



Hanging-out at bars is banned, but restaurant customers can be served at tables instead of just take-out. Photo Pixabay

By Lou Binninger

Now in the midst of the Wuhan Flu crisis, what is the most controversial measure established to save us? It may be the closing of American businesses including our schools and churches.

Restaurants are allowed a takeout trade but the people permitted to dine in their vehicles are seated much closer than simply offering more spacious seating outdoors or even using 50% capacity guidelines indoors.

There are potent negative mental and financial health trade-offs for implementing such extreme isolation measures. Many businesses and families will not recover from the restrictions.

Could vulnerable folks, ill workers and children have been quarantined rather than the healthy population? For years, the routine at the Hong Kong / Mainland China border crossings was that officials collected thousands of temperature readings and queried travelers each day about abnormal health symptoms. They targeted sick people not the healthy to curb an outbreak of anything.

Although every nation's demographics, housing and markets vary, Sweden with just over 10 million in population is allowing their people much more freedom to move about during these virus days. People are frequenting cafes, gathering outdoors and businesses are open.

Teens can be seen giving hugs, shaking hands and hanging out, nearly an American criminal offense today or at least worthy of a good shaming.

Swedish authorities advised the public to practice social distancing and to work from home, if possible, and urged those over age 70 to self-isolate as a precaution. However, compared to the lockdowns imposed elsewhere, Sweden's response to the virus allows a liberal amount of personal freedom.

Hanging-out at bars is banned, but restaurant customers can be served at tables instead of just take-out. High schools and universities are closed, but preschools and elementary schools are conducting traditional classes.

"Sweden is an outlier on the European scene, at least," said Johan Giesecke, the country's former chief epidemiologist and now adviser to the Swedish Health Agency. "And I think that's good."

Other European nations "have taken political, unconsidered actions" instead of ones dictated by science, Giesecke asserted.

Stanford University epidemiologist John Ioannidis, co-director of its Meta-Research Innovation Center, says in a paper published in the life sciences news site STAT that the extreme government measures to prevent infection may lead to more deaths.

"The current coronavirus disease, Covid-19, has been called a once-in-a-century pandemic," Ioannidis says. "But it may also

be a once-in-a-century evidence fiasco," with policymakers relying on "meaningless" statistics based on unreliable samples.

To reduce the spread of the virus in Germany and the U.K., groups larger than two are currently prohibited unless they are composed of people who already live together. Officials in Italy and France introduced increasingly restrictive limits on public activities and eventually authorized fines because too many people ignored social distancing recommendations.

Los Angeles is threatening to cut-off power and water to businesses violating shutdown orders.

Sweden's current chief epidemiologist, Anders Tegnell, argued that even if the country's comparatively permissive policies are an anomaly, they are more sustainable and effective in protecting the public's health than "drastic" moves like closing schools for four or five months.

Ioannidis says that a population-wide Covid-19 fatality rate of 0.05% is lower than seasonal influenza (Jan-Feb 29 regular flu was 20,000 deaths). If that becomes the true rate for Covid 19, locking down the world with potentially tremendous social and financial consequences may be totally irrational.

It's like an elephant being attacked by a house cat. Frustrated and trying to avoid the cat, the elephant accidentally jumps off a cliff and dies.

Ioannidis notes that "mild" coronaviruses (not COVID-19) have much higher case fatality rates when infecting "elderly people in nursing homes" and account for up to a tenth of respiratory hospitalizations.

The scientist further explains that just because the person died and was positive for a coronavirus does not mean the virus was primarily responsible for the death. His own "mid-range guess" for the COVID-19 mortality rate of 0.3 percent of the U.S. population would produce 10,000 deaths. That number would not be a shocker or record-setter for an "influenza-like illness."

Sweden had 3,447 confirmed virus cases and 105 deaths by March 22, according to Johns Hopkins University. However, there has been limited testing, with just 24,500 tests conducted by Mar 25.

As of March 29 – 2,484 Americans; 10,779 in Italy; 3,300 in China; and 33,966 worldwide had died from Covid 19 Wuhan Flu. However, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, estimated that the U.S. may see between 100,000 and 200,000 fatalities. He qualified this suggestion saying it is based on an infection model built on assumptions. If the assumptions are incorrect then everything changes according to the doctor.

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PG&E is Seeing Twice the Number of Scams Targeting Customers by Phone

By Paul Moreno,
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) is alerting its customers to be aware of ongoing scam phone calls with criminals threatening to shut off power if a payment is not made. There have been double the number of scam attempts, in some areas, compared to this time last year.

PG&E's Corporate Security department has received several reports in the past few weeks regarding scammers requesting payment on past due utility bills immediately with a cash card.

"In the past, we've seen scammers demanding payment be made using a Green Dot card or Money Pack but now we're seeing these criminals requesting payment with a gift card. This should raise a red flag," said Carl Schoenhofer, senior manager of PG&E's North Valley Division.

Another new trend that PG&E is seeing is that the scam is becoming more detailed. Scammers include specific names of

customers, and in some cases, guessing general dollar amounts owed. They are also disguising their true phone numbers with a caller ID that says "PG&E" or "Pacific Gas & Electric."

Other scam phone call tactics include:

Notifying residents that they are eligible for a federal tax refund related to their utility bill;

Trying to sell services related to solar evaluation; and claiming to represent a PG&E initiative to sell a product in order to gain access to their home.

PG&E offers the following tips to help protect customers from all types of potential scams:

PG&E will not ask for personal information or a credit card number over the phone. Anyone who has received such a phone call and provided credit card or checking account information should report it immediately to the credit card company or bank and law enforcement;

Customers with concerns about the legitimacy of a call about a past due bill, service request or request for personal information are encouraged to call PG&E at

1-800-743-5000;

Customers should always ask to see identification before allowing anyone claiming to be a PG&E representative inside their home. PG&E employees always carry their identification and are willing to show it to you;

If you feel threatened in any way, notify local law enforcement immediately.

PG&E takes security seriously and will actively work with law enforcement to help stop any scam victimizing customers. Anyone who has received such a call can report it immediately by calling PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 or visit www.pge.com/scams.

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Why they Call it May Day?

minister as the parishioners came past, one by one and shook Jeff's hand. Then they shook Windy's hand ... because there it was, outstretched and ready for a shake.

"Bless you," Windy said. "And a happy May Day!"

"Thank you, Windy," said Mavis.

"And ... you know why they call it May Day ...?"

But Mavis was already gone and Windy was already through three more handshakes. These folks were in a hurry.

"Yo Doc ... you know why they call it May Day?"

But Doc and Mrs. Doc were already halfway to their car.

"I don't know about you, Rev," he whispered,

"but these folks are sure in a hurry. Fills me with a consternation at their respiratory souls."

Reverend Jeff just nodded and kept shaking hands. Then they were gone, and it was just Jeff and Windy at the top of the steps.

"They sure move on out, don't they? Beats me how you can corral 'em long enough to sermonize 'em."

"That's easy, Windy," Jeff said. "I shut the door."

"Have to try that ... one of these days."

"So tell me," said the smiling minister, "why do they call it May Day?"

"Ah shoot! They got me so flustered I plumb forgot."

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Social Security Matters

Why Are our Medicare Premiums Different?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor



the hold harmless provision, which also permits all or part of a Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA) to be applied to your Medicare premium increase, instead of going to you. Here's what can happen:

If the Medicare premium goes up in any year, some (or all) of your annual Social Security COLA increase can be used to pay for your monthly Medicare premium increase. But, if the COLA increase to your SS benefit isn't big enough to cover the entire Medicare premium increase, your net SS benefit stays the same and your Medicare premium amount becomes whatever level your COLA increase brings it to (up to the base premium for that year). That means that your Medicare premium could be lower than the standard Medicare Part B premium for the year.

Since the dollar value of a COLA increase varies according to the size of your Social Security benefit, those with a higher benefit may receive a COLA increase which more than covers the Medicare premium increase and the remainder is given as additional SS benefit. But those with a lower SS benefit will get a smaller COLA, which may not be enough to cover the increase in the Medicare premium. In that event, the Social Security benefit stays the same and the COLA is used to bring the Medicare premium up to, or closer to, the base premium amount. If the COLA doesn't cover the entire Medicare premium increase, the premium stays at a lower-than-base number. And this recurs

every year, which results in many people, especially those with a smaller SS benefit amount, paying a different (smaller than base) Medicare premium amount.

Here's an example: If your husband's SS benefit is \$1200/month, he got a \$19.20 COLA increase for 2020 (1.6%). The Medicare premium for 2020 went up by \$9.10, which was taken from his COLA increase. The remaining \$10.10 of his COLA increase was added to his SS benefit amount.

If your benefit is \$388 your COLA increase was \$6.20 (1.6%). That \$6.20 COLA wasn't enough to cover the \$9.10 Medicare premium increase, but it was applied to your previous Medicare premium amount to bring you to a Medicare premium of \$139.60. Your net SS payment stayed the same because your current SS benefit cannot be used to pay for the rest of the premium increase. But \$5 of any COLA increase you get next year will go toward bringing you up to the base Medicare premium amount. While this may not fit your idea of "rhyme or reason" it is, nevertheless, based upon a well-intentioned "hold harmless" rule which protects your Social Security benefit from decreasing.

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Worried About Your Immune System? Try These 5 Natural Remedies

Commentary by Ashley Pontius

Body aches, fever, chills and nasal congestion, common symptoms of the flu, can stop you in your tracks, leaving you bedridden for days.

"Complications arising from these illnesses can become serious," says Dr. Suhyun An (www.drshyunan.com), an expert on regenerative medicine and co-author of *Demystifying Stem Cells: A Real-Life Approach To Regenerative Medicine*.

Dr. An says there are ways to prevent the symptoms from reaching that serious point. To feel better and get back on your feet, she recommends numerous natural cold and flu remedies to alleviate your symptoms:

Vitamin C. Some studies indicate that Vitamin C can shorten the lifespan of a cold and boost your immune system. "The best way to get it is through your diet; the fresher the food, the better," Dr. An says. "Oranges, limes, lemons, grapefruits, leafy greens, and bell peppers are all good sources of vitamin C. Be careful with supplements because they can lead to upset stomach and kidney stones."

Honey. Honey has natural antiviral and antimicrobial properties. "Drinking honey in tea with lemon can ease sore throat pain," Dr. An says. "Research suggests that honey is an effective cough suppressant, too. Honey often contains Clostridium bacteria, so never give honey to a child younger than 1-year-old because infants' immune systems aren't able to fight them off."

Chicken Soup. This popular cold and flu remedy helps because hot liquids reduce mucus buildup and keep you hydrated. "Chicken soup, in particular, has anti-inflammatory properties, which help reduce a cold's unpleasant side effects," Dr. An says. "Keep some in the freezer or even canned for

flu season. It's quick to prepare that way and soothing to eat."

Aromas. "When you have congestion from the flu, applying camphor or menthol salve around your nose can help break up mucus," Dr. An says. "Aromatherapy oils, such as peppermint and eucalyptus, can have a similar effect. Also, vapor rub can reduce cold symptoms, especially in children older than 2 years. It helps open air passages to combat congestion, reduce coughing, and improve sleep. It's a good alternative to over-the-counter cold medicines in young children because of unwanted side effects."

Probiotics. These are friendly bacteria and yeast found in the body, some foods, and supplements. "They can help keep your gut and immune system healthy, and they may reduce your chance of getting sick with an upper respiratory infection," Dr. An says. "For a delicious and nutritious source of helpful bacteria, include probiotic yogurt in your diet."

"Colds and the flu are threats to us every year, but they don't have to get us down for long," Dr. An says. "Natural home remedies can reduce symptoms so you can be more comfortable and get the rest you need to get better faster."

Dr. Suhyun An (www.drshyunan.com) is the clinic director at Campbell Medical Group in Houston and an expert on regenerative medicine. She is co-author of *Demystifying Stem Cells: A Real-Life Approach To Regenerative Medicine* and travels the nation speaking on those topics. Dr. An received a BS in Biochemistry and Biophysical Science from the University of Houston, graduated cum laude from Parker College of Chiropractic, and got her master's in nursing science from Samford University. ★

Did Governor Newsom Buy PPE from Banned Chinese Company?

By Angela Toft, RCF

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Doug Ose, Chairman of Rebuild California Foundation and former CA Congressman, is demanding to know why CA Governor Gavin Newsom just made a \$1 billion deal to purchase PPE masks from Chinese company BYD, which VICE News reported "has glaring red flags on its record ... including a history of supplying allegedly faulty products to the U.S., ties to the Chinese military and Communist Party, and possible links to forced labor."

On Sunday, Ose tweeted: "I hope our leaders are only doing business with #PPE suppliers who have been properly vetted. It would be infuriating to see

the govt #procurement process reward foreign or domestic bad actors at high prices if other suppliers are available. #BuyAmerican if possible."

BYD, which has no history of making personal protective equipment, has previously delivered such shoddy and potentially dangerous products to local governments, including in California, that a recent law banned federal funds being used to purchase certain BYD products.

Ose attempted to obtain a copy of the contract, which transfers \$1 billion Americans tax dollars to this Chinese company, and was surprised to learn that it has not yet been made available even to California's own state legislators. ★

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March Precipitation Not Enough to Offset Dry Winter



Snow runoff in a Sierra Nevada mountain stream approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off Highway 50 in El Dorado County. Photo: Jonathan Wong / California Department of Water Resources

By Chris Orrock, Department of Water Resources

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the fourth manual snow survey of 2020 at Phillips Station. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, DWR is providing video of the results in lieu of conducting a live media event on site.

The manual survey recorded 43.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent (SWE) of 16.5 inches, which is 66 percent of the April average for this location. The SWE measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack, which provides a more accurate forecast of spring runoff. Measurements from the 130 electronic snow sensors, scattered throughout the state, indicate that the statewide snowpack's water equivalent is 15.2 inches, or 53 percent of the April average.

In addition to the manual

snow surveys and automated snow measuring sites, DWR is collaborating to augment the measurements with satellite and air-borne remote-sensed data. These experimental data products provide additional detail to the spatial patterns of snow water accumulation in the watersheds that helps inform and guide forecast runoff quantities and timing. Such data gathering will be a key adaptation strategy as climate change impacts continue to mount.

"While today's survey results show our snowpack is better off than it was just last month, they still underscore the need for widespread, wise use of our water supplies," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "California's climate continues to show extreme unpredictability, and February's record dryness is a clear example of the extremes associated with climate change."

California is experiencing increased extremes and variability due to

climate change. In one year, California has gone from having the fifth best recorded snowpack to one of the 10 worst.

"Over the last decade, California's snowpack has been alternating between extremely wet and extremely dry," stated Sean de Guzman, chief of DWR's Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast Section. "In the past 10 years, we've seen three of our smallest snowpacks on record, but we've also seen three of our largest snowpacks on record."

On average, the snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs as it melts in the spring and early summer.

The state's six largest reservoirs currently hold between 82 percent (San Luis) and 125 percent (Melones) of their historical averages for this date. Lake Shasta, California's largest surface reservoir, is 98 percent of its historical average and sits at 79 percent of capacity. ★

Every Dilemma Has a Silver Blessing

By Rev. James L. Snyder

For the last several weeks, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and myself have been enjoying some quiet time in our parsonage.

I did not know what a wonderful time it was until yesterday as my wife and I was enjoying our supper together. Usually, throughout the week, we spend quite a bit of time at a restaurant because of our schedule. It is not often that we can spend a whole week having our meals together.

Enjoying home-cooked meals is one of the great pleasures of being married to someone who knows how to cook. If the cooking were left up to me, it would be a completely different story. The truth is, it is not up to me and I say a grateful, hallelujah!

Experiencing this solitude has brought many blessings.

As I was enjoying the home cook supper the other night, I began to appreciate what a wonderful cook my wife is. For the last several days, she has cooked breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I have eaten her breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a great deal of delight.

After supper that night, which was absolutely delicious, I had a very frightening thought. I am not sure I am over it yet.

The thought was that whenever we go out to eat at a local restaurant, I'm always the one who tips the waitress. I always make sure I am generous with my tip. My philosophy is simply this, the thing that stands between the kitchen and me is that waitress, and I better be able to trust her.

Now, the thought tumbling through my mind is, am I supposed to tip my wife for supper tonight?

It is not that I am not generous. It is that I do not know how to manage this tipping business at home.

And the reason is, I made a slip of the tongue right after supper that night when I said to my wife, "This is a \$1 million meal for sure."

How in the world do you tip a \$1 million meal?

As I was ruminating this through my mind, my wife sat down in the living room with me and said, "Did you really mean it was a \$1 million meal?"

Throughout life, I have learned one basic fact. If I don't say what I think I can't get into trouble. Am I in trouble now?

If I would sell all my assets, I know I could not come anywhere near the tip due for a \$1 million meal.

Not knowing what to do, I said with the most gracious smile I could paint on my face, "Yes, my dear. It certainly was a \$1 million meal, in my opinion."

"Well," she said, "that complement is worth \$1 million to me."

I sighed a very deep sigh and realized I had actually tipped her more than I would tip the waitress at the restaurant. Life just can't get any better than that.

As we exchanged smiles, I couldn't help but think of something the apostle Paul said, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

I believe it's true that you cannot put a price tag on a thankful spirit.

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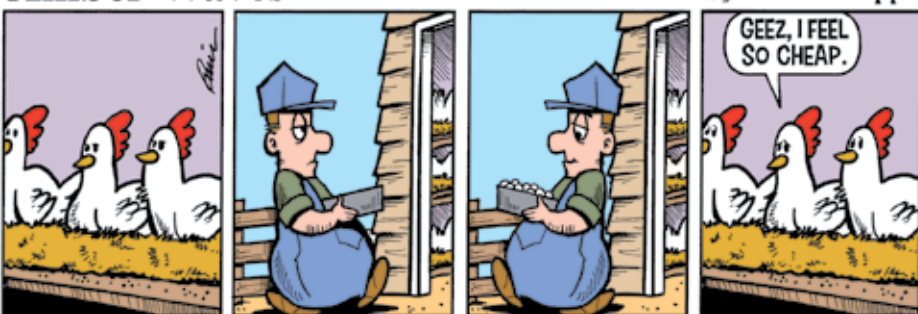
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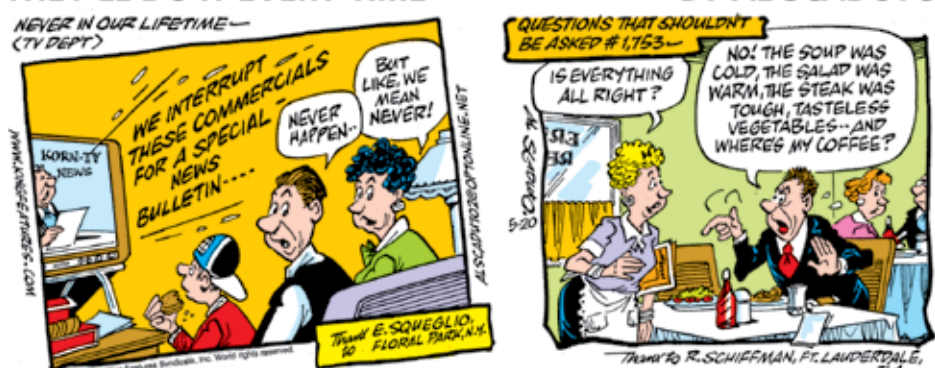
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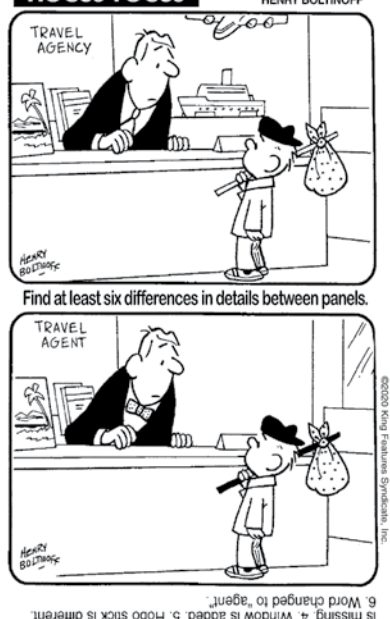
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CLUES

ACROSS

- Spoil
- Delivery service
- Gallup's inquiry
- Madison Square Garden, e.g.
- One of the Tudors
- Pinkerton's gallery member
- Beneath, to a poet
- Bird-to-be
- Not slouching
- *Koko or Digit
- *George or Marcel
- Langley agency
- Can of worms
- Pine juice
- Up to the task
- Most recent
- Furnace output
- Gives a helping hand
- Veranda in Honolulu
- *European sea eagle
- Waterwheel
- Ladder crosspiece
- *Valued for its down
- Steelers' Chuck
- Genealogical plant?
- Treat for Dumbo
- Hooft sound
- "To ___ is human"
- Jim Carrey's 1994 disguise
- Garden cultivator
- *Roger or Peter
- *Rocket or Rascal
- "Random" audience member
- Mozart's "L" ___ del Cairo"
- Resin-producing tree
- Like haunted house
- Time delay
- City in Germany
- Not a bee
- Pilot's deadline
- Not those

DOWN

- Pirates on a plank?
- Black and white treat
- *Papa or Mama
- Clown act
- Perennial garden flower
- Irish holder
- *Babe or Wilbur
- Fraternity letter
- Politician's barrelful
- Curved molding
- Famous Australopithecus
- "___ the wild rumpus begin!"
- Hertz offering
- Lab notation founder
- Doesn't mix well with water
- Wilma and Fred's hometown
- *Dolly
- Eagle's nest
- *Giant or Red
- *Simba or Elsa
- Queen of Hearts' pastry
- Accustom
- Not so crazy
- *Detroit mascot
- Not quite an adult
- Perfect houseplant spot
- Luau greeting
- S. E. Hinton's "___ Fish"
- Chi precursor
- Place for a square
- Furry scarf
- What's in your e-wallet?
- Actress Perlman
- Runs, as on TV
- Radar flash
- Indian music
- Yorkshire river
- Lode deposits
- Supreme Court number
- Make a seam
- *Tom or Sylvester

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Sudoku Puzzle on Page 9

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Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 9

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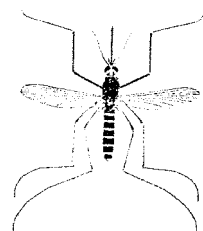
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Solutions on Page 9

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.

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Ask Toni

Does A Medicare Supplement Have A PPO Network?



Dear Toni:

I am turning 65 in July and my husband is retiring January 2021. Both of us are covered by his company health plan.

I am being bombarded by Medicare marketing material regarding different types of Medicare plans that are either HMO or PPO. Friends have told me that a PPO plan is the same as a Medicare Supplement because if your doctor is not in the network, then you can go out of network. With my husband and I visiting doctors in a certain hospital network, it is vital that we keep our doctors. Please explain as I do not want to make a serious mistake in choosing the right type of plan for our Medicare needs. Thanks, Josie from Tampa, Florida

Josie:

You were given **WRONG** information! Medicare Supplements and Medicare Advantage PPO plans which your friends are referring to are completely different types of Medicare policies. With a Medicare Supplement, there is **NOT** a **NETWORK** of any kind; you have the freedom to use any healthcare provider/facility that accept Medicare assignment or will bill Medicare. The

Medicare Supplement will pay for your Medicare out of pocket that Medicare Parts A (In-Patient Hospital) and B (Medical) will not pay for.

With a Medicare Advantage PPO plan, there are lower cost in-network providers or facilities as well as out of network benefits that will cost you more. Many highly marketed Medicare Advantage PPO plans may have \$6,700 in-network out of pocket and a maximum of \$10,000 for out of network out of pocket.

Many never realize that they may have an out of network provider or facility for their medical claim, but in these current times many healthcare providers/facilities are out of network participants.

Below are some of the differences in the two types plans:

Medicare Supplement:

- 1) A Medicare Supplement works directly with "Original Medicare". Medicare pays its share of the Medicare-approved amount for "medically necessary" covered healthcare costs.
- 2) Your Medicare supplement will pay its share. You chose which doctor, hospital, home health agency, skilled nursing facility, etc. that accepts Medicare assignment for your healthcare. You and your healthcare provider are in control of your healthcare.
- 3) Medicare Supplement has a monthly premium that may increase each year.
- 4) Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan is not included, and you will

pay separately for a "Stand alone" Medicare (Part D) Prescription drug plan.

Medicare Advantage PPO/HMO Plan:

- 1) To qualify for any Medicare Advantage plan: a) You must be enrolled in both Medicare Parts A & B. b) Live in the service area 6 months out of a year. c) Not have end stage renal disease (kidney dialysis)
- 2) When you go to the doctor, hospital or visit your pharmacist, you must only use your Medicare Advantage insurance card.
- 3) A Medicare Advantage Plan must provide all your Part A and Part B benefits and some Medicare Advantage Plans have Part D prescription drug plans included. Also, has "extra" benefits such as gym membership, etc.
- 4) Healthcare facilities/providers, like MD Anderson accept few Medicare Advantage plans and are generally out of network. Josie talk to your provider's office to verify if they accept the Medicare Advantage Plan which you want to enroll in or if that office prefers "Original Medicare with a Medicare Supplement."

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition, which is a simple guide that puts Medicare in people terms, is having a \$5 Toni Says® readers discount at www.tonisays.com. If you have any questions regarding this article or any Medicare issues reach out to Toni at 832-519-8664 or email at info@tonisays.com. ★

DIXON POLICE LOG

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



Monday, April 6, 2020

- 1142 – Vandalism to a vehicle reported in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.
- 1631 – Death investigation in the 600 block of Cypress St.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

- 1544 – Fraud report in the 1200 block of Hopkins Drive.
- 1830 – Theft reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

- 1346 – Theft report in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

Thursday, April 9, 2020

0858 – An assault occurred on the 1100 block of Windmill Drive. Miguel Pineda assaulted his elderly mother. Dixon Police Officers responded and Pineda had fled in the victim's car. Officers alerted other Northern California Law Enforcement agencies. Pineda was located at a fast-food restaurant by the Sacramento Police Department. Pineda was booked into the Solano County Jail for aggravated assault, robbery, elder abuse, vehicle theft, and false imprisonment.

Friday, April 10, 2020

- 0852 – Coroner's case in the 400 block of West Chestnut St.

Saturday, April 11, 2020

- 0940 – A stolen vehicle report was taken from the 400 block of West F Street.
- 1004 – A hit and run report was taken in the 900 block of West Lincoln Street. A vehicle was parked and unattended when it sustained the damage.
- 1323 – Dixon Police Officers located a homeless encampment near the 800 block of Business Park Drive. One man from the encampment resisted arrest and kicked a Police Officer. The man was booked into the Solano County Jail after he was treated at Vaca Valley Hospital.
- 2034 – Abandon vehicle towed in the 100 block of Dorset Dr. The vehicle's registration was expired over 6 months.

Sunday, April 12, 2020

- 0126 – Possession of drug paraphernalia report was taken in the 1100 block of Pitt School Rd. Officers contacted (S) John Ames (27) of Dixon. John was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and was arrested. John was given a citation and released.
- 1147 – Suicide attempt in the 1200 block of Bello Drive. One subject was transported to a local hospital, where he was placed on a mental health hold pending evaluation.

Monday, April 13, 2020

- 1313 – Vandalism to a vehicle in the 200 block of South 7th Street.
- 1838 – Theft reported in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive

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