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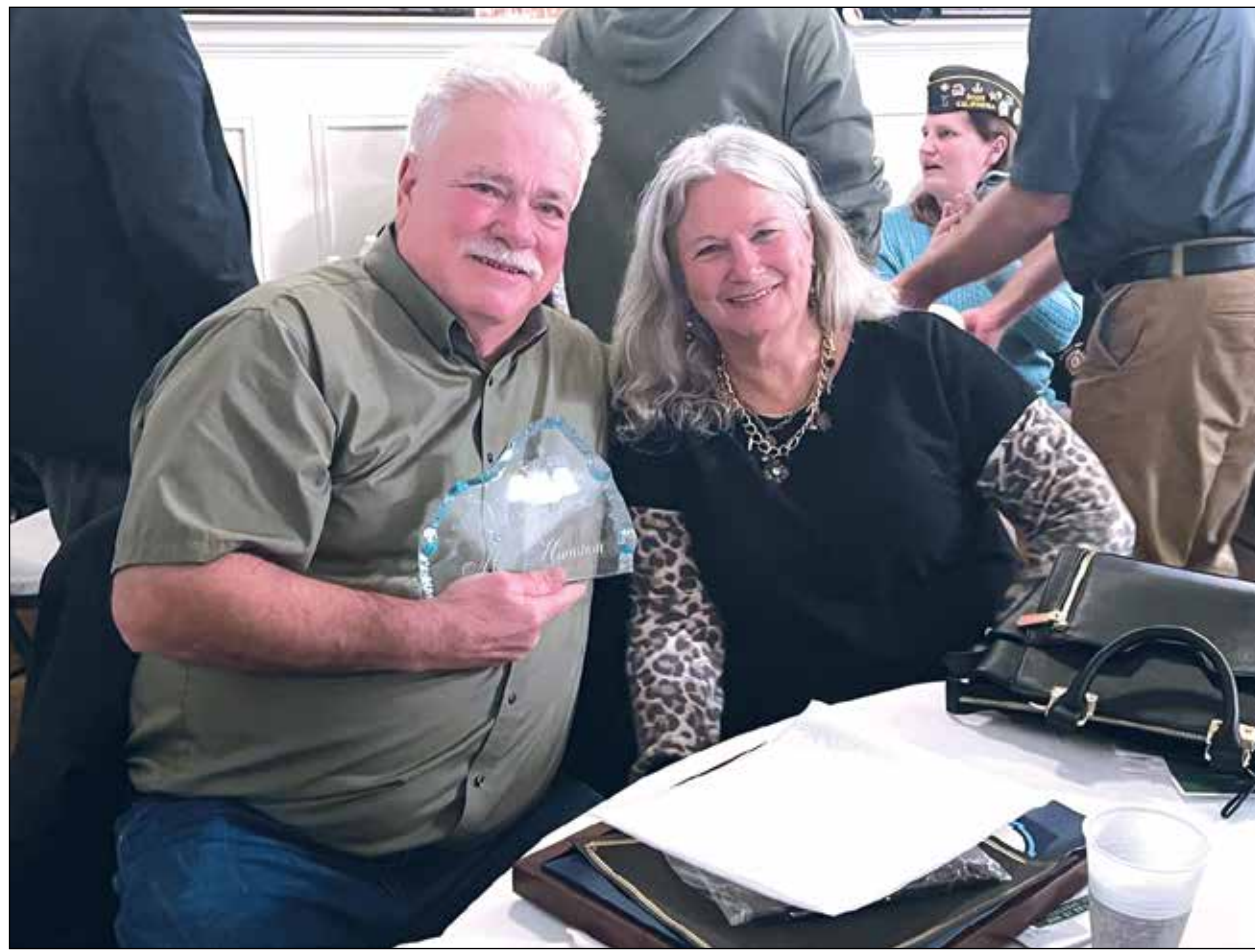


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Hamilton Awarded Citizen of the Year



Mike Hamilton and Leisa Barrett with the COTY Award. Photo by Debra Dingman

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Oscars might have been the draw on Sunday evening but for similar hoopla in Dixon, it was Saturday night when Ye Olde Vet's Hall filled with dazzle to celebrate Dixon's volunteer extraordinaire Mike Hamilton who was honored as Citizen of the Year.

"No man is an island. We are a community and there are people who take extra care," said Herb Cross, former Chair of the Board, who announced Hamilton as the recipient of Dixon's highest honor.

An anonymous source reported on Hamilton:

"Everybody knows somebody, and all of us know a lot of people. But, Mike Hamilton seems to know everybody. This person uses that knowledge to find those in need of food and warm clothing, youth organizations, senior citizens, and everybody in between and when he does, a vast network is brought to

bear to help match up donations to meet the needs of these people and organizations. And nobody in Dixon is better at finding resources.

This community leader works at the highest levels, and always in the trenches. This chairperson has served on the board of directors for many organizations, including Dixon Boys and Girls Club, Grillin' & Chillin', and Lambtown. Not only does this diligent director attend board meetings to help make the best decisions for the groups, this organizer works tirelessly to initiate the plan and works side by side with other volunteers to bring the plan to a successful conclusion.

With diligent leadership, this caring craftsman banded a group of volunteers together to build a playground at Neighborhood Christian School. But he also believes not only is it important to strengthen the body, but the mind as well. That is why this caring Christian also taught Sunday School as well, filling our future leaders with good character and

caring hearts.

The youth of Dixon are always the top priority for this super citizen. This organizer of organizers is always first in line for clean-up days at the Teen Center, or to help them move when it is time to convert the old Dixon High School to the new junior high. If it needs cleaning or repairing, this handy-person is the one who is quick to do it. Mike is the person who can find a truck, or any other mode of transportation you need.

This vocal crusader is always working behind the scenes for the 4H and FFA, not only in Solano County, but in Yolo and Sacramento as well. This future farmer fan, using a vast network, raises thousands of dollars in donations and sponsorships, and personally attends the local livestock auctions and helps raise the bidding on the young farmer's animals to make sure all the kids get fair dollars for their animal. Then, like any economic genius, this capitalist

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Prom Around the Corner



Stephanie Marquez

By DHS Principal Stephanie Marquez

Prom is our biggest and fanciest dance of the year and is coming up this spring. It is actually on May 5 this year. The dance will be held at the Rancho Solano Clubhouse, one of our favorite and largest venues. We will continue to keep you updated as the students plan the dance. In the meantime, if anyone needs or wants support with prom, there is an organization with a great opportunity! The Princess Project (PrincessProjectSonoma.org) is a non-profit organization that provides free prom dresses to teens in financial need. Their dress giveaways will be held on select days between February 25 and March 23 at their pop-up shop in Petaluma. Instructions for making an appointment are on the website. DHS also has a Prom Dress Closet available for students to shop. Interested students should check in with Audrey Madden or Yolanda Gonzalez in the school office.

SCHEDULING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Students should have completed their course requests for next year. If your student has not completed their course requests or they want to change their plans, please have them stop by the counseling office ASAP. They will need to complete a hard copy at this point. We have hard copies of all of them in the office.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR SIGNS

We had so much fun delivering signs this weekend. We are continuing to work with our students who have PO boxes or live in the country, but we are determined to get a congratulatory sign for every senior. Additionally, if you have a blended family and need an additional sign for a senior's other home, please email me directly at smarquez@dixonusd.org.

Scholarships for Seniors

There are many scholarships available for all kinds of graduates. The counselors and I have been sending outside scholarship opportunity information to seniors as they trickle in. Please encourage your senior to check their school email daily as we progress through the year, so

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Dixon Tire Pros Honored as Top Business

**Author chose to Remain Anonymous*

DIXON, CA (MPG) - I first discovered Ted Jorgensen's generosity when I was a band booster for Dixon High School. Our band trailer needed tires. We reached out to Ted, and he offered to replace the tires at no cost. That was the day I became a loyal customer of Dixon Tire Pros.

Over the years of being a community volunteer for so many organizations, including the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Dixon Business Association, Rotary and Dixon Family Services, I had the pleasure of seeing Ted at nearly every major event including crab feeds, wine strolls, epicurean fetes, dragonfly dinners, veterans' dinners, just to name a few. Not only does he purchase tickets



Ted Jorgensen, owner of Dixon Tire Pros reacts to being honored with Business of the Year at Saturday's Celebrate Dixon event by the Chamber of Commerce. To his left is Karstin Stranger, last year's winner for Almond Tree Mortgage and her son, Cameron Hickerson. On the right is Ted's wife, Jazzy, and Assemblywoman Lori Wilson. Photo by Debra Dingman

to get into the event, but he is always quick to add more money to the pot via raffle tickets and auctions. I recall one event when he was the highest bidder on a

recliner and I had to deliver it to his home as I was the

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Life's too SHORT

Wheels of City Hall Turn Slower

By Debra Dingman

There is just so much more to it than people realize. I'm talking about city government. I have noticed a change in the last decade since Dixon has hired well-paid staff from bigger cities and especially since we got City Attorney Doug White that our local government has become much more complicated.

If you follow the newspaper, you will see that I write a lot of feature stories – those are stories about special people or worthy organizations and events. Some people call those “fluff.” No matter what you call them, they are human interest stories and they create balance in a newspaper – and a community. That is my area of specialty, but I also write about City news. In fact, as I type this – and there are six newspapers hanging overhead – there is something about city government in every single one of them.

So, when I get called out for not being critical enough, I get upset. I spend every Tuesday night at City Hall (unless I'm sick or out of range.) Government doesn't have to be ugly to make headway. People who organize their thoughts and bring their efforts in front of city staff or council almost always reach some benefit despite that it may take months.

What I've learned is that everything has a process and EVERYTHING takes time. So many projects – stop signs, stop lights, roads, buildings, businesses, etc. – are in the works now that the average citizen won't see for possibly years. The days where you could come into City Hall and throw a tantrum are over because there is still 'the process.' Unless it is a state or national emergency, or a broken water main, there are no quick responses.

Just look at all the notices you get now from the City of Dixon via social media, emails, texts, electronic bill-board, etc. The City has its hands in EVERYTHING and if you think there is a shortcut, you're sadly mistaken.

I can imagine that the council people get immersed into what's going on in the city and what the future holds for Dixon faster than anyone – especially when they are newly elected – and unfortunately, the public often feels left out on the edges. But, if you really want to see how your local government works, you need to watch the meetings...and be patient.

The City Treasurer Jim Ward summed it up well: The wheels of justice turn slow; the wheels at City Hall turn even slower.

I have found that if I miss even one meeting, I can fall behind quickly. There are a lot of discussions and a lot of decisions made at almost all of the meetings including the Transportation Advisory Commission, Parks and Recreation, and Planning Commission.

The one thing we should not be patient about is increasing White's annual budget of \$700,000. I learned that there are other cities he works with where citizens feel the same. He's busy creating more lawsuits, writing threatening letters, intimidating our Council, and speaking out of turn at those meetings as if he is the City Manager. White has added more layers of legalese (that an average person cannot begin to decipher) to every process.

If we weren't paying him hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, then we could charge less for softball and soccer fields, or build more, let children swim for a buck instead of four, and put a 'Welcome to Dixon' sign at our city gateways a whole lot sooner. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Local residents trekked across mud puddles and through rain to learn the latest in cruising, train trips, small group trips, and other inviting vacations with Dixonite Alison Rodrick of Alison's Wanderland Travel. It was held downtown Dixon at the Creative Space and was well attended. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Museum Romance

Easter is around the corner! For you or someone very special, learn how to make a Bunnies and Blooms Easter Album with Nikki Sher on Saturday, April 18, noon to 2 p.m. at It's All About the Scrapbook 1670 North Lincoln in Dixon. This collection has all the vintage vibes and Nikki has chosen some beautifully coordinated products making this an album that you will treasure for years to come. She'll even be having you paint your own Tim Holtz Tiny Speckled Eggs. This is one class you're sure to pick up a technique or two and walk away with a beautiful album ready to fill with your favorite Easter photos. Class/kit is \$68. For more information, email nicolesher@gmail.com. There are other classes coming up such as Water coloring and Art Journaling; check out their website <https://www.itsallaboutthescrapbook.com/>

Senior Fun

Next Monday will be the St. Patrick's Day Lunch for the senior club members sponsored by the Rotary Club! Don't forget there is line dancing on Tuesdays and Thursdays offering a fun way to get in your steps and exercise. For those seniors wishing a more gentle exercise, there is also Chair Yoga. The Dixon/Senior Multi-Use Center is located at 201 South 5th St. by City Hall. Phone is (707) 678-7022 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mark your calendar for the 21st Senior Resource Fair, Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Lifeguard Course

The City of Dixon is holding a Lifeguard Certification Course beginning in March with session 2 during spring break and session 3 in April. The cost is \$230 and there are scholarships available for those who qualify. Times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and you have to be at least 15 years old. Upon successful completion of course requirements,

participants will receive a 2-year certification in Lifeguarding, CPR, AED and Title 22 First Aid. For more information call (707) 678-7000, ext. 5422 or email kschnittter@cityofdixon.us.

Home & Garden

Coming soon is the Solano County Home and Garden Show out at the Dixon May Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26. Watch for the coupon in our next edition!

College & Career Fair

A College and Career Fair will be held at Maine Prairie High School (at the former CA Jacobs school location) located at 200 North Lincoln on Thursday, March 23. Representatives include military and healthcare and more. RSVP via email to Angelina.arias@dixonusd.org or phone (707) 693-6340.

Chamber Mingle

You're invited to an Open House Mingle hosted by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Dixon Wellness Cannabis Collective on Wednesday, March 22, 5:30 – 7 p.m. at 1150 North First St. Light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Busy Bee Yoga

Katrina Marsh knows her Yoga moves and is inviting the public to her Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Friday, April 28, 5 to 7 p.m. at 175 North First St. in downtown Dixon. She is celebrating her first year anniversary and will have music and light refreshments. She first opened in a small space on one side of North First St. but after the “amazing response” from the community, she made the jump across the street to a bigger location and partnered with Lululemon and pressed juice. For a schedule of the variety of classes offered, check out busybeeyoga.com or call or text (707) 295-1855. ★

MEMORIAL

BETTY MAE NIELSON • 5/9/1941 – 3/7/2023

Betty Mae passed unexpectedly Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the age of 81. Betty was born in the old Dixon Hotel in downtown Dixon to Frank and Betty Torchia on May 9, 1941.



good and loved with her thoughtful and caring gestures.

Betty will be missed and remembered for her incredible baking skills that many got to enjoy. She loved sharing packages of her delicious waffle cookies, and wonderful strawberry banana cakes.

She graduated from Dixon High School in June of 1959. Throughout her teenage years Betty worked various jobs in town, including Seifert's Bakery, The Frosty, the Dixon Theater, the Giant Orange, and many babysitting jobs.

Betty married Jim Nielson in November of 1959; they were married 64 years. Betty was a very devoted, loving, and supportive wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Betty enjoyed quilting, reading, embroidering and crocheting. She loved hummingbirds, giraffes and hedgehogs.

She worked for the Dixon Unified School District for 32 years, where she touched the lives of many students and made lifelong friends with the staff.

Betty was extremely involved in her community. She was a member of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club and a proud supporter of the Dixon Historical Society and Museum.

Betty Mae was a compassionate, loving, good-hearted and giving woman to her family and friends. She has touched many hearts through the years with her handmade crocheted handkerchiefs and thoughtful hand-quilted pocket prayers. Betty found joy by making others feel

Her family and friends are so blessed and thankful for the wonderful memories and good times that they have enjoyed with her. Although she was taken to incredibly soon, her sweet soul, loving heart, gentle touch, and bright warm smile will forever be remembered and missed.

She rests in heaven with her parents, Frank and Betty Torchia, and her husband, Jim Nielson. She is survived by her daughter Debbie Hart and husband Ted; son Matt Nielson and wife, AnnMarie; grandchildren Natalie Hart; Tyler Hart and wife, Amber; Brett Nielson, his girlfriend, Olivia Ramirez; Macy Nielson; great grandchildren Charlotte and Walter Hart; her sisters Carol Torchia, Patty Jensen and husband, Joel; her brother Jeff Torchia and wife, Janice.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 10 a.m. at Milton Carpenter Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at Silveyville Cemetery in Dixon. A celebration of life will follow after the services at the Olde Vets Hall, with food and drink provided.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dixon Women's Improvement Club and Dixon Historical Society and Museum.

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uses these purchases to pay it forward by donating the animals back to local organizations to use as fundraising themselves through raffles. This master economist knows how to pay it forward.

One of Dixon's favorite pastimes is eating. There is nobody more devoted to using this opportunity as a fundraiser than this marvelous chef. He has generously donated his own personal barbeque to the cause. Dixon Youth Soccer, The American Legion, Dixon Family Services for Comedy Night, and North Bay Stand Down are just a sample of the organizations he served.

Dixon is no longer known for just Dixon May Fair, the oldest parade this side of the Mississippi. Dixon has now also become famous for Grillin' & Chillin,' a fantastic

collector car show with the bonus of a delicious rib cook-off. What started out as a simple fundraiser has become a full-blown phenomenon. This fantastic one-day event draws thousands of people from all over the region to get acquainted with our small town.

He organized a board of directors, rounded up volunteers, coordinated all the equipment, sponsors, and participants to make this event an incredible success, year after year. This champion promoter and that amazing board of directors has raised over \$150,000 for local Dixon charities in the 10 years of its existence. This money is used to either provide a donation to an organization or use the "pay it forward" strategy allowing the funds to raise even more money for local organizations.

A resident nearly 60



Celebrating at Celebrate Dixon night are (L-R) Michael Hamilton and fiancé Kayla Mackaben, James Hamilton, Leah Barrett, Leisa Barrett, and new Citizen of the Year Mike Hamilton. Photo by Debra Dingman

years, he has spent his entire life devoted to making his hometown a better place for all."

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only one who had a truck.

You will see his banner at the little league fields as a sponsor; he purchases items for Sober Grad Night; and gives generously to other organizations such as Toys for Tots, and others. But Ted isn't just generous with his money. He is also generous with his time. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Dixon Rotary.

His ethics are beyond question. One time I took my truck in for a front-end alignment. I

received a call later in the day that he was unable to fulfill my request as it would be unethical. Although he could do the work, the truck would not stay in alignment because of worn parts. He would not do the work if it was not in my best interest. Customer over profit is his motto, but he is too modest to emblazon a banner stating it. He just quietly takes care of people.

Ted has exceptional leadership and community engagement skills. Ted and his team interact with customers on a personal level. He knows each of his customers by name and

always asks how they and their family are doing. I know this is genuine because his customers respond to him on specific conversations not just superficial pleasantries. The substance of his interactions at the shop are obviously deeper than a retail transaction. He provides a great example for his employees as an owner who cares about his customers and his employees. Inspiring his team to be the best they can be through his "do as a do" approach.

Ted does not stop there though. Every time he leaves his shop and goes to other

businesses in Dixon, he is on a first name basis with both the local business owners as well as their patrons too. That's what makes Ted an exceptional candidate for this award. Ted has built Dixon Tire Pros as the shop of choice for the Dixon community through his genuine commitment to his customers and his community. His shop is a place where trusted advisors care about the person behind the wheel and not just the sale. Neighborhoods need more business owners like Ted because owners like Ted are the backbone a city needs to

become a community.

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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.



Tuesday, March 7, 2023

0724 - Confidential report taken by investigations.
0857 - Information report in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.
0916 - Burglary reported in the 900 block of Business Park Drive.

Monday, March 6

0820 - Theft reported in the 2000 block of North 1st Street.
0900 - CPS report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
1102 - Stolen license plate report taken in the PD lobby.
1411 - Non injury traffic accident in the 1000 block of Vaughn Road.
1554 - Threats report taken in the PD lobby.

Sunday, March 5

1405 - Information report taken in the 200 block of East Broadway Street.
2214 - Hours - Warrant Arrest in the area of North Jackson Street and West A Street. Timothy Acosta (age 33) of Dixon was contacted and arrested for two outstanding warrants.

Saturday, March 4

1034 - Information report in the 1500 block of Sword Court.
1227 - Officers responded to a report of a verbal argument in the 1400 block of Ary Lane. As a result of their investigation, Michael Grant (46) of Sacramento was arrested for misdemeanor domestic violence, possession of drug paraphernalia, violating the terms of his probation and for having two outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.
1356 - Officers contacted Peggy Romero (65) of Dixon in her vehicle in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue in response to a call for service. Officers determined that Peggy was driving on a suspended driver's license and had an open container of alcohol in her vehicle. FST's confirmed she was not DUI. She was cited and released in the field. Her vehicle was towed by Jeff Ramirez Towing.
1506 - Report of a non-injury traffic collision in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
2037 - Traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of West A St. at North Jackson St.
0011 - Felony battery report was taken at Bud's bar. Officers were dispatched to this location on a report of a person who was punched and bleeding from his nose. The victim stated the injuries occurred after he was hit by (S) Anthony Birdwell-Alvarado (30) of Dixon. Birdwell-Alvarado was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

Friday, March 3

1255 - Traffic collision in the area West Broadway Street and South First Street.
1404 - Officers conducted a pedestrian stop in the 700 block of North Almond Street. Matthew Shaw (30) out of Dixon was contacted and found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Shaw was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail.
1506 - Threats report in the 1800 block of Gold Street.
1612 - Officers responded to the 800 block of North Washington Street for a 911 call. Upon arrival, officers contacted Marie Nunez (20) out of Dixon and Arianna Rosas (35) out of Dixon were contacted. Both Nunez and Rosas sustained visible injuries from a physical altercation between each other. Nunez was placed under arrest for battery causing serious injury and Rosas was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. Both Nunez and Rosas were medically cleared before being booked into the Solano County Jail.

Thursday, March 2

0258 - Officers conducted a suspicious vehicle check in the 2600 block of Plaza Court. David Savchin (27) out of Sacramento and Andrey Klimov (34) out of Sacramento were contacted. A search was conducted and both subjects were found to have fentanyl in their possession. Both Savchin and Klimov were placed under arrest for being in possession of a controlled substance. Klimov was booked into the Solano County Jail for the possession and PRC violation. Savchin was cited and released from the scene.
0403 - Officers responded to the 100 block of Heritage Lane for suspicious subjects walking around. David Freeman (34) out of Dixon was contacted and found to have an outstanding warrant for parole violation. Freeman was placed under arrest and booked into the Solano County Jail. 0908 Dewayne Davis of Manteca was contacted near the 2600 block of Plaza Court and found to be a sexual offender who was out of compliance. Davis was booked for failing to register and an outstanding felony arrest warrant out of Manteca PD.
1017 - Counter report made by victim who resides in Dixon. Victim advised an unknown suspect opened a Verizon cellular account via online. Account has since been closed and reported as fraud.
1056 - Found property consisting of two bicycles near the intersection of Fulmor Drive and Weigand Way.
1540 - Stephen Pult-Vega of Fairfield was arrested with the assistance of American Canyon Police Department for an outstanding felony arrest warrant for kidnapping and sexual battery. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail.

Wednesday, March 1

0957 - Report taken related to a welfare check in the 200 block of East Walnut Street.
1249 - Non-injury traffic collision from Parkway Blvd and South 1st Street.
1339 - Telephone report of theft from an unlocked vehicle that occurred in the parking lot in the 700 block of Vaughn Road.

Tuesday, February 28

1047 - Stolen vehicle recovered from the area near South Lincoln Street @ Camelia Drive. The black 2004 Mercedes CLK-500 convertible was reported stolen out of Antioch PD and towed by J. Ramirez.
1558 - Counter report regarding online use and fraud of Victim's account consisting of 4 orders sent to various addresses in Florida. 2023 Information report in the 400 block of North Washington Street.

Monday, February 27

0637 - Vandalism to a vehicle reported in the 500 block of Industrial Way.
0927 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 700 block of North Lincoln Street. 1020 Stolen vehicle in the 2800 block of West A Street resulted in the arrest of Jimmy Kawelmacher (47) of Sacramento for possession of a carjacked vehicle out of Oakland PD. Jimmy went to county jail.
1202 - Information report taken in the 200 block of Sycamore Drive. 1800 Hours- Battery report in the 800 block of Merryfield Drive.
2130 - Hours- Confidential report in the 200 block of East Dorset.

Sunday, February 26

1957 - Hours- Missing Person report in the 400 Block of Ellesmere Drive. Missing Person later located in and returned to family.
2051 - Hours- Theft of recycling can in the 300 Block of Holly Ct. The recycling can was later located and returned to the property owner.
2200 - Hours- Solo vehicle accident in the area of Parkway and Valley Glen Drive.

Saturday, February 25

1102 - Court order violation reported via telephone
1205 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 700 block of Marvin Way.
1940 - Informational report was taken in the 1000 block of N. 1st St.
2300 - Theft report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset.
0137 - D.U.I. arrest report was taken at the intersection of West F St. at Pitt School Rd. Officers arrived and contacted the driver (S) Alexis Castellanos (23) of Dixon and (S) Cesar Inzunza (22) of Dixon. Alexis failed FSTs and was arrested. Inzunza was allowed to leave but returned and interfered with the DUI investigation. Alexis was cited and released to a sober adult. Inzunza was transported to the Solano County Jail.

Friday, February 24

0701 - Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Mayfair Drive regarding a report of a catalytic converter theft. Officers determined that this theft constituted a robbery. The suspects left in a 4 door silver or white Toyota Camry or Corolla. No suspect information or vehicle license plate was obtained. 1253 Officers conducted a stop in the 400 block of East C Street after school officials called dispatch expressing concern of a possible DUI driver. As a result of the stop, officers arrested Joshua Algood (33) of Dixon for misdemeanor DUI. He was transported to the Solano County Jail without incident.
1449 - Officers responded to a traffic collision in the intersection of East B Street and North 2nd Street after two juveniles on a scooter struck a vehicle. One subject was transported to a local hospital as a precaution.
1455 - During a verbal altercation in the 2700 block of Fitzgerald Drive, one subject brandished a firearm which was kept in his vehicle. This is an ongoing investigation.
1746 - Theft report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.
2130 - Confidential report was taken in the 400 block of Ellesmere Dr.
0104 - D.U.I. arrest report was taken in the 8000 block of Pedrick Rd Officers arrived and contacted (S) Makayla Roby (22) of Dixon. Roby was determined to be driving the vehicle while under the influence and was arrested. Roby cited and released.
0303 - D.U.I. arrest report was taken at the same location above. Officers contacted (S) Geovani Pech Burgos (39) of West Sacramento. Burgos showed objective signs of intoxication and was arrested. Burgos was transported to the Solano County Jail.

Visa, Mastercard Pause Implementation of New Code to Track Gun Purchases

By Zachary Stieber, Epoch Times
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Visa and Mastercard confirmed on March 9 that they're pausing the implementation of a new merchant category code (MCC) that will help track cardholders' purchases at gun stores.

The pause stems from legislation advancing in several states that would restrict the use of the new code, and complicate matters, Visa said.

"There is now significant confusion and legal uncertainty in the payments ecosystem, and the state actions disrupt the intent of global standards. Accordingly, Visa is pausing implementation of the MCC," a spokesperson told The Epoch Times via email.

Mastercard said that the bills would cause "inconsistency" in how the code could be used.

"It's for that reason that we have decided to pause work on the implementation of the firearms-specific MCC," a spokesperson said.

Discover, which planned to start the tracking in April, said in an emailed statement that it's removing the new MCC from its next network update planned for April, in order "to continue alignment and interoperability with the industry."

State officials celebrated the development. "This is a clear victory for consumers and Americans' civil liberties," Riley Moore, West Virginia's state treasurer and a Republican, said in a statement. "The implementation of this new merchant category code would have created a backdoor national gun registry that could be used by the radical gun control lobby to undermine Americans' Second Amendment rights."

Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) added, "I've led efforts pushing back on attempts to block legal transactions and tracking gun purchases. Law-abiding gun owners should not be discriminated against."

The companies "shouldn't just 'pause' their implementation of this plan — they should end it definitively," said Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, a Republican.

Code Approved

The code was approved by the International Organization for Standardization in 2022. In addition to Mastercard and Visa, American Express and Discover stated that they would be implementing the code.

A representative for American Express, the

third-largest payments network, didn't immediately comment on March 9.

States have taken action. For example, West Virginia legislators introduced legislation in January that would ban credit card companies from collecting or disclosing data on firearm purchases. Officials in Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas also have crafted bills that would ban or restrict companies from utilizing the code.

A proposal by Mississippi state Rep. Jansen Owen, a Republican, would bar payment-processing companies from "[requiring] the usage of or [assigning] a firearms or ammunition merchant category code to any merchant located in Mississippi that is a seller of firearms or ammunition separately from general merchandise retailers or sporting goods retailers."

The legislation specifically refers to the new code, stating that it's a means "to conduct mass surveillance of constitutionally protected firearms and ammunition purchases."

"The Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act seeks to prevent credit card companies from unfairly and negatively targeting legal gun and ammo purchases," Owen said after the state House of Representatives approved the legislation in February.

Visa had previously said that it would implement the code.

"Visa will proceed with next steps, while ensuring we protect all legal commerce on the Visa network in accordance with our long-standing rules," a spokesperson said in September 2022.

While all the top payment networks had said they would adopt the new code, however only the smallest, Discover, had set a public timetable for April, and said it was only following the lead of others.

Nearly half of the state attorneys general in the country urged the credit card companies not to implement the code, asserting that the information obtained would be misused, whether unintentionally or deliberately.

However, Democrat officials had expressed support for the move, claiming that it would help prevent mass shootings.

"If someone is buying more guns and ammunition than legally allowed, law enforcement needs to know," said Washington, D.C., Attorney General Karl Racine, a Democrat. ★

Reuters contributed to this report.



Our Dickensian Border Policy

"I became, at ten years old, a little labouring hind in the service of Murdstone and Grinby."

Thus relates David Copperfield in the Charles Dickens novel of the same name.

Of course, Dickens was a crusader against the exploitation of children. The edge is taken off the depictions of the heartless treatment of children in his fiction, though, by the funny and memorable portrayals of the malefactors, the upward trajectory of the lives of the likes of David Copperfield and Oliver Twist, and the knowledge that the practices that Dickens inveighed against are a thing of the past in the advanced world.

It takes a heart of stone not to smile at the name of David's cruel stepfather, Edward Murdstone (Mr. Murdstone, to you), or the wine-bottling factory where David unhappily works, Murdstone and Grinby.

The orphan Oliver Twist had a bad time of it in a workhouse in the town of Mudfug. Yet, at least Oliver avoids the dangerous fate of getting apprenticed to the chimney sweep, Mr. Gamfield, and eventually an unexpected inheritance and a happy adoption await him.

This is all relevant today, because, as a big New York Times report highlighted, we have a Dickensian border policy.

The Times details how

so-called unaccompanied minors end up "in some of the most punishing jobs in the country." The Times found: "Twelve-year-old roofers in Florida and Tennessee. Underage slaughterhouse workers in Delaware, Mississippi and North Carolina. Children sawing planks of wood on overnight shifts in South Dakota."

Needless to say, J. Crew and Walmart aren't as charming as Murdstone and Grinby, and favorable plot twists are unlikely to be written into the stories of many of the kids caught up in this child-labor maw. Most important, this isn't happening more than 150 years ago in another country.

The upshot of The Times piece is that we have chosen to import a social problem — as if we didn't have enough already.

The Times reports that the child-labor force has "exploded" since 2021, which, of course, coincides with the advent of Biden's lax border policies. A quarter of a million children have entered the United States over the past two years.

For no good reason, we've made it difficult for ourselves to quickly send home minors coming on their own from noncontiguous countries, and thus we've enabled a market in child smuggling and child labor.

As The Times puts it: "These are not children who have stolen into the country undetected." Caseworkers interviewed by the Times estimate that two-thirds of all unaccompanied minors end up working full-time.

This is bad for the kids, corrupting to the companies that exploit

them, and unhealthy for our society generally.

The Department of Health and Human Services is in charge of sheltering the minors when they arrive, and then monitoring them upon release. It is not doing a good job, but the king's cure would be to have better enforcement at the border and in the interior. That way, children wouldn't be sent alone across the border in the first place, on an arduous journey with perhaps a dangerous factory job in the offing at their ultimate destination. But no one in charge ever seems to think of that.

There are a few other things to be said about all this.

One, it's worth remembering that migrants are supposed to be asylum seekers, fleeing persecution in their home countries; but almost every time the press reports in any detail on the stories of individual migrants, they prove to be economic migrants.

Two, it's hard to believe that the availability of cheap, easily exploited illegal child labor doesn't exert downward pressure on low-skilled wages.

Three, not to sound like a child-welfare nativist, but there are plenty of children already in the United States who desperately need the attention of caseworkers.

Despite The Times story, the insanity that the border will continue, and we can be assured that it's not going to produce any great literature.

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**“WACO” CULT SHOOTOUT ON NETFLIX;
LIFETIME STICKS WITH CRIME**

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

**“WACO: AMERICAN APOCALYPSE”
ON NETFLIX**

Thirty years ago, Federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), along with Texas state law enforcement and the U.S. military, were engaged in a violent standoff with the Branch Davidians cult.

“Waco: American Apocalypse” is the immersive three-part Netflix documentary series that seeks to be the definitive account of what happened in Waco, Texas in 1993 when cult leader David Koresh faced off against the government in a bloody 51-day siege.

The conflict began with the biggest gunfight on American soil since the Civil War and ended with a fiery inferno captured live on national television. In between, it riveted TV viewers across the globe, becoming the biggest news story in the world.

Released to coincide with the 30th anniversary of this national tragedy, the series is directed by acclaimed filmmaker Tiller Russell (“Night Stalker”) and features exclusive access to recently unearthed videotapes filmed inside the FBI Crisis Negotiation Unit.

In addition to the videotapes, the series includes raw news footage never released to the American public and FBI recordings. There is also a look at life for the men, women and children who lived at the compound and had been convinced that the David Koresh was their messiah.

The series is driven by intimate and revealing interviews with people from all sides of the conflict, including one of David Koresh’s spiritual wives, the last child released from the compound alive, and a sniper from the FBI Hostage Rescue Team.

Additional interviews include the FBI Crisis Negotiation Unit Chief, the key journalists covering the story, as well as members of the ATF tactical team who watched their colleagues die in the shootout against members of the religious sect.

Using cutting-edge visual technology, “Waco: American Apocalypse” plunges viewers inside the multifaceted clash between the Branch Davidians and federal law enforcement. The nearly two-month blood gunfight resulted in the deaths of dozens of people, including as many as 28 children.

**LIFETIME CRIME DRAMAS
OFTEN INSPIRED
BY TRUE EVENTS**

The holiday season just a few months ago now seems like a distant memory, and though celebrating Christmas with family and friends is cherished by so many, at least now we get to move away from the cheesy Christmas movies churned out by the Lifetime Channel.

Instead, we are back to the cable network’s obsession, or so it seems, with

crime dramas, many of which are based on true events. These movies might tell the tale of a group of snotty cheerleaders harassing a teacher or recurrent child abduction cases.

Sometimes the Lifetime crime movies involve people who made national headlines. For example, Heidi Fleiss, known as “The Hollywood Madam,” ran a high-class prostitute ring catering to wealthy corporate executives and Arab sheiks, and Lifetime ran with this story.

The current crime dramas may seem more run-of-the-mill. Inspired by actual events, “Girl in the Closet” follows 10-year-old Cameron who was accidentally placed into the custody of her aunt Mia (Tami Roman), a convicted murderer.

This happened after Cameron’s mother Patricia (Remy Ma) suffered an aneurysm. Mia enriches herself with benefit checks and unspeakable atrocities occur at her hands while Patricia pleads for help to find her daughter’s whereabouts for over a decade.

The ugly truth is that Cameron finds herself locked in a closet and near death, with only her faith to see her through. It is another harrowing tale of women who survive horrific circumstances.

In “The Hillsdale Adoption Scam,” Keshia Knight Pulliam stars as Bethany, who along with her husband Terrence, have a thriving business, lots of friends and a beautiful family.

Unable to have more kids, Bethany thinks it is a blessing when Georgia, who is pregnant, shows up on their porch looking for help. Though Terrence is hesitant about Georgia, Bethany dives in headfirst with the idea of adopting the unborn baby.

As the pregnancy progresses, a nagging feeling sets in that things don’t seem right, and the couple begins to discover unsettling things about Georgia and her cunning and unscrupulous motives.

“Twisted Sister” stars Mena Suvari as Emily, who seems to have it all with a beautiful daughter, a successful PR firm, an inheritance from her parents and, after couples therapy, her marriage is back on track with her husband Kyle (Mark Famiglietti).

When Lily (Joy Nash) shows up on her doorstep claiming to be her half-sister, Emily welcomes her with open arms. After all, Emily’s parents passed away and she would love to have another family member around.

But the more Emily gets to know her sister, the more things start to go awry in her life. At a loss to who she can trust, Emily begins to question everyone around her including Lily.

The “twisted” part of the sisterhood is that Lily, unbeknownst to Emily, is jealous of her success and has devised a plan to seduce her husband and steal her life. Though not based on true events, “Twisted Sister” does not seem a completely farfetched scenario. ★

Sound Bath Fundraiser Announced



Lois Pengilly will help participants relax at a “sound bath” fundraising event. Courtesy photo Sound Bath

Sound Bath News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - You’ve heard of mud baths and salt baths and now there are sound baths except with the latter, you’re not actually getting into a tub. Metaphorically speaking, however, you are surrounding yourself with a low, relaxing hum created by a healing practitioner rubbing edges of various sized bowls.

These meditations are touted to help relieve insomnia, decrease depression, relieve anxiety and stress, and more,

according to Lois Pengilly, Sound Bath Healing Practitioner of Dixon. That’s why the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club is doing a unique fundraiser on Sunday, March 26, at two different times. One will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and the second is 4 to 6 p.m.

The experience will happen at Busy Bee Yoga, 175 North First St. in downtown Dixon. Space is limited and tickets are a \$30 donation made payable to DWIC. Call Brown at (916) 601-3371 to purchase one. Funds raised go toward scholarships and community grants. ★

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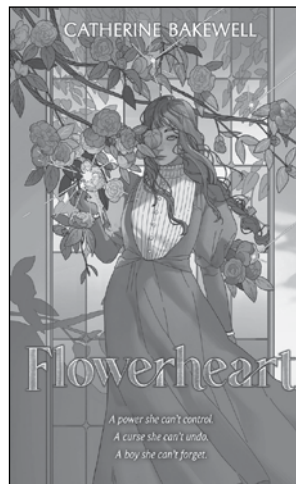
Flowerheart

by Catherine Bakewell

Claire’s magic has always danced on the edge of unruly, like a wildflower. Her magic often did as it pleased, causing flowers to bloom everywhere. Any feeling Claire had instantly sprung up in flowers, often in her hair: pink camellias for lasting affection, white carnations for luck, gladiolas for courage.

Then one day, Claire’s magic leaped uncontrollably from her fingers, causing her dad’s chest to fill and bloom with poisonous flowers. The only cure was a powerful blessing requiring skillful concentration and control, which Claire’s magic didn’t have. Now, the only hope for saving her father was to seek help from her childhood friend and Council member, Xavier. However, great magic comes at a price, and in order for Xavier to be willing to help, Claire must be willing to sacrifice the one thing that makes her who she is, magic. With her father’s life on the line, Claire doesn’t see any other option and quickly strikes a deal.

But all magical trades come at a price, and



- ◆ Publisher: Harper Teen
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- ◆ Rating: ★★★★★
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quickly Claire learns that there is so much more to this promise than meets the eye. Now, thrust into a magical world that she feels unready for; Claire must wade through truth, lies, deceit, and childhood feelings in order to save her father and quite possibly the Queendom as well.

In a story of magic, self-discovery, and a bounty of flowers, *Flowerheart* captures the hearts of readers with its cottage core aesthetic, endearing characters, and wholesome storyline. Catherine Bakewell takes the beauty of flowers and

their meanings and weaves them into a magical tale. Readers will instantly fall for the main character, whose magic is chaotic, wild, and unsure, struggling with an inner monologue that sets in doubt and fear. While she sets on a journey to uncover the truth about the quiet, elusive boy, whose had her heart since they were children.

This book highlights the journey of self-discovery and learning the inner power you possess when you believe in yourself. *Flowerheart* is the perfect coming-of-age read, touching on many valuable life lessons and consequences of actions. The cottage core feel of this story combined with magic and florals also allows this book to be deeply enjoyed with a cup of tea while being read in the garden. The only thing this story is missing is bountiful blooms springing from the pages. Perfectly suited for the younger side of young adult readers, as well as for anyone who wants a quick, charming standalone read just in time for Spring. ★

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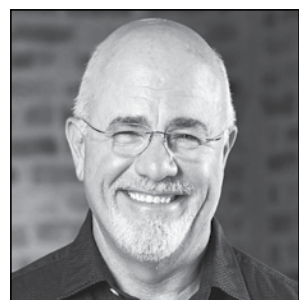
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Sometimes Helping Means More Than Just Giving

Dear Dave,

How do you handle a situation where someone needs financial help, but has mis-spent money you've given them in the past? My wife and I have been trying to help a young man we recently met. He told us he was trying to get his life together after a divorce and job loss, and he just needed a little money for groceries and household items. He has asked us a couple of times since for more money, but we discovered he was buying alcohol with most of the cash we gave him. We learned from friends what he said about losing his job and being divorced was true, but we are unsure what to do next.

- Andrew

Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Andrew,

This young man's problem sounds as much like a mismanagement of money as it is a lack of money. He seems to have an issue with lying, and possibly an addiction problem, too.

I've never been against helping people who have good hearts and just need a break. But if someone is bold enough to ask for your money, you have every right to attach requirements to the help you give—especially when it's for their own good. If he really needs food or household things, you can just buy them for him. At least that way, you'd know you were providing necessities.

But in many cases, truly helping someone is a lot more work than just giving them money. Sometimes, you have to get down in their mess, get real with them and walk with them. If you haven't been put off by what has already happened, and you still really want to help, I'd suggest getting to know

this young man and his situation a little better. Be straight with him, and let him know you've learned he hasn't been honest with you in the past. Hopefully, as a result he'll apologize and start making better choices. If he does, you might even offer to arrange for him to talk to a good pastor or counselor.

This whole situation is much bigger than helping someone with a little cash. This guy needs someone who cares enough to help him get his life back together.

- 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. ★



State Finds Six Groundwater Basins Out of Compliance for Sustainability

California water officials have delivered a mixed report card on local plans to curb overpumping of groundwater to protect the state's aquifers. State law requires plans for bringing groundwater supplies into balance within 20 years. The California Department of Water Resources recommended six San Joaquin Valley sustainability plans for approval but rejected six others as inadequate. An inadequate determination triggers a state intervention process, which authorizes the California State Water Resources Control Board to step in and manage the basin.

Water Officials: Challenges Persist Despite Storms, Heavy Snowfall

As still more storms dumped new snow onto California's burgeoning snowpack, water managers, farmers and environmentalists gathered in Sacramento last week to discuss long-term challenges to secure a more certain water future. Various speakers called for partnerships among different water interests in the quest for statewide solutions. Karla Nemeth, director of the California Department of Water Resources, said the state's water supply is much improved. But she said California's "hotter, drier new normal" requires new thinking in water management.

California Pistachio Growers Eye Record Crop

These are bullish times for California pistachio growers. With more pistachio trees coming online this year, growers appear on pace to produce a record crop that could top 1.2 billion pounds, according to American Pistachio Growers. That would top 2021's record crop of more than 1.15 billion pounds. At the trade group's recent conference in Carlsbad, American Pistachio Growers President Richard Matoian also said port congestion that stranded or delayed nut exports during the pandemic has largely been resolved.

New Fertilizer Management Rules Begin for Central Coast Growers

New fertilizer management rules took effect this month for vegetable growers in California's Central Coast region. Beginning March 1, growers must record and report fertilizer applications under rules imposed by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. The regulations will initially allow growers to apply up to 500 pounds of nitrogen per acre above what is removed with the crop. The rules will grow steadily stricter until 2051, when the standard tightens to a maximum of 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre. ★

Opposition Mounts To Corporation-Backed Ballot Measure Threatening Voter Rights

Special release from League of California Cities

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California State Association of Counties and more than 80 local governments, including individual cities and special districts, have joined a coalition of local government associations, public safety officials, infrastructure advocates, labor unions, and community leaders in overwhelming opposition to the deceptively named "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act." Developers, mega-landlords, and other corporate interests are channeling millions of dollars in contributions to support the misleading measure. Proponents are currently gathering signatures for the November 2022 ballot.

"This deceptive initiative would undermine the rights of local voters and their elected officials to make decisions on critical local services that residents rely upon," said Graham Knaus, Executive Director, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), which is the latest local government association to oppose the measure. CSAC represents all 58 of California's counties. "It creates major new tax loopholes at the expense of residents and will weaken our local services and communities."

CSAC joins the League of California Cities, California Professional Firefighters, California Alliance for Jobs, Rebuild SoCal Partnership, SEIU California, AFSCME California, California State Council of Laborers, the California Special Districts Association, California Contract Cities Association, and more than 80 individual local governments in opposing the measure. A complete list of local governments and special districts that have adopted positions to oppose the initiative is included below.

"This far-reaching initiative would retroactively cancel measures that were already passed by local voters—effectively undermining their rights to decide what their communities need," said Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director and CEO, League of California Cities. "In many cases, this will result in devastating cuts to critical services like fire and emergency response, law enforcement, parks, libraries, and resources to support unhoused residents."

A growing coalition of local governments, local government associations, labor and public safety leaders, and infrastructure advocates opposes this measure. The measure undermines voter rights, transparency, and accountability. The measure would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures, where voters provide direction to politicians on how they want their local tax dollars spent. It changes our constitution to make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and local infrastructure. It also includes a

hidden provision that would retroactively cancel measures that were passed by local voters — effectively undermining the rights of voters to decide for themselves what their communities need.

The measure gives wealthy corporations a major loophole to avoid paying their fair share, forcing residents and taxpayers to pay more. The measure creates new constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, including local infrastructure, our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources, shifting the burden and making individual taxpayers pay more.

The measure allows corporations to dodge enforcement when they violate environmental, health, public safety, and other laws.

The deceptive scheme also creates new loopholes that makes it much more difficult for state and local regulators to issue fines and levies on corporations that violate laws intended to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods.

The measure jeopardizes vital local and state services. This far-reaching measure puts at risk billions of dollars currently dedicated to critical state and local services. It could force cuts to public schools, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more. It would also reduce funding for critical infrastructure like streets and roads, public transportation, drinking water, new schools, sanitation, utilities, and more.

The measure opens the door for frivolous lawsuits, bureaucracy, and red tape that will cost taxpayers millions, while significantly delaying and stopping investments in infrastructure and vital services.

More than 80 cities and the association representing California counties join Cal Cities; public safety, labor, and infrastructure advocates; and a growing number of special districts in a fight against the California Business Roundtable initiative that would give corporations major new loopholes to avoid paying their fair share.

Local governments, special districts, local government associations, labor and public safety leaders, and infrastructure advocates opposed to the CBRT measure include; League of California Cities, California Professional Firefighters, California Alliance for Jobs, Rebuild SoCal Partnership, SEIU California, AFSCME California, California State Council of Laborers, California State Association of Counties, California Special Districts Association, California Contract Cities Association. ★



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAURIE ANN AVIST-WOLF AKA LAURIE A. AVIST-WOLF, LAURIE A. HULL
CASE NO. P051865

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Laurie Ann Avist-Wolf, aka Laurie A. Avist-Wolf, Laurie Ann Avist, Laurie A. Avist, Laurie A. Hull, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jennifer Morgan, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Jennifer Morgan be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 22; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Elton R. Garner, Garner & Associates LLP, 109 N. Marshall Avenue, Willows, CA 95988; 530/934-3324
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids for the supply of Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Dixon between July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with an option to extend the contract for up to three (3) additional years. Bids will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk, 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2023. Specifications and bid forms for submission may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, and each bid must be submitted only upon that form. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid or in the bidding.

Bids will be received and processed in accordance with Chapter 5.02, Purchases and Contracts – Supplies and Nonprofessional Services of Title 5, Contracts, of the Dixon Municipal Code.

Each bid submitted to the City Clerk must be clearly marked on the envelope as follows:

“BID FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL”

Please submit any questions about this bid in writing by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023 to the Office of that City Clerk at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620 or electronically at LRuiz@cityofdixon.us. The City cannot guarantee that it will be able to respond to all inquiries.

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CLG NEWS UPDATES

Provided by Citizens for Legitimate Government (CLG) See legitgov.org

Former CDC Director Slams Gain-of-function Research: ‘Probably Caused the Greatest Pandemic’ in History – ‘I think it probably caused the Greatest Pandemic our World has Seen,’ Redfield said.

8 March 2023 | Former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) director Robert Redfield, a virologist, slammed gain-of-function research as not worth the risk during the House's hearing on the origins of COVID-19. Redfield appeared in a Wednesday panel in front of the House COVID origins select committee, where he blasted the controversial research method... “No, on the contrary, I think it probably caused the greatest pandemic our world has seen,” Redfield told committee chairman Brad Wenstrup, R-Ohio, who asked if gain-of-function research has ever stopped a pandemic... The former CDC director also said that he “absolutely” believes the Wuhan Institute of Virology was engaging in gain-of-function research. Redfield also said during the hearing that he told former National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci in 2020 that he did not believe natural spillover – the virus traveling from animals or plants to humans – was “scientifically plausible” with the origins of COVID-19 and was excommunicated from talks on the virus.

Former NIH Director Francis Collins Emails Reveal British Physicians and Scientists Group Recommended Ivermectin for Prevention and Treatment of COVID-19 - Judicial Watch

6 March 2023 | Judicial Watch announced today that it received 254 pages of records from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) this included emails of then-Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Francis Collins regarding a British group's recommendations on the use of Ivermectin to prevent and treat COVID-19. Judicial Watch obtained the records as the result of an August 2021 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit for Collins' emails filed after the HHS failed to respond to a June 8, 2021, FOIA request (Judicial Watch v U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (No. 1:21-cv-02302)). In February 2021, a leading British physician and World Council for Health co-founder Dr. Tess Lawrie, who is director and founder of a doctors' organization called the British Ivermectin Recommendation Development Group (BIRD), emailed 31 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials, including the Director of the Office of New Drugs in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Peter Stein; Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Director Peter Marks; and then-Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock; and copying several leading foreign medical figures, with an email titled “URGENT: The BIRD meeting and recommendation on covid-19 prevention and treatment.”

Mother Sues D.C. Doctor Who Gave Kids COVID Vaccines Without Consent

6 March 2023 | The mother of two children who were given COVID-19 vaccines without the mother's consent is suing the doctor who administered the vaccines. An attorney representing NaTonya McNeil last week filed a lawsuit in Superior Court for the District of Columbia against Janine A. Rethy, M.D., M.P.H. According to the complaint, on Sept. 2, 2022, McNeil took her two older children, ages 15 and 17, to the KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic/Ronald McDonald Care Mobile clinic, operated by Georgetown Hospital, to complete their required annual physical exam for the 2022-2023 school year. The lawsuit alleges Rethy, director of the mobile clinic, held the children in the examination room longer than necessary for a regular check-up and vaccinated them against COVID-19 over their objections and without consulting their mother... Both children were upset and angry they had been coerced into vaccination, the complaint says.

Democratic-Backed Bill would force parents take Vaccine Education Course before opting out of School Mandates

9 March 2023 | Pennsylvania Democrats are facing backlash after proposing a bill that would require parents seeking a school vaccine exemption to complete an approved vaccine education course first. If passed, Senate Bill 390 would mandate parents seeking vaccine mandate exemptions for their children on religious or moral grounds to review "scientifically accepted information prescribed by the Department of Health on the benefits and risks of immunization" and submit a form certified by a medical professional... Keystone mom Megan Brock argued the change in policy is an "attack" on both parental rights and the critical First Amendment right the U.S. was founded upon - freedom of religion.

Biden Regime Retaliates Against Elon Musk, Demands He ‘Identify All Journalists’ Given Access to Twitter Files

7 March 2023 | In a major attack on the First Amendment, the Biden regime is now demanding Elon Musk explain why he gave journalists access to the “Twitter Files.” Biden's FTC retaliated against Elon Musk and demanded he provide the names of the journalists and other documents protected by the First Amendment. The FTC wants to put Elon Musk under oath. The Wall Street Journal reported: “The Federal Trade Commission has demanded Twitter Inc. turn over internal communications related to owner Elon Musk, as well as detailed information about layoffs—citing concerns that staff reductions could compromise the company's ability to protect users, documents viewed by the Wall Street Journal show. In 12 letters sent to Twitter and its lawyers since Mr. Musk's Oct. 27 takeover, the FTC also asked the company to 'identify all journalists' granted access to company records and to provide information about the launch of the revamped Twitter Blue subscription service, the documents show.”

Jan. 6 Footage Shows Capitol cops Escorting ‘QAnon Shaman’ to Senate Floor

6 March 2023 | Newly revealed surveillance footage from Jan. 6, 2021, shows two Capitol Police officers escorting Jacob Chansley, the behorned so-called “QAnon Shaman” who has come to symbolize the riot, through the halls of the Capitol and to the very door of the US Senate. The footage aired on Tucker Carlson's Fox News show Monday night shows the officers closely following Chansley as he wanders the corridors of the Capitol, bare-chested and wearing face paint and a luxuriant fur hat with Viking horns. “Virtually every moment of his time inside the Capitol was caught on tape,” says Carlson, who was granted exclusive access by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to 40,000 hours of surveillance footage from that day inside and around the Capitol, which has never been seen before by the public. “The tapes show the Capitol Police never stopped Jacob Chansley. They helped him. They acted as his tour guides.”

Washington State AG wants to Criminalize Speech by Barring any Dissent Against Vaccine Mandates, Election Outcomes

8 March 2023 | Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson (D) is being accused of devising an illegal and alarming scheme to redefine domestic terrorism that targets speech and could lead to the arrest or involuntary commitment of conservatives for expressing objection mainstream positions. Ferguson has taken the position that certain conservative viewpoints, or any information it deems as “misinformation,” constitute examples of “domestic extremism.” Furthermore, Ferguson has expressed a desire to establish a Washington-based equivalent of the Ministry of Truth, which would finance journalists to promote his political agenda, according to KTHH talk host Jason Rantz. “HB 1333 would create a left-wing Domestic Violent Extremism Commission in the AG's office. The members are asked to recommend legislative ‘solutions to combat dis-information and misinformation, address early signs of radicalization, and develop a public health-style response.’ But this isn't a ‘public health’ issue, or it would be housed in the Department of Health. It's intended to legally penalize, or legally commit, political adversaries.”

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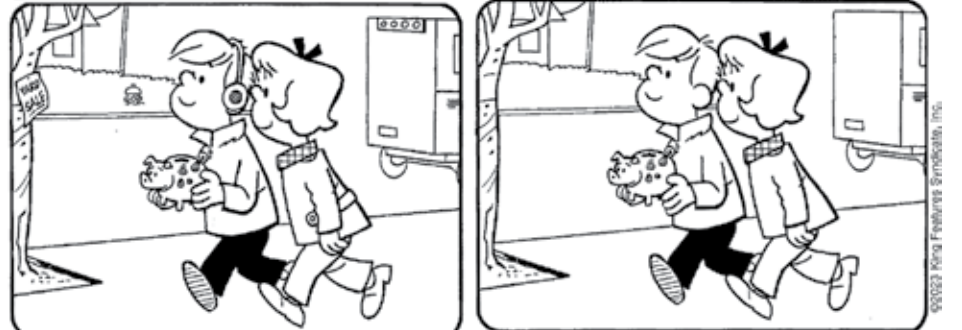
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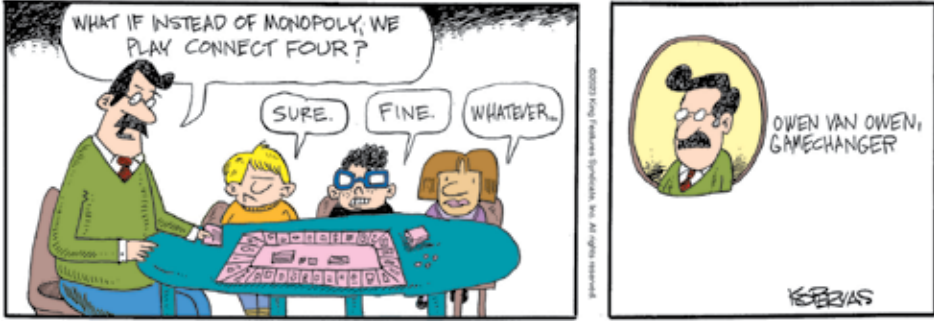
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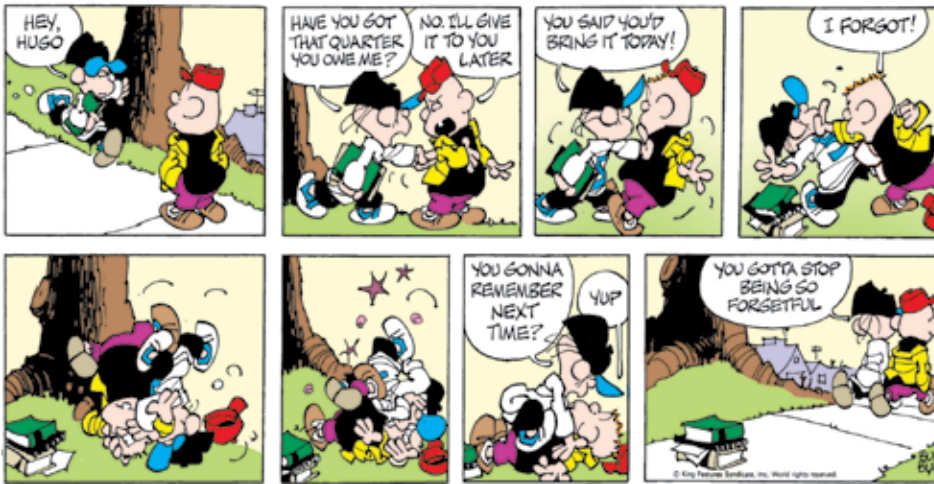
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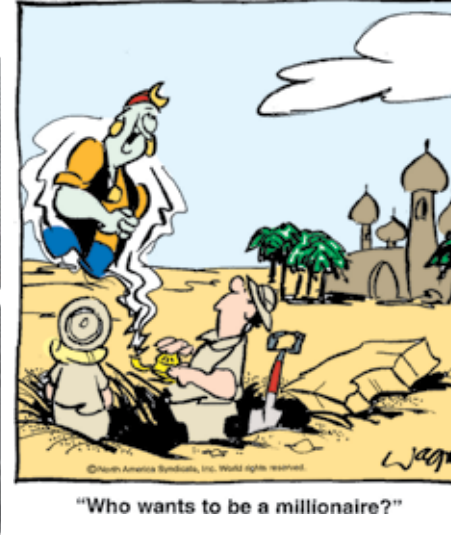
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Council Hears Stop Signs, Budget, and Water Rate Info



The Intersection of 4th and A Streets have been a focus of concern for students, parents, cars, and neighbors for years but this intersection as well as four nearby ones will be getting stop signs soon.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Two different locations for new stop signs with one of them at John Knight Middle School, just can't get here fast enough for Dane Besneatte, a former City Councilman who raged at last week's City Council meeting for the second time.

Besneatte, who lives nearly across from JKMS on A St., said his neighbor "almost got run over" four years ago when he and other neighbors pushed for a stop sign at the corner of A and Fourth St. and then with the opening of the JKMS there have been numerous near misses, he said.

"What progress has been made?" he asked. He pointed out the numerous schools in that area now - Anderson Elementary, Valley of the Sacred Heart Catholic School, JKMS and now Neighborhood Christian School - "should not require four years of waiting" and "shouldn't cost \$20,000."

He was also upset that the Council had already approved the 4-way, stop sign-controlled intersection of North Lincoln and Regency Parkway

which, according to the City report, is on a 'route to school' for Gretchen Higgins Elementary which is about four blocks away yet the intersection on A was literally at the school site.

"At the last meeting, there was a very, very thorough explanation given by staff on exactly where they were at on the funding and exactly where they were at with what steps they were in and that they were almost through it. It's recorded and you can watch it. It was a very good explanation...and it's in process," Dist. 3 Council Rep Kevin Johnson responded.

That very thorough and detailed explanation given on February 21 in Item 10.1 was first presented by Jordan Sants Junior Engineer and was followed by Deborah Barr P.E., City Engineer/Director of Utilities at the end while fielding questions from the Councilmen about priority. The City is "90-percent" through that process from different funding and that involved an additional four sites around the middle school, she explained.

The Council also received the second quarter

Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget projections and financial results from City Finance Director Kate Zawadzki. They saw sewer fund revenues increase and some savings from positions that have not been filled, but currently the projected expenses are \$1.9 million, she reported, "but hope to reduce that with budget reductions" and sales tax revenues are rising.

"We will continue to monitor revenue and expenses and return with 3rd quarter reports," she said. "The projections are reasonably conservative. You are going to see those numbers move." The Council approved the recommended budget adjustments 5-0 and in May, the 2023-2024 will be presented.

The last item under new business was the Water Rate Committee that Co-Chairs Dist. 1 Council Rep Thom Bogue and Dist. 3 Council Rep Kevin Johnson will lead. Each Councilman will choose an applicant to be on the committee of seven.

"This is not going to be a committee of seven, at least I hope it's not," said Johnson who expressed the need for it to be a "committee of all people who want to participate." He emphasized that people should be part of the process if they want to be.

The deadline to submit an application for the Water Rate Citizen Advisory Ad Hoc Committee is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023.

Applications are available online (<https://twistcms-shared.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/104/media/30216.pdf>), and at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a joint session with the Council and the Planning Commission on March 20 when the citizens will be appointed. ★

The Ramtown Roundup



Some of the athletes pose with their ribbons at the recent Crum Invitational held at Dixon High School. Courtesy photo

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Crump Invitational, a Track and Field event, was a first at Dixon High School and was a success despite the weather. Tom Crumpacker coached 45 years in many schools in Northern California including 31 years for Dixon High School. During his tenure here, he also served as Athletics Director for nine years and he coached football, basketball, cross country, and Track and Field.

During his tenure as Head Coach or Co-Head Coach, his teams won an amazing 10 Section Championships (six Cross Country and four Track and Field.) 38 League Championships (21 in Cross Country and 14 in Track and three in football.

He taught his athletes that success was not solely on win/loss records but that the person left the sport with more knowledge than when they started, that the athlete displayed respect for the sport and their fellow competitors and as the season progressed, each team would grow with a sense of family. Crumpacker stressed that a positive educational style of coaching be used with all teams, and he encouraged youth to give back to the Dixon community.

There are countless athletes I coached who went on to play college sports and some who went into coaching - some chose to work and also coach," said Crumpacker.

He credited his accomplishments to his exceptional assistant coaches who led the charge over the years and certainly to his wife and family, he said.

All of the current Dixon Track and Field coaches have competed at university level so have a wealth of training to provide for Dixon High School athletes. After Crumpacker retired, Co-Head coaches

are Tony Potier and Nate Pederson with Assistants Justin Kelso and Andy Bloom.

"We are always there for the kids," said Potier who is in his 13th year coaching at Dixon High.

His family moved to Dixon while the ever-dedicated Crumpacker was coach. He remembered when he got started that there were only 19 students, but they went over 100 the second year.

"Now, we're at about 80 and their talent is unbelievable," he enthused. "We're very excited. They were several committed to practicing over the summer because they believe in the program."

In regard to the Crump Invitational, Potier reported that it was a success and now that they know how to do one, there will be another, he said with a laugh.

"Our supporters were amazing, and I can't say enough thanks to Tully Consulting, Grocery Outlet and Dawson's."

Dixon Dolphins

Summer swim registration is now open for both new & returning swimmers. Sign-up today at www.dixondolphins.org. Coaches will hold assessments for new swimmers on Monday, April 10. The first night of practice will be on Tuesday, April 11.

Lifeguard Course

The City of Dixon is holding a Lifeguard Certification Course beginning in March with session 2 during spring break and session 3 in April. The cost is \$230 and there are scholarships available for those who qualify. Times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and you have to be at least 15 years old. Upon successful completion of course requirements, participants will receive a 2-year certification in Lifeguarding, CPR, AED and Title 22 First Aid. For more information call (707) 678-7000, ext. 5422 or email kschnitter@cityofdixon.us. ★

Prom Around the Corner

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they do not miss important information and opportunities. Also, students have the opportunity to apply for local Community Scholarships beginning this week. These local, generous gifts will be celebrated at our Senior Awards Night on May 15.

DATES

Some traditional senior celebrations and activities for families we look

forward to every year and can't wait to honor your students:

- 1) Our athletic teams celebrate senior athletes at their last home contests.
- 2) Award Ceremonies and Senior Nights (beyond athletics) begin in May.
- 3) Paint the Town Green and other events will take place in May as well.
4. Class 2023 Graduation ceremony is Saturday, June 3, at 9 a.m. in the stadium.

4) Don't forget to complete your senior's FAFSA - a significantly "unfun" but very important task. Beginning this year, every senior in California must complete their FAFSA to earn a diploma so we really recommend you get this done soon. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our counselors for support if needed. To start, go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. ★

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