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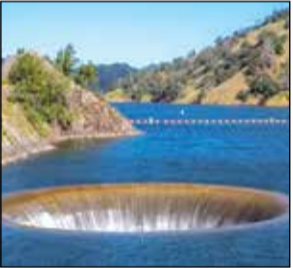
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Lions Club Student Speaker Contest winner Aurora Spalding, holding pamphlet, is flanked by Dixon Lion's Club members and judges provided by Toastmasters International of Dixon. Toastmasters courtesy photo

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - For a better world, what would you change? That was the question asked of three Dixon High School students who competed at the 87th annual Dixon Lions Club Student Speakers Contest last week. Student Aurora Spalding had a few ideas. She was awarded \$100 cash for her thoughts and ultimately could win a \$10,000 scholarship.

"She was very prepared and didn't have to look at her notes," said Lion's Club member James Bounds, Jr. "She was truly engaged with her audience."

The Dixon 6870 Toastmasters Club and the Fairfield-Suisun Orators Toastmaster Club 4527

were invited to be judges.

"I wrote 'empathy' and 'altruism' on my notes, and she was very passionate," said Toastmasters judge Lynda Mendez. "I felt she really was looking to raise the generosity of other people where there is waste in the world. She spoke about how we have to help each other and emphasized one step at a time and one person at a time. The importance of being the change."

The contest was open to all Dixon High School students and two other students, Brianna Venegas and Noah Ruiz also spoke. Spalding will now move to the next level of competition. The contest has been sponsored locally for many years by the Dixon Lions Club.

The scholarships are sponsored

by the Fourth District Student Speaker Foundation, a California nonprofit corporation administered by a board of directors and 15 trustees.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide scholarships to augment the prizes awarded to the winners of the California Multiple District Four Student Speakers Program.

This year the Foundation will provide scholarships totaling more than \$100,000.

Awards for this year's contest: The Club Winner \$ 75 and \$ 25 to each finalist. Zone winner \$100; Region Winner \$150; District Winner \$4,500 Scholarship; Area Winner \$ 6,500 Scholarship and the California State Winner will receive a \$10,000 Scholarship. ★

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Toastmasters Club originated in southern California by Ralph C. Smedley at a YMCA in Santa Ana in October 1924 when Smedley wanted to improve communication skills of young men in his charge. The program expanded everywhere after that and in 1988 Dixon Toastmasters Club chartered a group and has been actively meeting at the Methodist Church for many years but now has a new location. They have in-person meetings every other week on Monday nights at Living Hope Church at 410 Gateway Drive. The time is 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday.

"We are still accepting Online members and guests to attend by Zoom as well," reported Lynda Mendez. "We are now a 'blended' or considered a 'hybrid club.'"

They meet every first, third, and fifth Monday, or translated to meeting every other Monday night of the month.

Members or potential members can join with Zoom. Log into the meeting with the URL # 895 5557 5950 and the password (pw) 923757.

Toastmasters come from all walks of life. Over time, and with attending meetings, that will allow one to build social connections and network with others that may not have been done previously.

"The goal is to be comfortable speaking, provide better presentations and develop leadership capabilities," Mendez explained.

The Toastmasters program has also been huge for younger people wanting to advance in their jobs or for entrepreneurs trying to grow their companies. Apple, Amazon, Ford Motors, State Farm Insurance and many more Fortune 500 companies use Toastmasters International program to "develop and enhance the valuable soft skills as well as their confidence of their employees," according to a PRN/Newswire article in Englewood, Colorado.

For more information, email Mendez, District 39 Public Relations Manager, Dixon Toastmasters Club VPE 20/20 Visionaries Toastmasters Club at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com or call (707) 693-0456. ★

## Solano County Civil Grand Jury Wants You

Story and photos  
by Angela Underwood

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Representatives Judy Calpo and Wayne Goodman spoke at the regularly scheduled Dixon City Council meeting on Feb. 20 for Grand Jury Awareness Month. Calpo told officials now is the group's "official kick-off point for recruitment" for the next one-year term. With clever wit, Calpo told officials becoming a civil grand juror is simple.

"All you need is to live in Solano, be at least 18 and you can't be on the FBI's 10 most-wanted list," Calpo said.

Federal and state governments mandate investigative civil grand juries for individual cases, according to the Solano Civil Grand Jury website, noting the group's primary function is "to be a watchdog over local government



Judy Calpo, a Solano Civil Grand Jury representative, spoke before officials at the Feb. 20 Dixon Council Meeting about Grand Jury Awareness Month.



Wayne Goodman, a Solano Civil Grand Jury representative, told Dixon officials about the high rate of success that jurors have with findings and recommendations.

and to investigate citizen complaints about public agencies and officials."

A Solano Civil Grand juror is authorized to inspect and audit books related to public funding and legal expenditures,

inspect conditions at all Solano County jails and detention centers, investigate any possible public official or employee willful misconduct, and subpoena witnesses and documents.

Calling a juror's work "a

very worthwhile cause," Calpo said the civil grand jury is looking for a way to make things run smoother and perhaps save some taxpayer dollars.

"It is a good feeling  
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# Life's too SHORT



## Not In My Backyard

By Debra Dingman

I've searched and researched for good reasons why the Forever California plans are being denounced by Fairfield Mayor Catherine Moy, Congressman John Garamendi or Congressman Mike Thompson.

All right now, let's use some common sense here.

Moy said all the water in Fairfield was taken. She also said, "I'm just a person who grew up here, love this area, and this is upending all of that."

Jan Sramek answered: "We have a water guarantee for every single building we build, whether it's an office building or a manufacturing facility or a home. We have to prove that we have enough water for many, many decades, including through drought periods."

Garamendi and Thompson are "concerned" about the closeness of Travis Air Force Base. I think they just jumped out for publicity and make it look like they were for the 'little people.'

The Department of Defense hasn't come out against the Forever California plan. In fact, they don't seem to be concerned at all. These are people with humongous airplanes and strategic planners behind them. Do you think for one minute that the American Defense people wouldn't object if there was a problem?

The investors behind this proposed new city are billionaires. Do any of these people think like one of those minds? Do they think that every factual, logical, scientific stone has not been considered? Have they thought about how people get to be billionaires? They hire people smarter than them. Forever California has some of the brightest minds working on a city of tomorrow with the latest and the greatest. Why are some people so against this?

And why does "billionaire" mean devious or conniving? What about Andrew Carnegie, Bill Gates, and Warren Buffett? You can be against this project without delving into conspiracy theories or assuming the worst of people because they've been successful.

At one of the public meetings for people to

learn more about the Forever California plans, one of the audiences made it out that the farmers were being sued. I looked into that.

A lawsuit was brought to farmers Ian and Margaret Anderson.

"We made an offer to the Andersons. They made a counteroffer where they asked for a very high price. We said, no thank you. We don't want to buy the property at that price. And the lawsuit alleges that, after that, they organized this price-fixing conspiracy in order to force us to pay the higher price," explained Sramek.

There was some concern when the investors started purchasing land and being secretive about it. If I were an investor, I would not want anyone to know I was buying up a bunch of land for a super large project because then they would ask for more money. But the facts are that farmers sold willingly.

And most farmers around here are getting old and tired and wouldn't mind getting out of the business for a good price and knowing their land was going to be used for a very good reason.

The purpose of Forever California from the beginning was to build a better city where our children could find good jobs and stay around. There is a lot to enjoy in this area especially if you are not spending an hour each way to commute to work and back. That is their goal. And, they have the billionaires to build it.

I'm not saying there aren't issues—maybe like a billionaire getting this done when a local can't build a tri-plex and what about traffic or the lack of land use planning?

But I find it interesting that these officials came out with non-support while not one single person seems to be objecting to the huge new developments like the Project 257 industrial park of 37.5 acres or The Campus which is 643+ acres off Interstate 80 in Dixon. Why isn't someone concerned about the prime agricultural lands that will be gobbled up?

Just know there is always another side to a story and if you take the time to look into things, you won't be swept away with hype.★

# Dixon News Briefs



Maria Molima and Lucia Campiz enjoyed hearing stories by Mimi Benton or "Grandma Mimi" as she is called at the Friendly Bookworm Bookstore next to the Dixon Public Library, 200 North First Street. Storytime is usually on Fridays at 11 a.m. Photo by Nicolas Brown

MPG Staff

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

On Friday, March 15, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner. There will be corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and carrots with a roll for \$15. Wear green!

### Lions Barbecue

Dixon Lions Club will be having an authentic Texas BBQ Tri-Tip Drive-Thru Fundraiser on Saturday, April 20, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tractor Supply parking lot, 2000 North First Street.

For only \$20.00 per meal, you get sliced BBQ Tri-Tip potato salad, beans, and dinner roll. All proceeds help fund Dixon programs. For tickets, please call Cassie Ciraulo at (707) 301-8483 or any Dixon Lions Club Member.

Since the club's chartering in 1954, proceeds from past fundraising events have gone to Team Dixon, Dixon Unified School District, Dixon Toys for Tots, Dixon Schools Athletic Boosters, Dixon Relay for Life, Dixon High School scholarships, Wreaths Across America, Dixon Bids for Kids, Dixon Destination Imagination, Dixon Dolphins swim team, Dixon youth sports programs, DHS Open House, DHS Sober Grad Night, Dixon FFA, Dixon Elementary School outdoor education trips and Lions Club vision programs.

For more information about the Dixon Lions Club; Website: <http://e-Clubhouse.org/sites/DixonCA> or on Facebook.

### Swim Team Registration

The early bird registration discount is happening now through March 15 for the Dixon Dolphin Swim Team so sign up early to save. Go to [www.dixondolphins.org](http://www.dixondolphins.org). First Day of practice will be April 8. All of the scheduled meets for the season are on the website currently.

### Little League Opening Day

Little League will host its opening Day on Saturday, March 9 at Hall Park. Games will be played at 10 a.m.

### Planning Commission

The next City Planning commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 600 East

A Street. One can also participate in the meetings via Zoom or watch the meetings online in real time or afterwards via [cityofdixon.us](http://cityofdixon.us), click on government, and then on agendas.

### Public Safety Discussion

Please join Sheriff Tom Ferrara and district Attorney Krishna Abrams on March 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a discussion on the 2024 Public Safety Initiative 'Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act.' The measure will increase penalties for repeat drug and theft offenders and help to correct the unintended consequences of Prop 47. The meet up will be in Vacaville at Makse Restaurant, 555 Main Street, in downtown Vacaville.

### Chamber Mixer

Join the Dixon Chamber at their March Mixer on Tuesday, March 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Travis Credit Union at 1470 Ary Lane. Mixers are to help deepen one's business relationships and capitalize on opportunities to ensure a successful 2024.

### Fish Fry

Tonight's the night! Friday, March 8, is the Fish Fry which includes hush puppies, fries, and coleslaw. Cost is \$12. The hall is located at 1305 North First Street and dress is casual. No reservations are necessary, and one does not have to be a veteran.

### Hear About Water

A talk about water rates and water issues will be shared by California Water and the City of Dixon at the next Dixon Women's Improvement Club meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, which is March 20. It will be at 1 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist church Fellowship Hall, 209 N. Jefferson at the B Street entrance. Guests are welcome.

### Senior St. Patrick's Lunch

On Monday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m. the Rotary Club of Dixon will be sponsoring a St. Patrick's Lunch and Celebration at the Dixon Multi-Use/Senior Center, 201 South Fifth Street. Cost is \$3 per person, and one must sign up and pay by Friday, March 15. The menu will be traditional corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and dessert. Bingo will be played afterwards. ★

## MEMORIAL

JOYCE ELAINE CONLEY • 11/18/1932 - 2/16/2024

Joyce Elaine Conley, age 91, sadly passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, February 16, 2024.

She leaves behind her husband, Jim, and their 75 years of marriage. Both were born in Woodland, CA, met each other as teenagers, married a year later and moved to Dixon in 1958.

Joyce was a devoted mother to Patty, Debbie and Jimbo; a loving grandmother to Jeff, Nick, Hayley, Jacob and Ethan; a proud, sweet great-grandmother to

Delaney, Anna-Brooke, Rebecca, Hunter, Isabella, Hayden, Penelope, Maisie and numerous nieces & nephews. She was a woman always there for her family when needed. She also had many friends and was a well-loved member of the community. Her sense of humor, loving heart, and smile will forever be missed.

Everyone is welcome to join in the Celebration of Joyce's Life on Friday, March 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dixon Moose Lodge.



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# Solano County Civil Grand Jury Wants You



Ann Wallace, a longtime Dixon resident, stepped up to serve on the Solano Civil Grand Jury.

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when it comes around, and you put out a report, and someone responds and says you know what, you guys are right, which we are quite often," Calpo said.

The regional investigative group is often on target, according to Goodman, who is going on his seventh term as a juror.

"We started tracking our response rate, and we found we have over 60 percent acceptance of our findings and recommendations, add in partially accepted, and we have over 80 percent acceptance of findings and recommendations," Goodman said.

Goodman said the group is looking for Solano residents who are not afraid to ask questions that will facilitate change. He likes to "solicit people who are near retirement because it is a little bit of a step down from 40 hours a week to zero."

If Ann Wallace did not step up to the

plate, the city of Dixon would remain unrepresented on Solano County's Civil Grand Jury, a fact that Calpo brought to officials' attention before introducing the 35-year resident.

"My husband was a military pilot in Travis, so we came here," Wallace said from the podium. "All of my kids graduated from the high school across the street, and I just love Dixon and the work you are doing and time you are spending, and I appreciate all of you are doing to make Dixon a better place."

Ending the meeting with her wit, Calpo said it only took the grand jury to get Wallace to a council meeting after all these years.

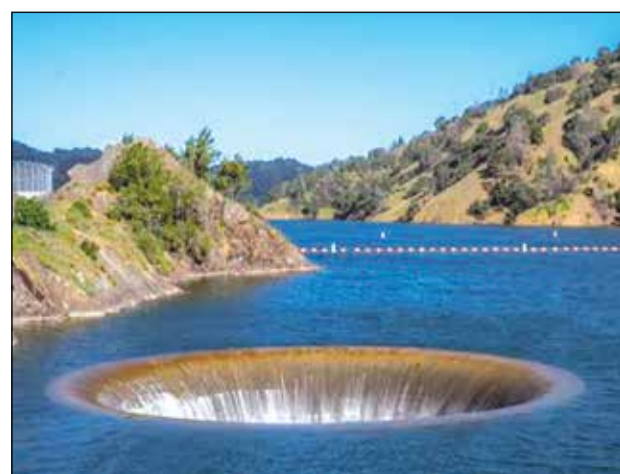
For more information on the Solano Grand Civil Grand Jury, visit [solano.courts.ca.gov/jury-duty](http://solano.courts.ca.gov/jury-duty). Applications are also located in the Dixon City Hall lobby at 600 East A St. ★

# The Berryessa Family – 1777

By The Dixon Historical Society  
Part 2 of 2 on Local History:

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Mariano Vallejo and members of the Berryessa family, including a relative named Sixto Berrellezza (original version of Berryessa,) were jailed in Sonoma at the start of the Bear Flag Revolution of 1846. During this time, the California travelers could make their way by boat from Point Richmond to the San Rafael harbor and beach. In one such occurrence, some of Langan's ancestors, the De Haro Twins accompanied by their uncle Juan José Berrellezza, were shot dead as they rowed ashore the beaches of San Rafael by Kit Carson and his men at the direction of John Fremont. Their destination that fateful day was to go to Sonoma to celebrate the birthday of Sixto, the son of Juan José. As they rowed ashore the beaches of San Rafael, Carson and his men shot and killed the twins and their uncle Juan José Berrellezza.

Carson and Fremont took the bear-skin coat worn by Juan José Berrellezza back to Sonoma where they raised it on a flagpole. Sixto saw his father's bear skin with blood on it and said, "my father is dead and that's his coat and I want it!" After much negotiation, Sixto paid 25 pesos for his dead



This is the Glory Hole at Lake Berryessa, named after the Berryessa family, is the largest lake in Napa County, California. This reservoir in the Vaca Mountains was formed following the construction of the Monticello Dam on Putah Creek in the 1950s. Courtesy photo

father's coat. Carson and Fremont then replaced the bear skin with a white rag flag with a crude drawing of a bear, and in Langan's words, that is how the flag of California came to be. The last California grizzly was seen near Yosemite in 1924, going extinct after decades of persecution and hunting bounties. Some have estimated that California was home to as many as 10,000 bears prior to the Gold Rush in 1848.

Langan solicited the help of both Cricket Kanouff President of the Peña Adobe Historical Society, and Doug Rogers President of the Vacaville Heritage Council to read and roleplay portions of Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo's Recuerdos (Remembrances) and his first-hand experience of the transition of California from a Mexican territory to

a U.S. state. These retold portions belong to a series of translated personal remembrances relating to Alta California 1769-1849 by Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, and were edited and translated by Rose Marie Beebe and Robert M. Senkewicz, and published by the University of Oklahoma Press, March 2, 2023.

Langan, toward the end of his presentation, shared a quote by Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, "The establishment of the missions was not as romanticized as what was once thought, but the present could not be adequately understood without the nuanced appreciation of all who have come before."

The Dixon Historical Society thanks Kendall Langan for sharing a part of the history of his Berryessa family. ★

# DHS Spring Sports Start



The Dixon High School girls softball team conducted a clinic this past Saturday at Hall Park. They learned while there that they received a proclamation from the mayor recognizing their three consecutive years of championships. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By James Bounds, Jr.

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon High School varsity girls softball team worked this past weekend for the fourth year in a row presenting a softball clinic at Hall Park introducing girls to their sport — all part of their regular sport promotions under coaches, Head Coach Matt Boykin, Assistant Coach Eric Graham, and Assistant Coach Grant Sorensen. It is one of the reasons the girls may play so well and were deserving of a City of Dixon proclamation presented this past week.

Mayor Steve Bird presented a proclamation and congratulated them for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Dixon community.

The proclamation listed their achievements which included Golden Empire League Championships (GEL) for 2021, 2022, and 2023 — three years in a row. They won the California Interscholastic Federation San Joaquin Section Championship in 2022 and were runner ups for the Northern California Championship Division 4 in 2022.

The team was also the Golden Empire League record holder from 2021-2023, going 30-1 with a 96.8 winning percentage.

They hold the best three-year Dixon High School history in softball, with an overall record of 60-10-1 and are the only DHS team to make section championships and a state championship game.

Congratulations to Sophomore Maddie Olds. According to Dixon High School Athletics Director Brett Peterson

Madie excelled in two competitions against some of the top performers in Northern California. On Friday she competed in the shot put and discus at the John Powell Throws Classic. In a competition featuring several seniors who will be competing at Division 1 college programs next year Maddie hit her lifetime bests in both events, finishing second in the discus and third in the shot put. Her mark of 124'6" is now the second-best discus throw in Dixon High history. Her throw of 35'1" in the shot put is the third best in program history. On Saturday Maddie competed again at the Inderkum Tiger Invitational. Maddie finished second in both events and threw over 120' again in the discus. Madison holds a 4.0 and is off to a great start, said Peterson.

### Upcoming Games:

Girls Junior Varsity and Varsity Softball on Monday, March 11, at 4:30 p.m. at Pioneer High School, 1290 Hill Road in San Jose.

Boys Varsity Baseball – Monday, March 11, at 4:40 p.m. will be played at Woodland Christian School, 1787 Matmor Road in Woodland.

Boys Varsity Volleyball will be played at home on March 11 at 6 p.m. against Woodland High School.

### Swim Meet

Thursday, March 14, DHS swim team to compete against Woodland High at Pat Granucci Aquatics Center in Dixon, 4 p.m. They will also compete on Friday, March 15, at the Woodcreek Invitational in Woodcreek at 1:30 p.m. ★

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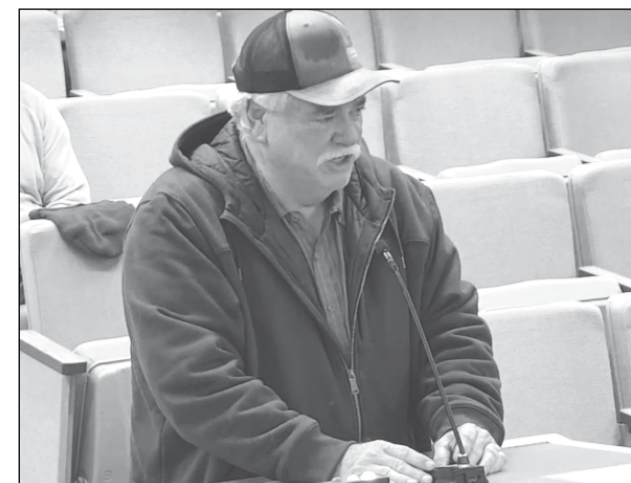
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# Dixon City Council Discusses Possibilities of Tax Increase



Resident Mike Hamilton lets council members know that without further educating the public on a proposed one-percent tax, it may not be successful.

Story and photo by Angela Underwood

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The city of Dixon failed to pass a proposed one-cent sales tax on the last ballot measure because of officials, according to Dixon Vice-Mayor Kevin Johnson.

“Our responsibility is to educate the public and I don’t think we educated the public,” Johnson said at the Feb. 20 regular City Council meeting.

But it is not that easy, according to Dixon city attorney Doug White, who said putting the measure on the item under the new business was at Johnson’s request. White said that bringing the matter back up begins the possibility of placing it on the ballot again this November.

“If we go through this process, it is important to remember most of the tax that would be collected by virtue of this comes from people that do not live in Dixon and a huge amount coming from the transportation corridor,” said White, adding that other taxes are potentially available.

White said officials need to figure out what type of bracket the new tax should be placed in: general or special account. The tax revenue would have to be spent on specific items in a general fund, creating a lower vote threshold.

“Special taxes essentially require a two-thirds vote and that is a very difficult threshold,” White said.

In creating the tax, White said, Dixon has looked at the surrounding city tax structures, a notion Councilmember Thom

Bogue does not like.

“One thing I always have strong feelings against is when we are being used as a comparison of other cities around Dixon and what they are doing,” Bogue said. “We are a special city. Many of those cities are close to being broke, even with higher sales tax increase.”

Johnson said he “does not know how he feels about it.

“I certainly don’t want it to be the Evan Johnsons tax; that is not how I want it to turn out,” Johnson said. “It’s always about what is best for the city of Dixon.”

Johnson said “insistent comments” surround how the tax revenue will be spent.

“As a matter of fact, after the measure failed, there were certain members of the public that came up here and said it would be totally different if there was a very specific use of taxes,” Johnson said.

To make matters worse, Johnson said, Dixon is the only municipality in Solano County without a tax beyond what California requires.

“Every other community, for years, has anywhere from the lowest of 8.175 or higher,” said Johnson, adding Dixon’s needs and wants cannot be fulfilled with a tax increase.

**D i x o n C i t y** Councilmember Jim Ernst mentioned some of those wants and needs.

“We want larger parks and the paths that flow from place to place,” Ernst said. “We want things for our kids and adults’ recreation-wise and to support

our police and fire.”

Mayor Steve Bird said he is not opposed to a tax that can help.

“When you think about all these parks we have going and roads, I think it is money that will be well spent and utilized.

However, according to the mayor, the other side of the coin is that California taxes are already so high.

“With inflation, our gasoline prices are outrageous, and it really puts a bad taste in people’s mouths, especially when we are all kind of struggling right now,” Bird said.

Regardless of any needs, White said, there is a particular way the government can communicate with the public, which is one reason the public did not fully understand.

“We are not allowed to use any city resources,” White said. “It is important for the public to know that the City Council does not have the inherent ability to advocate on its own behalf.”

Councilmember Don Hendershot said he wants to see parameters set on where the funds will go so “everybody knows” it is not a “slush fund.”

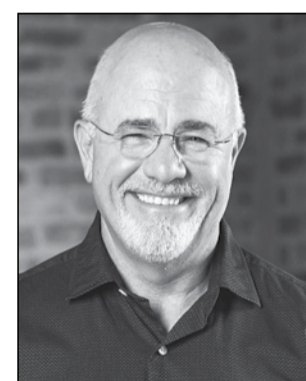
That is precisely what resident Mike Hamilton said. He told officials that others also wanted to know exactly where the new tax funds would go. Hamilton also agrees that the one percent tax could be used for needed road improvements but wants assurance from officials that they “ earmark that money.”

City Treasurer James P. Ward Jr. agrees that the public could have been better educated with a better-written bill.

“It is something that can be done and is needed, so I advocate for it,” Ward Jr. said.

After the meeting, city of Dixon public information officer Madeline Graf said the council provided direction for staff to conduct two surveys to gather input from the community.

“The survey results will be used to better understand the community’s priorities and interest in a 1 cent sales tax measure for general city revenue purposes,” Graf said. ★



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It all boils down to having a shared view of a proper marriage relationship. And the proper (and biblical) view is we own everything. There’s no mine and yours anymore. Now,

you can’t make her feel—or not feel—a certain way. But you can ask her questions to understand where she’s coming from and what blockers are keeping her from being totally together in this. Talk about it. Put your heads together and practice thinking about your marriage as a union.

It will take some encouragement from you and some getting used to on her part, but if you work together, it’s a muscle you can grow and develop together!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions* ★



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## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**1918 Hours** - Hit and Run investigation involving a vehicle and bicyclist in the 8000 block of Pedrick Road.  
**2033 Hours** - Stolen vehicle recovered in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.  
**2320 Hours** - Jesus Ramirez-Maravilla (27) of Dixon was contacted in the 2500 block of Plaza Ct and given a misdemeanor citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Tuesday, February 27

**1901** - A confidential report was taken in the 1600 block of Blossom Wy.  
**2101** - Disorderly conduct arrest report was taken at Hall Park. Officers contacted (S) Georgina Garibay (44) of Dixon. Garibay was arrested for 647(f) P.C., transported to the Solano County Jail, and later released pursuant to 849(b) P.C.  
**1429** - Information report taken in the 300 block of East Mayes Street.

### Monday, February 26

**0418** - Informational report was taken in the 1300 block of North Lincoln St  
**0628** - Vandalism report taken in the 2500 block of North 1st Street.  
**0916** - Confidential report taken at the PD.  
**1530** - Theft report taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

### Sunday, February 25

**1800** - Hours - Hit and Run investigation in the 1300 block of West H Street.  
**0300** - Hours - Assault with a deadly weapon investigation in the 600 block of North First Street.  
**1644** - Robbery reported in the 1000 block of Parkgreen Drive.

### Saturday, February 24

**1950** - Hours - Vehicle Accident Investigation in the area of West H Street and North Lincoln Street.  
**0230** - Hours - Confidential Report 0300 Hours - Stolen Vehicle recovery in the 200 block of East D Street.  
**0937** - Hit and Run Report 8000 block Doyle Lane.  
**0942** - Vandalism report 1800 block Dorris Court.

### Friday, February 23

**1823 Hours** - Driver cited for driving on a suspended license in the 100 block of East Mayes Street.  
**1845 Hours** - Shyla Arismendez-Gomez (30) of Vacaville and Allison O’Neill (29) of Stockton were both contacted in the 100 block of Dorset Ct and cited for possession of a controlled substance.  
**0150 Hours** - Male placed on mental health hold.  
**0330 Hours** - Monica Barritt (46) of Rio Vista was contacted during a traffic stop in the area of South First Street at Valley Glen Drive and was arrested for DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
**1000** - Vandalism 1300 block Dogwood Court.  
**1009** - Battery report 500 block College Way.

### Thursday, February 22

**0733** - Stolen Vehicle recovery 100 block Heritage Lane.  
**1330** - Confidential Report 400 block Stratford Ave.  
**1531** - Fraud Report 1000 blk Justin Way  
**1850 Hours** - Cesar Rios (50) of Davis was contacted during a traffic stop in the 100 block of Dorset Drive and arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.  
**1930 Hours** - David Loflin (55) of Dixon was contacted in the 900 block of North Adams as a suspect in a recent vandalism. Loflin was found to be a parolee at large and was later identified as the suspect in the recent vandalism.  
**2120 Hours** - Battery investigation in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.  
**2030 Hours** - Pedro Mendoza-Hernandez (age 32) of Dixon was located in the area of Weber and Fox Road and arrested for probable cause for a domestic violence incident that occurred in January.  
**2155 Hours** - Jesus Ascencio Avila (37) of Dixon was contacted in the 800 block of North Adams Street and later arrested for possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violations.

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# Olivetti *by Allie Millington*

“Being a typewriter is not as easy as it looks.”

Once a proud family member, Olivetti now sits pushed aside on a desk, replaced by that fast-moving computer, forgotten. The family he lives with is made up of busy humans who are always rushing, too busy to sit and play and type on his keys. His family doesn't know that Olivetti remembers everything, every story, every moment, every keystroke that has ever been typed on him because a typewriter's job is to keep memories.

Then, one day, everything changes. Olivetti is finally remembered as he is scooped up by the mom, Beatrice, and taken on an adventure. But to his dismay, Olivetti was left at a pawn shop. Casually discarded, forgotten, like he wasn't part of the family, like he didn't keep any of the Brindle's secrets safely tucked inside him.

Olivetti is even more concerned when he discovers that Beatrice has gone missing; knowing that he can help, Olivetti breaks the only rule of typewriters and types out to Beatrice's son, Ernest.

Shocked and alarmed, Ernest does the only thing he can think of, he takes Olivetti and runs.

Now, what feels like them against the world, Ernest, Olivetti, and the pawn shop girl embark



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on a search across San Francisco, chasing clues brought together by Olivetti's typewriter memories. However, as the truth starts to spill out, Ernest realizes there might be more to his mother's disappearance and that sometimes looking at the past is the only way to face the future.

“Memories are like heartbeats. They keep things alive. They make us who we are.”

Olivetti  
 How often have you cast your eyes upon an object, wondering the secrets they hold, the stories they have seen, and the truth that lies within? One typewriter is willing to break the code of silence in order to share the answers he holds. Emotional and enduring

Olivetti explores the many emotional sides of being lost, and the stories we tell ourselves. Olivetti takes a straightforward object and elevates it to an entirely new platform full of thought, purpose, care, and longing.

Allie Millington will have her readers casting their eyes at every typewriter, curious of the secrets they have nestled within. Some may even be left with the desire to load in a piece of paper, hoping for a type of written response. Chosen as Indie Next for middle-grade books, Olivetti is here to leave his mark. With its strong building storyline, Olivetti delicately touches on many issues simultaneously. Readers will fall right into the story of a family in crisis and everyone's individual response, highlighting how one fracture in communication can change a course in time. While this story builds on the theme of a communicating typewriter, there is much more to uncover, opening discussion to topics of mental health, cancer, and the power of a united family.

A story of secrets, memories, and the once treasured items that sometimes get forgotten. Head over to <https://www.alliemillingtonbooks.com> to learn how to win your custom-painted typewriter. ★



# Riley Reviews

“DRIVE-AWAY DOLLS” WEIRD ROAD TRIP CAPER; TCM FESTIVAL PREVIEW

**A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley**

**“DRIVE-AWAY DOLLS” RATED R**

Together, the Coen brothers, Joel and Ethan, have an undeniably eclectic style touching on different genres. Notable, in no particular order, are “Raising Arizona,” “Fargo,” “The Big Lebowski,” and “No Country for Old Men,” just to name a few.

Going his own way with “Drive-Away Dolls” is Ethan Coen directing and co-writing the script with his wife Tricia Cooke. There's an interesting story about their unconventional relationship that one can easily check on the internet.

A brief description of this one-brother effort is a lesbian road trip in which two young women, the libidinous Jamie (Margaret Qualley) and sexually uptight Marian (Geraldine Viswanathan), travel from Philadelphia to Tallahassee.

They rent a “drive-away” car that needs to be delivered to where they are going. One of the highlights just might be the encounter with rental agent Curly (the amusing Bill Camp) who runs a dubious establishment.

Jamie's just had a bitter breakup with Sukie (Beanie Feldstein), a Philadelphia cop who shows up later in an amusing confrontation with two thugs in pursuit of her ex-lover and Marian.

The road trip is an excuse for Jamie, who speaks with a hillbilly Southern accent, to frequent every lesbian dive bar on their journey. What the girls don't know is that they were given the wrong car which contains a mysterious briefcase and hatbox.

A nasty crime boss known as The Chief (Colman Domingo) has tasked two lunkhead goons, the loquacious Arliss (Joey Slotnick) and ineptly trigger-happy Flint (C.J. Wilson), to retrieve the contents of the drive-away Dodge Aries.

The closet lesbian Marian, a bookworm avidly reading Henry James novels, eventually loses her inhibitions. Matt Damon shows up as Senator Channel, who has an interest in the briefcase, and Sukie arrives on the scene to get rid of an annoying small dog Jamie left behind.

During the trip to Florida, the girls have a blowout on the highway. Maybe the flat tire is symbolic, as the air goes out of “Drive-Away Dolls” long before the final destination.

While “Drive-Away Dolls” may be off-beat (with the help of some psychedelic interludes), any hope for a zany screwball comedy never fully materializes as one would wish for a film with an ostensible Coen knack.

**TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS**

The TCM Classic Film Festival returns to Hollywood for its usual four-day extravaganza of a wide range of programming topics beginning on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Festival attendees also get the chance to attend “meet and greets” with

TCM guests and enjoy panel discussions.

The central theme is “Most Wanted: Crime and Justice in Film.” While the film schedule is only partially available, the 50th anniversary presentation of “Chinatown,” a neo-noir starring Jack Nicholson's private eye embroiled in a political corruption coverup and murder investigation, fits the theme.

In addition to the classic venue of the Chinese Theatre for screenings, TCM will be celebrating its 15th annual Classic Film Festival by returning to one of its original homes in the beautifully restored and beloved Egyptian Theatre.

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TCM is pleased to announce two of the confirmed screenings at the Egyptian will be a nitrate 35mm print of 1950's “Annie Get Your Gun,” as well as a new 70mm print of “Lawrence of Arabia” (1962).

The Festival will open in a red carpet gala event with the 30th anniversary screening of the classic neo-noir “Pulp Fiction,” and two-time Academy Award-nominee, Golden Globe and Emmy winner John Travolta will be in attendance.

“Pulp Fiction” is described by Ben Mankiewicz, TCM Primetime Anchor and Official Host of the Festival, as “Quentin Tarantino's magnum opus and the beginning of a well-deserved comeback for John Travolta.”

Among the announced films, Alfred Hitchcock's thriller “North by Northwest” (1959) fits the theme. In this case, the most wanted person is Cary Grant's debonaire advertising executive force to run for his life after being mistaken for a secret agent.

In a case of mistaken identity, Grant's Roger Thornhill is thought to be a man by the name of George Kaplan by James Mason's foreign spy Philip Vandamm and his henchman Leonard (Martin Landau).

While the bad guys try to eliminate Thornhill, circumstances lead the advertising man to be framed for murder. On the run from the police, Thornhill manages to board a train to Chicago where he meets Eva Marie Saint's beautiful blonde, Eve Kendall, who helps him dodge the authorities.

Is there more to Eve than what appears to be? A dramatic escape at the top of Mt. Rushmore is breathtaking. “North by Northwest” is ranked among the greatest American films of all time by the prestigious American Film Institute, a well-deserved accolade.

More exciting news about the 2024 TCM Classic Film Festival will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. ★

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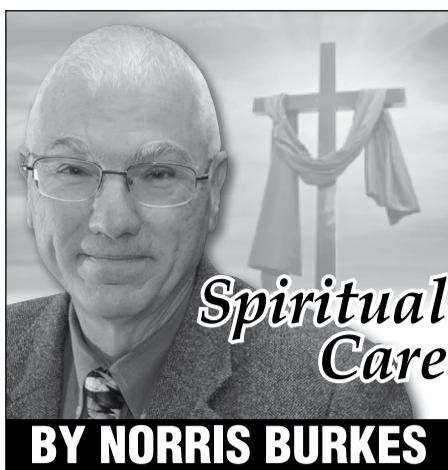
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In other words, in a quick check of the Pulitzer website you'll note the glaring absence of our names. And that omission, for a time, made us both liars.

For the duration of the conference, the professor continued to allow his introductions to claim a Pulitzer connection. Just as it took some time for me to remove the notation from my website.

I guess we felt much like the claim made in the movie in "A Few Good Men," by Jack Nicholson's character, Col. Jessup.

When Jessup is questioned on the witness stand, a shouting match ensues. Tom Cruise's character Lt. j.g. Kaffee demands the court finally be told the truth behind a hazing incident in the Marine barracks.

We all know Col. Jessup's answer, so say it with me.

"You can't handle the truth!"

Neither the professor nor I handled our truths very well. Sadly, our websites boasted our Pulitzer claim for a few more months.

But centuries before that movie, Jesus set the scene for real truth in John 8:32 when he said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The professor, while not religious, had no doubt heard the scripture quoted in his academic circles by those promoting academic freedom and the power of learning.

It was a minute before he and I found a way to handle our truth, but the truth eventually set us free from our egos—just as Jesus promised it would. ★

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000207**  
The following persons are doing business as: Navigatere, Morgan Lane Group, Navigate Real Estate, Rivetti Real Estate, Navigate Property Management, Navigate RE, 4167 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534. Navigate RE CO, 4167 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534. Date filed in Solano County: February 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration February 4, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024  
NAVIGAT 3-8-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024000346**  
The following persons are doing business as: Tasty Every Hour Chinese Restaurant, 630 Orange Drive Suite F, Vacaville, CA 95687.  
YLS Trio LLC, 830 Orange Drive Suite F, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date filed in Solano County: February 28, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration February 27, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
TASTY 3-29-24

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU24-00616**

Lan Quach and Karl Tran filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Clifford Ngoi Tran to Clifford Dang Khoi Tran

**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. March 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 3, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533  
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer  
Dated: February 1, 2024  
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024  
TRAN 3-15-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU24-00651**

Hilberto Delgado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hilberto Delgado to Gilbert Delgado  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be

granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. May 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533  
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer  
Dated: February 21, 2024  
Publish: March 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024  
DELGADO 3-22-24

### TRUSTEE

T.S. No. 0125002227  
Notice of Trustee's Sale  
APN: 0111-160-130; 0111-160-140; 0111-160-160 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 3/17/2020. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 4/3/2024 at 9:30 AM Santa Clara Street entrance to City Hall 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA, Old Republic Title Company, a California corporation, as the duly appointed Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on 3/18/2020, as Instrument No. 202000022222, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by: 8077 Hyde Road Agricultural Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Trustor, BFSP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Lender/Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States by cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. The street address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is reported to be: 8077 Hyde Rd. 8037 Hyde Rd. Dixon, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made is an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by the Deed of Trust, to wit: \$20,226,097.10 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this internet website <https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustee-sales/>, using the file number assigned to this case 0125002227. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call , or visit this internet website <https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustee-sales/>, using the file number assigned to this case 0125002227 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. This property which is subject to this Notice of Sale does not fall within the purview of California Civil Code Section 2923.5. Date: 2/28/2024 Old Republic Title Company, as Trustee 1000 Burnett Avenue, Suite #400 Concord, California 94520 (866)248-9598 by: /s/ Debbie Jackson, Vice President Exhibit "A" Legal Description Parcel I: Parcel 1 as shown on that certain Parcel Map recorded September 13, 1991, in Book 36 of Parcel Maps, at Page 64, Solano County Records. Excepting Therefrom the interest of the County of Solano in and to the Easterly 30 feet thereof, as conveyed in the Deed recorded April 8, 1991, as Instrument No. 910022490, Official Records. Excepting Therefrom 1/2 of all oil, gas, casinghead gas, asphaltum and other hydrocarbons and all chemical gas, now or hereafter found, situated or located in all or any part or portion of the lands herein described lying more than five hundred feet (500') below the surface thereof, together with the right to slant drill for and remove all or any of said oil, gas, casinghead gas, asphaltum and other hydrocarbons and chemical gas lying below a depth of more than five hundred feet (500') below the surface of, but without any right whatsoever to enter upon the surface of said land or upon any part of said lands within five hundred feet (500') vertical distance below the surface thereof. APN: 0111-160-130 Parcel II: Parcel 2 as shown on that certain Parcel Map recorded September 13, 1991, in Book 36 of Parcel Maps, at Page 64, Solano County Records. Excepting Therefrom the interest of the County of Solano in and to the Easterly 30 feet thereof, as conveyed in the Deed recorded April 8, 1991, as Instrument No. 910022490, Official Records. APN: 0111-160-140 Parcel III: A portion of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 13, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, as described in the Conditional Certificate of Compliance recorded July 24, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-81349, Official Records, as follows: "Being a portion of the lands of Antoinette Hall, Trustee of the Antoinette Hall Living Trust, dated January 27, 1992, as described in the Document filed in Book 1992, Series 29521, Solano County Records, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the East line of Section 13, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, M.D.M., said point being on the centerline of Hyde Road, said point also being the Northeast corner of said lands of Hall; thence Westerly along said Northerly line of Hall, S 89° 59' 46" W 30.00 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described Parcel "A"; thence leaving said Northerly line of Hall Southerly and parallel with the center of Hyde Road, 30.00 feet, measured at right angles, Easterly from the center of Hyde Road, S 0° 03' 43" W 1,259.97 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 30.00 feet; thence Southwesterly 47.06 feet along said curve through a central angle of 89° 52' 57" to a point on the Northerly line of Hackman Road, said point being 30.00 feet, measured at right angles, Northerly to the center of Hackman Road; thence Westerly along the Northerly line of Hackman Road S 89° 56' 40" W 2,571.11 feet; thence leaving said Northerly line of Hackman Road, N 0° 33' 23" W 1,292.32 feet; thence N 89° 59' 46" E, 2,614.99 feet to the point of beginning." APN: 0111-160-160 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 3/8/2024, 3/22/2024, 3/15/2024, DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 3-22-24

## Winters Theatre Company's 10-Minute Play Festival Returns!



Jim and Lori of Winters Theatre Company ready to entertain. Photo courtesy of Winters Theatre Company

### Winters Theatre Company News Release

**WINTERS, CA (MPG)** - Drop into eight different moments over the course of 80 minutes and experience the unique cast of characters, emotions and stories that will be on stage at the 3rd annual winters theatre company 10-minute play festival!

The 10-minute festival has continued to gain popularity among the Winters Theatre Company community. This year the festival will feature eight 10-minute plays, without a specific theme, that will make you laugh, cry, sigh, and maybe think about things in a slightly different way.

The plays that will be performed are the result of an international call to authors to submit scripts according to established criteria for exceptional 10-minute plays. This year we reviewed over 100 submissions from across the country and the globe, resulting in an offering of 8 diverse, thoughtful, thought-provoking plays for our audience members.

These plays have been written by both new and established playwrights and they will be brought to life by a team of talented local directors, cast and crew. Our 2024 festival features the following selections:

Confessions of a Serial Dingbat

– Written by: Barbara Weber (Pennsylvania) Directed by Jim Hewlett

Crossed Wires – Written by: Elle Bell (New Zealand) - Directed by Rodney Orosco

Doom – Written by: Leo McElroy (California) - Directed by Ana Kormos

Doubles Troubles – Written by: Ross Tandowsky (California) - Directed by Nancy Bovie Whitcomb

Five Miles Long, Two Hundred Feet High – Written by: Maripat Allen (Michigan) - Directed by Jim Hewlett

Play Date – Written by: Kali Mitchell-Silbaugh (California) - Directed by Jim Hewlett

The Offering – Written by: Andrea Fine Carey (Virginia) - Directed by Rodney Orosco

Simple Pleasures – Written by: Peter Snoad (Massachusetts) - Directed by Linda Glick and Bridget O'Flaherty

Performances will be at the Historic Winters Opera House in Downtown Winters – the new home of the Winters Theatre Company! Come and join us on 15-16 and 22-23 March, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets or for more information please visit the [WintersTheatreCompany.Org](http://WintersTheatreCompany.Org) or Email [WintersTheatreCompany@gmail.com](mailto:WintersTheatreCompany@gmail.com) ★



# Senator Dodd Opposes Solano County Megacity Plan



Office of Sen. Dodd News Release

**FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG)** - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa voiced his strong opposition on Feb. 28 to a tech billionaire's plans to erect a new megacity of up to 400,000 people on the outskirts of Fairfield in Solano County. He called the so-called California Forever proposal deeply flawed and irresponsible suburban sprawl with the potential to displace farmers, worsen traffic congestion and hamper national security operations at the adjacent

Travis Air Force Base. "I've been skeptical since day one, but reserved my judgment as I gathered more facts," Dodd said. "It is now crystal clear to me that this project is bad for Solano County. This group of mega-rich developers from Silicon Valley are trying to steamroll the surrounding community, bypassing a proper, thorough vetting which they know they can't pass. What they're proposing will drastically and irreversibly alter the area. It's not right, and it's time for all those who value thoughtful policymaking and Solano County's future to stand up against it."

Dodd joins a chorus of community leaders including dozens of elected officials who are speaking out against California Forever. The list of opponents includes Congressmen

John Garamendi and Mike Thompson, Fairfield Mayor Catherine Moy, and Suisun City Mayor Pro Tem Princess Washington.

Opponents cite a number of problems with California Forever, including:

- No plan for traffic impacts on one of the most dangerous and congested roads in the county.
- Conversion of much needed agricultural land.
- Housing would interfere with Travis Air Force Base, which plays a key national security role.
- Developers seek to bypass public planning processes and environmental reviews.
- Need for housing in the region but this is not the location or way to do it.
- With three iterations in already, it's clear there are substantial problems with no answers in sight. ★

# Solano-Napa SBDC to Host March Business Trainings

## Dixon Chamber of Commerce News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Solano-Napa SBDC has an exciting month of trainings and events planned in March, including an in-person Money, Credit & Capital Summit on March 20 at the Solano Community College Vallejo campus.

### Money, Credit & Capital Summit – March 20:

Join the Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center, NorCal VBOC, the City of Vallejo, and Solano Community College for a deep dive into the world of finance for small and large businesses.

Whether you are an existing or new business owner, you'll find valuable resources at the Money, Credit & Capital Summit at Solano Community College's Vallejo campus, 545 Columbus Parkway, in Vallejo.

The date of the event, March 20, also marks National Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Day, which recognizes the thousands of SBDC centers across the country supporting entrepreneurs in their pursuit of business ownership.

Start off the afternoon with free business trainings focused on social media marketing and finance.

Then, hear from both traditional and non-traditional lenders and learn more about Solano Biz-Grow, a new local revolving loan fund!

### Event Schedule:

- 3 pm: Maximizing Your Social Media Strategy led by Solano-Napa SBDC Business Advisor Ed Troxell
- 4 pm: Explore Your Funding Options, led by Solano-Napa SBDC Business Advisor Blair Abee
- 5 pm: Registration for Lender Panel
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Lender Panel

featuring traditional and non-traditional lenders.

### Grow Your Business with Etsy (Two-Part Online Training Series) – March 14 and March 21

Is selling products online for you? This two-part Lunch & Learn workshop series gives an overview and demo of Etsy. Join us if you are considering or planning to use Etsy or if you have started on the platform and want to learn more.

Part One: The Basics of Etsy - This session will include an overview of the platform, including what product/services to sell, the importance of offering options to build a customer base, and how working with Etsy can contribute to business growth and increased revenue.

Part Two: Etsy Demonstration - The demonstration will show you what the platform looks like from the seller's end and walk you through the various steps and choices a business owner would make when selling on Etsy.

### Transportation Procurement Series – Various Dates in March

- A comprehensive training series to prepare you to do business with major transportation agencies
- Learn about DBE/ACDBE certification
- Planning and research are key to successful contracting
- RFP – how to respond to invitation to procurement opportunities
- Have opportunities to attend networking events
- This training is made possible through a partnership with Small Business Development Centers in Solano-Napa, Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin, and Silicon Valley.
- Learn more about these and other trainings and events with the Solano-Napa SBDC at <https://www.solanonapasbdc.org/events/>. ★

# Travis AFB to Host "Wings Over Solano" Airshow in March 2024

## Travis Air Force Base News Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Travis AFB will host the 2024 Wings Over Solano Airshow open-house on March 16-17, 2024.

The two-day event is free and open to the public. The headliner for the event is the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Gates open at 9 a.m. on both days of the event with performances beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

While the participating acts and static displays are still being finalized, attendees can expect to see demonstrations and displays from the F-22 demo team, Wings of Blue parachute team, Red Bull helicopter and parachute team, Edge 540 with Sammy Mason, Red Thunder airshows, Mig-17 with Jason Somes, T-33 with Greg Colyer, the Sukhoi West demo team and Vampire airshows. There will also be a variety

**PERFORMANCE LINE-UP MAR 16-17**

GATES OPEN AT 0900  
PERFORMANCES START AT 1130

- OPENING CEREMONY
- RED BULL PARACHUTE TEAM/ KIRBY CHAMBLISS
- WINGS OF BLUE PARACHUTE TEAM
- VAMPIRE AIRSHOWS DE HAVILLAND DH-115
- ACE MAKER AIRSHOWS
- HIGH ALPHA AIRSHOWS
- TEAM TRAVIS PARADE OF HEAVIES
  - C-17, C-5, KC-10 & KC-46
  - AERIAL REFUELING DEMO
- RED THUNDER AIRSHOWS
- KC-10 FAREWELL FLIGHT
- F-22 AEROBATIC DEMO TEAM
- RED BULL DEMO
- BLUE ANGELS

\*PERFORMANCES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*

of static aircraft displays available. For more information about acts, static displays and FAQs, please visit <https://www.travis.af.mil/TravisAirShow/> ★

# Solano County Finds Robert Fernandez Guilty

## Solano County District Attorney News Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On February 27, 2024, in Department 2 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Daniel Healy presiding, the jury found Defendant Robert Fernandez Guilty of two counts of Sexual Penetration with a Child Under 10 Years of Age, in violation of Penal Code section 288.7(b) and three counts of Lewd Act on a Child Under 14 Years of Age, in violation of Penal Code section 288(a).

The jury also made the following findings: (1) The victim was particularly vulnerable, (2) Defendant took advantage of a position of trust, and (3) Defendant's conduct constituted substantial sexual conduct.

Defendant Robert Fernandez and his wife often visited the victim and her family where they resided in Solano

County. During the years 2018 and 2019, Defendant Fernandez visited their residence on five occasions. During each of those visits, the defendant took advantage of a child under the age of 10 years old. Defendant would isolate the child from her family and molest her. Defendant would threaten the child that she would get in trouble if she told anyone. Defendant gave the child money after the abuse. Defendant also sexually battered a relative of the child in October 2020.

The child did not initially disclose the abuse because she was directed not to by the defendant. She ultimately came forward after learning the defendant had also violated her relative. She courageously testified at the jury trial.

Defendant is scheduled to return to Department 2 on April 26, 2024, for Judgment and Sentencing. Deputy District Attorney William Moser prosecuted the case. ★



## Number of Farms Continues to Drop in California, Mirroring National Trends

Small-scale farmers continue to struggle to stay in business in California and across the country, according to the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, which was released last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In California, the overall number of farms decreased 10% from 2017 to 2022, while the average acreage per farm increased 10%. The USDA conducts the census every five years. The number of farms in California peaked at 87,991 in 1997. Since 2007, the number has declined in each census, falling to 63,134 in 2022.

## Dairy Herds Shrink to 20-Year Low as Farmers Breed More Cows for Beef

Dairy farmers looking to buy young heifers to replace their older milking cows should get used to the sticker shock for a while, as the nation's dairy heifer inventory has plummeted to a 20-year low. Reduced supplies of dairy heifers could limit the nation's ability to produce more milk, people in the industry say, and reversing the trend will take at least two to three years. How soon farmers respond will depend on market conditions—for milk and for beef. Dairy replacement heifers have dwindled because dairy farmers have turned to breeding more of their dairy cows with beef genetics.

## Bees Go to Work, Pollinating California Almond Orchards

Dealing with a mix of extreme weather during bloom, California growers and beekeepers are hopeful that Mother Nature provides plenty of sunny days so honeybees can leave their colonies and pollinate the 2024 almond crop. Pollination of the state's 1.37 million bearing acres of almonds requires 2.5 million beehives provided by California and out-of-state beekeepers, according to the Almond Board of California. Heavy rainfall this month caused headaches for some beekeepers who had trouble accessing muddy orchards and dealt with stuck equipment when moving bees.

## 2024 Water-Delivery Pledges Remain Low, but Don't Account for Recent Storms

State and federal water officials last week announced preliminary water deliveries of 15% of requested supplies for 2024 from the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project. But both the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said the water-delivery pledges don't take into account recent and anticipated storms expected to add to California's water supply. The recent storms boosted water levels in some key reservoirs as well as snowpack in the Sierra Nevada. ★

# Jury Finds Burglar Guilty of Stealing \$39,957 of Merchandise

## Office of Solano County District Attorney News Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On March 1, 2024, in Department 8 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Judge Wendy Getty, the jury found the defendant, Karakia Williams, Guilty of Second-Degree Burglary, Grand Theft, Organized Retail Theft, and Receipt of Stolen Goods. The jury also found it true that this crime involved planning, sophistication, or professionalism and involved an actual taking of great monetary value.

On December 15, 2023, the Sunglass Hut located in the Nut Tree Plaza of Vacaville suffered a \$39,957 loss in under a minute. Karakia Williams and two other people entered the store, pulled out trash bags from their pockets, and filled the bags with various high-end sunglasses

before fleeing the store. An employee who witnessed the crime reported that the group fled in a black Kia Soul.

Within 30 minutes, Vacaville Police Officer Aaron Potter located the suspect vehicle and detained the four occupants. One witness from the Sunglass Hut positively identified three of the four vehicle occupants as the three people who had just burglarized the store. Two garbage bags full of stolen sunglasses were located inside the vehicle.

Defendant Williams is scheduled to return to court on March 21, 2024, at 8:30 in Department 8 for judgment and sentencing.

Officers from the Vacaville Police Department conducted the investigation in this case and apprehended the three suspects. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Christine De Leo. ★

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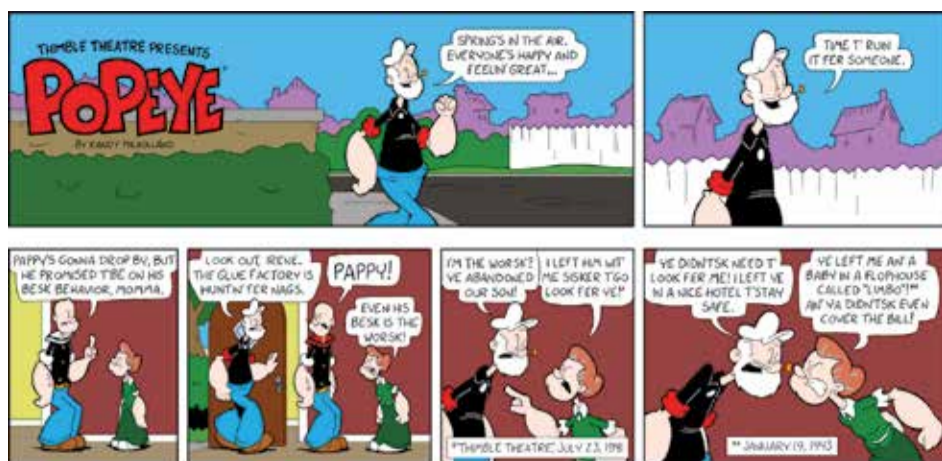


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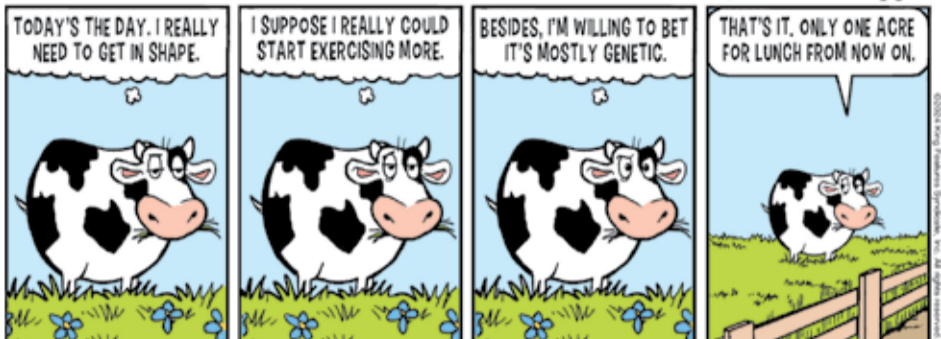
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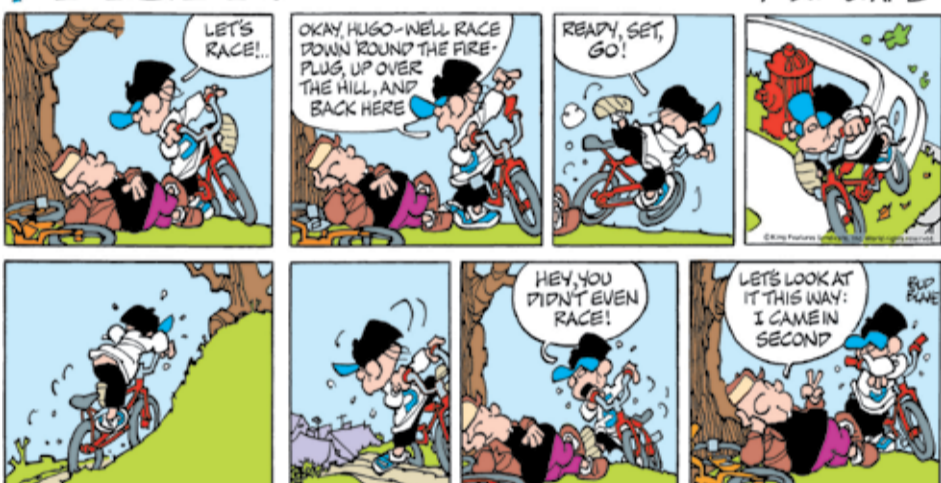
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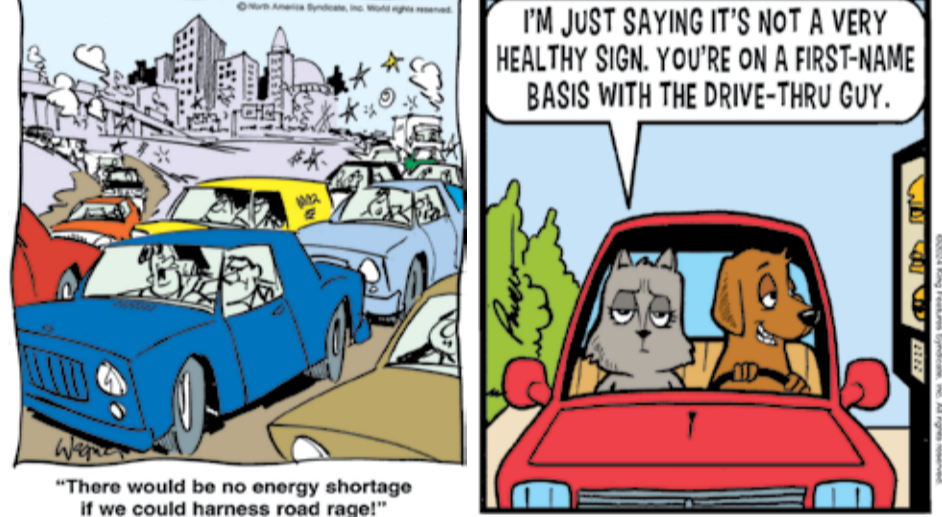


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# River Cats Changing in the New Baseball Year

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**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**  
- If you've ever watched Triple-A baseball, you know that it is extremely competitive and just one level below the major leagues. It also happens to be a lot of fun.

Before the 2024 season gets underway in late March, Messenger Publishing Group interviewed a well-informed man in Sutter Health Park's press box: Jake Ward, who is the Sacramento River Cats communications coordinator.

The interview began with discussion about Dinger, the River Cats' full-of-fun mascot who plays a key role with the team at and away from the ballpark.

"Every year, one of the big events that we do, one of our draws, is Dinger's birthday party. So, we have a lot of mascots in the area come to the game for his birthday," Ward said. "Last year, there was Quackals...Dunkson from Stockton...I believe Herky T. Hornet was here."

The UC Davis mustang mascot, Gunrock, also attended.

Dinger's birthday event will be on July 21 this year during the Albuquerque Isotopes game.

Ward outlined another enjoyable event, a ballpark get-together, that took place last year.

"We did a sleepover night where we had some fans who could purchase a package to stay on the field and then they showed the movie, 'Sandlot,' while they had some sleeping bags and some tents out there on the grass," Ward said. "... That was a pretty cool one (event)."

This year, on March 30, gameday festivities will revolve around the movie.

But the River Cats aren't a team of kids with one that says, "You're killing me, Smalls." They are a professional team affiliated with the San Francisco Giants in the Pacific Coast League (a league that includes the Sugar Land Space Cowboys, a team name indicative



Fans arrive at Sutter Health Park to watch a ball game.



Nick Avila, Turlock native and member of the Sacramento River Cats.



Dinger stands perched on top of the dugout at Sutter Health Park.



The Tower Bridge looms behind the outfield grass at Sutter Health Park.

of more fun).

The River Cats' field is a step up from the makeshift one in the movie. Ward explained how Sutter Health Park is different from the former Raley Field: "We've been completely remodeling the inside of our clubhouse."

There is no irony in what the organization is doing with Sutter Health Park.

"Mental health is just as big as physical health," Ward said. "It's something that our organization stresses all the way from the Giants

up at the top, all the way down through San Jose (its Single-A affiliate)."

"In addition to expanding our weight-room area and adding a second batting tunnel, they're also adding family rooms and they're adding a mental health room," Ward continued.

The family rooms would make it possible for players to meet a spouse or their children in a laid-back atmosphere.

Another modification has to do with the lights.

"We're replacing a lot of our lights; we're moving to LED lights just to be a little bit more energy efficient," Ward said.

He said they wouldn't have to go through the warmup period required of standard floodlights before they shine bright.

Ward was happy to announce that what will stay the same is the head coach.

"Dave Brundage will be back for his seventh season," he said.

Brundage has the second most wins in franchise history.

A staff change this season revolves around a promotion.

"Our pitching coach from last season — Garvin Alston — he earned one of those promotions (to the major leagues) and he is now going to be the bullpen coach for the Giants," Ward said.

He was happy about the news, but more focused on the River Cats. "The home opener is Friday, March 29, against the Salt Lake Bees at 6:45 p.m.," said Ward.

Ward also knew about another special game: "Just about a week prior — this isn't our opening day but a big event that we're excited for — we'll be facing off against the Giants in our exhibition game on Sunday, March 24th."

The San Francisco Giants and the rest of Major League Baseball don't use the automated ball-strike (ABS) system, but this year, like last season, the River Cats and the rest of the PCL will use the automated ball-strike. The first three games of each six-game series "will be all-automated," Ward said, meaning that all ball and strike calls will be relayed to the umpire through an earpiece and called using the Hawk-Eye tracking system. (Tennis fans might recognize the Hawk-Eye name.)

The last three games of each series, Ward said, "We go back to a more traditional system where your umpire calls balls and strikes but we use a challenge system... so if a batter feels that a pitch was called a strike, but he thinks, no, that pitch was outside or it was high, he can turn around and he can initiate a challenge by tapping his helmet."

Each team will get three challenges to start the game. The pitcher, batter or catcher can initiate a challenge — the inquiry cannot be initiated by the dugout.

"It goes up on the jumbotron," Ward said.

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