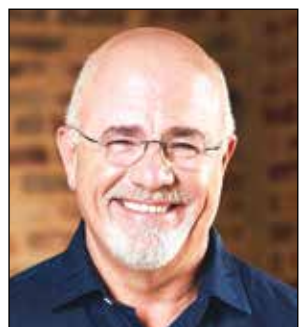


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Outraged Dixon Water Customers Take Action

By DIV Staff

DIXON, CA (DIV) - Last Thursday, February 28, 2019, a Notice of Intent to Circulate a Petition for a special election to repeal Dixon's tripled water rate was submitted to the City Manager who is currently serving as the interim "Elections Official."

According to the proponents there is a large group of ratepayers who are fed up with the city's shenanigans in regards to the series of water increases for the next four (4) years which they call in the Notice "outrageously high and destructive in scope for those connected to the City of Dixon Water System." Rates will rise by 330% from their current levels by the end of the fourth year to fund projects the city has not proven are necessary.

The Notice states: NOTICE is hereby given by the persons whose names appear below of their INTENT TO CIRCULATE A PETITION for a SPECIAL ELECTION within the City of Dixon for the following purpose: To require the City of Dixon to REPEAL the increase of the Water Rate adopted by the City Council by

Resolution 19-010 on January 22, 2019 in order to re-establish the lawful water rates in effect on January 1, 2019.

The notice was signed by Mike Jones, Harry Savage, and Shari Borkin.

The City Attorney, by law, has 15 days to write an unbiased Title and Summary of the Initiative before the group can start collecting signatures.

After the approval of the proposed water rate increase, this grass roots group had collected signatures for a Referendum, however they halted the collecting of signatures when the California Supreme Court made the decision to "review" the "Wilde v. City of Dunsmuir" appellate court decision. Because of this "review" the Appellate court's ruling that "a water rate increase can be placed on the ballot with a referendum" became null and void.

Leslie Wilde, a city of Dunsmuir resident, collected signatures to put a referendum on the ballot to repeal Dunsmuir's similar water rate increase. The council did not put it on the ballot claiming that "water rate increase" cannot be put on the

ballot by a "referendum." (A referendum is an election tool in which a law or ordinance, in our case a water rate increase, can be either accepted or repealed by the people based on the vote of people.) The lower court sided with the City of Dunsmuir, but the appellate court reversed that decision with a unanimous vote. The City of Dunsmuir appealed the decision to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court decided to review this case.

The Dixon City Council held a number of meetings designed to validate this rate increase. What was and is lost on the council and city staff is two thirds of the water rate increase money will be spent paying interest on bonds they intend to issue rather than directly on the water system. It was quite apparent to anyone who viewed or attended any meeting on this subject that neither the council nor city staff was listening to valid complaints or suggestions coming from the public.

If you want to help with the collection of signatures for the initiative petition or have questions regarding this issue, e-mail the group at dixonH20rates@gmail.com. ★

How Will the Southwest Development Help Local Residents?

By Loran Hoffman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - We keep hearing that a proposal will soon be submitted to the city council for the Southwest Development. What we have not heard is how these new homes will benefit current Dixon residents. And when will the community meetings start?

Will the subdivision contain cottage style homes that will allow those older folks in Dixon who have larger homes to move to a smaller home? When our children grow up, many of us have large homes that are more expensive to keep up.

In a nearby town, a developer took into consideration the needs of mature residents. Individuals who lived in large homes were provided with subsidies for adding solar to the larger home. Emphasis was put on building homes that allowed people to age in place. Local residents are looking forward to somewhere between 20 and forty public meetings on this subject so that our council and developer can provide insights to Dixon's residents on how this new development will assist current Dixon residents.

How many of the proposed new units will be medium single-story homes and how many will be affordable senior apartments. Will a percentage of the homes be restricted to residents 55 and older?

How many small to medium single-story homes, and affordable senior apartments will be built. Typically, single family homes do not pay for themselves in the services that will be absorbed.

Multiple family and single-family uses can exert different types of demand or need for local government services and the costs of providing these services to each type of use will vary accordingly. In some cases, such as the costs of providing school services, the costs associated with an average single-family use is greater than the costs associated with a multiple family use.

Condos may result in different service costs than apartments require. Apartments serving students will be very different than senior housing. Well managed complexes can do much to reduce the need for police and other services, while poorly managed complexes may increase the demand or need for services.

The cost of providing education is the greatest category of costs among all types of local governments. Is it appropriate to include school related costs when comparing the cost of serving residential uses which have children) with non-residential uses (which do not have children). The cost of providing school services is directly related to the number of children?

It is well established that single-family dwelling average more children than multiple family units. Consequently, school costs associated with single family dwellings would, on average, be much more costly than multiple family housing per unit. This difference can be large.

How does the proposed development fit into Dixon's Measure B requirements?

It would be extremely disappointing to learn that these new houses are being built to meet the needs of people who are moving from the Bay Area. ★

Dinner at Bud's a Great Success!

By Arlene Jones

DIXON, CA (DIV) - Dixon Women's Improvement Club third annual Scholarship/Grant Fundraising Dinner was a sellout at Buds' Bar & Grill on February 11th! The weather cooperated that day and the house was packed from 4:30 to 9:00pm. Dinner ticket holders were served amazing food and raffle prizes almost doubled from last year.

Once again the DWIC Board wishes to thank the members who donated raffle prizes, Buds' and other local businesses for their generosity and support of this once a year event that allows DWIC to offer scholarships to



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2019 Dixon and Main Prairie High School graduates as well as provide support to schools and community non-profits for projects that enrich learning and benefit of those living in our community. We thank Dixon residents for supporting

our efforts focusing on civic improvement, beautification, and promotion of the best interests of our city by participating in the dinner and raffle.

Raffle prizes were donated by DWIC members: Carol Marshall, Jewell Fink, Heidi Martin,

Mary Kay Callaway, Donna Armstrong, Phyllis Quiring, Sally Adams, Arlene Jones, Kitty Lockwood, Loran Hoffmann, Cindy Heaney, Pat Inderbitzen and several anonymous members. Prizes donated by local business were from Linde Lane Tea House, Buds' Restaurant, B's Gallery, Dixon Florist & Gifts, Dixon Ace Hardware, Cyndes' Place, Dixon Curves, Pedrick Produce, and Solano Bakery.

A special "Thank You" to our celebrity host, City Councilman Devon Minnema, for attending our dinner and drawing the winning raffle tickets.

A very grateful "THANK YOU" to you all. ★

19th Century Baseball Comes to Dixon March 9

By Matt Stone, Central Valley Vintage Base Ball

DIXON, CA (DIV) - Central Valley Vintage Base Ball's inaugural 2019 spring season of 19th Century base ball continues on Saturday, March 9 with two games at Northwest Park in Dixon, on the field at the corner of Almond and H. The Athletic Club of Woodland and the Sacramento Base Ball Club will kick things off at 10 a.m. and following a short lunch break, the hometown Aetna Club of Dixon will take on its rivals across the county line, the Oleta Base Ball Club of Davisville at 12:30 p.m.

All CVVBB events are free and they plan to play regardless of weather, so come join as a player or a spectator. All are welcome regardless of experience, race, gender or skill level. Players should arrive an hour early to get warm up and get oriented.

Though 1864 base ball has a lot in common with the modern game, the rules differ in a couple key ways. Pitchers throw the ball underhand,



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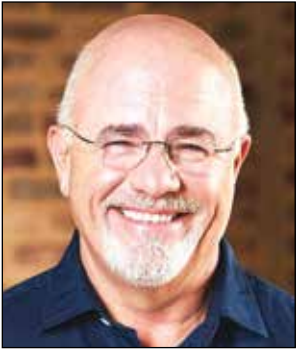
similar to slowpitch softball, inside a flat "pitcher's box" instead of off a mound. The umpire can also choose to not make a call if they aren't sure pitch is too close to call a ball or a strike, and catching the ball off of one bounce counts as an out, which levels the playing field and adds an extra layer of strategy. CVVBB emphasizes historical accuracy as much as fun,

so players use historically-accurate equipment (or lack thereof) and uniforms on the field.

After a successful first year, the spring 2019 season represents a new step forward for the organization. Davis, Dixon, Woodland and Sacramento are the first four clubs that existed in the late 19th Century that CVVBB is re-establishing as a way to celebrate in to the history and culture of the region, as well as the game of base ball.

Following a successful opening day in Davis on February 23, the Dixon games are the second of six double-headers in those four towns from now until May that encompass the spring season. The full schedule can be found at cvvbb.org.

All four clubs are actively recruiting players, scorekeepers, umpires, historians and fans, so join CVVBB at one of its events or contact the organization at CentralValleyVintageBaseBall@gmail.com or on Facebook or Instagram for information on how to participate. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

which would be \$6,000 a year in your case, before I did anything with the 457(b). That may not take you to the level I recommend – which is putting 15 percent of your income toward retirement – so then I'd investigate the options offered by the insurance company that's managing your 457(b).

When you have a look at the options available to you within the 457(b), you'll need to pay special attention to two things – the fees, this is where they'll kill you, and the rates of return. If they are somehow accessing mutual funds, and you can get stock market-like rates of return – I'm talking about a 10 to 12 percent average over many years– then I'd put some in there.

Still, warning sirens in my head go off when I hear that a life insurance company is running a 457(b). Investing through a life insurance company is a

bad idea 100 percent of the time. Now, is it a bad enough idea in this case to avoid it altogether? It may be an okay idea in this specific instance, but chances are it won't be anything you'll look at later and be blown away by great results. That kind of thing just isn't going to happen when you wrap an insurance company, or life insurance, around investing. I mean, you don't go to a transmission shop to get your muffler fixed. It's just not what they do!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

Investigate Your Options?

Dear Dave, I'm single and a firefighter, and we have a pension plus a 457(b) retirement plan.

I'm not contributing to the 457(b) right now, because I'm following your plan and in Baby Step 2, which is paying off debt. Our retirement plan is managed by a big life insurance company, but I know you don't like the idea of using insurance companies when it comes to investing. Can you give me a little guidance?

– Dustin

Dear Dustin, I'd max out a Roth IRA,

St. Peter's Catholic Church News

By Chris Simpson

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday. We have this blessed opportunity to draw closer to our Lord Jesus and to our true self. We are made for God and His love, and while the world, the flesh, and the Devil, so to speak, give humankind competition for this love, the three observances during the 40 days of Lent help us renew our faith. The first observance is prayer, humbling ourselves before God; the second is fasting whereby we bring our appetites and desire under control; the

third is almsgiving which delivers us from self and points to taking care of others. Prayer is transformative and leads us to holiness. We seek silence, the incubator for prayer.

40 Days for Life in which we pray to end abortion is from March 6th - April 14th. Prayer and fasting can make a difference. A bilingual Rosary will be prayed Thursday March 7th at 6pm, Monday nights at 7, and Friday morning at 7:30. St. Peter's has many opportunities to sustain our Lenten discipline: daily mass at 8am and Thursday 8pm in Spanish,

Confessions Thursday 7-8pm and Saturday 4:30-5pm, Stations of the Cross (bilingual) 6pm on Fridays with a simple Lenten meal following, Holy Hour - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 8am-7pm, and the church is always open for individual prayer.

During Lent, protect us dear Lord, from the tyranny of pride and self-indulgence and help us grow in Your likeness. Amen, God bless all!

For more information concerning St. Peter's activities, please contact www.stpeterschurchdixon.com ★

INDEPENDENT FORUM

A World Gone Mad

I awoke a couple of weeks ago and wondered if it was 1941 and i was in the achwitz concentration camp for the condemned, with the news of the murdering of rejected new born babies to the GLEE of the Democratic Party whom i have been calling the COMMIECRATS" for the past two years and have now have changed the Party name to the "DEMONICRATS" for their calloused murder and Extermination of innocent babies. DEMONICRAT Nancy Pelosi even had the gall to quote Christ who said "Suffer the little Children unto Me" and she said "Do not let the little Children suffer", i guess she figures if you

kill them they won't suffer. I for one have yet to hear any Dr,s condemn this bloody practice which rivals the atrocities of Nazi Dr. Joseph Mengela .

There is an old saying "Hell ain't even half full". But you can bet Hell will be a lot fuller when this is over and Front Row Seat Tickets will probably be gifted to Politicians, Lawyers and others in High places. Cukoo Cukoo CORTEZ is not even worth mentioning at this point.

May God have Mercy on America.

Bud Seney
Dixon CA

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Increasing Your Computer Literacy on Tuesdays

If you are 50+ you have an opportunity to increase your computer skills by attending 90-minute class at the McBride Center, 91 Town Square Place in Vacaville. The classes are held on Tuesday mornings until March 19th. You can select from Computer Basics I, Computer Basics II, or Microsoft Office:EXCEL, or Digital photography. Each class is \$45 plus an \$8 material fee. To find out more information and to sign up call 707-469-4000 or 707-469-4020. You can also visit www.cityofvacaville.com/CivicRec. ★

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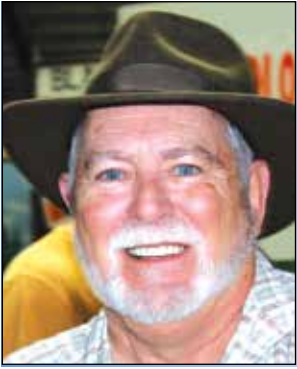
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POTUS wins by TKO!

POTUS goes to N Korea set to work with Kim Som thing and walks out when the idiot tries to leverage a deal which only benefits him. The chubby, flat headed dwarf must not have any real businessmen in his county or has never encountered one before. He tried to take POTUS for a ride and got the back seat again. POTUS makes deals, won't be cheated or backed into a corner with empty threats...unlike Obama who played nicey nicey with this nut, bowed down to Saudis and talked about how great the Muslims are... and

came close to getting us nuked until a real POTUS called chubby's bluff and threatened back to wipe his country off the map. Now chubby is begging for scraps and pieces to save face and POTUS is telling him, de-nuke and we'll lift some sanctions; you don't want to seriously talk about it we'll walk; see you! Even the weak bellied Democrats had to admit he did the right thing and were a little put off that one of the deadbeats POTUS fired exonerated him from the made up Russian collusion farce. ★

PG&E, stupid and so is their owned California Public Utilities Commission

I so empathize with the poor folks from the former Paradise. It all could have been avoided and could be avoided in the future if PG&E (Pretty Good Excuses) would simply underground all repairs...Yes, it's that simple. They are about to spend 10's of millions or even billions of our dollars dealing with law suits and get this; they put the stupid poles back up with

wires exposed...Duh? The poorly run conglomerate said it "would be too expensive to underground"; Duh again. Hell of a lot cheaper to underground than to pay 14,000 homeowners for new homes and stuff. I have advocated for underground utilities since my first term on the city council in the late 2960's...it only makes sense. ★

... More Things for Thought!

- You never hear about 'free range chickens' anymore.... my guess is they all just wandered off.
- Sometimes i just want to go live in the woods and meditate... but other times I think that would just be Thoreauing my life away.
- One of the first words i ever learned was "enunciate".....my parents felt a toddler's developing soft palate was no excuse for sloppy diction.
- Rapper 50-Cent filed for bankruptcy recently... apparently he didn't have two quarters to rub together.
- If you're like me and enjoy wearing jean shorts, aka "jorts", but dislike the feeling of cold on your lower legs check out 'jeans'.....they're just like jean-shorts but longer.
- Were you aware that in Alabama it's illegal to drive a lifted 4X4... if you're wearing a shirt?
- My refrigerator recently walked to my bedroom, opened the door and stood there and stared at me for five minutes... then it closed the door and just left.
- "Well, hell! It's not like the Forestry Department puts port-a-potties out here!".... Bears.
- If I had a dollar for every time my therapist says "and how does that make you feel?".... I could afford a much less annoying therapist.
- Watching Christmas movies on the Hallmark Channel.....is my wife's football.
- I just consumed the lettuce that comes on a Big Mac that i usually scrape off... I must admit it feels great to be eating healthy! ★

In the Beginning, There was The Word

Submitted by SaveCalifornia

Do you want a cleaner society? Then let's start by cleaning up ourselves and our family.

- When you think about it, all cussing is wrong. Because cussing either:
1. Demeans Creator God
 2. Demeans people created in the image of God
 3. Demeans God's design, relationships, or processes for people

Ultimately, to cuss is to disagree with and disparage Holy God and His created people, relationships, and bodily functions. Stop and think about how cuss words tear down, misuse, or make fun of Who God is and what God created.

How can you clean up your family? Habits start young, so please, teach your children and grandchildren why cussing is wrong, and why they

should keep their mouths shut when upset. For someone with uplifting and encouraging words is in stark contrast to someone who destroys what's sacred with their dirty mouth.

Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren,

these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

James 3:5-12 ★

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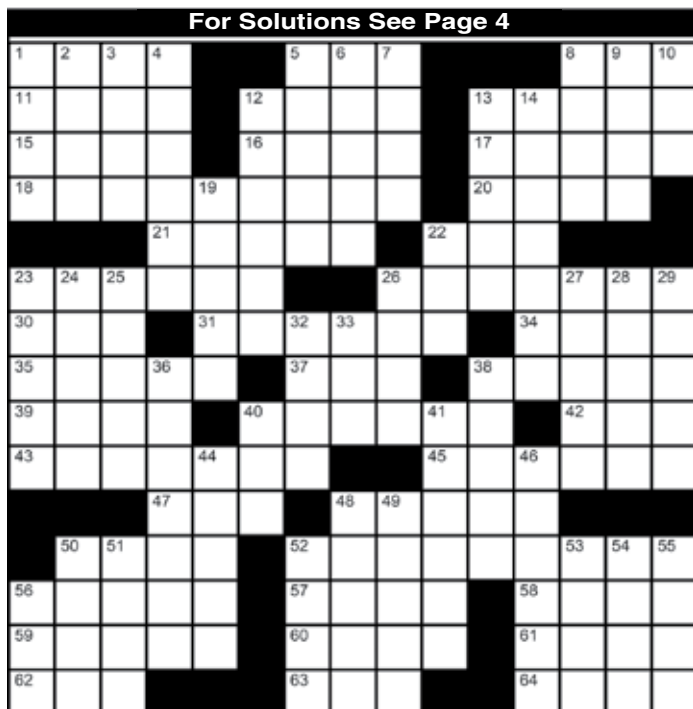
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 13. Key material
 15. Hefty competitor
 16. European sea eagle
 17. Walnut ____ MN
 18. * ____ Sunday
 20. Smelling tainted, as in meat
 21. Soft and sticky
 22. Giant bird of "One Thousand and One Nights"
 23. * ____ elimination
 26. Making sounds like Babe
 30. Beetle wife
 31. Not absorb, nor repel
 34. Twelfth month of Jewish year
 35. Batman to Bruce Wayne
 37. Elizabeth Gilbert's " ____ Pray Love"
 38. Cubic meter
 39. Ghost of Christmas ____
 40. P in PDI
 42. Make work
 43. Puffed up
 45. ____ and effects
 47. Mont Blanc, e.g.
 48. Oddball's attempt?
 50. Tropical tuber
 52. *Penultimate NCAA round
 56. Like cornflakes leftovers
 57. Slavic version of John
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 2. Archipelago unit
 3. Square one?
 4. Good-for-nothing
 5. Nobel Prize winner Curie
 6. Bug
 7. High school student
 8. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
 9. Green-eyed monster
 10. Tie ____
 12. Ruled against, as President can
 13. Prod
 14. *Fill-in-the-blanks
 19. Pepsi and Coke
 22. Part of human cage
 23. Daytime entertainment, pl.
 24. Spouse's parent
 25. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful ____"
 26. Tiny leftovers
 27. Intestinal obstruction
 28. N in RN
 29. Mirths
 32. *1 or 68, e.g.
 33. Crew tool
 36. *Automatic vs. ____
 38. Creepy one
 40. *Coach's locker room talk
 41. Similar to sextant
 44. Andrew ____ Webber

46. *Hang a banner, e.g.
48. Abraham Lincoln bill, slangily
49. Lacking sense
50. Ruptured
51. Ice, dark, and middle
52. *Twelve's opponent
53. Type of molding
54. Forearm bone
55. Purges
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For the Love of Books



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March Cover Love

For The Love Of Books – Cover Love is a monthly look at upcoming titles that are so amazing, intriguing, or enchantingly beautiful that readers will not be able to wait to get their hands on them. It's March, which means spring is here, and these March releases can be a welcome escape from the rain, helping you unwind, relax or get lost in world written between the pages.

Once & Future by Amy Rose Capetta and Cori Mccarthy; Jimmy Patterson Books

In an epic quest unfolding gender stereotypes, history and fantasy the creative retelling of King Arthur, *Once & Future* will capture readers within a magic all of its own.

What happens when you blend a curse, a teenage Merlin and a mission to save human kind? A girl who is reborn as a legend, fortified with a power to save her galaxy.

When Ari Helix pulls a sword from a tree on Earth, it is magically revealed that she is King Arthur, reincarnated. Now it is up to her to carry on the legacy. Alongside Merlin and those who support her, Ari must break a curse and help her people rise against government, and fight for equality. A futuristic

fantasy, with echo's from an old classic, this one is not to be missed.

The Everlasting Rose by Dhonielle Clayton; Freeform

The eagerly anticipated sequel to, *The Belles* returns in a story that is equally enchanting and extravagant as the first. Camellia Beauregard must race against Queen Sophia and her Imperial Forces, in order to find Princess Charlotte and return her to the throne. However, the Imperial Forces will stop at nothing to get to Princess Charlotte first, and stop Camellia. With her life in the balance, it will take her true resolve and her greatest allies to rise above those who want to destroy her in order to restore peace to Orléans. But, everything comes at a cost and Camellia quickly learns that enemies can hide in the least likely of places, does she have what it takes to risk everything to save her people?

Dhonielle Clayton writes with such deep emotion and description, readers will not be able to help but fall right into the world, where obsession meets sacrifice.

Tangled In Time The Portal by Kathryn Lasky; Harper

Rose's perfect world

is quickly turned upside down when she is sent to live with her grandmother, after the death of her mother. With the cruel girls at school, the only place Rose feels she can hide away is the safety of her grandmother's greenhouse. But when the greenhouse turns into a portal, transporting her 500 years in the past, her world opens up to a whole new adventure. Now, as a servant girl to the daughter of King Henry VIII, Rose starts to discover clues to unlock secrets from her own past. Darling and adventurous this middle grade book opens up doors to history and possibility.

Other Words for Smoke by Sarah Maria Griffin; Greenwillow

After the strange house at the end of the lane burned down and the women who lived there disappeared, it quickly became the town's mystery. Only the twins, Rossa and Mae truly know about the strange occurrences and haunting powers that the home itself possess, but their lips are sealed.

A story that spans five summers and a pair of twins, this is a story about coming of age, magic, an owl and a talking cat all within a home that seeks dark power and freedom. ★



Riley Reviews

"STAN & OLLIE" A COMIC GEM; "WHISKEY CAVALIER" ON TV

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"STAN & OLLIE" Rated PG

Not all movies get a wide release. Some appear to be limited to large urban areas or art-house cinemas. "Stan & Ollie" falls into the category of a worthwhile film that requires a careful search for a venue or the patience to wait for the DVD release.

This writer laments the immutable fact that many younger moviegoers lack familiarity with one of the world's greatest comedy teams. Laurel and Hardy, known for their slapstick comedy, worked together to delight audiences in numerous short and feature length films.

To watch their short film "The Music Box" (a personal favorite), where the odd couple of comedy play piano movers struggling up steep steps in the Silver Lake district of Los Angeles, is nothing short of delirious wonder at their comic brilliance.

"Stan & Ollie" is set mostly in 1953, long after the comedy team has retired from show business, when the duo undertake a variety hall tour of Britain, hoping to connect with adoring fans.

British actor Steve Coogan in the role of Stan Laurel and John C. Reilly as Oliver Hardy are first introduced in 1937 at the peak of their film career when salary talks with producer Hal Roach (Danny Huston) go badly.

A decade and a half later, the prospect for a new film deal runs into money trouble and the tour of Britain gets off to a rocky start, considering the promoter (Rufus Jones) is initially inept at his job of filling venues until publicity stunts work some magic.

The film's story has it that Laurel and Hardy had been estranged for some time after Laurel's falling out with Hal

Roach. Reuniting in 1953 provided an opportunity for the old friends to come together to rekindle a movie career.

Though on screen he was the hapless dupe to Hardy's domineering superior, Laurel was a talented writer who wanted to turn a script spoofing Robin Hood into a film vehicle for them.

The British tour seemingly offered a chance to obtain financing for their proposed cinematic comeback, but it failed to materialize even after the comedy team was selling out venues in London and elsewhere.

Eventually, the duo's spouses arrived in London, with Laurel's fiery Russian wife Ida (Nina Arianda) and Hardy's solid Texan wife Lucille (Shirley Henderson) often sparring with verbal jabs that are quite amusing.

During the tour, old resentments turn up for Laurel and Hardy when they engage in an argument during a reception which seems so much in character with their film personas that the party guests are left wondering if it is all a performance.

What is not an act is when Hardy takes ill while judging a beauty pageant. Hardy's failing health serves in some respect as a way for the actors to put aside differences and solidify their old friendship.

Above all, "Stan & Ollie" is a comic gem because Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly seize their roles with an authenticity that pays lofty homage to great comedians.

"WHISKEY CAVALIER" ON ABC NETWORK

A television series about international spies that is fun and light-hearted brings back memories about "Get Smart" and the British show "The Avengers" starring Diana Rigg and Patrick Macnee.

That appears to be the vibe the ABC network is going for with "Whiskey Cavalier," starring

Scott Foley and Lauren Cohan, respectively acting as FBI agent Will Chase and CIA operative Frankie Trowbridge.

The good news is that agents, cut from different cloth, make for a great mismatched pair with clashing agendas, even though both are tasked with the same mission of tracking down a terrorist suspect in the first episode.

Will Chase's agent is humiliated by his recent breakup with fiancée Gigi (Valerie Huber). He's so despondent over the split that fellow agents are mocking him for his weepy emotional vulnerability.

On the other hand, Frankie Trowbridge is an aggressive, hard-nosed field agent who proves to be anything but sympathetic to Will's romantic plight. She's all about the mission, and yet he tears up when spotting a loving couple in the middle of a marriage proposal.

"Whiskey Cavalier" has the advantage of taking place in scenic locales throughout Europe. Their target is the wisecracking Edgar Standish (Tyler James Williams), an NSA agent with compromising government secrets who might have gone rogue or has been double-crossed by a superior.

Whatever the case may be, there's ample intrigue with Will and Frankie initially not trusting each other. In the early going, she places him in handcuffs before Will turns the tables. Soon enough, they tentatively form a workingbond for self-preservation.

True to the tropes of any spy thriller, plenty of gunplay, betrayals, and car chases underline the action to a satisfying degree. Throughout it all, witty banter and comedic elements make for a whole lot of fun.

"Whiskey Cavalier," a strange title, is actually the code name for Agent Chase. Trowbridge goes by the handle of "Fiery Tribune." No matter, as cohorts they are delightfully entertaining to watch. ★

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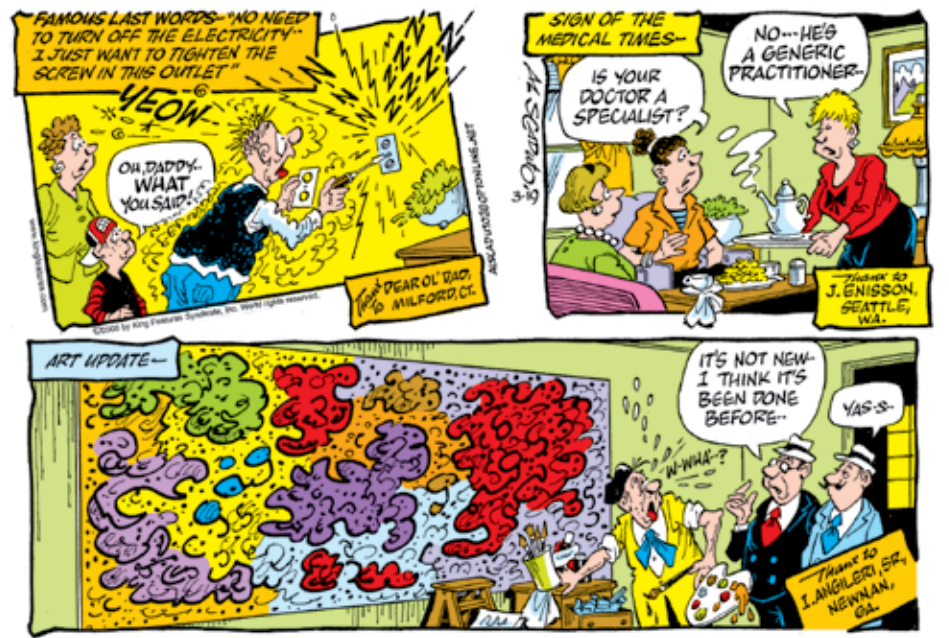
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CONVERSATIONS

By Loran Hoffmann and Shirley Humphrey

Antique and Vintage Sale This Weekend!

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Working with Smart Devices-Samsung Androids and Tablets

A class will be offered on Thursdays from noon – 1:30 pm until March 21st for individuals 50+ interested in working with smart devices. The classes are available at the McBride Center, 91 Town Square Place in Vacaville. Find out how to work all the buttons and applications on your smart devices!

NO Chickens, Turkeys or Quail at the 2019 Dixon May Fair

In an effort to eliminate a high deadly virus, Virulent Newcastle Disease, that is killing thousands of chickens in California, members of the 4-H, FFA, and Independents will not be bringing their poultry to the Dixon May Fair this year. The highly contagious virus started

small in Southern California but spread quickly. Ag agencies are trying to stop it before it affects the California poultry industry, which is the third largest crop in California's central valley.

The virus is seen in both wild and domestic bird populations, and affects a wide range of birds and can be easily transmitted said the State Veterinarian Annette Jones. In rare cases, people in extremely close contact with infected birds may get a mild fever, and redness and swelling in the area around the eyes. These symptoms usually go away with medical treatment.

Although no poultry will not be on the May Fair grounds, the youth will demonstrate their knowledge of their poultry project and exhibit their showmanship skills through a variety of simulated activities and questions with the judges.

Free Fiddlers Performance, Senior Center, Davis

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day early by enjoying the spirited sounds of the Waldorf School Fiddlers on Friday, March 15, 12:00-12:30 pm. Refreshments will be served compliments of Comfort Keepers. No RSVP needed for this free program. ★

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Solano County Office of Education Host 24th Annual Transition Information Fair

By Susan Labrecque, Program Manager, Workforce Development

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Parents, guardians, and students are invited to attend a Transition Information Fair hosted by Solano County Office of Education's Workforce Development Department. If you have a student enrolled in a middle school, high school, or an adult/transition program who has a disability and/or is in a special education program, it is time to discover the

possibilities for their future. The Fair will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at the Solano County Office of Education, located at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield (near Costco) between 5:00-7:00 p.m. Attendees will receive valuable information about various programs and agencies in our community that can assist with higher education, training, employment, adult day programs, and independent living. Over 40 agencies from Solano County and surrounding areas will have representatives available to offer

guidance and information about their services.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson encourages parents to participate with their student(s) stating, "This Fair offers a one-stop approach to valuable information on resources, for individuals with disabilities, that can lead to a positive and productive life as a contributing member of their community."

To learn more about the Transitional Information Fair, please call 707-399-4830.

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