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Easter Abounds



The Dixon Ministerial Association announced it will host the Good Friday Service at the Dixon United Methodist Church. Last year, several holiday services were moved outdoors like this photo of last Easter. The Ministerial Association is a group of almost all Dixon church leaders who invite everyone to Friday's community-wide gathering. Photo by Audrey Madden

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Bring your own chairs – and maybe a blanket – for the 2nd annual Good Friday Church Service coordinated by the Dixon Ministerial Association this Friday evening, April 15, at 7 P.M. on the Dixon United Methodist Church front porch, 209 North Jefferson.

Various Dixon Pastors will offer Bible verses, songs, and quotes for this Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. Traditions on Good Friday—also known as Holy Friday and Black Friday—include prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is on Easter, three days later, that Christ's resurrection is celebrated.

Residents are welcome to enjoy the service from outdoors or sit in their car nearby and pick it up via an FM transmitter. There is a large parking lot across the street from the church at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and the RE/MAX Gold Real Estate Office or one can also livestream it on the 'Churches of Dixon' Facebook page.

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'Dastardly Deeds' Featured by Reader's Theater

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The younger generation won't know who Dudley Do-Right was in the silly cartoon escapades of the dim-witted Canadian Mountie wooing his love-light, Nell, or how his horse outsmarted Snidely Whiplash. But they are invited to learn similar characters and have fun in Dixon's newest art venue: Dixon Reader's Theater. The newly formed group is looking for people who will read their lines in the middle of their living rooms for the 'Dastardly Deeds at the Dixon Depot,' a family friendly 'Old West' melodrama, that will be performed this Spring in a special online production.

Former Dixon High School Drama students including Production Coordinator Linda Bologna, Artistic Director Abel Cornejo, and Community Outreach Suzi (Haase) LaChance organized the Dixon Community Theater during the pandemic—meeting and performing via Zoom. The common denominator was their DHS Drama teacher Richard Farshler now retired and living in Fair Oaks.

"I've known him since I was 10 because my sister graduated in 1973, and I followed in her footsteps, graduating in 1983," said Bologna who was born and raised in Dixon and was involved with theater beginning in middle school here.

"There is a group of eight with most of us in Dixon who decided to start the community theater back up again and included Mr. Farshler. We met weekly during the pandemic. Most of us have had several years of experience and grew up with him as our teacher and now he is our colleague. He is co-directing with me. Things have changed so much," she said, adding that it was Cornejo's idea to start with a 'reader's theater.' It's an offshoot to the Dixon Community Theater live she explained.

Reader's theater is actually an educational strategy for English teachers that combines reading practice and performing. Its goal is to enhance students' reading skills and confidence by having them practice reading with a purpose. Reader's theater gives students a real reason to read aloud. For those still concerned about COVID, it's a solution to keeping the arts

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She Had Him at Butternut Squash Soup

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - "We're dating and I'll never forget it," said David Pingleton, USAF DC-10 aviator and husband of Chef Carlee Pingleton, owner of Dixon's first Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation that opened in January. He knew he was in love when he tasted her Butternut Squash Soup.

'Hangar 1878' is a home-based restaurant permitted by the Solano County Department of Resource Management Environmental Health Division that Carlee established in their new home near Dixon High School.

Carlee, who was born and raised in Dixon, was a student in Hospitality Management who love to cook, when the two met. David, who is from the south, became the willing test pilot in their relationship admitting that he had a "simple pallet" and that she was "appalled I went to McDonald's."

"He ate boxed meals, canned veggies, and microwaved food," Carlee said, looking all the bit of a professional chef at a long granite counter in her Dixon kitchen. "He didn't even like carrots... or chicken." David came



Carlee Pingleton begins preparing dough for her 'soon-to-be famous' Buttermilk biscuits from her home kitchen counter. Photo by Debra Dingman

in from the living room where he had been playing with their 2-year-old daughter.

"She taught me about flavors and texture, and it really started opening up my mind," he said while watching his wife spread flour all over the counter and knead a large blob of dough, then press large circles into it. She's making "soon-to-be famous Southern Buttermilk

Biscuits," she said.

"This is something I love to do, and I can be a stay-at-home mom and don't have to miss out on all those things," she said. "The children love all the cooking we do anytime we host birthdays and get-togethers," she said. Their other two children are in school.

An aroma from fresh baked biscuits begin to fill the air. The way this

restaurant works is you go online, see her menu that's posted with pictures, and order through her website or by calling. Her specialties are Southern dishes like St. Louis Style Ribs, Mac N' Cheese, and Southern Succotash. The Southern Comfort Menu also consists of Buttermilk Fried chicken, Chicken and Brisket Brunswick Stew, Smothered Pork Chop,

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Dad Still Does Cars



Debra's Dad helped perfectly restore these old vehicles over the past few years by teaming up with his friend and putting his auto body repair and paint skills to use. All of them were 1920s Ford Model A originals. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

Two years ago, my Dad had a stroke and a heart attack. He and my stepmom live in Coos Bay, Oregon. Last week, after a medical appointment reporting he is getting closer to the point his enlarged aorta will take him to Heaven, we went up for another visit.

Our family has learned to live with Dad and the absence of his memory of our last 20 years. We bring photo albums and answer his many repeated questions about who we married and where we live now and the names of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is a blessing that the memory left intact is the one where all six children lived under his roof in Tracy; Those were such full, happy memories.

After he got out of the Navy, one of Dad's early jobs was working in insurance sales and he's never lost his wisdom from that experience. But chucking the suit and tie later, he learned to do body and fender repair and to support our big family, he also worked as a tow truck driver. He can remember all of that, so I love asking him about details.

When we visited their friends where my Dad enjoys going a few times a week, the well-kept property also sported a couple of large garages. They held three antique cars and one truck—all pristine and perfectly restored—old Ford Model As. They were beautiful but what was more beautiful was my Dad's memory of what he did on each one.

"It's a pretty thing, isn't it?" he said about the 1929 blue truck. "It was my first and probably the most expensive because we had to tear it completely apart," he explained. He went into great detail about the rust on the bottom of the doors, so he had to cut it off and weld new metal on.

"All of them use the same chassis," Larry explained with great pride about the vehicles pointing out the parts that my Dad repaired and painted. I ran my hand across the velvety upholstery and across the smooth fender. Dad pointed out all the hard work that Larry did.

"Upholstery work is tough work, and he installed the header—tough job to install," Dad said. You're working in a box and on your back." All the engines run smoothly,

thanks to Larry. The vehicles will stay in Larry's family and can never be sold.

Larry heard about my Dad through 'car circles' in Oregon and sought him out several years ago. They became awesome friends. Larry, now 73, would do anything for my Dad who is 82. He has helped so much over these past two years with my father. I thought when my Dad sold his big shop and my stepmom sold all his tools, that I had truly lost him, as he seemed to be losing everything that kept him alive. I trusted God.

Now even Larry's wife, a seamstress like my stepmom, is a close friend. I was so worried that they were up there all alone and needed family, but now I know my prayers are answered. They have developed their own family.

My Dad cannot remember much about my adult life and would probably get lost going to the grocery store, but this teaches me something about people's passions. He may not hammer metal or weld anymore, but he advises and visits, giving him the sense of reward that keeps him happily—for now—alive. ★

Dixon News Briefs



You probably have seen the new windows on the Dixon Read-Ride buses lately. Through an agreement with the City of Dixon, the Chamber had helped Dixon move into a new era of maximizing advertising for Chamber members with the use of display ads on the side and rear windows. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Dixon High Band Night

Music Director Adrian Coulson and the Dixon High School Music Boosters will feature Peter Petty on Friday, April 22, at 7 pm in the high school auditorium.

Petty will join The Dixon High Concert Band and Jazz Band for a highly entertaining concert.

Peter Petty is a Sacramento based band leader who swings out with the frenetic elegance of a Tasmanian devil in a tuxedo, leading some of the finest stewards of traditional jazz in the Sacramento area in the jumpin'est, jivin'ist, great-gosh-alive-inist Swing experience available today, according to a Coulson announcement.

He piggybacks on the colossal, still-verberating shoulders of such giants of the genre as Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Louis Armstrong, Mildred Bailey, Cab Calloway and Joe Williams. Then he leaps over to stomp on and ride the coat-tails of indisputable legends like Ray Charles, Louis Prima, Roy Orbison, Shirley Bassey, Tom Waits, and David Bowie, singing every note of his 3 2/3 octave range with inexhaustible power and captivating control.

"Throwing out novelized lyrics, and a steadily growing repertoire of original tunes, it's an infectious, eclectic, electric, acoustic mash-up that not only connects the dots between seemingly disparate musical genres, and artists, but does it with an originally adventurous and unpredictably hilarious theatricality that entertains the 'swell' out of audiences of all ages," it continued.

Peter Petty is the 2018 recipient of the Sacramento Area Music Award in the category of "Best Live Performer." You

can currently see him as a member of the nationally touring Rat Pack Tribute band, The Deanoholics, and as the singing, swinging leader of his own 12 piece orchestra, Peter Petty and his Titans of Terpsichore!, and 7 piece genre-bending Peter Petty & his Double P Revue!

Museum Speaker

Local farmer, Fred Barry, will be speaking about the Impact of the Bracero Program in California's Central Valley at the Dixon Historical Society Membership Meeting on Sunday, April 24, from 2 to 4 pm at the Dixon United Methodist Church.

Barry's father managed a Labor Camp a short distance from Dixon for young men that traveled to the area from their homes in Mexico to provide agricultural labor during the spring, summer, and fall. The young men returned to their families in Mexico for the winter months. That program began in 1942, due to the labor shortage caused by World War II and ended in 1964.

The program will be videoed and available for streaming from the DHS website. Kim Schroeder has put together an amazing list of programs for the upcoming year and will share them at the business meeting that will follow the program.

Zumba, Easter Market

At the new Creative Space at 160 West A Street, there is much planned, including a Zumba class starting on April 15, at 6 pm and taught by Milanie Thomas. An Easter Market with over 30 vendors will be on Saturday, April 16, 11 am to 3 pm, too. There is a Mom's Night coming up and soon, an After School Kids Craft Class. Go online to CreativeSpaceDixon.com or see their Facebook page. ★

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April is Child Abuse Awareness Month



Pictured are Crystal, Case Manager, Fatima, Receptionist, and Amy, Case Manager at Dixon Family Services. Photo by Cookie Powell

By Cookie Powell, Dixon Family Services

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Family Services (DFS) has a banner in front of the building with blue pinwheels spinning in the spring wind during the month of April as one way to remind people that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and that there are things we can all do to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse, in its many forms, happens every day and has major impacts on the futures of those victimized. Solano County percentages are higher than California averages.

Studies show that there is a direct link between child abuse and a greater risk later in life of depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, smoking, eating disorders, obesity, sexual promiscuity, certain chronic diseases and suicide.

DFS does all it can to help ensure the safety and well-being of Dixon's

children all year long. As a Family Resource Center, it is a priority goal to reduce the incidences of child abuse or neglect in homes and in the community at large by enlightening and informing people of the signs to watch out for, reporting suspected abuse, and steps to take to create an environment that can reduce the possibilities for abuse or neglect of children.

Though Dixon Family Services' main focus is to assist households living at or below poverty, we want to be clear that child abuse knows no boundaries and is found in families of all socio-economic backgrounds and cuts across lines of ethnicity, culture, and education.

There are a number of factors that can create increased risk of child abuse including lack of parenting skills, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, mental illness, poverty and substandard housing conditions, domestic violence, and a parent history of child abuse. These same

risk factors can be barriers to abusers' acknowledgment of the problem and ability to seek programs or services intended to stop the abuse such as parenting classes, counseling, peer support or other approaches.

As a community, we have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children, as well as other people's children to ensure they can become healthy and productive adults.

Do not hesitate to report what you think might be abusive behavior to local police or county child protective services. Let professionals determine if your concerns are worth investigation.

For more information about child abuse, ways to help prevent it, and how to report it, we suggest you visit our website, www.dixonfamilyservices.org, the Children's Network website www.childnet.org, the Partners in Prevention website www.partnersinprevention.org, or call Solano Child Welfare Services, (800) 544-8696. ★

Easter Abounds

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Good Friday is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover, according to online sources.

The Paschal Triduum is the period of three Easter days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

Christians across the world celebrate the day Jesus was crucified because when he died on the cross, they say he completed his task on Earth with light conquering darkness and goodness conquering sin.

"He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die," Jesus said in the Bible. It is also written that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

There will be music, prayers, and a message offered by various church leaders. For more information on specific plans, one can call Pastors Cathy Morris at (707) 678-2191, Jeff Myers at (707) 693-1512 or Paul Sheldon at (707) 678-5700.

Easter Eggstravaganza

On Saturday, April 16, an Easter celebration will continue at Living Hope Church with their annual "Eggstravaganza." This family fun event has colorful egg hunts, bunny photos, inflatables, face painting, games and prizes, and a tri-tip lunch. The church parking lot will be consumed with the fun at 410 Gateway Drive from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Easter Morning

While local churches are all back to meeting in person now, it is nice that most also offer their messages online via Facebook or YouTube.

Pastor Paul Sheldon of Grace Fellowship Church will present their Easter Service on April 17 at 10:15 A.M. The church address is 535 West H

Street, phone is (707) 678-5700, and website is www.gracefellow.com for more information.

Cornerstone Baptist Church led by Pastor Frank Salamone will have an in-person Easter service at 10:30 A.M. The church is located at 185 West Cherry Street.

A special children's musical presentation will be part of the Easter services at Pastor Joe Mejia's Freedom Church, 470 East H Street.

At Living Hope Church, there will be two Easter services: 9 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. also they will livestream the 10:30 A.M. streaming with Pastor Jeff Myers. The church is located at 410 Gateway Plaza.

Calvary Chapel is meeting in person but also offers it online via their Facebook page. Pastor Greg Brock's Resurrection message will begin at 10 A.M. The church is in downtown Dixon at 140 North First Street and offers childcare during services.

Dixon Community Church will have Easter "Service in the Sanctuary" at 10 A.M. at 955 East A Street at the edge of town. There will also be a water baptism and an egg hunt for children after services. The leaders invite the public to come and meet the new Senior Pastor, Reverend Kevin R. Johnson from Missouri.

Dixon United Methodist Church will also have an Easter morning service at 10 A.M. led by Pastor Cathy Morris.

Greater Faith Baptist Church will hear the Reverend Virgil Robinson at 320 West A Street at 10:30 A.M.

St. Peter's Catholic Church is located at 105 South Second Street. They will have mass at 11 A.M. and a Spanish mass at 1 P.M.

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints is located at 305 North Lincoln. Mormons celebrate Easter Sunday like other churches by worshipping Jesus Christ through attending church, singing hymns of praise, and praying together. ★

What is the California Climate Credit?

California Public Utilities Commission News Release

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - This April* your utility bill will include a credit identified as the "California Climate Credit." Your household and millions of others throughout the state will receive this credit on your utility bills.

The California Climate Credit is part of California's efforts to fight climate change. This credit is from a state program that requires power plants, natural gas providers, and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits. The credit on

your bill is your share of the payments from the State's program.

The California Climate Credit is one of many programs resulting from landmark legislation called the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Together, these programs are cutting pollution, creating jobs and investing in cleaner energy and transportation. Your Climate Credit is designed to help you join in these efforts.

For more information about the Climate Credit, visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/climatecredit. For more information about climate change science and programs to reduce carbon pollution, visit www.climatechange.ca.gov. ★

'Dastardly Deeds' at Reader's Theater

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alive as the organization meets weekly online.

For beginners, Reader's Theater motivates reluctant readers and provides fluent readers the opportunity to explore genre and characterization as the case with "Dastardly Deeds" due to the variety of comic voices.

The group is still trying to find one or two students or recently graduated students who would like to participate in the upcoming melodrama on Saturday evening, May 14 and a matinee on Sunday, May 15.

"Our show includes—the

hero (Yea!), the Villain (Boo!), the heroine (Awww!) and the horse (whiney! snort!) and it's a fun show to participate in," Bologna added. There will be online rehearsals. Farshler and Bologna are co-directing.

In the future, the group is hopeful to offer improv and have talked about a possible fireside chat but certainly a Zoom with a live audience so are looking for space and seeking those interested in serving on a board.

The mission of the Dixon Community Theater,

which is posted on their website, is to create opportunities for community participation and to enrich, educate and entertain, in order to make our community a more conscious and compassionate place.

"If we can get it started and rolling and people to come, Dixon Arts will grow and hopefully we can get music and theater going and people will jump on board who were in theater previously," Bologna said. If anyone is interested, contact the group by Messenger or email at DixonOnStage@gmail.com. ★



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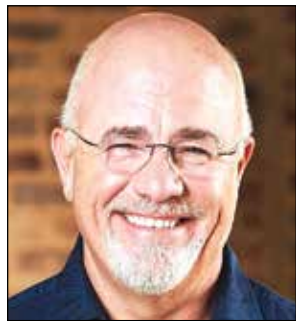
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numbers, and stop by once in a while just to make an appearance, then I'd advise against the whole idea.

The big problem with your plan is that you are only a small part of the equation, when it's supposed to be your business.

In one survey by Forbes.com, several successful entrepreneurs were asked how many hours per week they worked. Not one said less than 50, and the majority put in closer to 70 or 80 hours a week. While the latter may not be feasible if you're already working a full-time job, the idea is the same. You have to love what you're doing, and you must be willing to put in the time and effort to make it work.

When it comes to being a successful entrepreneur, you are the ideas. You are the passion, the vision, the energy and the desire to get things done and grow the business. If you don't have the drive to be all those

things, you're better off not doing it at all. You'd have a better chance of making something work if you bought an existing business with a manager already in place.

I'm sorry, Temple. But in my mind, your idea – as it stands now – is a big disappointment just waiting to happen.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Don't Waste Your Time or Money if You're Not Serious

Dear Dave,

I've been wanting to start my own small business for years. The only problem has been my current job. I make good money, but I also put in a lot of hours. About a month ago, I came up with an idea I think would be really successful. How do you feel about me handling the books of this new business, and generally overseeing things, but hiring a manager to handle the day-to-day operation?

– Temple

Dear Temple,

I don't like this idea very much. In fact, I hate it. If your idea is to crunch a few



Rice Farmers Could be Paid to Fallow Land Under Habitat Restoration Plan

State and federal officials and some major California water districts have agreed to a tentative \$2.6 billion plan to improve water quality for salmon and native fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. State and federal agencies would fund much of the plan, with water districts contributing more than \$660 million. Funding would include payments to rice farmers who fallow land to save water. Modesto and Turlock irrigation districts are expressing concerns over the plan.

Judge Temporarily Halts Groundwater Curtailment Order in Siskiyou County

A judge in Siskiyou County has temporarily blocked a state order that would have prevented area farmers from tapping into percolating groundwater supplies they have relied on for decades. The State Water Resources Control Board sought to stop groundwater pumping there as part of a drought emergency curtailment order for the Shasta and Scott rivers. But irrigators argue the state's curtailment authority doesn't extend to groundwater. A hearing on the matter will be held May 5.

Cattle Movement Beginning Early Due to Drought, Feed Costs

The annual movement of cattle to summer grazing pastures is starting earlier than usual this year as California's unrelenting drought dries up winter forage lands. It's part of costly challenges facing ranchers. Faced with diminishing grazing lands, they are paying a premium to buy and deliver hay. With spiking fuel costs and mounting time pressures, their costs are also soaring for lining up cattle trucks to transport livestock to still-serviceable summer pasture areas.

Bill on School Meals Seeks to Protect Domestic Farmers

A California lawmaker wants to ensure that food served in public schools and universities is grown in the U.S. A bill by Sen. Anna Caballero of Salinas would require schools to serve American produce unless the cost of foreign foods is 25% less or a specific commodity – such as bananas – isn't produced in abundance in the U.S. The bill is described as an effort to level the playing field for domestic farmers who adhere to higher environmental standards than foreign competitors. ★

DWIC Takes a Hands-on Approach to Art

By Loran Hoffmann

DIXON, CA (MPG) - "Creativity is contagious, pass it on" is a quote by Albert Einstein. The members of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club will be exercising their personal creativity at their Wednesday, April 20 meeting as Christie Baron, owner of Joyful Art Studio on Main Street in Vacaville will be offering a painting class to those interested in exploring a variety of painting techniques and styles.

Baron is dedicated to making art fun and doable for everyone and believes there is value in the process of art no matter the final product. Members can bring guests to participate in this creative endeavor by contacting membership chair, Mary Kay Callaway, no later than April 18, so sufficient art supplies will be available. Callaway can be reached at (916) 541-0417.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at the Dixon Methodist Church Fellowship Hall with the painting activity, followed by a short business meeting. Scholarship applications submitted by members of the graduating Class of 2022 have been received from the Counseling offices of Dixon High School and Main Prairie Continuation School. The DWIC Scholarship Committee is reviewing the applications and will be conducting interviews with a number of the candidates before announcing the final selection May 2, 2022.

New this year is the "Shirley Humphrey Memorial Scholarship" that will be

awarded to a student interested in pursuing a degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics field. In addition, four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded by the DWIC to the Class of 2022.

Schools and local nonprofits are encouraged to submit a funding request for up to \$500 from the DWIC Community Grants Program. This is an opportunity to expand or enhance an existing local program to reach a larger audience or address a specific community need. Requests need to be postmarked by April 15. Call Teri Brown for details (916) 601-3371.

The Spring Trip to the Gold Country will be held on Friday, April 29. The day trip includes visits to Columbia State Park, the Murphys Hotel, Ironstone Winery, San Andreas and a final stop at Slough House. The trip is from 8 am to 7 pm (depending on the traffic). Reservations will be accepted with a \$100 non-refundable deposit up to April 20. Depending on the number of folks, it could be an additional \$20-\$25. Call Loran Hoffmann for details and a brochure. (707) 372-7094. Join us for a fun day!

Guests and new members are always welcome at the Dixon Women's Improvement Club. If you are interested in joining, the annual dues are \$35. If you choose to join in April or May, your dues will be applied to the 2022-23 program year from September 2022-May 2023. Just ask for the 'Presidents Special' when you contact Callaway, the Membership Chair. ★

Congressman Mike Thompson Endorsed by Mayors from Every County

Mike Thompson for Congress

NAPA, CA (MPG) - U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson announced that he has received endorsements from mayors in every county in the newly drawn Fourth Congressional District.

Mayors from Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties who will be included in the new district are excited to see Thompson return to the region.

"I am humbled to have received the support of mayors from every county in the newly drawn Fourth

Congressional District. I have tremendous respect for the leaders of our cities and I look forward to continuing to work with them. We will work together to ensure all our constituents have strong communities to call home." said Rep. Mike Thompson. ★

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set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 8, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 1 8, 15, and 22, 2022
PERSEUS 4-22-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000562
 The following persons are doing business as: Maganda Media Management 509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620. Katrina Marsh, 509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620 and James Young, 909 Brelton Drive Fairfield, CA 94533. Date Filed in Solano County: March 30, 2022. The Registrant

commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/25/2022 This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022
KATRINA 4-29-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000261
 The following persons are doing business as: Busy Bee Yoga 1115 Stratford Avenue Suite D Dixon, CA 95620. Katrina Marsh, 1115 Stratford Avenue Suite D Dixon, CA 95620. Date Filed in Solano County: February 15, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 10/25/2021 This Business is conducted by: A Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the

expiration March 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022
BUSBY 4-29-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000548
 The following persons are doing business as: Chonies Express 366 Crimson Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Alba Kipers, 1720 Green Acres Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513 and Jordan Krehlik, 366 Crimson Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date Filed in Solano County: March 29, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious

Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6 2022
CHONIES 5-6-22



SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-002, Adopting City Council District Boundaries in Accordance with California Elections Code Section 21601 Et Seq. and Dixon Municipal Code Section 2.12.020, Subdivision (C) (the "Ordinance").

On June 14, 2016, the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-007, which established a by-district election process for four (4) City Council districts with the Mayor elected at-large. Following each federal decennial census, the FAIR MAPS Act (Elec. Code, § 21600 et seq.) (the "Act") and Dixon Municipal Code section 2.12.020, subdivision (C), requires the City to complete a redistricting process to reapportion the City's population between the four (4) City Council districts so that the City Council districts are substantially equal in population. The Act also specifies the criteria and procedures for adoption of City Council district boundaries. The Ordinance will adopt City Council district boundaries pursuant to the Act and the Dixon Municipal Code. The City Council conducted public hearings on redistricting on November 16, 2021; January 4, 2022; March 15, 2022; and April 5, 2022 to receive a report from City staff on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered for adoption of City Council districts. The City Council also received public input on potential City Council district boundaries at the public hearings.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 15th day of March 2022, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 5th day of April 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: April 15, 2022

Dixon Independent Voice 4-15-22

CITY OF DIXON - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express on Wednesday, **05/11/2022**, until 3:00 p.m. at which time all bids will be publicly opened online and read by the City Clerk, for the following project:

City of Dixon 2022 Pavement Preservation Project #2021-05

LOCATION OF WORK: Various streets throughout the City of Dixon, divided into two project sites: The Main Project Area and the Subdivision Project Area.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work consists of slurry seal and striping on existing streets within Dixon. Improvements also include dig-outs at 6 locations outlined in the Project documents. The Engineer's Estimate for the base bid of this project \$663,547.

All work is to be done in accordance with said Plans and Specifications. A copy of the Plans and Specifications, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained by logging on www.blueprintexpress.com/dixon or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593. Bid sets may be obtained for a non-refundable price of \$35.00 (additional fee if mailed). All bidders must purchase a complete bid set from BPXpress Reprographics in order to be considered responsive and to receive addenda notifications.

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

Dixon Independent Voice 4-15 and 4-22-2022

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-003, adopting the Rezoning (RZ 20-01) and Planned Development (PD 20-01) of two vacant properties totaling 13.3 acres at the southwest corner of North Lincoln Street and SR 113/North First Street from Light Industrial – Professional and Administrative Office – Planned Development (ML-PAO-PD) to Service Commercial – Planning Development (CS-PD) and Planned Multiple Residential – Planned Development (PMR-PD) Lincoln Square Project (Planning Application 20-31), Assessor's Parcel Number 0108-110-450 and -460.

A 10.99-acre portion for the site will be a subdivided residential community, which would be developed into 100 detached, two single-family homes. Additionally, the project includes a 2.27-acre commercial lot, which will be developed at the corner of the site with a 4,500-sq-ft (sf) Rotten Robbie convenience store, a 5,789-sq ft. fueling canopy with eight fuel dispensers, and a 2,613-sq ft. car wash. The commercial lot will be located immediately southwest of the North Lincoln Street/State Route (SR) 113 intersection. The residences will be constructed to the west, southwest, and south of the commercial lot. The residential community will provide an open space area by way of a pocket park, which will be located immediately to the west of SR 113 and will serve to capture stormwater runoff. North Lincoln Street and SR 113 will provide access to the project site, with each roadway featuring a single point of entry/exit to both the commercial lot and subdivision.

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Kristin M. Janisch
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DATE: April 8, 2022
PROJECT NAME: Dixon Commerce Center Expansion Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would involve expansion of the existing warehouse and associated improvements. The expansion would add 125,712 sq. ft. of new warehouse space to the southern portion of the existing 427,042 sq ft. warehouse building. The majority of the proposed development would occur on the southernmost parcels, including removal of the existing concrete slab, construction of the expanded building area, and addition of parking areas. In addition, limited site improvements are proposed within the 20.95-acre developed northernmost parcel, including removal of the parking lot along the southern border of the existing warehouse, new pavement and bioretention areas along the western border of the existing warehouse, minor improvements to the existing parking lot area southeast of the existing warehouse, and minor utilities improvements. The proposed project would add 223 net new parking stalls to the project site, resulting in an overall total of 452 vehicle parking stalls. In addition, 87 new semi-trailer parking stalls would be provided along the southern portion of the project site. The application requires Design Review approval.

PROJECT LOCATION: **2299 Commerce Way, Dixon, CA 95620 (Solano County)** - The property is bound by Vaughn Road to the north and Commerce Way to the east. The Atkinson Court cul-de-sac is located near the southwestern corner of the site. APN Nos. 0111-200-100, 0111-090-880, -890, -940, and -950

APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Nearon Enterprises

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is subject to a review of potential environmental impacts. An assessment of potential impacts (Initial Study) was completed. Potentially significant impacts related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources were identified in the Initial Study and all the potentially-significant impacts can be reduced or eliminated by requiring and implementing recommended mitigations measures. The Initial Study recommends the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, which includes the recommended mitigation measures. This notice provides the City's intention to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code as related to hazardous materials.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: In compliance with CEQA, the City of Dixon Community Development Department has established a **30-day public review period from April 8, 2022 to May 9, 2022** to solicit comments and input on the IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the IS/MND should be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022** to: City of Dixon, Community Development Department, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or planningdepartmentlist@cityofdixon.us.

Correspondence and comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND may also be submitted to: **Scott Greeley**, Community Development Department, (707) 678-7000 x 1115 or via email: sgreeley@cityofdixon.us.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND and supporting documents are available for public review during the 30 day public review period at City Hall, located at 600 East A Street in Dixon, CA and online at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/EnvironmentalReviewDocuments>

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the City of Dixon Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to review and consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration along with the following planning entitlements: Design Review for the abovementioned project on **Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM.** at the City Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street in Dixon, CA.

This meeting **will be physically open to the public.** All members of the public may participate in the meeting by 1) attending the meeting in person, or 2) remotely participating in the meeting by either video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or teleconference at (669) 900-9128 and entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754 to access the remote meeting or teleconference. All persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

The staff report for the project will be available online by 72 hours before the hearing date at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos> and then clicking on the upcoming agenda for the aforementioned hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting. You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand" 2) via teleconference press "9, or 3) email comments/questions to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making their recommendation. The Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for a public hearing and final action on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and planning entitlement. In accordance with noticing requirements, a separate public notice of the City Council hearing will be mailed and published in local newspaper prior to that hearing date.

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

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

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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Riley Reviews

FAR-FETCHED "AMBULANCE" IS STILL A BREAKNECK THRILLER

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"AMBULANCE" Rated R

At one time in the past, Los Angeles had the dubious title of the bank robbery capital of the world. One notorious theft came in the infamous North Hollywood bank heist where the LAPD found themselves seriously outgunned by the bad guys.

One would be tempted to think that director Michael Bay, known for special effects and huge budget action films, would be inspired by real-life events in the City of Angels for his heist thriller "Ambulance."

Well, that would not be the case. Bay's latest venture into thrills comes courtesy of screenwriter Chris Fedak being inspired by Danish thriller "Ambulancen," a film that featured two bank robbers who hijack an ambulance with a heart attack patient on board.

The breakneck thriller that was envisioned by the creative team boils down to high-tension, character-driven crime drama that takes place over the course of one day across the streets, freeways and even the concrete bed of a usually dry Los Angeles River.

While assorted criminals and an army of police and FBI agents shooting it out raise the stakes, the focus of the story is on two men linked by brotherhood but widely divergent on principles who are involved in the biggest bank heist in Los Angeles history.

Danny Sharp (Jake Gyllenhaal) and his adoptive brother Will Sharp (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II) grew up together as family. Will, a decorated war veteran, is a devoted family man, while the charismatic yet insanely psychotic Danny is a career criminal wanted by the FBI.

Devoted to his wife who needs costly experimental surgery, Will is desperate for money to pay her medical bills not covered by insurance. Will wants a loan, but Danny offers a solution with an expected \$32 million haul only if his sibling joins the robbery crew.

Erratic and delusional about his talent as a mastermind, Danny believes he has the perfect scheme. At first, everything is going according plan until a lovestruck rookie cop shows up hoping to get the nerve to ask a pretty teller for a date.

Danny finesses the tense situation until the cop's partner waiting outside realizes a robbery is in progress, and then all hell breaks loose. In the immediate getaway on foot through a labyrinth of underground areas, the cop is seriously wounded.

When the two brothers hijack an ambulance, they take paramedic Cam Thompson (Eiza Gonzalez) and the rookie cop Zach Parker (Jackson White),

barely clinging to life, as hostages, and hence begins a wild chase.

Assigned the unenviable task of coordinating the law enforcement operation, Captain Tyler Monroe (Garret Dillahunt) won't hesitate to shoot to kill and is eager to avenge his injured officer.

Called to duty on his day off, Monroe arrives on the scene, wearing USC gear and camouflage pants, in a small Fiat with his insanely huge 200-pound mastic in the passenger seat.

The LAPD captain's old-school style clashes with the younger FBI Special Agent Anson Clark (Keir O'Donnell), who by odd coincidence shares a complicated past with Danny Sharp, as both had studied criminology together at the University of Maryland.

While Captain Monroe and FBI agent Clark tussle over strategy and tactics, there is plenty of yelling and tension developing between the Sharp brothers, with Will being the empathetic character because his sibling is truly a dangerous and unhinged psychopath.

Logic is widely absent from "Ambulance." There's no point to giving much thought to how easily the two brothers evade the police in high-speed chases, especially when it appears that every cop and federal agent in the entire metropolis has been mobilized.

Even less believable is Cam, a medical school dropout due to drug abuse, being able by face timing two surgeons to handle a delicate surgical procedure while the ambulance is madly careening through the streets.

Fond of explosions and overwrought action, Michael Bay has little use for subtlety or refined sensibilities. If you come to "Ambulance" with the expectation of a plethora of violent thrills, disappointment will not cross your mind.

"Ambulance" is spirited, mindless entertainment. It is by turns silly and insipid or passionately calculating, the latter most evident when the paramedic attending to the wounded cop becomes emotionally connected.

Notably in the director's dynamic style is the delivery of a rollercoaster ride that can almost make one dizzy from the scattershot blast of vehicle crashes and shootouts.

"Ambulance" could have benefited from tighter editing, seeing how a lot of the action is gratuitously repetitive. But the director is not known for restraint, and so over-the-top and virtually non-stop action is the order of the day.

Action junkies probably won't be disheartened by the excesses of "Ambulance." If you are in that group, strap in for a high-octane action journey that is far-fetched but still thrilling most of the time. ★

The Year's New Easter Reads

What's Inside the Easter Egg
by Cindy Jin illustrated

What's inside each of these brightly covered Easter eggs? This lift-the-flap adventure is an adorable interactive book for young readers. Filled with bright, vivid colors and predictive prompts, little ones will be excited to try and guess who's under each easter egg flap.

One Busy Bunny
by Robie Rogge

Follow along as the bunny spends a busy day handing out Easter Eggs to all his friends.

The adorable 3-D novelty book returns for Easter with a bunny-shaped board book design that is a perfect addition to any Easter basket and library shelf.

10 Hungry Rabbits
by Anita Lobel

Mama rabbit has ten little hungry bunnies that she must feed and she needs things to put in the soup for dinner. So, the ten little rabbits all head out to the garden to find their own ingredients to add. From one big purple cabbage to ten black peppercorns, ten little rabbits take off on a counting adventure. The 10 Hungry Rabbits is an educational and fun book for readers and classroom libraries, as readers will be able to discover new yummy vegetables found in the garden while counting along the way.

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by Rosie Rossner, pictures by Gibson

Show that egg-sra special person in your life how much you love them. Whether they are purrrfectly amazing or make your heart flutter, this is the perfect time to let your lovebug shine. With fanciful fun illustrations and a fun play on words, you can show your little one how much you love them.

The Great Easter Race

by Craig Manning
illustrated by Ernie Kwiat

It's time for the great Easter race. The colorful flags are waving in the wind, and



everyone has joined at the starting line. Who will win the race?

Follow Big Bird Cookie Monster, Ernie, Bert, Grover, Count, Zoe, and Elmo as they all race to the finish line in this fun take on "The Tortoise & the Hare."

The Little Blue Bunny

by Erin Guendelsberger and Stila Lim

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Fall in love with a story that will quickly become a cherished book. Little Blue Bunny explores the power of love and friendship and the beautiful journey in-between. ★

California's Gun Restrictions are a Failure



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

Inevitably, last week-end's horrendous fusillade of bullets on a downtown Sacramento street that left six people dead and at least a dozen wounded generated demands for new gun controls in state that already has the nation's most restrictive firearms laws.

However, if anything, what happened just two blocks from the state Capitol underscores the folly of believing that "gun violence" can be meaningfully reduced by trying to choke off the supply of firearms – any more than the prohibition of liquor or the war on drugs succeeded.

The state's gun laws have hassled law-abiding hunters and gun hobbyists and some are in danger of being declared unconstitutional. However, Californians already own more than 20 million rifles, shotguns and handguns and are buying hundreds of thousands more each year.

Nor have these laws prevented the lawless from obtaining weapons via theft, smuggling from other states or the illicit manufacture of untraceable "ghost guns." Indeed, state restrictions have made the black market even more lucrative, mirroring the

side effects of Prohibition and the decades-long drug war.

Initial evidence indicates that those who fired more than 100 rounds in a street crowded with bar and nightclub patrons probably were violating one or more gun laws. The two brothers that police arrested and are suspected of involvement in the mass shooting were charged with illegal possession of weapons – one for possession of an illegal fully automatic firearm.

So why, if California's much-vaunted gun control laws have failed to choke off the supply of legal and illegal weapons, do politicians continue to claim that enacting even more will have an effect?

Some may believe it, the evidence notwithstanding, while others want to appear to be doing something about a problem because they don't have any other answers. And those who propose and enact new gun laws are often woefully ignorant about guns or even existing laws.

In the aftermath of the shooting, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg lamented to a radio interviewer about California's difficulty in reducing the number of guns, saying, "You just have to go to a gun show in Reno to buy an assault weapon without a background check and come right back to California."

Advocates of more laws often cite a "gun show loophole" but it's a myth. Under federal law, one must be a resident of Nevada and undergo a federal background check to legally buy a gun in Reno.

Moreover, while California professes to have banned "assault weapons," the state's definition of them involves cosmetic features, rather than their lethality. Perfectly legal semi-automatic rifles that lack those features are available for sale everywhere in the state.

The newest effort at gun control in California, backed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, would authorize personal lawsuits against the manufacturers and sellers of illegal assault rifles or ghost guns, mirroring a new Texas law allowing suits against those who perform abortions.

The legislation, Senate Bill 1327, is just a stunt – one of Newsom's periodic jabs at a rival state. Those who could be sued under the bill are already committing criminal acts in California and a federal law prohibits suits against manufacturers of legal firearms, including the "assault weapons" that California and a few other states purport – but fail – to outlaw.

The bottom line is this: Actor Alec Baldwin's claims notwithstanding, guns don't fire on their own. Someone must accidentally or purposely pull the trigger and that should be the focus of efforts to reduce violence – such as more vigorous enforcement of laws banning gun possession by felons and those under court order.

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

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Snowpack Worsens

Sierra Snowpack Falls to Lowest Level in 7 Years

By Rachel Becker, CALMatters

Seven years ago today, (April 1, 2015) during the height of the last drought, California Gov. Jerry Brown stood on the barren slopes of the Sierra Nevada, watching as engineers measured the worst snowpack in state history.

Today's snow measurements aren't quite so bleak, but they remain devastatingly low: The snowpack – which provides a third of California's water supply – is 38% of average statewide. And at the same bone-dry spot where Brown stood in 2015, at Phillips Station south of Lake Tahoe, state engineers today found a shrinking patch of snow that contained only 4% of the location's average water content.

After the Sierra Nevada's driest January, February and March for more than a century, the scene painted a picture of a deepening drought.

"Today is actually very evocative of 2015," Karla Nemeth, director of the California Department of Water Resources said against a backdrop of brown grass at Phillips Station.

"You need no more evidence than standing here on this very dry landscape to understand some of the challenges we're facing here in California," Nemeth said.

Worse than last year, worse even than last month, this year's snowpack is the worst it's been in seven years and the sixth lowest April measurement in state history. It's not as bad as the last drought, however: The snowpack contains about eight times more water than in 2015.

The amount of snow in April is considered critical because it indicates how much water will be available through the summer.



State officials found only traces of snow during the April 1 snowpack survey at the Sierra Nevada's Phillips Station. Photo by Kenneth James/California Department of Water Resources

The snow, historically at its deepest in April, melts and flows into rivers, streams and reservoirs that serve much of the state.

Sean de Guzman, manager of the state's snow surveys and water supply forecasting section, held his hand at roughly shoulder height on a survey instrument. "On an average year, our feet should be right here where my hand is," he said.

As California's water officials discovered last year, climate change is upending their forecasts for how much melting snow the thirsty state can truly expect to refill its dwindling stores.

It's a dismal end to a water year that began with great promise, with early storms in October and December. By Jan. 1, the plush snowpack was 160% of average for that date statewide, and already a little over half the seasonal total.

"Our great snowpack – the water tower of the West

and the world – was looking good. We had real high hopes," Benjamin Hatchett, an assistant research professor with the Western Regional Climate Center and Desert Research Institute, said in a recent drought presentation.

Typically, the snowpack would continue to build until April. But a record-dry January, February and March followed by unseasonably warm and dry conditions in March sapped the frozen stores, which by the end of the month were already melting at levels that would be expected in April or May.

Now, "we would consider this to be deep into snow drought," Hatchett said.

Reservoir storage statewide is about 70% of average – around half of total capacity, de Guzman said today.

Though state officials reported that early snowmelt has started to refill foothill reservoirs, the

water level in massive Lake Shasta, critical to federal supplies for farms, people and endangered salmon, sits at less than half the average for this date. Lake Oroville is only slightly better, at 67% of its historic average.

From Andrew Schwartz's vantage point north of Lake Tahoe at the University of California, Berkeley's Central Sierra Snow Lab, it still looks wintry, with about three feet of snow, "plus or minus six inches," he said.

It's a far cry from the grassy field further south in the Sierra Nevada, where Brown stood for the survey seven years ago and where state officials found just traces of snow today.

"It's been a false sense of security when you come up here" to the snow lab, Schwartz said "Statewide as a whole, it's not looking great."

There could be a number of consequences to the early snowmelt, Schwartz said. It

could result in more water loss as early snowmelt evaporates in reservoirs, disrupting the balance of mountain ecosystems and speeding the start of fire season.

"Without the snow, once things dry out, it's just going to be catastrophic again," Schwartz said.

Early snowmelt can also complicate reservoir operations if managers need to release water to preserve flood control space, said Nathan Patrick, a hydrologist with the federal California Nevada River Forecast Center.

California's water supply will be determined by how much snowmelt continues to flow into major reservoirs versus how much will seep into the soil or disappear into the air. Climate change is already transforming this pattern as the weather swings between extremes, and warmer temperatures suck moisture from the soil and melt

snow earlier in the year. "The next few weeks are really that critical period to actually watch how much of that runoff will actually make it down into those lakes," de Guzman said.

California's Department of Water Resources is working to overhaul its runoff forecast calculations, an effort that has grown increasingly urgent. Last year, the state's projections for runoff from the Sierra Nevada overshot reality by so much that water regulators were left scrambling to protect drinking water supplies and preserve enough water in storage.

Assemblymember Adam Gray, a Democrat from Merced, has called for a state audit of the calculations. "Has the state learned anything from this disaster?" he asked in a CalMatters op-ed.

This year, de Guzman and Patrick expect more of the snow to reach reservoirs.

The soils, for one thing, are wetter – the result of powerful October storms that soaked the state. That means more of the snowmelt may flow into rivers and streams. Generally, Patrick said, "We expect it to be better this year."

Still, increased runoff can't make up for a paltry snowpack – particularly in the Northern Sierra. The snowpack there is the lowest in the state, just 28% the seasonal average, compared to 42% and 43% in the Central and Southern Sierra.

Patrick sees a trend emerging in the runoff and streamflow measurements over the past three years. "One after another have been below normal," he said.

"You can deal with one or two bad years, but when you start to get these compounding, three bad years ... it's hard to recover." ★

She Had Him at Butternut Squash Soup

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Sauteed Green Beans, Fried Potato Gratin, Braised Collard Greens, Buttermilk Biscuits and Cornbread Muffins.

When her husband was assigned to Illinois for three years, she felt lucky because that was his home and his family showed her all around. They also introduced her to southern style cooking.

"That's where I really got my barbecue skills and an

understanding to cook a meat for 12 hours," she said. "I really fell in love with the style of cooking there."

When they moved back to Dixon in 2017, Carlee finished her AA degree from American River College where they are well known for their culinary program. They have a restaurant on campus, and they have an internship where students learn the front and the back of the house, she explained.

In 2021 with children a bit older, she knew what she wanted to do and applied for her Dixon business license. They didn't know what to do with her, though, initially the city put her through "lots of trouble." She chose the name Hangar 1878 after her husband's career and secondly, when Dixon was incorporated since she's related to one of the founding families of Schroeders. Carlee sought help from the Solano County Small

Business Development Center.

"I don't know if I could have opened without them. I was the first one in Dixon," she said. "I could have opened last year. The easy part was the County. It took only two weeks to inspect and approve. That's why I wanted to spread the word. I don't want new chefs to hassle with it like I did so if I can smooth the way for them, that would be amazing."

Now that she's open,

she's had a lot of people she know—"friends, relatives, and friends of relatives"—become customers. The buttermilk biscuit is hot, flakey, golden-topped, and delicious. She has a new customer.

Carlee hopes to someday have a 'brick and mortar place' but for now she's on Facebook and Instagram to take orders. For more information call (707) 474-2061 or go to www.foodnome.com/hangar1878. ★

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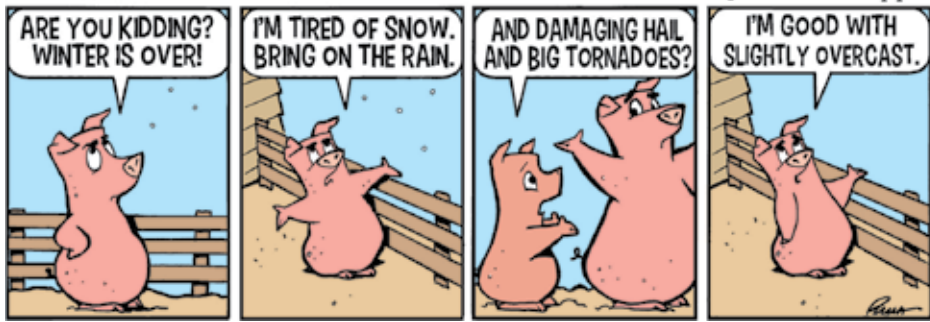
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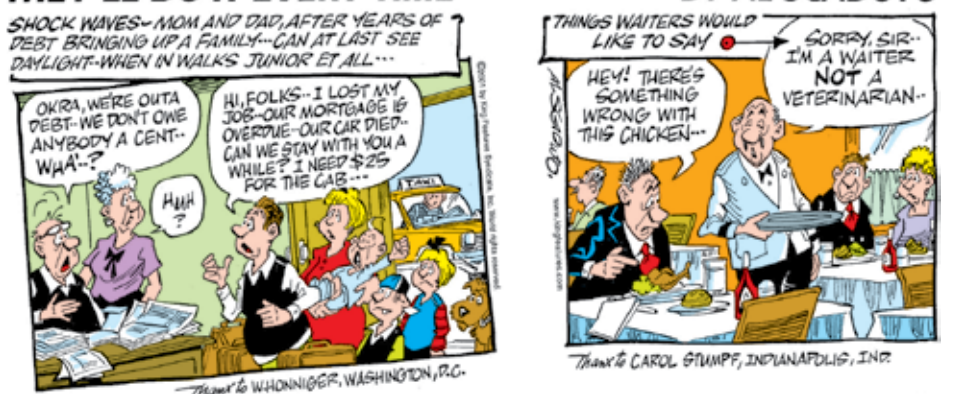
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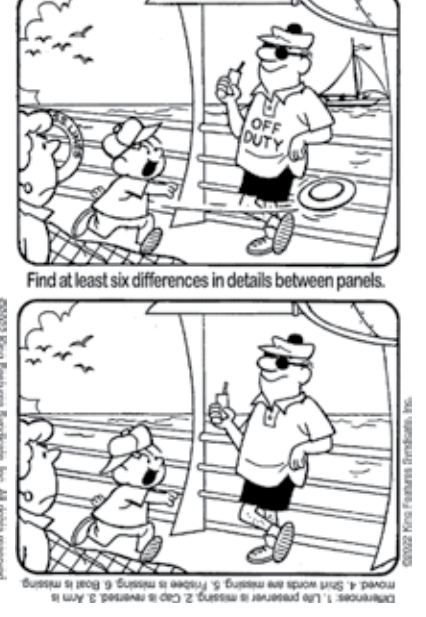
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Local Stars Shine at 45th Optimist Game

By Shaun Holkko,
sports editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - High school basketball players from across the Sacramento region descended upon Capital Christian High School on Sunday, April 3, for the 45th Annual Optimist All-Star Game.

The game exclusively for high school seniors is hosted for several different sports yearly and has been held for basketball since 1978. Four separate games were played, as the teams were split by gender and school size.

The first game of the night was between the small school girls. The South Team was led by Dixon head coach Mike Gilliard and his three assistants. Four out of 12 players on the team came from Dixon as guards Talia Medalle, Janie Ming, Gracie Nickum and forward Brianna Humphries played in the game.

Humphries averaged 16.9 points and 8.8 rebounds this season en route to leading her team to the Division IV section title. The 5-foot-11 senior is now on her way to San Diego Christian College.

Representing Woodland on the girl's small school South Team were guards Marina Montez and Alex Romero. The South Team pulled away in the fourth quarter, winning 73-52. Isabella Felix from Liberty Ranch was named the team's most outstanding player.

The girl's small school North Team's most outstanding player was Heaven Lafata from Bear River. Ike Prince and his



Members of the girl's small school South Team pose for a photo after defeating the North Team 73-52 in the 45th Optimist All-Star Game on Sunday, April 3 at Capital Christian High School in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Optimist Sacramento

five assistants from Marysville comprised the coaching staff. Prince had two of his guards, Katen Johnson and Danae Keeney, representing their school.

Point guard Kyalei Williams, who is on her way to CSU Chico, put on for Rio Linda. Guards Gwen Fayard from Sacramento Adventist Academy and Gracie Williams from Valley Christian Academy represented their respective schools.

The second game was also contested between small schools, this time on the boy's side. The South Team prevailed for the second straight game, defeating

the North Team 99-78. Point guard Drew Fischer from Liberty Ranch was named the South Team's most outstanding player.

Guard Juanluis Rubio from Rio Linda was named the North Team's most outstanding player. Freddie Bryant from San Juan served as one of the assistant coaches and guard Nanik Tagore represented on the court for the Spartans.

Mesa Verde had one player in the game, point guard Anthony Arguelles. Victory Christian was represented by two players, guard Gabe Santiago and forward Zach Ward. Finally, Valley Christian had Brady Meyers putting on for their small school.

The third and penultimate game was played between the large school girls. The South Team triumphed for the third consecutive game, this time in a closely contested affair, 66-63. Laguna Creek guard Ahrray Young, who is taking her talents to the University of Tulsa, was named the team's most outstanding player. Capital Christian guard Donnelly Allen played in the game for the home team Cougars.

Oak Ridge center Ella Ray, who is headed to the University of Pennsylvania, was selected as the North Team's most outstanding player. Del Campo forward Paige Krenecki represented for the Cougars in this matchup.

The final game of the night was by far the highest scoring. The large school boy's North Team led a comeback attempt of over 20 points, however, the South Team won once again 129-121. Elk Grove guard Ameere Britton took over in the final three minutes of the game to lead the South Team to the victory and secure the team's most outstanding player honor.

Guard Anthony Garcia, who is on his way to play football at San Jose State University, suited up for the home school Capital Christian on the South Team. Grant guard Rishod Brown was named the North Team's most outstanding player. Rio Americano was represented by shooting guard Matt Hoffman who will be attending Lewis & Clark College in the fall. ★

Cache Creek Canyon Regional Park Reopens



Yolo County District 5 Supervisor Angel Barajas, Guinda resident Wyatt Cline, Facilities Superintendent Jason Eisenhart, and park staff open the doors to the Cache Creek Canyon Regional Park for the 2022 season. Photo courtesy of Supervisor Angel Barajas

Office of Supervisor
District 5 Angel Barajas

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Cache Creek Canyon Regional Park is located approximately 6 miles north of the town of Rumsey along State Highway 16, providing over 600 acres of natural wilderness. The Regional Park is divided into three use areas: the Cache Creek Upper Park Site, the Cache Creek Middle Campground Park Site, and the Cache Creek Lower Park Site. The three park use areas offer a range of activities such as white-water rafting, rural hiking, kayaking, fishing, and nature walks.

Starting Friday, April 1st, 2022, Cache Creek Canyon Regional Park reopens all its 45 campground sites and 4 group sites. Back in April of 2020, when the Yolo County Shelter in Place Order came out, all Yolo County parks closed. Despite parks reopening in May of 2020, Cache Creek Campground remained closed. With high restrictions, the campground reopened some of its sites in late June of 2020.

In August of 2020, the campground had to, once again, fully shut down, due to the LNU fires, and it remained closed until late September of 2020. But then closed for the season only a few days later.

For the camping season of 2021, Cache Creek Campground opened its doors, but once again with limited sites, no group sites and high restrictions.

Today, Supervisor Barajas, residents, & county staff helped open the doors to the 2022 camping season that will be open from April 1st to October 10th with no restrictions.

Campers are encouraged to secure a reservation at <http://camping.yolocounty.org/> to make your reservation!

Cache creek campground fees: Individual campsites 1-45 for all visitors: \$35.00 per night (no refunds); Dogs at campground: \$5.00 per dog/night, and each dog must be licensed - owner must provide proof of license; Dump Station Use: \$6.00 for non-campers; Shower token: \$5.00 per five minutes; Firewood: \$5.00 per bundle; Extra vehicles: \$10.00 per vehicle/per night. ★

Solano County Earth Day Cleanup is April 16



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SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Solano County's annual Earth Day Cleanup is April 16. Local residents, students, clubs, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to volunteer at a site to pick up and prevent litter and recyclable beverage containers from flowing downstream into the Pacific Ocean. Most cleanup events begin at 9 a.m. and end by noon. To take part in making Solano County clean and green this Earth Day, visit <https://cleanupsolano.org> for times and locations.

The City of Dixon will be hosting a cleanup of Stormwater Retention Pond B at the end of Doyle Lane north of East A Street. Vacaville's cleanup sites are located in Downtown Vacaville at Andrews Park and at the Rocky Hill Trail. Solano County Parks will be facilitating a cleanup at Lake Solano Park. The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District is facilitating cleanups at Lower Ledgewood Creek behind the Fairfield Home Depot as well as Lower Union Avenue Creek at the end of Railroad Avenue in Suisun City. Solano Land Trust will be hosting a cleanup starting at Suisun Hill Bridge on Grizzly Island Road, also in Suisun City.

On the west end of the county, the City of Benicia is also looking forward

to receiving volunteers at the Ninth Street Park beach area for a shoreline cleanup. Starting at 10 a.m. due to high tide, the Rio Vista cleanup will begin at Sandy Beach Regional Park and will focus on the shoreline. Vallejo Watershed Alliance is holding its annual cleanup at Blue Rock Springs Creek Corridor below Wardlaw Park. As a result of these events, it is anticipated that at least 400 volunteers will collectively remove approximately 5,000 pounds of trash and recyclable cans and bottles.

Around 80 percent of trash and recyclables flowing into the ocean originates from neighborhoods, community parks, and open spaces. These inland sources include things like food wrappers, straws, plastic bags, cigarette butts, and recyclable bottles and cans. Often, these small items enter storm drains that flow directly into creeks and rivers before draining into the sea. "Solano County residents can help by volunteering at community cleanups, reducing the amount of waste they create, and returning beverage containers to a local recycling center" said Narcisca Untal, Integrated Waste Management Planner with Solano County. Consumers are charged a California Redemption Value (CRV) deposit for certain beverage containers made of glass,

plastic or metal. When empty, these CRV containers should be returned to one of 1,200 recycling centers in California for buy-back. Currently, CRV is five cents for each beverage container less than 24 ounces and 10 cents for each container 24 ounces or greater. Untal's Earth Day reminder is, "the end of every CRV container's useful can bring 'change' to you and the environment." To find the recycling center closest to you, go to <https://recycle.solanocounty.com>, click on Recycling Guide, and then Beverage Containers.

In an effort to keep with the spirit of Earth Day, organizers are asking cleanup volunteers to bring their own buckets and gloves to minimize waste from single-use plastic bags and latex gloves. Site Captains will have a limited supply available to ensure the health and safety for all participants. To further this event's zero waste goal, volunteers are encouraged to track the type and number of items removed using the Ocean Conservancy's CleanSwell mobile app as an alternative to the usual paper cards provided. The advantage of the CleanSwell app is the collection of real-time data made by Solano County volunteers that informs international researchers of the man-made pollutants threatening our oceans and sea life. ★



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