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50 Years of Friendship



Friends from Dixon High School Class of 1967 started monthly get-togethers four years ago and now have expanded to include class years before and after that. This one was held at Cattlemens last year. Photo courtesy of Richie Long

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - They didn't set out to put an end to social isolation; they just wanted to have a birthday lunch together, but friends heard about it and the next thing you know, it's been four years of monthly meet ups.

David Bonillo and Toodie Gomez, who has since passed, and who had remained friends since their 1967 Dixon High School graduation, had birthdays on the same day and arranged a lunch to celebrate. They had such a good time, they decided to meet the following month.

"Bob Machado and Mike Galindo heard and asked how come they weren't invited so they joined us



Richie Long coordinates the monthly lunch meetings by calling all the guys. Photo Courtesy of David Bonillo

and then they said let's do this next month, then hey, let's just keep doing this. We'll meet every month," said Bonillo. "More friends heard about it and started

coming." Now there is a group of 12-15 men on the average that regularly show up.

"Like in high school, 99.9 percent are from

Dixon, but one is from Winters who comes from Chico to join in," said Bonillo. "Bob Machado comes from Arizona. Summer months we drop down in numbers because people are on vacation, but we've had as many as 24." They tried meeting a couple times in Vacaville, but the attendance was low so now they meet at various restaurants only in Dixon.

"It was the Class of '67 but now it's 1966 up to 1969 so it's like mini class reunions. We keep picking up new people," he added. "We're a mix of [occupations.] We got people who worked at UC Davis, I'm in the insurance business, and we have painters, contractors, farmers, teachers,

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DUSD Starts with New Principals, Teachers

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Unified School District students will be returning to school this coming Wednesday, August 9, and will be meeting new teachers and administrators.

After almost a decade at Dixon High School and most recently serving as Assistant Principal, Bob Bugalski will step up to serve as Interim Principal at John Knight Middle School after the departure of Kamillah O'Conner. Dixon High School will also be getting a new Interim Vice Principal: Kristen Brand. There will also be Jennifer Austin, who will be the Special Education Director.

DUSD Counselor Angelina Arias is also moving up and will be serving as the new Principal at Maine Prairie High School after the retirement of long-time Principal Yvette Ramos.

New at Dixon High School are music teacher Daniella Hazan, physics teacher Jeremy Scherr, and social studies teacher Ricardo Ledesma. Also new at DHS is counselor Laura Hershberger and long-time counseling office staff Maria Torres will now be Career Technician Education (CTE) in the Ag Department.

There are three new teachers at Anderson Elementary. They are 1st grade teacher Emma Levy, 2nd grade teacher Marcy Tanner, and Science teacher Lara Laugero.

Gretchen Higgins is welcoming four new teachers: Kindergarten teacher Adan Arroyo, 1st grade teacher Bernadette Guerrero, 2nd grade teacher Monica Johnson, and 4th grade teacher Michael Lopez.

Stefan Lugo is working as the new Resource Specialist (RSP) for Tremont and Gretchen Higgins Elementary Schools. Ariana Toebe is a new paraprofessional for the district.

Tremont Elementary has a new Kindergarten teacher, Alexandra Impastato, and Ashley Cordeiro is a new Instructional Learning Center/Special Day Class (ILC/SDC) person.

Rebecca Ford is also coming on as a new RSP for JKMS. School addresses and contact information can be found online at Dixonusd.org as well as individual websites for each school.

DUSD Governing Board meetings are held on the first and third of the month on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 600 East A Street. ★

New Commissioners Join Parks and Recreation

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - DeAnna Cabrera and Kimberly Moses were selected to join the City of Dixon Parks and Recreation Commission and were introduced at their first meeting last week by Louren Kotow, public works director. Outgoing commissioners were KC Baltz and Student Representative Clarissa Herrera who both completed their terms.

Moses manages her own real estate business and worked in retail management prior to that, giving her opportunities to learn how to lead a team and manage complex projects – skills that are essential in planning and executing successful development projects.

She has experience with event organization, coordinating participation in the Vacaville Farmers Market and other downtown Vacaville events.



Kimberly Moses and DeAnna Cabrera are new on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

"As a realtor, I have honed my problem-solving skills, which have equipped me with the ability to find creative solutions to complex issues," she wrote in her application. "My personal philosophy emphasizes the value of community involvement. I firmly believe that active engagement in one's community is paramount."

She's got two young children, enjoys water sports, and is "excited" to be on the commission, she said.

Cabrera has been a nurse since 2007 and is an Emergency Department Nurse Case Manager presently. She partners with community providers to ensure proper access to healthcare and promotes health through teaching

health literacy.

She is well-rounded with experience in Facilities and Management Operations but also with education as she earned a joint MBA from Portland State University and Oregon Health and Science University that helped her gain fundamental management knowledge and

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Life's too SHORT

Good Place to Start

By Debra Dingman

As the annual DDBA Wine Stroll approaches, I'm reminded that there are always committed and ambitious people wanting to make fun happen. Such is the case with the folks that work at the RE/MAX Gold office shared with the Chamber and who have planned a grand entrance for the upcoming event on August 19.

This isn't the first time there have been two starting points – the other check in will be at the Pardi Plaza but it is the first time that Grocery Outlet and Dixon Tire Pros will share the space. There is a live band planned so you can sit at the tables and chairs provided under canopies to enjoy your wine tasting.

"We are very excited to be a participant location again this year and are beginning our plans/preparations with a strong desire to contribute to the success of the event and the experience of the attending 'Wine Strollers' in the most positive ways possible," wrote Kristin Janisch, Marketing and Client Services for Kevin Johnson in an email.

People might want to seriously consider the ease

of the parking lot, too. Why clog up downtown when you can park safely in the commuter lot and get your wristband, commemorative wine glass, and map there. Then after visiting with friends, you walk through the tunnel to the other downtown locations? It will even give you time to assimilate the alcohol and let your body be ready for a clearer, tastebud experience at your next stop. There are 18 of those!

The Dixon Historical Society will pour Sally's Paddock. Century 21 is pouring Caymus. First Northern Bank, Cynde's Place, The Collector's Corner, Jerry Bassler Real Estate, Linda Barrett Leber Real Estate, All Good Ink, and Frosty's are also pouring to name a few. Needless to say, there will be a wonderful variety of wines.

There is also going to be live music by the Smoke House Reunion Band at the Pardi Plaza so carve out the evening for some really relaxing Downtown Dixon time! I've seen this event act as a 'mini class reunion' for a lot of Dixonites and I suspect this one will be the same.

From 4 to 8 p.m., you can get in a lot of visiting.

I wish I could tell you that after one and a half years, the Whiskey Barrel was going to be part of that but sadly, there is no news from Tiffany Fabiani-Renger on that old Bank of America building.

On another note, the fantastic vegetable harvest season in Dixon has begun. I've waited all year to get to taste those luscious, flavorful tomatoes again. Over the year, I can buy tomatoes that look like great tasting ones but aren't; I call those 'faux tomatoes.' They have deep stems, or they are bland in taste. Nothing beats the local farmers' tomatoes and why I go to the Farmers Markets downtown.

We've also eaten corn-on-the-cob and watermelons to the delight of my grandchildren, too. I feel so lucky to have Pedrick Produce so close by and have you noticed that there are tons of shoppers that come from all over that take advantage of the produce there as well? You've probably heard the joke that the number one reason people move to Dixon is because of the free tomatoes at onramps. ★

New Commissioners Join Parks and Recreation

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understanding of business areas such as marketing, finance, and accounting.

"My goal is to foster community connection, well-being, and improve the quality of life for our citizens," she wrote. "Quality parks and recreation are known to have economic value, health, and environmental benefits. I believe a strong commission is necessary to advocate for appropriate allocation of funds to have the most impact within our jurisdiction."

In other business, Angelic (Aimee) Villalpando encouraged other members to step up to be Chair but the group seemed happy with keeping her as Chair and Charles King will also stay Vice Chair. There are seven Commissioners

altogether including Rudy Baltazar, Ronald Butts, and Charles King. Brandon McMillan has been serving but will be leaving to serve on the Transportation Advisory Commission. They are still looking for a student representative.

In other business, Kotow reported the success of the 4th of July festivities, that the City was more involved this year and noted there was some damaged turf from fireworks. Also, the movies in the park at the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park turnout was so large that the City may look at moving it to Hall Park next summer.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at City Hall., 600 East A St. in the Council Chambers at 7 p.m. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Sandy Means, left, brought in diapers that Solano County 4-H collected in their recent community service project, a diaper drive, and donated to Dixon Family Services. The diapers will be distributed to low-income families in need of diapers for their babies and toddlers. DFS Case Manager, Amy Ponciano, received them for DFS with gratitude. Photo by Cookie Powell

MPG Staff

Attention Commuters!

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) in partnering with Commute with Enterprise, presents the Solano Mobility Express Vanpool Pilot Program, traveling weekdays between the Vacaville Transportation Center and Sacramento and between the Dixon Redit-Ride and Sacramento.

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If they purchased a monthly pass and start their commute south of Vacaville, they can transfer in Vacaville to the Solano Mobility Express Vanpool for free.

For more information or to sign up, call (800) 535-6883.

Planning Commission

This coming Thursday, August 8, will be the meeting for the Dixon Planning Commission. It will start at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 600 East A St., or one can participate via Zoom. The Zoom connection is posted on the City website at cityofdixon.us under the government tab, then under agendas. One can also watch via Granicus.

Farmers Market Moves

The DDBA's next Farmers Market will be Thursday, August 10, but is being relocated to its former location at the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park next to

the library. That park will provide much shade for both vendors and shoppers. Also note, the hours will be 5 to 8 p.m.

Book Bag Sale

This Saturday, August 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. one can fill a bag of books for only \$5 at the Friends of the Dixon Library Book Bag Sale at their little store on 200 North Frist St, next door to the public library. Cash or check only and note some items are excluded from the sale but all proceeds help support the programs at the Dixon Public Library.

Free Backpacks

The Grace Kids Ministry will be hosting their annual Float Back to School supply give away and party also on Saturday, August 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be ice cream floats, water play, games with prizes and a bounce house. While supplies last, children can receive a free backpack with school supplies. This will be at Grace Fellowship Church, 535 West H Street. For info or to donate, call (707) 678-5700 or email dixongracefellowship@gmail.com.

Free Yoga

No Yoga body for you? Now you can learn yoga without embarrassing yourself by attending the online via zoom class every Sunday at 8 a.m. and learn the great benefits of stretching your body! Go to tiny.cc/FREEYOGA.

School Festival

Dixon Unified School District will host a Back-to-School Festival on Saturday, August 5, for their school year kickoff from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pardi Plaza downtown. There will be free backpacks, school supplies, educational resources, arts, crafts, music, and more. ★

Senior Indoor Garage Sale to Return



The mother of Oliver, Eloise, and Charlotte Nunes purchased three home-made children's aprons made by Barbara Davis who also offered her needle art at last year's Senior Indoor Garage Sale. This year's date is September 16. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Attention bargain hunters: the Senior Club's Indoor Garage Sale is set for Saturday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at 201 South Fifth Street at the Senior/Multi-Purpose Center.

Last year, it was a hit with a heavy flow of bargain hunters from children to white-haired men. The room will be filled with tables representing a wide variety of items including household

items, wall art, home-made and hand-sewn items, collectibles, jewelry, books, clothing, knick-knacks and more. There are a limited number of tables available for \$10 each. Information is available by calling the Senior Center at (707) 678-7022.

"Nearly everybody I talked to was really pleased last year and I really appreciated all the help we got with publicizing it," said Event Coordinator Barbara Long of the Senior Club. ★

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ARREST LOGS UPDATED DAILY

Chief of Dixon Police Responds to Civil Grand Jury

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Chief of Police Robert Thompson has responded to the Solano County Grand Jury this past week in regard to Emergency Dispatch Services Assessment where he expressed appreciation and also gave a correction.

The Grand Jury is an investigatory body and part of the judicial branch of government. The results of Grand Jury investigations are reported to public officials and to the general public through written reports, which contain the Jury's findings and recommendations.

Public officials are required to respond to Grand Jury findings and recommendations within 60 or 90 days. These reports are available on the Grand Jury website, which may be accessed at www.solano.courts.ca.gov by clicking on "Civil Grand Jury."

He wrote to the members: "I am writing on behalf of the City of Dixon to express our gratitude for the diligent work carried out by the Grand Jury in assessing the state of emergency dispatch services within Solano County. Your commitment to investigating and addressing critical issues affecting our community's safety and well-being is commendable, and we appreciate the time and effort you have dedicated to this endeavor.

While we acknowledge the comprehensive nature of your report, we would like to kindly point out an error on page

4, where it is stated that the City of Dixon receives law enforcement services from the Solano County Sheriff. We would like to clarify that the City of Dixon operates its own independent municipal police service. The Dixon Police Department has a proud history of serving our community and ensuring the safety and security of our residents. We believe it is important to rectify this inaccuracy to accurately reflect the law enforcement structure within our city.

Furthermore, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the thorough assessment conducted by the Grand Jury, which has shed light on the existing disparities and challenges in dispatch and emergency response times. The findings of your investigation reinforce the importance of continuous improvement in emergency communication systems to ensure the swift and effective delivery of services during critical situations.

The City of Dixon values the collaborative efforts between the Grand Jury and local jurisdictions in addressing these vital issues. We are committed to working alongside Solano County and other entities to explore opportunities for enhancing communications interoperability and optimizing regional emergency response capabilities. Your report has provided valuable insights and will serve as a foundation for our collective efforts to improve emergency services." ★

50 Years of Friendship and More



Some of the (older) Dixon High School buddies still had what it takes to give a push to one of the guy's car that wouldn't start outside Frosty's recently. Photo courtesy of Ritchie Long

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and more but we're all from Dixon."

The men talk a lot about sports, tell jokes, talk about old times, their health issues and just about everything but not much about politics and religion.

"We joke around a lot," Bonillo said.

He is quick to give credit to classmates Charlie Kuban, who calls the restaurants to make sure they can seat them, and Ritchie Long, who joined the group in the early days and volunteered to coordinate the notices to the guys about where the lunches would be. Long also keeps the rest informed of any major concerns with one of the guys.

"You keep your friends," said Long who grew up on a Winters farm with his grandparents from China, but who attended Dixon High School. "Friends are more meaningful now. You enjoy talking with them because you know someday, there will be an end. It hurts when you lose one of your friends."

"We weren't all buddy-buddy in high school. We hung out with different

people," Bonillo explained but added it's all about growing up in Dixon and sharing the commonalities. "We all care about each other. If people get sick, we call." Long added that it's different growing up in a small town because "you knew everybody" and many for 68 years and if something happens, they have your back."

It is well known now that social isolation puts our seniors in a line up for poor health, depression, and low psychological well-being. But that's not for these guys.

"Most of them are taking care of themselves," said Long. "Just last month, one of our group lunch buddies's car broke down and the guys from the teenage 'Golden Era' gave Rick Sequeira a push to help him get his car started." It's another good story they share.

"It's just great to see our old friends. I look forward to it. It's great talking to your old buddies...and your new buddies. Everybody keeps in touch with one another. It is really something special. I had no idea it would turn out like this," Bonillo said. ★

Montessori Students Head Back to School



Dixon Charter Montessori School invites parents to meet staff next week. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Montessori Charter School will host a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 8 at 2 p.m. for parents, teachers, and staff. The school offers Kindergarten through 8th grade. The school is located at the former Silveyville Elementary School, 355 North Almond.

Later that evening, there will be the regular meeting of the DMCS Governing Board from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom. Information is on their website to attend.

The next day, Wednesday, August 9, is the first day back to school and will start at 8:05 for all students. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) will run to 11:30 a.m. Grades Kindergarten through 3rd will end at 2:30 in the afternoon weekdays except Friday when school gets out at 12:15 p.m. Grades 4th through 8th will get out at 3:05 p.m. except on Friday when they will also get out at 12:15 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch menus are posted on their website and the meals are available to all students for free. For more information, phone (707) 678-8953. ★

Road Maintenance Activities on County Road 31 and Russell Boulevard

Yolo County News Release

WINTERS, CA (MPG) - The County of Yolo Community Services Department's Public Works Division will be repairing sections of County Road (CR) 31 and Russell Boulevard from August 7 through September 29. This maintenance is scheduled to occur between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Be prepared for intermittent lane closures during this time on CR 31 from CR 93A to CR 98, and Russell Boulevard from Interstate 505 to CR 93A.

Travelers should expect delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes. Detours will be set up to direct motorists around full road closures. Local access to properties and businesses along these road sections will be provided during construction.

The scheduled road repairs on CR 31 and Russell Boulevard are part of the County's ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and functionality of these roads for

the community. This maintenance comes in anticipation of upcoming improvements to County Road 31, which will include the addition of bike lanes once funding is secured. This process can take time and involves collaborating with various stakeholders.

"The need to improve this major transportation corridor in District 2 is one of the top concerns consistently shared with me by residents in both Winters and in Davis. Beginning work on this stretch of CR 31 is long overdue, and I am grateful to the Yolo County Public Works team for taking this next step to address the conditions of this important roadway," said Supervisor Lucas Frerichs. "Improving the conditions of this corridor will continue to be one of my top priorities."

For the County's Road Closures map, visit: www.yolocounty.org/road-closures. The public is encouraged to slow down and obey all construction signs when traveling through the work zone. ★

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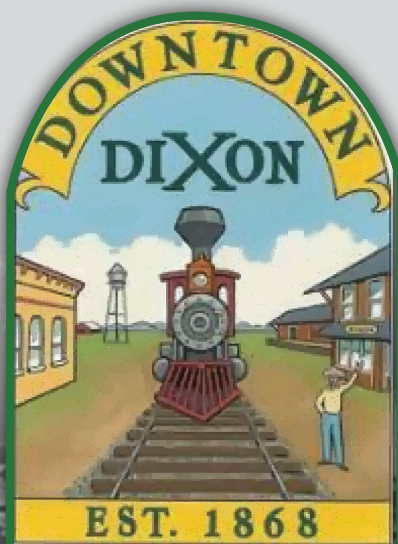
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The Downtown Dixon Business Association Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month inside local businesses.

Keep an eye on this space every month for information about all the fun and engaging events happening in Downtown Dixon.



Upcoming Events

- **The Farmers Market continues!** The move to the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park has worked out well to help beat the heat. Our next dates are Thursdays, August 10 and August 24. Time: 5-8 p.m. Support your local farmers and bring the family!
- **The annual DDBA Wine & Art Stroll** is Saturday, August 19, 4 to 8 p.m. Start the fun at your choice of two locations for payments, maps, and glasses: at Kevin Johnson Re/Max Gold, 220 N. Jefferson, with Dixon Tire Pros, and Grocery Outlet or the Pardi Plaza, corner of First and A Streets. Buy tickets at www.downtowndixonca.com
- **Concerts in the Pardi Plaza**, will happen every other Thursday evening starting at 6 p.m. thanks to the City of Dixon and the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. The next one will be August 17 featuring 'Sazil'!



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Dairies Struggle As Milk Prices Plummet And Production Costs Surge

After earning record-high milk prices in 2022, dairy farmers have seen their earnings plummet in recent months, with more operations struggling to stay in business and some closing their doors for good. Their plight has prompted comparisons to the 2009 economic crisis that forced droves of dairies into bankruptcy. Some say it may be worse this time around due to additional inflationary pressures and higher interest rates that make it more costly for businesses to borrow money. Dairy farmers' costs for feed, labor, fuel and fertilizer have all skyrocketed.

Weather Pushes Melon Crop Past July 4 But Growers Happy With Quality

California farmers say this season's melon crop was delayed by about two weeks due to cool temperatures and wet fields affecting early harvest of watermelons, cantaloupes and honeydews. That slowed melon deliveries to supermarkets. "We missed the big marketing window for Fourth of July," noted Fresno County farmer Joe Del Bosque. But Del Bosque said the quality of melons this year is good, and that demand remains steady. He said he just hopes there is not "a bunching up" of melons hitting the market at once.

Cotton Acreage Drops To Historic Low In State Due To Weather, Prices

For the first time in a century, California cotton acreage will likely drop to fewer than 100,000 acres due in part to soggy ground at planting and better prices for competing crops. Aaron Barcellos, a partner in the family-owned A-Bar Ag Enterprises in Fresno County, said cold, wet weather along with low prices prompted them to reduce Pima plantings this year. Without those factors, he said they probably would have had double the acreage they planted. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, cotton was king in the San Joaquin Valley, maxing out at about 1.6 million planted acres.

Congress Takes Up Farm Labor Bills Stalled Amid Immigration Stalemate

A nationwide farm labor shortage is contributing to a flurry of legislative action in Washington this year. The House Committee on Agriculture has formed a bipartisan Agricultural Labor Working Group to study and propose changes to the H-2A temporary work visa program, which farmers have increasingly called upon in the absence of adequate domestic labor. Last year, Congress failed to pass the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, including immigration law reforms intended to boost agricultural employment. The Act was reintroduced this year. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

Find an Advisor with the Heart of a Teacher

Dear Dave,

I'm a widow, and I retired recently. My husband took care of most of our finances. We never had any debt, but after my husband died and I started learning a little bit more about how money works, I'm concerned too much of it may be invested in CDs. The total nest egg is a little over \$1.5 million, with \$300,000 of that in CDs. There's also a \$317,000 annuity, a 403(b) and around \$900,000 in IRA mutual funds. I want to learn even more about financial matters, so how do you think I should handle things going forward?

– Naomi

Dear Naomi,

Well, the CDs

(Certificates of Deposit) give you stability, if nothing else. They're generally considered a safe, low-risk investment, but they don't really give you the best bang for your bucks. If you've had good luck with a variable annuity, that's fine, too. It sounds like you've also been very fortunate with your mutual fund investing. So, with all this money in different areas, you're definitely diversified.

In my mind, it's just a matter now of wrapping your arms around it all and developing a deeper understanding of things going forward. I'd urge you to find an investment professional in your area with the heart of a teacher. I'm talking about someone who wants to help people, and is interested in more than just making money off fees or commissions.

It sounds like you understand the value of learning about this stuff, and I'm really impressed by that. It's a smart and necessary thing. From here on

out, every time you see an investment person—whoever it may be—your goal should be to leave the room smarter, and with more financial understanding, than you had before.

Naomi, I'm truly sorry about your husband. But you two did an amazing job with your finances over the years. You're worth well over \$1.5 million, and you have no debt. So, you're basically set for life.

Be wise, and be careful, Naomi. God bless you!

– Dave

**Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 the company Ramsey Solutions. ★*

California's 63-Year-Old Higher Education Plan Could Use A Reality Check



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As California's population exploded in the 1950s and 1960s – surpassing New York to become the nation's most populous state in 1962 – its political leaders responded with sweeping plans to satisfy burgeoning demands for public services.

New freeway routes were plotted to carry millions of additional cars. State and local bond issues were drafted to build schools for the baby boom. New dams and canals were designed to increase water supplies. And, a master plan was written to unify California's colleges and universities.

Six decades later, California's population is nearly three times larger, but stalled at just under 40 million and has been declining slowly.

Many of those once-planned freeways never got past the planning stage, public school enrollment is declining, the California Water Plan has mostly been built (but still has a bottleneck in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta), and the much-vaunted Master Plan for Higher Education remains on the books but never achieved the seamless pathway to low-cost, universal student access it envisioned.

While the demand for higher education is huge, and while the state's

economy rests on having a highly trained and educated workforce, the state's three collegiate systems – the University of California, California State University and more than 100 locally managed community colleges – remain more competitive than cooperative.

If anything, friction among the systems has been increasing as they squabble over academic turf and compete for financing in a state budget that struggles to pay for all of its spending.

The 1960-vintage master plan, whose two political fathers were UC's legendary president, Clark Kerr, and then-Gov. Pat Brown, delineated the roles that all three would play.

UC would be the state's premier research institution while providing high-intensity undergraduate and graduate educations, with degrees up to doctorates. CSU would educate teachers, engineers and other professionals and offer both baccalaureate and master's degrees. Community colleges would provide two-year associate degrees, prepare students for transfer to four-year schools and also offer job-oriented, sub-professional training.

Demands from students that outstripped supply and budgetary pressures have eroded the demarcation lines. Community colleges have begun offering some limited baccalaureate degrees, encountering stiff opposition from the state university system, while state universities have sought, with some success, to award doctorates, thereby encroaching on UC's jealously guarded turf.

Virtually every legislative session is marked by at

least one conflict over competing ambitions of the three levels. One current measure, Assembly Bill 656, which has passed the Assembly and is pending in the Senate, would give CSU broad new authority to award doctorates.

Meanwhile, there has been constant friction over the transfer of credits from one level to another, with community college graduates often frustrated about gaining admission to four-year schools, despite the master plan's promise.

Although there's an official goal of boosting the number of community college students transferring to four-year schools from 89,000 to more than 120,000 by 2022, a year later fewer than 100,000 were making the transition, CalMatters recently reported.

"Of the students enrolled in a community college in California who said they wanted to transfer to a four-year university, an average of 9.9% went on to enroll at a four-year institution in 2021, the most recent data available," reporters Adam Echelman and Erica Yee found.

UC is opposing a measure, Assembly Bill 1749, that would make transfers easier.

These two situations – competition for degree authority and the difficulty community college students face in transferring – indicate once again that the Master Plan for Higher Education is broken. If it's worthwhile having such a plan, it should be worthwhile to make it relevant to 21st-century realities, not 1960s theories.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Vacaville PD Apprehends Suspects for Gunfire on Ellesmere Drive

Dixon Police Department News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On the evening of July 27, 2023, at approximately 9:30 PM, officers from the Dixon Police Department were dispatched to a reported incident of gunfire directed at an occupied vehicle in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive. Upon their arrival, the officers determined no individuals had been hit and the alleged perpetrators had driven from the scene. A crime scene was promptly established, and the department's detectives were summoned to the location.

During their investigation, the detectives managed to identify a vehicle implicated in the incident, along with the individuals associated with it. The Dixon Police Department promptly disseminated this information to neighboring law enforcement agencies. The Vacaville Police Department located the vehicle at a local motel within their jurisdiction. The Vacaville Police Department, in collaboration with the Solano County Sheriff's Office, verified that the suspects were registered guests at the motel.

Personnel from both the Vacaville Police Department and the Solano County Sheriff's Office successfully apprehended two suspects without any ensuing incidents. Investigators from

the Dixon Police Department then conducted a search of the motel room, during which they discovered a pistol. The firearm was determined to be consistent with the shell casing found at the original crime scene.

The suspects, identified as Austin Hughes, 27, and Javon Powel, 18, both residents of Vacaville, were subsequently arrested. Hughes was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon (245(a)(2) PC), Shooting into an Inhabited Vehicle (246 PC), Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person (29800(a)(1)PC), and Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person (30305(a)(1)PC). Powel was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon (245(a)(2) PC) and Shooting into an Inhabited Vehicle (246 PC). Both individuals were transported and booked into the Solano County Jail.

The Dixon Police Department extends its gratitude to the Vacaville Police Department and the Solano County Sheriff's Department for their invaluable assistance in the swift and safe apprehension of the suspects.

The Dixon Police Department encourages anyone with additional information pertaining to this ongoing investigation to contact Detective Dawson at (707) 678-7070 or via email at ddawson@dixonpolice.org. ★

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Drought-Stricken Farmers to Participate in Rice Commission

From the Office of Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG - Assembly Bill (AB) 454 by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters), which provides greater flexibility to the California Rice Commission to maintain district representation of all rice farmers, has been signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom.

The California Rice Commission, established in 1999, functions as a quasi-governmental entity within the Department of Food and Agriculture, providing for the orderly production, milling, and

marketing of California rice and the associated environmental benefits. The Commission's board is made up of rice producers and handlers. Previously, each board member had to actively produce or handle rice to maintain board eligibility.

Extreme drought and water shortages have severely constrained rice production in the Sacramento Valley. As California farmers confronted a third year of catastrophic drought impacts in 2022, less than half the state's typical 500,000 acres of rice were planted. Due to the massive drop in rice production, many producers and handlers were no longer eligible to serve on the Rice

Commission's board. Likewise, because of reduced acreage in production, the allocation of Commission board seats by district was poised to be dramatically impacted.

AB 454 allows the Rice Commission to annually review and evaluate state drought conditions and, if warranted, issue a drought declaration. Under a drought declaration, a Commission member who is a rice producer or handler would be allowed to continue serving on the Commission and vote to issue a declaration if they historically produced or handled rice or if they participated in the Prevented Planting Program at USDA.

"Year-after-year, our rural family farms, agricultural communities, and businesses face mounting pressure from unprecedented climate events," said Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters). "It's imperative that we not lose the input of our farmers and handlers because of catastrophic droughts that they can't control. I want to thank the Rice Commission for continuing to be a close partner on public policy that affects our agriculture and rice industry communities. Their leadership is incredibly valuable to our State Department of Food and Agriculture, and to me as I continue to serve my farming constituents. The Governor's support will help us maintain the

rural voices that are so important to instructing decisions made by our state government."

"We greatly appreciate Asm. Aguiar-Curry's support of the rice industry. We are still feeling the impacts of last year's drought and this bill will help us include growers on our board who were not able to plant last year due to the lack of water," said Tim Johnson, President and CEO of the CA Rice Commission.

Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry represents the 4th Assembly District, which includes all of Yolo, Napa, Colusa, Lake Counties, and parts of Sonoma County. www.asm.ca.gov/aguiar-curry ★

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 - *Grilled cheese and _____ soup
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 - California and Nevada lake
 - Raja's daughter
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 - Of two minds
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Yet, in the shorter term, they both are seeking the same thing – Trump as the Republican nominee, either so he can sweep to victory (Trump's view) or be beaten again and held to account for his crimes (the Democrats' view).

The serial indictments of Trump, even if it's not their primary purpose, advance this mutual interest. With every indictment, Trump dominates media attention and rallies Republicans to his side based on charges of selective prosecution.

The routine is so predictable, it's become boring. The first indictment of a former president had some novelty, but now it feels as commonplace as a pork chop on a stick at the Iowa State Fair.

The pushback against the notion that Trump's prosecutorial pursuers know that they might as well be 'MAGA' agents is that it's too clever by half, that Trump has these legal vulnerabilities and is simply paying the price. No theories about underhand-

ed political motivation are necessary.

It's certainly true that Trump had major exposure in the documents case, but the Alvin Bragg indictment is gossamer-thin, and we don't know yet what Special Counsel Jack Smith has next or what District Attorney Fani Willis is working with in Fulton County, Georgia.

Consider this thought experiment: If the Justice Department and the other prosecutors knew that the indictments guaranteed a Ron DeSantis or Tim Scott nomination, would they still go through with them? If they thought they made Trump a stronger general election candidate and the favorite to beat Joe Biden, would they still pull the trigger? Or would they find some reason for forbearance when there's plenty to be said for forbearance in the first place?

It doesn't require a fine-grained understanding of Republican politics to grasp what's going on. Certainly, after the passionately pro-Trump GOP reaction to the Mar-a-Lago search, it was obvious that targeting Trump would benefit him. If there were any doubt, the Trump surge in the polls after the Bragg indictment should have removed it.

Still, Trump's pursuers have persisted.

For Trump, the Leninist logic of the worse, the better applies – the more he's indicted and the weaker the cases, the more Republicans are inclined to believe he's the victim of a politicized justice system.

For Trump's adversaries, meanwhile, quantity trumps quality; everyone gets a piece of the action,

and it increases the odds that a trial or two happens before the November 2024 election.

If the indictments boost Trump in the primaries, they hurt him in the general, and trials and guilty verdicts would presumably wound him even more.

Again, if Trump's prosecutors believed that rushing to trial would somehow boost Trump against Biden, it's hard to see them being so desperate to get him in courtrooms as soon as possible.

Of course, Trump doesn't like getting indicted more than anyone else. His denunciations of "these vicious Communists, Marxists, Fascists, and Radical Left Democrats," "THESE LUNATICS AND THUGS" who are out to get him are wholly sincere. But without the vicious Communists et al., he might well be 10 points lower in the polls, and anything that makes the primary race look more competitive is bad for him.

The legal handiwork of the "LUNATICS AND THUGS" is one of the former president's most valuable political assets.

Trump and his enemies may despise one other, but they are working toward the same immediate outcome, i.e., a high-stakes, hate-filled, Third Worldish Trump-Biden rematch with the possibility of jail for one of the contenders if he loses and intense prosecutorial scrutiny for the other if he comes up short.

And everything so far indicates that they're going to get it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, AMENDING SECTION 6.02.020, BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIRED AND SECTION 6.02.030, DEFINITIONS, AND ADDING CHAPTER 6.13, SIDEWALK VENDING TO TITLE 6, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, OF THE DIXON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.) and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Section 6.02.020 and 6.02.030 and adding a new Chapter 6.13, to Title 6 of the Dixon Municipal Code ("Ordinance").

The Ordinance will allow the City to regulate sidewalk vending in compliance with the requirements of Senate Bill 946. The Ordinance will, among other things, establish: the permitting process for sidewalk vendors, grounds for denying a permit, the ability for appeal, sidewalk vending operating requirements, and penalties for violations of the sidewalk vending program. The Ordinance will also amend provisions of Chapter 6.02 to include sidewalk vendors as entities required to obtain a City business license, and to add and update pertinent definitions to the chapter.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, August 15, 2023, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against approval of the Ordinance. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking any action or making any recommendation related to the Ordinance. Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

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Riley Reviews

“SOUND OF FREEDOM” TRAFFICKING THRILLER SET IN A DARK WORLD

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“SOUND OF FREEDOM”
RATED PG-13

What could possibly be entertaining in a film about the sex trafficking of children? The subject matter of “Sound of Freedom” is powerful in its mission to bring awareness to human tragedy that is shameful and despicable.

If there’s just one film this summer that carries an important message, this one based on the incredible story of former federal agent Tim Ballard is it for shining a bright light on a dark underworld.

That’s there has been some controversy over “Sound of Freedom” is somewhat mystifying. Allegations have been tossed about QAnon conspiracy theories. But the QAnon Shaman dressed like a Viking during the Capitol riot is nowhere in sight.

One review posted on Rotten Tomatoes seems to think the movie is an alt-right rallying cry that is profiting off “conspiracy-fueled mass hysteria.” On the other hand, positive audience reviews are through the roof.

Granted, the anti-human trafficking activist Tim Ballard, who was a Homeland Security special agent and then founder of Operation Underground Railroad, is played by Jim Caviezel, an actor probably best-known for playing Jesus in “The Passion of the Christ.”

Whether Caviezel being a devout Catholic has maybe steered him to some unconventional stances is immaterial to the intensity and conviction he brings to the role of the federal agent first seen busting a consumer of Internet child porn.

If there’s a religious undertone to the story, Caviezel’s Ballard explains his obsession with the crime of child sex trafficking on his belief that “God’s children are not for sale.” That axiom is even a refrain in a featured song.

However, there’s no compelling reason, other than to cast aspersions on someone for perceived unorthodox viewpoints, to dwell on any ostensible political bias that’s not blatantly evident in the movie.

What’s on the screen is a thriller, and one should hope that going after pedophiles is not a left-right issue. After all, does anyone have anything positive to say about the likes of a Jeffrey Epstein? Didn’t think so, unless maybe you’re Prince Andrew, Duke of York.

Back to the opening story of taking down a creep for sexual perversion, Ballard has already arrested hundreds of the human filth who distribute sexually exploitative material, but now he wants to get to the root cause of the problem, and that means heading south of the border.

In Honduras, single father Roberto (Jose Zuniga) is enticed by former beauty

queen and music competition show promoter Katy (Yessica Borroto Perryman) to allow his 11-year-old daughter Rocio (Cristal Aparicio) to audition for a contest.

Rocio’s 8-year-old brother Miguel (Lucas Avila) is part of the package as well for the talent show. The audition seems to be legitimate, but when the father returns later to pick up the kids, the place is empty and deserted. A parent’s worst nightmare ensues.

After uncovering some connections obtained from the last person he arrested, Ballard spearheads an operation to apprehend a trafficker at the Mexican border, leading to the fortuitous rescue of the traumatized Miguel.

However, it is not mission accomplished, since Rocio has disappeared into the wind, mostly likely in South America, but she could be anywhere, maybe in Russia or Los Angeles.

The trail might lead to Colombia and Ballard convinces his boss (Kurt Fuller) for a week’s leave and spending cash for an unsanctioned foreign operation, but soon he resigns his position with the support of his wife (Mira Sorvino) to go full lone ranger.

In Bogota, Ballard’s contact is Vampiro (Bill Camp), an American expatriate with a shady past of laundering money for the cartels but who’s now willing to work on the right side of the law.

A scheme is hatched to team up with the deep-pocketed Pablo (Eduardo Verastegui) to create a phony members-only exclusive club on a remote island for well-heeled pedophiles. The plan is to deceive traffickers in order to liberate enslaved children.

The plot works to a point. A bunch of truly horrible criminals, including the former beauty queen Katy, are captured by a Colombian task force, but Rocio is not among the children who are rescued.

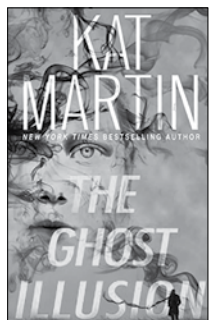
The next step becomes far more dangerous for Ballard, who is now being helped by Vampiro. Signs point in the direction of the no man’s land of Narino Province, a place much like the Bronx in the Seventies. Neither the police nor the army dare to enter this criminal stronghold.

The remote jungle of the province is the domain of the warlord named Scorpio who runs a cocaine factory and has Rocio hostage as his sex slave. Ballard and Vampiro pose as U.N. doctors bringing vaccines to eradicate an imaginary outbreak.

Posing as the fake doctor in the rebel camp where Scorpio’s henchmen are a bunch of trigger-happy lunatics does ratch up the dramatic thrills for Ballard’s single-minded determination to save Rocio.

“Sound of Freedom” takes dramatic liberties with a dangerous journey into the jungle, but it only serves to heighten the basic story of the horrors perpetrated by evil people. ★

Summer Cocktail’s Paired with the Perfect Read



Summer is the perfect time to pair the ideal book with a refreshing cocktail or mocktail. And Union Square Books has just the book to help anyone achieve the perfect pairing. *Cocktails in Color* by Sami Katz and Olivia McGiff is a refreshing splash of color, art, and cocktails. Whether you are a seasoned barista or ready to purchase your first cocktail shaker, this is your go-to book. Rediscover the love of spirits, and uncover your palette to create the perfect cocktail to enjoy at your next gathering or solo on the porch with a great book.

For the Elvis lover at heart, grab your blue suede shoes, the ingredients for a Velour Tracksuit, and a copy of *Graceland* by Nancy Crochiere. Set off on a summer adventure as mother and daughter Oliva and Hope head out on an emotional and sometimes hilarious trip to Graceland. Convinced that she is dying, Olivia wants nothing more than to take one last pilgrimage to her idol’s beloved home,

Graceland. Even though Hope wants to please her mom, Memphis is the one place she can’t return to. Hiding secrets that ultimately made her flee the town, Hope isn’t ready to face her past, and with her daughter, Dylan, invited to join in, the truth might be enough to break them. Now, on a road trip that will bind them or break them, Olivia, Dylan, and Hope set out on a journey that will lead to heartbreak or forgiveness and a few Elvis Impersonators along the way.

Graceland will take readers on a journey of heartbreak and love in a fast-paced, entertaining story that will have you singing Elvis songs.

Nina Morgan Clark has had a rough five years, but now it’s her turn to stand in the spotlight. To celebrate her look at a beautiful new life and dream job, Nina and her best friend Marisol decide to take a road trip of a lifetime. But once again, Nina will find herself in the crosshairs of life when she ends up with a summer

fling that changes everything. Now, Nina will have to decide if she can embrace a new future, even if it isn’t the life she had planned perfectly. *The Better Half* by Alli Frank and Asha Youmans is a great summer read full of real-life honesty and laughter and is perfectly paired with a Sunset Sangria, a peach flavored sparkling sangria that is a perfect drink for summer book club.

Combine History and a psychological thriller in *The Ghost Illusion* by Kat Martin. Inheriting an old Victorian house in England challenges the very line of perception and reality for Eve St Clair. Ransom King has devoted his life to parapsychology and debunking those who prey on others. However, Eva’s case is dangerously real and so are his feelings. The edge-of-your-seat suspense thriller will stave off the warm nights when paired with a refreshing Fortunes Fool, an elevated gin sour paired with blackberries, ginger syrup, and crème-de mure. ★

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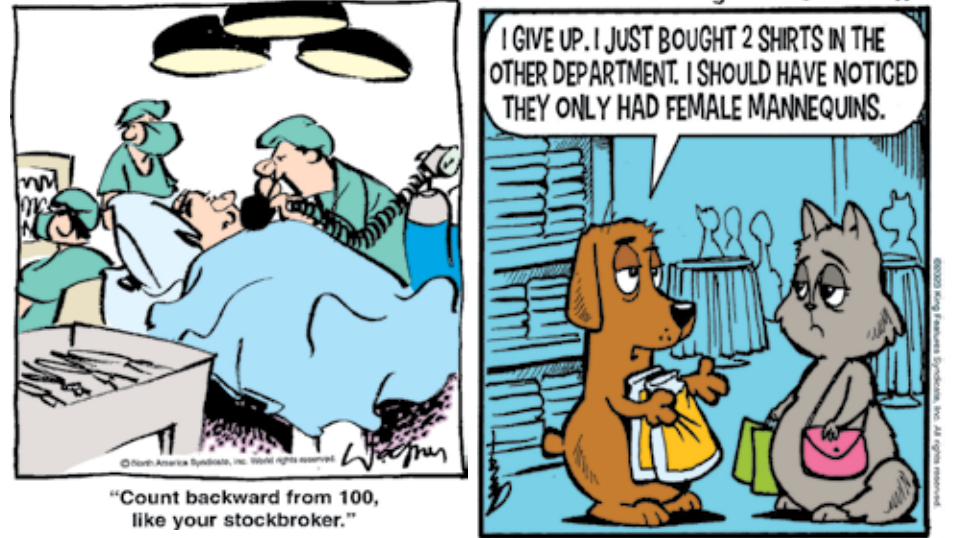
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Car Best of Show was won by Joe Ortega of Fairfield. G&C courtesy photo

Truck Best of Show Truck was won by Kevin Proschold of Vacaville. G&C courtesy photo



By Janette Barrango

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There were 144 entries signed up for the Grillin' and Chillin' Car Show and it was a great turnout even with the heat wave we faced that day. The Best of Show Car & Best of Show Truck winners will be featured on our T-shirts for next year's show.

Special thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, in-kind donations and Dixon Action Team Board for organizing the event! And, a special thank you to all the car participants this year. We are looking forward to another great event next year.

The Best of Show winners were a 1963 Chevy Impala Apple Red by Joe

Ortega of Fairfield.

"It was a three-year build out of state and winner of the 2023 Autorama Joe Bailon Trophy," Ortega said.

The Best of Show Truck 2023 was a 1972 Chevy Cheyenne Super C-10 Custom Green with gold flakes by Kevin Proschold of Vacaville. Kevin and his brother bought it together four years ago. The truck was in pieces in a garage so they decided to buy a new motor for it and take what we had to Provest Customs in Woodland.

"They were able to help us create our dream vision of what you see today," Kevin said. The paint and body work was done by Jaeckels Autobody in Fairfield.

Other Class Winners:

- Stock Pre-1950*
1st Place Don Highly of Vacaville, 1941 Red DeSoto
- Stock 1951-1965*
1st Place Joseph Ulics of Montague, 1956 Black Merc Montclair
- Stock 1966-1976*
1st Place Fernando Mata of Dixon, 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner
- Modified Pre-1950*
1st Place Gracion Forrest of Dixon, 1934 Burgundy Chevy Sedan
- Modified 1951-1965*
1st Place Zack Hintz of Dixon, 1958 Black Impala
- Modified 1966-1976*
1st Place Marc Santoro of Fairfield, 1969 Black Camaro
- Muscle Car*
1st Place David Cattaeo of Dixon, 1969 Orange Camaro
- Stock Truck*
1st Place Bill Rogers of Vallejo, 1955 Cameo
- Modified Truck*
1st Place Mike Devito of Vacaville, 1955 White Cameo
- Tri-Five*
1st Place Ruben & Natalie Avina of Dixon, 1956 Green BelAir
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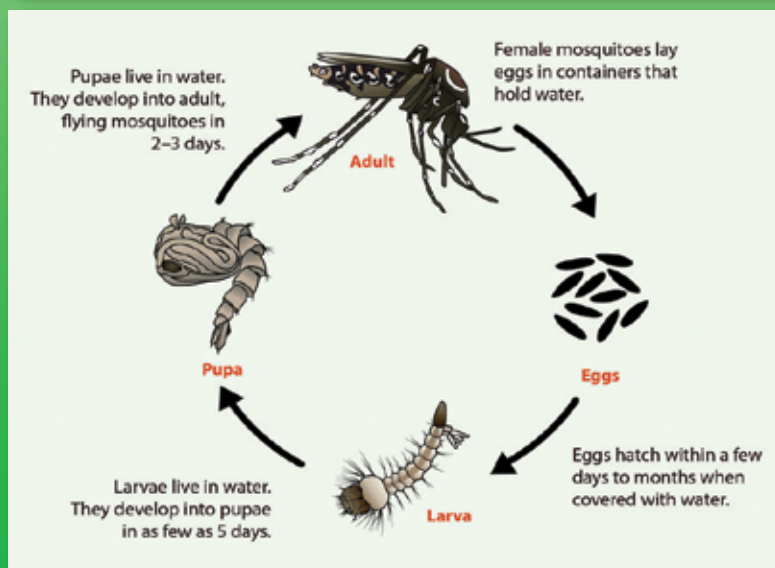
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