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The Empowerment Project



Sonia McClellin speaking at the recent 'Unmask Love' fundraising event to help raise awareness about teen dating violence. Photo courtesy of Empowerment Project

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - One in 10 high school students have been purposefully hit, slapped, or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend, according to The Empowerment Project, an organization responsible for getting domestic violence education mandated in all California public high school health classes to ensure teens are taught what a healthy relationship looks like.

The Empowerment Project hosted a large event in Vacaville to create awareness and several Dixonites attended. The movement started with Sonia McClellin of San Ramon

whose 24-year-old sister was murdered by her boyfriend when she tried to break up with her boyfriend. She was in an emotionally and physically abusive relationship but did not know it.

"Unhealthy relationships during teen years often lead to domestic violence as adults. I lost my sister when I was 14 and I am committed to ensuring that we provide education at an early age," McClellin said. "I truly believe this would have made a difference and my sister might still be here today had this sensitive and far too often private subject matter been addressed through mandated education."

McClellin is a wife and mother of two now. When her own daughter went to college, she began to wonder what was being taught to her daughter about healthy relationships and found nothing. To honor her sister, and protect her own children, she began her advocacy to help educate young people about the different types of abuse and their warning signs.

Now that the legislation has passed, she founded the Empowerment Project and recently coordinated 'Unmask Love,' a fundraising event for the purpose of creating awareness on teen dating violence.

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Apply for Vacancies on City Commissions

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon is currently accepting applications for the following vacancies on City Commissions:

Three (3) vacancies on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to planning and land use. Commissioners serve four-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. All vacancies are four-year terms expiring on June 30, 2027. The Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. City residency is required. A stipend of \$100.00 per meeting attended is paid to each Commissioner.

Two (2) vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to recreation and park facilities. Commissioners serve two-year terms, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. All vacancies are two-year terms expiring on June 30, 2025. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. City residency is required. A stipend of \$75.00 per meeting attended is paid to each Commissioner.

Three (3) vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC). The Transportation Advisory Commission is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to traffic, transportation, and parking issues. Commissioners serve four-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. All vacancies are four-year terms expiring on June 30, 2027. The TAC meets at 7:00 p.m. the third Wednesday of even-numbered months. City residency is required. A stipend of \$75.00 per meeting attended is paid to each Commissioner.

Interested Dixon residents may obtain an application at City Hall, 600 East A Street, by calling 678-7000, or by visiting the City's website at www.cityofdixon.ca.us. The deadline for filing applications is 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2023. ★

Local Steps Up to Official Delegate

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - In attending his second Republican Convention, DIV Photographer Nicolas Brown was pretty ecstatic about his photo of Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, taken at the Republican Delegate Convention held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento in mid-March.

"The first time I went as a delegate and had a simple, point-and-shoot camera," he said. "That was before I learned all that I know about photography. I've been doing this since 2008 but this is the first time I was a delegate and the first time I've gone as a full-fledged photographer."

Brown "stepped up his game" thanks to the County Chair Michele Guerra who encouraged him to get more involved.

"So, I decided to wholeheartedly get involved in the matters of the state party and became a delegate. It's a process to be sure but I jumped in and



Above: Dixon's Nicolas Brown at the Republican Convention in Sacramento. Photo by Karen Powers. Above right: Dixonite and DIV Photographer Nicolas Brown captured this clear close-up photo of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy at the Republican Convention in Sacramento. Photo by Nicolas Brown

said yes!" he explained. He enjoys meeting with other friends in the party and at this convention, he

got to be one of the votes for people running for positions.

"Walking into this

year's, I was running on pure excitement," he said. "We had lunch with Kevin McCarthy, and I got a number of shots of him speaking to the crowd. Toward the end of his remarks, I got about 45 seconds of time to get in close and capture great shots of him speaking." Brown took a total of about 300 photographs over the three-day event and has posted several on social media.

Brown also attended meetings of the Rules Committee and the Chair of Chairs meeting.

"That is the heads of the Counties of the State so there were like 58 people at this huge table. It was crazy," he said with enthusiasm. "I also went to another meeting helping people decide whether or not they want to run for political office, but I feel I would fit in well as a staffer."

The next one is in Anaheim but Brown is hoping they come back to Sacramento next year since being a delegate is only for two years. ★





Life's too SHORT

Changed My Mind

By Debra Dingman

It wasn't but a week ago that I asked my husband if we could adopt. The last child headed far from home where he is now located just 20 minutes from his wife's large, wonderful family in Chico. I cried all the way home.

I switched to happiness when we picked up all three grandsons after school on Friday for their parents to have a weekend get-away. After warm baths and at 8 p.m. I read them two storybooks and kissed them all good night ensuring the 2-year-old had his beloved pacifier. This time we all stayed in the large, soft bed so I felt there was no reason to not have a decent night sleep. Nope.

The baby—despite seeming on the brink of sleep just minutes before, for some reason got invigorated as soon as Papa turned out the lights. He chatted and put his feet on top of older brother and rolled the covers towards him till none of us had any so younger brother asked to go sleep with Papa. I said, of course. It's 9 p.m.

I sang lullabies for a half hour. Baby was still restless. Then the older child asked to sleep on the couch and the baby asked for water. I got up and made the couch into a bed.

Back with baby, I cuddled him and rubbed his back. He finally went to sleep. I'm suddenly very thirsty and remember the high-sodium pizza for dinner. It took me another 15 minutes to squeeze from his side and slip from the covers when all of a sudden, the alarm clock goes off. I scramble to hit all the buttons and it won't stop so I practically turned upside down between the mattress and the nightstand to unplug it while knocking books and water cup to the carpet. It's now midnight. The baby, thank God,

never stirred through any of it.

I am miserable so go to my bed where I can vaguely see that grandson #2 is sleeping sound on my side. Papa is on the other side. I squeeze in the one-foot space between him and the edge of the bed and promptly go to sleep.

"Nana, I need different pants," I hear from oldest grandson standing in front of me while zipping to full alert. It's 2 a.m. I knew we should have turned up the heater, I think, because he went to bed in summer jammies. While he goes to the bathroom, I find (by brail) some sweatpants out of my Nana's dresser inside the Nana room closet that of course is half blocked with a zillion little spaceships built with K-Nex.

I pull another blanket from the linen closet and head to the couch but before I get too close, I step on something moist, and I smell vomit. Dear God, he's sick.

I wiped up the floor, gathered all the bedding, threw it into the washer machine in the garage, raced back to the closet and got fresh sheets and quilts, re-made the couch, then wrapped him up in love kissing his head. I gave him a towel and then found a spare pillow to go back to sleep on the chair next to him, covering myself with two lap blankets normally reserved for a visiting grand-dog.

Now, I can't go to sleep. I lay awake and think of writing this because absolutely no one will believe this stuff happens. I consider getting up and having coffee but somewhere I doze off. At 5 a.m. I wake up to a distraught baby. I fly out of the chair and down the hall to find baby sitting on the floor. I console him and love him and tuck him back into bed. After he was sleeping, I went and got in the shower and started my coffee. I changed my mind about adopting. ★

Dixon News Briefs

MPG Staff

Dance Demonstration

The Dixon Public Library invites the public to join them for a vibrant and energetic dance performance by Sacramento's Telpochkalli on Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m. There will be a fun family project afterwards creating Aztec Art. For more information, visit solanolibary.co/events or call 1-866-572-7587. The library is located at 231 North First St. in downtown Dixon.

Spring Breaks

The Dixon Unified School District including Dixon Montessori Charter School will be going on Break from Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 7. Neighborhood Christian School's break is set for April 10 through 14. Remember, adding the weekends on either side of those weeks gives a family plenty of vacation time in the off season so go for it! Valley of the Sacred Heart students will be on break April 5 through 14.

Veterans Dinner

This Friday, March 31, the American Legion Hall will be filled with the aroma of roasted chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, and a roll for the best value in town: Only \$10 per dinner. Funds help keep the Veterans Memorial Hall at 1305 North First St. open and it's always an enjoyable and simple atmosphere for visiting with friends.

Financial Literacy

A special class for tweens and teens to learn Financial Literacy will be held on Thursday, April 27 after school from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. It will be held at the Dixon Public Library and is for tweens and teens ages 10 - 18. It is sponsored by Valley



Kiwanis annual Breakfast with the Bunny will feature this furry friend to take photos with while enjoying a pancake breakfast at the Dixon Moose Lodge, Saturday, April 8, from 8 to 11 a.m. Photo by Debra Dingman

Strong Credit Union. For more Information, call 1-866-573-7587.

Shredding Event

Atkinson Self Storage is offering a shredding event on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be after tax day so this is an opportunity to get rid of unnecessary files that you've stored for years. Payment preferred is cash, but cards will also be accepted. Cost is still being determined. It is located at 1800 North First St.

Tremont Open House

Tremont Elementary School will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, April 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be classroom visitations, a book fair in the library, and a Pizza Deal Meal dinner in the Quad for only \$6. You can also shop the vendor fair in the cafeteria for special gifts, crafts, or treats. The school is located at 355 Pheasant Run Drive.

Incoming Kindergartners

Come meet the Gretchen Higgins Elementary School

Principal and teachers on Monday, April 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. and learn more about the TWBI Program. That stands for Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program, a formal program for early elementary students where Spanish students learn English and English-speakers learn Spanish. It is an innovative, new program that was started last year in the Dixon Unified School District. You can also tour the kindergarten classrooms at 1525 Pembroke Way. Call (707) 693-6380 for more information.

Bunny Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Dixon and the Dixon Moose Lodge invite families to hop on over for their annual breakfast with the Bunny on Saturday, April 9, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 180 West B St. Tickets are \$6 for six-years-old and older or \$10 for all you can eat of pancakes, sausage links, and a beverage of choice. There will be a free gift for the first 300 children that report. You can pay cash at the door or use their QR code. ★

Court of Appeal Sides with Farmers in Precedential Water Quality Cases

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a legal win for California farmers, a state appeals court rejected all arguments brought by environmental groups and sided with the California State Water Resources Control Board, the California Farm Bureau and others related to the Central Valley's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

In its March 17 decision, the Third District Court of Appeal addressed three cases brought by environmental plaintiffs against the California State Water Resources Control Board in which the groups challenged the adoption of general waste discharge requirements for growers within the Eastern San Joaquin Watershed.

"The Court of Appeal's landmark decision supports reasonableness and balancing in protecting water quality, while

also maintaining our food supply and the economic viability of agriculture," said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson. "The court's decision is precedential and applies to irrigated lands regulatory programs throughout the state."

Johansson added, "The decision upholds farmer anonymity for nitrogen application data, the use of township-level nitrate data and surface water representative monitoring."

Farm Bureau was represented in the case by Senior Counsel Kari Fisher and joined by fellow agricultural intervenors/respondents represented by Tess Dunham of Kahn, Soares & Conway, and Jennifer Spaletta of Spaletta Law.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members. ★

Scouts Do Drive for DFS



Dixon Family Services is thankful that the Dixon Scouts from Troop 152 chose their Food Pantry to support in their Scouting For Food event this year as in years past. Dixon Scouts and their parents have been longtime partners of DFS and Executive Director Cookie Powell expressed appreciation for all the work that goes into a successful food drive, whether in rain or sunshine. Courtesy photo



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Emily Ventura is Young Woman of the Month

By Amy Pretti,
Dixon Soroptimist

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Emily Ventura is a Senior at Dixon High School. She is the daughter of Luis Ventura and Eleodora Yantas and has a brother, Mike, at Dixon High School. She is the Young Woman of the Month for March.

Emily is a first-generation student. Her parents moved from Peru to Dixon 23 years ago. Emily has attended Anderson Elementary, CA Jacobs and is now a senior at Dixon High School.

She was nominated SI Dixon Young Woman of the Month by her Dixon High School math teacher, Aliane Gibbon. Gibbon was impressed by how bright, humble, and helpful Emily is in her math class. She is always ready to help others in need of extra explanation without hesitation.

Emily is a proud DHS Band member. She has played the saxophone for eight years and even taught herself how to play the



President Linda Green and Dixon High student Emily Ventura chosen as Young Women of the Month. Soroptimist courtesy photo

flute during one summer. She was awarded the Outstanding Junior Musician Award in 2022. Emily is also the Vice President of the DHS Band Council.

Emily is very active in equality for all in the community. She is a member of the Teen Equality Task Force. Working to increase the options and availability of

health care for all members of the community is incredibly important for Emily. She also works with the Migrant Ed Program. She has been awarded the

National Hispanic Recognition Award 2022- 23.

Emily is a wonderful member of the Dixon community. She volunteers at the Dixon Public Library and at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Helping others in her community is a big part of her everyday life. Emily also tutors at the Learning Center as well as privately. She has been a member of the Key Club for three years and is serving as Treasurer this year. She is also the President of AVID. She is on the Tennis Team and is the #2 doubles player.

While Emily has applied to many colleges and been accepted, she is waiting to hear from her #1 choice, Stanford. Emily plans to attend college and earn a Ph.D. as a Pediatrician with a Psychology major. She will continue her commitment to champion change in health care equality for all.

Congratulations Emily! You are an inspiration to all! ★

Ramtown Roundup



Sensei Jim and Kathy Ernest, center, with Karate students will be competing in Las Vegas in the U.S.A. Karate Open, an international competition. Courtesy photo

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Several students of Dixon's Ramtown Karate will be jet-setting, well okay, Southwest-ing, to Las Vegas to compete in the U.S.A. Karate Open in Las Vegas this weekend.

Kiera MacKenzie will be competing in Plus 68 Kilogram Elite women Kumite, one of three main sections of karate training that in Japanese means "grappling hands" or what Americans might deem as sparring. For MacKenzie, the time is bittersweet. She has been on the USA National Team for two years and is now retiring.

"She's fought all over the world and this is her final fight," said Jim Ernest, Sensei and Ramtown Karate owner. "She'll stay involved but not in a competitive level."

Also competing will be Angela Vega in 12-year-old Girls Intermediate Kata and Kumite; Christopher Vega in 9-year-old Boys Novice Kata and Kumite; Anna Anderson in 15-year-old Girls Intermediate in Kata and Kumite; and Thomas Sanchez 13-year old Boys Intermediate in Kata and Kumite.

"It's a real experience for these kids and the one place in the United States where they can compete with kids from all over the world - 50 countries," said Ernest. "It's a real international experience and the top athlete of the world

will be there." For more information, call (707) 678-4899.

Congrats to Athlete of the Week Nathan Bloom who stood out in sophomore track season and was recognized on social media by Brett Peterson, Dixon High School Athletic Director. Peterson said Bloom broke the 10-pound school shot records and leads the division in both the shot and discuss. He won first place for the team in the shot and discuss and then placed 2nd in the discuss at the Rocklin Track Meet. Nathan also plays varsity soccer and holds a 4.2 GPA. Wow, great job Nathan!

Dixon Varsity Rams Defeated Rio Linda Varsity Knights last Friday in a big win over Rio Linda Varsity Knights 8-1. Pitcher Jett Harris, Jaxon Schwagerus, Kai Mulitsch-Reynolds, and Logan Santiago were the standouts at this game. **Junior Varsity also won 12 - 2.** Dixon Junior Varsity Ram's Aidan Schouten, Erick Siegmund, Kyle Kowalski, Isaac Santos, and Brayden McGarr-Green, Michael Ayala, Vicente Guzman, and Hayden Oaks were star scorers. The team had not a single error in the field!

On Friday, March 31, the Dixon High School Boys Varsity Baseball Team will be playing against Woodland High school at our home diamonds, 555 College Way, at 4:15 p.m. ★

Committee Passes Sen. Dodd's Plan to Improve Stream Management

Office of Senator
Bill Dodd

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Legislation advanced on March 28, 2023, from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, that would improve California's ability to measure the flow of water through thousands of local streams, protecting this precious resource and assisting the state as it manages the cycle of drought and flooding in the era of climate change.

"Water is a precious resource in California and we must ensure it is managed correctly," Sen. Dodd said. "Unfortunately, our stream monitoring systems need help. This bill would help upgrade our equipment, improving our ability to track where our water is going as we deal with the continuing effects of climate."

California collects data on hundreds of waterways through a series of monitoring devices called stream gages. However, about 70% of the state's streams are not equipped with these devices



Bill Dodd

hundreds of others fail to provide key data including as temperature and sedimentation. In addition, many of the active gages do not provide real-time reporting.

To improve the information state water scientists receive and prepare for extreme conditions such as floods and drought, changes must be made. Sen. Dodd's proposal, Senate Bill 361, directs the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources to reactivate, upgrade and install new stream gages, and develop plans to fund their long-term maintenance. The bill also

requires DWR and the Water Board to identify gaps in the network of weather stations and other water data infrastructure to ensure accurate and comprehensive data collection.

SB 361 was approved by the Senate Natural Resources committee with bipartisan support. It is co-sponsored by Environmental Defense Fund and The Nature Conservancy.

"A comprehensive stream gage network is essential for water management in California," Kirk Klausmeyer, director of data science for The Nature Conservancy, testified before the committee. "I'm asking you to vote aye and get our water managers out of the dark."

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sonoma, Contra Costa, and Sacramento counties. You can learn more about the district and Senator Dodd at www.sen.ca.gov/dodd. ★

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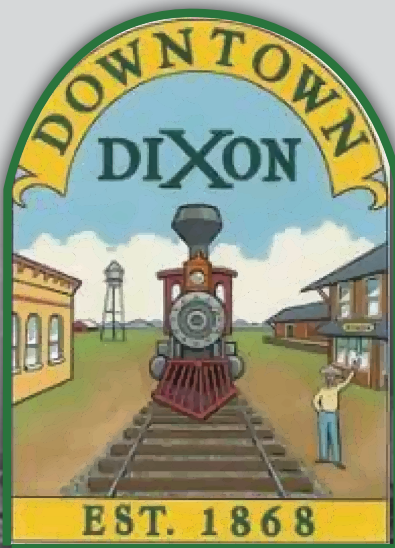
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The Downtown Dixon Business Association Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month inside local businesses.

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

Upcoming Events

- April 8 - Kiwanis annual Breakfast with the Bunny at The Dixon Moose Lodge, 8 -11 a.m.
- May 13 - Dixon May Fair Parade 10 a.m. and the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast at Ye Olde Vet's Hall, 7 - 10 a.m.
- June 24 - Railroad Days! Explore Dixon's historic past at the Dixon History Museum and throughout downtown.



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Hunting Coalition Files Appeal on California Youth Marketing Law

Sportsman's Alliance Foundation News Release

COLUMBUS, OH (MPG) - On Friday, March 10, the Sportsmen's Alliance, Safari Club International and Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation appealed the denial of a preliminary injunction against a California statute that prohibits the "marketing" of firearms and firearm accessories to minors.

The law, created with passage of AB 2571 in August of 2022, put many youth-related hunting and education programs at risk due to the draconian penalties for violating the statute, including fines of up to \$25,000 per occurrence.

The appeal filed in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals seeks to overturn the federal district court's denial of a coalition-requested preliminary injunction to put the law on hold while the underlying Constitutional questions can be reviewed and decided upon. The Sportsmen's Alliance and its partners cite clear violations of the 1st and 2nd Amendments by the law, which muzzles the free speech of conservation and hunting organizations when they engage in youth education and the promotion of hunting and firearm use that "may be attractive to minors."

"We look forward to the hearing on

the preliminary injunction and hope that the 9th Circuit can see its way to understanding how many problems this law creates," said Todd Adkins, vice president of government affairs at the Sportsmen's Alliance. "We know Gov. Newsom wants to destroy our hunting heritage by making it impossible to recruit new hunters, but we remain hopeful that the court sees this law for what it is, a law replete with violations of the Constitution that should not survive scrutiny."

In response to the new law, the Sportsmen's Alliance has been unable to expand its high school conservation curriculum, Conservation Science, into California, and has had to produce separate, censored copies, of its membership magazine at great cost for our members in the state.

The Sportsmen's Alliance protects and defends America's wildlife conservation programs and the pursuits – hunting, fishing, and trapping – that generate the money to pay for them. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation is responsible for public education, legal defense, and research. Its mission is accomplished through several distinct programs coordinated to provide the most complete defense capability possible. Stay connected to Sportsmen's Alliance: Online, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. ★

Privacy Incident Regarding Historical Health Records

Secretary of State Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., announced on March 10, 2023, that confidential records pertaining to the state's forced sterilization program were inadvertently released to a single researcher. When the researcher discovered the error, they immediately notified the Secretary of State's Office that the records included documents that were less than 75 years old, the threshold required for access by the public.

"The Secretary of State's office regrets the release of this information. Fortunately, the researcher involved confirmed they did not view the materials in detail and have deleted any material from their computer. There is no evidence that there has been any use or attempted use of the information compromised by this incident," Secretary Weber said.

"These records, which are housed in the California State Archives, have since been removed from public access, and we have updated our practices and procedures to better ensure the security of these records moving forward."

The records, dated from 1948-1952, contained personal information, including full names, dates of birth and

addresses as well as medical information related to procedures performed, medical history and familial history.

The SOS has posted a Notice of Privacy Incident <https://www.sos.ca.gov/notice-privacy-incident-historical-health-records> so impacted individuals may be aware of the incident and can take the necessary steps to monitor any unusual activity regarding their personal information. For additional information or for those who believe they may be impacted, please email archivesprivacy@sos.ca.gov. If you have additional questions, please contact Archives Services Manager at (916) 653-7715, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific.

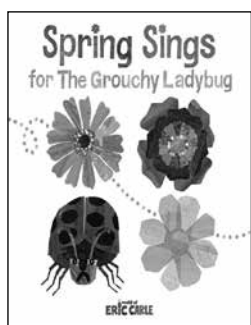
Pursuant to Government Code section 12237, all records 75 years and older within the California State Archives are made public.

California's forced sterilization program in state-run hospitals, homes and institutions was conducted from 1909 to 1979. In 2021, the Legislature created The Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program to compensate financially survivors of state-sponsored sterilization. For more information about the program, go to <https://victims.ca.gov/fiscp/>. ★



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Spring In Easter with These New Children's Books



Spring Sings for the Grouchy Ladybug
by Eric Carle; Harper

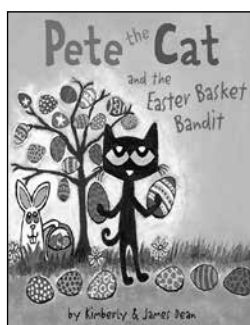
The sights and sounds of Spring are everywhere you look. Birds are calling, bees are buzzing, and frogs are jumping. Everyone is excited about Spring, even the grouchy ladybug.

From the beautiful world of Eric Carle comes a new picture book celebrating all the sights and sounds of Spring filled with lovely new artwork in his signature vibrant colors. A wonderful book to celebrate Spring, Easter or just to add to the collection.

Pete the Cat and the Easter Basket Bandit
by James and Kimberly Dean; Harper Collins

It is Easter, and Pete the Cat's Easter basket is missing. With a jellybean trail, Pete is on the hunt. Will Pete find his Easter basket?

Young readers will have fun helping Pete the Cat find his missing basket in an Easter mystery



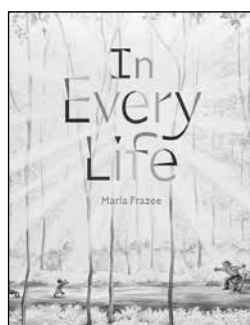
celebration. With a jelly bean trail and a group of friends, Pete will learn the best lesson, sharing is the best gift. With the included poster, stickers, and easter cards this book is a perfect addition for any Easter basket.

Cocomelon The Easter Surprise adapter
by Tina Gallo; Simon Spotlight

JJ is excited to find out that his school is having an Easter Celebration. First, it is time for arts and crafts. Then an egg hunt, and finally, the best part, the surprise.

Readers will sing along to the "Easter Mask" song as they follow JJ and his friends on a fun-filled Easter celebration. But what happens when JJ rushes through making his mask? Little ones will enjoy the story, the lesson, and the bunny hopping fun paired with the familiar song from the Cocomelon show.

In Every Life
by Marla Frazee; Beachlane Publishing



A beautiful celebration of life in all of its stages. In Every Life begins with the miracle of birth and takes readers on a journey of wonder, comfort, light, mystery, tears, and more. Celebrating all the many moments that make life blessed paired with beautiful and inclusive illustrations only add to the beauty of the words. This story highlights the importance of the moments in our lives, no matter how big or small, and is the perfect gift for all ages.

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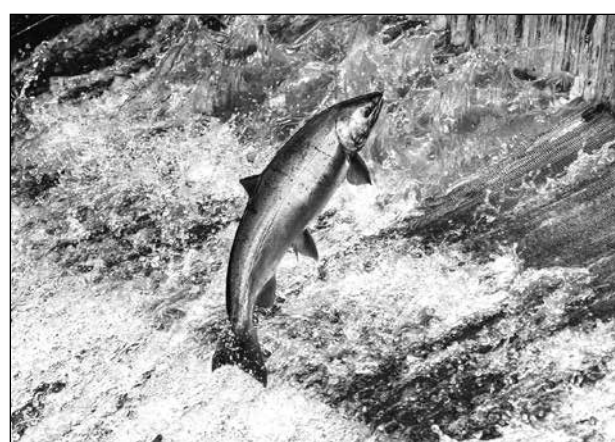
Winter Storms to Help Increase Survival of Chinook Salmon

CDFW News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Anticipating good conditions for the survival of hatchery-produced Chinook salmon throughout the Sacramento River and tributaries, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will release both spring and fall-run Chinook during the historic rain and snowfall the state is experiencing. Several releases have already happened, and others are planned over the next few weeks to utilize good in-river habitat conditions for these young salmon.

On Feb. 23, with a series of late-winter storms building, CDFW staff released approximately 1.1 million fall-run Chinook salmon fry into the American River at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Sacramento County. These Chinook salmon are part of a pilot study testing new genetic based tagging techniques that if successful, will allow more flexibility in fish release strategies to take advantage of natural high flow events in the future.

It was the first release of fall-run Chinook into the American River in more than three years. Since the spring of 2020, drought conditions have forced trucking of Nimbus Fish Hatchery juvenile salmon to points within the San Francisco and San Pablo bays. These 1.1 million fish are in addition to the normal 4 million smolts released annually from Nimbus Hatchery for mitigation and are also in addition to the 500,000 in increased production



California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will release both spring and fall-run Chinook during the historic rain and snowfall the state is experiencing. Photo courtesy William Perry Dreamstime.com

scheduled for 2023 to help offset losses to in-river production caused by drought.

In the coming week, CDFW will release 250,000 fall-run Chinook salmon from the Feather River Hatchery. These fish are part of the 3.1 million fish that were raised above and beyond the hatchery mitigation requirement. They will be taken to the Sutter Bypass for release where they can directly enter rearing habitat resulting from rainfall the region experienced in early March. The expectation is these fish will be able to utilize this habitat to grow to smolt size before entering the Delta and heading toward the ocean. An additional 900,000 of these 3.1 million fish will be released in the Feather River in early April as pre-smolts when favorable conditions are expected to continue based on current snowpack and reservoir conditions. The remaining 2.9 million additional fish as well as the six million mitigation fall-run Chinook, will be trucked to the San Pablo and San Francisco Bays as smolts for release. ★

This week will also be the start of the annual spring-run Chinook salmon releases in the Feather River from the hatchery. Over the course of the next few weeks approximately two million spring-run Chinook salmon will be released at several release locations along the Feather River. The favorable conditions in the Feather River and bypasses should provide good rearing habitat allowing these fish to grow and increase survival rates.

"By putting these fish out into the river now, they are going to experience the natural environment of our rivers as natural-origin fish would and will be able to take advantage of the high flows we're getting with these storms," said Jay Rowan, who oversees CDFW's Fisheries Branch.

CDFW expects survival rates for these Chinook salmon to be very high given the increased flows and expects to see the benefits of these early releases three years from now when the adults return to complete their lifecycle. ★



Alvin Bragg Prepares to Cross the Rubicon

How much does a mug shot mean to you?

To Alvin Bragg, it apparently means quite a lot.

All signs point to Bragg, the progressive prosecutor in Manhattan, indicting Donald Trump for his 2016 hush-money payment to Stormy Daniels.

The old Karl Marx line is that history repeats itself first as tragedy, then as farce. This historic first-ever indictment of a former president of the United States would skip straight to farce.

First, there's the tawdry and relatively trivial subject matter. Trump stands accused by his critics on the left of fomenting an insurrection to overthrow the Constitution and the criminal offense they are going to get him on stems from a dalliance with a porn star in 2006.

Then, more importantly, there's the question of the merits. Unless Bragg has something unexpected on Trump, this appears to be a prosecution in search of a legal theory.

Everything indicates that Bragg is more interested in subjecting Trump to the humiliations attendant to getting charged (turning himself in, getting fingerprinted and photographed) and the grinding distraction of defending himself against a criminal charge than the cogency of the case itself.

As The New York Times put it last week, the Bragg

case "hinges on an untested and therefore risky legal theory involving a complex interplay of laws, all amounting to a low-level felony."

In other words, exactly what you want to indict a former president on.

The difficulty in making a case against Trump owes to the fact that hush payments are sleazy but legal. So, the Bragg case involves the bookkeeping around the payment.

There's a reason why Bragg's predecessor, Cyrus Vance, passed on the Stormy Daniels matter. It looked like Bragg was going to pick up a broader business case against Trump instead. When the district attorney dropped that, his progressive supporters were outraged. Now, lo and behold, he has brought things full circle back to Daniels.

As president, Trump inveighed against his political enemies and demanded that they be arrested. This was shameful and disturbing stuff, although, obviously, there were no arrests.

Alvin Bragg is apparently about to do what Trump fantasized about, and what the entire left-of-center universe characterized as an abuse of power when the Republican merely mused about it.

The prospective Bragg prosecution is no different from what would happen if Sheriff Joe were still in office and somehow found a way to get an attenuated legal hook into Joe Biden. How would Democrats feel about that?

An argument in favor of Bragg's prospective move against Trump is that Trump is unique, and uniquely vulnerable to legal charges. There is

something to that, but both Bill and Hillary Clinton could have been prosecuted and they weren't. Same with Richard Nixon after a Gerald Ford pardon that is now considered statesmanlike and correct by nearly everyone.

No Democrat should be sure that Biden isn't implicated in the flow of sketchy money into his family, and we already know he violated the law in his handling of classified documents.

It's not that presidents and former presidents are above the law, but the old norm of forbearance is appropriate.

We shouldn't want to conduct an experiment in what happens when a presidential candidate with an intense following, keenly attuned to potentially unfair treatment, is subjected to a nakedly political prosecution.

That said, it should be Trump's responsibility not to inflame an already incendiary situation, but he is. That, though, is another foreseeable downside of going down this route with this particular case.

Trump's enemies never gave up on the idea that the "walls are closing in," and they've decided, where they have the power, to make it a reality. Once again, they feel justified in violating norms in response to Trump's threat to norms.

As most everyone agrees, a Bragg prosecution will help Trump in the GOP nomination fight, at least initially. If he's fortunate in his enemies, the country is not.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*. Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Farm Bureau Praises Governor's Action to Recharge Aquifers

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Farm Bureau praised Gov. Gavin Newsom for signing an executive order to use floodwaters from recent storms to recharge and store groundwater.

"Our groundwater basins are critical for supplying drinking water for our communities as well as helping our farmers produce the food supply for Californians," said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson. "We applaud Gov. Newsom's courageous decision to divert floodwaters from this year's

storms to replenish our depleted groundwater basins. This can help protect life and property during our continuing storms. It is an important step for helping bring our aquifers into balance and sustaining them for future generations. We strongly support efforts to enhance California's long-term water supplies during wet years, including recharging our groundwater and capturing and storing surface water for our reservoirs."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members. ★



Storms Wreak Havoc for Agriculture in Multiple California Counties

Widespread flooding from continuing atmospheric storms have caused extensive damage for California agriculture, with more storms expected this month. Water from recent storms flooded dairies and carried silt and debris into citrus groves in Tulare County, flooded fields of leafy greens and berries in Monterey County and impacted livestock and feed crops in Humboldt County. Executive Director Norm Groot of the Monterey County Farm Bureau said this month's damages there could top January's estimated \$336 million in agricultural storm losses.

EPA Updates Risk Assessments for Pesticides for Tree Crops, Vegetables and Cotton

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released updated risk assessments for spray drift from four organophosphate pesticides. The materials—diazinon, ethoprop, tribufos and phosmet—are used in agriculture for fruit and nut trees, vegetables and cotton, and for a variety of purposes in nonagricultural settings. The EPA is undertaking a lengthy registration review process for them.

Huge Snowpack and Rising Reservoirs Boost California Water Hopes

California's water supply is benefitting from continued storms and flooding. Heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada brought snowpack levels to 222% of normal as of March 16. Meanwhile, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order that lifted restrictions to allow floodwaters to be diverted to farms for groundwater recharge. The State Water Project will conserve 237,000 acre-feet of water to help restore depleted aquifers. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is diverting another 600,000 acre-feet to boost groundwater supplies and wildlife refuges.

Imperial Valley Region Stands by its Alfalfa Production

As Colorado River water supplies shrank dramatically over the past three years of drought, critics increasingly took aim at alfalfa growers in California's Imperial Valley. But the region's farmers and a leading agricultural researcher are defending alfalfa production in the desert region. They say alfalfa plays a major role in the globalized food system and is a key contributor to the Imperial Valley economy. The crop particularly thrives in the region. "We probably have the highest yield and highest quality alfalfa in the world," says farmer Larry Cox. ★

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: 1155 Business Park Drive (Insulfoam) - Request for a Design Review approval for exterior modifications to the building and site, including accessibility improvements on the site, updated landscaping, replacement windows and doors, new paint, façade changes, and updated signage. Pursuant to Dixon Municipal Code Sections 18.16.120 and 18.23.100A, site improvements in an industrial zone require Design Review approval.; APNs: 0115-010-430 and 0115-130-370; Zoning District: Heavy Industrial (MH); Insulfoam, owner, Joel Schlauch with Comstock Johnson Architects, applicant; File No: PA23-01, DR23-01

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Section 15301, [Class 1, Existing Facilities]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Scott Greeley, Associate Planner at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or sgreeley@cityofdixon.us. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the application.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand," or 2) via teleconference press *9.

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).

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 public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Dixon Independent Voice March 31, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: End of Dorset Court (Dual Brand Hotel) - Request for Design Review (21-01), Conditional Use Permit (21-04), and Planned Development (21-01) approval for the construction of a 4 story, 83,000 square foot, 150 room, dual brand hotel (Hampton Inn and a Home 2 Suites by Hilton) that peaks at 55 ft. tall. Design Review is required for any new construction and physical improvements (DMC Sections 18.11.120 18.07.110). As part of this Design Review, proposed signage is also being considered for the hotel and will include wall signage, directional signage, freeway signage on an existing multi-tenant freeway sign, and an 8-foot tall monument sign at the front of the property. The monument sign will also include room on it for the future restaurant to place signage upon. Conditional Use Permit approval is required to justify a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of less than 50% for a single use project (DGP, Land Use and Community Character Element, Action LCC-5.F) based on clear economic findings that are done on a case-by-case basis. The applicant has proposed a combined FAR of 56%, whereas the General Plan identifies an allowable range of between 80% and 200%. A Planned Development creates specific design standards or identifies future uses, approved by the City Council as an ordinance, that extend beyond those specifically called for as part of the base zoning. This Planned Development creates specific development standards (up to 55 ft.) that pertain to height of the hotel which exceed that which is permitted by the base zoning (40 feet) and allows for a future drive-thru restaurant. As elevations for the restaurant were not part of this application, a future Design Review will be needed to allow for its construction. APNs: 0108-340-010, -020, and -030; Zoning District: Highway Commercial – Professional and Administrative Office – Planned Development (CH-PAO-PD); Dixon Hospitality, LLC, owner, Lenity Architecture, applicant; File No: PA21-01, DR21-01/PD21-01

This item was originally to be heard, but was continued by the Dixon Planning Commission at its regular meeting on March 14, 2023, per the request of the applicant.

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Section 15332, [Class 32, In-fill Development]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any recommendation on the application. The Planning Commission will serve as a recommending body on this application and the City Council will hold a separate public hearing following Planning Commission review, for which separate public notice will be provided, to take action on the application.

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DIXON POLICE LOG

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Wednesday, March 22

1459 - Possession of a stolen vehicle and warrant arrest report was taken in the 600 block of North 1st St. Officers contacted (S) Marissa Rios (30) of Davis and (S) Cristian Ceja (41) of Tulare. A records check revealed they both had outstanding warrants. Both subjects were arrested and the vehicle was released to the owner.

1704 - Agency assist report was taken in the 1700 block of Frese St

151 - Domestic violence reported in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive. Officers arrived on scene and arrested Oscar Arias (45) of Dixon for misdemeanor domestic battery. He was taken to county jail.

Tuesday, March 21

0929 - Vehicle was towed for its registration being expired over 6 months from the 500 block of Cypress St. 1036 Theft of a bicycle report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Dr. 1616 Informational report was taken in the 100 block of South 1st St

2159 - Child abuse reported in the 1200 block of Valley Glen Drive.

Monday, March 20

0711 - A vandalism report was taken in the 500 block of West Chestnut Street, regarding a broken window of a business.

0922 - A proactive enforcement stop in the area of Stratford Avenue and Commercial Way resulted in the arrest Rishi Pandit (28) of Yuba City for misdemeanor possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle. He was transported to the Dixon Police Department where he was cited and released without incident. His firearm was booked as evidence, and his vehicle was legally parked.

1248 - Agency assist report taken regarding a Davis PD Theft Case.

1308 - A vehicle was towed in the 2000 block of North First Street.

1639 - Officers responded to a report of a subject exposing himself and masturbating in front of several children inside the library at 230 North 1st Street. Upon officer's arrival, the suspect was no longer on scene. During their investigation, Elijah Rogers (23) of Dixon was positively identified as the suspect. Officers located and arrested Rogers at his residence within the hour. Rogers was charged with Felonious annoying and molesting a child under the age of 18. He was transported to the Solano County Jail, where he was booked without incident.

2009 - Theft report taken in the 700 block of North Almond Street.

Sunday, March 19

1602 - Vacaville PD aired a BOL for a possible DUI driver who was involved in a 20002 in their city. They provided the name of Johnny Boone (32) of Vacaville, and stated he was driving a Grey Chevy Impala. Shortly after the BOL was aired (at 1549), Officers received a call in the 900 block of Norton Court regarding a subject in an orange jacket holding a handgun. The subject matched the description aired in Vacaville's BOL. Upon arrival, Officers contacted and challenged the subject, who was approaching an occupied vehicle with the firearm in his hand. When officers ordered him to drop the weapon, he walked behind an unrelated vehicle and tossed it in the nearby bushes. He then complied with officers and was taken into custody without force. Officers conducted a DUI investigation, and determined that his blood alcohol level was above the legal limit. A search of his vehicle revealed a usable amount of methamphetamine. As a result, Boone was arrested for the felony of being in the possession of narcotics while armed with a firearm, the misdemeanors of possession of an unregistered firearm, possession of a high-capacity magazine, and driving with a blood alcohol level above the legal limit. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail. His vehicle (noted above) was towed incident to arrest.

Saturday, March 18

0151 - Information report in the 300 block of North Adams Street.

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Riley Reviews

“JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4” DELIVERS ACTION IN MASSIVE FASHION

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4” RATED R
Retirement is not in the cards for Keanu Reeves’ titular character in “John Wick: Chapter 4.” He sought to leave behind his days as an assassin but he’s constantly pulled back in by the international crime syndicate known as the High Table.

Ardent followers of the franchise are already well aware that Wick’s world is fraught with danger at every turn, from the time he had to avenge the brutal killing of his puppy by Russian thugs to fending off deadly foes of all stripes.

What exactly is the High Table? It’s akin to a secret society like the Yakuza or the Illuminati, and in this case, the group is a council of twelve crime lords that governs the underworld’s most powerful organizations.

For some time now, John Wick has been seeking his freedom from the unseen crime bosses, and his defiance of their rules results in multimillion dollar bounties for his elimination.

The stakes are much higher now in this fourth chapter, where even old friends turn into lethal adversaries. Nevertheless, some remain allies most of the time, as is the case with Winston (Ian McShane), the owner of the New York Continental Hotel, a refuge for assassins.

During the course of the franchise, Wick committed the unpardonable sin of breaching the rules of the Continental, a sanctuary for hired killers where the conduct of business is forbidden.

You could say that Wick conducted “business” on hotel grounds by killing a despicable adversary in a situation that was unavoidable. Yet, penalties ensued as he broke the laws of Winston’s establishment.

The High Table is under new management, and maybe Wick had something to do with that when a horseback trek through the desert results in him killing an elder of high standing.

In the early going, a High Table functionary known as the Harbinger (Clancy Brown) shows up at the Continental Hotel and informs Winston and his concierge Charon (the late Lance Reddick) that the hotel is to be demolished within the hour.

Losing his hotel is a real blow to Winston. The hotelier is a suave figure who becomes more dangerous when what he values is stripped away. He may be Wick’s only hope when he cunningly devises a strategy for the on-the-run hitman to be finally free of the High Table.

With some help from underground crime boss Bowery King (Laurence Fishburne), Wick is going to take the

fight to the overlords. He will not be deterred by the appearance of the High Table’s emissary, Marquis de Gramont (Bill Skarsgard).

The sadistic and pompous Paris-based Marquis hangs out in opulent places like the Paris Opera House. He fancies himself too refined to do any dirty work, so he’s got a plethora of henchmen at his behest.

With a dwindling number of friends, Wick seeks refuge at the Osaka Continental Hotel which is owned by Shimazu (Hiroyuki Sanada), thereby earning the wrath of the High Table for helping an old friend.

The Osaka hotel is quickly besieged by a relentless number of expendable thugs armed with swords and guns as well as martial arts skills. Shimazu and his daughter Akira (Rina Sawayama) are soon in jeopardy.

Meanwhile, the odious Marquis has coerced Wick’s old friend, Caine (Donnie Yen), a retired blind assassin, to employ his lethal skills against Wick under the threat of harm to his daughter.

The presence of Caine as the martial arts master creates a fascinating scenario in that there is no personal animosity with Wick. A complex being, the blind assassin proves believable as someone that Wick may not be able to defeat.

Another player engaged by the High Table as a pursuer is known only as the Tracker (Shamier Anderson), who’s assisted by his faithful canine, a Belgian Malinois with a killer instinct.

Like most other assassins, the Tracker is motivated by money, and yet he’s also very mysterious in that we are not really sure what side he’s on at any given moment. Tracker does appreciate that Wick sees to it that no harm comes to his dog.

Wick is also drawn back to his adoptive Russian family that raised him in the underworld. He’s tasked with taking out a villain named Killa (Scott Adkins), which results in a frenzied action scene in a pulsating Berlin nightclub.

At nearly three-hours long, one might think “John Wick: Chapter 4” could have used some editing. In truth, the pace is so fast that the thought of overkill may be easily discounted.

To be sure, the mayhem may feel excessive with the body count seeming to be almost higher than the previous installments combined. One of the best scenes involves a mad car chase around the Arc de Triomphe with guns blazing.

Details of a climactic duel at dawn at the Sacre-Coeur Basilica in Montmartre shall not be spoiled here. By this point in time, the hand-to-hand combat and the surfeit of gunplay have been relentless and thrilling. Fans of this franchise won’t be disappointed.★

How Pelosi Stopped the Jan. 6, Electoral College Count and Installed Biden



By Harold Pease, Ph.D.

According to Conservative Treehouse in a recent breakthrough article titled “The Parliamentary Motive Behind the J6 Fedsurrection,” March 12, 2023, Nancy Pelosi played the dominant role in stopping the January 6, 2021 Electoral College Count. The federal government had motive in creating the J6 crisis which permitted her “to trigger an emergency session and avoid the 2020 election certification challenges,” thus seating Joe Biden without thorough constitutional review.

On the morning of January 6, 2021 three constitutional processes remained, all easily would have solved the election question between Donald Trump and Joe Biden; one involving the President of the Senate, Mike Pence, one the House of Representatives with Nancy Pelosi, and a third involving both houses using the Electoral Count Act of 1887. All were rejected by Pelosi.

The first, and preferred, has Pence on center stage. “The Constitution reads, ‘The President of the Senate [at the time Vice President Pence] shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted’ (Amendment 12). All Pence had to do when a state submitted two slates was to say, ‘Arizona (et al.) has submitted two slates one from its state legislature, the other forwarded by the state secretary of state signed by the governor. Since I cannot count both, and only the state legislature is recognized by the Constitution as the proper submitter (Article II, Section I, Clause 2), I will count only it.’ Since five of the six contested state legislatures were Republican, Trump would have been reelected.

The second constitutional remedy would have involved Pelosi as then Speaker of the House. The Constitution reads, “if no person have

such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers ...the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; ... and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice” (Amendment 12, U.S. Constitution). In the House each state has only one vote for president, regardless of its size, California and Wyoming each have but one vote. Republicans controlled 28 state delegations, two more than the majority needed to reelect Trump.

Instead, of this constitutional clarity both houses chose a process not in the Constitution itself. The confusing 133 year old Electoral Count Act of 1887, not constitutionally tested, which required both houses giving them an objection process. This required a member of the Senate and of the House each to object to any state’s vote, thereafter to dismiss the two houses to their separate quarters for two hours of discussion rendering a decision before reuniting.

But Pelosi wanted none of these constitutional remedies because all, she perceived, gave Trump a second term. Enter a previously contrived government January 6 crisis which permitted her to trigger an emergency session, deny Pence his constitutional role as President of the Senate to count the votes, avoid the 2020 election certification challenges, bypass the above stated parts of the Constitution and the Electoral Count Act of 1887, and reconvene that evening making Biden President—all obstruction to that end just hours before treasonably removed.

A government engineered January 6 is the only way this could happen. To delay “the certification of state electoral votes requires a crisis. A crisis that creates an ‘emergency’ ...An ‘emergency’ that invokes special house rules.” Special house rules, that allow no “motion challenges to halt the certification” and avoids a vote to “look into voting irregularities and fraud.” Nothing was required of the “house to pause the certification and then vote to determine whether the motions of suspend could move forward.” Nothing to prevent their certifying the fraud “with

no detractors on record.” Perfect!! And the MAGA protestors would be blamed.

The Supreme Court too was removed as a potential threat to their plan. “This effectively gives no standing for a SCOTUS ruling appeal! Understand this. If those two motions, even just one had successfully been voted EVEN IF THE MOTIONS were DENIED IN VOTE, this gives those who presented them with STANDING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL LEGAL ARGUMENT BEFORE SCOTUS.”

The author of the “Parliamentary Motive Behind the J6 Fedsurrection,” Regitiger, continues, “Just moments, literally 3 minutes before two representatives issued a vote for motions to suspend the certification, the House members were ‘informed’ by capitol police and other ‘agents’ that a protest was about to breach the chambers.” Pelosi “UNILATERALLY UNDER EMERGENCY RULES, suspended the business of the congress.” Moments later “key people: Pence, Pelosi, Schumer, McConnell can be seen being walked out and escorted from the chamber. This effectively halted the Entire Chamber Process.”

When reconvened later that evening Speaker Pelosi “initiated the NEW sessions under special emergency rules. These rules abandon and make it clear that the ONLY purpose of the new session was to EXPEDITE the certification and dismiss all prior regular session procedural rules.” Also, “members were allowed to ‘vote’ in proxy, remotely, not being present.” Also, “clearly, it was at THIS NEW SESSION that VP Pence, President of Congress, would also have no ability to even consider pausing the electoral certification, because there were no motions of disagreements on the matter. The motions were never allowed to be floored in the re-convened house rules later that evening.”

BINGO a successful overthrow of the United States government via an election and Nancy Pelosi. Can we please subpoena her emails?

Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution and a syndicated columnist. To read more of his weekly columns visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org. ★

The Empowerment Project

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“I brought various women to the event because this needs to be in the schools,” said Chanell Tyhurst, a Dixon real estate broker. “The families talked about how devastating it is for them and that it doesn’t end. The man is up for parole every five years so they have to go to the parole hearing and re-live the horror. Everyone I brought was blown away.”

Dixon Councilman Don Hendershot attended as well as Realtor Linda Barrett who had her own story to share about a stalker.

“That person changes your life forever, but the man had already been in prison seven times in a decade and went to Napa Hospital for three years. He also assaulted a peace officer and first responder,” she said. “Bills get passed but people don’t understand them.”

Solano County District Attorney Krishna Abrams who was first elected to the District Attorney office in 2014, spoke on prosecuting dangerous offenders in the county.

“But my focus is being proactive and education,” said McClellin, who added that she has given numerous talks to schools, colleges, Soroptimists, and

other organizations. “I just talk from my heart about my experience with my sister and about the different types of abuse and the warning signs. I also talk about my journey with the legislation process.”

She works with another woman in southern California who works with Laura’s House, an organization dedicated to empowering ‘change to end domestic violence.’ Both women are currently working on getting a website up so people can book speakers and make donations. They want to train speakers – as there is a way to speak to teens and a different way to talk with parent, McClellin explained, and they want the education to be interactive.

They are raising funds for materials, doing the website, and getting some equipment for presentations, she said. They also are working on another ‘Unmask Love’ event for October which will be Domestic Violence Awareness Month, hopefully at the Vacaville Museum.

For more information on the signs of abuse, go to laurashouse.org/signs-of-abuse. If you’d like to help or get involved with the Empowerment Project, text or call (707) 761-6900. ★

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Aging Workers Are in Demand; They Are Reliable, Mature and Professional

Commentary
by John Grimaldi, AMAC

WASHINGTON, DC, (MPG) - It's a given that the state of the U.S. economy over the past several years has caused many elders in our population to go back to work or, for those who are already in the workplace, to keep their jobs as long as they can. The inflationary cycle triggered by the policies of the Biden administration didn't make it easy for older workers to make ends meet. The cost of living has increased considerably over the past two years. But, according to a survey conducted by the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies, "almost half of Baby Boomer workers (49 percent) expect to or already are working past age 70 or do not plan to retire. Their reasons for doing so are almost as likely to be healthy aging-related (78 percent) as financial-related (82 percent)."

The first boomers, those of us born between 1946 and 1964, celebrated our 65th birthdays in 2011 but many of them opted to keep working. The online employment agency, Indeed, says these aging workers are in demand. For one thing, "Baby boomers often aim to work as long as it takes to reach their goals and try to differentiate themselves by attaining the promotion, raise or acknowledgment they want. This generation has experienced the benefits



The senior services organization, Vantage Aging, says that this results "in a strong work ethic. With an older worker, you often find yourself with someone who works hard to get the job done right." Photo courtesy of Pixabay.

of hard work and dedication, which is something they expect from their employer."

What makes senior citizens particularly valued members of the American workforce? Reliability, maturity, and professionalism. The senior services organization, Vantage Aging, says that this results "in a strong work ethic. With an older worker, you often find yourself with someone who works hard to get the job done right."

It is estimated that the aging of the U.S. will continue for another four decades during which the numbers of the 65-year-old population will increase by more than 37 million, increasing from 46 million today to more than 98 million in 2060. The American Psychological Association reports that, going forward, "older adults will live longer than ever before: One out of every four 65-year-olds today will live past

age 90. This demographic shift has moved the focus of researchers, health care providers and policymakers from how to extend the lifespan to ways to improve the quality of our later years. Staying healthy, active, and productive are admirable goals for our nation's older adults. However, society's view of 'old age' has not always kept up with the reality of being old in America. Many current beliefs about aging were based

on information that is no longer valid given recent scientific advances."

The aging process is not kind to the elderly. Many of us will have memory issues, we might find some complex chores are harder than they used to be, and we might have difficulty staying focused. But the National Institute on Aging that o [NIA] tells us that "aging may also bring positive cognitive changes. For example, many studies have shown

older adults have more extensive vocabularies and greater knowledge of the depth of meaning of words than younger adults." However, the NIA also points out that "despite the changes in cognition that may come with age, older adults can still do many of the things they have enjoyed their whole lives. Research shows that older adults can still: learn new skills, form new memories, and Improve vocabulary and language skills." ★

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