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Salaber Fields Will Honor Rugby Coach



Anthony Salaber, his sister, Sophia, and his wife, Tess, center, were surrounded by friends and supporters of the late Rob Salaber at last week's City Council meeting that deemed the new multi-use fields at Hall Park would be named Salaber Fields.

**Story and photo
by Debra Dingman**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Salaber Fields will be the name bestowed on the new multi-purpose synthetic turf field in Hall Park in honor of former Councilman and Dixon rugby coach Rob Salaber who passed unexpectedly this past Christmas Day in Idaho.

City business could not have been more gratifying for Mayor Steve Bird who coached with Salaber during the team's inception and its climb to national championship. Two of Salaber's four children, Anthony and Sophia, were at the meeting and were surrounded by Dixon Rugby former teammates and their parents.

"I had a personal relationship that comes through coaching with the Rugby Club," said Bird. "He always

challenged them to reach their highest potential. He told them to do the best of your ability and be the best that you can." The boys also learned work ethics as Rob made them earn their way to places like England, Wales, Australia, and Canada on their way to their USA Rugby Boy's High School National Championship in 2012. The boys would sell tickets and coupons and raise funds, he explained.

Some of the players from Dixon High's Class of 2012 were in the audience such as Greg Bonovich and Austen Middleton. Middleton read a missive he'd written in high school titled, "The Impact of Rugby," praising the opportunity to travel to other parts of the world and learn other cultures that he would have never gotten to do without Rugby.

"He was a father figure and pushed

me to be the man I am today. I learned to be successful," he closed.

Rob was a Berkeley Rugby champion who in the 1990s became head coach for the UC Davis Men's Rugby Team before moving to Dixon. He was known for his high energy and was already successful in engineering road, freeway, and bridge infrastructure when he and his wife, Mary, identified a property near Tremont Elementary to build their home in 1992.

He established his office Salaber and Associates in downtown Dixon in 1999 while creating Dixon's first ever Rugby team. He got heavily involved in the community including becoming President of the Downtown Dixon Business Association and being elected to Dixon City Council.

"So many that I still have contact

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Sen. Dodd Legislation Enhances City Council Participation, Diversity

**From the Office
of Senator Bill Dodd**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In an effort to boost participation and diversity on California city councils, Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, introduced legislation on February 7, 2023 that would allow increases in city council pay caps for the first time in nearly four decades, bringing salaries more in line with the cost of living.

"City councilmembers make critical decisions for our communities, but it is a difficult job with long hours," Sen. Dodd said. "It's especially hard for working people and people from diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds to serve in local office while balancing jobs and family obligations. My proposal will improve diverse representation and increase access to elected office for all Californians by making it less of a financial challenge to serve."

Currently, in general law cities, city councils may vote to receive a limited salary, not to exceed caps based on population size provided in state law. However, the maximum amounts set by state law have not been increased since 1984, despite inflation of more than 300% during that time. Because of the disparity, people from diverse communities are discouraged to run for office. Others with fulltime jobs have been forced to resign their posts before their terms expire because they can't devote time to council service and supporting their families. A majority of cities in California are under 35,000 in population and presently capped at \$300 per month with minimal allowances for adjustment.

Sen. Dodd's proposal, Senate Bill 329, would address the inequity by allowing councils to adjust their maximum pay to reflect inflation as measured by the California Consumer Price Index. Any increases would require a majority vote of the city councils.

SB 329 is expected to be heard in committee next month. The bill is supported by the League of California Cities and local advocates.

"One of the primary barriers to recruiting more diverse candidates for local office is the low rates of compensation, especially in a high-cost region like the Bay Area," said Kirstyne

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Women's Heart Health

**Story and photo
by Debra Dingman**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - February is American Heart Month, a time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health and the Dixon Women's Improvement Club members were right on it for their monthly meeting.

It was a heartwarming presentation about the leading cause of death in the United States. The numbers are staggering and don't match many other countries in the world, but one person dies every 34 seconds in the United States from cardiovascular disease. It has been the leading cause of death since 1950. Dr. Eryn Xavier of Kaiser Permanente spoke casually to a large group of women anxious to learn about heart disease and how to prevent it.

"My oldest patient is 101 but I also do prenatal," she began, telling



Dr. Eryn Xavier, DWIC President Carol Marshall, and February Program Coordinator Jewel Fink were delighted with the many questions raised at the February heart health presentation.

how much she enjoys her work in Family Medicine in Vacaville. She explained how the heart is built and how it is supposed to work. "Its function is to get blood to the rest of the body and drives everything else in the body," she said.

After telling the audience that one in nine people in the U.S. have heart disease, she asked the group to give her typical symptoms of a heart attack "other than it is feeling like an elephant is sitting on your chest." Several

women offered sweating, turning white, chest pain, backaches, pain in the arm, nausea, and shortness of breath. But, not everyone has those symptoms, she explained. At least one woman already had a

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Volunteers Darla Wear and Dan Rott stand by one of a few new displays at the Dixon Historical Museum like this one of kitchen tools. The museum at 125 West A St. announced new hours which are Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will also be open on the 4th Thursday evening of the month 5:30-7:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Rugby Club

The Yolo-Solano Rugby Club, that is not affiliated with any school district, welcomes all 3rd through 8th Graders (boys only) to play Youth Rugby. Practices are Monday and Wednesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Hall Park and play is on Saturdays. For more information, call, or text Kelley Evans at (916) 761-3467 or email him at: ckdpe64@hotmail.com.

Parks & Rec

This next Tuesday, Feb. 28 will be the monthly Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting at City Hall, 600 East A Street in the Council Chambers. They are an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to recreation programs and park facilities.

Lady Rams

Dixon High School Girls Softball is offering its first clinic of the season on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$35 and that covers donation to DHS Lady Rams, a T-shirt and hotdog lunch for players. The link to sign up is <https://forms.gle/jueBNmFSE9nxaZB7>. There will be a clinic from 9-11:30 and then break for lunch. Those who want to stay will start again at noon and practice till 2 p.m.

DDBA Meeting

The next Downtown Dixon Business Association Meeting will be held Thursday, March 2, at Almond Tree Mortgage, 1115 Stratford Avenue, Suite D. The office is located on the corner of Stratford Avenue and North Lincoln (across from Safeway.) Merchants and members meet at 8:30 a.m. for one hour and discuss pertinent topics for business and talk about events that will focus the downtown as the cultural center of Dixon.

St. Pat's Dinner

Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day with a corned beef and cabbage dinner with potatoes and carrots will be the American Legion Post 208. It is on Friday, March 17 at the Veterans memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street with the bar opening at 4 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Entry is \$15.

Travel Event

Explore the world but first attend the Travel Planning Event of the season at The Creative Space, 160 West A Street in downtown Dixon on Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come out and mingle with some of the top travel suppliers in the world and don't let your travel plans pass you by. People who pre-register will receive an extra entry to the grand prize 3-night resort stay. For contact info, call (707) 685-8080 or email Alison.Roderick@Cruiseplanners.com.

Celebrate Dixon

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce will hold its 60th annual Celebrate Dixon event on Saturday, March 11, at Ye Olde Vets Hall, 321 North First Street in downtown Dixon. That night, the Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Veteran of the Year, and Chamber Ambassador of the Year will be awarded. Tickets are \$75 and are payable in advance with purchase by March 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call (707) 678-2650 or email info@dixonchamber.org.

Wine Basics

On Sunday, March 5, 5 to 6:30 p.m. there will be a "back to basics" class at Pip Wine Bar, 116 North First Street. They'll go over the process of tasting wine - from looking, smelling, swirling & tasting then introduce some common wine terms to describe the different properties (dry, sweet, acidic, etc). Cost is \$60 per person. Call (707) 693-3069.

Flag Football

Dixon Flag Football is here! This co-ed league is a great introduction to the game of football for 1st thru 8th graders, and a great way to keep skills sharp for returning players. Registration is only \$75 per player. All players will receive a licensed NFL jersey as well as a set of flags to keep. The season will consist of the following: March 26: Skills Combine; April 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21 will be Sunday afternoon games.

The number of teams and age breakdown will depend on how many registrants they have. They're hoping to have as many Dixon kids as possible exposed to the game of football. Register your children and tell your friends. Register today at dixonfc.com. Registration ends March 26. ★

Mr. Heeney Earned His Wings

By Debra Dingman

It may seem silly to some, but each week when the newspaper arrives, I read it. I like reading the new stories that I didn't write, and I also like to read the stories I wrote. I don't see myself as the writer and it's like seeing it for the first time.

Over the weekend and while having my decaf early in the morning, I was doing that and turned to the page of Ed Heeney's column on Old Bell, a faithful and reliable mare at the family barn when Ed was growing up and that would often carry up to four of the kids on their excursions. Strangely, my eyes went to the very last words of the old mare, "I am through."

Mr. Heeney, 94, died this past week after the paper had already gone to production so I wasn't able to alert readers of his passing. But, I had time to think about my tribute and here it was in front of me because of some unique coincidences.

His story on Old Bell actually came in a few weeks ago but was too short to fill a space where his columns normally run so I held it back. This morning, as soon as I saw those words, "You're on your own. I am through." My lashes lined wet. He was telling me something...

Then my breath caught as I heard in my mind, "Bell" and I remembered the saying from the old Jimmy Stewart Christmas movie, "every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings." If there were angels earning wings anywhere, Mr. Heeney was one of them.

However, there's no evidence in the Bible, Torah, or the Quran that angels must earn their wings. Instead, the

angels all appear to have received their wings purely as gifts from God.

But Mr. Heeney was a pilot. He didn't plan on that (because I've read his columns) but it was meant to be, and he earned those wings long ago. His stories of growing up in Kansas and his wisdom from jobs and experiences have kept my heart long before we started publishing his columns. I've enjoyed our visits around town for the many years I've lived here after meeting him a few times at his church, Dixon United Methodist.

He always had a funny story and a great sense of humor. I loved that he could laugh at himself about mistakes he made but was quick to point out what he learned. I loved that he learned to write in the Air Force, worked a full life in agriculture, and was willing to share his wisdom with us. He adored his wife, Mary, and that also endeared me to him. I took their picture one year at the Festival of Trees and they were precious—her holding her cane and both leaning into each other—an example of where I want to be in my older years.

He was a man who almost always wore a hat and dressed with class so our family—especially my son—didn't even know his first name. He was the respected "Mister Heeney." His life exemplified solid Christian values that passed to his children.

According to the Summa Theologica, angels were created instantaneously by God in a state of grace in the Empyrean Heaven at the same time when he created all the contents of the corporeal world. They are pure spirits whose life consists in knowledge and love. They certainly guided Ed. ★

DIXON POLICE LOG

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



Thursday, February 16

0952 - A proactive enforcement stop in the 1700 block of North 1st Street resulted in the arrest of Quishad Omaria Vanliw (26) of Fairfield for the felony of being in possession of a lead cane, and misdemeanor possession of narcotics. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.

1840 - Theft from a vehicle report was taken in the 1100 block of North Lincoln St.

Wednesday, February 15

0735 - Found property report in the 1400 block of Ary Ln. A cellphone was located and booked into evidence.

1258 - Traffic collision reported in the 100 block of S. 1st St.

1710 - A proactive bicycle stop in the area of North 1st at West H Street resulted in the arrest of David Freeman (32) of Dixon for a felony warrant for violating the terms of his Parole.

Tuesday, February 14

1945 - Hours-Theft report in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

Monday, February 13

1237 - Vandalism reported in the 1000 block of Windmill Drive.

1327 - EBT fraud reported in the PD lobby.

1552 - Information report taken in the 1100 block of Purdue Court.

1621 - Information report taken in the 2500 block of North First Street regarding a verbal dispute that occurred between a male and female.

2141 Hours- Battery report in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

Sunday, February 12

1359 - Traffic stop in the area of Pitt School Road and Homestead Way resulted in the arrest of Jonathan Mills (37) of Sacramento for felony and misdemeanor warrants.

2330 - Traffic Stop in the area of South First Street and Valley Glen resulted in the arrest of Robert Hawley (age 61) of Vacaville for a no-bail misdemeanor warrant.

Saturday, February 11

0912 - Theft of a front license plate reported in the 600 block of Hansen Court.

2034 - Petty theft report in the 1300 block of West H Street.

2321 - A vehicle towing a stolen trailer was located in the 1400 block of Ary Lane. Officers conducted a high-risk stop and the vehicle took off towards I-80 West. Officers did not pursue but the vehicle was located by CHP. CHP pursued the vehicle until it came to a stop in Oakland. The driver of the vehicle identified as Melania Soto was arrested by CHP. Charges will be forwarded to the DA's Office for review.

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May Fair Parade Packets Now Available



Greg Orr drives a tractor pulling the Dawson's Bar and Grill float in last year's May Fair Parade. Floats are a popular way to spread the good word about one's business or organization. MPG file photo

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Parade packets are now available for the 146th annual Dixon May Fair Parade themed 'Spring has Sprung' which is hosted by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and will be on Saturday, May 13, in the heart of downtown Dixon starting at 10 a.m. Deadline for entries is Friday, April 21, and absolutely no entries will be accepted after that, so reserve your spot now.

The May Fair parade is an important part of Dixon's heritage, evidenced by the heavily pictured walls inside the Dixon History Museum. It is the oldest state-affiliated parade in California and had almost 120 entries last year. It's the stuff that plaques, blue ribbons, and money awards are made of.

Just a few years ago, the parade drew as many as 10,000 spectators to

the downtown streets to watch a huge variety of floats built by businesses, churches, clubs, and organizations, and hear musical performances by groups including the Cal Aggies Band and numerous middle and high school bands. There are also automobile groups galore with roaring cars along with motorcycles, blaring fire trucks, and of course, the Shriner speed-demons on go karts.

The application packets include information for the above as well as dance troops, military units, sports cars carrying politicians, and many more. The parade offers a unique opportunity for businesses and organizations to showcase their services. In addition, entire posses of decorated horses, school drill teams, and garbage-can-toting muscle men will be coordinated by volunteer staff at the Chamber office under the direction of Chamber

President/CEO Shauna Manina.

It is one of the rare times Highway 113 is closed and the side streets are blocked off for visitors and parade lineup. Make note that on parade day, through traffic is re-routed onto Adams Street where the road splits at the Super La Favorita Meat Market shopping center.

A lot of locals will start early with the Dixon Rotary Club's 56th annual Ron DuPratt Pancake Breakfast inside the Ye Olde Vet's Hall, 231 North First Street.

The parade path moves out of East C Street onto First Street heading south towards the May Fair. The route will turn left on East Chestnut to the disbanding area at Hall Park (same as in past years). The City of Dixon handles logistics and safety for the parade.

"The parade packets are already available online and can be downloaded," reported Manina. "The sponsorship information is on there as well." Interested parties should look for the tab of May Fair 2023 and will find a drop-down menu of four options. There is a welcome letter and detailed information for each category to help folks find the proper entry category. Application with payment is to be returned to the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 159 or 220 N. Jefferson, Dixon, 95620. For questions, call (707) 678-2650 or email info@dixon-chamber.org. ★

Dixon Employment Benchmarks Recognized



Catie Uhlik-Eister was given recognition for her 10 years of service to the City of Dixon as a Transit Driver/Dispatcher for Dixon Read-Ride at City Council. She is retiring and was sent off with flowers and appreciative words by her boss and co-workers. Mayor Steve Bird presented her with a Certificate of Service Award.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A longevity award is normally given to an employee who has served the city well and in the case of our Dixon community, that recognition begins at the 5-year mark. The City of Dixon honors those workers because they are loyal employees who have served the public. The following received special recognition for their longevity at the last City Council Meeting with names being read by Mayor Steve Bird.

For five years employment, they are City Building Inspector Joel Engrahm; Senior Maintenance Worker Chris Contreras; Building Plans Examiner I Carlos Chavez; Police Officer David Thompson; Police Officer Kelly Crouse; Police Officer Aaron Williams; Police Officer Joshua Bennett; Maintenance Worker II Brian Galvan; Building Plans Examiner I Melvin Cruz; Police Chief Robert Thompson Jr.; Fire Engineer Taylor McAbee; Human Resources

Director Rachel Ancheta; Police Officer Alberto Oliveira; Senior Maintenance Worker Steven Walker; Police Officer Kenneth Warren; and Maintenance Worker II Emmanuel Mendez.

Hitting the 10-year anniversary mark was City Manager James Lindley and Fire Captain Zachary Glankler.

Also celebrating her retirement after ten years was Catie Uhlik-Eister who was given recognition for her service to the City of Dixon as a Transit Driver/Dispatcher for Dixon Read-Ride. She was sent off with flowers and glowing appreciation by her boss, Transit Supervisor Vicki Jacobs and Public Works Director Louren Kotow.

Marking 15 years were Senior Wastewater Systems Operator Matthew Davidson, Fire Captain Matthew Fields and Senior Maintenance Worker Darrell Ketchersid.

Fire Battalion Chief Jarrod Infante celebrated the 25-year mark and Public Works Superintendent David Horigan topped them all with 35 years. ★

Women's Heart Health

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heart attack and others had issues such as arrhythmia, which is when the heart beats too slowly, too fast, or in an irregular way so there were personal stories to share.

"The main thing is that you feel different," the doctor said. "You do not feel normal. You have nausea and shortness of breath. There is a GI cocktail to take and if chest pain goes away, it's not your heart." She emphasized the importance of staying hydrated and being well rested and noted the proven dietary changes like limiting sodium to no more than 1500 milligrams. She recommended fish oil, whole grains, and fresh fruit and told of the DASH Diet (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension,) the Mediterranean Diet, or a plant-based diet that helps prevent chronic inflammatory conditions.

"It's all about the numbers [of your tests] that will determine medications. Statins prevent heart attacks," she said, detailing the risk factors that have been assigned numbers and include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking,

diabetes, overweight and obesity, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and excessive alcohol use.

She was asked about mitral valve prolapse that two women experienced.

"When valves wear out, the only thing you can do is control the other factors such as cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugars," she answered.

Her five "take-aways" for the group were 1. No smoking. 2. Five servings of fruit and vegetables per day. 3. Ten minutes of quiet time per day. 4. 150 minutes of exercise per week. 5. Lower your weight.

On a final note, she showed four 16 oz. water bottle and acknowledged that it seems like a lot of water but encouraged women to drink that much each day adding that if one drinks it all before 6 p.m., getting up during the night to go to the bathroom should not be a problem.

For additional sources, visit kp.org/mydoctor or contact the nearest Kaiser Permanente Health Education Center. For information on DWIC, contact Jewel Fink at (510) 301-1887. ★

Flowers Galore!



Dixon was filled with flowers last Tuesday! Kathy Kett-Tobin helped out at the Dixon Florist over Valentine's Day where a sea of bouquets filled up the store at 150 East A Street from front to back. Extra hands were given by Dave Johnson to help load them all up in trucks at the store so they could be delivered throughout town. Photo by Debra Dingman



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Culture and Climate

By Brian Dolan,
DUSD Superintendent

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Anyone who pays any attention to the District should be aware that last week was a very upsetting one for us. A student at John Knight Middle School made a post on Instagram that was overtly racist and hateful, specifically toward African-American students, and our Principal, Kamilah O'Connor, who is a black woman. We emailed messages home, held two press conferences, spoke with print media, and did everything else that we could to make sure that this incident was reported widely, and taken with the utmost seriousness by the District. We encourage you to find coverage on any of the Sacramento news stations to learn about the incident and its impact on students and families who were included in the offensive post.

A point that was correctly made several times since last week is that African-Americans are not the only group of people in the District or society on the whole who experience discrimination and/or harassment in some form. Individuals from various ethnicities and races, different genders, religious groups, and many other identities have in the past, or are currently reporting disturbing and horrible incidents or situations. Saying that "this just does not happen in Dixon" is not an acceptable position for us to take, and nothing excuses or justifies the fact that things do happen here.

How and what a group of people believe and do is a definition of culture, while climate, in this context, refers to how the people within a culture feel about their experiences. Dixon Unified has a culture similar, but ultimately unique, from other school districts, while the same can be said about our schools. Our culture and climate is very positive in most ways, but has significant areas that cannot be described in the same manner. No organization has 100% buy-in from its members. In any group of people, individuals are different in what they believe and do, and people also



Brian Dolan. Photo by Debra Dingman

react differently to common experiences. So, the interpretations of the culture and climate of Dixon Unified and each of its schools vary widely between students, families, staff, and our bigger community.

Our investigation into the social media post from last week indicates that a single middle school student was responsible for creating and posting the pictures and message that went out. As a result, some people are saying that we have made too much of a big deal about this situation because it is only one student behind it. The sad reality is that the post violates any sense of decency, is hateful and derogatory, yet has members of our district and school community who do not see it as a problem. We received messages from outsiders telling us the same thing. In fact, this post was a violation of the Education Code of the State of California and District and school policies and regulations specifically stating that this type of message is against the law. It is hate speech, discrimination, and harassment. There is no possible rationalization for any value to it.

As a District, we have a responsibility to build a positive and constructive culture that honors and protects all of its members. We have policies and programs in place to teach this, administer disciplinary consequences and attempt mediations with students, provide counseling and other mental health supports, meet and work with families, train staff, and in the end – we have a culture that includes hate, hostility, mistreatment, and many other negative behaviors in a minority of people. While sincere, our efforts in addressing this are not always adequate

or effective enough. This recent situation has highlighted this fact and has, correctly, brought questions about what we are doing.

Authorized by the Governing Board in December, we are in the process of forming a Culture and Climate Committee with stakeholders from across the District to work together on better defining our challenges and planning the steps to take to address them. We are continuing the work of our Equity Task Force, emphasizing professional development for staff that better prepares them to assist in developing, teaching, and supporting the positive culture that we are working to build, and we are engaging our students in the thoughtful and brave conversations and steps needed to make the necessary changes amongst and within them.

Each of our students, families, and staff members have the right, embedded in law and policy, to be free of discrimination, harassment, and hate. We have not yet been able to guarantee these conditions, and perhaps we are foolish that we are committed to the effort given the larger environment around us where the same expectations exist but are routinely objected to and ignored. There cannot be excuses around doing this work. It is challenging and no one has figured all of it out yet, but we have a moral and ethical obligation to follow.

We will continue to be questioned about if what we are doing is enough and if our actions will have the desired impacts. We should be watched and held accountable. We should also receive assistance and support. ★

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with have gone on to accomplish so much more and Rob had a lot to do with that," said Bird.

"I worked for him before he did Rugby," said Linda Veatch of Sisters Salon in downtown Dixon, fighting back tears. "I think giving him this honor would be a tremendous tribute." She recalled the work her husband, Lee, and other volunteers did for years with the team while having "the best of times" with the Salaber family. After other speakers, Bird invited the Salabers to speak.

"On behalf of the Salaber family, we want to give our deepest gratitude. I think this would be a fine way to honor my dad's legacy," said Anthony Salaber, 28, who resides in the Sacramento area. "I think he would be most proud of the ripples he created in people's lives here." In closing, his sister Sophia spoke.

"My Dad really loved Dixon and the people of Dixon. He spent a lot of time out on the fields here and loved coaching and

teaching. I think this is a wonderful way to honor his history," she said.

"It is the City's tradition to name public facilities after individuals who have committed a large amount of time and a positive influence on the city of Dixon," City Manager Jim Lindley explained. "It's a wonderful facility, modern, and is a state-of-the art, first class facility. He was deeply involved in sports in this city and a businessman. We had an outpouring of interest [in honoring him.]" Lindley said. The majority of the Council also had praises. The item passed 5-0 followed by a round of applause.

Rob's friends are invited to a Dixon Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dixon fairgrounds, 655 South First Street. Reservations are asked to be made by March 1 via text (707) 761-2003 or email msalaber22@gmail.com. Attire is dressy-casual a family reports, "This is a celebration of a life well-lived, not a funeral!" ★

Dixon Police Announce Enhanced Traffic Safety Program

Dixon PD News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - As we continue to work towards a safer community, the Dixon Police Department is launching an enhanced traffic safety enforcement program for 2023 focusing on speed and stop sign/traffic signal violations. Our goal is to reduce the number of accidents and incidents on our roads and ensure everyone is safe while driving, walking, or cycling.

Traffic safety is not just a priority for the Police Department but for the entire community. When we drive, we affect not only ourselves but also those around us. Reckless or careless driving can cause serious accidents and even fatalities, which can have a lasting impact on our loved ones and community. In addition, traffic accidents can also cause significant damage to property, disrupt traffic flow, and waste valuable emergency services resources.

By following traffic laws, we can significantly reduce the risk of accidents and injuries. Obeying speed limits helps to reduce the severity of accidents and allows for more time for reaction in emergencies. Adhering to traffic signals and stop signs helps to prevent collisions, keep traffic moving smoothly, and ensure the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers.

We encourage everyone to be responsible and mindful while driving. If we all work together, we can create a safer community for everyone. Remember, even a minor violation can have devastating consequences. So, let's take a stand for traffic safety and help keep our roads safe for all.

Along with dedicated traffic safety enforcement, the Dixon Police Department will conduct dedicated impaired driving and vehicle safety activities throughout the year. ★

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Lange, president, NAACP Santa Rosa-Sonoma. "We need candidates from all backgrounds and income levels to be able to serve. This legislation is a key step in the right direction to achieving more equitable representation in local government."

"Diversity and inclusion make for better policymaking at all levels of government," said Carolyn Coleman,

executive director, and CEO of League of California Cities. "Cal Cities is proud to sponsor this important legislation that lessens barriers for those interested in governing at the local level. This overdue reform is another tool communities can choose to use that can help ensure our city councils are reflective of the residents who live, work, and play in their communities." ★

Genealogical Society Announces March Presentation

Solano County
Genealogical Society
News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - Christine Cohen will give a virtual presentation, "Immigration: Ports of Entry" at the next meeting of the Solano County Genealogical Society. This presentation begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Christine Cohen's interest in genealogy began in 1977 with the airing of the TV mini-series, "Roots" and she was piqued when she found a typed pedigree chart of her Dutch heritage from the New Netherlands in the 1660's. She is a native Californian, a graduate of UCLA in Political

Science, and she has worked for Vitrol Aviation Company since 1993.

Ms. Cohen is a long time member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) and has served in many capacities, including President. She is also a member of the El Redondo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames, and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

About 47 million people immigrated to the US between 1607 and 1990 and about 70 percent entered through the Port of New York. However, you need to consider a broader

search in all ports, such as Boston, New Orleans, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Providence. Also, an entry through Canada and Mexico should be researched. We will review the websites and resources to locate clues to those entry ports, such as State Censuses, Voter Registrations, WWI Draft registrations, and Passport Applications.

Guests are welcome to attend this free event. If interested, send an email to the society at scgs@scgsca.org no later than 4 p.m. March 3rd and request an invitation. More information on events can be found on the society's website at www.scgsca.org. ★

PG&E Urges Customers to See if They Qualify for Federal Program

PG&E News Release

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - As Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Action Day in Washington, D.C. occurred on February 16, 2023, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) urges customers who are struggling to pay energy bills to learn more about the program and see if they qualify.

National Energy and Utility Assistance Coalition (NEUAC) hosted the LIHEAP Action Day. Hundreds of community advocates from throughout the country will travel to Capitol Hill to urge continued, substantive funding for the program, including PG&E and local LIHEAP service providers.

The federally funded program helps low-income households with their energy bills, including those at risk of having service interrupted for non-payment. LIHEAP is overseen by the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) and administered by nonprofit agencies that can help financially impacted residents in providing assistance toward their energy bill. Eligibility for the program is determined by income, household size, place of residence, and other factors.

Last year marked the highest amount of bill credits received by PG&E customers – in total, more than \$75.4 million. This January, PG&E customers received a total of \$8.6 million, with the average bill credit

totaling nearly \$1,000. Available funds will vary based on customer circumstances and funding availability.

PG&E is not responsible for administering the LIHEAP program. To find the local LIHEAP agency in your area to apply, visit csd.ca.gov/energybills or call (866) 675-6623 for more information.

To take advantage of additional programs, tools and savings opportunities, PG&E recommends customers become more familiar with the following:

Separate from CARE, income-qualified households with three or more persons can apply for the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) Program at pge.com/fera for an 18% discount on their electric bill;

Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH) provides income qualified customers with financial assistance during times of hardship;

Customers on the Medical Baseline program who have special energy needs due to certain qualifying medical conditions can receive a lower rate on monthly energy bills;

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Books that Ensnare Fits of Laughter

Watch Out For The Lion

by Brooke Hartman, Anna Subbauer; Page Street Publishing

Watch out! There is a lion in this book! Don't open this book. Cover your eyes! Wait? Is there really a lion in there? Readers will fall for this hilarious story with its bristly tail, sharp claws, and dangerous teeth. But who do they belong to?

Watch Out For the Lion teaches readers that things are not always what they seem. The fast tempo of this story and the matching illustrations will have readers guessing, laughing, and looking for the lion at the turn of each page. This is the perfect book for any child with a short attention or to incite a room of children. *Watch Out For The Lion* will have little ones asking to read this again and again.

How To Eat A Book

by Mrs. and Mr. Macleod Union Square Kids

What happens when Shelia sits down to eat her first book? Well, the strangest thing. The book actually ate her instead!

Read along as Shelia, her sister, and her cousin all get gobbled up by their books. The Macleod's take their readers on a marvelous and creative adventure through pages of paper crafted artwork that feels like they are going to leap off the pages. But watch out; this book might just devour its next reader.

Almost Everybody Farts and Almost Everybody Farts the Reek-Quel

by Marty Kelley; Sterling Publishing

Everybody farts! Grandmas, sisters, brothers, teachers, but no, not mothers. Unicorns pass fancy rainbows, and dads say "pull their finger." Whether breaking win, cutting the cheese, or letting it rip, everyone farts, but maybe mom.

Readers will fall over in fits of giggles in this hilarious book about the



act that everyone does. Marty Kelley's illustrations make this book even funnier, taking everyday scenes, people, and animals and giving them priceless facial reactions as they all get caught in the act.

The Laughter ensues in *Almost Everybody Farts The Reek-Quel* as farting is reexamined, with a whole new set of animals and people. Can you guess what doesn't fart? With a bit of raspberry-scented mystery, readers must read to the end to uncover the culprit. As funny as the first book, this series is a must-have for anyone who giggles about farts.

The Very Best Hug

by Smriti Prasad-Halls and Alison Brown; Bloomsbury

Have you ever wondered who gives the best hug? Could it be a giant bear hug, or a koala cuddle? What about a walrus wiggle or a porcupine prickle? How about a squeeze from a skunk or a rumble with a rhino? But seriously, who gives the best kind of hugs?

Perfect for a bedtime giggle, *The Very Best Hug* will have little ones guessing, laughing, and coming up with their own hilarious animal hugs. But, in the end, discover the best hug of all is from the person right next to them. ★



MEMORIAL
EDWIN ARLINGTON HEENE
1/4/1929 – 2/13/2023

Edwin was born in South Haven, Kansas to Neil Easter & Mildred Ruth Heene (Hedges). After graduating from South Haven High School, he attended Oklahoma A&M (Oklahoma State) where he obtained a degree in Agronomy. During that time he married the love of his life, Mary Alice Mohny, on Saint Patrick's Day, 1950. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and attended Officers Training School where he became a pilot.

Edwin's tour of duty in the Air Force took him from Georgia to Texas and to California where he was a pilot at Mather A.F.B. in Rancho Cordova. He was then sent to Germany with the family where he flew throughout Europe for three years. After his service in Germany, Edwin was re-assigned to Iowa City, Iowa where he was a professor of Aerospace Science in the R.O.T.C. department. In 1968-1969 Edwin was assigned to fly combat reconnaissance missions over Viet Nam. The family return to Kansas during this time to be near family. Returning from Viet Nam, Edwin was again transferred to California and stationed at Travis A.F.B. where he flew KC-135 Air Refueling Tankers. He was again sent overseas on temporary (6 month) duty in Cambodia and Laos. He returned to Travis where he became Assistant Wing Commander for the 916th Air Refueling Squadron. He remained in that position until his retirement from the Air Force in 1974.

Edwin and Mary moved the family to Dixon in 1971. They joined the Dixon United Methodist Church in 1972 and have been members ever since. Edwin enjoyed his role in advancing the new social hall and classroom additions as well as serving on various committees and participating in a multitude of activities and study groups.

After retiring from the Air Force, Edwin took a position with U.C. Davis where he was affiliated with the R.O.T.C. department for over ten years. He then began another career as the local farm manager for the Yolo Community Care facility for adults in rural Yolo County.

Edwin was preceded in death by his parents, Neil & Mildred Heene, brother Marvin and sister Dorthey. He leaves his wife of 73 years Mary, sister Alois Hutchison, son Kevin (Cindy), son Timothy and daughter Jennifer Rose (Terrence)

He is survived by 9 grandchildren, Christopher, Nicholas (Katie), Chad, Bradley, Jack, Stephanie, Rebecca, Tyree and Tyreece. He is also survived by 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at the Dixon United Methodist Church on February 25 at 2:00 pm. Interment will be at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations can be made to the Dixon United Methodist Church.



Dare to Live Without Limits
by Bryan Golden
Burning Bridges

You have probably heard that you shouldn't burn your bridges behind you. This is true in some situations, but not all. When you burn your bridges, you limit your options. What situations warrant this action and which ones do not?

In your relationships with others, you don't want to burn your bridges. Life takes many unexpected and unpredictable twists and turns. You never know whom you will need to interact with in the future.

Although there are some individuals you want nothing to do with, hopefully they are few and far between. For the others, it's not in your best interest to permanently sever a relationship. Although you may not like someone or you may have different philosophical beliefs, you can still maintain a cordial relationship that doesn't cause any bitterness.

You can be pleasant, polite, and congenial. You do not have to give someone a piece of your mind. Your paths could cross again at any time. A person from your past could wind up as a neighbor, coworker, boss, employee, or friend of a friend. People may forget a lot of events but a distasteful experience tends to be burned into one's mind.

Since you never know who you will run into in the future, or in what capacity, it behooves you to leave off with people on good terms. Always be courteous and speak with a smile. A mean and insulting attitude never works in your favor.

When should you limit your options by burning your bridges? For an example, consider the story of a general and his army, who some hundreds of years ago, arrived by ship at the coast of the enemy.

Once his men had all come ashore, he had their empty vessels burned. With the fleet engulfed in flames, he told his men that if they wanted to return home they would have to be victorious because retreat was no longer an option.

To attain goals, you have to limit your lines of retreat. People who succeed

incorporate a mindset that giving up and turning back is not acceptable. Forward is the only direction offering possibilities. You can change course if something doesn't work as planned, but always want to move towards your objective.

When someone says they will give something a try, the implication is that they can always turn back. Success requires laser like focus. A goal is reached because the bridges of retreat have been eliminated.

Determination shouldn't be confused with recklessness. People who are reckless will act on a whim without thought or planning. They demolish bridges because of carelessness, not as part of an intentional strategy. They will abandon a journey at the first obstacle. They are flippant and quick to blame others for their failures.

Giving something your all is more than an all or nothing attitude. A person, who gambles his or her life savings at a casino, hoping for a big win, is behaving destructively. If all of the money is lost, there isn't much room to adjust investment strategy and move forward.

When you burn a bridge, it must be for motivation, to help propel you toward a positive goal. It can be destroyed only after a lot of thought and as part of an intentional design. Burn a bridge that is a pathway to defeat. Don't burn a bridge that will provide you with options going forward.

Identify your bridges carefully. Separate those you want to preserve from those you should burn. Don't burn any bridges that may be needed in the future. Get rid of bridges that will serve as an excuse to abandon your dreams.

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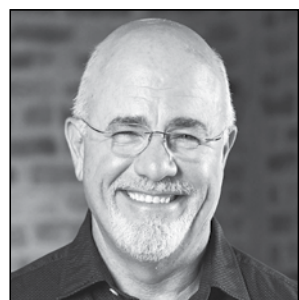
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Roll With It

Dear Dave,

The other day, my wife and I discovered a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) we'd forgotten about for over 10 years from my time in the Army. There's a little over \$3,200 in there. We're both in our thirties, and we're trying to save up our starter emergency fund in Baby Step 1 of your plan. We were wondering if we should withdraw the money and use it toward Baby Steps 1 and 2, or just leave it in there.

- Todd

Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Todd,

The best thing to do is roll the money over into an IRA. Otherwise you're going to be hit with a 10% penalty - plus your tax rate - and end up paying 30% to 40% of it to the government. That's kind of like asking, "Would it be a good idea to borrow \$3,200 at 30% interest to pay off debt?" Of course not! That would be a really dumb idea. And in a sense, that's what you'd be doing by just taking the money out of the TSP.

It's not a ton of money, but conceptually, I hate the idea of giving the government 30% to 40% of my money just to get my money out. So yeah, do some research, find a good investment professional

near you - one with the heart of a teacher - and roll it into an IRA.

Congratulations to you and your wife for deciding to take control of your money. And thank you for your service to our country, Todd. I hope this helped.

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★



We shouldn't cut off Ukraine

More and more Republicans are beginning to see the wisdom of John Lennon, and think we need to give peace a chance in Ukraine.

Donald Trump is offering himself as the peace candidate and says he could broker a Ukraine-Russia deal.

The populist and realist right are banging the drums for a negotiated end to the war, and they aren't wrong. The conflict comes with an enormous humanitarian and economic price and is profoundly destabilizing.

So, by all means, let's hope for a deal. The secret to unlocking a potential agreement, though, isn't leaving Ukraine in the lurch and hoping that Vladimir Putin - just as he begins to make gains - decides to prudently and modestly stand down because dominating Ukraine isn't so important to him after all.

The only way there will eventually be a (flawed, unsatisfactory, and probably temporary) bargain is if Putin realizes that he has no hope of getting what he wants out of the war.

There are a number of objections and arguments that populist and realist opponents make against current levels of aid to Ukraine:

We've ended up in a

proxy war with Russia. True enough. Yet, this is not the situation we sought out. It's not as though we encouraged Latvia to invade Russia, and then began lavishly supplying and training its forces.

The advantage of this proxy war is that the Russians are direct participants, and paying a heavy price, while our role is limited and indirect. We are in the role comparable to the Russians during the Vietnam War or the U.S. during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan - supporting a highly motivated indigenous force that is doing all the fighting against a bitter geopolitical adversary.

The war is expensive and drawing down our stocks of weapons. This, too, is true. By any measure, the roughly \$30 billion, and counting, that we've spent on Ukraine is real money. It is a fraction of a fraction of the defense budget, though.

The drawdown of weapons has created shortages in U.S. stocks, but this is more exposing a vulnerability than creating one. If we are strained merely arming Ukraine, we'd quickly reach a breaking point in a direct conflict with China. The answer is to build up our defense industrial base in a way that'd be necessary one way or the other.

NATO expansion provoked the Russians. Everyone knew that Ukraine wasn't going to actually join NATO anytime soon (or probably ever), and Russia didn't rationally have anything to fear from the alliance - when Russia invaded Ukraine the first time in

2014, the U.S. had brought home all its tanks from Germany. Putin has made it clear that his ideological and geopolitical goal is to reestablish a version of the Russian empire. This is a deeply held ambition that would very likely be the same if NATO had never expanded and if all the Baltic and Eastern and Central European states were blandly neutral and entirely disarmed.

Putin is only pursuing a traditional Russian foreign policy. Well, yes. But just because Russia occupied Poland for 100 years or so or gobbled up various nations of Europe during World War II, doesn't mean similar projects today would have any legitimacy. Yes, Russia has always been concerned with securing and maintaining access to the Black Sea. It should be noted, however, that it already had an agreement with Ukraine to base its Black Sea Fleet at Sevastopol. For good measure, in 2014, Russia grabbed all of Crimea. Invading Ukraine and trying to take Kyiv is oversaucing the goose and isn't about the Black Sea but destroying a model of (imperfect) democracy on its border.

In short, cutting off the Ukrainians in the hopes of jump-starting negotiations would be folly and only benefit a Vladimir Putin who, if he had his druthers, would bring a bloody-minded peace of repression and vastation to Ukraine.

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WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMING ON APPLE TV+ STREAMING PLATFORM



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

FROM COMEDY TO DRAMA TO TRAVEL ON APPLE TV+

The pickings for good movies may be slimmer than usual at the multiplex right now, but there's no dearth of streaming services stepping into the breach with original programming.

Apple TV+ is fairly new as a subscription streaming service and its ambitions seem boundless. At the winter television press tour, Apple TV+ occupied an entire day with panel discussions, unlike several prominent competitors such as Hulu and MGM+.

"The Reluctant Traveler" is a new globe-trotting travel series hosted and produced by Emmy Award winner Eugene Levy ("Schitt's Creek"). The eight-episode series follows Levy as he visits some of the world's most beautiful destinations.

On his journey, Levy explores remarkable hotels and the places and cultures surrounding them in intriguing places like Costa Rica, Finland, Italy, Japan, Maldives, Portugal, South Africa and the United States.

During the press tour, Levy told critics that his initial thoughts were that he didn't want to go to places because they would not be "too much fun" and "the weather is kind of terrible" in particular locations.

That Levy is truly a reluctant traveler was what he confessed by saying he "never loved traveling" and doesn't love "the airport experience" and is not "a fan of sightseeing generally."

True to his nature, Levy went on to say he doesn't have "a great sense of adventure" and is "not curious by nature." He felt he was "the wrong person for this job when it was originally pitched to me."

Adding up all the negatives that Levy would proclaim as him being unsuitable for a travel show is probably the best reason for him to host "The Reluctant Traveler." In fact, he admitted as much, saying "this show is actually good for me as a person."

"Hello Tomorrow" is a new ten-episode half-hour dramedy starring Emmy Award winner Billy Crudup ("The Morning Show") and set in a retro-future world.

The series centers around a group of traveling salesmen hawking lunar time-shares. Crudup's Jack is a salesman of great talent and ambition with an unshakable faith in a brighter tomorrow.

Jack inspires his co-workers, revitalizes his desperate customers, but his faith threatens to leave him dangerously lost in the very dream that sustains him.

One might think the look of the show is like the film "Don't Worry Darling," because it has a futuristic look that's rooted in a weird sort of retro 1950's imagery.

A new drama inspired by the acclaimed

novel of the same name by Garth Risk Hallberg, "City on Fire" tells the story of NYU student Samantha (Chase Sui Wonders) getting shot in Central Park on the Fourth of July, 2003.

Interestingly, the book's setting is 1977 and culminates in the massive New York City blackout in the summer of the same year that descended into riots and arson.

The series creators felt the time period time was well-trodden territory, and so, the stage is now set for a post-9/11 world when another substantial blackout occurred in 2003.

No witnesses and very little physical evidence of the crime are found. Samantha is at her favorite downtown club where her friends' band is playing, but she leaves to meet someone, promising to return. She never does.

As the crime against Samantha is investigated, she's revealed to be the crucial connection between a series of mysterious citywide fires, the downtown music scene, and a wealthy uptown real estate family fraying under the strain of the many secrets they keep.

Harrison Ford has done some television in his long career, and yet it seems surprising that he takes a key role in "Shrinking" as Paul Rhodes, the senior member of a therapy practice.

The focus, however, is on Jimmy Laird (Jason Segel), a junior partner in the practice, who seems to be in great need of therapy, since his wife has died and he neglects his teenage daughter.

As the grieving therapist, Jimmy starts to break the rules, telling his clients exactly what he thinks. Ignoring his training and ethics, he finds himself making huge, tumultuous changes to people's lives, including his own.

Co-writer Bill Lawrence said the creative team wanted "a show about grief because right now the world's a little bit of a dumpster fire and you can't meet anybody that isn't at least two or three degrees separated from some sad (expletive deleted) going on in their life."

For a drama on the sad side, the new ten-episode drama adapted from Ann Napolitano's novel of the same name, "Dear Edward" tells the story of Edward Adler (Colin O'Brien), a 12-year-old boy who survives a commercial plane crash that kills every other passenger, including his family.

As Edward and a diverse ensemble of others affected by the tragedy try to make sense of life after the crash, unexpected friendships, romances and communities are formed.

"Dear Edward" delivers a heartbreaking, life-affirming, and uplifting story about survival, resilience, connection, and the examination of what makes us human. ★



Program to Provide Financial Relief for Organic Dairies

Skyrocketing production costs, especially for organic feed, have pummeled organic dairies for the past two years, forcing some to sell their cows and leave the business. But California's organic dairies are beginning to see a glimmer of relief. Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered up to \$100 million in financial aid through a newly created Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program. The funds are expected to be released in the late spring or summer. They will target small to medium-sized organic dairies.

Hard-hit Colusa County Celebrates its AG Heritage at Annual Farm Show

Farmers in the Sacramento Valley and beyond turned out at the Feb. 7-9 Colusa Farm Show to check out agricultural equipment and technology to boost farming outcomes in future crop years. The event celebrated farming in a hard-hit region. Last year, more than half of California's rice fields, particularly in Colusa County and the Sacramento Valley, were fallowed due to drought. Speaking at the farm show's annual breakfast, California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson called for state action on infrastructure to address future water needs.

Report: San Joaquin Valley Water Supplies Could Shrink by 20%

Average annual water supplies for the San Joaquin Valley could decline by 20% by 2040, with shortfalls largely driven by mandates of California's 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. That's according to a new report from the Public Policy Institute of California. The institute's policy brief said America's most bountiful farming region faces a future with less water for irrigation. It said nearly 900,000 acres of farmland could be fallowed and almost 50,000 jobs lost without new water system investments and water trading programs.

California Table Olive Growers Applaud Continued Duties on Spanish imports

The U.S. will continue to impose countervailing duties on imports of Spanish ripe olives after it lowered rates of the tariffs to satisfy findings by a World Trade Organization dispute settlement panel. California table olive growers have praised the move. Elizabeth Carranza, director of trade and technical affairs for the Olive Growers Council of California, said she was pleased that the U.S. Trade Representative and the government "decided to continue to uphold these safeguards, which have made a huge impact for the table olive industry in California." ★

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CHP Graduates 82 New Officers



New CHP graduates "Join the CHP 1,000" campaign during the graduation ceremony on February 17, 2023. Photo courtesy of CHP

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) welcomed 82 new officers to the CHP family, during the graduation ceremony on February 17, 2023, at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. Less than one year ago, the CHP launched its "Join the CHP 1,000" campaign, with the goal of hiring a 1,000 new officers. These newly graduated officers bring the CHP closer to attaining its goal.

"It's my honor to welcome these officers to the CHP and thank them for stepping up to serve our state," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "With a goal of hiring 1,000 new CHP officers in the coming years, we're investing in outreach

to a diverse pool of candidates committed to protecting their fellow Californians and making a positive impact in our communities."

"The women and men of the CHP take great pride in the level of service we provide to the community," said Commissioner Sean Duryee. "It is imperative we bring on the next generation of exemplary officers to continue that tradition."

For more information about the "Join the CHP 1,000" campaign, or to apply, visit www.JoinTheCHP1000.com or call the statewide Recruitment Unit at (916) 843-4300.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide safety, service, and security. ★

Kings Partner with Learn Fresh and NBC Sports for Black History Month

Sacramento Kings Communications News

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On February 8th, the Sacramento Kings partnered with Learn Fresh and NBC Sports to host a Black History Month Career Panel and NBA Math Hoops Live at Golden 1 Center.

During the event, local students competed against one another in an on-court version of NBA Math Hoops. Youth also took part in a career panel featuring Kings

and NBC Sports team members discussing their journey to and in the sports industry and advice for those looking to follow in their footsteps. The conversation was moderated by Stockton Kings Emcee Tony Gladney and included Kings Social Media Manager Jonathan Bradley, Kings Social Responsibility Manager Veronne Clark, Kings Youth Basketball and Community Engagement Manager Justin Williams and NBC Sports Bay Area and California Production Manager Cascene Gibson. ★

December New Home Sales Up 45% from November

NSBIA Press Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales rebounded in December around the greater Sacramento region, with 372 sales recorded in the eight-county area, a 45% increase from November, the North State Building Industry Association reported today. Excepting the past two pandemic years, that is the best December BIA homebuilders enjoyed since 2006 and the best month in 2022 since April.

The solid December figures pushed the year's total sales to 5,010, in line with the yearly totals recorded between 2015 and 2019.

Michael Strech, the BIA's President, and CEO said the demand for new homes in the region remains strong.

"It's clear that if we look at the year as a whole and not just the slowdown in mid-summer caused by the steep interest rate increases, sales continue to move towards levels we saw in the years before the pandemic generated the sharp increase in sales in 2020 and 2021," Strech said.

"The demand for housing, particularly for new homes, remains as strong as ever in the region, so while we will see challenges in 2023, we believe the market will likely gradually



While we will see challenges in 2023, we believe the market will likely gradually improve as buyers continue to adjust to the new normal in mortgage rates. Image by Paul Brennan from Pixabay

improve as buyers continue to adjust to the new normal in mortgage rates."

Highlights of the monthly and annual sales figures (excluding the additional 120 sales during the year) include:

Sacramento County sales broke Placer County's six-month winning streak in December, but just by one sale, 169 to 168. Sacramento County sales narrowly outpaced sales in Placer County for the year as well.

Yuba County reported the third-highest sales totals in the region, outpacing El Dorado County.

Because very few homes are still available in the \$300,000-\$350,000 range as those older communities are now nearly sold out, the monthly total was actually -3 in that price range as three previous sales were canceled.

Strech said the fact

that most sales are in the \$500,000 range and above shows the impact of higher government fees, a limited supply of land on which to build, and regulatory delays and barriers that make production of more-affordable homes extremely difficult.

"As our poll showed last fall, an overwhelming majority of Sacramento-area residents are deeply concerned that their children and grandchildren will not be able to afford to buy a home in our region," Strech said. "It's essential that state and local policymakers enact reforms to encourage new home construction to bring the market back into balance. Otherwise, the affordability crisis will only grow worse."

The BIA's sales figures cover Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Amador, and Nevada counties. ★

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ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE # 2022001261
 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Dixon Suspension & Smog, at 790 N Adams Street, Dixon, CA 95620. The Fictitious Business Name referred to above was filed in Solano County on July 22, 2022, File Number: 2022001261
 Dixon Suspension & Smog LLC, 136 Peridot Court, Hercules, CA, 94547.
 This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
 Filed with the Clerk of Solano County on January 23, 2023.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #FCS059046
 Ngan Kim Pham and Viet Hung Nguyen on behalf of Minor Children filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Nathaniel Hung Minh Pham Nguyen to Nathaniel Pham-Nguyen and Catherine Ngan Khanh Pham Nguyen to Catherine Ngan Khanh Pham-Nguyen.
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. March 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
 Judge of the Superior Court: Stephen Gizzi
 Dated: January 23, 2023
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NGAN 2-24-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #FCS059445

Mark Dale Watson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Mark Dale Watson to Farid Mark Dale Watson.
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. March 10, 2023, 9:30 a.m. Department 22, Room III, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
 Judge of the Superior Court: Alesia Jones
 Dated: January 26, 2023
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MARK 2-24-23

Request for Proposals

Request for Proposals to Provide Construction Services for the 27-Inch Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 1 - Project No. #315-109

February 13, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express on Friday, March 17, 2023 until 3:00 p.m. at which time all bids will be publicly opened online and read by the City Clerk.
 Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011601196?pwd=S3dFbXFMHJQa2NTcF11T0xqZmN0QT09>
 Meeting ID: 850 1160 1196 Passcode: 269825

All bids will be considered for award by the City of Dixon City Council on their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. For the following project:

27-INCH SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION, PHASE 1 PROJECT NO. 315-109

LOCATION OF WORK: Various locations along existing 27-inch main sanitary sewer main alignment; starting from Hall Park to South 1st Street down (Highway 113) to Midway Road and across private property to the Dixon Waster Treatment Facility (WWTF), in the City of Dixon, Solano County.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes pressure testing and grouting of joints for the north reach of the existing 27-inch sanitary sewer main, segmented CIPP liner point repairs along the existing 27-inch main, rehabilitation of various existing manholes, construction of new manholes, construction of slide gate structures in existing manholes. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$1,800,480.00.

All work is to be done in accordance with said Plans and Specifications. A copy of the Plans and Specifications, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained by logging on www.blueprintexpress.com/dixon or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3293. All bidders must purchase a complete bid set from BPXpress Reprographics in order to be considered responsive and to receive addenda notifications.

All bidders must submit bids online through the bid portal at BPXpress in order to be considered responsive.

All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to William Garcia, P.E., via electronic mail at wgarcia@cityofdixon.us.

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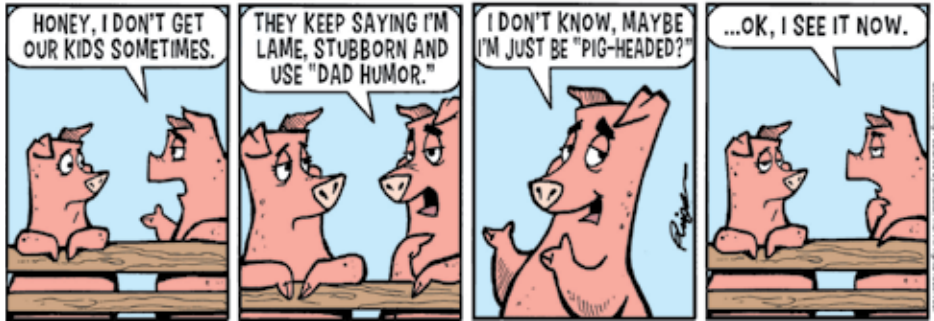


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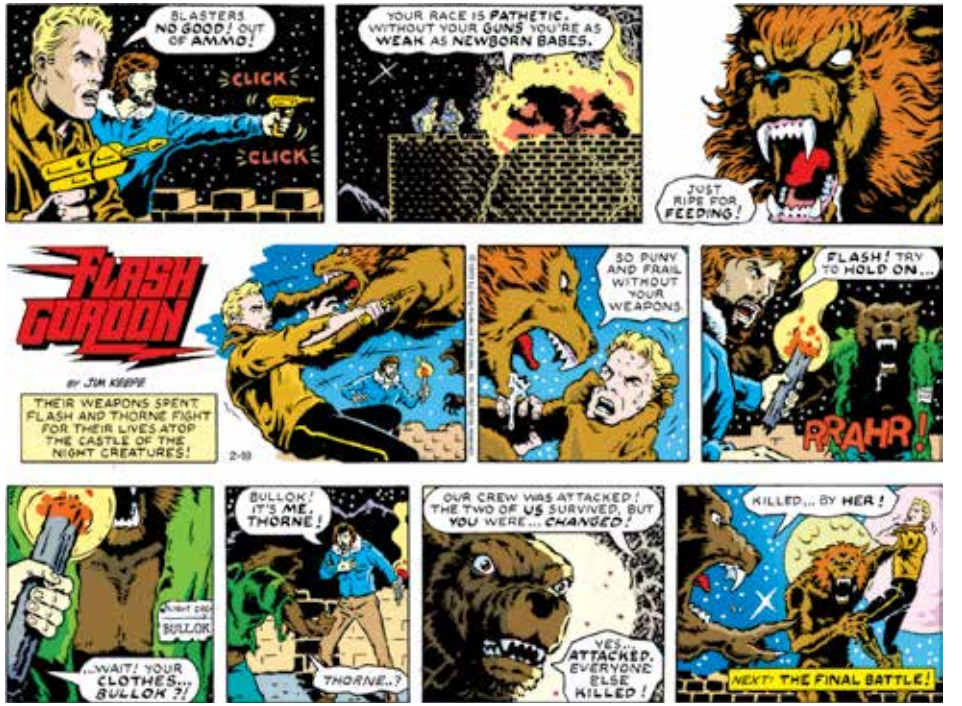
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Where's Everybody Going?

Persistently shrinking population and the reasons why

By Ben Christopher, CALMatters.Org

In 2021, it was big news — the “California exodus.” Now, it just looks like the new trend: California’s population is still shrinking.

According to the latest population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, California’s total population declined by more than 500,000 between April 2020 and July 2022.

Put another way, 1 out of 100 people living in California at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic had, two years later, left the state — either by U-Haul or by hearse.

Where’d they all go? Some died, though there were far more births; Some left the country, though on net, more immigrants arrived; The major driving factor: Californians departing for other states.

Just counting out-of-staters coming in and Californians leaving, the state’s population saw a 871,127 net decline. If you’re wondering why the state lost a congressional seat at the beginning of this decade, this is why.

This isn’t a national problem. It’s a California, New York, Illinois and Louisiana problem. California is one of only 18 states that saw its numbers decline and had the fourth biggest drop as a share of its population.

Topping the list of rapid growers are other Western states that aren’t on the pricey coast: Idaho, Montana and Utah.



The latest population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, California’s total population declined by more than 500,000 between April 2020 and July 2022.

That may be why Utah Gov. Spencer Cox recently pleaded with Californians to stay put rather than come as “refugees to Utah.” UCLA economist Paul Ong was quoted: “While salaries in other regions and states are lower, the cost of housing is even lower.”

But not all of California is shrinking at the same rate. And no surprise, housing seems to be the key

explanation why. A San Francisco Chronicle analysis of local population changes between 2010 and 2020 found that the fastest growing city in California was the East Bay bedroom community of Dublin, which permitted four-times as many new housing units per person as nearby San Francisco.

But as California lawmakers grapple with the

housing and homelessness crisis, a familiar clash is emerging between state and local lawmakers.

Despite a no-nonsense warning from Attorney General Rob Bonta, elected officials in Huntington Beach are vowing to fight state mandates to permit more than 13,000 new units over the next decade. They also pledged to push forward a local ordinance to

exempt the city from the “builder’s remedy” — an untested state law that punishes cities that haven’t met their state housing goals by allowing developers to build as many units as they like, so long as at least 20% are set aside for low-income residents.

In the well-to-do ‘burbs of Silicon Valley, builder’s remedy applications are beginning to pour in. But

some cities are refusing applications outright, while others are charging five-figure processing fees.

A nonprofit financed by the California Association of Realtors has been on a state-spanning lawsuit spree, asking courts to invalidate multiple cities’ housing plans, paving the way for builder’s remedy applications.

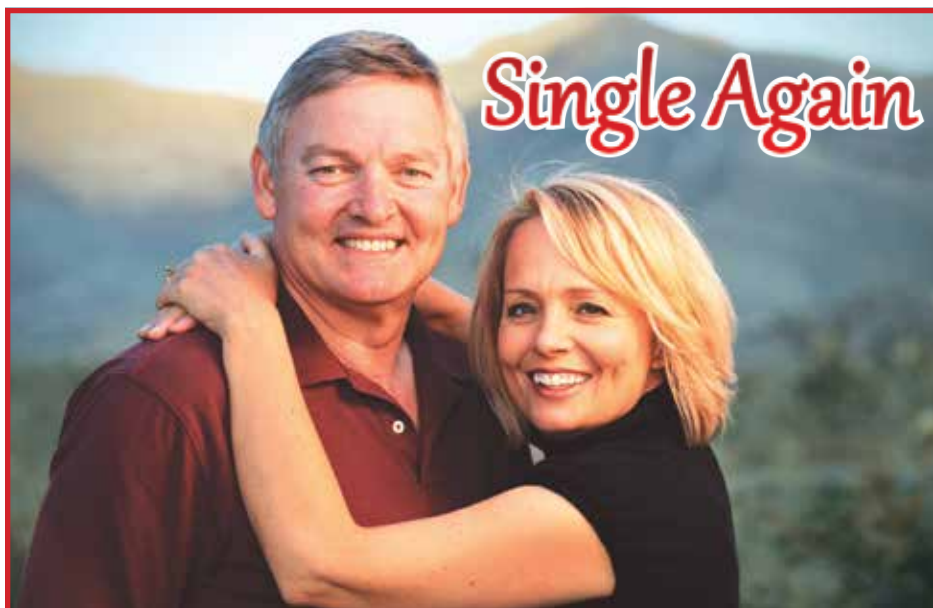
With hundreds of cities still deemed “out of compliance” with state housing requirements, the Department of Housing and Community Development set up a new web portal inviting Californians to “report potential violations of state housing law.”

Remember when San Francisco Sen. Scott Wiener introduced a bill earlier this week that would require any developer who wants to make use of a particular housing law to pay their workers union-level wages — but stopped short of forcing developers to hire union members?

In an ideological divide between the state building trades union and the carpenters, that put Wiener squarely with the carpenters.

The trades responded. They aren’t impressed. Trades President Andrew Meredith, in a statement: “Proponents’ attempts to paint this as an affordable housing play are disingenuous. This is clearly all about putting more money in developer pockets.”

And in many places in California, high housing costs are a driver of the gap between rich and poor. ★



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