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Dixon Group Honors Outstanding Women



Honorees Left A'anna Marcine Edson; Center: Phyllis Quiring; Right Joan Axelson. Photo courtesy Lorán Hoffmann

By Lorán Hoffmann

The first meeting of 2019 of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club will be held on January 16 at the Dixon Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson, at 1:00 p.m. Vicki Lake from the Department of Water Resources in Sacramento will speak to the members and guests about two Senate bills which are intended to provide better water conservation in California.

The two bills are Senate Bill 696 and Assembly Bill 1668. These bills call for more efficiency standards for outdoor and indoor water use. These laws take effect in 2019.

Local water agencies will be required to stay within their water budgets regardless of what the drought conditions are. The California State Water Board will not enforce these standards until November 2023. The new laws and regulations do not apply to individuals, just water agencies.

The bills direct water agencies to limit customers' indoor water use to 55 gallons per person each day. Then, the goal will be to reduce water usage to 52.5 gallons by 2025 and 50 gallons by 2030. Water use goals for the outdoors will also be established.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club has invited Jack Caldwell, Manager of California Water service, to introduce Vicki Lake and to share some comments on what, if any, changes residents may expect to see over the coming years.

Members of the public are invited to attend to learn more about the anticipated changes. To assist us in having adequate chairs, please let Vice-President, Donna Armstrong, know that you will be attending. Her e-mail address is d_armstrong@sbcglobal.net.

Women Must Be On Board

Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation that publicly traded companies must have at least one woman on their boards of directors by the end of 2019; and three on most boards by 2021. Seventy-two companies headquartered in California will be seeking applicants to comply with these new laws.

If you check the returns of the Fortune 500 companies those with the highest number of women on their boards had greater returns on sales and equity. Diversity tends to bring a broader perspective and more ideas.

Let's hope Dixon council members will consider bringing more women and Hispanic folks on the city council as well as the voters in the 2020 elections.

Past Community Member to be Recognized

Noted on Facebook that long-time resident Larry Simmons has been diagnosed with a serious cancer condition.

Larry worked at the Milk Farm for years and was a wealth of information on this historical restaurant. After the Milk Farm closed, he worked as a custodian at Dixon schools.

For years, Larry attended almost every Dixon city council and School Board meeting. He

was not shy about expressing his opinion. He sincerely wanted to help the local council and school board know what he thought would improve the community.

He moved to Sacramento a couple of years ago but has kept in contact with friends. He lives at Twin Rivers at Natomas, 421 San Juan Road, Sacramento if you would like to send him a card. A group is working on a get-together in Dixon for Larry on Tuesday January 22 at the City Council Meeting. Stay tuned for details.

Town Hall Meeting

Presented by Dixon City Staff/Public Works Department Water Rates for City of Dixon Water District Subscribers And the 218 Process

Thursday, January 17th
at 6:00 pm
125 North Lincoln
Professional Center

This meeting is intended to be helpful for ratepayers in the Dixon Water District, formerly SID.

DWIC Recognizes Outstanding Women

Four members of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club were recognized for their contributions to the community through their 20-year membership in the Club at the annual Holiday Luncheon that was held at Cattleman's Restaurant on December 19th. More than sixty members and guests gathered for the festive lunch and to honor members Joan Axelson, Marcine A'anna Edson, Phyllis Quiring, and Bernice Haroldson for their leadership and contributions to the organization.

Joan Axelson joined DWIC in 1998 and has worked tirelessly to enhance Senior programs and events. She has held offices on the Board of Directors several times and chaired a variety of committees. She recently has moved to Davis, but continues her involvement with DWIC.

A'anna Marcine Edson has served as Phone Tree Committee, Vice President, President, and Historian over her past 20-years of involvement. Marcine cherishes the lasting friendships that she has made and fond memories of Spring trips and programs that she has especially enjoyed.

Phyllis Quiring has served on the board in some capacity every year since joining in 1998. She has been recording secretary, Treasurer, and President (twice)! Phyllis says that Women's Improvement Club is a good place to meet other ladies that she may not have met other places and to socialize and learn from the wide variety of programs.

Bernice Haroldson was unable to attend the festivities but was there in thought as members shared the fun they had when performing one of her Christmas skits. Bernice served as President in 2002-2003 and held other leadership positions over the past 20 years. We will miss her participation as she is moving to Oregon to be closer to family members.

Congratulations to our newest award recipients. ★

Jacking Up Your Water Rates

Can You Afford \$300 a Month for Water Use?



Dixon residents aren't really aware of the impending huge water rate increase that could absolutely crush their monthly family budgets. Will they wait until they get that first bill in the mail to react? Stock photo

By DIV Staff

DIXON, CA (DIV) - There are only about ten (10) days left (since press time) for parcel owners and ratepayers within the city's water district to submit written protests to stop the 300% water rate increase. Only you can stop it and force your elected officials and city staff to do their job by completing and mailing the protest form on page 4.

Cal-Water Users: This water increase will not affect the ratepayers that receive their water bill from Cal-Water. Cal-Water customers do not need to protest.

None of the council members that voted for this increase live in the city water district so this will not affect them. They also are not paying the Solano Irrigation District (SID) assessment that the ratepayers in the water district are paying along with their property taxes.

The stated reason the City gave when it increased the water rates in 2012 was to "fund operating costs; including ongoing operation and maintenance of facilities, equipment repairs; and to fund annual transfers to rehabilitation fund to assist in financing future capital projects for the rehabilitation." In fact the city claimed that "the annual transfer to the rehabilitation fund represented the

lion's share of the 2012 water rate increase." The question that needs to be asked is what happened to the "2012 annual transfers to rehabilitation fund?"

In brochures and council meeting presentations, the City now claims that three of the City's supply wells require replacement at a total cost of approximately \$8.8 million, yet they have not provided any detailed justification for their replacement. The reported dates that these three wells were installed are 1977, 1978, and 1989. Properly designed and maintained municipal supply wells can be reasonably expected to last much longer than the three wells identified for replacement. Did city staff considered any rehabilitation measures, such as swaging, lining, hydraulic and chemical treatment, pump modification, or the use of in-well sand separators to extend the service life of the wells in a cost-effective manner? *

Did the city conduct a thorough and comprehensive effort to determine if US EPA or state funds, such as through Proposition 1 Safe Drinking Water programs, are available to help offset water system rehabilitation costs? Submitting a protest to stop this proposed water rate increase will hopefully force the city to look in other way of funding than just the ratepayers in the city of Dixon water district. ★

Short Council Meeting Not Devoid Of Fireworks

By Michael Ceremello

DIXON, CA (DIV) - Tuesday's council meeting was just over an hour in length because of a minimal agenda. The meeting was sparsely attended with only six members of the public present. The meeting started at 6pm with a closed session on three subjects, two of which were litigation and the other a property negotiation. Evidently those at home were not able to hear the commentary and some were unable to get the broadcast given the comments made by those in attendance who received texts on their phones about this continuing problematic issue.

One of the litigations was concerning the lawsuit filed by this paper's editor, Dave Scholl, in regard to legal notice advertising. A recent appellate court decision overturned Judge Michael Mattice's decision to grant a demurrer based on the illogical view that a newspaper publisher has no First Amendment constitutional rights of freedom of the press. City attorney Doug White was out sick but was scathingly attacked by columnist Michael Ceremello for having "no morals or scruples" in helping to design a sole source contract meant to exclude the IV from bidding.

During presentations, Larry Simmons was honored with a certificate of appreciation without explanation by the mayor Thom Bogue. This was another example of a violation of the Brown Act as it was not on the published

agenda. Ceremello suggested during public comment that the council explain Simmons' contributions and this was expanded on by Kevin Johnson's similar laudatory points as well as stating that Simmons would be honored at the Methodist Church on Monday, January 21st at 6 pm with the potential of Larry personally attending the event which is dubious given his declining health.

During public comment the tripling of water rates came up. This rate increase is only in the area served by the city of Dixon and not that of Cal Water. One young man spoke in favor of the rate increase as did planning commissioner Don Ritchey whose logic was that although he didn't live in the city's water district, he felt all should feel the pain of the higher rates he has to pay to Cal Water.

The question was posed by Ceremello about why there were no consistent figures about how many parcels are in the city district. He also questioned the "exclusionary" meetings being set up by staff and councilmen to convince a few members of the public of the necessity of these increases. City manager Jim Lindley attempted to counter Ceremello's claims by saying that the Solano County Taxpayer Association was contacted and agreed to meet as if the SCTA represented the views of all of the citizens and rate payers of Dixon.

However, during the time when other agenda

items were being discussed, Ceremello received text messages stating that the "SCTA has agreed to nothing". After Ceremello reported this to the council during the second public comment section, Lindley then doubled down on his assertion saying he spoke personally to Mike Nolan, the president of the SCTA. Nolan was contacted later and he denies having spoken to Lindley at any time on this subject.

Nolan released this statement: "The Solano County Taxpayers Association (SCTA) believes that the people of Dixon deserve an open meeting to discuss this extraordinary water rate increase.

Our organization in a letter to the city council dated December 11, 2018 requested that our concerns and "the content of this letter, and any responses by the city, be communicated publicly at the next council meeting."

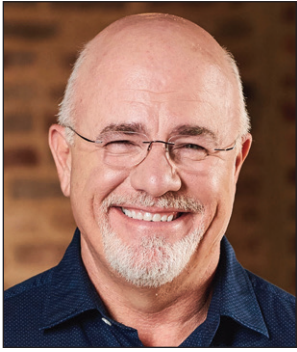
The individual residents of Dixon who are members of SCTA have the right to participate in any meeting they wish to attend."

There was also an item on the consent calendar forcing city water rate payers to pay for the failed attempt at putting in a water well in the Northeast Quadrant close to Wal-Mart. Lindley stated this was part of the settlement of an escrow account by the executors of the recently deceased Joe Duffel's estate. Why it is proper for rate payers to reimburse the city's general fund for work done

by city staff to create a new water well for which developers are responsible was not answered. The council voted unanimously to put this additional burden on those who will see their rates tripled if protests do not reach the required 1407 amount.

In other actions, the council made committee assignments and voted unanimously to increase the salary ranges for the directors of various departments. Lindley contended that salaries are 37% below the median determined by surveying other cities' compensation. The maximum for many positions will now be over \$200,000. Lindley's salary currently stands at \$180,000 plus being able to get a down payment loan to buy a home in Dixon. As Lindley's salary is predicated on what others make, it is obvious he will also be a beneficiary of the council's largesse in voting unanimously to increase the salary ranges.

A final action was the award of the legal advertisement contract which by government code should have occurred before the start of the fiscal year in July. The contract was again awarded to the Dixon Tribune despite total circulation figures well below that of this paper. Mayor Bogue's contention was that paid subscriptions were more important than total distribution. Councilman Devon Minnema disputed that saying that cost should be the determining factor. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

most part, they'll tell you to get super conservative with your money as you get older. But from what you've said, she's not going to use this money. She's going to use the income from this money. So, the money's going to be left alone. If she's in good mutual funds, and not single stocks, I'm not worried about her.

Let's pay off the mortgage, and then she can start taking her income off the remainder. With the house payment out of the way, she won't need as much in terms of income, because she won't be sending money to the bank to pay the note on the house anymore. I'm comfortable with that. I'm 58, and I'm 100 percent into stocks through mutual funds. I don't have anything else, and I really don't ever plan on changing that!

—Dave

Changing jobs and retirement savings

Dear Dave,

What happens to my Roth 401(k) when I change jobs and go to a company that doesn't offer this type of investment savings account? How should you proceed in this situation?

—Jamie

Worried about mom

Dear Dave,

My mom is 75, and I'm the executor of her estate. She has \$500,000 in retirement accounts, and the only debt she has is around \$70,000 on her mortgage. Most of her money is in the stock market, with only \$20,000 in a money market account, and this worries me. She lives well within her means, so am I wrong to be concerned? Also, do you think she should go ahead and pay off her mortgage?

—Keith

Dear Keith,

Yes, I would recommend she go ahead a pay off the mortgage. If she can do that at age 75, and still have \$430,000 left, that's the way to go.

Now, being in the stock market at her age sounds like a shock to you. I don't think it's a bad thing at all. It's not what the typical financial planner tells you to do. For the

Dear Jamie,

I know what you mean, man. We're in the media business, too, and around my office it seems like we buy more and newer technology every day. Really, it's like a black hole. You could throw money into it the rest of your life, because practically the very moment you open the box it's obsolete.

We finally decided to designate a percentage of our revenues to equipment replacement. Something is always being replaced, but this way we've got a limit and we've got something set aside to make our technology needs happen. It's like the envelope system. If the envelope's empty, we have to stop buying and put off whatever it is until the cash is available again.

I hope this helps!

—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 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

St. Peter's Catholic Church News

By Brian Padilla

St. Peter's parishioners took to the Holy Land for a ten-day pilgrimage on November 27th. Our journey began just north of Tel Aviv in Netanya. From there we journeyed north along the coast to Haifa, then to Tiberias where we stayed for two nights. We traveled to ancient Jerusalem where we spent the remaining five nights. We visited holy sites where Jesus performed his first miracle in Cana, healed the paralytic in Capernaum, preached the beatitudes, and many more. We experienced the gospels coming to life as we retraced some of Jesus' footsteps. The ruins of ancient synagogues, the tranquility of the Sea of Galilee, and the majestic desert mountains of Mt. Tabor marked the first two days of our pilgrimage.

We began the Advent season celebrating daily Mass at many of these ancient churches, from the site

where the Annunciation took place, to the Jesus' birth site in Bethlehem. Our journey enabled us to see the ancient olive trees at the Mount of Olives where Jesus would have prayed the night he was apprehended. Across from there we visited the sites of His crucifixion and tomb inside the church of the Holy Sepulchre. The origins of the Holy Sepulchre and church of the Nativity from the 4th century remain intact. Whether we were inside or out of these ancient structures, the whispers of Jesus' voice in the gospels spoke to our hearts. Our experiences at some places were mesmerizing, while others were unexpectedly emotional. St. Jerome once described Israel as the "fifth gospel," and that to experience it, reveals the world of the other four gospels. That was certainly our experience while at the Holy Land, and since returning to Dixon. Reading

the gospels since this trip not only puts the geography into context but adds more depth to the gospels than before. The experience left a lasting impression on each of us.

This week we conclude the Christmas season as we celebrate the baptism of our Lord. Jesus gives us this beautiful sacrament to enable us to share in His relationship with the Father, whereas less than a month ago we celebrated His birth as the Word was made flesh. As we continue our journey into this new year, may we open our hearts to the love and tenderness that our Lord has for each one of us. May we continue writing our "own" fifth gospel, the gospel of our personal faith journey living out His love for us, by demonstrating our love for others.

Please check our website at stpeterschurchdixon.com for information on our mass times and confession times. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

City of Dixon Water Enterprise

By Mary Zuniga-Savage

The proposal by the City of Dixon to increase its water rates has created a furor over what the home owners will have to pay down the road for their water usage. Why is it so important to protest these pre-planned high rates? One of the most important reasons is that the city does not anticipate, but immediately reacts to a quick fix to their problems. In this case on maintenance of the city's wells, tanks, pipes and hundreds of fire hydrants in related upkeep when they broke away from (SID) Solano Irrigation District.

Notice: These water rates do not affect CAL Water customers. Did they bother to look into

other alternatives or options such as to investigate the possibility of Federal Government grant money that could have been available for such vital projects through assessment? Had they done their homework when they took on the responsibility of taking on this facility from SID? Did they monitor for upgrades that may have been needed or required when they took the facility over from SID? Many of these wells had not had any upkeep as far back as to 1977, industrial, Watson Ranch 1978, school well, 1989, Valley Glen, 2004, Parklane, 2007. The water tanks go back to 1995, at Watson Ranch, 2002 at Fitzgerald and 2007 at Parklane (2 tanks). Forty miles of Pipes for households and of course the fire hydrants.

Parklane, did they look into

calculatingly how homeowners would be overwhelmed, to say the least, to pay for something with such high rates that would eventually equal a car payment or more. (In 5 years the state will reduce our water usage to 50 gallons to be allotted per person in each household. Did they not take into account families, laundry, yard watering, bathing, etc. per household?) Instead, they instead call in a consultant to tell them what they will need to do, which is to put it on its homeowners. Who is running this city. Here is an example this proposed water increase is at:

For 2019, 85% bi-monthly water usage bill is \$185.00 now the base rate +\$50.51 = \$235.00 (+cents)

For 2020, it's 50% so your usage will be \$227.00 +\$75.77 base rate = \$354.00 (+cents)

For 2021, when raised by 20% your usage will be \$333.00 +\$91.00 (+cents)

For the final 2022, proposed rate is only 7% your water usage will be \$356.00 + \$97.00 (+cents) base fee = \$453.00 (+cents)

The city wants the established residents or new homeowners on this water system to pay for the wells to help development! Developers contribute to city council members campaigns who buy in to getting elected. Does the city council truly have the interests of its residents whom they represent?

Fill out the form that is included in the IV and send it to the tax-payers. We no-longer trust our city representatives when they have no transparency with its public or can truly be trusted to look out for its community. ★




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Presidential candidate Gavin Newsom takes oath of office

(*not seriously apparently) on Monday to become California's 40th Governor

Gavin Newsom, said that he "learned an enormous amount" from his past admission of sexual transgressions while mayor of San Francisco more than a decade ago, saying, "I applaud women for coming forward" as part of the #MeToo movement. He was going through a divorce at the time while Rippey Gibney, who then went by Ruby Rippey-Tourk, was married to Newsom's campaign manager and one of his closest aides. Newsom announced then he would seek treatment for alcohol abuse with *Mimi Silbert*, a longtime friend who headed up the Delancey Street Foundation in San Francisco. Newsom and his current wife, *Jennifer Siebel*, who were dating at the time, described the ordeal as exceedingly difficult on their families...ya think?

Ruby Rippey Gibney, the former aide to Gavin Newsom whose more than decade-old affair resurfaced and wrote her former boss should be absolved from recurring accusations of workplace harassment. In an online post that linked to a tabloid story on the affair, Newsom's former appointments secretary said while she supports the #Metoo movement, "I am doubtful that it applies" in this case.

"Yes, I was a subordinate, but I was also a free-thinking, 33-(year)-old adult married woman & mother," she wrote on Facebook. "(I also happened to have an unfortunate inclination towards drinking-to-excess & self-destruction.)" ...Added Rippey Gibney: (they obviously got to her) "I

can't blame anyone for my part in this ugly episode."

During his swearing in ceremony Monday Morning (*and his kick off for his future presidential campaign*) Newsom *pledged to continue to fight POTUS Trump and all federal authorities as he took his oath of office **swearing to uphold the constitution of the United States and the State of California, while declaring to keep California a "sanctuary state"**... go figure? Do they even listen to the words they are mouthing about the oath they take?

He condemned "the wall" at our southern border, wants an open border, free housing and, medical, education and food stamps for anyone who can plant their feet on California soil (where do you think future democrat numbers will come from?)...and you still wonder why thousands are taking great risks to stack up at the border and to get into the promised land of, no work required but everything free as soon as you can step foot on California soil... all of this as his "cute" out of control two-year old son ran amuck on the speaker's platform.

He chided the federal government and the President and reaffirmed California as a "sanctuary state" **thumbing his nose at federal authorities and the oath of office he took...** WTF? He reaffirmed his allegiance to the: LGBTH-Q-WTF (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Hollywood, Queer and, seriously, WTF?) bragging about

the first same sex marriages in the state he supported as mayor of San Francisco, going against voters who wanted family values; but he saw an end to that.

He'll fit right in to the Sacramento community with the state's most liberal Mayor and the one of the state's biggest homeless (bums) community and claimed he wanted to make sure everyone who can get to California soil can get free medical, housing, welfare, phones, food and education without the threat of having to ever work... He's projecting a democratic welfare state to increase the party's numbers and is just Brown all over again, but more articulate and a lot prettier with a newer wife and four children to show how he is a super (and tall) guy. He claims he wants to be the governor of everyone "whether they voted for me or not" and will do all he can to correct what he sees as any injustice while fighting the federal government, which can only end up badly for real California citizens/taxpayers... but that is of no matter as he set his sights and course directly on the White House and will use every political tool available to obtain his goal... Remember he stepped aside eight years ago to let Brown have another term and waited his turn to be ushered into the power seat of the fourth largest economy on the planet... Not brought about by anything government has done but simply by the resources and commodities California has to offer the world. ★

... More Things For Thought

*I always fill my wife's car with gas... especially after sizable portions of broccoli.

*I spent the entire weekend just sitting drinking beer and watching TV and then just a few minutes ago the wife got home and turned it on... and, wow, let me tell you it got so much better!

*Being visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve would be the closest I'd ever get to an orgy.

*I just broke my self-imposed purchasing boycott of only buying things online by shopping at whole foods... and I'm pissed at my purchase of an affordably priced, single-serving of brie.

*I find it difficult to believe in the concept of a male supreme being... as if he would allow a man's penis to get caught in a zipper.

*With my hearing problem I can never hear what my grandkids are doing when they're over... so I just yell "hey, cut it out" every sixty seconds or so and hope it keeps them in line.

*This pepper spray really feels like "no" really meant "no"!

*it may sound a little odd at first, but we all need a friend who will show up at 2am and help us get a zebra out of the septic tank... and not judge us.

*Scrooge: oh great spirit, why are we at Olive Garden? Ghost of Christmas pasta: endless breadsticks.

*When trying to reach something at an awkward angle an elephant has been seen using its erect penis as a tool to maintain his balance... those real men among us who copy this technique call this

"the kickstand".

*Keep your eye out for my first porn feature film that will be released this next Christmas..... "elf on the milf".

*Although fleeting, each of us has held a world record in our lifetimes "youngest citizen of the world"... relatively short-lived fame though, as 4.3 children are born every second worldwide!

*I find I'm nearly ready to succumb to old age....and just do jigsaw puzzles all day.

*Three strangers came to my door and asked if I'd found Jesus... they seemed somewhat perplexed as I said no, but grabbed my jacket and volunteered to join the manhunt.

*Santa and Mrs. Clause never had children.... Santa loves to wrap.

*Israel's top Roman Catholic cleric is Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa..... he was selected we believe because his name sounds like a character in a Marx Brothers movie.

*All rooms are panic rooms if there is no phone charger.

*Male hippos in an attempt to discourage males and attract females mark their territory by distributing their feces over a large area by spinning their tails to spread it... this will get the rest of us kicked out of nightclubs.

*I would get my DNA tested... but I can only afford to have them look at the d and a part of the n.

*Bob Barker turned 95 on Dec 12 and says he remembers when a candy bar cost a penny, milk was delivered to your home in glass bottles... and

you could feel up your spokeswoman without being sued.

*I sleep with my dad's WWII German bayonet under my pillow.... after all you never know when someone may break in and begin filming antique road show.

*How many glasses of wine equals two servings of fruit... asking for a friend.

*I duct taped a stick to the front of the lawn mower today... now I feel like I'm riding a majestic unicorn that consumes grass super-fast.

*I'm sorry, but how could he not know she loved Pina Colodas?

*I've done extensive research on the royal family... and I've concluded it's highly unlikely the queen owns even one pair of yoga pants.

*Waiting in the car with the dog while the wife ran into the liquor store I saw at least eight people I know go into the place... it's heartwarming to know I'm close to so many people with drinking problems.

*"Enjoy your day off".... what Jewish people say to friends during the Christmas season.

*Police in Colorado arrested a man in a reindeer costume while committing a burglary... a chorus of arresting officers sang, "Rudolph what you've done's not right, you'll stay in a cell tonight!"

*The shark tank rejected my latest money-making idea.....using a bent paperclip to clean under your finger nails.

*When I first heard the term 'camel toe'.....I thought it was what people kissed under at Christmas time in Egypt. ★

MUSINGS

By Mike Ceremello



Fantasy Land And The Scourge Of Enlightenment

Michael Ceremello

Today we have the tale of a city that could have been but isn't. You get to figure out why. The names have been changed to protect the guilty because after all, California is still a sanctuary State and your city council is lacking.

Rather than speaking specifically about my town or your town, I am going to design a city which alleviates all of various problems I have encountered during the last 25 years or so I have written and during my childhood where I was only vaguely aware of the political egos destroying freedom for their "legacies".

The town of Liberty is our goal and that will suit for a name. Liberty was founded with good intent by people who needed a place to live, socialize, and as a base to work either in agriculture or business. Liberty was first faced with an initial quandary which was whether to incorporate or to just exist under county scrutiny. In America, it seems, we just can not get enough layers of bureaucracy in our daily lives. Liberty's founders saw no need to have multiple governments telling its citizens what they could or couldn't do.

While this miffed those in town who wanted a title, power to abuse, and both of those to make them feel better about themselves, cooler heads prevailed and the committee on local governance decided not to incorporate. These folks also decided that rather than having a committee making decisions, as it would be much the same less the titular encumbrances, that decisions would be made by vote and only those with skin in the game would have a say. You had to live in Liberty and either own property or a business. Simply having a job was not enough because it was decided that encumbering others' income or property should only be done by those with both.

In another bold move, it was decided that planning and zoning were unnecessary. Much as with the current city of Houston, Texas and in the days of the early Old West, an individual or company bought land and put what they thought was either necessary for their quality of life or in what the investor believed he could generate a profit.

There was need for those not involved in the home or the business to tell the homeowner or business what color to paint his building or what architectural features it should have. Aesthetics were in the eye of the beholder and the beholder was the one putting up the money for construction.

No one was required to have fences or set-backs. When the town grew to a size where stop signs were needed, they left it up to the inhabitants to understand it was their responsibility to be aware that someone else would likely be on the road. Rather than more accidents, there were less because you had to be more careful. This also brought the community together as people had to have respect for each other, their children, and any pets which might be out on their own.

If there was a vacant piece of property next to yours, you needed to understand that anything might go in from a church to a cat house. If you didn't want to patronize a business because it offended your sensibilities, then you didn't. No group of intolerants could impose their will on others

including individuals.

There were no rules set up by bureaucrats to favor their buddies, a service club, or those who might "pay to play". The free market decided how many restaurants, liquor stores, bars, churches, and book stores the town could handle on a survival of the fittest model.

Rather than calling for redevelopment zones when an area became blighted because the economic core had changed due to Liberty's growth, those on the commission felt it was better to create an "enterprise zone" where resources going toward mutually agreed upon municipal projects were "forgiven" to further encourage investment by those willing to take a chance on success.

Unlike other communities and the State which imposed heavy taxation on sin industries such as cannabis dispensaries, Liberty enabled these types of businesses to compete with the black market and drove prices down through competition. Interestingly enough, the consumer and the businesses did well while reducing the need for those outside of the law.

Much as with residential, new business had no stipulations put on it. If you wanted to build the Winchester Mystery house, the design was your choice. If businesses didn't provide enough parking, they lost customers. The city could not exempt itself from Federal or State law, but local regulation was minimized and pressure was put on the County to allow businesses minimal interference in generating revenue such as picayune nitpicking over signage advertising wares or services.

All of this resulted in a government serving a city rather than ruling over it. There were no salaries to protect, no fiefdoms created to harass citizens in their everyday life. Without this local bureaucracy, how were services provided? Where did Liberty get its water, its waste treatment, its fire and police service? How could they function day to day without what most of us consider impossible outside of government?

The committee with citizen input designed the basic water and sewer infrastructure system then went out searching for the best deal to put it in. There were no deals made using cronies. Citizens were free to volunteer services such as well drilling to reduce costs.

Police service was privatized and supplemented by the county sheriff. Citizens were encouraged to obtain conceal and carry permits. Neighborhood watch was augmented by cooperation between volunteer groups and the policing company. Fire protection saw like volunteer components with minimal full time employees.

Liberty grew to a size where most communities would tout incorporation because of the perceived need to coordinate services. In an odd twist, the committee decided rather than having one group controlling everything and bringing in the problems of empire building bureaucrats, they instead created additional committees to do exactly what they had done in the beginning. Precincts instead of central control continued to work.

As with all of the other community needs, utilities such as power and water were controlled by the entire town. New technologies were welcomed. There were "packaged" power

generating plants, sewer plants, and water was managed without creating a staff looking to enrich themselves on the backs of those who paid for their services. In other words, upper management was minimized because the committee actually did the management.

Right about now you are probably saying to yourselves this could never work, has never worked, and never will work. You would be wrong because this is exactly how communities developed and prospered before the advent of government for the sake of government.

Perhaps you don't see government as the problem but as the solution. Freedom and liberty may not be valued by you or you might believe that both concepts can be accepted at lower levels to allow you to concentrate on things you consider to be more important in your life. Not everyone is suited to making important decisions and you would rather not have to think about this type of "stuff".

First off, once most of these types of things are initially designed and completed, there is minimal need for continuous oversight. Everyone likes to talk about "strategic planning". If you had a strategic plan, let's say for road repair, you would know years in advance what type of resources are needed to maintain the system and would be collecting monies to achieve it. The same goes for water or any other system which needs periodic rehabilitation.

The only ongoing oversight would be to tweak any of these systems as they operate if observation shows services aren't being provided as needed or to the level of need. Do you really need people working 40 hours a week in order to cogitate over what needs to be done? Paper shuffling is too kind a descriptive term to describe the unnecessary.

Perhaps you have heard of Nevada City? This town had a city manager who developed the town into the tourist attraction it is. He worked half time. The town of Dunsuir with 1800 people felt paying a city manager \$90,000 a year was too much. The problem lies in how much government is really necessary and what is done for government's own sake. Given that individuals are involved and will look out for their own best interests, there is a conflict between getting what is minimally required and paying exorbitant amounts because of competitive forces.

I hear people complaining all of the time about problems they see in our town. Has my or your wonderful overpaid city staffs resolved any of these things even at great cost to its citizens? Yet we continue to elect the marginally informed and mentally challenged to positions of power. It seems that the problem isn't just the government we have.

The problem is you who continue down a self-destructive and non-productive path. As usual, choice is a two edged sword. It is your choice to repeat your mistakes and expand on them, never seeing there is a better way. The other side of the sword is that choice is being removed from your repertoire by the bureaucracy you so love to enable.

Of course there is always the observation that the best way to go. Those of us with other ideas should just be quiet. Just pay, pay, pay and don't complain.

Sure that will work ... ★

For the Love of Books



By Amy Shane

Book Review & Special Events Editor

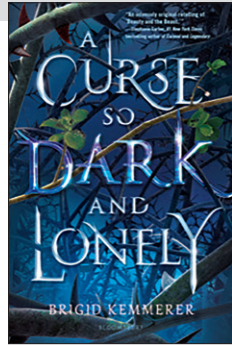
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A Curse So Dark And Lonely

by Brigid Kemmerer

- ◆ Publisher: Bloomsbury YA
- ◆ Hardcover, 496 pages
- ◆ Intended audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ♥♥♥♥♥



It once seemed so easy to Prince Rhen, the heir to Emberfall. Cursed by a powerful enchantress to repeat the autumn of his eighteenth year over and over, he knew he could be saved if a girl fell for him. But that was before he learned that at the end of each autumn, he would turn into a vicious beast hell-bent on destruction. That was before he destroyed his castle, his family, and every last shred of hope.

Nothing has ever been easy for Harper Lacy. With her father long gone, her mother dying, and her brother barely holding their family together while constantly underestimating her because of her cerebral palsy, she learned to be tough enough to survive. But when she tries to save someone else on the streets of Washington, DC, she's instead somehow sucked into Rhen's cursed world.

Break the curse, save the kingdom.

A prince? A monster? A curse? Harper doesn't know where she is or what to believe. But as she spends time with Rhen in this enchanted land, she begins to understand what's at stake. And as Rhen realizes Harper is not just another girl to charm, his hope comes flooding back. But powerful forces are standing against Emberfall . . . and it will take more than a broken curse to save Harper, Rhen, and his people from utter ruin.

Review: For Harper, life was at the point of merely surviving. With her mother dying from cancer, not enough money to pay for the medical bills and her brother, Jake's, illicit activities, it was up to Harper to keep everything afloat. However, Harper didn't realize how much she would have to call upon her resiliency and strong-willed nature, until the moment she stepped in the middle of a girl's abduction.

Cursed to relive the season of his 18th birthday, Prince Rhen has lived with his monstrous life repeating for centuries. Trapped between ruling, hiding and the determination to break the curse, Prince Rhen has given up hope on ever finding true love, while his Kingdom falls to ruins.

The moment Harper is whisked into the world of Emberfall, she realizes the Prince wants more from her than she is willing to give. She is not a girl who will willingly fall in love, and she isn't going to break any curse, she just wants to go home. However, the longer Harper is forced to stay, the more she realizes that the people of Emberfall need her, and Prince Rhen needs to see his Kingdom for what it truly is. Torn between family and a new sense of duty to save a kingdom, will Harper be the one to break the curse, or will the curse take them all?

Enchanting and alluring, A Curse So Dark and Lonely

blends fantasy, adventure, romance and determination of heart. Brigid Kemmerer captivates her readers with a magical retelling of Beauty and the Beast, for the generation. Filled with strong-willed, independent characters, and a girl who isn't easily lulled into fairytales or romance, but determined to forge her own path. This retelling is filled with vivid and emotional scenes, that opens the door to deeper characters, which leave readers feeling a sense of empathy, instantly enticing them to cheer for everyone who enters the scene.

A storyline that surpasses expectations and preconceived notions of how Beauty and the Beast could be retold, A Curse So Dark And Lonely is wrapped within its own magical enchantments and unique perspectives. Not just a story of boy meets girl, but one that explores duty, honor, and friendship, while also giving readers just what they want, fight scenes, monsters and emotional angst. Brigid Kemmerer also delicately and masterfully blends the lead character's resiliency with cerebral palsy, displaying a girl who is strong, confident and proudly embraces the body she has been given. A storyline wrapped within a storyline, the true heart of the story delicately unfolds like a newly bloomed rose, making this book both beautiful and engaging. ★



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

Riley Reviews

"The Mule" Packs A Dramatic Kick; Comedic "Fam" On TV

estranged family.

The family angle becomes an interesting part of the story. His ex-wife Mary (Dianne Wiest) remains bitter that he spent their marriage on the road, while his daughter Iris (Alison Eastwood) hasn't spoken to him since the day he failed to show up for her wedding.

Meanwhile, Earl merely goes his own way with drug deliveries, even forming a bond with the Latinos at the nondescript garage where transfers of money and drugs are loaded into his truck.

The fact that drugs are flooding into the Midwest are not going unnoticed by federal law enforcement, and Bradley Cooper's DEA agent Colin Bates, assisted by Agent Trevino (Michael Pena), goes on the road to track down an elusive courier.

Before his eventual capture by the law, there's an interesting encounter between Agent Bates and Earl at a dinner where the conversation is about life choices with Earl paradoxically telling the agent that family is the most important thing.

In the end, before his own misguided choice unravels, Earl seeks to mend his ways with his family, not just with cash, and though it may be a little too late, he nevertheless seeks redemption.

For Eastwood fans who liked "Gran Torino," there's pleasure to be had with the almost parallel world of "The Mule." The octogenarian director and star still has what it takes to deliver a good movie.

"FAM"

On CBS Network

The best thing about the new sitcom "FAM" on the CBS winter schedule just

might be the casting, even though laughs are to be had about a young engaged couple getting their life upended by the woman's estranged family.

Tone Bell's Nick and Nina Dobrev's Clem, the charismatic couple, are also upstaged in many ways by Nick's charming and supportive parents, Rose (Sheryl Lee Ralph) and Walt (Brian Stokes Mitchell, a leading man of musical theatre on Broadway).

On the flipside is Clem's deadbeat father Freddy (Gary Cole), a NYPD homicide detective who was too busy with his job and chasing women to spend much time with Clem and her half-sister Shannon (Odessa Adlon).

Of greater concern to Nick and Clem is when Shannon shows up uninvited by picking the lock to their apartment. Suddenly, without any help from Freddy, the couple becomes unwilling surrogate parents to an out-of-control rebellious teen who dropped out of high school.

Gary Cole scores many of the laughs with his care-free attitude about all family matters before shifting gears to trying mightily to impress his daughters and Nick's parents that he is becoming a changed person.

Invited to a family dinner, Freddy dresses up nicely and brings an expensive bottle of wine for Rose and Walt, and then he just happens to admit that the fancy wine belonged to a hedge fund manager and was "swiped from the evidence locker."

"FAM" has comedic promise that is worth a try. The show's title is inspired by Shannon's remark that "no one says family any more, it's just fam." ★

Help Plant Brambles and Oaks for Habitat at Lake Solano Park

By Amy Williams

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (DIV) - Join Putah Creek Council and our partners at the Solano Resource Conservation District and Solano County Parks in planting California blackberry, Valley oak, and other native plants in Lake Solano Park. California blackberry is a bramble that provides valuable food and cover for songbirds and helps prevent soil erosion along rivers and streams. In addition to being magnificent shade trees, Valley oaks provide a valuable source of food and nesting habitat to native mammals, birds, and insects.

These volunteer opportunities will take place on the following days: Saturday, January 12 and January 26



"Winters resident Max Eder installs a plant protector around a native plant at Lake Solano Park." Photo courtesy Putah Creek Council

from 9:30 AM to noon, and Saturday, January 26 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

We plan to meet at the Lake Solano Park Nature Center and walk to the site from there. Please dress appropriately for the weather in clothes that can get dirty and wear closed-toe shoes. We provide all the tools and supplies, including gloves. These are "rain or shine" events, and

we will provide mud boots and ponchos if needed.

All volunteers must pre-register at www.putahcreekcouncil.org or by calling Amy Williams at 530-795-3006.

Caption for attached photo: Winters resident Max Eder installs a plant protector around a native plant at Lake Solano Park. Photo courtesy Putah Creek Council. ★

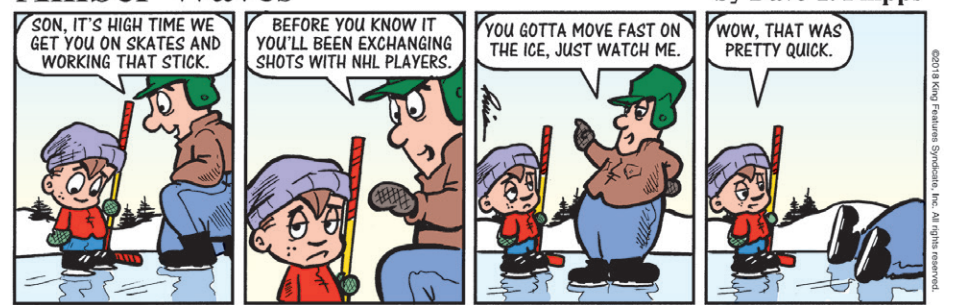
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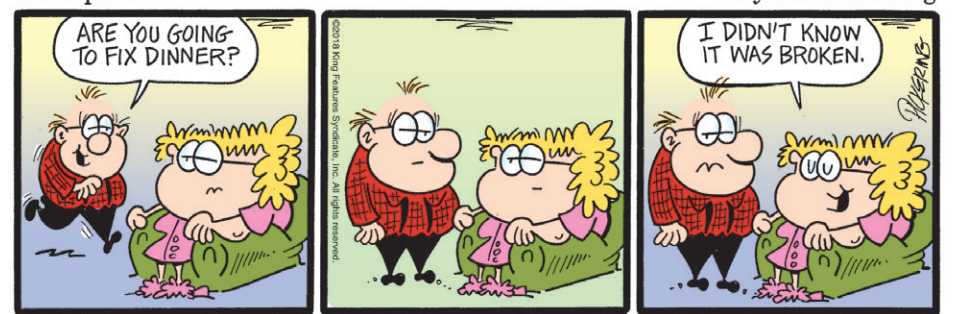
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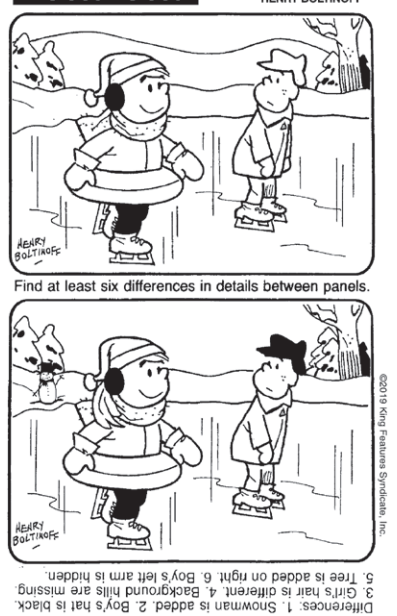
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Helping Military Spouses Pursue Their Own Career

By **Aleksandea Johnston and Nicole Nuñez**
Co-Leads MSPN, Travis AFB

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (DIV)

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Hiring Our Heroes founded the Military Spouse Professional Network (MSPN) are committed to helping military spouses pursue their own career alongside the career of their service member.

According to a 2017 Hiring our Heroes US Chamber of Commerce Foundation study on military spouses in the workplace, over 39% of military spouses have endured unemployment three or more times. Many military spouses are in part time or seasonal positions when they would prefer full-time or permanent work that is often accompanied with additional benefits.

These employment challenges not only affect military spouses' careers, but the health and stability of military families and therefore the military's ability to recruit and retain an all-volunteer force. Together, the public and private sectors must leverage the employment potential of military spouse to drive military families into the 21st century world of economic opportunity.

To rectify this issue, a handful of local military spouses from Travis AFB got together to come up with ideas on how to create a space for all military spouses to connect and grow professionally. These spouses partnered with MSPN to create MSPN Travis, where they host monthly meetings that

feature at least one potential employer or education resource from the local area. Travis MSPN members work in healthcare, law, media, marketing, education and just about any other industry you can imagine, as well as are pursuing higher education. MSPN proudly serves all spouses of Active Duty, Guard/Reserve, Veteran and Gold Star Service members.

The next MSPN meeting is called "New Year, New Connections" happening Wednesday, January 16th, 6PM, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Travis AFB.

Check-in and networking will begin at 6:00PM with a FREE optional professional glam makeover session and LinkedIn headshot photos happening from 6:00-7:00PM.

Programming will start at 7:00PM where Broussard Financial will discuss available job openings and MSPN will discuss what YOU want to see at future MSPN meetings.

At 7:40PM there will also be a focus group to get your feedback on the issues that military spouses face and this information will be shared with California state legislatures.

Enjoy complimentary refreshments and a raffle.

This event is open to all military, DoD, DoS, and contractor spouses.

RSVP at travis@ingearcareer.org

If you are a military affiliate and want to get involved or learn more, please email them and join their Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MSPNTravis/> ★

Dixon Family Services Will Bring Together Service Providers

By **Cookie Powell**

DIXON, CA (DIV) - Dixon Family Services will host a meeting of representatives of local churches, clinics, social services, Dixon Unified and other Dixon schools, Dixon Police, City of Dixon and Solano County agencies that provide services in Dixon.

The purpose of the meeting is to share resources with each other so that we can all better serve our community and the people in need of our help.

We will explain any criteria for our programs and requirements that must be met in order for people to access them. Examples can be income parameters, family dynamics, age, documentation requirements and others.

There are many people in need of basic human services in Dixon.

Needs vary and can include one-time help with rent, utilities, food; assistance in application for medical insurance and government benefit programs; help for senior citizens and homeless adults; services for homeless school children and their families; counseling for those suffering with mental health, substance abuse, behavioral health and other issues; prevention of family violence and child abuse/neglect; employability and life skills development; adult education and literacy; positive parenting and self-care; and tax preparation, credit repair and legal advice. The list of needs is long

and these are just some of them.

None of the helping organizations are capable of providing all services for every basic necessity.

So there is also a need for communication, collaboration and cooperation between all of us so that we can guide people to all resources they require. This sharing of the minds is not new to Dixon but it has been a while since our last gathering of service providers. Our goal is to learn from each other so we can do our best jobs in helping the people who approach us with their needs.

Everyone can benefit by becoming more aware of each other's services/programs and the processes for accessing them. We all want to be sure we are making a proper referral and avoid confusing or frustrating our clients with incorrect information.

A date and time has not yet been set but once it is, all will be notified.

Individual invitations were sent out to the providers that we know of with several dates and times in the last half of January and the first half of February to choose from. We want those we may have overlooked to understand that they are also welcome and we hope to have a preferred date set very soon. To see the invitation go to www.dixonfamilyservices.org

If you want to learn more about the community resource sharing meeting or participate please contact Cookie Powell at 707 678-0442 or cookie@dixonfamilyservices.org ★

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DIXON POLICE LOG

January 01, 2019
0300 911 call 1800 block Dailey Drive.
1000 Vehicle vandalism in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.
January 02, 2019
0115 Suspicious Person 200 block East Dorsett Drive. Dustin Kerr (36) of Vacaville was arrested for possession of controlled substance, controlled substance paraphernalia, and violation of probation, he was booked into the Solano County Jail.
0136 Battery report 1300 block West H Street.
0230 Counterfeit Bill report 800 block Elm Drive.
0600 Report of a subject yelling in the 800 block of West A Street. Bryce Clinkingbeard (25) of Suisun City was arrested for public intoxication and booked into the Solano County Jail.
0911 Restraining order violation reported at PD.
1033 Parking violation 800 block Bounds Drive resulted in a vehicle being towed for expired registration in excess of 6 months.
1455 Parking violation 800 block West F Street resulted in a vehicle being towed for expired registration in excess of 6 months.
1845 Traffic Stop 2500 block S/R 113 South resulted in the service of a restraining order.
2243 Traffic Stop West F Street at North Adams Street. Yolanda Ramirez (39) of Dixon was arrested for possession of controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia and outstanding arrest warrants and she was booked into the Solano County Jail. Hector Torres (34) of Dixon was cited and released for driving on a suspended license.
2345 Traffic stop 200 block East Dorsett Drive resulted in Breanna Mistler (28) of Dixon being cited and released for displaying false registration.
January 03, 2019
0100 Suspicious Vehicle 2500 block Plaza Court resulted in the recovery of a Mitsubishi Outlander reported stolen out of Fairfield.
0950 Runaway Juvenile reported from the 1000 block of Newgate Way
1737 Stolen Vehicle reported in the PD lobby
January 04, 2019
1203 Towed vehicle in the 400 block of Rennert Way
1309 Lost Property turned into the PD lobby.
2006 Warrant service in the 2500 block of Duncan Street resulted in the arrest of Sayed Mehdizadeh (40) of Dixon for a misdemeanor domestic violence warrant. He was taken to county jail.
2016 Suspicious circumstance at the PD.
2230 Pedestrian stop in the 200 block of East D Street resulted in the arrest of Mark Rogers (59) of Dixon for public intoxication. He was taken to county jail.
January 05, 2019
0200 Traffic stop in the 1500 block of West H Street resulted in the arrest of Miguel Martinez (44) of Dixon for an outstanding traffic warrant. He was cited and released.
1712 Defrauding an Innkeeper in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue
1930 Confidential report taken in the 400 block of Gateway Drive
January 06, 2019
1615 Domestic dispute in the 1400 block of Taylor Lane.

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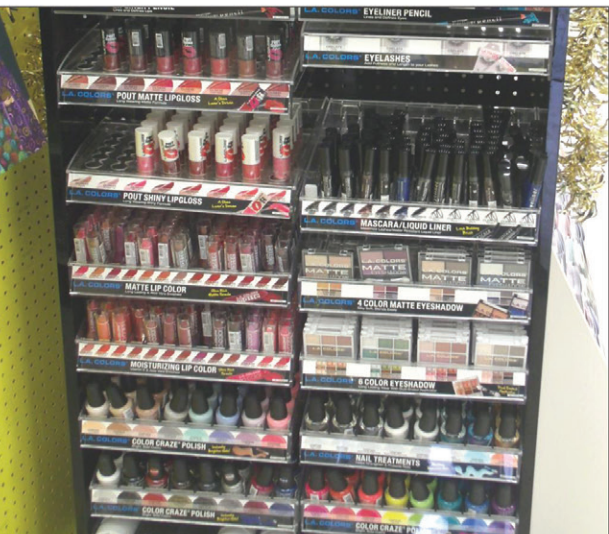
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