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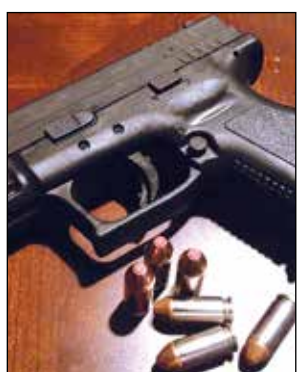
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Forty-five years ago, Jim Fisk opened Fisk's Cyclery in Dixon when he was only 21-years-old with a little help from his Dad and a motto: "No one should leave a bike shop unhappy." During the pandemic, his business has boomed. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There are bikes lined up in the middle of the store, hung from the walls, and draped on bicycle stands. Peeking around the corner of a half wall, a man with white hair and mustache with a wrench in hand is hunched over an upside down bicycle adjusting a bolt. Three other bikes line up like obedient school children waiting their turn for his magical hands.

Walking into the older building housing Fisk's Cyclery on Adams Street, there is a warmth of a family bike store with boxes of 'balance bikes' for the 18-month old, bikes for youth, teens, young adults and even bikes with motors to help senior citizens go further on less pedal power. Jim Fisk has a belief that no

one should ever leave a bike shop unhappy. So, he hasn't let anyone for 45 years.

How It Started

Growing up in a home of four boys in Fairfield, he was never want of physical activity and especially loved riding bikes with his friends. He was "one of those kids" that was happy to take things apart and put them back together.

With a father from the small town of Willows and a mother from big city San Francisco, he says he got the best of both worlds, but marks the summer between 4th and 5th grade as the coming of age. He learned the importance of self-sufficiency, he explained, when he wanted his Dad to go somewhere with him and his Dad could not because he said had to

go to work.

"I suddenly realized life wasn't a free ride," he said about his Dad standing ready to leave the house in uniform. After that, Jim always had a way to earn some money, even bagging at the commissary, and that gave him a sense of control over his destiny despite his Dad, an Air Force pilot and working mom were not needy, he explained. They put three of his brothers through college but Jim wanted to open a bicycle shop.

It was the 1970s and there was a bicycle boom. He did his homework and learned that with three shops in Fairfield and three in Vacaville but none in Dixon, his location would be here. He was only 21 and had already been a Lucky's Manager when they helped him - giving him the money

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New Dixon Businesses Spur Local Economy

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There is a sign that government relief monies might be working to stimulate the economy. During the pandemic restrictions, time at home plus unemployment benefits and stimulus funds, people may have been given time to think about their ideal job. Numerous local residents have been able to start their own businesses.

In the past four months, 21 Dixon business licenses have been issued to Dixonites.

November brought four businesses including the familiar Dixon Chamber of Commerce; One Love Originals that features handcrafted and refurbished home decor; Webanah, a marketing agency; and Bella Vista Farms that grows and sells vegetables.

Even in the busy month of the year, December still saw people starting seven new companies: ARCK Home Loans opened at 120 North Jackson Street downtown; Cookie Therapy opened in Suite 424 at 1395 North Lincoln; a home-based business called R & L Home Therapy Services; Handyman Eduardo Preciado; Ortiz Landscaping; a digital marketing company called Vision Into Destiny set up as a home-based business; and ValO Construction.

Cookie Therapy's owner, Mary Wash, is a retired alcohol and substance abuse counselor who wants to know she's making a difference by giving children and their parents an experience that brings them together to enjoy the art of baking cookies. She is a grandmother of 11 and will be offering classes via Zoom until pandemic restrictions further lift.

January welcomed eight entrepreneurs: Advanced Wireless & Logistics, Inc. at 1000 Business Park Dr., Suite C; a home-based business 'I Need Social Media Help'; Janet Keintz at the Beauty Bar; Food & Familia, LLC that is Restaurant and Catering; The Paw Pup mobile pet grooming service; Sevillas Lawn Care; Kenika Johnson (Wellness) Consulting and Coaching at 1395 North Lincoln, Suite 1321 and Re-Mod, a General Contractor working out of a Valley Glen home office.

In February, Murrillo's Restaurant got their business license for the former IHOP location

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2021 Dixon May Fair Continues; Exhibits Now Going Virtual

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Like many other businesses, the Dixon May Fair is a business "hurting" but trying to stay positive, said CEO Pat Conklin, who is implementing 'Plan B' for this year's 146-year-old Dixon May Fair which will be a virtual event in the competitive exhibits categories.

"We have been closed since March 2020 and didn't get approval to rent RV space until June so have had no income and we're down to four staff," she said adding that they are using financial reserves to stay open.

"We want to focus on what we can do, not what we can't do," she said. "As [plans] evolve, we might be able to do other things but we've taken steps forward then had to go back so we are constantly redefining Plan B. For example, we looked at the still life [photography category] and know we can do photos. It's about doing something positive."



Quilts like this one are part of the 'Competitive Exhibits' that will still be taking place at this year's 'Virtual' Dixon May Fair. This one was quilted by Ida Orr and won 'Best of Show' in 2019. Photo by Debee Lamont, Interior Living Showcase Superintendent

"What people need to understand is that we are just as upset that we can't have a fair like we know it - that we cannot offer all of our traditional fair categories and showcase our community in person but we felt it was important to continue this tradition," Conklin said about COVID public

gathering restrictions. "The competitive is the core of the fair. We have adapted categories and changed the program to fit a virtual format. All entries will be completed online and are accessible through our website at www.dixonmayfair.com," she explained.

Dixon May Fair online entries are now open and

will be due by April 2, 2021 for non-livestock categories. Market livestock program has class limits and is only open from March 1 to March 19 or when the limit is met, whichever is first. See the 2021 Dixon May Fair Junior Livestock Grading Proposal at www.dixonmayfair.com.

"There is a category for every age," Conklin reported. "We get entries from children to great-grandparents. Entering in the Dixon May Fair is a multi-generational tradition for many families, yet we get many first-timers every year who were inspired by our exhibits."

Entry forms and fees for the non-livestock categories must be entered online only by April 2, 2021. The plan, if Covid restrictions allow, will be to receive the entered item on April 8, judge them on April 12th and return to the participant on April 15 and 16. The results will be virtually displayed, in a format

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March Comes in Like a Lion

By Debra Dingman

On the day of the strong winds last week, I thought of that nursery rhyme about the month of March coming in like a lion and out like a lamb (April showers bring May flowers.) It's good to remember that a lot of things are predictable and there is peace in knowing that we are not new to certain patterns of earthly existence.

Earlier that morning my Bible devotion was based on the New International Version of Mark 4:35-41, the story of Jesus calming the storm. "Quiet! Be still!" Jesus said in front of his drenched and frightened disciples. And, the storm immediately calmed.

I was visiting with my step-mom in Coos Bay, Oregon about that and she said to think about how many people live in middle America who might not really understand the shock of that moment because they've never experienced the power of the ocean.

El Segundo popped into mind. I said a silent prayer thanking God for letting me go with David on that job assignment. There were many times we were at the beach as it was only a few blocks walk from our apartment.

The ocean waves are truly beyond imagination if you have never seen them. From rolling mounds in a vast sea, the water can leap in an instant high into the air against the bay's rocky edges. In Coos Bay, even experienced fishermen keep their boats docked with potential storms.

No wonder the fishermen were terrified. I would be, too.

They asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" Growing up in church, I heard this story many times and of course, I've read it

before but as always, the passage brought new relevance.

This time was being reminded that I do not have to fear Covid getting me, the economy crashing, the world getting too hot, my young high school friends aren't getting an all night party, or that the Parkway Overpass isn't getting built fast enough. God has a plan and I am part of it. I must trust and keep doing my part in any way I can to further humankind, our country, and our small town of friends.

I can take my vitamins and be careful in public. I can also drive an older friend to get her vaccine. I can be wise about money matters. I can keep recycling. I can 'adopt' a local high school senior via Facebook and I can pray for our local leaders like U.S. Representative John Garamendi.

His email boasted that he proudly voted for the "American Rescue Plan" which provides millions of dollars for our district to "address our specific needs in local health care, transportation, education, and other essential services."

This plan included nearly \$6 million for the Dixon school district and nearly \$4 million so Dixon "can continue to provide essential services like firefighting, law enforcement, nutrition assistance, and extends and expands unemployment insurance."

This makes no sense. We're not hurting. Government is not hurting. They always get paid. We will continue to give away money – which I believe discourages innovation and hard work and keeps minimum wage workers on unemployment rolls and enslaves future generations by politicians refusing to spend within their means.

I'm alarmed that America is just printing money – yikes! Feeling helpless is a terrible thing. So much for finding peace in predictable cycles of earthly existence! ★

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update and Public Input

By Aimee Ryan, Solano Subbasin GSA Community Advisory Committee

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Collaborative (Solano Collaborative) is hosting its quarterly Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting via Zoom this Wednesday, March 3 from 3:00PM to 5:15PM. To attend the upcoming meeting as an observer, please contact Aimee Ryan at aimee@aginnovations.org.

The Community Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public for observation and include time for public comments at the end. The March 3 meeting will focus on the Integrated Hydrologic Model as well as feature a discussion about future land use projections, projects, and management actions related to groundwater in

the Solano Subbasin.

The Solano Subbasin is a geographic area encompassing the communities of Dixon, Rio Vista, Isleton, Elmira, Sherman Island, and portions of Vacaville, Davis, unincorporated Winters, the Montezuma Hills, and Walnut Grove.

"The Solano Collaborative knows that with so much happening in the world and in our state right now, groundwater issues can feel far away for some," shared Chris Lee, Chair of the Solano Collaborative. "However, we also know that planning for groundwater sustainability today means a brighter, safer, and more resilient region in the future. Your involvement in this process is more important than ever."

The CAC is composed of leaders from diverse sectors, communities, and geographical locations across the Solano Subbasin to help inform the

development of the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP is a path towards achieving groundwater sustainability and is a component of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, legislature passed in response to decades of overuse and a prolonged drought affected groundwater resources in California.

The Solano Collaborative is the working group of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in Solano County including the Solano Irrigation District GSA, Solano Subbasin GSA, Sacramento GSA, Vacaville GSA and the Northern Delta GSA. For more information about the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, go to <http://www.solanogsp.com/>.

The meeting will be facilitated and recorded in English and will be posted at www.solanogsp.com within 10 days of the event. ★

Sen. Dodd Responds to School Opening Plan



Bill Dodd

By Paul Payne, Office of Senator Bill Dodd

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, issued the following statement regarding a \$6.6 billion plan announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders to open schools for the youngest students by the

end of March:

"California must safely re-open schools as soon as possible," Sen. Dodd said. "This plan accelerates that goal, balancing the needs of students, families and teachers as we ramp up vaccinations and get children back in the classroom. It's an important step toward relief and normalcy as we work to emerge from this devastating pandemic."

The plan agreed to by Gov. Newsom, Senate leader Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon would offer grants to schools that open transitional kindergarten through second grade by the end of March and bring back at-risk students in

all grades. Schools in counties where infection rates drop to the next tier would open all elementary grades, some middle and high schools. The plan calls for \$2 billion for in-person instruction grants to accelerate and support reopening. It also allocates \$4.6 billion in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund money to all districts to support expanded learning.

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sonoma, Contra Costa, and Sacramento counties. You can learn more about the district and Senator Dodd at www.sen.ca.gov/dodd. ★



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NCS Used Book Sale

Neighborhood Christian School is having a used book sale on Saturday, March 6 starting at 8 am and running until noon. It will be located at Dixon Community church, 955 East A Street.

There will be a large selection of used books that will provide great reading for children from ages preschool to adult, including picture books and chapter books. They will be priced at 25 cents each, or five for \$1.00, or they are willing to bargain for those who want more.

Dixon CVS Vaccines

The Dixon CVS is now offering free the Covid-19 vaccine by appointment only. They will be given to those over 65 years old and based on local eligibility requirements such as health care workers, long-term care residents and staff. There is no cost with insurance or through the federal program for the uninsured.

Visit [CVS.com/coronavirus.com](https://www.cvs.com/coronavirus.com) for more information or you can call (707) 678-1613.

2nd County Covid Clinic

The City of Dixon, along with Solano County Public Health, is hosting another free Covid-19 vaccine clinic for Solano County seniors aged 75 and above on Wednesday, March 17, 9 am – 4 pm at Dixon High School but registration is required.

This is a special opportunity for local residents but there are limited spots and this opportunity is time-sensitive. To register, you must be a Dixon resident and aged 75 or over. If you are interested in this opportunity for yourself or on behalf of a Dixon Senior Citizen, please call (707) 676-3435 and either City Staff or a volunteer can assist with registration. Please share this information with our community so that our seniors aged 75 and above can take advantage of being vaccinated.

Bella Moda Returns

Amy Pretti is still providing beautiful women's clothing facilitating the front space of the Linde Lane Tea Room, 140 North Jackson Street in downtown Dixon.

"I started out there in mid-November just to do a holiday pop-up and it was really nice. Doing only online sales, I really missed the customers so getting back here," said Pretti. "It's been great to get to see the old customers again and make new customers. Kristina [Wiley] has been really great to let me be there so it's been a really nice partnership." Wiley is the owner of the Linde Lane that has been closed during the pandemic.

Bella Moda store hours are Wednesday - Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm, Friday 12 noon to 3 pm and Saturday 11 am to 3 pm. You can see more of the tasteful styles at <https://www.shoptiques.com/boutiques/bella-moda>. Phone is (530) 574-3664. ★

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Making Dixon Pedal Friendly

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they would have spent on his college – to open inside the large metal building behind Rohwer Insurance on North First Street in the heart of downtown Dixon.

“It just seemed like a natural fit,” he said about his many years in Dixon. “My Dad came and helped off and on [until he passed] so we had good times. I’ve never been stressed about my work.”

COVID Speeds Business

Later he moved to the Adams Street location and admits that last year, things did get a “little busy.” He usually sells 250 to 300 bikes annually but last year – and due to the pandemic making people stay home yet needing exercise – he sold 450.

“I never worked so hard in my life,” he said. “I made the right decision to order more from the manufacturers [before COVID-19 was widespread] because then they shut down and I was the only one who had bikes. I also ordered thousands of tires and tubes so people were driving miles to get them from me.”

While other shops were taking three to eight weeks to make bike repairs, Jim worked from 7 am to 10 pm, six days a week to stay up on the workload.

“I wanted to make sure things seemed normal to everyone who came in the shop,” he said. “My job keeps me healthy with movement all the time and

especially ‘smart’ moving,” he added emphasizing ladders, reaching, and lifting appropriately. So he has stayed healthy and managed to keep customers happy from Fairfield and Vacaville that he’d never seen before. He just got his first vaccine shot and is looking forward to the next. Since his wife has family in Japan, he has been required to get numerous inoculations to go visit them so has “no fear of shots,” he laughed.

Success Followed Caring

The man doesn’t just work at the shop but contributes to his community as well. He served for 25 years on a committee that created the bike lanes and paths in Dixon, retiring just two years ago when he was certain there was enough “fresh, young blood” to carry on the mission of providing safe routes for riders, he said.

“It was my time and they know more about social media and I was impressed,” he said. “It was the perfect time.” Jim is 66 and reports that he’ll retire at 70.

“What are we going to do then?” his customers ask – especially a lot of boys.

“My first 10-year-old customers are now 55 years old,” he says with large eyes as if it is a surprise. Sometimes they are in here reminiscing about when they were younger and shopping in here as kids – that makes me feel good.”

He likes the income but

pointed to his cash register and said, “If you take care of your customers, this will fill up without you even thinking about it.” He likes the customer experience more than anything, especially the interaction—like when he shows the boys how to change a tire, he added.

But it was momentous when his own son was born. Jim and Pam, who had met at Fairfield High but dated several years before marriage, had been married 17 years by that time – they were just busy establishing their own lives before introducing a new one, Jim explained.

“He had a little, 12-inch chrome bike before he was born,” he said with eyes that seemed to twinkle like a Santa Claus. Their son, Jake, is now 28 and works with engineers. Jim readily shares that he and his business has been blessed over the years but there is a simple secret for success.

“You do what you say you’re going to do. You appreciate your customers and pay attention to them,” he said. “It’s all about building trust with them. I’ve served lots of families and now have watched four generations grow,” he said with obvious pride.

If you’re interested in becoming one of them, call Jim at (707) 678-4330 or check out the bicycles at Fisk’s Cyclery, 539 North Adams Street in Dixon. He promises you won’t leave unhappy. ★

New Dixon Businesses Spur Local Economy



A.R.C.K. Home Loans is one of the new businesses that recently opened downtown on North Jackson Street next to the Linde Lane Tea Room. Loan agents are Adriana Rosales, Raquel McMullen, Cande Torres, and Kiffany Hoffman. Photo by Debra Dingman

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that is being renovated into one similar to its two Vacaville locations. Those renovations are almost

complete and owner Frances Murillo hopes to open about the same time indoor dining is allowed. Vida Salon was the

other February license and is open at 180 South First Street, Suite 180, near the Dixon Unified School District Offices. ★

2021 Dixon May Fair Continues

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chosen by the Fair on the Dixon May Fair website.

When entering you will upload a photo of the item being entered if restrictions are such that do not allow the fair to collect the items to be judged then the photograph of the item will be used for the judging.

Complete details can be found on the Fair’s website under Enter Your Stuff in the Virtual Competitive Exhibits Program Non-Livestock Exhibit Guidebook.

Entering the Fair competition is easy online at www.dixonmayfair.com. Feel free to contact the fair office if you have questions at (707) 678-5529. ★

Solano Area Fatal Traffic Collision

By David Harvey,
California Highway Patrol

SOLANO COUNTY CA (MPG) - On 2/28/2021, at approximately 3:33 PM, a solo vehicle crash occurred on Interstate 80 westbound, west of State Route 113. For unknown reasons, the male driver lost control of his 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe and it overturned, the driver was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. Solano CHP officers responded to the scene and provided medical aid to the driver. The driver was transported to

Kaiser Vacaville where he succumbed to his injuries. Alcohol and/drugs are not suspected at this time. The cause of the crash is still being investigated.

Anyone with information pertinent to this investigation is asked to contact the CHP at our non-emergency line 1-800-TELL-CHP (1-800-835-5247) or the CHP Solano Area Office at (707) 428-2100. Relate that you have information for CHP - Solano and Officer Dudley, who is handling this investigation. Any information obtained regarding this collision will be greatly appreciated. ★

Money Looking for Owners

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Most people don’t read the Legal Notices in the local newspaper but there was one notice recently that may have caught one’s eye titled, “Unclaimed Funds.” It appears that the City of Dixon is having difficulty returning a couple deposits and decided this might be the “better route” to find the rightful owners.

The sum of \$9,920.65 was listed to payee Contra Costa Land Investment Co., LLC and the other amount of \$1,686.89 was to Milk Farm Associates.

“We have reached out to the addresses and there’s been no response so this is the next step,” said City of Dixon Finance Director Kate Zawadzki. These monies could have been a deposit made upon plans to potentially develop a property or business that weren’t ultimately developed, she explained, but nonetheless they are needing to be returned.

A simple search by this reporter also ended unsatisfactorily although Paul Sandner Moller was involved in a plan to develop the old Milk Farm site several years ago and a deeper search turned up a website, address, and phone number.

Moller, 75, is a professor emeritus at the University of California and Davis resident renowned for his dedication to develop a flying car. Considered a genius, his real estate developments helped fund the research and that included the plan

to develop Dixon on the other side of the freeway in 1997 where the Milk Farm Restaurant used to thrive. Plans dissipated when then-Dixon City Manager Nancy Houston did not support the effort. According to Moller, Goodwill was to build a store and training facility there but would not provide enough sales tax benefits to the City.

Moller had reason to be upset. His credentials included the development in 1980 of the Davis Research Park, a 38-acre major business development in South Davis with UCD academic and records building, Sacramento City College, several restaurants, a hotel, auto repair businesses, a Kaiser Clinic, and Moller International.

He was unaware of the funds left with the City of Dixon and will be contacting them, he said. The other company is still being researched.

The funds have been held for at least three years by the City according to the legal notice and if not claimed by March 31, they become part of the city’s general fund.

“It’s unusual to have this size,” said Zawadzki. “Hopefully someone will see it and contact us.”

Our goal is to return the funds to their rightful owner.”

The combined dollars would be enough, however, to develop a small playground at the new La Esperanza Park site if they would be donated by the two companies. ★

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FILE NO. 2021-000252

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1305 Rehrmann Drive Dixon, CA 95620
Susan J. Rosten, 1305 Rehrmann Drive Dixon, CA 95620
 Date Filed in Solano County: February 2, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: An 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 February 1, 2026. 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.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2021-000219

The following persons are doing business as: : **MOTEL 6 VACAVILLE**
107 Lawrence Drive Vacaville, CA 95687
D Vaca Hotel, LLC, 8762 Preston Trace Blvd. Frisco, TX 75033
 Date Filed in Solano County: January 28, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/27/2021
This Business is Conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2021-000218

The following persons are doing business as: : **MOTEL 6 Vallejo**
1455 Enterprise Street Vallejo, CA 94589
D Vaca Hotel, LLC, 8762 Preston Trace Blvd. Frisco, TX 75033
 Date Filed in Solano County: January 28, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/27/2021
This Business is Conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2021-000283

The following persons are doing business as: : **PERCIVAL CUSTOMS AND FABRICATION**
6104 Chicorp Lane Elmira, CA 95625
Wayne Percival, 1005 Weyand Way Dixon, CA 95620, Houston Percival, 1005 Weyand Way Dixon, CA 95620
 Date Filed in Solano County: February 3, 2021
 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 February 2, 2026. 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.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2021-000398

The following persons are doing business as: : **HUMBLE ROOTS DESIGN**
363 N Alamo Drive Vacaville, CA 95688
Travis Colin Luedecke, 363 N Alamo Drive Vacaville, CA 95688
 Date Filed in Solano County: February 19, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

What is a General Plan?

What if we could start over and build Dixon from the ground up? Unfortunately, we cannot do this. Our "Main Street" which runs through town is a state highway. There are many homes with differing architecture and lot size. We have locally owned and franchised eateries, commercial and warehouse space, along with public facilities such as city hall, fire house, police station, high school etc. All of these are the result of past decisions-many made during the city's previous General Plan process.

Our town's elected leaders have made decisions many of us question such as the proposed Dixon Downs which was put forth by Magna Entertainment, a citizen-defeated horse racing enterprise and Morning View, a proposal by Carissa Carpenter for a movie studio. Carpenter was convicted is now in jail. We were told that the Parkway Overpass would be completed before the new high school opened more than a decade ago, but this has not happened.

Dixon's updated General Plan was updated last in 1993 and an updated General Plan was due to be submitted to the state in 2013, over eight years ago.

You might ask what a General Plan is. According to the Governor's office, "The local general plan can be described as the city's 'blueprint' for future development. It represents the community's view of its future; a constitution made up of the goals and policies upon which the city council will base their land use decisions."

If local citizens do not attend the general plan meetings, the few who do attend will have little voice. So, consider attending **the March 9, 2021 Planning Commission meeting on ZOOM.** This meeting may be dull, but if lots of people attend, our new elected representatives will be on notice that, we, the folks they represent, are paying attention, and the meeting will provide an opportunity for you to learn more.

This is likely the next to last meeting that will be held on the General Plan which when passed will be in effect until 2040.

You can find the Proposed General Plan on the city website. There are some areas of concern that you may want to review-such as the level of traffic service that is currently at a level C (meaning satisfactory) to accepting a lower level -Level D service in the future. If you think traffic service is currently satisfactory, then are you willing to accept less service from here forward? If you don't agree that traffic service is currently satisfactory than you need to speak up! You, along with your friends and neighbors, need to let the city know your expectations.

The General Plan speaks to Dixon maintaining its small town character and has posted signs directing visitors to Dixon's historical downtown. The current draft general plan neglects to provide objectives on how the city will maintain the town's character and history. One objective to reaching the goal could be the development of a city Historical Building and Site

Committee or adding a member to the City Planning Commission that will look at all projects presented to the city from a historic impact viewpoint. Dixon has lost many beautiful old buildings and homes to destruction because there has been no oversight. Once it is gone, there is no bringing it back. Except, in the case of the Dixon Train Station which cost the taxpayers a pretty penny.

The draft of the General Plan is definitely not the most enjoyable reading, but as a resident of Dixon with the responsibility of improving our community, take some time and read through the general plan and see if you would choose to live in Dixon in 2040.

The draft General Plan can be found at: <https://www.cityofdixon.us/164/General-Plan>

DHS Seeks Write-ups on Downtown Dixon Businesses

The Dixon Historical Society is compiling histories on downtown businesses and local families. Our team has tried to contact all local businesses, but if you have not been contacted and wish to participate, prepare a history of your businesses, location, history of your building, information on type of business and send it to Mary Savage at mhzunigasavage@gmail.com or Shirley Humphrey at humphreysaf@gmail.com. We are finishing the project so please send your write-up before March 15.

Opportunity for Funding for Local Non-Profits

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club announced that they have \$1500 in community grant funds available for local non-profit organizations. Local schools, clubs, classes, scouts, 4-H, and all non-profits are encouraged to complete an application to obtain up to \$500 for a project that will benefit people or students in the community. The project can be a stand-alone or supplement to an existing project.

Qualified applicants will need to complete: (1) The Dixon Women's Improvement Club 2021 Community Grant Application; and (2) Provide a letter explaining how the grant money will be used and how many people/students will benefit from the project.

The completed 2021 Community Grant Application and explanation letter needs to be mailed to: The Dixon Women's Improvement Club, Grant Application Committee, P.O. Box 25, Dixon, CA, 95620, and must be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 2, 2021.**

Grant Applications have been distributed to all schools within the Dixon Unified School District, churches, Chamber of Commerce, and the Dixon Library. Interested applicants can contact President, Jewel Fink at 510-301-1887 for more information and an application.

A few of our past grant recipients include: Dixon Family Services, The Aspire Program and the Art Project at Anderson Elementary School, Neighborhood Christian School, and TEAM Dixon. ★

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Julia Lopez Joins Dixon Chamber Board of Directors



Julia Lopez of Recology joins Dixon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Photo: Dixon Chamber of Commerce

From Dixon Chamber of Commerce

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Julia Lopez of Recology has joined the Chamber Board of Directors. Lopez has been with Recology for over 33 years, serving as their Public Relations Manager. She has been active in the community of Dixon, participating in many local events and projects, and brings a wealth

of knowledge to the position.

Other Board members include – Chair of the Board Herb Cross; Immediate Past Chair Kay Cayler; 1st Vice Chair Robin Tully of Tully Consulting; Treasurer Laura Ziegler of Travis Credit Union; Fernando Ontiveros of Johnson Group – RE/MAX Gold; Ted Jorgensen of Dixon Tire and Auto; Haley Andrew of Dixon Wellness Collective; Kathy Ernest of Ramtown Karate; Jill Orr of Dawson's; and Rodolfo Pineda of Universal Services

“We are very fortunate to have such a diverse group of directors” stated Shauna Manina, President and CEO of the Dixon Chamber. “The business knowledge, experience, enthusiasm and wisdom of this group is incredible. We have a lot of exciting things coming up that will benefit our members and the Dixon community at large.”

As the COVID restrictions are lifted, the Chamber will resume its monthly Mixers and Lunch Bunch. The Chamber is also in the planning stages for several other events that have been put on hold due to COVID, such as the Citizen of the Year, Epicurean Fete and State of the City, among others.

The mission of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce is to develop, promote and protect the economic vitality of the community through a positive business environment and to foster a climate in which commerce, industry and agriculture will flourish. Its major focus is on its members, and how to assist them in marketing, exposure, advocacy, and education.

For information on how the Dixon Chamber can help businesses become more successful and profitable, call 707-678-2650 or email info@dixonchamber.org. ★

Solano County DA Office Awarded DUI Prosecution Grant

Office of Solano County District Attorney

FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) - The Solano County District Attorney's Office received a \$225,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a special team to prosecute alcohol and drug-impaired driving cases.

“We are honored to be a recipient of this grant for the ninth consecutive year. The prosecution of driving while under the influence cases remain a top priority of our office, as these cases too often result in tragedy,” Solano County District Attorney Krishna Abrams said.

“If you drink or use drugs and decide to drive, you put lives at risk,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “This funding from the OTS makes sure that those who make the choice to drive under the influence are held accountable for their actions.”

In addition to forming a special prosecution team, funding will be used to:

Develop protocols for handling cases through every step of the criminal process; Provide training for prosecutors and investigators through California's Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program; Host quarterly regional meetings with law enforcement partners to improve DUI investigations and prosecutions.

This is the 9th year the Solano County District Attorney's Office has received funding from the OTS for a DUI prosecution program. Last year, the prosecution team filed 1612 DUI cases, including 230 DUI drug cases and 68 DUI combined alcohol and drug cases.

The grant program runs from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

Pandemic Relief Package has a Downside



By Dan Walters CALMatters

The immense drop in state revenue that Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators anticipated last year when COVID-19 struck the state never materialized.

Instead, high-income Californians who are the basic source of the state's ongoing tax income continued to work and prosper and what was originally described as a \$54 billion budget deficit morphed into multi-billion-dollar windfalls.

Last week, Newsom and legislative leaders agreed to spend an extra \$9.6 billion on pandemic relief, mostly in direct aid to lower-income workers and their families and small businesses which have suffered the most in the pandemic-induced recession.

“As we continue to fight the pandemic and recover, I'm grateful for the Legislature's partnership to provide urgent relief and support for California families and small businesses where it's needed most,” Newsom said in a statement. “From child care, relief for small business owners, direct cash support to individuals, financial aid for community college students and more, these actions are critical for millions of Californians who embody the resilience of the California spirit.”

The centerpiece of the relief package, which is certain to receive rapid legislative approval, is more than 5 million payments, mostly for \$600, to those who qualify by their low incomes, including undocumented immigrants who cannot receive federal relief checks.

It's obviously good news that the state budget dodged the revenue bullet, thus providing the wherewithal to help those who are hurting the most.

However, there's no such thing as a free lunch and the expanded version of “Golden State Stimulus,” which Newsom first proposed with his budget in January, could have adverse long-term consequences.

Although the fiscal meltdown didn't occur and revenues surged unexpectedly, Newsom's budget and the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, both see serious deficits in the years ahead as spending already locked into law outpaces anticipated revenues – even with economic recovery.

“Under its own revenue forecast, the administration also anticipates the state would face operating deficits if the Legislature adopted the governor's budget proposals,” Petek says in his analysis. “Specifically, these deficits would grow from \$7.6 billion in 2022 to \$11.3 billion in 2024-25.”

The relief package that Newsom and legislative leaders want to enact is not supposed to be permanent, but rather one-time or short-term until the pandemic is tamed and the economy swings upward. In theory, as businesses reopen and

begin earning profits and as workers are called back to their jobs, the need for direct aid will vanish.

However, temporary government benefits have a way of morphing into permanent entitlements and advocates for those receiving the aid may see it as a pathway to long-sought structural changes of fiscal and economic policy to close California's very wide income and wealth disparities.

Whether one likes or dislikes the possibility of those changes, there's no question that they would carry very large price tags on top of the budget deficits already on the horizon.

Universal single-payer health care, universal early childhood education, guaranteed family incomes, vastly expanded services to the homeless and other items on progressive political agendas would cost tens of billions of dollars. Thus, they would require hefty increases of taxes on Californians who already are carrying one of the nation's highest taxation burdens.

On one hand, Newsom has publicly endorsed some of those costly new entitlements. But on the other, he has opposed the new income or wealth taxes that some left-leaning legislators have proposed to finance them, clearly fearing that new taxes would escalate migrations of employers and high-income taxpayers to other states.

There is no free lunch. Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

All First and Second Economic Impact Payments Issued

Internal Revenue Service News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The IRS announced that, as required by law, all legally permitted first and second round of Economic Impact Payments have been issued and the IRS now turns its full attention to the 2021 filing season.

Beginning in April 2020, the IRS and Treasury Department began delivering the first round of Economic Impact Payments within two weeks of the legislation. The IRS issued more than 160 million EIPs to taxpayers across the country totaling over \$270 billion, while simultaneously managing an extended filing season. In addition, since Congress enacted the COVID-related Tax Relief Act of 2020, the IRS has delivered more than 147 million EIPs in the second-round totaling over \$142 billion.

The legislation required that the second round of payments be issued by Jan. 15, 2021. While some second round Economic Impact Payments may still be in the mail, the IRS has issued all first and second Economic Impact Payments it is legally permitted to issue, based on information on file for eligible people.

Get My Payment was last updated on Jan. 29, 2021, to reflect the final payments and will not update again for first or second Economic Impact Payments.

Most people who are eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit have already received it, in advance, in these two rounds of Economic Impact Payments. If individuals didn't receive a payment – or if they didn't receive the full amounts – they may be eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit and

must file a 2020 tax return. Eligibility for and the amount of the Recovery Rebate Credit are based on 2020 tax year information while the Economic Impact Payments were based on 2019 tax year information. For the first Economic Impact Payment, a 2018 return may have been used if the 2019 was not filed or processed.

Individuals will need to know the amounts of any Economic Impact Payments they received to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit. Those who don't have their Economic Impact Payment notices can view the amounts of their first and second Economic Impact Payments through their individual online account. For married filing joint individuals, each spouse will need to log into their own account.

To avoid refund delays, the IRS urges people to file a complete and accurate tax return. Filing electronically allows tax software to figure credits and deductions, including the Recovery Rebate Credit. The Recovery Rebate Credit Worksheet on Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR instructions can also help.

Anyone with income of \$72,000 or less, including those who don't have a tax return filing requirement, can file their federal tax return electronically for free through the IRS Free File Program. The fastest way to get a tax refund is to file electronically and have it direct deposited - contactless and free - into the individual's financial account. Bank accounts, many prepaid debit cards and several mobile apps can be used for direct deposit when you provide a routing and account number.

IRS.gov/filing has details about IRS Free File, Free File Fillable Forms, free VITA or TCE tax preparation sites in your community or finding a trusted tax professional. ★

Beware of 'Ghost' Preparers Who Don't Sign Tax Returns

By David A. Tucker, Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers to avoid “ghost” tax return preparers whose refusal to sign returns can cause a frightening array of problems. It is important to file a valid, accurate tax return because the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for it.

Ghost preparers get their scary name because they don't sign tax returns they prepare. Like a ghost, they try to be invisible to the fact they've prepared the return and will print the return and get the taxpayer to sign and mail it. For e-filed returns, the ghost preparer will prepare but refuse to digitally sign it as the paid preparer.

By law, anyone who is paid to prepare or assists in preparing federal tax returns

must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number, or PTIN. Paid preparers must sign and include their PTIN on the return. Not signing a return is a red flag that the paid preparer may be looking to make a fast buck by promising a big refund or charging fees based on the size of the refund.

Unscrupulous tax return preparers may also: Require payment in cash only and not provide a receipt. Invent income to qualify their clients for tax credits. Claim fake deductions to boost the size of the refund. Direct refunds into their bank account, not the taxpayer's account.

The IRS urges taxpayers to choose a tax return preparer wisely. The Choosing a Tax Professional page on IRS.gov has information about tax preparer credentials and qualifications. The IRS Directory of Federal

Tax Return Preparers Credentials and Select Qualifications can help identify many preparers by type of credential or qualification.

No matter who prepares the return, the IRS urges taxpayers to review it carefully and ask questions about anything not clear before signing. Taxpayers should verify both their routing and bank account number on the completed tax return for any direct deposit refund. And taxpayers should watch out for preparers putting their bank account information onto the returns.

Taxpayers can report preparer misconduct to the IRS using IRS Form 14157, Complaint: Tax Return Preparer. If a taxpayer suspects a tax preparer filed or changed their tax return without their consent, they should file Form 14157-A, Tax Return Preparer Fraud or Misconduct Affidavit. ★

Record Gun Sales in California, Nationally and 39 States

By Molly Haley, Prism PR

LOS ANGELES, CA (MPG) - During times of unrest in America, gun sales have historically spiked, and a new study analyzing 20 years of data shows the pandemic in 2020 led to a record-breaking year for gun sales in Alabama, nationally and in 39 states.

California ranks third for overall gun sales, but it comes near the bottom after adjusting for its large population. Nationally, a record 23 million guns were sold in 2020, a 60% increase from 2019.

SafeHome.org today released a study: Guns in the U.S.: 20 Years of State and Federal Data using data from 2000 through October 2020 from the FBI, U.S. Census Bureau, CDC, among others.

The unprecedented spike in 2020 can be attributed to the worst pandemic since 1918, and social and political unrest, not seen since the 1960's and the Civil War,

respectively. It also marks the continuation of a 20-year trend of more guns in America.

Key Findings in California:

California ranks in the top 15 for both total gun sales and per capita sales in 2020; 2020 Total Sales: 548,598(3rd); 2020 Per Capita Sales: 0.127(15th); 2000-2020 Total Sales Change: 64%(46th); 2000-2020 Per Capita Sales Change: 15% (48th)

Key National Findings:

Gun sales in 2020 increased by 158% from gun sales in 2000; Since 2000, gun sales have risen in every state, the majority increasing by triple digits; 25 states had record sales months in 2020 – 16 of them in March when coronavirus lockdowns began; 16 states had record sales months in December 2012, the month of the Sandy Hook shooting, and six states in December 2015, the month of the San Bernardino shooting.

To view the full study and methodology, please visit SafeHome.org. ★



Dixon Family Services and Solano Community College Have Been Partners for Many Years



Dixon Family Services (DFS) has two very capable and proficient interns, Stephanie Medina and Ashley Barber. Photo courtesy Dixon Family Services

By Cookie Powell,
Dixon Family Services

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Solano Community College offers a certificate program and an AA degree program for those who plan to work in the Human Services field. Many students who plan to pursue a 4-year degree in Social Work can also use the Solano courses towards that end when they transfer to Sac State or other colleges.

One requirement of Solano's program is to do internships at businesses that provide human services. One such placement is Dixon Family Services (DFS) and through the years it has been a blessing for our organization to have the helpful students who are eager to learn and grow in their fieldwork placement.

This semester DFS has two very capable and proficient young ladies, Stephanie Medina and Ashley Barber. Both began putting in their volunteer hours in February and will be with us through April. They have been keeping the rest of us on task with our Basic Needs Program and with our Information and Referral services. If you have called DFS recently you probably got a very pleasant and empathetic answer or return call from Stephanie or Ashley.

We have been very busy with our services for low-income households struggling to meet their most basic of needs such as rent, utilities, food and other necessities. COVID-19 created a new layer of need for many who lost jobs were lost or had their hours severely reduced due to business closures mandated by the government restrictions. Many of the people we are helping now had never needed assistance before COVID.

Stephanie and Ashley could not have come to us at a better time. They are helping us keep up with a high volume of calls for help, information and navigation of application systems. They have also been working with case managers to summarize closed case files, do brief assessments, schedule appointments and explain what documents and other information will be needed at the appointments. They are also helping us distribute bags of groceries.

They are sometimes able to sit in and "shadow" during case management appointments. This is a term we use when clients do not mind for a student to be in the room to listen and learn. Watching a seasoned staff member helping people with their various situations in person is very effective and meaningful. They have already learned a lot from their Solano courses in case management, counseling, group facilitation, diversity and others. Getting to work with actual clients and learning from real experience is a step above role-playing in the classrooms. Those in charge of Solano's Human Services Department know this and it is why the field placement courses are required.

Stephanie is planning to transfer to Sac State next year to achieve her Master's Degree in Social Work with an eventual goal of being a Master Social Worker (MSW). Her area of interest is in

neonatal; to help new mothers and their families with support and guidance they need to ease stress that comes with care of a newborn.

In her own words, "My experience at DFS has helped my communication skills in the social services environment, improve in the way I speak with clients who are in need, to make them feel comfortable. The knowledge I am receiving from each staff member has been very helpful."

Stephanie went on to say "Being an intern at DFS has given me a glance of what to expect for the career I am choosing, actually experiencing it firsthand. Helping in any way I can whether it be a simple phone call with information, especially during these COVID times, or distributing food makes me even more excited for my career path in social work."

Ashley also had some things to say about her placement at DFS and her planned future in social work. "I am currently pursuing my Associates degree in Human Services at Solano Community College and plan to transfer to Sacramento State to earn a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. In the future I would love to pursue counseling and open my own private practice for Family and Marriage Therapy, amongst other things.

My experience at DFS has been very informative and educational. I've been given the opportunity to learn practical and professional skills, as well as develop a greater ability to interact with multiple individuals with diverse sets of needs.

I love being able to grow my skills at DFS while also helping individuals receive the aid and hope they've been needing. Knowing I get to play a role in others achieving their goals is extremely encouraging and serves as a great reminder of why I want to continue helping people!"

I always explain up front to students considering an internship at Dixon Family Services that they are sure to see and hear a wide variety of situations and reasons for people to need human services assistance during their time with us. Once you have been a member of Team DFS, you are forever considered part of the family and we will want updates on your career and personal milestones as you go on with your life.

Some interns at DFS have taken paid positions that have come open while they were doing their field work. A huge percentage of all DFS interns from all colleges and universities have gone on to successful careers in mental health, substance abuse, senior care, veterans services, administration and other areas of social work. They are working in hospitals, schools, large private agencies and in many different government facilities making a living at what they love to do - help people.

DFS is proud to know that there are many great Social Workers now in successful careers and look back at their time at DFS as enriching, important, educational, and supportive at a time when they were charting out their futures. We know this because we hear back from them often. Like I said before, they become part of the family. ★

SCOE Partners on Homeless Student Supports and Services Report

By Jennifer Leonard,
Solano County Office
of Education

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The needs of students experiencing homelessness during the pandemic are highlighted in a report released by the County Superintendent's Bay Area Geographic Leads Consortium in partnership with WestEd, a nonpartisan, nonprofit research, development, and service agency that works to promote excellence, achieve equity, and improve learning. The report features promising strategies and supports schools put into place to address these needs in five Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Solano.

The report, "Addressing the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness During the COVID-19 Pandemic," was commissioned by the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) in its work as a Geographic Lead Agency (Geo Lead) in California's System of Support. Solano County Office of Education staff contributed, in partnership with the other regional COEs, over several months to develop this report.

"Students experiencing homelessness live in communities with different resources and challenges. Even before the pandemic, student homelessness was increasing, and many schools were working to

respond to the needs of our most vulnerable students," commented Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools. "We are proud to contribute to the body of this critically needed work and to strategize and collaborate with our partners from throughout the bay area to identify best practices, always with an equity lens, to better serve our young people."

SCOE's Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services & Student Programs Andrea Lemos said, "This report highlights examples of how to provide equity-focused, virtual professional learning opportunities and modules to support youth and expand mental health screening and supports for students in Solano county."

The Bay Area Consortium's five county offices of education convened monthly during the pandemic to better understand regional challenges related to homelessness and investigate current county and district strategies to combat the unique barriers facing students experiencing homelessness. This was a pivot and expansion from the previous work of the Consortium, which focused on sharing approaches for improving outcomes for students experiencing homelessness with an emphasis on reducing chronic

absenteeism.

The report highlights promising practices implemented by each Bay Area county to support students without permanent housing during the COVID-19 pandemic, drawn from the expertise and perspective of 20 county administrators.

All counties noted that with many schools closed to in-person learning, staff at the district and school levels sought out creative approaches for identifying, reaching, and serving students experiencing homelessness. Increasing mental health supports, food and technology distribution with local districts, and the creation of online modules for teachers and staff to build capacity to support students experiencing homelessness during distance learning are among the effective responses identified to address this challenge.

The report offers steps and strategies to address the needs of our region's most vulnerable students. By working collaboratively across counties in the region to share, analyze and replicate these promising practices, the Bay Area Geographic Lead Consortium is providing much-needed support to students and families experiencing homelessness, and ultimately to improve academic and social-emotional outcomes for our students. ★

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DIXON POLICE LOG

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



Saturday, February 20, 2021

0013 - Officers served a Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) in the 300 block of West C Street.

1324 - Informational report was taken in the 600 block of Berkshire Dr.

1416 - A theft report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.

Sunday, February 21, 2021

1242 - Disturbance in the 300 block of Industrial Way. A 27 year old was taken into custody after she was found to be under the influence. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

1409 - Domestic dispute in the 100 block of Dorset Drive. An 18 year old was arrested for Domestic Violence and transported to the Solano County Jail.

1607 - Domestic dispute in the 700 block of Park Blvd.

2313 - Report of a residential burglary in the 500 block of West Creekside Circle

Monday, February 22, 2021

0920 - Welfare check in the 400 block of West E Street.

1024 - Vandalism reported in the 100 block of South 1st Street.

1203 - Traffic enforcement stop in the 200 block of East Dorset Court. The 33 year-old driver was cited for Display Unauthorized Placard.

1318 - Traffic enforcement stop in the area of Pitt School Road and Rehrmann Drive. The 30 year-old driver was cited for driving without a license. The 2019 Dodge Ram was towed by All About Tow for 22651 (p) CVC.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

0938 - Traffic enforcement stop in the 2800 block of West A Street. Ahmed Elgazery (33), Quartz Hills, was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of Los Angeles for Traffic.

1304 - DUI reported in the 1300 block of West H Street. David Sirizzotti (65), of Dixon, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and DUI with a BAC .08 or greater. He was transported to the Solano County Jail. His 1995 Nissan Sentra was towed by All About Tow for 22651(h) CVC.

1352 - Domestic dispute in the 100 block of East Broadway Street.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

0801 - Parking violation in the 1800 block of Gold Street. A black 99 Honda Accord (4FSW438) was towed by All About Towing for 22561 (O)(1) CVC

1000 - Found property in the 200 block of West A Street.

1703 - Traffic enforcement stop in the area of Watson Ranch and Pitt School Road. The 25 year old driver was cited for Displaying False Tabs on the vehicle.

Thursday, February 25, 2021

0806 - A possession of narcotics, unlawful possession of tear gas, and probation violation arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of Commercial Wy. Officers contacted (S) Taylor Thornton (24) of Granite Bay. Taylor was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail. Thornton's vehicle a 2007 Mercedes C230 was towed by All About Towing.

0808 - A possession of narcotics, probation violation, and post-release violation arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of Commercial Wy. Officers contacted (S) Brian Shuman (28) of Folsom. Shuman was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail. Shuman's vehicle a 2009 Mercedes was towed by All About Towing.

2019 - A proactive enforcement stop in the area of South 1st Street and Valley Glen Drive resulted in the arrest of Brandon Hamilton (29) of Dixon for having an outstanding local misdemeanor warrant. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.

2147 - A proactive enforcement stop in the area of West A Street and the railroad tracks resulted in the arrest of Humberto Avalos-Negrete (26) of Dixon for three outstanding felony warrants (two from Yolo County, one from Solano County). We was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.

Routine Stop Ends in Drug-related Arrest

Dixon Police
Department

DIXON, CA (MPG) - In the early morning hours of Sunday, February 21st, Dixon police officers patrolled the neighborhoods while the vast majority slept. Officers observed a vehicle in the 800 block

of North Adams Street with expired registration. Officers stopped the car for a traffic violation.


Richard Muller (37), of Dixon, was contacted and arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale, Transportation of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana

for Sale with Priors, and Unlawful possession of Tear gas.

Yolanda Ramirez (41), of Dixon, was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Probation Violation.

They were transported to the Solano County Jail. ★

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“YOUNG ROCK” AND “KENAN” FILL A COMEDY BLOCK FOR NBC

A TV Review by Tim Riley

“YOUNG ROCK” ON NBC

Though the 2024 presidential election seems a bit distant, at this moment in time political junkies are already talking about prospective scenarios. Imagine then what kind of speculation it takes to leap so far ahead to the next decade.

We can now let it be known that Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson is on the trail for the 2032 presidential race, and “Young Rock” is a retrospective on his formative years that is revealed in a puff-piece interview with Randall Park who has moved on from acting to a cable news desk.

While the agreeably recognizable Johnson doesn’t need to be humanized for a presidential run, the actor-cum-politician takes us back to his origin story as a 10-year-old (Adrian Groulx) growing up in Hawaii in 1982.

Living in a family of pro wrestlers, young Johnson idolizes his father “Soul Man” Rocky Johnson (Joseph Lee Anderson) and is lovingly supported by his caring mother Ata (Stacey Leilua).

Johnson’s extended family includes colorful characters Andre the Giant (Matthew Willig), the Iron Sheik (Brett Azar) and Junkyard Dog (Nate Jackson) who come over to play cards and swap stories. Dwayne learns from Andre the Giant that using the word “fake” to describe wrestling is taboo.

Five years later, the family has relocated to Pennsylvania where Rocky’s career is in such decline that he wrestles at a flea market and Ata is making ends meet with house cleaning work for a rich, bored housewife.

Meanwhile, 15-year-old Dwayne (Bradley Constant) is working in a pizza shop to scrape together \$103 to buy a rusted-out car that turns out to be the domicile of homeless men living in the trunk and backseat.

At his high school Dwayne is so smitten with blonde beauty Karen (Lexie Duncan) that he resorts to shoplifting to create the façade of wealth with a new wardrobe and calls himself “Tomas” for a hip identity.

The next stage of growing up takes 18-year-old Dwayne (Uli Latukefu) to the University of Miami where he joins the football team and impresses his dubious teammates in a bench-pressing competition.

The framing of Dwayne’s upbringing in three phases allows for an amiable and often humorous behind-the-curtain look at what made “The Rock” shine as an athlete in football and wrestling and one of the biggest names in show business.

In the Johnson’s extended family of wrestlers, “working the gimmick” was a modus operandi for self-promotion if not a bit of a con in the world of

professional wrestling.

“Young Rock” might be a gimmick on its own terms to showcase the scrappy but endearing Dwayne Johnson’s coming-of-age story, one that realizes its subject’s remarkable charisma could be the draw to pull in a hefty audience share.

“KENAN” ON NBC

Moving into a Tuesday night time slot following “Young Rock,” comedian Kenan Thompson, a veteran of “Saturday Night Live,” stars in “Kenan” as a widowed father of two smart-aleck kids who hosts a morning TV show in Atlanta.

Having only recently become a widower, Kenan Williams struggles with processing his grief, putting on a brave face when he’s prodded to talk about his deceased wife either on his show or at home with his live-in father-in-law Rick (Don Johnson).

Kenan is not getting help only from his father-in-law, who’s been hanging around now for about a year and doesn’t look ready to return home anytime soon. If it takes three men to care for two girls, then Kenan’s laid-back brother Gary (Chris Redd) is fully onboard.

Notwithstanding his desire to not talk about the past, Kenan’s two adorable daughters Aubrey and Birdie (real life sisters Dani and Dannah Lane) need to hear stories about their mother, Cori (Nicole Thurman).

One of the more interesting stories is how Kenan and Cori met on a sitcom in which, despite an insignificant age difference, she played his mother in a scene tucking her future husband into bed for the night.

Don Johnson may never shake his “Miami Vice” persona, but here he’s got a comedic touch that was more apparent in his role as a San Francisco police inspector partnered with comedian Cheech Marin.

With his paternal role in “Kenan,” Johnson’s meddling, wise-cracking father-in-law allows for even better comedic timing in the wacky bantering that takes place at the kitchen table.

As the host of the “Wake Up With Kenan!” morning show, Kenan is able to engage his natural comedic impulses and allow moments of public humiliation for his boneheaded moves to play out as humorous self-inflicted wounds.

“Kenan” may not cover new ground for a sitcom but it does allow its star to shine with his sunny disposition, trademark grin and overall humanity, even as his character copes with grief and a sense of loss.

As a familiar face from a career in show business dating back to his childhood, Kenan Thompson is the anchor on which “Kenan” either succeeds or fails. Here’s hoping the series rises above the trappings of standard comedy fare. ★

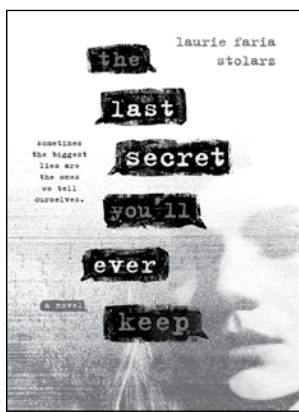
The Last Secret You’ll Ever Keep

by Laurie Faria Stolarz

Until the day that Terra logged onto the Jane Anonymous site, no one believed her. No one believed that Terra had been abducted and placed at the bottom of a well. No one believed that she was taken from her bed and for four days she sat trapped surrounded by dirt-lined walls, sore, scared, and hungry. And no one believes that her abductor is still out there.

Everything changed the day Terra logged onto the Jane Anonymous site. A safe community with chat rooms set up for people like her, people taken, people hurt, silent victims who are too scared to reach out to anyone tangible, but feel safe talking anonymously. An online site set up by a girl who had been abducted herself, and for the first time, Terra felt heard. Instantly, she bonds with another girl who is just like her, a girl who was taken, a girl whose story is eerily close to hers.

Then, the girl disappears, and once again, no one believes her. Now, Terra is caught between trusting herself or listening to everyone around her; but Terra only knows how to be a survivor, and part of surviving is believing in yourself. Without a



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- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ★★★★★
- ◆ Release: March 16, 2021

moment’s thought, Terra knows what she needs to do and sets off to find her friend when no one else will. Now, only one truth remains is Terra entering into the trap set by a killer, or will she finally unearth the answers she has been seeking all long?

What would you do if every truth you told was believed to be a lie? What if the only person you trusted disappeared? What if your escape from an abductee was only a plot twist? *The Last Secret You’ll Ever Keep* is a gut-wrenching psychological thriller that will take readers to the very edge and push them off. In this poignant story of silencing

victims and searching for belonging, readers will witness the true devastation of not being believed.

Laurie Faria Stolarz opens the door to complex storytelling lending a voice to hidden darkness, empowering everyone who reads her stories. Stolarz’s ability to tap into a deeply emotional and authentic place gives victims a voice, while also opening up the door for understanding. This book will leave readers emotionally raw but also unable to put it down. Told in two parts, “Then” and “Now,” readers will dive deep into the fear, the isolation, and the mere survival of being captured; while also watching the internal struggle of not being believed when you return.

Laurie Faria Stolarz promises to deliver her stories in the most honest and demanding way possible, emotionally haunting her readers, while leaving them to linger deep within the pages of the story long after closing the book.

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Food & Farm NEWS

CVP Projects 5% Supplies for Many Farmers

The dry winter could mean a very dry summer for Central Valley farmers. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said Tuesday it expects to provide only 5% of contract water supplies for many agricultural customers of its Central Valley Project. The Fresno-based Westlands Water District, a large CVP customer, described the allocation as “no surprise” but “devastating nonetheless” for water-short farmers and communities.

Vegetable Sales Suffer After Severe Storms

Severe winter storms in much of the country have affected vegetable farmers in the California desert, who have seen demand drop due to logistical problems in moving and storing produce in the affected regions. At the same time, warm weather in the desert causes vegetables to ripen quickly, leading to a further oversupply. Farmers say the weather has added volatility to vegetable markets already coping with pandemic-related swings in demand.

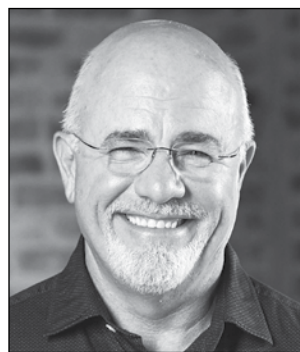
Detectives Analyze Rural-Crime Trends

Agricultural crime remains a serious problem in many parts of California, though reported crimes declined in some rural counties the past year. Detectives say they’re not sure why the decline occurred, and farmers say they continue to be plagued by thefts, illegal dumping and other problems. A bill introduced in the state Legislature would increase fines for illegal dumping. In one county, inmate work crews that clear dump sites have been reduced due to pandemic concerns.

USDA Concludes Investigation of ‘Mystery Seeds’

Packets of “mystery seeds” sent to thousands of people across the U.S. last year have prompted a federal agency to provide additional guidance for online seed sales. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it found no evidence someone was trying to harm agriculture when they sent the seeds last summer. After an investigation, USDA concluded the seeds were likely part of an internet scam to help an online seller’s search results. ★

Dave Ramsey Says



proposition. The truth is any stock that doubles in value over the course of just one year is highly volatile. It’s unusual for stocks to do things like that, and it also means it could go down just as fast—or even faster.

I don’t know where you and your husband are in your overall financial situation, but I recommend people become debt-free except for their homes, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved up before investing. Once you reach that point, I strongly advise to begin putting 15 percent of your income toward retirement before you start any outside investing.

Don’t get me wrong, I don’t mind a little selective and educated dabbling here and there once the basics are taken care of first. However, I’d never recommend putting more than 10 percent of your nest egg into

a single stock. The reason? If the single stock tanks and you lose it all, then your loss is only a blip on your financial radar.

Of course, it would be fantastic if this single stock went through the roof and you two made a ton of money. Just make sure you limit the potential for damage in this kind of scenario by limiting your exposure.

– 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 16 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. ★

Limit the Potential for Damage

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– Cathi

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1. Theories
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8. Tarzan's mom, e.g.
11. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, e.g.
12. Ingredient in talcum powder
13. Spectator
15, 5, 280 feet
16. Tiny river
17. Note taker
18. *Last NCAA basketball winner
20. Any day now
21. Antiquarian's concern, pl.
22. Diana Ross and Michael Jackson movie, with The
23. Saw a nightmare
26. Caribbean rattles
30. Witch's spell
31. Flocked-to destinations
34. Goo or slime
35. Plural of ostium
37. Leo mo.
38. Eurasian goat-like antelope
39. Showing signs of use
40. "Yo, ___!"
42. *Nothing but it
43. Wrap a baby
45. *___-elimination
47. Outrage
48. Fraternity K
50. One of the Bridges
52. * ___ 1 schools only
55. ___ less but pennywise
56. Decanter
57. In a frenzy
59. Threesome
60. Turkish monetary unit, plural
61. Dumpty establishment
62. Common conjunction
63. New York time
64. Male deer

Down
1. Singular of #1 Across
2. Rikers Island weapon
3. Burkina Faso neighbor
4. Himalayan mountaineer
5. Tarnish
6. " ___ fair in love and war"
7. *School with most NCAA basketball titles
8. Choir member
9. Hammer part
10. Blunder
12. Sad, to mademoiselle
13. Radio studio sign
14. *Mid-major school that's become major powerhouse
19. Kind of ray
22. Is no longer
23. Arabian sailing vessels
24. Restart from seed
25. Uncredited actor
26. The Wise Men
27. Acting as a prompter
28. Snow impression
29. Eric Heiden's "shoe"
32. *Oklahoma State's super freshman ___ Cunningham
33. Mixed breed puppy
36. *2021 NCAA Tournament location
38. What Edward Scissorhands does
40. Stout relative
41. Dream big
44. Ancient Celtic priest
46. Water nymphs
48. Fuzzy fruit, pl.
49. Deflect
50. Sanders' campaign slogan "Feel the ___"
51. "National Velvet" author Bagnold
52. Expunge
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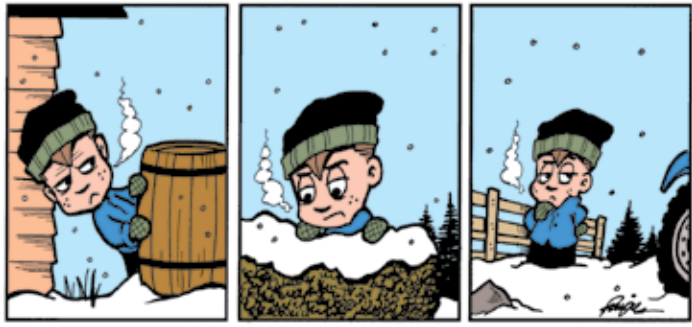
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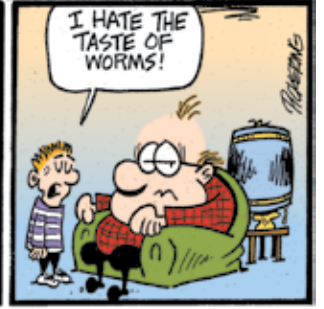
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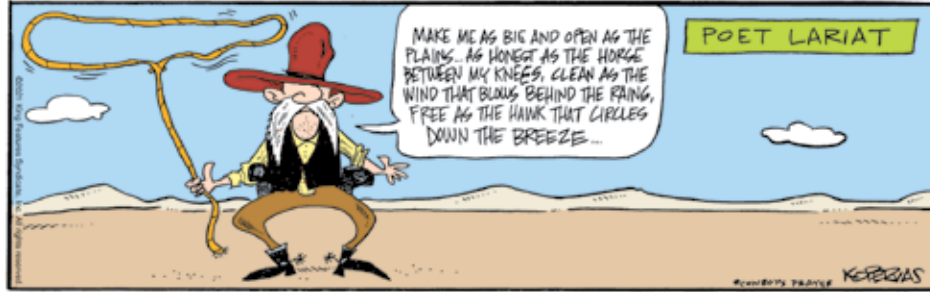


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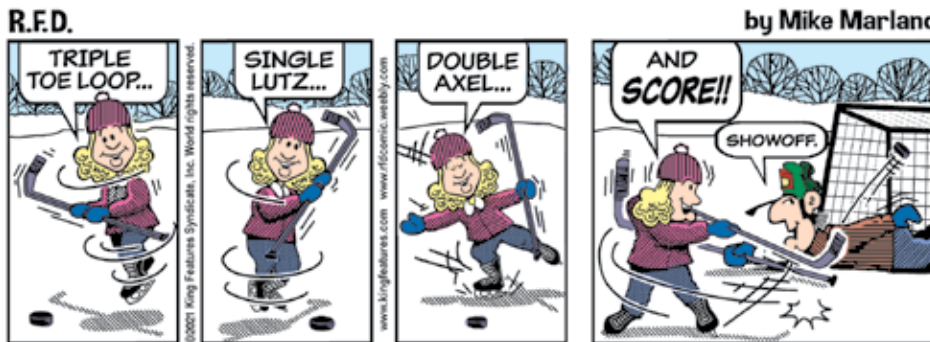
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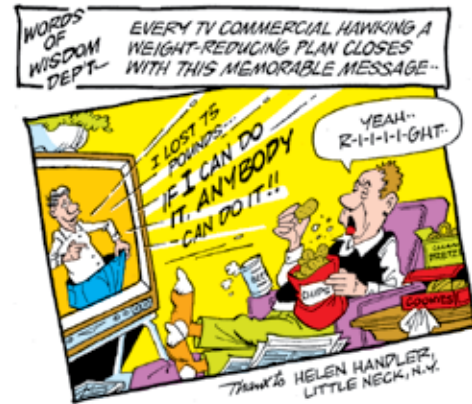
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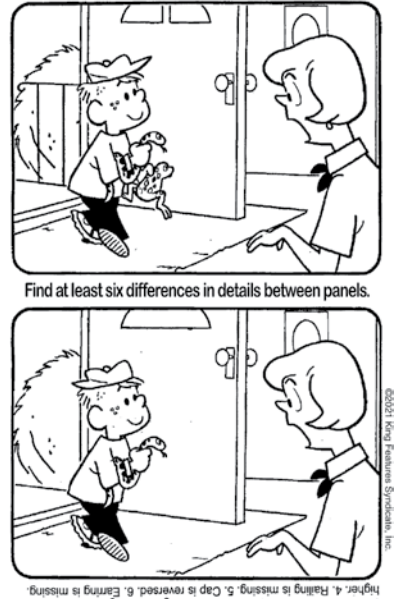


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Is Buying a Second Home on Your 2021 To-Do List?

Commentary by Patrick Rush

Owning a second home can provide retirees – or even younger families – a mountain retreat or a house at the beach for those family vacations or quick weekend getaways.

But if buying a second home is on your list of New Year's resolutions for 2021, be sure to consider all the upsides and downsides before committing, says Patrick Rush (www.patrickrushfta.com), CEO of Triad Financial Advisors and the ForbesBooks author of *Gain Big and Give Back: Financial Planning with Intention*.

"Many retirees end up regretting it," Rush says. "They feel they are forced to go to that second home every weekend just because they spent so much on it. A vacation property or second home can certainly provide a lot of joy, but it rarely works out financially." That doesn't stop people from buying them, though.

The National Association of Home Builders estimates that Americans own about 7.4 million second homes, which is about 5.6 percent of the total housing stock.

"People tend to purchase a second home either as a rental property or a vacation home, which they might also rent for part of the year," Rush says. "But unless you're in a hot real estate market, the return on investment usually isn't worth the hassle. There are better ways of growing your money."

Rush says a few things to know about investing in a second home include: **Real estate doesn't automatically mean easy money.** People mistakenly believe real estate provides a guaranteed return, but that's not always true. Rush recalls one client who, over Rush's vehement objections, withdrew all of his retirement money to build an expensive second home. The client was certain the house would pay off, but he eventually was forced to sell it for half his investment. **Consider the overall impact on your life.** Most people don't have endless streams of money, even if they have done well for themselves financially. So, a splurge in one area often requires a sacrifice in another. "If you want the second home, then perhaps an Alaskan cruise

won't be in the budget," Rush says. "It comes down to what your priorities are." **Upkeep can become overwhelming.** People tend to overlook the ancillary costs that make owning a second home expensive, Rush says. Take those into consideration as you make your decision. "Property taxes, homeowners association dues, insurance, and maintenance start to add up," he says. "Renting the house out when you aren't using it does provide an income stream, but managing the property and dealing with tenants is a hassle. You can hire a property manager, but that has its own disadvantages." **Renting can work just as well.** While it might feel exhilarating to own a mountain home in North Carolina or a Pacific Ocean beach house, Rush says another option is simply to rent a place for a week or a weekend whenever you're in need of a getaway. None of this means a second home is always a mistake, Rush says.

One client whose parents died and left her a generous inheritance wanted to invest the money in a beach home. Rush warned her of the potential pitfalls. She teared up. She agreed it might not be the best financial decision, but when she and her sister were growing up, their parents took them every summer to Sunset Beach on the North Carolina coast. She wanted to continue that tradition for her children, her sister, and her sister's children.

"It was a reminder that it's not always about the numbers," Rush says. "You have to weigh the return on investment against the emotional benefit. Financially, it wasn't the best choice, but to her, it meant so much more. It was about keeping her parents' memories alive. Some things truly matter more than money."

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Surge in Sacramento-Area New Home Sales Were the Highest in 16 Years



Sacramento-area residents are taking advantage of extremely low interest rates and new home designs that meet the needs for working at home and online learning. MPG file photo

North State Building Association

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A total of 729 new homes were sold during January in the greater Sacramento region, the highest number since 2005, the North State BIA reported.

Mike LaFortune, senior development director for Easton Development and the BIA's 2021 Chairman, said January was the eighth month in a row with sales higher than the previous year and shows demand for new homes in the region remains unabated.

"Sacramento-area residents are taking advantage of extremely low interest rates and new home designs that meet the needs for working at home and online learning, and we also continue to see a steady stream of prospective buyers coming from the Bay Area as more companies are committing to allowing

employees to work from home," LaFortune said. "As more new designs hit the market to meet those needs even better, we expect the strong new home market will continue for some time."

But while new floorplans are being offered, the number of new homes actually being built remains well below current demand, let alone the number needed to begin attacking the shortfall in new homes that the region has experienced for many years, warned Michael Strech, the BIA's President & CEO.

"While single-family construction ramped up in December across our region, for the year housing starts were -actually slightly lower than in 2019 with 7,328 permits issued, according to the just-released report from the Construction Industry Research Board. That's just slightly higher than the number of new homes sold during the

year," Strech said.

"In the long run, to meet the need for housing and maintain affordability we will need to continue a steady pace of building, which will require cooperation from our local officials to approve new communities and issue building permits. Fortunately, most local officials understand the need for more housing but it's an issue we will be watching closely in the years to come."

The North State BIA is the leading advocate for the home building industry in the greater Sacramento region. Representing more than 500 members who provide 55,000 industry jobs, the North State BIA is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members, while also working to enhance the industry's standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org. ★

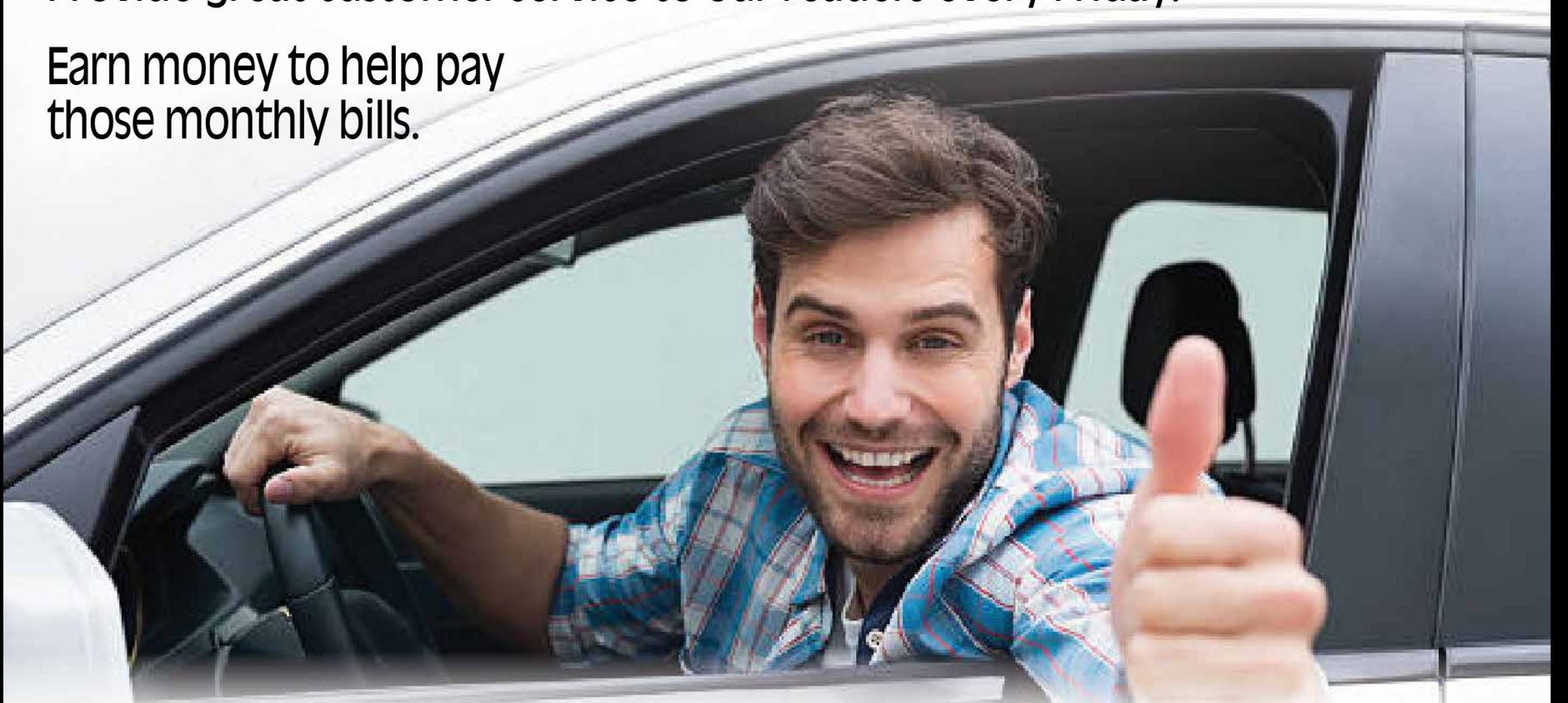
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