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Andrea Kett and Yvonne Lenhares, owners of Dixon's scrapbooking store, that has become even more popular since the pandemic shutdown. Their online sales are now world-wide. Courtesy photo

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Mary Forgie, Vaudene Tanaka, Janet Jackson, Joyce Milat and Pat Anderson worked carefully with their scissors, glue and a variety of colored papers and stickers making numerous one-of-a-kind cards for all occasions. In between their crafting, there'd be visiting and laughter. Each sat at a corner of an expansive table made up of four banquet tables pushed together. Their relaxation and pleasure were apparent and any observer would think all was well in the whole wide world while simply at Dixon's scrapbooking store.

Celebrating March as National Craft Month since 1994, "It's All About the Scrapbook" partners Andrea Kett and Yvonne Lenhares have offered free "crop time" to their customers at 1670 North Lincoln where they started their business eight years ago.

Expressing one's creativity

provides stress relief and can lower blood pressure much like meditation, according to the National Day Calendar website, which is certainly needed during colorful state pandemic restrictions.

Describing the effect of the Stay-at-Home Order on their scrapbook store, Kett said to imagine a hamster-wheel fully spinning and someone jamming a stick into it so it abruptly stopped.

"You know how it stops and just kind of wobbles...then we'd start spinning again but then it stopped everything again," said Kett. We had just scheduled out 12 months of classes and had made the decision to invest in a new online system.

Call that divine intervention, they say, as they had sworn they'd never go to an online store although customers had asked.

"We just never had time but that's where we went. The entire industry went online and when it became clear we weren't going anywhere (due to

more state-imposed restrictions,) our sales went up over 400 percent," said Kett as she strolled around the large, well-stocked store. The retail space, that now has an area for shipping and handling, is full of thousands of items including 12x12 papers, paper pads, collection kits, embellishments, flowers, ribbon, albums, tools, adhesives and mixed media.

"The upside to the pandemic is people got back to their hobbies. A lot of people have found their niche," she said, referring to cocoa bombs, resin, art therapy, pottery, plants and more. Since people spent more time indoors and had the opportunity to rediscover old passions or create new ones, this March should be a busy one.

"The hardest class for people is when you give them a class kit and a bit of instructions. They get frozen and don't know where to start. We tell them, 'make this yours,'" she explained. "And, after ten minutes, you can see the creativity releases."

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Good Friday Service Set

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - About 100 faith-filled people may be disappointed to learn that there will be no Easter Sunrise Service this year, traditionally held at Hall Park on Easter Sunday morning at daybreak – but might be happy to learn a new tradition is gelling thanks to the pastors of Dixon churches. The Dixon Ministerial Association that normally coordinated the sunrise service at the amphitheater has decided it is time for a change as the service took a great deal of effort and attendees, albeit faithful, had dwindled over the years.

This year, they have planned a community-wide Good Friday Service on April 2 at 7 pm in front of the Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Residents are welcome to bring a chair and enjoy it outdoors or are welcome to 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.

Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. It 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. A list of Easter services and activities will be published in next week's, March 26 edition. ★

Feeling Lucky? Sidewalk Sale Saturday

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Downtown businesses are feeling lucky and plan to celebrate the first day of spring this Saturday, March 20, with sidewalk sales, drawings for a variety of gift baskets, book giveaways, and even the opportunity to take a historical walk from 10 am to 3 pm. Besides, there's plenty of reason to celebrate now that Dixon has been able to move into the Red Tier of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy after weeks of being severely restricted due to COVID hospitalization rates.

It helps that the forecast is a pleasurable, 70 degrees.

"This is just the beginning after a very long quiet time for the Downtown Dixon Business



Amy Grabish, owner of The Pip Wine Bar, 116 North First Street in downtown Dixon, will offer drink specials and retail sales at this Saturday's Lucky & Lively March event where numerous downtown restaurants, merchants, and service businesses will be celebrating spring. Photo by Debra Dingman

Association," said Rebecca Robinson, a past DDBA President and owner of Uptown Collective on North First Street who has been helping kick start the

organization again. It's Covid and it has been different at times but whoever participates will have a good time and it will help our residents enjoy downtown. We'll just see how we do.

Shoppers can look for the green 'Lucky Lively March' signs for participating businesses and can enter a drawing that will award at least a dozen or more gift baskets from businesses and restaurants.

"If people aren't ready to come out and enjoy shopping, we encourage them to order meals to go from any of our wonderful restaurants," said Robinson. Even service businesses like Almond Tree Home Loans, realtors, and ARCK Home Loans will provide brochures, information or promotional handouts during the day and

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Looking Back One Year Ago

By Debra Dingman

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Somewhere on that path moving from managing your world and the feeling “you got this,” to that place where you feel society has kicked you to the curb and you can’t even manage to order an electric pencil sharpener online correctly, life will suddenly make you aware that you are, after all, very useful, needed, and capable...if you’ve prepared.

And, I’m not talking about having an extra package of toilet paper in your bathroom cupboard. I’m talking about the mental grit needed to assure others to stay calm; the ability to think rationally when lots of things are changing quickly and the ability to exercise caution without feeling your freedoms are threatened. And, most of all, to be grateful for today.

Looking back, I can see where every seemingly trivial job I held has helped prepare me in such huge ways for future experiences I could not have anticipated. After working in the Charles Sammons Cancer Center at Baylor University Medical Center while my husband’s job was in Dallas, for example, it gave me empathy and understanding of living one day at a time with gratitude, perseverance, and hope.

Friendliness brings great rewards. I heard the patient’s stories and their experiences went into my heart. I didn’t sit down with my reporter’s tablet and interview them. These were conversations that came sweetly while pushing their wheelchairs or while they waited for treatments.

Lately, all of these have helped me offer comfort to a younger generation and to those with no faith.

When we open our eyes in America, we are truly blessed. It is important that we do not let those with extreme voices shut us down with far-reaching

conclusions that the government is going to take over and we all need to bear arms.

When I saw the Walmart staff guarding the toilet paper aisle when there were only four cases on that entire row, I knew too many had panicked. I joked with the people there and we all had a good laugh.

I knew that many did not have the ability to think rationally about this virus and now that we’ve been ordered to shelter in place, there are probably even more people scared about their future. It is not too late to prepare, not only with household needs but also with uncertainty.

Being shut in should serve as a reminder of how important our freedom is and worth fighting for and is an incentive to get involved in your local government.

Seventy-seven people did. Thanks to Councilman Minnema’s social media posts about an urgent City Council meeting held online Thursday night, lots of people joined in the new format called Zoom. It was amazing that we could see and hear other people as well as the city leaders. Many questions were answered, and good decisions were made.

It is never too late to start preparing for the unknown and the best way is to have a strong spirit. All those Sunday School classes growing up and all those sermons over my lifetime have given me rich rewards and I feel prepared to console others, calm others, and impart the peace that comes with gratitude for the present.

Robert J. Morgan offered these words on perseverance: “Looking back over the years, I’ve never faced a crisis in which, in response to earnest prayer, whether it was prolonged or instant, God didn’t make a way. (James 5:16.) That’s the great secret of those who put their hands in the hand of the One who can part the seas.”

This Earth Day, Restore Our Planet by Taking Action Locally



Tully Consulting Group of Dixon conducted a socially distanced cleanup along the Interstate 80 frontage road for Coastal Cleanup Day 2020. Courtesy of Tully Consulting Group

By Allison Martin, Solano Resource Conservation District

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Organizers for Solano County’s Annual Earth Day Cleanup are hosting a week-long digital Earth Week Celebration. This virtual event will feature a different community trash cleanup group every day, as well as provide simple and sustainable solutions residents can use to have local and global impacts. The week will culminate in a volunteer trash cleanup in honor of Earth Day. Volunteers can use the CleanSwell mobile app to track their trash collection data.

CleanupSolano is Solano County’s official platform for promoting county-wide community cleanups, including the Solano County Earth Day Cleanup (3rd Saturday of April), World Environment Day Cleanup (1st Saturday of June), and Solano County Coastal Cleanup Day (3rd Saturday of September).

Earth Day originated 51 years ago in response to alarming environmental concerns raised by national activists. Now a worldwide event, this year’s global Earth Day theme is “Restore Our Earth”. Solano County residents are encouraged to take local action in order to have a global impact.

Solano County and its cities host an in-person Earth Day Cleanup every year. The in-person event was cancelled in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and

was replaced with a week-long virtual celebration. With the pandemic still ongoing, organizers are again offering the week-long digital event but also encouraging residents to conduct independent trash cleanups in lieu of coordinated cleanup efforts at designated locations.

The cleanups are coordinated at the county level by Solano RCD on behalf of the Solano County Department of Resource Management and is funded through the CalRecycle Beverage Container City/County Payment Program.



Friends of Lake Chabot carried out an independent cleanup of Rindler Creek in Vallejo for Coastal Cleanup Day 2020. Courtesy of Doug Darling, Friends of Lake Chabot

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To use the crop room, reservations do need to be made as they are respecting the recommended distance to keep customers safe. They are also requiring masks.

Participants bring all their supplies said Kett and noted that they only had 16 spots in their original store but figured out they could do three classes at a time in the space next door – a space formerly occupied by an antique shop. They were only four years into their business at that time and were apprehensive about the commitment but now, four years later, they do not regret the decision at all.

“This has totally worked out,” said a beaming Kett. And, it’s really helpful since they know their customers are feeling the need to gather. “When we opened the online site for these tables the first time, they sold out in four minutes and we now have 28 people on the waiting list. People are really missing getting together,” she said.

“We have discovered people do have time,” Kett said. “I would hope they don’t



Mary Forgie of Vacaville shows off a couple of her card creations she worked on recently at Dixon’s scrapbooking store, ‘It’s All About the Scrapbook,’ where she meets regularly with other crafters. Photo by Debra Dingman

go back to the crazy track they were on before.” Customers can make a reservation through our online calendar to ensure that you have a free spot for a day in March at: itsallaboutthescrapbook.com or call (707) 676-5252. ★

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look forward to meeting people.

“We will open the doors and welcome people in, and hopefully they’ll see Michelle Doan’s new spot,” said Amy Rogers, owner of Kula’s Boutique and Tanning who now offers Doan’s hair styling talents inside the yellow door, 120 West B Street next to the B Street Barber Shop.

The Dixon Historical Society on West A Street will also give you a sneak peek at the museum’s first exhibit by opening

their doors on the renovated former Ice House building.

A short block away, Mother-A House Plant Boutique at 350 West A Street will offer spring specials on a variety of plants and next door, Susan Motley of Motley Realty as well as the Dixon Independent Voice Newspaper will offer a book, magazine, and newspaper giveaway.

People are strongly encouraged to wear masks and socially distance. Hand sanitizer will also

be available at various businesses.

The mission of the DDBA is to enhance the business environment and promote the revitalization of downtown as the cultural center of the community. The volunteer group also coordinates numerous events downtown such as the annual Tree Lighting Festival, Wine Stroll and Dixon Dash, which were all cancelled last year. For more information, go to www.downtowndixon.com or call (707) 678-8400. ★

Two Arrested on Drug Related Charges During Traffic Stop

Dixon Police Dept.

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On Saturday evening, March 13, 2021, Dixon Police Officers were patrolling the streets when they stopped a vehicle in the 300 block of Calmace Drive. They contacted the driver, Nicholas Sinkas (37), of Dixon, and passenger, Jennifer Trujillo (36), of Davis.

Trujillo had a misdemeanor warrant for her arrest out of Yolo County. Sinkas was found to be on probation. After Trujillo and Sinkas were detained, a search was conducted, and they were both arrested and later transported to the Solano County Jail.

Trujillo’s charges



Police seized several firearms charging Sinkas with Felon in Possession of Firearms, Probation Violation and several drug related charges along with Trujillo’s charges. Photo: Dixon PD

consisted of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and the warrant out of Yolo County. Sinkas’ charges consisted of Probation Violation, Felon in Possession

of Firearms, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Possession of Marijuana for Sale, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving without a License. ★



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Ribbon Cutting Event Held at John Knight Middle School



Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brian Dolan holds the ribbon to be cut by retired Dixon High School English Teacher and long-time Administrator John Knight whom the new school is named for. They are flanked by other members of the DUSD School Board and the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee. Courtesy photo

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The real, live John Knight was on hand this past week for an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new John Knight Middle School in Dixon and to commemorate the opening of the campus to students beginning next week.

Mr. Knight grew up in Dixon and attended schools here, graduating in 1966. He attended Stanford University, and after graduating, returned to Dixon as an English Teacher at Dixon High in 1972. He served as a counselor, vice-principal, and ultimately, the principal of his alma mater. His twelve years as principal is the longest tenure of anyone who served in that position. Mr. Knight moved on to work as the District’s Personnel Director, while simultaneously serving as the principal of Maine Prairie High School. He retired in December, 2006.

Approximately twenty people joined Mr. Knight for the ceremony. Members of the DUSD Governing Board and Citizens Bond Oversight Committee we on hand, as well as a number of Mr. Knight’s colleagues from his days at Dixon High School. His daughters, Heather and Beth, were also in attendance to celebrate the naming of the school in their father’s honor.

District Superintendent Brian Dolan and Principal Kamilah O’Connor spoke before Mr. Knight sharing some of his thoughts on the old campus in which he worked being fully renovated and reopening for the middle school students of Dixon. Mr. Knight reflected on the pleasure that his interactions with the high school students with whom he worked in the building were the highlight of his time there. When the speeches were done, Mr. Knight cut the ceremonial ribbon and those

in attendance took a tour through the campus.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was small in size because of the restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A larger event that will be open to the community and include a chance for everyone to see the renovated campus will be held at a later date when restrictions have been reduced. Information on that event will be widely publicized, and will include the opportunity to contribute to the school’s extra and co-curricular programs in Mr. Knight’s honor.

John Knight was an important contributor to the lives and success of the students, families, staff, and programs in Dixon Unified for 35 years. The naming of the middle school campus after him is in recognition of the outstanding service that he provided and on his long-term impact on the greater Dixon Community. ★



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Dixon News Briefs



Former Mayor Thom Bogue is silhouetted against the smoke from a car that had ignited on a local street. The driver was able to pull over and was not injured thanks to Bogue seeing the trouble and quickly rushing to help put it out with a fire extinguisher. Courtesy photo

By Debra Dingman

Former Mayor Bogue

Dixon’s former Mayor Thom Bogue apparently is still serving Dixon. When he spotted a car pulled to the side of a street here in Dixon with smoke billowing out of the hood, he quickly pulled over and put out the fire with an extinguisher he retrieved from his own car. Another driver also pulled over to help and snapped the above picture.

Bogue owns First Choice Auto on the corner of North First and Adams Streets in Dixon so is familiar with engines going wrong. The driver was very thankful.

Workers Wanted

ALKAR Human Resources, a member of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, posted two full pages of jobs available in Fairfield, Vacaville and throughout the surrounding area. This company was founded in 1985 with the sole purpose of providing Solano, Sonoma, and Napa community businesses with motivated and qualified workers.

The positions ranged from forklift operator and packaging/assembly positions to a variety of office assistants. Call (707) 421-0110 or visit www.1alkar.com for more information.

Postponed Top Citizen

Dixon Chamber of Commerce barely finished it’s annual Citizen of the Year in

March 2020 recognizing Donny Everhart of Dixon Financial and Insurance Services who also won Business of the Year when the pandemic forced the Stay-at-Home Order. The good news is that the Chamber is not cancelling this year’s event but merely postponing it “until sometime later, due to the COVID restrictions,” said CEO Shauna Manina.

In the meantime, one can be aware of a potential nominee. Criteria to nominate an individual include the nominee’s contribution to the community’s welfare and betterment, participation in all-around community activities and civic enterprise, evidence of lasting contribution to community welfare, evidence of leadership ability, cooperation with individuals and civic organizations, unselfish devotion and contribution without thought to personal gain.

The person nominated must live in Dixon and the contributions and community activities must have taken place in the city of Dixon. The winner is traditionally feted at a large Chamber fundraising dinner.

Goodwill Closed

The Goodwill in Dixon is one of the eight thrift stores with 61 employees that permanently closed in the East Bay area last week and the local one has been cleaned out of its commercial spot at 1700 North First Street near the Dollar Tree.

“The organization provides no-cost training, employment placement services and support services to those in need, ‘including people with disabilities, people impacted by the criminal justice system, people who are unemployed or underemployed, veterans and military families, older workers, and young adults,’” it said in a news release.

“But because our stores have been shut down for most of the last year due to the pandemic, it has created a tremendous fiscal challenge and we must make a challenging business decision in order to sustain mission services,” Goodwill said.

The good news is that a check at press time showed the Goodwill ★

SBDC Launches Inclusivity Project for Black Business Owners

By Brianna Boyd, Solano SBDC

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- It is estimated that in February 2020, a month before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the local economy, over 1 million Black-owned businesses were operating in the United States.

By mid-April of 2020, over 40 percent of those businesses – 440,000 – had closed their doors for good.

COVID has impacted all segments of the economy but especially hard hit has been the Black community. To help business owners and entrepreneurs rebuild, the Northern California Small Business Development Center has launched the Inclusivity Project.

The NorCal SBDC network, which includes the Solano SBDC, hopes the Inclusivity Project will shine a light on the needs of Black entrepreneurs and provide a safety net that can help them preserve their existing businesses or start a new enterprise in Northern California.

Expert advising and

training opportunities are among the resources available at no-cost through this program, as well as a capital component that aims to secure \$100 million in funding for 1,000 Black-owned businesses.

“A project of this magnitude is important at any time but in light of COVID and its impact on our businesses, it’s even more vital now,” said Solano SBDC Director Tim Murrill. “We are one of the most diverse counties in the country and our Black-owned businesses have been hit hard.”

Solano County business owners who sign up for the Inclusivity Project will be paired with Solano SBDC Advisor Cynthia Cowart. She is the Solano SBDC’s liaison with the Solano Black Chamber of Commerce and has over 25 years of professional business experience. She specializes in business planning.

She believes connecting Inclusivity Project clients with Black business advisors will help them to open up and have deeper conversations about their businesses and lives.

“You want to have a

degree of comfort and trust with who you are speaking with and what better way to build that bond than to speak with someone who has a similar background as you do,” she said. “Recovery is definitely key right now. Hopefully, this project will offer the assistance, the guidance, the mentorship that business owners need to succeed.”

You can learn more and register for the Inclusivity Project at theinclusivity-project.com

Any existing business or start-up with less than 500 employees can utilize the SBDC’s free individualized and confidential advising services. In Solano County, over 99 percent of businesses would qualify. Business advisors are experienced in a variety of areas, including lending, business plans, marketing, sales, strategy, leadership, restaurant operations, human resources, retail, and product pricing.

Learn more and apply to be a business client at www.solanosbdc.org or call Marketing Director Brianna Boyd at (707) 646-1071. ★

CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

Dixon Community Cookbook Going to Print

Shirley Humphrey and Mary Savage have been working on a community cookbook for the Dixon Historical Society. The idea for a cookbook was brought to the Society’s membership more than five years ago. Members and friends of the Society submitted a wide variety of recipes and old cookbooks.

One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Dixon Historical Society and a major contributor to the cookbook project was Rhoda Covington Bruett. Rhoda grew up in Dixon, was a proud graduate of Dixon High School, and was the first in her family to attend college. She and her husband, Hank, made their home in Davis where Rhoda taught kindergarten for many years at Valley Oak Elementary School before retiring. Rhoda and Hank volunteered for several organizations including the Braille Institute and the Dixon Historical Society.

For some reason that no one can remember, the Society’s cookbook fell to the wayside while other projects gained momentum. The recipes sat in a cardboard box in the corner of Mary’s dining room until COVID-19 reared its ugly head. Isolation, mask wearing, social distancing, and stay at home orders changed and limited everyone’s activities! Always ones to make lemonade, when given a bag of lemons, Mary and Shirley picked up the cardboard box filled with recipes and went to work. Last week they announced the cookbook is almost ready to be sent to the printer.

Sadly, Rhoda passed away on March 7, 2019, without seeing the cookbook completed. Her husband, Hank, passed several months later. The Dixon Historical Society has dedicated the cookbook to Rhoda Covington Bruett, because of her support of the Society and contribution of many of her own and her mother’s recipes for this special cookbook. Rhoda’s mother had given her an American Daughters of the Golden West Cookbook copyright in 1932 and told her to share the recipes from the book with the community. Indeed, some of those wonderful recipes are included in this special cookbook.

Dixon community members were also very generous in sharing their family recipes. About 15 to 20 of the recipes are from the 1930’s era and are simpler to make than some of today recipes. One thing we noticed was that the recipes did not include a specific Fahrenheit temperature, but after thinking about it realized that many people still cooked with wood stoves in the 1930’s.

Grace McFadyen, Rhoda’s mother, who would always enter her favorite recipe for lemon pie meringue pie won many blue ribbons at fairs. A recipe for an Egyptian cake is included. ★

Mary Savage included many recipes which were developed in the 1880’s. Plus Hayward Melville and his wife, Kate, submitted a recipe for Bulgarian Baklava. They live in the Balkans now, but spent many years in Dixon.

Red and Anne Kilkenny’s daughter, Margaret, contributed the family’s recipe for marinating chicken. The recipe can serve anywhere from 10 to 50 servings. Joan and Harold Axelson’s daughter shared their favorite recipe for a strawberry jello salad. Cherie Fanning shared a recipe given to her by her mother, Betty Mae Godin. Bea Fanning, who owned Bea’s Restaurant in the 1970’s was famous for her wonderful pies. She left her recipes to her daughters who share these with you.

The Society expects to open the Museum to the public in April. Establishing a history museum is not easy and folks have been working hard. We hope you will support the museum by attending, encouraging your friends to visit, and buy the cookbook and other books that the museum will produce. There is still lots of work to do. Consider donating funds, volunteering, and helping the Society develop a location that will build community and celebrate the contributions of the generations that came before. Everyone’s help is needed and will be appreciated.

Mary and Shirley said they would be remiss if they did not thank those who recognized the need to preserve Dixon’s history. On February 5, 1960, Mrs. Woodman, the Dixon Carnegie Librarian, placed a noticed in the Dixon Tribune inviting residents to join the Dixon Historical Society. The descendants of the early pioneer families would meet every few months in the home of one of the members to share family histories. The Dixon Carnegie Library became the caretaker of the historic photos and documents. The Society members observed pieces of Dixon history were being lost as long-time residents passed away, moved from the area, or were sold to collectors. In the 1980’s the Society incorporated and the idea of establishing a history museum was introduced.

Memorabilia representing Dixon’s rich agricultural past have been stored in barns, basements, and attics over the past 80 years just waiting to tell the story of Dixon and its people. Those working on the museum have found it exciting to discover these items and learn their significance to Dixon’s heritage.


Mary and Shirley are particularly grateful to Mike Ceremello who edited and shaped the cookbook into a salable product and said he enjoyed working for our community. ★



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HR1 Voting Proposal Is a Partisan Disgrace

It'd be fitting if Democrats undertook a radical procedural step to pass a radical piece of legislation. That's what the left is pressuring Senate Democrats to do by eliminating, or significantly curtailing, the filibuster to pass HR1, the sweeping voting proposal that is one of the most execrable bills to pass the House in a very long time. HR1 would federalize the conduct of elections and codify what were supposed to be emergency voting procedures during the pandemic, in frankly partisan legislation sheathed in the rhetoric of "voting rights." According to advocates of the bill, anything to tighten up or maintain good practices regarding ballot security is "voter suppression" worthy of the old Jim Crow South. By this way of thinking, Republican efforts at the state level to, say, reduce the days available for early voting – Iowa is reducing its early-voting period from 29 days to 20 days – will disenfranchise millions, never mind that deep blue New York State allows only about a week of early voting. Voter identification laws, a bogeyman of supporters of HR1, were recommended by a 2005 bipartisan commission jointly led by Jimmy Carter and James Baker, neither

of whom will ever be mistaken for Bull Connor. Not too long ago, it was a feature of big bipartisan voting bills to require states to periodically clean up their voter rolls, another commonsense measure that is now considered tantamount to wielding bully clubs and police dogs. There may be many problems besetting American democracy, but people turning out to vote isn't one of them. Turnout exploded in the 2018 midterms prior to the pandemic and turnout exploded in 2020 during the pandemic, with both Democrats who availed themselves of early voting and Republicans who voted same day showing up in historic numbers. In response largely to a non-problem, Democrats want to trample on the prerogatives of states to conduct elections, mandating their electoral priorities throughout the land. States would have no choice but to accept same-day registrations. People applying for various government programs or for college would be registered automatically. States couldn't turn away the registrations of 16-year-olds, even though they can't legally vote. States couldn't require voter ID. They couldn't remove inactive voters from the rolls. They couldn't work with other states to try to find duplicate registrations six months prior to an election. It would be pandemic-era mail-in voting forevermore, with no ID or witness signatures required and ballot-harvesting and drop boxes mandatory everywhere. Felons could no longer

be barred from voting. The federal government would pay to train high-school students how to register people to vote and fund "campus voter coordinators," as well as giving colleges grants to register students. To truly bring home that the states are being divested of powers that go back to the founding of the republic, state legislatures would no longer draw congressional districts; instead the task would be taken up by purportedly independent commissions. The FEC would no longer be bipartisan, and sundry provisions would prohibit or chill unwelcome political activity. That many Democrats say that the filibuster should fall for this bill is a symptom of the fevered state of the party, which despite holding or winning every elected branch of the federal government has conjured out of nothing a vast conspiracy to stop people from voting that allegedly justifies one of the most blatant federal power grabs in memory. Early voting isn't going away, but there should be protections against potential abuses and voting on Election Day should be encouraged – it's the most secure and private, and least error-prone, way to vote. It's a symptom of what a wrecking ball HR1 is that, in the course of mandating the opposite on all counts, it could kneecap both the states and a longstanding Senate procedure in one fell swoop. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2021 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Governor Delivers a State of Newsom Address



By Dan Walters CALMatters

With the nation at war in 1944, tune-smiths Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer wrote an uplifting song for a morale-building movie, "Here Come the Waves." "You've got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative," Bing Crosby crooned. "Don't mess with Mister In-Between." It's doubtful that Gov. Gavin Newsom, born in 1967, ever saw the movie or heard the song, but he was humming it last week in an elaborately staged State of the State address in an empty Dodger Stadium. Newsom boasted that California, with himself at the helm, has survived the COVID-19 pandemic and "so now, we look ahead to better days with the California can-do spirit – with the energy and optimism that defines us – we will beat this virus and realize our dream of a California for All." It was clearly a campaign speech by a politician who faces the likelihood of a recall election later this year, using his official pulpit to persuade voters that he's been working hard for them and thus deserves to remain in office. Newsom overstated the positive – a half-truth, for instance, that

"California's death rate has remained one of the lowest per capita in the nation" – and downplayed the negative. He glossed over the complete meltdown at the Employment Development Department, an erratic vaccination program and his passive attitude toward reopening schools until the recall was on the verge of qualifying. Newsom dismissed the negatives in one brief passage: "And look, we've made mistakes. I've made mistakes. But we own them, learn from them, and never stop trying." And he referred to the recall only obliquely, saying, "We won't change course just because of a few naysayers and doomsdayers. So to the California critics, who are promoting partisan power grabs and outdated prejudices, and rejecting everything that makes California great, we say this: we will not be distracted from getting shots in arms and our economy booming again." There is a larger issue – whether in his obvious desire to persuade Californians that he's managing the pandemic well, he's allowed political factors to influence it. Newsom insisted last week that "we listened to the experts and were guided by the evidence" in managing COVID-19, but which activities were shut down and which were allowed to continue had tinges of politics from the earliest days of the crisis a year ago. "We were the first state to issue a stay-at-home order, which helped us

avoid early spikes in cases," Newsom boasted, and that's true. But he also eased up a few weeks later in response, as he acknowledged at the time, to complaints about millions of jobs being erased, and then cracked down again when infection rates spiked upward. Thus began a roller-coaster ride of openings and closures that seemed to coincide with the political influence various interest groups wielded, leaving many Californians confused and eventually angered about the seemingly arbitrary nature of Newsom's decrees. Overtly political aspects became especially evident in recent weeks when the recall movement neared the threshold of 1.5 million signatures on petitions to force an election. Suddenly, the state eased up on restrictions by redefining its county-by-county "tiers" and Newsom, after months of passivity, pushed hard to reopen schools. Newsom cited lower infection rates as his rationale, but he had done that previously in easing up on restrictions only to reimpose them when infections spiked upward. He's betting that easements will continue and that as children return to classrooms, businesses reopen, unemployment rates drop and Californians' mood brightens, he can accentuate the positive and beat the recall. Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Aggies Meet Missouri State in NCAA Opening Round

By Jason Spencer, UC Davis

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The five-time defending Big West Conference champion UC Davis women's basketball team begins its run to an NCAA title on Monday (March 22) as the No. 12 seed, taking on No. 5-seeded Missouri State in the opening round at 4:30 p.m. PT at Bill Greehey Arena on the campus of St. Mary's University in San Antonio on ESPNU. The Aggies and Bears (21-2 overall) will be joined in the four-team sub-regional by No. 4-seeded Arkansas and No. 13-seeded Wright State. As the No. 12 seed, UC Davis earned the highest seed for a Big West school since UC Santa Barbara was a No. 11 seed in 2004. Making its third all-time appearance in the NCAA Tournament – and its eighth postseason berth all-time in 14 seasons as a Division I program – UC Davis enters the NCAA's after claiming its third Big West Tournament title on Saturday (March 13) with a 61-42 victory over UC Irvine in the championship game. After enduring a near two-month layoff due to a Yolo County Health Order that paused team activity indefinitely until they eventually opened league play against UC San Diego on Jan. 22, the Aggies enter this year's NCAA Tournament with a 13-2 overall, which includes a 9-1 mark in conference play. Led by 10th year head coach Jennifer Gross, who won her fifth consecutive Big West Coach of the Year honor in 2021, UC Davis features the league's player of the year – and Big West Tournament MVP – in senior forward Cierra Hall, as well as the conference's defensive player of the year in junior post Sage Stobbart, who have combined to lead the Aggies to an 83-28 (.748) record over the last four seasons. The second UC Davis player to be named the Big West Player of the Year in the last

three seasons, Hall became only the third player in the history of the league to earn both the player of the year and defensive player of the year awards in a career, averaging 14.6 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 3.47 assists per game in 2020-21, shooting .461 from the field (second in the league) and leading the conference with a .472 three-point percentage. All told, Hall ranks among the Big West's top 10 in 10 different categories and stands No. 40 in the NCAA in free throw percentage (.853). Stobbart, one of 15 players named to the initial watch list for the 2021 Naismith Women's Defensive Player of the Year Award, joined Hall and former Aggie Haylee Donaghe as UC Davis players to win the league's top defensive honor, averaging 10.4 ppg, 8.3 rpg, and 2.53 blocks per game, while standing among the league's top 10 in five categories and ranking No. 18 in the NCAA in swats. Both Hall and Stobbart, who were also Big West All-Tournament Team selections along with teammate Evanne Turner, were named to the All-Big West first team, marking the third time in the history of the program that UC Davis landed two players on the all-league first team in the same season. Senior point guard Mackenzie Trpcic also picked up her first All-Big West award after being named to the honorable mention team, while junior Kayla Konrad was named to the all-defensive team along with Stobbart. Winners of its last 17 straight, Missouri State is ranked No. 20 in the nation according to the Associated Press and No. 17 in the USA Today Coaches Poll, claiming the regular season Missouri Valley Conference title with a perfect 16-0 record. Senior guard Brice Calip leads the team in scoring at 13.5 ppg and 4.17 apg, and is joined in double figures by junior forward Jasmine Franklin, who averages 11.8 ppg and shoots 52 percent from the field. ★

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The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued an Emergency Permit to World Oil Environmental Services – Dixon (WOES - Dixon) to transfer ignitable hazardous waste from a tanker truck to another tanker truck or container at Dixon facility's permitted truck loading/unloading area located at 7300 Chevron Way, Dixon, California, 95620.

On December 4, 2020, a transporter, World Oil Environmental Services, arrived at the WOES - Dixon facility to off-load approximately 2,540 gallons of used oil. The used oil was tested and found to be ignitable. WOES - Dixon does not have a permit to manage ignitable hazardous waste and the tanker truck does not meet the specifications that would allow it to transport ignitable hazardous waste.

DTSC has determined that the waste poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment, if not properly managed. Therefore, an emergency permit was issued to allow WOES - Dixon to pump the waste from the truck to an approved truck or container and transport the waste offsite to an authorized hazardous waste facility treatment. This Emergency Permit was effective from December 9, 2020 through December 18, 2020. The Emergency Permit included measures to minimize any adverse impact to the community and the environment. WOES - Dixon is required to submit a follow-up report to DTSC verifying that all hazardous waste was safely transferred.

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Spring Greetings and Thank You from Dixon Family Services

By Cookie Powell,
Dixon Family Services

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Since last spring and still now into 2021, there has been an unprecedented number of households struggling and in serious need of our help. Dixon Family Services never closed during the pandemic because our non-profit organization has been the epitome of ESSENTIAL!! We became a lifeline for many people who had never needed basic needs human services assistance before Covid-19 came and caused so much chaos for us all.

We could not do what we do without the support of our community and we appreciate everyone who has ever helped us in any way. We hope for continued support from the many kind people who believe in our good work and want to strengthen our efforts.

Thank you for being our partner in the mission to improve people’s lives. When you refer someone to us we can make a full assessment and begin a realistic plan of action specific to their needs. Please let anyone you know struggling that they should call DFS.

Thank you for your financial contributions. With your fiscal support you give us the opportunity to help vulnerable families make effective and forward-moving changes that result in safer and healthier homes.

Thank you for believing in us. Your

trust in our abilities and dedication to excellent service delivery motivates us every day to go above and beyond for each family. We can make substantial improvements in the day-to-day life of stressed parents.

In these dark times it is very gratifying to be part of such a giving community. At DFS we see firsthand that there are many parents distressed and in pain right now through no fault of their own. At the same time we see just as many people who want to help those struggling. Many kind people, businesses, churches and foundations have made pledges to help us financially as a way to be a part of the solution for strained Dixon households.

We are excited about the possibilities of doing more to fight poverty this year and in the future, so please also spread the word about Dixon Family Services in your social circles and work environment. Like us on Facebook and Instagram. Help us reduce hardships for people who have fallen behind on their basic needs of rent, utilities, food. Thank you.

It is our plan to continue to do as much as we can, for as many as we can, for as long as we can. And we can do this with your help and the support of a wonderful community.

From the Staff, Board, and Volunteers of Dixon Family Services, WE ALL THANK YOU SO MUCH! HAPPY SPRING!! ★

Felony Hit and Run Traffic Collision Ends in Fatality

California Highway Patrol Press Release

SOLANO AREA, CA (MPG) - On March 13th at approximately 9:45 hours, Solano Area CHP received a call of a possible hit and run collision with injuries on Abernathy Road, north of Andrews Lane. A male adult was located at the scene and

subsequently declared deceased. Due to the limited amount of information available, we are actively requesting help from the public. If you were in the area of Abernathy Road on 03/12/2021, at approximately 6pm, please call the CHP Solano Area at (707) 428-2100 or the CHP's non-emergency public access number at 1-800-TELL-CHP (1-800-835-5247). ★

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Effort to recall Newsom gathers over 2M signatures, enough for possible ballot measure | 13 March 2021 | The effort to recall California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) has gathered over 2 million signatures -- a number of signatures, if validated, that could force a measure on a ballot. The leaders of RecallGavin2020 announced this week that their effort reached over 2,060,000 signatures as of Wednesday. “The People of California are speaking loud and clear. We have cleared another milestone. Politics as usual in California are over as we know it to be,” Orrin Heatlie, Chairman of The California Patriot Coalition, RecallGavin2020 Committee, said in a statement.

The Biggest COVID-19 Vaccine Skeptics? Frontline Health Care Workers By **Lawrence Solomon** | 11 March 2021 | (Opinion) What do frontline health care workers and first responders know about COVID-19 vaccines that politicians and their public health advisers don't? According to a January analysis by Gallup, 51 percent of health care workers and first responders polled in December were unconvinced of the merits of getting vaccinated, even if the vaccine “was free, available, FDA approved and 90% effective.” ...The frontline workers proved to be as defiant as Gallup's survey of their intentions anticipated. In California, over half of Tehama County's hospital workers at St. Elizabeth Community Hospital, an estimated 50 percent of frontline workers in Riverside County, and 20 percent to 40 percent in L.A. County refused the vaccine, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.

US Border Patrol Arrests 22 Wanted Fugitives at Texas Ports of Entry | 13 March 2021 | U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) over the past week arrested a total of 22 wanted fugitives at various entry points along the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas. Among them was a person who was wanted for injury to a child charges, and another person who was wanted for assault on a family member. All of those arrested were turned over to local authorities to face charges.


Sen. Cruz: US Military ‘Launching Political Attacks’ Against Tucker Carlson, Requests Meeting | 14 March 2021 | Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) said he requested a meeting with the head of the U.S. Marine Corps after one of its units tweeted statements insulting Tucker Carlson, along with unusually bellicose comments about the Fox News host. “Under Biden, the military is launching political attacks to intimidate Tucker Carlson & other civilians who criticize their policy decisions,” Cruz wrote on Twitter, saying he requested a meeting with the commandant of the Marines. “Officials in uniform are being used for the campaign. I’ve demanded a meeting with the Commandant of the USMC to put a stop to it.” Cruz, in a letter to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, wrote that he is “deeply troubled” by how the Pentagon has “[mobilized] systematic, public attacks against television host Tucker Carlson that in substance, tone, and political resonance are inexplicably inappropriate.”

49 percent of GOP men say they won’t get vaccinated - PBS poll | 11 March 2021 | Nearly half of U.S. men who identify as Republicans said they have no plans to get the coronavirus vaccine, according to a new PBS NewsHour/NPR/Marist poll released Thursday. The study, which surveyed 1,227 U.S. adults from March 3 to March 8, found that approximately 30 percent of Americans overall said they do not plan on getting vaccinated. The poll found a higher amount of opposition among Republicans, with 41 percent saying they would not get one of the three federally approved coronavirus vaccines and 49 percent of Republican men saying the same.

House Passes Gun-Control Bill Expanding Background Checks on Firearm Sales | 11 March 2021 | The House of Representatives on Thursday passed a bill expanding background checks on individuals who are seeking to purchase or transfer firearms as top Democrats have vowed to reintroduce gun control measures. Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) sponsored the measure known as H.R. 8, as Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) introduced the companion bill in the upper chamber. The bill, titled Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021, passed 227-203, receiving eight Republican votes and one Democrat vote against. Five Republicans co-sponsored the bill along with several Democrats. ★

DIXON POLICE LOG

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Thursday, March 11, 2021

0302 – Confidential report taken in the 800 block of South 1st Street.

0757 – A violation of a restraining order report was taken in the 600 block of Amesbury Dr.

0821 – A found property report was taken at the Dixon Police Department

1053 – A warrant and attempted theft report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr. Officers contacted (S) Branden Holcomb (40) of Sacramento. Holcomb had 3 outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Solano County. Holcomb also attempted to steal a several items from a store. Holcomb was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

1309 – A suspected child abuse case was taken in the 1400 block of Pembroke Wy.

1347 – An informational report was taken in the 300 block of North Washington St.

Friday, March 12, 2021

1523 – A coroner's report was taken in the 800 block of Evans Rd.

2048 – A proactive bicycle stop in the 1400 block of North First Street resulted in the arrest of Daniel Figueroa-Rios (46) of Dixon for having two outstanding misdemeanor warrants, being in possession of methamphetamine and methamphetamine paraphernalia, and for violating the terms of his misdemeanor probation. We was transported to the Solano County Jail without incident.

2345 – Officers were dispatched to a report of a physical altercation in the 800 block of North Adams Street. Upon arrival, no one provided any information to officers regarding who was involved in the altercation. No one was identified as being in need of medical aid, and no one came forward as being the victim of any crime. Jason Dingman (34) of Dixon was one of the several subjects contacted. He was heavily intoxicated and determined by officers to be unable to care for himself. He was transported to the Solano County Jail, where he was later released.

Saturday, March 13, 2021

1147 – A warrant arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of Commerical Wy. Officers contacted (S) Terri Hendrick (51) of Winters. A records check revealed she had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Hendrick was arrested and later cited and released from the scene.

1347 – A vandalism report was taken in the 300 block of Stratford Av.

1722 – A coroner's report was taken in the 200 block of Bowen Ln.

2320 – Officers conducted a proactive enforcement stop in the 300 block of Calmace Drive and contacted the driver, Nicholas Sinkas (37) of Dixon and passenger Jennifer Trujillo (36) of Davis. Trujillo was found to be in possession of a controlled substance (GHB –misdemeanor), and needles used to inject narcotics. She also had a misdemeanor warrant for her arrest from Yolo County. Sinkas was found to be on felony probation for weapons charges. While both subjects were detained, a probation search was conducted on Sinkas’ residence. Officers located several firearms and a large quantity of drugs. As a result of this investigation, Trujillo was arrested for her warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia and a Schedule 1 narcotic. Sinkas was arrested for violating the terms of his felony probation, three counts of felon in possession of firearms, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of marijuana for sale, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving without a valid license. Both suspects were booked into the Solano County Jail. Sinkas’ vehicle (White 2004 Mercedes – 8GQP976) was towed by All About Tow incident to arrest.

Sunday, March 14, 2021

1314 – Traffic enforcement stop in the area of North 1st Street and Dorset Drive. The 25 year-old driver was cited for Driving without a License. The 2003 Kia was towed by All About Towing for 22651(P) CVC. DX52087

1410 – Domestic dispute in the area of West F Street and Glenside Drive. 21-0321

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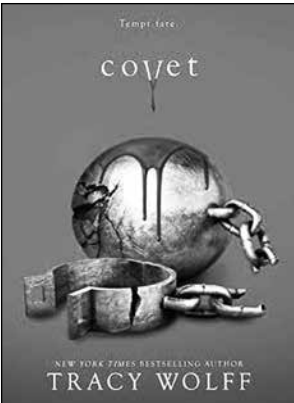
Covet

by Tracy Wolff

“This isn’t how it was supposed to happen.”

For Grace, the last few months have been nothing but unbelievable. First, losing her parents and moving to live in Alaska with her uncle and cousin to Katmere Academy was a huge adjustment, but nothing would prepare her for the truth that lays just past the grand antique doors. Katmere Academy was a school for paranormal beings; her cousin is a witch, her new friend is a dragon, and the boy she fell in love with is a vampire.

Now, Grace must adjust to the fact that she is actually a rare paranormal being, the first in over a century, which makes her the target of the powerful Vampire Court. Thrown right into the middle of their powerplays, Grace could never be prepared for the shocking turn of events that would take lives and shatter her world. As Grace battles between her mating bond with Hudson and her love for Jaxon, she must also survive new betrayals and the Vampire Court’s onslaught of attacks. All while trying to repair her mating bond and free the



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Unkillable beast if any of them should have any chance of survival. The risks are the highest they have ever been, and the price Grace will have to pay might be more than she is willing to give, but through it, all discovering where her heart lies might just be the surviving force that carries her through.

New York Times Bestselling author Tracy Wolff returns with the third addition to the Crave series, *Covet*; combining the age-old dilemma of love vs. duty while adding in the magnitude of a bonded love triangle. Readers will be taken on

the most thrilling turn of events yet, as the intensity of this book ignites its own flame. With evil attacks, dragon courts, a land of giants, a forbidden prison, and unbreakable curses, the hits keep coming, and Grace pushes on, this time with Hudson by her side. Now more than ever, Grace is torn between duty and the mating bond, love versus sacrifice, and determining once and for all where her heart truly lies.

Tracy Wolff continues to deliver goosebumps, chills, heartache, and longing, taking her readers to the brink and yanking them back again. Fans will not be disappointed and will once again feel the need to be encased within the rapture and intensity of this series, fighting or succumbing to the will of reading this book in a day. The Tug of War between power and alliances continues, betrayals will be made known, and friends in the unlikeness of places emerge, all leading up to what will conceivably be an explosive ending to the series. The fourth book in the series, *Court* is due to be released September 28, 2021. ★



Covid-19 Vaccines Reach More Farm Employees

Availability of COVID-19 vaccines for farm employees has been increasing in a number of California’s rural counties. Farmers have joined with local health agencies and nonprofits to sponsor vaccination clinics, and to encourage their employees to receive the vaccines. A Fresno County supervisor says the vaccine has had “wide acceptance” among farm employees. Farmers say they have conducted education efforts on vaccine safety.

Farm Groups Renew Support for Immigration Bill

With a House vote expected later this month on an agricultural immigration bill, farm groups have renewed their support for the measure. The Farm Workforce Modernization Act intends to improve agricultural visa programs and accommodate immigrant farm employees already in the United States. It passed the House of Representatives in 2019 and sponsors have reintroduced it. The California Farm Bureau calls the bill “a top priority” and other farm groups have endorsed it.

Texas Freeze Could Affect California Citrus Demand

Demand for California-grown citrus fruit may rise because of crop losses in Texas caused by its mid-February freeze. Farmers in Texas lost much of their grapefruit and Valencia orange crops. California farms may produce more of both this season, according to a new estimate. Government forecasters also expect more tangerine production in California, but say crops of lemons and navel oranges could be smaller.

Award For Agricultural Teachers Names Finalists

Six high school teachers from California have been named finalists for an award that recognizes outstanding agricultural instructors. The Golden Owl Award is sponsored by Nationwide, which presents it in California in partnership with the California Farm Bureau and California FFA. This year’s six California finalists teach agriculture at high schools in Angels Camp, Eureka, Lakeside, Madera, Santa Maria and Tulelake. ★



A TV Review by Tim Riley

“COMING 2 AMERICA” RATED PG-13 ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Making a sequel to a beloved comedy more than three decades later is challenging. Will it be something completely fresh or a rehash of many rhetorical devices that were so endearing the first time around?

For “Coming 2 America,” an Amazon Prime Video original movie that is a semi-sequel to 1988’s “Coming to America,” starring Eddie Murphy as an African prince from the fictional country of Zamunda, it might be a little of both, depending on one’s estimation of its originality.

One thing that might be indisputable, despite any critical divide over the film’s appeal, is that the extravagant costumes, designed by Ruth E. Carter (Oscar winner for “Black Panther” fashion), certainly bring a spectacular look to this production.

Over thirty years ago Eddie Murphy’s young, pampered Prince Akeem traveled undercover to New York City’s borough of Queens to find an independent woman to be his bride rather than accept an arranged marriage.

Still with the love of his life, Lisa (Shari Headley, reprising the role), Prince Akeem has three strong-willed daughters, the oldest one Meeka (KiKi Layne) having spent her life preparing to be the heir to the throne even if royal decree requires a male to takeover.

Enter Wesley Snipes as General Izzi, leader of the rival nation of Nexdoria, who remains upset that Akeem backed out of an arranged union with his sister Imani (Vanessa Bell Calloway) to jet off to America to find his true love.

Plotting to unify his country with Zamunda for a taste of prosperity, General Izzi offers up his son Idi (Rotimi) to marry Meeka, an idea which is immediately shut down, but that’s not the end of Izzi’s plotting to secure his place in Zamunda.

Meanwhile, Zamunda’s aging King Jaffe Joffer (James Earl Jones also reprising this role) delivers the shocking news that Akeem has a long-lost illegitimate son, Lavelle Junson (Jermaine Fowler), the product of a drunken one-night dalliance during the Queens sojourn.

Traveling back to New York with his trusted sidekick Semmi (Arsenio Hall also back), Prince Akeem finds Lavelle, referred to as his “bastard son,” a slacker scalping tickets to basketball games at Madison Square Garden.

Needing an heir to the throne, Akeem can only convince Lavelle to return with him to Zamunda as long as his son can bring his mother Mary (Leslie Jones) and Uncle Reem (Tracy Morgan) along for an adventure in a distant land.

Culture shock sets in for the Americans to comedic effect as they try to adapt to an opulent lifestyle of luxury, especially for Lavelle

as he’s expected to acclimate to the trappings and customs of royalty.

Next comes an appeasement to General Izzi with the notion that Lavelle will marry the military leader’s alluring daughter Bopoto (Teyana Taylor), but the new prince yearns for the pretty palace hairstylist Mirembé (Nomzamo Mbatha).

The nostalgia that comes with “Coming 2 America” and the comic pleasures derived from Eddie Murphy and his crew surmount the dated material so that enough joy makes for a nice diversion.

HALLMARK CHANNEL PREVIEW

During the winter press tour, the Hallmark Channel rightfully boasted that it surmounted the challenge this past year of delivering a slate of 40 new original holiday movies during industry-wide production shutdowns.

President and CEO Wonya Lucas reminded the TV critics that “Hallmark has been in the Christmas business well before it was a network,” marketing greeting cards and ornaments for a hundred years.

For 2021, Hallmark already has 26 movies in production, with many more to come when holiday season rolls around again. Filming in places like Utah and North Carolina can be done safely, but the majority of the shooting takes place in Vancouver.

Hallmark Channel celebrates the return of its annual “Spring Fling” programming event with romantic stories that will transport viewers to snowcapped mountains, mythical waterfalls, Ireland’s Cliffs of Moher and beyond.

Late March brings the first of five all-new original movie premieres every Saturday night, starting with “Chasing Waterfalls,” starring Cindy Busby and Christopher Russell.

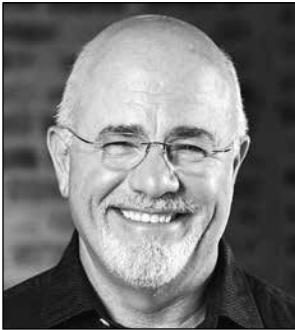
Busby’s aspiring photographer Amy gets a career break on assignment to shoot one of North America’s fabled waterfalls and ends up falling for her rugged guide Mark (Russell) and bonding with his young daughter.

In “Breakup Bootcamp,” Italia Ricci’s Miranda runs a boot camp for the recently broken hearted, and she forms a connection with Ben (Ryan Paevey), an undercover investigative reporter.

Taylor Cole’s Cara is leaving on an international book tour in two weeks and Jack Turner’s Ben is busy with a business expansion, but that won’t interfere with them going ahead with their nuptials in “One Perfect Wedding.”

Fitting for its Irish setting, in “As Luck Would Have It” JoAnna Garcia Swisher’s Lindsey decides to enter the town’s world-famous matchmaking festival to win over a handsome local (Allen Leech).

The last movie in the series, lacking a final title, stars Janel Parrish’s Carly getting a second chance at romance with her college crush with the help of a new friend (Marco Grazzini). ★



Dave Ramsey Says

a subtle but powerful distinction here. Kids might behave well out of a sense of obedience or even fear, but that doesn’t mean they’ll do what’s best for them once they’re on their own. To raise kids who later become great adults, you have to begin instilling good character traits in them at an early age.

Work equals money. When you teach kids to work, you’re teaching them responsibility. Whether it’s chores around the house or a job at the mall, work involves accountability and following through on tasks. Work shows kids they are in control of their actions, and that they will reap the rewards or consequences of those actions.

Teaching kids to save teaches them patience. Today’s world is one of instant gratification, and saving money makes you slow down and think. It also shows kids they can’t have every little thing they want the moment they want it.

When you teach kids to give, you’re teaching them generosity. A willingness and desire to give doesn’t always come natural to us when we’re young.

Parents should encourage and model the act of giving, because generosity is a wonderful character trait and a powerful weapon in the fight against selfishness and greed.

Finally, teaching kids to spend responsibly is a great way to teach wisdom. All kids totally get the idea that spending money is fun. That’s a no brainer. But when you get involved in teaching spending as something that should be thought through and done with care and reason, you’re imparting the idea of using good judgment and thoughtfulness before taking action.

I hope this helps, Cyndi!

—Dave

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General Plan 2040 Unpacked for Planners; Passes



Storm clouds gathered over the train tracks running through the center of Dixon recently. The tracks can potentially block off one side of town leaving the Dixon Fire Department with no access to it in an emergency or could be disastrous if there was a train/chemical fire. Resolutions are found in the General Plan 2040 and much discussion regarding the Parkway Boulevard Overpass happened at the Planning Commission meeting that spanned just over four hours last week. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - They thought they might be opening a lunchbox at the last Planning Commission Meeting but instead, they had to unpack an overstuffed suitcase which took an arduous four hours.

The General Plan 2040 was presented by Raffi Boloyan, Community Development Director who is to be respected for taking it off the shelf from where its lingered for two decades going back to gathering dust each time there was not anywhere near a consensus in the community over the direction of Dixon considering Measure B passed years ago by citizens in an attempt to control the town's growth.

What the commission may have come to realize is that there is not going to be a consensus but they did accept a blueprint.

Boloyan repeatedly pointed out that this is “just a blueprint” and that the plan gives goals and direction for future growth and is “the ultimate balancing act between growth and quality of life.”

“We will never have 100 percent agreement on a plan but we can recognize a wide range of important features,” he said. “We are trying to achieve a wide range of decisions for the next 20 years which provides a blueprint for the future of the city.”

Boloyan replaced 3-year employee Dina Tasini this past October and came from the City of San Rafael, where he had an accumulation of 23 years of experience in planning and development with the last eight of those as Planning Manager. He holds a bachelor’s degree in city and regional planning from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo and

rolled up his sleeves as soon as he was hired here.

Consulting Planner George Osner and Boloyan prepared it.

Following steps to pass the General Plan through the rigorous requirements of getting the document ready for City Council to approve, both have proved brave bringing it forth for public scrutiny in the various facets of media and now, public meetings.

The presentation on Tuesday’s Zoom meeting included consideration of seven letters running from the one-page by Gary Erwin who pressed the need for a “Community Center where music, theater, arts, performances, lectures, workshops can be held and presented” to the 38-page nearly line-by-line critique of the plan from resident Ginger Emerson, member of the General Plan Advisory Committee and of The Old Town Neighbors group.

Four of those letters were dated on the date of the meeting but the most disturbing was a faxed letter that date from James Laughlin, Deputy County Counsel in regards to the County's General Plan citing drainage concerns among others.

“Under the Supreme Court's four-part test, the General Plan 2040 EIR is legally inadequate and should not be certified,” he wrote in his 6-page letter.

Nearly all of the commissioners were concerned with the late arrival of the letter and agreed they did not have enough time to read and understand it, much less comment on it since they were just now seeing it.

There were numerous speakers including Duane Kromm former Solano County Supervisor and speaker for Solano County’s Orderly Growth Committee who first commended the men for the

“brutal amount of work” that went into the plan and encouraged Dixon to adopt urban growth boundaries to protect agriculture.

Rob White, who owns 13 acres and plans to build 100 homes and a retail center in Dixon, reported that “the density is higher than we can achieve” with the new proposed zoning and said the commercial mixed use zone needed to be lowered.

A speaker for Dixon113, LLC, a company that owns 83 acres in the NorthEast Quadrant said that 37 of their acres would have to be re-designated, potentially causing lost property value and possible lost ability to develop the way they hoped, and asked for the City to retain the current zoning.

After four hours of discussion, reviewing points from professionals, residents and landowners, Commission Chair Joe

Quinn pointed out that there were two resolutions that would have to be voted on: one was the Environmental Impact Report and the other was the General Plan. First was the motion to approve the EIR with several and various changes and it passed 7-0.

The second resolution, also with many additional amendments enumerated by staff, Chair Quinn made the recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Plan 2040 and Commissioner Jack Caldwell seconded. It passed 7-0.

Chair Quinn welcomed and thanked the two new commissioners, Loraine Hernandez-Covello and Rubi Medrano. The next scheduled meeting is April 13 and Boloyan warned that many items have come in and there is a busy month and subsequently, that also will be a full meeting. ★

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