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Honoring the 'Unknown'

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - This coming Monday, May 30, is far more than an extra day for boating at Lake Berryessa; it is a day that all Americans can show honor for those who served in the military and who have died. In Dixon, formal Memorial Day services will begin at 11 am with a solemn but brief ceremony at the Silveyville Cemetery 'Tomb of the Unknown' and the public is invited. There, veterans will expend a 21-gun salute and after that the group will move to the flagpole where they will 'raise the colors' while a lone trumpeter plays TAPS, and a message is given by Mayor Steve Bird.

Citizens will note the large number of flags at the gravesites of veterans that have been placed as part of a long tradition by the Cub Scouts of Pack 253, Golden Empire Council.

There are 750 veterans including 16 at Tremont and maybe some out at Binghampton Cemetery, according to Silveyville Cemetery staff. The one gravesite headstone marked 'Tomb of the Unknown' is dedicated to deceased U.S. service members whose remains have not been identified. Flags will be placed on all of them. The Silveyville Cemetery is at 800 South First Street, across from the Dixon May Fair.

The ceremony will then move and continue at 11:30 AM to the Dixon Women's Improvement



Veteran and long-time Dixonite Oakley Dexter reflects during a previous Memorial Day Service at the Women's Improvement Club Park. Photo by Debra Dingman

Club Park at the corner of North First and C Streets. There is a large, engraved marker and flags for the local Unknown Soldiers who were KIAs (Killed in Action.) It reads, "In memory of those who answered the call to arms and made the supreme sacrifice for their country and for freedom."

From World War I, there

were Clarence Frese and Henry Misfeldt. From World War II, Dixon lost William Barnard, Joseph Bello, Leroy Cagle, Paul Doyle, Ellwood Norton, Keith Revelle, Sr., Lester Rohwer and Gilbert Smith. In the Korean War, Wyatt Duncan, Orlin Toohey, and Burton McNaughton died. In the Vietnam War, deaths included Gerald

Ackley, Robert Folsom, and Timothy Tipton. Most recently and in the Iraq War was Shawn G. Adams.

Mayor Bird will also address the audience there. After those services, people are invited at noon to the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street, for some light refreshments. ★

Learn How to Find Your Ancestors, Family History

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - A special "Coffee Hour" by Dixon Historical Society member Denise McBride will help people find their ancestors on Wednesday, June 1, from 3-5 P.M. at the Dixon History Museum, located at 125 West A Street in downtown Dixon.

The presentation will expose individuals to the free FamilySearch website and app by an experienced Docent and Membership Committee volunteer. Within the website and app, a family tree can be created and viewed. Participants can search individuals, search and access historical records, and view contributions made by others. Participants are asked to bring their electronic devices and Wi-Fi will be provided for participation.

"In 2019, I discovered the FamilySearch website and app after I had been researching on Pinterest and discovered the free genealogical search site," McBride said. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides FamilySearch free of charge to everyone and their resources help millions of people around the world discover their heritage and connect with family members.

FamilySearch is dedicated to preserving important family records and making them freely accessible online. It is worldwide and has involved collaborations with more than 10,000 archives and partners in over 100 counties, according to the website.

"They also track an individual's contributions," she said. "I have added 3,643 individuals over three years and during my overall participation of accessing FamilySearch, I have added 964 pictures."

Here is an example of McBride's contributions:

"My 3 great-grandfather, William Johnson was born April 6, 1827, in Halam, Nottinghamshire, England. William Johnson married Sarah Weldon on April 23, 1843, at the age of 16. Sarah Weldon was born in Southwell, Nottingham, England on 1823 and died February 19, 1887. William and Sarah had a total of thirteen children all born in England. William immigrated in 1867, age of 40. William Johnson built the Place Hotel in Dixon, CA in 1876 on the corner of First and B Street. After the death of William's first wife, he married Sophia Grundel August 15, 1887, in Solano, Dixon, CA at the age of sixty. Due to William's second wife's

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Scholarships Bolster 2022 Grads



Winners of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club scholarships of \$1,000 each were Madison West, Dana Ramos Mendoza, Donald Bingaman, Elizabeth (Libby) Mustard and are congratulated by President Jewel Fink. Kylie Jo Garcia, far right, received the STEM scholarship of \$1,400 established in honor of Shirley Humphries, a long-time DWIC member who was well-known for serving the Dixon community. Photo by Debra Dingman

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - Forty-one different clubs, organizations, businesses, and individuals

came together to award thousands of dollars to college-bound graduates this past week. The Dixon High School Community Scholarships Ceremony

was emceed by Dixon High students, Lucas De Dora and MacKenzie West, in a packed school theater filled with students and their supportive

friends and families.

But, students were not the only ones being rewarded. Parents of students who passed albeit

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Life's too SHORT

Drama Club Students Stand Up

By Debra Dingman

A large group of girls from the Dixon High School Drama Club filled the City Council Chambers last week for the Dixon Unified School District Board of Trustees Meeting.

I walked through them chatting and laughing outside the hall and noted a variety of clothing, various colors and styles of hair, and assorted sizes from tall to small. When they came inside, it was right on time, and they sat quietly in the chairs. I was impressed.

Soda Hackworth, 15, was the first to speak, introducing herself from the Drama Club and spent a few minutes clearly and precisely explaining that she was upset that their last production, a musical Legally Blonde, was cancelled just four hours before the show went on.

"I have been practicing from two times a week to every day and felt it was all for waste," she said. "We didn't have the budget to begin with and had worked so hard. All this talk about mental health and yet you caused so much difficulty. If you would have just talked to us before about what we needed instead of just walking in cancelling the show." She lamented about how there had been a lot of happiness from the students to finally get to put a show on

again and had numerous rehearsals that required special arrangements with their families.

"How long did it take for someone to make this decision?" she finalized.

Crowe Connolly, 15, read a letter: "There was no warning. No discussion." She talked of it being disrespectful and that it had taken time to build trust in the schools after COVID and the uncertainties that brought. "We have lost all trust in the schools all over again," she said.

Aurora Spaulding, 16, talked about her responsibilities to care for three other siblings and juggle time for rehearsals, memorizing her lines, and learning choreography with songs.

"My heart shattered," she said. "I had finally found something I enjoyed."

Delilah Bird, 14, runs the sound operations and said she was stressed out because a production like theirs really takes four people doing the work.

"I thought it would be worth it because it would be a really great show. In an instant, it was all gone. I felt a sense of abandonment and that it was all worthless," she said. The students said they were putting on their costumes and setting up the ticket booth when they were told that the show could not go on and they all wanted to

know "Who made the big decision?"

I could see Brian Dolan, our DUSD Superintendent head lower and anyone could tell he felt really bad. First, he answered that he made the decision. He explained that he was in Drama in high school as well and had been in five productions--two of them musicals--and knew exactly what goes on to prepare for a school production.

"The [COVID] situation was brought to my attention, and I sat in the office knowing all that was involved--especially musicals. I'm really sorry," he said genuinely. "Your mental health is a deep concern, and I would have felt exactly like you," he added then expressed that he was appreciative of them coming to speak." The room was silent, and I felt really bad, too. But I was so impressed with these young women and felt they are certainly ready to be adults. They didn't call names; they didn't say things angrily. They stayed true to their feelings and represented themselves well. I don't even know them, but I felt proud of them.

"I hope you'll continue to use your voices for yourselves and your friends," Dolan said. This past Saturday, the production went on and there were many great reviews on social media. ★

Dixon News Briefs



The Friendly Book Worm, which is located next to the Public Library on the corner of North First and B Streets, kept busy throughout their Saturday Bag Sale with numerous customers loading up on their favorite reads or grabbing great children's books for favorite little people. Photo by Debra Dingman

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Week Off

There will be no City meeting this coming Tuesday, May 31-- at least not by press time. It is the 5th Tuesday of the month so none are on the regular schedule.

Water Restrictions

Cal Water requested from the Public Utilities Commission in May to put in place Stage 2 water use restrictions due to the continuing drought for the counties of Antelope Valley, King City, Salinas, Dixon, and Selma.

Summary of Stage 2 limitations include Stage 1 Irrigating ornamental landscape with potable water is prohibited during the hours between 8 am and 6 pm.

In Stage 2, the restriction is more stringent stating, "Irrigating ornamental landscapes with potable water is limited to no more than three (3) days per week" as well as prohibited during the hours of 8 am and 6 pm.

The irrigation day restrictions are based on street address number where odd street addresses can water on Tuesday and Saturday and where even and no street addresses can water on Wednesday and Sunday.

In addition, this stage states that "new connections may not install single-pass cooling systems for air conditioning or other cooling system applications unless required for health or safety reasons [nor ...] install non-recirculating systems for conveyor car wash applications.

Please join Cal Water for a virtual public meeting to be held at www.calwater.com/stage2 on June 1, 2022, at 7 pm.

City Advisors

Are you new to Dixon and want to get involved? Maybe you're now retired and have lots of wisdom to offer? Here's some opportunities! The City of Dixon is currently accepting applications for four vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission each having 2-year terms.

The Parks and Rec Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers, 600 East A Street. There is a small stipend of \$75 for these positions. They discuss city needs in relation to park facilities, activities, and recreation.

Interested Dixon residents may obtain an application at City Hall, 600 East A Street, by calling 678-7000, or by visiting the City's website at www.cityofdixon.us/departments/CityClerk. The deadline for filing applications is Friday, June 3, 2022 at 5 pm.

Swim Lessons

The City will be offering summer swim lessons beginning June 6, with four sessions offered for a variety of skill levels. Each session is two weeks long and costs \$80 for local residents. Sign up by visiting apm.activecommunities.com/cityofdixon/Home or if you have questions, you can email Austin George at ageorge@cityofdixon.us or call him at (707) 678-7441.

Lessons take place at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center in Dixon's Hall Park.

Lifeguard Jobs

The City of Dixon is still seeking to hire Lifeguards and Swim Instructors. Are you a certified Lifeguard with current CPR & Title 22 Certification? If so, apply today at <https://www.calopps.org/city-of-dixon> Not certified but still interested? Call (707) 678-7441. ★

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Learn How to Find Your Ancestors, Family History



Dixon Museum volunteer Denise McBride will give advice on searching for ancestors at the first of monthly coffee hours on Wednesday, June 1. Photo by Debra Dingman

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death, William married his third wife Martha A Tyler. William's obituary in the Dixon Tribune newspaper read: "On Sunday, April 16, William Johnson passed away, and he was buried in the Dixon Cemetery on Tuesday. Mr. Johnson was born in Northumberland shire, England, and came to this country when he was a young man with his family and located in San Francisco. After two years he bought a ranch in Maine Prairie, and moved south of town, on which he lived nearly forty years. Through his honest and straightforward life, the deceased made many friends. He has been married three times;

all his wives having passed before him. His death occurred on the anniversary of his first wedding day. The three remaining are Mrs. William Troxel of Dixon, Mrs. Hughes of Willows, Sam Johnson of San Jose, George of Rio Vista, and Arthur Johnson of Dixon. The pall bearers at the funeral were six grandsons. Mr. Johnson was 84 years and 16 days."

Participants are asked to please bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Coffee, bottled water, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information email info@dixonhistoricalsociety.org or call (707) 693-3044. Join McBride for this presentation and find your ancestors. ★

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Council Receives Police Annual Report; Landscape Discussed

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A formal presentation from Police Chief Robert Thompson, who is now in his fifth year at the helm, began the May 17 City Council Meeting with the 2021 annual police report.

"The biggest impetus in the department is to combat familial violence," he said, explaining that there was a significant drop in crimes against families, down 84 percent.

Another significant change was the increase by 800 percent of Disorderly Conduct where he surmised those numbers show potential effects of Covid, he said. These numbers in Dixon mean the difference from three incidents in 2020 to 27 in 2021.

There was also the increase of 250 percent in weapon possession, from 10 to 35, and 300 percent of stolen property from 9 to 36. Thompson mentioned the additional homes and development. He felt the numbers could be significantly negative but aren't.

"That is because it is part of our town's culture to respect the police and fire departments in return," he said. The official report was dedicated "in loving memory" to Lt. Mike Tegeler who passed unexpectedly this past year.

Under new business, Public Works Director Louren Kotow presented an Engineer's Report for the Dixon Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District for 2022/23 asking to declare an intent to levy and collect assessments and it passed 5-0.

This subject is in regard to the fact that only one area of town—the residents of Valley Glen subdivision—have a built-in "escalator" that allows the city to increase assessments on homeowners to pay for lights, landscape, and maintenance. Other areas of Dixon do not have "escalators" therefore have not increased in a decade or more, and that is why the city says they do not have enough money to pay for maintaining landscaping in the street mediums and other public areas. This is causing the streets that most Dixonites drive on to look unbecoming with overgrown and/or dying plants and trees.

If one inspects the maps, one can see that the bulk of Dixon residents are not in a LLMD area and therefore pay nothing toward landscaping. But in a previous meeting with much discussion from the councilmen and the public, the Council chose not to make any changes. At this meeting, Dist. 2 Representative Kevin Johnson, who expressed frustration, asked Kotow to prepare a figure for the next meeting on July 19.

"If there was a contribution from every parcel throughout the city, what would that number be?" Also at the previous City Council Meeting, it was a 4-1 vote (Dist. 1 Rep Scott Pederson dissenting) to spend \$64,000 for a one-time payment for landscaping around town. At that time, Johnson also felt it was "throwing money out the window as in three weeks, it would be needing another clean-up." At this meeting, however, both Mayor Steve Bird and Representative Johnson wanted to know if all residents shared these expenses, if the impact would be minimal to each parcel.

"We're all curious about that," Bird said. There will be a public hearing on this on July 19, where the City can receive comments and can order the levy of assessments.

In another item, the City declared an intent to levy via a 5-0 vote. They will move forward with a planned public hearing with regard to the collection of past due accounts for Recology services. There are 300 customers who are behind in their payments that total about \$75,000. Recology will send out letters and make phone calls to attempt to collect on the past due accounts but at the July 19 public hearing (at City Council) the uncollected amounts will become liens on properties.

The Council was in agreement to solicit the community's input to determine a name for the Pardi Plaza at the corner of East A and South First Streets and a process is to be created by Madeline Henry, the City's Public Information Officer. Public ideas will be accepted until July 31. Staff is working with the Dixon Historical Museum for selecting photos on 1-foot squares behind the stage. ★

Scholarships Bolster 2022 Grads



The Dixon High School Performing Arts Center was packed at last week's Scholarship Ceremony. Photo by Debra Dingman

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in tragic accidents or illness, as well as family members of deceased teachers or deceased members of the community were there to memorialize their beloved ones through this act of benevolence.

Jake and Molly McNeil were the first to honor their son, Murphy, who was barely a teen when he died in Dixon. Their \$1,000 memorial scholarship went to Connor Brown who plans to attend Universal Technical Institute in the Fall and plans to become a diesel mechanic.

Colleen and Jim Schneider, who lost their 17-year-old son, Jacob, in a tragic accident two years ago, set up their scholarship program to memorialize their son's love of the outdoors. In 2020, the Jacob Cole Schneider Family Foundation gave out numerous scholarships and again this year, calling some 30 students to the stage.

Other scholarships given in memory of a loved one were: Frank E. Koehler Vocational Memorial; Jose L. Gutierrez Memorial; Katie Grave Anderson Memorial; Laura Emma Meyer Scholarship; Malcom Timm Memorial; Angus Madden Memorial, Muriel M. Morris Educational Fund; Rosemarie Vinneys Memorial; Shawn Tutt Memorial; and the Sheri Dannenberg Memorial.

Most of the scholarship providers gave out one award but there were numerous who doled out two or more. A total of 60 students received them that night.

They were: A Heart Enriched by



Connor Brown received a memorial scholarship from Molly and Jake McNeil in recognition of their son. The memorial scholarship was one of several handed out at the Dixon High School Scholarship Ceremony last week. Photo by Debra Dingman

Service; Alumni of Tremont; American Legion Auxiliary; American Legion Post 208; Angus Madden Memorial; Barbara Iten Memorial; Dixon Chamber of Commerce; Dixon Dolphins Swim Team; Dixon High Music Boosters; Kiwanis Club; Lions Club; Dixon Montessori School; Quarterback Club; Rotary; Dixon Soccer Club; Dixon Teachers Association; Dixon Women's Improvement Club; DuPratt Ford; First Northern Bank; Friends of the Public Library; Montezuma Lodge 172 & Bud's Pub & Grill; Soroptimist International; TEAM Dixon, Yolo Masonic Lodge; and Tully Group STEM.

There were approximately 140 scholarships worth more than \$70,000 awarded with several students nabbing several scholarships each. The Community Scholarship Program is coordinated by the high school's counseling office. ★

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Newsom's Rosy Budget Ignores Troubling Trends



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

The truly astonishing tax revenue numbers cited by Gov. Gavin Newsom last week as he unveiled a revised state budget bring to mind an old adage: "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

So much money is pouring into state coffers from personal and corporate income taxes and sales taxes that Newsom said the state will have nearly \$100 billion more than it needs to finance ongoing spending, twice as much as his original budget, proposed in January, estimated.

"You've never seen a number like this," Newsom told reporters.

True enough, and it poses a potential problem that could be just as monumental. Big budget surpluses generate big demands for new spending from the advocates of educational, social welfare and medical services. But if spent on new entitlements, they become liabilities when, inevitably, the economy cools and revenues decline.

Boom and bust budgets plagued the state for decades as personal income taxes became the largest revenue source with much of them coming from a relative few high-income taxpayers. Their incomes, largely from capital gains

on investments, were and are more volatile than those of ordinary people and when they declined, it had a disproportionately heavy impact on the state's finances.

The revised California budget projects \$214.2 billion in direct general fund taxes, with personal income taxes supplying 64% of that. Roughly half of those income taxes come from the top 1% of taxpayers, fewer than 200,000 people in a state of nearly 40 million residents.

In introducing the revised budget, Newsom said he is "very mindful" of potential volatility and is responding by putting more money into reserves and making very few new permanent and long-term spending commitments.

About half of the projected surplus must, by law, go to public education and expanding the "rainy day fund" and other reserves to nearly \$40 billion. That leaves an estimated \$49 billion of so-called "discretionary income" that could be spent on anything he and legislators want.

Newsom says his budget would devote 94% of that pot of money to one-time allocations or paying down debt to avoid long-term commitments that could backfire should the economy cool and revenues decline. "This is important," he said of that strategy.

Yes it is, because the advocates of expanded entitlements and their legislative allies contend that the surplus is a golden opportunity to fill gaps. Within minutes of Newsom's budget press conference (which was 132 minutes long,

incidentally) advocacy groups were expressing disappointment.

The question posed by the astonishingly high revenue numbers is whether the good times — at least the good times for high-income taxpayers — will continue.

As the budget revision was being finalized, the world, the nation and California were experiencing some troubling trends that Newsom acknowledged.

"This May revision reflects a significantly upgraded revenue forecast due to recent cash trends and improvement in key economic indicators," Newsom told the Legislature. "However, the forecast has become more uncertain given Russia's war on Ukraine, high rates of inflation, and anticipated actions by the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates. In addition, capital gains as a percent of the state's personal income are at levels last seen in 1999 — just before the dot-com bust. Furthermore, the May revision forecast was finalized before the recent declines in the stock market."

California is not an economic island and those potentially negative factors are beyond the state's control. However, the budget's very rosy revenue projections ignore them and assume that the golden geese, California's high-income taxpayers, will continue to prosper and continue laying golden eggs.

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

Time for Buddy Poppies to Sprout



Veteran of the Year 2021 Dan Schaeffer sells poppies, a long-time fundraiser for veterans, in front of the Dixon Safeway Store. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The symbolic red poppies will sprout over Memorial Day Weekend to commemorate the sacrifice of many men and women who have given their lives fighting for our country and your purchase of one from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in front of Safeway this Saturday, Sunday, and Monday will help support the two veteran homes in Dixon.

"We only sell them twice a year: Memorial Day and Veteran's Day," said Dixon's VFW Commander Cecil Dennings. "We'll be out there from 8 am to 5 pm and we help support two transitional homes, one short term and one long term, here in Dixon. One was built by Habitat for Humanity."

The VFW first started the nationwide "Buddy"® Poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922 but it soon became the official memorial flower for the United States and is a registered trademark.

That trademark guarantees that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy and people

who make the small purchase are encouraged to wear the poppy to show support for those who have lost their lives in defending America's freedoms.

These special little red flowers are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs, and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children.

The organization has served for more than 100 years and has donated millions of volunteer hours; been a strong supporter of our country's youth; been a major supporter of patriotic and educational efforts; and been an unwavering advocate to the military, its veterans and their families, according to the VFW website.

The VFW Post 8151 in Dixon holds meetings at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Olde Vets Hall in downtown Dixon at 231 North 1st Street, across from the public library. For more information, call Dennings at (209) 395-8019 or email commandeevfw@gmail.com. ★

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Heeney's History

Memorial Day with My Dad

Commentary by Ed Heeney

Back in the thirties and forties when I was a kid, my grandmother's family, the Geeslin's, always celebrated Memorial Day as 'Decoration Day' in South Haven Kansas with as many as could attend. The Rose Hill Cemetery at South Haven was pretty much the 'Geeslin family cemetery.' Great Grandparents, David and Mary Geeslin are buried there along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. My Dad raised peonies to be in bloom at this time of year. He also gathered wildflowers that were in bloom and with his peonies, he made sure all the graves were decorated. He would start his rounds early in the morning so he would be available when relatives started arriving from Kansas and Oklahoma. Some years there were a half dozen folks and some years as many as 40. We didn't take reservations.....just whoever showed up.

Lunch was served at either Grandmother Heeney's or Uncle Dave's in South Haven. It was always pot-luck and we always had plenty. After our noon meal, all headed to the cemetery to view the grave decorations and enjoy a patriotic program.

Being the oldest kid, my dad scheduled me for a couple activities. I had to recite the famous poem "In Flanders field the poppies grow." This I recited on the back of a farm truck since we had no stage.

Then at the end of the program I headed out to the far corner by a tree with my trumpet. As the honor guard finished firing their rifle salute, I played "Taps." It was kinda impressive and I never really minded that job.

My Dad belonged to the Braman, Oklahoma American Legion Post and frequently we would travel to Braman to assist in their celebration. So, I guess I can say I played taps in two states.

We were visiting my dad in Wellington, Kansas in his 98th year when Memorial Day arrived. While visiting, he remarked that maybe he would be needed at Braman for the Honor Guard. He said that he usually carried a rifle but wasn't sure he could do that. After visiting about this a bit, I suggested we just get in his Ford Maverick and go find out how they were doing at Braman.

We arrived among 'back-slapping' and hand shaking, etc. and all were glad to see the Senior member of their post. They had enough riflemen but needed another Honor Guard. Dad proudly took his position in the formation and marched smartly to the line. It was a sight I will never forget as they played the National Anthem and Dad stood straight and tall with his walking cane at attention.

Ed Heeney is a long-time Dixonite who has been very active in the community over his lifetime. He enjoys sharing his missives with Dixon Independent Voice readers. ★



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“THE LINCOLN LAWYER” MAKES FOR A COMPELLING THRILL RIDE

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

“THE LINCOLN LAWYER” ON NETFLIX

A television series can't get much better than having a police procedural or a legal drama based on the books of prolific author Michael Connelly, and "The Lincoln Lawyer" proves to be eminently watchable over the period of its ten episodes.

For this series on Netflix, Connelly serves as executive producer to bring his iconoclastic criminal defense attorney Mickey Haller to the small screen almost a dozen years after Matthew McConaughey played the smooth-talking counselor in the movie of the same title.

No small measure of success for "The Lincoln

Lawyer" goes to creator David E. Kelley, a graduate of Boston University with a Juris Doctor degree, who practiced law only to find his hobby was writing a legal thriller screenplay.

The rest is history for Kelley as he first wound up as a writer and story editor on Steven Bochco's NBC legal series "L.A. Law," and eventually became the creative force for other series like the courtroom drama "The Practice" and its spinoff "Boston Legal."

That Michael Connelly is gifted at creating notable characters is well-established with a series of books about LAPD detective Harry Bosch, a character so brilliantly brought to the small screen by Titus Welliver in "Bosch" and now "Bosch: Legacy."

With Harry Bosch and

Mickey Haller steeped in the turf of the Los Angeles police and legal establishments, one would hope for some crossover plot lines to bring them together but that is not to be, at least for this first season.

As "The Lincoln Lawyer" opens, Mickey Haller (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, a charismatic character in his own right) is first seen at the beach, wistfully staring at the ocean waves and thinking back to an accident that derailed his life for more than a year.

Fate was apparently not kind as Haller became addicted to painkillers following the accident, putting his career on hold. Known for working from the back seat of his Lincoln SUV, Haller at least didn't have to keep up with office expenses.

Now sober, he's dealing with two ex-wives, the first one being Neve Campbell's Maggie McPherson, nicknamed "McFierce" for being a tough prosecutor, who is the mother of their teenage daughter Hayley (Krista Walker).

The second former spouse is Lorna (Becki Newton), who steps in to help Haller get his professional life back on track as the best defense attorney in Los Angeles once a fortuitous circumstance drops unexpectedly in his lap.

After old colleague Jerry Vincent is gunned down in a parking garage, Haller is summoned to the chambers of presiding Judge Mary Holder (LisaGay Hamilton) to be informed that Vincent bequeathed his entire practice to the Lincoln Lawyer.

Understandably for being aware of the lawyer's recent history, Judge Holder is wary of handing over all of Vincent's cases unless Haller agrees to be monitored with weekly meetings to validate his competency.

The Vincent portfolio consists of a variety of cases, some of them low-level criminal offenses and

the pro bono case of Izzy Letts (Jazz Raycole), a recovering addict charged with theft of an ostensibly valuable necklace.

There is, however, one very substantial criminal case that has all the makings of a celebrity media clown show that is tabloid fodder. An obnoxious rich, white guy billionaire is charged with the murder of his wife and her lover.

The high-profile murder trial of videogame developer Trevor Elliot (Christopher Gorman) takes on immediate urgency for Haller since his client insists that his courtroom drama must start as soon as possible, even if more time is needed for the attorney's preparation.

The court of public opinion has already tried the odious tech entrepreneur to be guilty as charged, and the evidence appears overwhelmingly to point to a slam dunk guilty verdict.

Having to juggle some other cases at the same time while also dealing with ongoing family issues, such as sparring with the prosecutor ex-wife and trying to be more involved in his daughter's life, Haller's

charm can only do so much.

To spend more time on his homework, Haller hires Izzy to be his chauffeur, because he claims to work better when his Lincoln is in motion while listening to jazz music. Indeed, he's not your typical counselor.

Not all legal work is motor-driven. Haller has taken over Vincent's downtown office with Lorna as the assistant and his best friend Cisco (Angus Sampson), a motorcyclist who once rode with a gang, acting as sidekick and private investigator.

Haller's world is populated with colorful characters, reminding one that he's almost like a legal version of James Garner's private eye on "The Rockford Files," and even more so when having to deal with skeptical, hard-nosed police detective Griggs (Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine).

"The Lincoln Lawyer" works best off the charm of its leading character and those in his orbit. The plot moves at a nice pace and the courtroom dialogue is often riveting. Overall, this is a series deserving of an encore. ★

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery to Hold Memorial Day Ceremony

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, May 28th, 2022, at 9:00 am, Wil Pickard, Director of Sacramento Valley National Cemetery and the National Cemetery Support Committee president, Frank Romo, will welcome guests at this patriotic event which will include presentation

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Araceli Arambula S and Jose G de la Torre filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jairo de la Torre to Jairo de la Torre Arambula.

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. June 24, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Department 22, Room 3, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: April 29, 2022
Publish: May 27, June 3, 10 & 17, 2022
ARACELI 6-17-22

City of Dixon Appropriation Limit FY 2022-23

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dixon has calculated Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-23 at \$41,531,393. A Resolution adopting the appropriation limit will be considered at the City Council Meeting of June 7, 2022. A copy of the calculation is available for public viewing at the office of the City Clerk located at:

City of Dixon
600 East A Street
Dixon, CA 95620

This information is also available on the website of the City of Dixon at www.cityofdixon.us
Contact Finance Director, Kate Zawadzki at 707-678-7000 for further information.

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CITY OF DIXON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LEGAL NOTICE PUBLICATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DIXON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") is requesting sealed bids ("Bid" or "Bids") from newspapers that are qualified bidders ("Bidder" or "Bidders") to provide legal notice printing and publishing services for the City for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year ("Project"), in accordance with this Request for Proposals ("RFP").

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

LOCATION OF PUBLICATION: Eligible Bidders must be qualified newspapers of general circulation in the City.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The printing to be done hereunder will consist of printing and publishing all legal notices for the City required to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation, including, but not limited to, ordinances, resolutions, legal notices, regulations, and advertisements of whatever kind or nature for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELECTING BIDS:

A successful Bid shall be based upon a weighting, as shown below, of all the following factors (the "Factors"):

- (1) Bid price (50%).
- (2) Number of days newspaper is circulated per week (50%).

Each factor shall be weighted based on the percentage indicated. In the event of a tie, the City Council will have the absolute discretion to award the bid to any of the bidders who tied.

PROCESS:

SUBMISSION OF BIDS: Qualified and interested parties may submit Bids to the Administrative City Clerk at City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2022**, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened and read by the Administrative City Clerk. **No late Bids will be considered. Bidders may mail Bids at their own risk.**

GENERAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Each Bid submitted to the Administrative City Clerk must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

Proposal for Official City Newspaper for Advertising to be opened at 3:00 p.m., May 31, 2022.

Each Bid must be submitted using the forms provided in this RFP packet.

Once a Bid has been submitted to the Administrative City Clerk, it may not be withdrawn.

QUESTIONS: Questions may be submitted by email to the Administrative City Clerk at Iruiz@cityofdixon.us or by mail to City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, until 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2022. The City cannot guarantee that it will be able to respond to every inquiry it receives.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: The award of the contract will be made to the Bidder who the City determines is most capable of providing services that fulfill all of the listed Factors. Each of the Factors will be weighted by the City Council by the percentages indicated above. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids received in response to this RFP, to negotiate with any qualified source, or cancel, in whole or in part, this RFP if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. Bidders may be required to submit revisions to their Bids, as may result from contract negotiations, or to include additions or deletions to the scope of work. All survey information, data, and material ensuing from the Project shall be the sole property of the City and shall not be reproduced and published without the written consent of the City. The City Council reserves the right to waive Bid errors or to reject any and all Bids and re-advertise for Bids. By responding to this RFP, the Bidder agrees that the City may audit the Bidder's records and files to verify that the information in their Bid is true and accurate. There is no mandatory City audit requirement. In the event of a tie, the City Council will have the absolute discretion to award the bid to any of the bidders who tied.

Dated: May 19, 2022

Lupe Ruiz
Administrative City Clerk

Dixon Independent Voice 5-27-2022

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-005, adopting a Military Equipment Policy governing the use of military equipment (as defined by the state), as required by Government Code Section 7070 et. seq.

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) relating to the use of military equipment by law enforcement agencies. AB 481, codified in California Government Code sections 7070 through 7075, requires that any law enforcement agency seeking to use existing or new military equipment create a military equipment use policy, present the policy for governing body approval by ordinance, and produce annual reports pertaining to the policy and use of military equipment. The proposed ordinance seeks to approve the Dixon Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy, which outlines each item identified in Government Code section 7070 that the City currently owns or uses.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 3rd day of May 2022, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 17th day of May 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ernest, Hendershot, Johnson, Pederson, Bird
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixon.us.

Kristin M. Janisch
Elected City Clerk
Date: May 27, 2022

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-004, amending Section 2.09.020, Removal of the City Manager, of Chapter 2.09, City Officials, of Title 2, Administration, and adding Section 2.09.110, Removal of the City Attorney, to Chapter 2.09, City Officials, of Title 2, Administration, of the Dixon Municipal Code to establish the process for termination of employment or removal from holding an appointed office of city officials appointed by the City Council.

The Ordinance will amend the Dixon Municipal Code ("DMC") to provide that certain appointed City Officials, the City Manager and City Attorney, cannot be terminated from employment or removed from holding an appointed office with the City within a period of the first six (6) months after a general municipal election. The purpose of this change in the DMC is to allow any newly elected member of the City Council or a reorganized City Council to observe the actions and ability of the City Manager and City Attorney in the performance of the powers and duties of his or her office. After the expiration of the six (6) month period, the City Manager and City Attorney may be removed pursuant to the City's procedures for removal.

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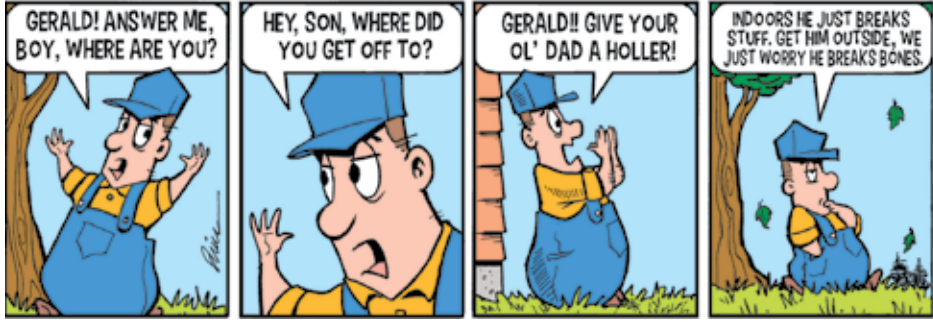
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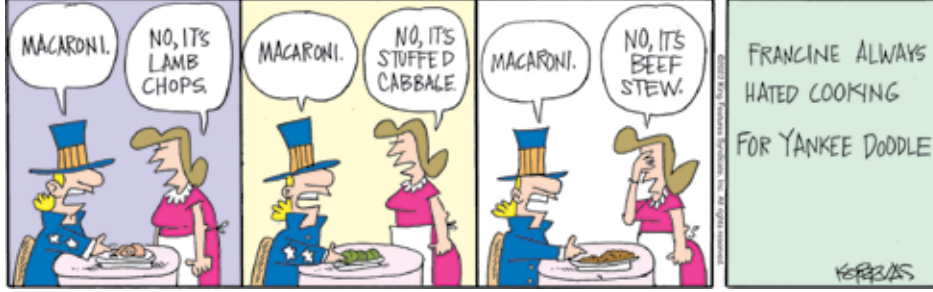
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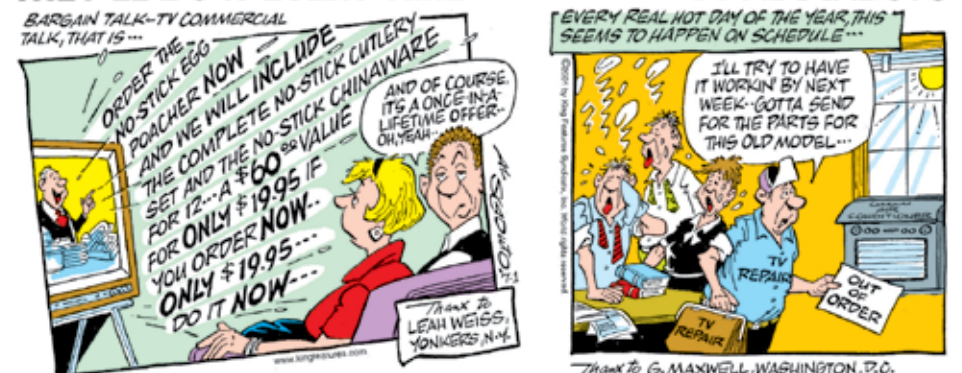
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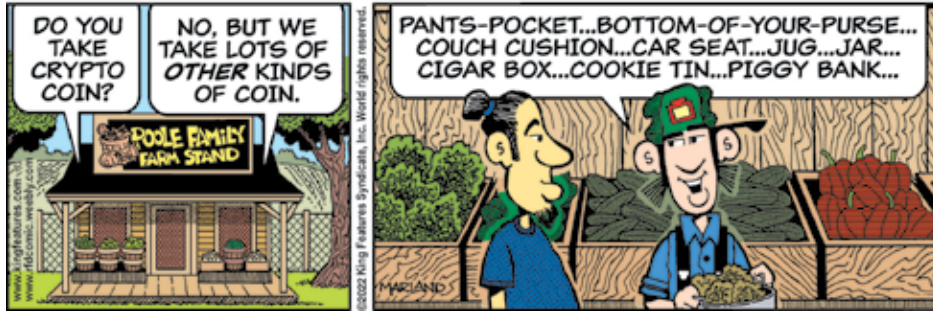
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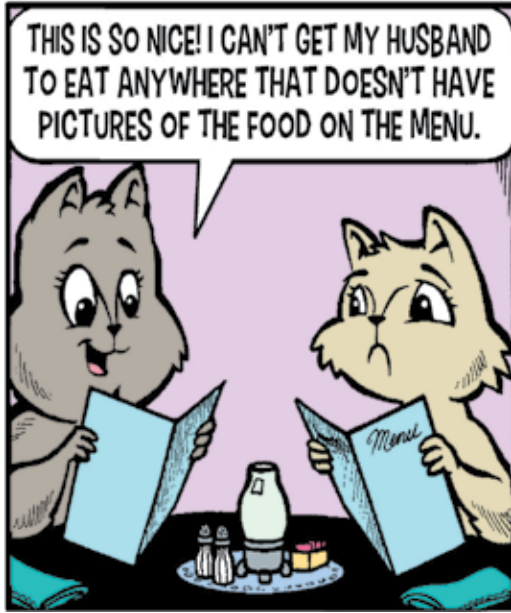
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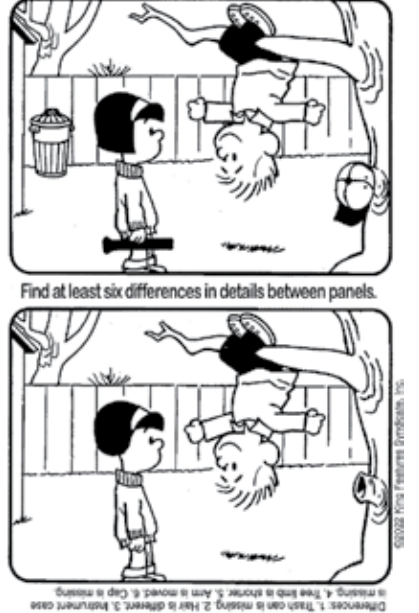


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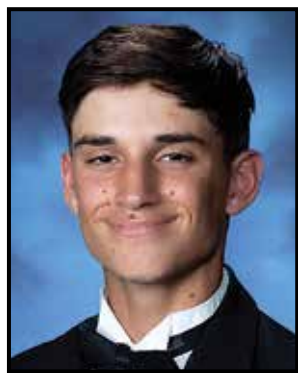
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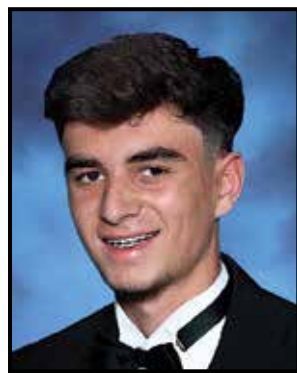


The Class of 2022 embodies everything our world should be. These students are patient, kind, thoughtful and compassionate. They are hard-workers, loyal friends, fierce competitors and great minds. As their proud principal, I cannot wait to see how they influence our world.

Stephanie Marquez
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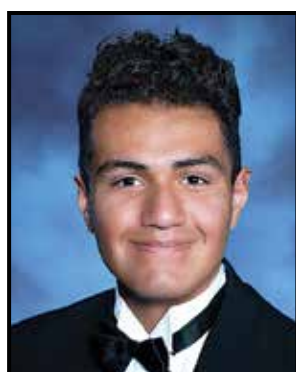
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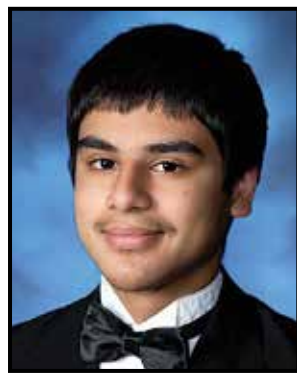
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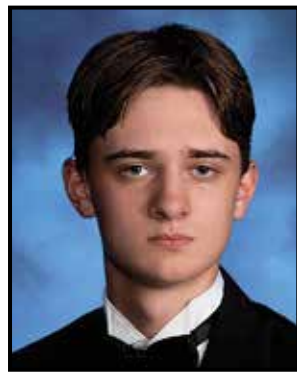
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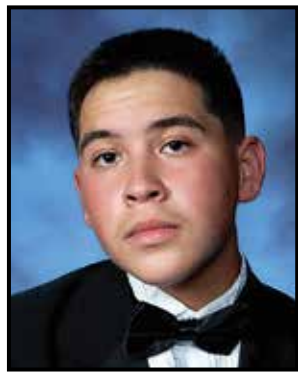
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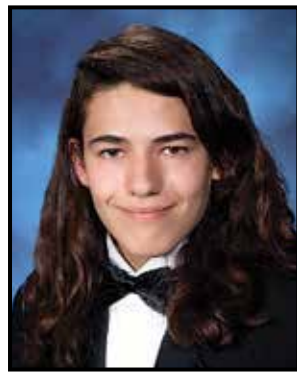
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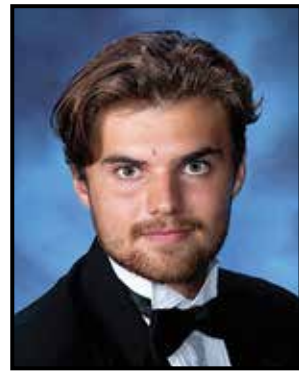
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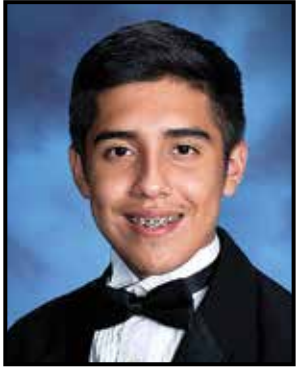


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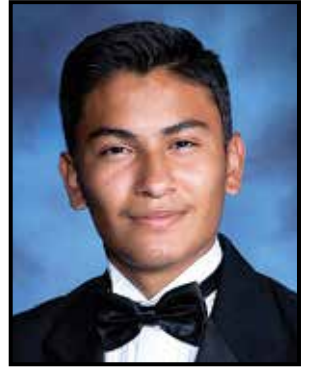
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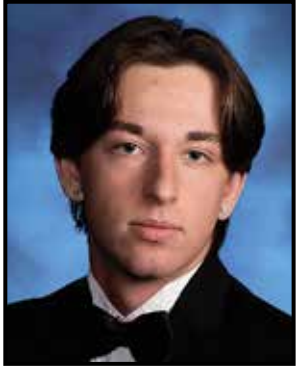
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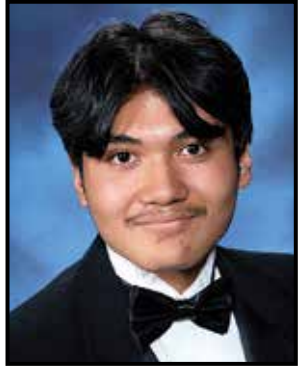
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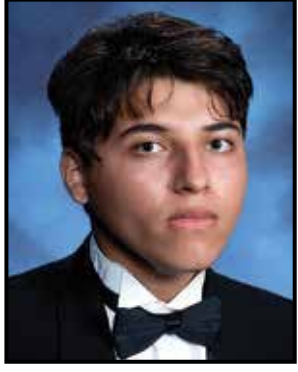
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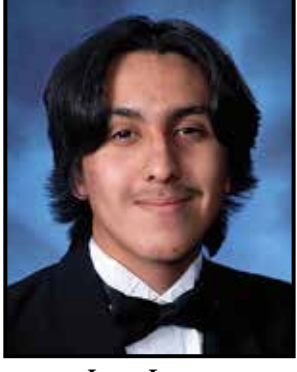
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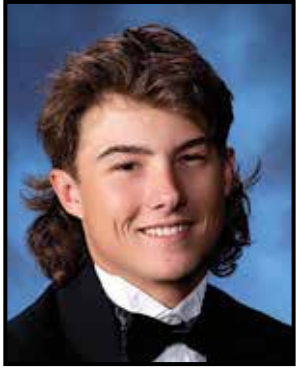
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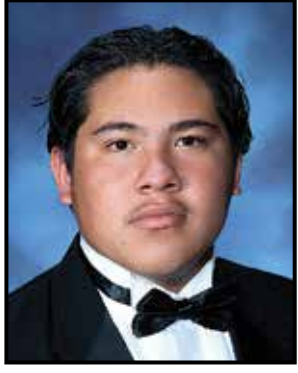
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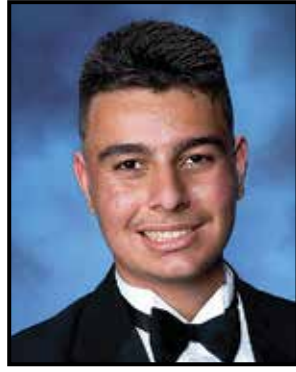
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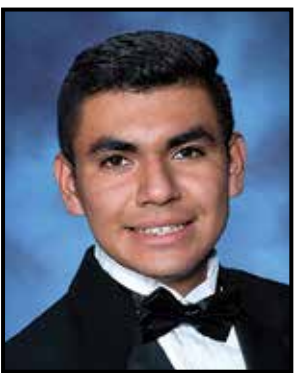
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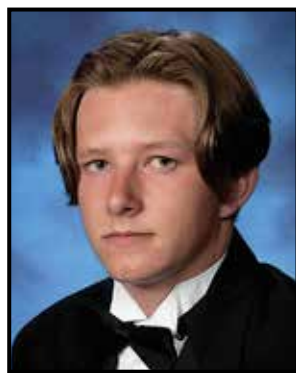
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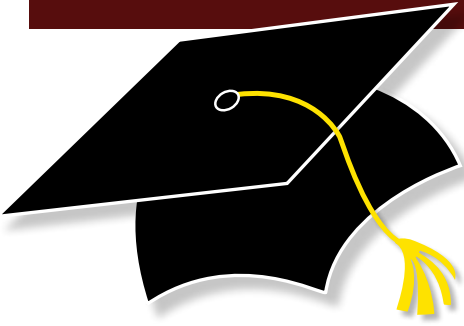
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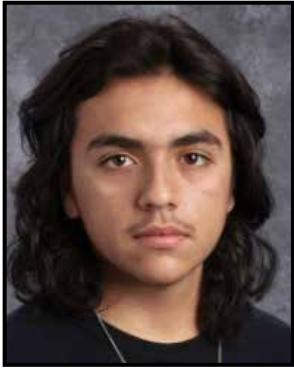


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School Site Coordinator*



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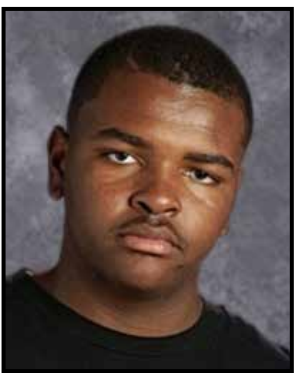
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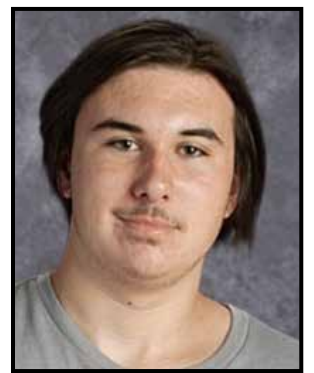
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