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The Dixon City Council race is full-fledged with campaign signs covering the corner of Pitt School and A Streets as well as dotting the yards throughout Dixon. Photo by Debra Dingman

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - Per campaign finance laws, Campaign Disclosure Statements include all of a candidate's monetary receipts and expenditures. State law requires that they be filed publicly, and are thus available for inspection through the City of Dixon.

Eighteen months before this year's elections, Councilman Steve Bird announced his campaign for Mayor so got a jump on campaign fundraising with a reported \$12,768 received from July 1 to December 31, 2019.

A handful of local residents contributed nearly \$1,000 of that with Developer Clifton Taylor donating \$500 and his company in Roseville donating another \$500. Similarly, \$500 was donated from Emerald Site Services with an additional \$1,000 from two individuals connected to that company.

Other contributors were other construction-related companies each

giving \$500: Al's Land Clearing Inc.; Marques Pipeline, Inc.; Marques Jaeger Equipment Co.; Coastline Water Resources; Minturn & Associates Management Services (now closed); Stevenson Supply Tractor; Klearly Masonry, Inc.; and Hemington Landscape Services. Kevin Johnson, the sole council candidate for District 3, donated \$500 and Endicott Communications donated \$250.

For the campaign report January 1 through June 30, 2020, Bird reported \$1,898 in contributions received and \$2,964 in expenditures.

The contributions included \$1,500 from Recology, Inc. Political Action Committee #921099 and \$200 from Solano County Supervisor James Spering. He also had \$198 in unitemized contributions.

His expenses included \$125 for support of County Supervisors Solano County Campaign of \$125 and \$250 for a Solano County Republican Central Committee

political fundraiser.

Councilman Devon Minnema who is also running for Mayor disclosed a total of \$3,900 contributions including a donation to his own campaign for \$1,650. Debra Dingman* and Doug Beasley donated \$500 each. There were three individuals who donated \$250 each and five who donated \$100 each. Minnema had a \$2,500 expenditure to McShane LLC for polling and survey research and \$131 for office supplies.

(*Publisher's Note: Dingman was not employed by the DIV at that time.)

The next reporting cycle started July 1 and ended September 19 with Bird continuing to receive support from development-related companies including two \$500 contributions from a sales engineer for Sentech Measurements, Inc. and O L West Management Company. His total income was \$1,100.

His expenses were for filing fees, the Cops Voter Guide, signs, office

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Chamber Seeks Board Nominations

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Not only does the Dixon Chamber of Commerce have a new President/CEO, it will soon have five new Board of Directors as well. Shauna Manina, recently hired President/CEO, announced the organization is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors 2021.

The Dixon District Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1909 and is a group of dedicated business leaders and volunteers who actively work together to advocate for the town and local businesses.

Each Chamber member may nominate up to five individuals to be turned in by October 12. The nominees must have been a member in good standing for at least one year and be willing to accept the responsibility of being a member of the Board of Directors.

A Board member who has served for two consecutive three-year terms is not eligible for election to a third consecutive term. In addition, no more than two persons from the same business can serve on the Board of Directors at any one time. Serving on the Board is a way to help make decisions on behalf of the 200 dues-paying business members.

The departing Board members are Bert Gaulke, retired veteran who served as Immediate Past President and Jack Caldwell of California Water. All nomination forms must be received by the Chamber of Commerce no later than 5 pm on Monday, October 12. Nomination forms must be signed and dated. They can be scanned and emailed, faxed, or dropped off at the Chamber office, 220 North Jefferson Street or mailed to P. O. Box 159 in Dixon.

Nominees will be notified by November 2, then there will be an email vote with ballots returned by November 9, by the close of the business day.

Board meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 at the Chamber office. Attendance is expected at those and at Chamber functions. Manina is considering doing an orientation/interview to ensure the newly elected accept responsibility and understand protocol.

"We are going to start our committees back up this next year and add a couple new ones. Board members will be encouraged to be as active as possible in the committees and events," she said.

The Chamber promotes and sponsors many annual community activities like

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The Logic Behind Repealing The Water Rate Increase, Dixon's Measure S

**Commentary
by Michael Ceremello**

After the many discussions I've had with city water system ratepayers, it's become increasingly apparent that the overwhelming majority of ratepayers want the city water system to be properly operated and maintained, yet there is absolutely no faith that the Council or city staff is even slightly interested in competently doing so. The fact is that the Council has imposed huge, ham-fisted and horribly timed water rate increases in the almost total absence of properly detailed engineering information about the actual condition of the city water system.

All during the rate setting process, the Council consistently ignored important questions and suggestions from ratepayers, together with advice from water professionals

living in the city. Instead they chose to rely on "cherry picked" points from a consultant's report which were then enhanced by a rate increase consultant's firm.

Why did the city not hire consultants from companies in the well drilling or well maintenance industry to verify their consultant's contentions? Why has the city steadfastly refused to eliminate or significantly reduce energy costs by exploring options for solar with the attendant grants which are available?

Major examples of the Council's and staff's glaring lack of consideration and competency include the following:

During neighborhood meetings held by councilmen Peterson and Bird prior to 2018, a ratepayer pointed out a multi-million dollar discrepancy between what the Council was telling ratepayers and

what the graph used to justify the rate increase depicted. Jim Ernest, who was not a councilman at that time, to his credit acknowledged the problem after it was pointed out, yet no explanation or correction was ever provided.

In the same neighborhood meetings, numerous ratepayers expressed varying concerns about the basis of the rate increase and its impacts. Ratepayer comments, such as the need for the city's management of the water system to undergo an audit/peer review were never documented and many questions, including important fiscal and engineering issues, went completely unanswered and have to this date been ignored.

The consultant report that the Council has repeatedly touted as justification for replacing

major components of the city's water system is almost completely devoid of adequately detailed engineering inspections. It is primarily founded on a superficial review of the water system and its components. Detailed engineering inspections of all major components of the city water system are necessary for determining their actual condition, and for determining whether repair or replacement efforts are necessary. NOWHERE in this report is there ANY evidence or statement that the city water system is in imminent danger of catastrophic failure as has been alluded to by some council members.

The Solano County Taxpayers Association (SCTA) provided a letter to the city council asking the city to provide proper justification for replacing some of the city's

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Traveling in Circles

By Debra Dingman

Motorcycle Memory

It was great to visit my Dad in Oregon this past week as he recovers from a heart attack and several mini-strokes. We were sitting in the living room going through old and new photos when he started reminiscing about the home where we grew up in Tracy.

"Do you remember the pigeon-house in the backyard," he asked. I remembered it mostly and asked him if we ever put pigeons in there which he replied no. Then he started talking about some of the wonderful fun we had in that backyard and started describing the yard. Then looking at me slyly, he said, "And it had an incinerator."

I had already started watching him out of the corner of my eye because there is one really profound memory I have of that backyard and I was waiting to see if he was going to remember it. At that moment, we both burst out laughing because then I knew exactly why he had recalled it.

Dad had taught us how to ride motorcycles in that backyard including my two younger brothers who had managed to learn quicker and maneuver the bike in circles around and around. But, I didn't.

As I started into the turn, I rotated my wrist which increased the throttle which sped me up and I panicked because it was too fast. I quickly straightened the handlebars but straight ahead was the fence so then I turned the handle back into the curve. The motorcycle raced me around the curve and straight into the incinerator, a.k.a. burn barrel.

Ashes went everywhere as the front tire tore right into the dilapidated metal and it's a miracle I didn't get injured. After Dad lifted me out of what was left of the incinerator, I



Miles and miles of beautiful coastal roads were part of the scenes on the way to see my Dad in Coos Bay. Unfortunately, I missed meeting the Editor of the Ferndale Enterprise but I loved the upside down typewriter planter idea. Photo by unspecified handsome man.

wanted to cry but was in shock, I think. My ego, even at that preteen age, was more bruised. Of course, all the kids started roaring with laughter and so I had to also.

"You don't have memory loss at all, Dad. I think you're fooling us!" I teased. Maybe he can't remember what he had for breakfast but the truly valuable things, he does.

Ferndale Enterprise

Several months ago I read an article about the 142-year-old Ferndale Enterprise, a weekly California newspaper, and the woman who saved it from closing. I'm sure you've read about Ferndale as it is the small town (only 1,500 approx. population) that has all these beautifully restored Victorian homes. Since we were driving to Coos Bay on the Oregon Coast, I wanted to include this as a stop.

The first hint of many-things-go-wrong was when we checked into the beautifully restored Victorian Inn and being directed to find our room a half block down the street in a single-story bungalow with no air conditioning and a broken fan all on the one day it was setting a record high for the local temperatures.

We decided it was our own fault for trusting the pictures online and too tired to make a fuss so we strolled downtown with

our masks to find a place to eat. We found three places open and decided we'd patronize the fancier one for dinner and eat at the nice Mexican Restaurant across the way. I was very hungry for lettuce so ordered a Taco Salad that came with a tiny sprinkling of lettuce on a large tortilla filled with beans and rice and steak that was rubbery. I took off all the meat because David thought it was good and so I gave it to him and after eating the sprinkle of lettuce, I had only a few more bites of the rest.

Despite that I had emailed and called leaving messages for the newspaper editor the week before we left, there was never a response. Maybe she was on vacation. We walked around the corner to the newspaper office and took pictures to record my effort. I did like the upside down typewriter made into a wall planter. That was the closest I got to meeting one impressive editor (or not.)

We enjoyed touring around the old and beautifully painted homes and being amazed at their ornamental details. I also enjoyed the art galleries where I met an artist who knew the Gnos family here in Dixon. That was a pleasant surprise!

Later we strolled out for the nicer restaurant only to find it closed. No sign. No reason. No people inside. These are the days of COVID so who knows anything but a sign would have been nice.

We walked back to the Victorian Inn Restaurant knowing it was going to be even pricier but how often do we get away, we reasoned. There were only two tables of people in the very large, exquisitely-decorated, grandeur room. The gentleman who finally came out to greet us asked if we had a reservation. David and I both looked at each other and the man must have sensed our disbelief because then he explained it was because of COVID restrictions.

This was on a Wednesday night. We decided to get in the car and drive around. In five minutes, we returned back to the hotel room and checked out the frozen entrees in the local grocery store. They had one decent-looking Marie Callender's entrée and a half dozen pot pies in metal tins that would blow up the microwave in our room. We returned to the only restaurant in the entire town that was serving: Yep, Mexican food.

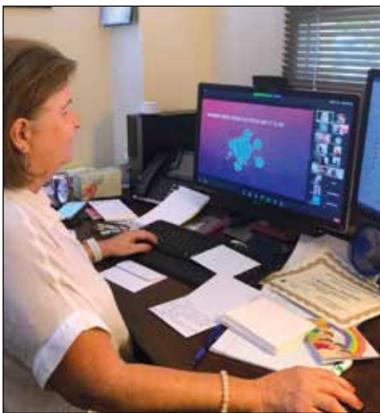
If you are planning a trip, my advice is to be REALLY flexible. ★

Residents Decorating Pumpkin People for Harvest Celebration



Little Olivia Galloway, granddaughter of Jay and Suzanne Galloway, is surrounded by her pumpkin family roasting marshmallows at their residence on Sommer Drive in Dixon. This is one of numerous houses and businesses popping around town participating in the 'Falling for Fall' community decorating using Pumpkin People or harvest themes. The effort is organized by the Dixon United Methodist Women and the Dixon Independent Voice. "I've never made a scarecrow for my pumpkin people before, but I figured it out," said Suzanne Galloway. "A couple people on my block have something set up already and on my walk, I saw a couple very pretty porches." There are approximately 25 decorated homes at this time and a map for driving by them will be in our next edition. Photo by Suzanne Galloway

Early Childhood Education Takes Virtual Center Stage



Senior Director of Early Learning Lisa Eckhoff was able to have access to various educational experts via Zoom conference. Photo: SCOE

By Jennifer Leonard, Solano County Office of Education

FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) - The annual Quality Counts Solano, Early Childhood Education Conference was held virtually on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Nearly 150 early care and education professionals joined this year's conference and experienced a day of learning in a virtual Zoom format.

Solano County Office of Education partnered with First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Child Start Inc., Solano Community College, and Solano Family and Children's Service to sponsor this year's conference aimed at furthering the educational experiences of Solano County's youngest students.

The Early Childhood Education Conference offered participants a broad range of valuable and timely topics. Breakout session included: trauma responsive practices, STEM for early

childhood, strengthening infant/toddler mental health and caregiver-child relationships in a time of COVID-19, to name a few.

"In these ever-changing times, we are proud to be a part of this innovative and creative virtual format that brought relevant professional learning to nearly 150 early learning educators in and around our local area," said Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. "The more we know and understand as educators, the better we can serve and support students of all ages."

The keynote, Self-Awareness and Self-Care Strategies to Reduce Burnout in Times of Stress, was presented by Julie Kurtz, Founder and CEO of the Center for Optimal Brain Integration. Julie is an author and national speaker with expertise in consulting and training internationally on trauma-responsive and resilience building strategies. She has over 30 years of experience working with youth, adults, and families who have experienced trauma and toxic stress.

To learn more, please contact Senior Director of Early Learning Lisa Eckhoff at LEckhoff@solanocoe.net or 707-399-4407.

Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo City school districts which serve approximately 64,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state. ★

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 supplies, and fundraising totaling \$1,781. With his previous forwarded balance, Bird's ending balance is \$10,548.

The two other Mayor candidates, Thom Bogue and Ted Hickman both filed Form 470 with no income or expenditures during the reporting period.

Councilman Minnema's report showed \$5,000 came from Chris Rufer, owner of The Morning Star Company, a tomato farming and processing company in Yolo County; \$1,000 from Pastor Mike Farias, owner of Plumbing, MD, Inc.; \$1,500 from owner of Tom Nishimura Farming and \$1,500 was contributed from David Dingman, a financial analyst with AT&T.

There was a \$500 donation by Reveille Farms and also from retiree William Higgins; \$300 from Aaron Hoffman, owner of Hoffman Fabrication; \$250 by Brock McMahon, a Logistics Supervisor for the US Air Force; \$250 from Stephen Fisher, Engineer, and also from Tim Smith former owner of Dixon Truck and Tractor; \$200 from retiree Marvin Madsen and numerous contributions from local residents of \$100 each and \$437 was unspecified contributions of less than \$100.

Minnema's expenses were for McShane LLC for consulting, polling, direct mail, and online messaging for \$5,973; the Estate of Dana Foss for campaign headquarters rent of \$1,200; The Printing

Shop for \$916; filing fees, various voter's guides, signs and postage.

This report showed a total income of \$12, 862 with \$13,003 in expenses. Considering his beginning balance, Minnema's ending balance is \$1,582.

In summary of the Mayor's race disclosures, Bird has raised \$15,766 and Minnema has raised \$16,762, leading by nearly a thousand dollars exactly.

In the District 4 City Council race, Don Hendershot has raised the most with \$2,500 and loaning himself \$999 to bring his campaign chest to \$3,049 with the largest donations from Kathleen Archer for \$550 and Kevin Johnson for \$500. Johnson is running uncontested for District 3 City Council. Hendershot's expenses were listed for filing fees and other printed and internet promotional material to the tune of \$2,715.

Candidate Jerry Castanon, Sr., loaned himself \$3,110 and received \$1,058 in individual contributions including \$300 from retiree Estella Amaya, \$250 from retiree Paula Meares, and \$250 from business owner Ted Jorgensen. His expenses of \$3,182 included web design, yard signs, political fliers, a walk list for District 4 and political ads in the Dixon Tribune.

There were no disclosures for District 4 candidate Logan Legg, District 3 candidate Kevin Johnson, or Treasurer candidate James P. Ward. ★

DUMC Methodists on the Move; Silveyville to Dixon in 1870



Sandra Warnken, left, and Marge Litsinger, right, hold the commemorative banner marketing the 150-year celebration of the Dixon United Methodist Church. Courtesy Photo

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - About 45 people gathered in front of the Dixon United Methodist Church last week to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the move of the historic church building from Silveyville to Dixon after the group first met up at the Silveyville and Pony Express marker to follow the trail.

"It's hard to imagine what they went through to decide to stay in Silveyville or move to Dixon. It's only three miles but back then that was a very long way," said organizer and retired Dixon teacher Suzanne Galloway.

The original church was built in 1866 in Silveyville and is still the core of the current sanctuary, but two years later the California Pacific Railroad announced their railroad tracks would bypass Silveyville by three miles. The residents began moving their homes and businesses to the new location that would soon become known as Dixon.

Church members did not want to be left behind so in September 1870 the church building was put on skids, placed on log rollers, and pulled by mules to where it sits

to talk about history and learn about the past.

"The church has had stories that passed down that the church couldn't get over the railroad tracks so they dropped it in front and left it right there but they actually purchased the lot on September 6, in 1870 so they knew before they even moved it. So, [the tracks] were not a surprise," said Galloway. "They bought [the parcel] for \$1 from Thomas and Jane Dickson."

Despite being interrupted by three passing trains, long-time Pastor Cathy Morris gave a commemorative service to the group who blew their commemorative whistles at the trains while keeping their distance in front of the church. It was live streamed on zoom thanks to church member Audrey Madden and can be watched on their Facebook page.

The church also commissioned a new banner to be hung at the front entrance and attendees received commemorative 'Methodists on the Move' masks and the wooden train whistles.

"I think it's wonderful to have these celebrations," said Galloway. "If you don't have special celebrations of various kinds, you



Savannah Playford and Pastor Cathy Morris demonstrated how the church was rolled from Silveyville to Dixon on large logs pulled by mules. Courtesy Photo

like a large white angel on the corner of B and North Jefferson Streets. There is even a model built by Ed and Mary Heeny of how the church was moved that is used with local third graders doing their history study. It was on display at the celebration.

"We think it's the oldest building that came over but I don't know that anyone knows that positively," said Galloway. "Most of the houses and businesses rolled over the railroad tracks and when the downtown burned down, it took out most of those old buildings." It might have been divine intervention that the church was sitting over on this side of the railroad tracks and the fire didn't come over, she said.

The group has worked with the Dixon Historical Society for several years and credits the group for finding out when the church was built and Bill Schroeder for finding the original deed of 1870 in the County archives. Galloway feels it's important to have celebrations like this to give people an opportunity

don't have opportunities to share history. How often do you get around and talk about history? But, when you have a celebration, everyone wants to know more."

Although the celebration banner will hang out front, there are no set plans to reopen the church soon. They have been meeting outdoors in the Friendship Garden by reservation and could not have more than 20 people.

"There are a lot of older people in the church so no matter what the rules are, the last thing we'd want is to spread the virus to somebody and would rather err... on the side of caution," she said. With the church being closed during COVID they have re-painted and put in a new floor in the social hall area.

"Sometimes things just work out," she said. "We've been raising money for years and just got enough when [the pandemic] closed us down. Because of being closed, we didn't have to move things out in other locations and are able to do some much needed repairs." Maybe this is what they call, 'God's timing.' ★

The Logic Behind Repealing The Water Rate Increase, Dixon's Measure S

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relatively young wells, questioning the city's well construction standards, and asking the council to address the issue of ratepayers in new parts of Dixon having to pay for water system rehabilitation in older parts of town. The Council never responded.

At the December 2018 council meeting, prior of the approval of the 300% water rate increase, a letter was read by a member of the Dixon Chapter of the SCTA, who is an engineer, an expert in water issues and wells, asked the city to provide proper justification for youthful well replacement, questioned the city's well construction standards, and confronted the council about new homeowners having to pay for deferred maintenance. The SCTA also provided the council information on well rehabilitation measures that could potentially be used to economically extend the service life of wells. The Council never responded.

The Council's indifference to ratepayers could be attributable to the fact that none of them are civil engineers and none of them live in the city water service area. However, after observing, listening, and speaking to them both during meetings and outside of them, it is quite apparent that it is their blind faith in city staff and consultants which is their primary problem.

As I explained to someone who was against the rate repeal and who works in the industry, it is not that we as users of the city's water system don't want to or refuse to pay more. We simply want it done in the cheapest, most efficient manner. You don't replace an entire system which was initially constructed in the 1970's when systems typically last 100 years as do water wells. By the end of the conversation, he had changed his mind.

Let's look at some facts. This council has consistently maintained that Solano Irrigation District should never have been removed as a partner. One of the duties of the operator of a water system is inspection. SID was removed as the operator in September of 2014. Water tank rehab work was done at one site with dump trucks of gravel having to have been removed.

Why was there no ongoing inspection of this holding tank? If there is a problem with the well casing, as at one well, where was the video inspection and where are the video inspections of all of our wells? If these are converted ag wells, as some on the council claim, why weren't these wells upgraded to higher standards at the time they were converted to make their useful life what is considered normal?

Moving over to finances, would you rather pay cash for something you need or would you prefer to pay three times the cost by financing it with bonds or a loan? This is one of the primary reasons the rate increase was so drastic because it allows the issuance of bonds to pay for these debatably unnecessary projects.

At one of the meetings prior to the Covid-19 shutdown, the mayor directly asked the city engineer if he had looked into any of the alternatives suggested during the last two years and the engineer's answer was "NO". This is enough of a reason and a full demonstration of the animosity and opposition your city government has for citizen participation.

The mayor has contended that the State of California will take over the system and force higher rates on us. The council has never provided even a shred of evidence, such as state correspondence, that would happen. The consultant report makes no such assertion. Simply show me one city where that has happened. The city of Atwater's general fund and water enterprise fund are both in deficit and the State has done nothing.

Not everyone in Dixon will vote on this Measure. Those in the other water district don't want the city to "subsidize" the city's water system with general fund money. It can't. The water fund could borrow using an interfund loan but it must be repaid.

So both the city and its former operations manager failed to do their job and their solution is for you to just shut up and pay more so they can do projects which they refuse to justify while ignoring addressing problems such as energy usage point by point.

Vote "Yes" on Measure S. If council and staff can't or won't do their jobs, it isn't on us to do it for them ... ★



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send Your Message Loud and Clear

Dear Editor,

It was very interesting to read the "candidates' responses, in a local newspaper, to the question about the 300% water rate increase within the City's Water District. It was telling how ignorant our elected officials and candidates are about the City's Water System.

Mayor Bogue paying higher water rates is "keeping up with the growing cost." Yes, apparently when you sell the town to the developers you get the "growing cost" pain. He also told us "our Water District is an Enterprise Fund and payments collected can only go towards the maintenance and repair of this system." I am wondering what kind of fund the money for the "Parkway Blvd" is in! Maybe it is in a "spend it as you like" fund!

Councilmember Minnema stated "the water system needs significant repair and upgrades." But, it has been pointed out at council meetings and social media statements made by the consultant that "the recommended existing system improvements at the Fitzgerald Drive booster pump station should be completed as soon as possible to ensure adequate pumping capacity to meet existing demand conditions." These existing system improvements are estimated to cost \$93,000. The report recommends \$19.2 million of future system improvements for 2030 and an additional \$21.5 million for future Buildout System." Apparently, the councilman did not read the consultant's report. The question that needs to be asked is "why are current rate payers being asked to pay for future development?"

Logan Legg, who is running for council in District 4, commented that maybe this outrageous water rate increase is part of "costs of living expenses." That's the problem with our youth. They have never got a job or paid any bills to understand the "cost of living expenses." Then he proceeded to say that "the water quality is not great." Hmmm how about the "water quality report" we receive from the City every year? I don't remember reading that the "water quality is not great."

The most surprising answer came from candidate Kevin Johnson. I noticed that he chose not to participate to the previous forum questions. But as a Realtor that caters to the Developers he had to "participate" on this question and campaign against the measure. "The reason why Voting No on Measure S is so important," he wrote. I guess selling our town to the developers will bring more development and new homes for him and his company to sell. Who cares if the water bill for a family of 4 is more than \$400 a month! The sad part is that this realtor is running unopposed in District 3!! When people do not get involved we get the government we deserve. At least we can ALL Vote "Yes on Measure S" and "Yes on Measure T" and send our message to all of them loud and clear.

Gustavo Hardeep



Farmers, Ranchers Measure Damage From Wildfire Smoke

Smoke and ash from wildfires cause concern for California crops and livestock. Laboratories that test winegrapes for damaging chemicals in smoke say they're backlogged, so it may take some time for the overall impact on the grape crop to be known. Smoke can cause respiratory problems for cattle, especially young animals. Hazy skies caused by the smoke have slowed drying of raisins and other crops.

Expanded Pandemic-Aid Program Accepts Applications

Effective this week, farmers and ranchers could begin applying for a new round of federal aid to help offset losses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest version of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture expanded the program to include more types of losses and more crops. For example, grapes, sunflowers and pima cotton have been added to the hundreds of crops and commodities eligible for aid.

Hot Weather Affects Avocado Crop

The full impact won't be known for a while, but an early September heat wave appears likely to reduce the size of next year's California avocado crop. Temperatures as high as 118 degrees during the Labor Day weekend have caused fruit to drop from trees. But marketers say the current crop will be larger than first expected. Farmers say demand has fluctuated during the pandemic, but that people appear to be buying more avocados for at-home use.

Sacramento Valley Farmers Plant More Pistachios

As Sacramento Valley farmers look for alternative crops, more have been planting one that has long thrived in the southern San Joaquin Valley: pistachios. Demand for the crop, combined with the soil and water in the region and the development of new varieties, make pistachios attractive for farmers north of Sacramento. Small acreages of pistachios have grown in the area for many years, but the crop has now emerged as a top-10 crop in Yolo County. ★

St. Peter's Catholic Church News

Angel of God, my Guardian dear. To whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day [night] be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Have you ever said this prayer before? I try to remember to say it every day. I like to talk to my Angel Guardian. Tell them how my day is going, tell them about struggles I need help with, or about joys or successes in my day, and to thank them for being there for me, helping me, guiding me, and loving me through the ups and downs of my life. God has sent these beautiful spirits to help us. In the Old Testament, we read about the three angels visiting Abraham and Sarah to announce Issac's birth as well as the destruction of Sodom, and later we read about the Angel of God traveling and protecting the Children of God as they flee Egypt. In the New Testament, we read about an Angel announcing the Incarnation of Christ to Our Mother Mary and another time about an Angel ministering to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and again, proclaiming the

Resurrection of Our Lord to the Apostles. God has always had Holy Angels help us. Today is the feast of Guardian Angels. Did you know that we are assigned a very special guardian angel at the moment of our conception? God has given us a very special Angel Guardian to be with us from the moment of our existence to the moment of our death. I hope and pray to meet my Angel Guardian in Heaven to thank them for their care, their protection, their guidance, their eternal love, their presence in the midst of my own turmoil on earth. No matter what we do, we will always have our Angel Guardian with us. Do not be afraid to call out to them and ask them for help and to intercede for you in your time of need and in your time of gratitude. Our Angel Guardian is our best friend and never leaves our side. May God bless you.

St. Peter is resuming to celebrate Masses in the Church. Please see the parish website for times. Remember, masks are required when in the church. ★

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Glass Fire live updates: Newsom declares state of emergency as wildfires rage in Sonoma, Napa counties | 29 Sept 2020 | A growing wildfire complex is burning in the North Bay in Napa and Sonoma counties as the Glass Fire spawned two new spot fires: the Shady Fire and the Boysen Fire. The Glass Fire began Sunday at 4 a.m. on the 200 block of North Fork Crystal Springs Rd. in Deer Park and has been spreading at a "dangerous rate," CAL FIRE said. The Shady Fire and Boysen Fire started Sunday night just west of St. Helena near the Napa-Sonoma county border. **Sept. 28, 9:36 p.m.:** Governor Gavin Newsom issued an emergency proclamation for Napa and Sonoma counties due to the Glass fires and for another wildfire burning in Shasta County. The fires have burned tens of thousands of acres, destroyed homes and critical infrastructure and caused the evacuation of tens of thousands of residents.

Justice Dept. calls on SF to end 'draconian' coronavirus rules for houses of worship - San Francisco's city attorney called the letter 'careless legal threats' | 26 Sept 2020 | The Justice Department on Friday called on San Francisco Mayor London Breed to increase the allowable capacity in houses of worship, accusing the city of impeding on "religious freedom" amid the coronavirus. In a three-page letter, Assistant Attorney General Eric S. Dreiband and U.S. attorney David Anderson of the Northern District of California called San Francisco's policy of allowing just one congregant inside at a time "draconian." The letter acknowledged the city has the obligation to protect its residents from the deadly virus, but added, "there is no pandemic exception for the Constitution." "Even in times of emergency, when reasonable, narrowly-tailored, and temporary restrictions may lawfully limit our liberty, the First Amendment and federal statutory law continue to prohibit discrimination against religious institutions and religious believers," Dreiband and Anderson wrote. "These principles are legally binding, and the Constitution's unyielding protections for religious worshippers distinguish the United States of America from places dominated by tyranny and despotism."

CDC and Fauci's NIAID Add Non-Pneumonia Deaths to US COVID-19 Totals Unlike Other Countries - If These Deaths are Removed, US Has 86,000 COVID-19 Deaths | 26 Sept 2020 | For months doctors and investigative journalists have wondered why state coronavirus death counts include motorcycle accidents, homicides, birth defects, gunshot wounds and thousands of intentional injuries and poisonings to the US Coronavirus death totals. It's almost as if the medical elites are doing all they can to pad the coronavirus death counts? In Singapore the medical experts follow the World Health Organization guidelines and DO NOT INCLUDE non-pneumonia coronavirus fatalities in their death counts. If the US followed the same system as much of the world the total number of coronavirus deaths in the US would be 86,000 or something you'd see in a bad flu season. In 2017-2018 the US had an intense flu season. 61,000 Americans died.

Trump \$500B Black America plan designates KKK, Antifa as terrorist organizations - The plan calls for making lynching a national hate crime | 26 Sept 2020 | President Trump's plan for Black America designates the KKK and Antifa as terrorist organizations and calls for making lynching a national hate crime, while pledging to increase access to capital in Black communities by nearly \$500 billion, Fox News has learned. The president on Friday is expected to roll out details of what the campaign is calling the "Platinum Plan," which details "opportunity," "security," "prosperity," and "fairness" for the Black Community. "For decades, Democrat politicians like Joe Biden have taken Black voters for granted. They made you big promises before every election - and then the moment they got to Washington, they abandoned you and sold you out," the president is expected to say Friday, according to remarks exclusively obtained by Fox News. ★

CANDIDATE FORUM

QUESTION 5: FOR ALL CANDIDATES EXCEPT TREASURER. “Knowing that in many communities tax dollars are used to fund events and exhibits to draw in outside visitors and enrich local residents lives. Would you agree that a portion of the Dixon Hotel Tax and 420 dispensary tax dollars could be used to help fund public art, music, culture, and history events, exhibits, and education programs?”

QUESTION FOR THE CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER. “What is the yield curve and how may it impact the City of Dixon?”



THOM BOGUE
Candidate for Dixon Mayor

This is a tough question for me personally, while I am a lover of the Arts, and a strong believer many events and exhibits can benefit our city greatly. However, I with others on the council have to decide where the dollars are spent to our overall community benefit. So until our Parks, Walkways, Streets, and staffing are up to all our expectations

I cannot see income revenue being spent otherwise. Now if the public were to push in making a stand in forgoing those other improvements then goals could change.

As a public representative I don't have the privilege to push a private agenda, it has to benefit all in our community. Many have spoken out regarding maintenance of our sidewalks, walking trails, and parks. This where I believe attention needs to be directed and towards the staffing to accomplish it as a priority.

But, the real question is what do you as the public believe priorities should be? If still your mayor in 2021 I plan on having a public goal setting session where all can provide input, personally I believe this would be fantastic.



STEVE BIRD
Candidate for Dixon Mayor

Chose not to participate



DEVON MINNEMA
Candidate for Dixon Mayor

Due to my strong belief that we need to scrimp and save every penny available and put it towards the Parkway Overpass, I am hesitant to commit so much as a dime to anything discretionary. That being said, I am not fundamentally opposed to using a limited separate fund to help or bolster public activities and art. I do believe that every effort to use private charitable money for public activities, art,

and exhibits FIRST. I can promise that I will not vote to expend tax dollars on any organization or effort that has NOT first sought private funding from donors.

A perfect example of this is an organization in town that managed to get a budget line item for \$25,000 while refusing to engage in fundraising efforts, even after local donors had promised to donate if they were simply asked.

As a private individual, I have donated personally to numerous organizations and local efforts because I would rather give my money to something I believe in than give taxpayers' money to something that they may or may not believe in. There is no reasonable level of consensus that can justify using tax dollars for charitable efforts without great care.



TED HICKMAN
Candidate for Dixon Mayor

Disqualified from participating



JERRY CASTANON
District 4 Council Candidate

Chose not to participate



LOGAN LEGG
District 4 Council Candidate

Unfortunately, this is the first question, in which, I'd have to do some real digging and analysis. I think instinctually, as we have seen with Dixon's fiscal record, is that we have funds available for these resources especially the education programs, community events, wellness programs, etc. The problem historically has been misallocation of these funds. Because, both of these are

taxes, they're going to go somewhere. I do think there can be a mutual agreement that the Dixon Hotel taxes and the 420 Dispensary taxes can be utilized to help both the community and be an opportunity to showcase the revenue they bring in. Regarding art, music, and culture; we have such a rich and diverse community full of artist, musicians, entertainers who would love the opportunity to display their talents and I think as a town that really doesn't have an aesthetic it'd be a nice addition. The education programs is very interesting as well, especially if we could supplement it with vocational training and youth programs. We need resources so these young kids have access to additional tutoring, recreational activities, and hands on training for vocational careers once they graduate.



DON HENDERSHOT
District 4 Council Candidate

Chose not to participate



KEVIN JOHNSON
District 3 Council Candidate

Let me answer this question in 2 parts. 1-(DESIRE) My support and belief in the importance of the Arts, Music, Culture, Our History, Exhibits and Educational Programs is 100%. I would love to see all of the above being integrated into the growth and development of our City. I am a member of the Dixon Historical Society and share their dream for a permanent location that

would bring joy, information, education and remind all in the future of those that preceded them – done right, bringing outside interest and vitality to our City. 2- (BUDGET) It seems there is always a budget reality to all that we dream or desire for our City. **A source of funds could absolutely be a portion of the Hotel Tax or Cannabis Fee collected by the City.** How our City Budget transitions through the current & post COVID-19 economic environment will determine how we can incorporate and promote more of what this question clearly years. Thank you for this question! I would love to be part of a grassroots effort to bring more of the Arts, Music, Exhibits and Education/Culture to the City of Dixon.



JAMES P. WARD, JR.
Candidate for Treasurer

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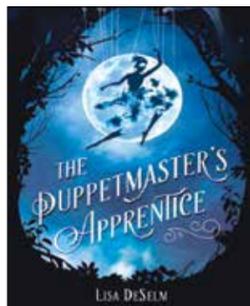
October is filled with chilling haunts and treats, but these three reads will allow the magic of the season to surround you from the very first page.

The Puppetmaster's Apprentice

by Lisa DeSelm; Page Street

"Pirouette Leiter, The Puppetmaster's Apprentice, is given the most important and dangerous job of her life: to build a wooden assassin for the Tyrant of Tavia."

In what has been described as Pinocchio meets Frankenstein, *The Puppetmaster's Apprentice* is a magical fairytale retelling that will captivate its readers from the very first page. Lisa DeSelm's lyrical and descriptive writing weaves a tale of dark and forbidden magic, while delivering the true struggle between the battle of



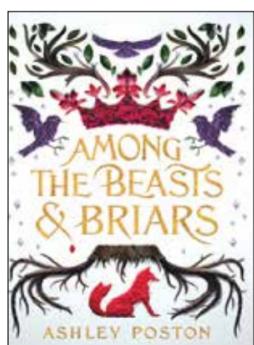
the heart versus the battle of the mind. This book will tug at your heartstrings and leave readers questioning the difference between creation and monster.

Among the Beasts and Briars

by Ashley Poston; Balzer and Bray

For hundreds of years, the Kingdom of Aloriya has been free from diseases, droughts, and famine due to the single fact that the King

made a deal with the Lady of the Wilds. But when a new Queen is crowned, darkness descends from the forbidden forest. Now, it is up to the Kingdom's gardener Cery, a fox, a strange bear, and the tiny bit of magic that Cery still possess in order to find the Lady of the Wilds to try and save her beloved kingdom.



Ashley Poston once again delivers a high-fantasy read that is enchanting as it is lovely. *Among the Beasts and Briars* blends the beauty of a fairytale with the magical lull of the forest. With characters that make you want to fall in love combined with the addition of an adorable fox and a protective bear, this book is a celebration of fall, romance, and magic.

Cinders and Sparrows

by Stefan Bachmann; Greenwillow

In what seemed like an instant, orphan Zita Brydgebom went from being a housemaid to the mistress of her ancestral home, Blackbird Castle. However, Blackbird Castle is



filled with unexpected magic at every turn. Now, Zita is cast into the battle of good and evil that has been going for centuries. Good thing she isn't alone as she learns to become a true witch with her caretaker Mrs. Cantanker, a talking marble head, a crow, a green-eyed ghost, and two castle servants Bram and Minnifer. But, between them all, will Zita be able to discover the magic that dwells deep within in order to save her home and everyone that lives inside, or will she be the next soul to be claimed by mysterious circumstances?

Cinders and Sparrows will have middle-grade readers caught up in the enchanting story of a girl who discovers that she is about to receive her greatest dream, a home. However, this particular home comes with a lot more trouble, and guests, than she ever could have expected. A tale of witches, enchantments, and discovering who you are, while combining great sidekicks and adventure. This story is powerful, magical, and engaging and will leave its readers with all the delights of the season. ★



Riley Reviews

"L.A.'s FINEST" AND "FILTHY RICH" START FOX FALL SEASON

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"L.A.'s FINEST" AND "FILTHY RICH" ON FOX NETWORK

The opportunity to launch new series on network television was going to be a dicey proposition during a pandemic that has curtailed original television productions.

The FOX network has the good fortune of being able to fill the void by having had midseason shows in the can that never aired or picking up a series that ran on a platform which lacked wider distribution.

The latter is the case for "L.A.'s Finest," a new series on FOX that had its season last year on Spectrum Originals' subscriber service, which does not have the same reach as a network, sort of like community theatre not being on the same level as Broadway.

If you are familiar with the Jerry Bruckheimer "Bad Boys" films, you will quickly grasp the gender-flip of this spin-off in the "L.A.'s Finest" series, with one primary character, Syd Burnett (Gabrielle Union), relocated from Miami to the Los Angeles Police Department.

Robbery-Homicide LAPD detective Nancy McKenna (Jessica Alba) gets paired up with Syd, and the two of them make a formidable team that is hell-bent on taking down garden-variety criminals as well as drug cartels.

Nancy, usually called McKenna by her peers, and Syd have an unusual chemistry, where they work well together in policing but have conflicts over secrets they harbor, some of which would endanger their careers and home life.

The two women prove to be tough in takedowns of thugs, but they also lighten the mood at times, such as responding to a convenience store holdup while bantering amusingly about not missing family book club.

At home, working mother Nancy grapples with rebellious stepdaughter Isabel (Sophie Reynolds), while her husband Patrick (Ryan McPartlin), an assistant district attorney, is on a path to career advancement.

However, Nancy has a complicated past with some shady characters, including drug dealer Dante Sherman (Barry Sloane) who seeks to rekindle their relationship. Her complex history may well pose a threat to her husband's political ambition.

As counterparts to their female colleagues, officers Ben Walker (Zach Gilford) and Ben Barnes (Duane Martin) sometimes work alongside them, often with the expected trash-talking as competitors to nab credit for arrests.

Another angle to Syd's web of troubled relationships is the fact that her absentee father, Joseph Vaughn (Ernie Hudson), who had a dubious career in law enforcement, tries to engage in her life to warn against her worst impulses. ★

What worries Syd's father, as well as her partner Nancy, is that she recklessly pursues the ghost of an elusive drug lord named Gabriel Knox, a criminal so vicious he strikes fear with his own cohorts.

"L.A.'s Finest" delivers plenty of nicely staged action sequences, from shootouts and fiery explosions to the obligatory car chases. That action and the chemistry of the bad girl duo might be enough to carry the day.

Netflix is still streaming the "Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich" documentary. Meanwhile, FOX has debuted its own "Filthy Rich," which thankfully has nothing to do with the despicable sexual deviant and his unfortunate victims.

Based on a New Zealand series of the same name, which likely means nothing to just about everybody, "Filthy Rich" is portrayed by the network as a "Southern Gothic family soap in which wealth, power and religion collide."

This description is as accurate as a publicist would wish, and then even more so. The mega-rich Monreux family has built a Louisiana-based televangelist empire known as the Sunshine Network run by the patriarch Eugene (Gerald McRaney).

In the first episode, Eugene is presumably dead after his plane crashes somewhere in the swampy Bayou country. This leaves his widow Margaret (Kim Cattrall) to take over, even though the son Eric (Corey Cott) fancies himself able to take the reins.

Meanwhile, the family, including daughter Rose (Aubrey Dollar) along with trusted counselor Franklin Lee (Steve Harris), is thrown for a huge loop when the reading of Eugene's will reveals dark secrets.

With the apparent morals of an alley cat, Eugene fathered three illegitimate children, each one with a different mother. Feeling possible pangs of guilt, Eugene's will provides an inheritance for those kids.

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Public Voting Options and Ballot Safety Measures Announced for General Election

Solano County Press Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Registrar of Voters (ROV) is pleased to announce several voting options are available for voters for the upcoming General Election, including no-contact voting, limited-contact voting, and traditional polling locations; designed to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 transmission in the community, all while protecting the integrity of the voting process.

No-Contact Voting

All voters will receive a vote by mail ballot and can vote safely and securely from home, mailing back the completed ballot at their convenience.

Limited-Contact Voting

Using your vote by mail ballot, voters can return their completed ballot in one of 15 drop-off locations throughout the County, or at any polling place on Election Day.

Traditional Election Day Voting

All voters can vote at a traditionally assigned election day poll place. Over 100 locations are available, all of which will have social distancing and safety precautions in place to limit COVID-19 transmission.

"Voting by mail is safe, secure, and easy," said Tim Flanagan, Solano County Chief Information Officer and Registrar of

Voters. "We have a five-step ballot validation process for every ballot, ensuring only the voter who intended to vote cast the ballot."

Since early in March, the ROV has been planning to implement a variety of options for voters for a historic election, including increasing the number of Election Day Polling places, and ballot drop off locations in anticipation of a high-turnout election. The ROV also anticipates receiving over 180,000 vote by mail ballots during the 30-day vote by mail period.

Ballots will be mailed to all voters on the last week of September. Ballots can be dropped off at over 15 locations starting October 5. Early Voting starts October 5 from the Registrar of Voter's Office at: 675 Texas St, Suite 2600, Fairfield, CA 94533. Details on voting options and key election dates are available on the Registrar of Voter's website: www.SolanoCounty.com/Elections.

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Chamber Seeks Board Nominations

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the historical Dixon May Fair Parade, the Epicurean Fete Wine & Food Festival, the annual Citizen of the Year Dinner, candidate forums, business mixers, and ribbon cuttings for new businesses.

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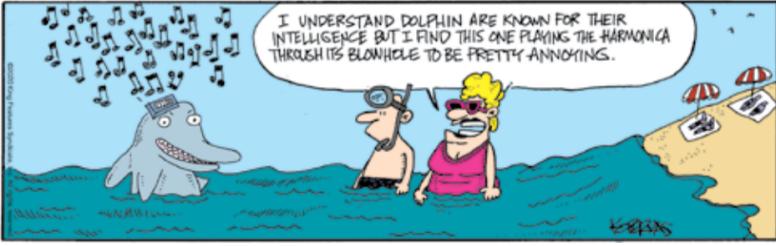
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Love of the Game

River Cats Broadcaster Writes Haikus on Baseball and Life

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Johnny Doskow, the well-known TV and radio broadcaster for the Sacramento River Cats, recently immortalized his love of the game in a book of haiku focusing on his experiences in both baseball and in life.

Doskow was “raised with the game” and always knew he wanted to call baseball. “I’ve been fortunate to fulfill my dream,” he said. His career began in 1991 calling local sports in Iowa. Two years later he started his first job in professional baseball with the Cedar Rapids Royals. From there, he moved to California, where he worked with both the High Desert Mavericks and the Fresno Grizzlies before becoming the voice of the Sacramento River Cats in 2001. He also broadcast for the major leagues for 34 games in 2012 with the Oakland A’s.

This past March, with the baseball season forced into hiatus by the coronavirus pandemic, Doskow had no games to call. During his first summer off in 28 years, he started writing. Originally, he didn’t have plans for a book; he was just writing haikus about life and moments he wanted to remember. It was his wife Deb who suggested he write about his life’s passion: baseball. Before he knew it, he had more than enough poems to fill a book. “It just happened organically,” he said.

Doskow has been fascinated by haikus ever since his older brother introduced him to the format as a kid. “I’ve always written them,” Doskow said – even writing them in the margins of in-flight magazines as he traveled during the baseball season. “I



Sacramento River Cats broadcaster Johnny Doskow releases a book of haikus titled *Goodnight Em*. Readers will relate to the poems, which focus on love of the game, love of family, and love of life. Photo provided by Johnny Doskow.

never kept any of them,” he said.

Doskow likes the rhythm of haikus (written in a syllable pattern of five, seven, five) and

enjoys the challenge of “trying to tell a story in 17 syllables. It’s not easy to do.” Telling a story in such a small space offers

the potential for both simplicity and depth. In “Patience,” Doskow writes, “dark cloudy morning/sun squeezing through

noon darkness/3 p.m. blue sky.” Such poems ask readers to put themselves into that moment. Doskow hopes that readers can find something to relate to in these poems, something that connects these stories to their own experiences.

In “Scoring,” he writes, “keeping score at game/a religion for some folks/baseball love affair.” For true fans, the book will be like a reading a love letter to the game. Doskow called the writing process “a walk down memory lane,” and the book brings readers on that journey as well. Many of the haikus evoke memories of significant baseball moments – both triumphant and heartbreaking.

In “Sign Off,” Doskow explains the title of the book, *Goodnight Em*: “ever since her birth/in my broadcast conclusion/my words, ‘goodnight em.’” He started that signature sign-off during the 2006 season when his daughter Emily was just an infant. Long nights at the ballpark and frequent time away from home for away games meant he was often missing his young daughter. The signoff was a way to signify his love and connection to her. When trying to come up with a title for the book, Doskow’s wife Deb suggested *Goodnight Em*, and he knew instantly that it was perfect.

Goodnight Em honors everything Doskow loves most in this world. The book can be purchased online at www.johnnydoskow.com. It can also be purchased locally at Face In A Book bookstore in El Dorado Hills or at either of the Sacramento locations of Patchamama Coffee (Doskow’s favorite coffee in the world). ★

Is Newsom Serious about Banning Gas-Powered Cars?



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Gov. Gavin Newsom flatly declared Wednesday that “In the next 15 years we will eliminate in the state of California the sales of internal combustion engines.”

It was the latest example of Newsom’s fondness for headline-grabbing pronouncements of “big hairy, audacious goals.”

The classic example was his flat campaign declaration that he would solve California’s chronic housing shortage by building 3.5 million new homes.

That was impossible, as anyone familiar with housing issues could attest, and after his election, Newsom backed off, calling it an “aspirational” goal. Actually, housing production has declined during his governorship.

The governor’s declaration that by 2035 new car buyers in California must buy only “zero emission vehicles” (ZEVs) seems to be in the mold of his housing promise. In fact, his executive order does not command that it happen, but rather says “it shall be a goal of the state that 100 percent of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks will be zero-emission by 2035” and directs the Air Resources

Board to figure out how to do it “consistently with technological feasibility and cost-effectiveness.”

Even if he’s serious about it – and one is never certain that he is – there are immense hurdles to overcome, not the least being Californians’ obvious reluctance to embrace battery-powered ZEVs as their primary motor vehicles due to their cost, relatively small size and limited range.

While California accounts for about half of the ZEVs on American roads, they are still fewer than 2% of the nearly 30 million cars and light trucks in California. And despite state and federal subsidies, they are a fraction of the state’s current goal of having 1.5 million in use by 2025.

Newsom’s declaration, and a request to the Legislature to phase out fracking to produce oil and natural gas, cheered environmental advocates who want California to be bolder in reducing its emissions of greenhouse gases. He blamed global warming for the destructive wildfires that have swept through the state this year.

However, business leaders, particularly those in the affected industries, warn about the pitfalls of trying to wean California’s economy off hydrocarbons. California is one of the nation’s leading producers of oil and gas, particularly since fracking regenerated older fields, and the state consumes immense amounts of both fuels to not only directly power transportation but to generate the electricity that ZEVs must have.

During recent hot spells, as California’s air conditioners drove electric power consumption to levels requiring blackouts, natural gas-fired power plants supplied more than half of the juice.

“Unless California, along with other states and countries, supports a market for ZEVs that ensures vehicle performance, range, safety, functionality, price, and choice for automobile consumers, then California residents alone will be left with higher energy and transportation costs without a material effect on global (greenhouse gas) emissions,” the California Chamber of Commerce said. “Forcing this transition through a mandate will burden the consumers least able to afford it, either by pricing them out of the new vehicle market or increasing the cost to maintain and fuel a used vehicle with a combustion engine.

Predictably critical as that statement may be, it makes valid points about the practical and socioeconomic challenges of doing what Newsom insists will be done.

Finally, there’s the political/legal question of whether California can do it. It would require the federal government to continue California’s “waiver” from federal air pollution rules and that would probably hinge on whether Republican President Donald Trump is re-elected or is defeated by Democrat Joe Biden.

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

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