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Rams Win JV but Varsity Defeated



Coach Wes Besseghini has the team bow their heads before heading out to their first home game of the season. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Rams first home game last Friday against the Armijo High School Royals brought victory and defeat in one night. The Junior Varsity won 12-6, which was their first win of the season. Varsity lost 7-42.

"The JV team never gave up and worked as a team to put the win together on Friday night," said Coach Rick Tully. There were strong winds that night that may have contributed to missing the extra points.

It was also a night of service as the theme was to honor the military and first responders. A bright red



Bursting out onto the Dixon High School football field Friday were military alongside players due to the 'Salute to Service' theme at the first home game. Photo by Nicolas Brown

fire truck, police car, and an ambulance were positioned at the end of the field and the games kicked off with a tribute to the veterans and the flags they

carried. Military from the various branches raced out onto the field alongside the football players.

"Thank you to everyone who participated and

helped to plan our Salute to Service Night for last Friday. Special thanks to Codi Agan and Mike Morreira for coordinating with all of the agencies! We got great feedback from many people about the night," posted Varsity Coach Wes Besseghini on social media.

The Varsity team took its third loss in a row; first to Will C. Wood in Vacaville and then to Winters High School. This game showed promise and energy with the Rams fighting gallantly to stop a bigger Armijo team. The first half of the game, Rams held the Armijo team at their first

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Congressman Meets with Flannery Founder

Rep. Mike Thompson News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On August 30, 2023, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) released the following statement after meeting with the founder of Flannery Associates.

"Last night, I met with the founder of Flannery Associates to hear their ideas for Solano County and to ask questions about their actions over the last five years," said Thompson. "After the meeting, it is clear that they don't have a plan; they have a vision. The secrecy under which they operated caused consternation and concern from residents, local elected officials, and federal agencies, and while they explained their rationale, I do not believe the secrecy was necessary. Honesty is the best policy, and they need to begin to work with our community and local leaders if they want to advance their ideas.

"Solano County is a tight-knit community, and it is going to be a long road for Flannery to restore trust and move forward with their proposed vision. As one of the representatives of Solano County, I want to make sure that a group of Silicon Valley billionaires do not steal family farmers' ability to farm their land. My concerns have always been on national security and food security, and a development of the magnitude they are proposed could harm Travis Air Force Base in the long term. They need to make sure that nothing they do harms Travis, puts our national security at risk, or disadvantages family farmers. I am focused on ensuring that our community has a voice in any project that will fundamentally change the makeup of the county and I will continue to meet with Flannery as necessary to carry out that responsibility."

Congressman Mike Thompson is proud to represent California's 4th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties. He is a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means. ★

Farmstead Senior Living Taking Reservations

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A long-awaited Luxury-style Senior Community is about to open their doors. The 2-story facility looking more like a hotel at 350 Gateway Drive is taking reservations now for their Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care facility and plan to move residents in by the end of this year.

The place is called 'The Farmstead at Dixon,' named by Dixon's own Hanna Richardson who is the Director of Resident Development at Rockville Terrace Senior Living in Fairfield, one of several Calson communities.

"Besides coming up with great names, she's also been a tremendous asset to the team," said Jason Reyes, Founder of Calson Management LLC. Currently Calson operates seven communities comprised of over 640 units of senior living totaling more than \$150 million



Director of Resident Development Miranda Felix and J3C Group Project Manager Don Swift stand at the entry of an outdoor area that includes a Bocci Ball Court.

in market value. In addition to Dixon they have three other projects in Los Gatos, Santa Rosa and San Jose, equating to another 368 units. The Farmstead should be open by the end of this year and offers 59 independent living one and 2-bedroom apartments and 27 Memory Care apartments.

Amenities

Included in the monthly

rent is the new, beautiful studio or apartment, three meals a day created by a 5-star chef, housekeeping, laundry, and high-speed internet in each apartment. The huge kitchen also has a brick oven for pizza and an ice cream case/freezer. There is an entertainment area with a big screen TV for watching the big football or basketball games and even has a popcorn

nook but it can also be reserved for birthday parties or family celebrations.

Importantly, one is never alone. There is 24-hour a day staffing.

This allows the residents to maintain independence, but they don't have to worry about cooking or dining alone," said Miranda Felix, Director of Resident Development,

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Life's too SHORT

Interesting Details



Jewel Fink, mother of Lemuria Nursery owners Peter and Erik Fink, welcomes guests at a recent Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

Congratulations to Bob Bugalski, the new official Principal at John Knight Middle School.

Bugalski has been one of two Assistant Principals at Dixon High and I noticed he was listed as an 'interim' Principal at John Knight Middle School when school started and wondered if it was by choice or if he was put there because the former Principal Kamillah O'Conner left for a San Jose school and they just didn't have anyone to take the reins.

So, I'm happy to report Bugalski wanted the job and put in for it sometime way before school positioning but two of the School Board reps, Regina Espinoza and Julian Cuevas, had issues with the process – the one that the District uses when there is no competition for the post.

So, the School Board then put the bid out again and over three weeks, there were no other applicants. At the following School Board meeting, Cuevas still wasn't happy, but DUSD Board Member John Gabby explained that the process had been used before over 12 years that he had been on the Board and seemed to convince Espinoza. The vote went 4-1 with Cuevas still dissenting.

But because of the positive outcome, Bugalski is now permanent and certificated and classified staff "love" the guy and my sources (students and adults) say the tall, male leadership in the school is working great.

Now, I want to say – and not to be sexist – but I've seen this phenomenon over the last 40 years of my adulthood. If you are a man, and you are tall, you have lots of gold stars just out the gate. That's why I have my husband call the utilities when there is a problem because he gets things taken care

of without ever raising his voice or losing his mind.

The other good news is that because Bugalski is officially the Principal, the District can now go out to publicize for an Assistant Principal and anyone, anywhere can apply. If it seems I am partial to Bugalski, I am. I know that the kind of school leader who will wear a Snowman costume to bid DHS students farewell at Winter Break is the kind of man to be great around youth!

On another note, the **Quick Quack Car Wash** being built next to Denny's is moving right along. At their groundbreaking ceremony, we learned that their motto is to be fast, clean, and loved. They made a commitment to the City and to the community whether it is day 1,000 or 2,000, that they will keep "a clean house." Their staff will be clean, dressed, their environment kept clean, and they will host fundraisers to help clubs and organizations succeed. They even hired Kassie Kalis of Dixon to be the manager.

The company was co-founded by Travis Kimball, the CXO (Chief Experience Officer) in 2004 and spent the first decade developing 18 car washes. But, in the next decade, they are set to grow 19 to 200 more. What changed them the most for success? Offering the monthly membership.

Lastly, at a recent Chamber Mixer, I learned that Lemuria Nursery, 7820 Serpa Lane is a true family affair. Since 1939 brothers Peter and Erik Fink, grandsons of the original owners of **Lemuria Nursery** on a quarter-acre lot on San Pablo Avenue in Richmond, are now working alongside the 4th generation. They bought the seven-acre lot in Dixon in 1999 and now have six green houses and rows and rows of wonderful plants and trees. Several family members help make it all happen. ★

Rams Win JV but Varsity Defeated



Junior Varsity #32 Wes Besseghini Jr. runs the ball in for a touchdown at last Friday's JV game against Armijo Royals from Fairfield. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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quarter touchdown and extra point: 0-7 at the half.

The young man to watch this season may be Leo Iglesias, #3, who stopped the opponent's touchdown attempt in the second quarter and was in the right spot several times to prevent the opponent's plays.

Even though the Armijo team marched deep into Dixon territory, the Dixon defense bent but did not break, preventing Armijo from scoring during the last two minutes of the first half.

At the beginning of the 2nd half, Dixon returned the ball to the 40-yard line of Armijo. Dixon scored a touchdown at 9:47 in the 3rd quarter and kicked an extra point to tie the game at 7-7.

Armijo came back with a vengeance scoring five touchdowns in the remaining 3rd and 4th quarters ending the score at 7-42.

The Rams have a bye this coming Friday and can use the time to regroup for the remainder of the season.

"We're going to work hard to come home with some more wins next Friday at Bradshaw Christian," said Besseghini. They will play again on Friday, September 15 at Bradshaw Christian High School in Sacramento with JV at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m.

DHS Sponsors are Allied Storage Containers, American International Manufacturing, Altec, Besseghini Construction, Dawson's Bar & Grill, Dixon Florist and Gift Shop, First Northern Bank, Gone Fishin' Marina, Plumbing Doctor, Neal Hendrix Hay Co., Independent Automotive, Ride On Power Sports, Recology, Tully Consulting Group, S. Todd Comm General Dentistry, and Wink Accountancy Corporation. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Mark your calendar for the next City of Dixon Volunteer Clean-up Day set for Saturday, October 7 at the Veterans Park in Valley Glen and the Homestead Park. This is a great time to get to know your neighbors like these folks did at the one on West A Street recently. Courtesy Photo

MPG Staff

Historic Home Tour

There are now five confirmed homes on the Historical Society's Historic Home Tour coming on Saturday, October 28. There are two homes on East Mayes, one home on East A Street and one home on South Jackson and of course, the featured home at 360 North First Street where ticket holders and online ticket purchasers will pick up the tour booklet and where the tour will begin. Also, museum hours now include Thursday, 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

Join the group of volunteers who are going to do a community cleanup event honoring 100-year-old WWII Veteran Oakley Dexter on Saturday, September 9, starting at 8 a.m. at his home, 615 E. Creekside Circle in Dixon. Let's positively impact one of Dixon's neighborhoods and pay tribute to a true hero's extraordinary legacy. Together, we can make Oakley's home beautiful again. Email, register, donate, or for questions, email dextersonhundred@gmail.com. Please wear gloves, bring yard equipment, and dress accordingly for hot weather and hard work!

Spaghetti Feed

A Spaghetti Feed is being sponsored by the Veteran Riders of California on Sunday, September 17 at 1 p.m. to fundraise for Brent Roberts' trip to Calgary, Canada representing Team USA in the Martial Arts World Championships. Tickets are \$20. The event will be held at the Greg "Coach" Coppes Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street in Dixon.

Firefighter's Dinner

The Dixon Firefighter's Charitable Fund is holding a Prawn and Ravioli Dinner with all you eat prawns, raviolis, salad, and bread on Saturday, October 21 at the Dixon Fire Department, 205 Ford Way. It will start with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55 and include entry into a cash door prize raffle. For tickets

and event questions, please contact Ricky Rodarte at rrodarte@cityofdixon.us.

Kiwanis Christmas

The Dixon Kiwanis Club has announced details confirmed for the annual Festival of Trees. It will be held on Saturday, December 9 but decorated trees will be required to be set up the day before, on Friday, December 8, inside the Veterans Memorial Hall at 1305 North First Street in Dixon. Any businesses looking to sponsor a tree can email DixonKiwanis@gmail.com and any club, organization, or private citizen interested in decorating one, can email dixonkiwanis@hotmail.com for more information. This event is the local club's premier fundraiser to help serve Dixon's children and their community.

City Planning

Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. will be the next Planning Commission meeting at City Hall inside the Council Chambers, 600 West A Street. Agendas for almost all city meetings come out the Thursday before and are available online at cityofdixon.us. Meetings can also be watched via Zoom. Access information can be found on the agenda.

Italy's Wine

Please join Amy Grabish in welcoming Matteo Balgera, fifth generation vigneron in Valtellina, Italy, to The Pip, 116 North First Street in downtown Dixon on Sunday, September 24, 5 to 7 p.m. Matteo will talk about his family history, sustainable farming in Valtellina, and will guide guests through a tasting of five wines, including two single vineyard Nebbiolos and a 2005 Valtellina Superiore Valgella Riserva. The Balgera property is one of the oldest wineries in Valtellina – a steeply sloped region in Lombardy, Italy (near the Swiss border). The southern-facing vineyards are terraced – carved out of the rocky substrate - and all worked by hand. Their vineyards are planted with the Chiavennasca (Nebbiolo) grape. Cost will be \$60. Call (707) 693-3069 to reserve your spot. ★

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Taking Reservations



The expansive Senior Living Facility called the 'Farmstead at Dixon' is expected to start moving residents in by the end of the year.



Don Swift shows off the brick oven that will make perfect pizzas for Farmstead residents.

The Inner Contractor
Don Swift of J3C Group, a company that handles projects from conception to completion, is the Farmstead Project Manager and was busy assisting with the delivery of 215 doors that were heading to a temporary paint stall inside. Due later this week is another shipment of 200 more.

One worker was carrying in the just-delivered doors one at a time when Swift asked where the large dolly was. The man responded that it was being used elsewhere so Swift told him what else he could use and where he

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whose interest in the senior living industry this past decade was given purpose by her beloved grandmother, Barbara.

She watched her "very independent grandmother" become isolated and depressed until Felix got her in a senior living home where her grandmother transformed. "Life changed for her and it's beautiful to watch that happen," she said. Felix seems to truly understand the needs and desires of seniors, having grown up with her grandmother and being an integral part of her life.

Felix was excited to give a tour last week, showing the almost finished activity room, a library, and a soon-to-be lush, covered patio. For men's competitive edge, she pointed out, there is an outdoor Bocci Ball court.

There is a wide, concrete walkway around the entire building for getting in one's daily exercise as well as a "wellness room" where residents are welcome to bring in their own mobile doctor or masseuse. There will be organized activities and excursions, too.

Monthly Rent

The studio is about 400 feet and although it has a kitchen counter with refrigerator and microwave, there is no kitchenette like the others. It is \$4,000 monthly rent. The 1-bedroom looks like plenty of room for peaceful and efficient living and is different than the other floor plans in that the walk-in closet, linen closet, and bathroom are separated off the living area. It is \$4,500 monthly. There is a couples rate of \$1,200 monthly more. The 2-bedroom, 750 sq. ft. unit looks like a contemporary

apartment that can be shared with an inseparable sister



"Vaulted ceilings, wide walkways, and spacious sitting areas provide the luxury feel going into Farmstead Senior Living."

or buddy, that could also be helpful to split the cost.

Founder Family

Jason Reyes grew up often spending time in senior facilities because that is where his mother worked as an Executive Director for many years in Northern California. Through her, he witnessed ways to improve the lives of seniors and chose a career to develop and operate his own communities.

"Jason is our only child and to be able to work side by side with him every day is one of my greatest pleasures. His passion for the Senior Living industry is evident and inspiring to everyone he meets," said Alana Reyes, who is now a grandmother. "I believe in creating environments where moments of joy, independence, and wellness are the focus of each and every day," she added.

Jason's father, Mark, will be the Executive Director of the Farmstead and will manage between 35 and 45 employees there. The couple were high school sweethearts and have been married nearly 40 years.

could get it now, adding that one door at a time was not a good plan.

One commented Swift was a helpful Project Manager and he responded that "a good project manager is the face of the facility." He handles a variety of contractors and has to know a lot about the entire complex.

He was a General Contractor on the Roseville Terrace facility in Vacaville where he learned new things every day from his subcontractors because they were the experts in their fields.

The challenge with this project was the small, 60-foot space between the back of the building and the neighbors in the subdivision on the other side of the concrete wall. Because of the proximity, there are building restrictions like they could not work on Sundays, when they could start work, and noise--which all slowed the project but made them good neighbors, he hoped.

For reservations, tours, or more information, call Felix at (707) 674-7554 or (707) 287-2615. Their website is www.FarmsteadatDixon.com ★

2023 City of Dixon Treasurer's Message

By James P Ward

DIXON, CA (MPG) - As required, after the end of each quarter, the City Treasurer submits a report to the City Council indicating our financial portfolio is in compliance with the adopted investment policy or is not. I'm happy to report that it is!

I attended our Quarterly Investment Update Meeting for dates covering through June 30, 2023.

Our meeting started on July 19 at 3 p.m. and ended at 3:33 p.m.

Inflation is slightly better, and reported as 3%, however, Fed's were expected to raise rates .25% again. They did raise it on July 26. The service industry is still at 4.5% inflation and inflation still remains a key worry!

Food, gas, and housing are a major concern. Our credit quality is mostly AA+ and our portfolio is very well diversified. We did not have any gains in this previous quarter as we did in the last quarter, however, we are still above for this year.

I caution discretionary spending.

Some local area financial information: A \$1 billion purchase of land was bought around Travis Air Force Base by The



James P. Ward, Dixon city treasurer. Courtesy photo

Flannery Group and was 90 percent U.S. investors.

Also, electric vehicles sales are up 300 percent and interestingly, have had some price cuts.

On another note, I've been attending the Water Ad-Hoc Committee meetings and want to encourage citizens of Dixon to get together to discuss some possible solutions to help our community Water Ad-Hoc committee panel move forward with some tough recommendations they will make to the City Council in the near future. From pursuing grants to

help lessen potential costs for senior citizen customers to selling the water system to rate hikes, any and all discussions will be heard and considered.

The next Water Ad-Hoc committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28 at Dixon City Hall Chambers at 7 p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend and make their voices heard!

This is a critical infrastructure system that will not sustain viability if nothing is done and if we don't come together as rate payers. Hope to see Citizens/Rate payers participate in upcoming meetings. ★

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DFS Nets Significant Grants



Volunteers for free food distribution chat at a morning food give-away, one of numerous services Dixon Family Services helps coordinate for the needy. DFS Courtesy photo

By Cookie Powell, DFS Director

DIXON, CA (MPG) - For the current fiscal year (July 2023 – June 2024) DFS is so grateful for three foundations that recently approved grants for our Basic Needs Program. Kaiser Permanente has been assisting DFS since our first grant request in 2008. This year their gift was \$25,000.

Genentech also supports our good work with grant funding since 2012. The recent gift from Genentech was for \$15,000. The United Way of the Bay Area began a new fund, the Housing Justice Initiative, in 2021 with one of their main goals being to prevent homelessness. The UWBA Housing Justice grant for the second year in a row is for \$25,000.

Dixon Family Services' Basic Needs Program goals and expected outcomes unmistakably align with all three of the foundations'

objective of keeping people housed and safe during this very unstable time in history for low-income families in our community.

We are fortunate that our partners and donors are well aware that our organization is vital to our community's health and wellbeing. It is with the support of foundation grants, churches, businesses, service organizations and individual donors that we will continue to do as much as we can, for as long as we can. We are so very thankful for the financial backing, as well as the encouraging words we often hear from those who support us.

Our services will continue to target low-income struggling households with children. We expect the need for our Basic Needs Program to continue indefinitely. The current focus of DFS is to keep families housed.

The lack of help through

homeless services once a family has lost their housing, is why we fight so hard to avoid evictions with our Basic Needs Program. There are several government-funded agencies in Solano County whose focus is to assist the unhoused. We refer people to Shelter Inc. (925) 335-0698 shelterinc.org and Resource Connect Solano 707-652-7311 rsc@caminar.org.

We urge new businesses and new residents in town to join our efforts by contacting us by phone or email if interested in joining Team DFS.

We do not provide mental health, substance abuse, or homeless services, but we can give several referrals to programs that do. DFS recently updated our Resource Guide for human services categories not covered at our agency. People can access the list on our website in English and Spanish.

If you know of someone who needs our help, please suggest they call or email. We no longer offer walk-in services, so it is important that they make the call to start the helping process. If we are not open or are busy helping clients with appointments, we promise to call back if you leave a contact phone number or email address. If our programs cannot help, we likely know of one or more that can.

To learn more about Dixon Family Services, and how you can help, call us at 707-678-0442, email Cookie@dixonfamilyservices.org, go to our website www.DixonFamilyServices.org or find us on Facebook or Instagram. ★

DIXON POLICE LOG



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

Monday, September 4, 2023

- 1525 - Hit and run reported in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 1531 - Information report taken in the 600 block of West F Street.
- 1443 - Information report taken in the 1100 block of Camelia Drive
- 2000 Hours - Welfare check in the 1500 block of North 1st St.

Sunday, September 3

- 1106 - Non injury traffic accident in the 700 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 1234 - Property damage report taken in the 1300 block of Pembroke Way.
- 1732 - Minor injury traffic accident in the area of Currey Road and WB 80.
- 2100 Hours - Theft of a wallet from a business in the 1300 block of Stratford Ave.

Saturday, September 2

- 1128 - Agency assist for Solano SO for a stolen vehicle Eastbound 80 at Pedrick Road
- 1254 - Found property located in the 600 block of Berkshire Drive.
- 1930 Hours - Welfare check in the 300 block of East B St.
- 2250 Hours - David Wicks (65) of Dixon was arrested for public intoxication in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.
- 0000 Hours - Battery report taken in the 100 block of North First St.
- 0150 Hours - Confidential report in the 300 block of North Adams St.

Friday, September 1

- 1418 - Abandoned vehicle in the area of Gateway Drive and Plaza Court.
- 2240 - Narcotic possession and drug paraphernalia cases were taken at the intersection of North 1st St. at West H St. Officers made an enforcement stop and contacted (S) Melissa Morenolopez (41) of Woodland. It was determined that she was in possession of suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Morenolopez was arrested and transported to the Dixon Police Department where she was cited and released. 0349 Welfare check in the 300 block of South Jefferson St.

Thursday, August 31

- 0832 - Towed vehicle in the 1200 block of Dartmouth Circle.
- 1231 - Welfare check in the 2800 block of West A Street. Alex Porter (41), of Vallejo, was arrested for Misappropriation of Found Property and Probation Violation. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1428 - Two-vehicle traffic collision reported in the area of West E Street and North Adams Street. 1805 Vandalism report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Ln.
- 0241 - An officer conducted an enforcement stop and contacted (S) Suruj Singh (60) of Sacramento. A records check revealed his driver's license was suspended and he was on active D.U.I. probation. One of his requirements was to only drive a vehicle with an interlock device and his vehicle did not have one. Singh was arrested and transported to the Dixon Police Department. Singh was cited and released and his vehicle was towed.

Wednesday, August 30

- 1409 - Lost property reported in the 1700 block of Margurite Drive.
- 1701 - Fraud reported in the 200 block of East Walnut Street.
- 0247 - Warrant arrest report was taken in the 100 block of Dorset Dr. Officers contacted (S) Cherice Williams (34) of Flicker Creek Nice. A records check revealed she had an outstanding warrant out of Carver County for theft. Williams was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

Tuesday, August 29

- 1130 - Warrant arrest in the 1100 block of Parkgreen Drive. Michael Brooks-Rose (26) was contacted and arrested for 2 warrants. He was taken to county jail.
- 1533 - Restraining order violation in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street led to the arrest of John Bordenkircher of Dixon. He was taken to county jail.
- 1657 - Trespassing report taken in the 1100 block of Hopkins Drive.

CONCERTS IN THE PLAZA

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Sep 30 - HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

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Dave Ramsey Says

Helping Take Care of Mom

Dear Dave,

My mother-in-law is 85, and she's had some health setbacks recently. The family got together with her, and as a group, we decided it was time to sell her property and move her into an apartment at a nice senior living facility. She should see a little over \$300,000 from the sale of her house. Aside from that, she has about \$10,000 in a savings account. The problem is, she'll only receive \$2,100 a month in Social Security, and rent at the facility is \$2,600 per month. Plus she loves making donations to charities. With interest rates where they are, is a CD ladder a good place to put the money to help her cash flow expenses in the future?

— Ed

Dear Ed,

If this were my mother-in-law, I'd want her to do better than a CD (certificate of deposit) ladder. Even with the deficit between

her Social Security income and the cost of rent, she'll only need to see \$6,000 a year from the investment to make up the difference. And plus, she's 85. Even if she got nothing in terms of interest, the chances of her burning all the way through her nest egg before she dies are almost zero. I know the thought of her passing away isn't pleasant, but it's something you have to take into consideration.

As far as the charities go? Right now, she's the charity. Maybe not in the traditional sense of the word, but it's time for mom to come first. Only the strong can help the weak. I didn't let my toddlers carry our newborn. And when it comes to money, you've got to have the financial strength—the free and clear assets—to carry others. Take care of your own household first. That's her responsibility at this point.

Ed, you're not going to mess this up unless you put the money in crypto, or something stupid like that. If you want to do some high-yield savings as a part of it, that's fine. If it were me, I'd probably end up investing some of it too. Here's the thing: Overall, if you could make 8% on it, that's \$2,000 a month, and it lasts indefinitely. That's not even touching

the principal. But like I said before, even if you make nothing on it, just divide \$6,000 into \$300,000. See what I mean? It's probably going to last as long as she does.

Of course, there may be some other medical bills, and you'd probably want her to have a life other than just paying bills. That's why I'd like to see that extra \$2,000 a month happening. It would provide a little cushion. And there may be a few other little things from time to time the family would have to pick up, but that's not unusual in a situation like this.

You all can make this work for her. Just don't be super aggressive, but don't be super conservative either.

— Dave

**Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions. ★*

A New California Avocado, Luna Ucr, Readies for its Market Debut

A new avocado, developed by the University of California Avocado Breeding Program, is about to hit the world market. The Luna UCR avocado will complement the widely known Hass avocado. According to UC researchers, the Luna variety grows on a tree of about half the size while producing approximately the same yield per tree as the Hass variety. The original Lunas were planted in Camarillo and advanced trials were conducted in Tulare, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties.

Researchers: Chemical that can Harm Crops Increasing in Forests

University of California researchers say satellite data is revealing increasing levels of nitrogen dioxide in remote forest areas of the state. The chemical can harm plants and crop yields. While short-lived in the atmosphere, it contributes to ozone and particulate pollutants, which can cause respiratory issues and asthma. Researchers say wildfire and soil emissions are contributing reasons for the increase in nitrogen dioxide levels. Their findings from satellite data were published in the journal Environmental Research Letters.

Grant Awards to Support Climate-Smart Demonstration Projects

University of California Cooperative Extension scientists will be partnering with regional farms to demonstrate climate-smart agricultural practices. The project, to be led by the UC Agricultural and Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program, recently received a nearly \$2 million funding award from the UC office of the President. The effort will strengthen the California Farm Demonstration Network and support regional farms in practices such as cover cropping, reduced tillage, composting, hedgerow planting and optimized irrigation.

USDA Announces \$800 Million Investment in Rural Infrastructure

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an \$800 million investment to help rural cooperatives and utilities improve infrastructure and increase electric grid reliability. The funding will also provide clean water and sanitary wastewater systems in rural areas. The USDA said the program will benefit communities in California, 35 other states and two U.S. territories. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, "Powering people with modern infrastructure creates good-paying jobs and supports opportunities for people to build brighter futures." ★



Trump Creates a Spin-off

Just how dominant is Donald Trump in the Republican Party?

He's so far ahead in the polls that he felt comfortable skipping the first GOP presidential debate in Milwaukee, while on the actual debate stage, his epigone, Vivek Ramaswamy, soaked up an outsized portion of the attention.

The 38-year-old billionaire biotech entrepreneur shows that the Trump brand is so strong that it can create successful subsidiaries, the Trump storyline so compelling that subplots can be spun off into their own programs.

Thursday night was a "MAGA" tag team, with Trump trying to detract from the debate from the outside and Ramaswamy shaking it up on the inside.

When Trump declared a victor afterwards, it was, unsurprisingly, Ramaswamy – for having the courage and perspicacity to declare Donald Trump the greatest president of the 21st century.

If Ramaswamy minds these occasional condescending pats on the head, he hasn't yet showed any sign of it. He is making history as the first presidential candidate to be in the tank for his leading opponent.

Ramaswamy's devotion to Trump raises the natural question why he's in the race and running the risk of denying everyone the benefits of a Trump

second term? Why should the pilot fish try to supplant the shark?

Ramaswamy has learned shrewdly from the power of the Trump phenomenon.

The first lesson is that if you want to benefit from the energetic support of MAGA, you have to be pro-Trump. Many candidates, media figures, and social media influencers long ago figured this out. Ramaswamy's truly audacious innovation is to apply this insight to his own presidential campaign in a race including Trump himself.

If Ramaswamy leaps ahead of Gov. Ron DeSantis into second place in national polls, the top of the GOP field will consist of Donald Trump and a pro-Trump alternative who is zealous in defense of Trump's interests and loath to criticize him for anything.

The second lesson is that whatever gets the spotlight directed your way is a good thing. If it means, on the basis of no evidence whatsoever, accusing all your opponents on the debate stage of being "bought and paid for," go for it. If it means attributing the hawkishness of Nikki Haley on Ukraine to her intention to get lucrative seats on the boards of defense contractors, why not?

If a given proposition is indefensible, it means that you will seem even more courageous to your fans when you advance it or defend it.

Relatedly, always paint with bold colors. At one point during the debate, DeSantis objected to questions that asked candidates to raise their hands

as childishly simplistic. In contrast, Ramaswamy was happy to raise his hand, reaching toward the sky with the overeagerness of an apple-polishing student sitting in the front row.

Would he support Trump as the nominee even if he's convicted of crimes? Hand raise. Will he cut off aid for Ukraine? Hand raise.

Finally, never get separated from Trump on anything important. As Trump has defended Jan. 6, so has Ramaswamy found unpersuasive justifications for it. Since Mike Pence has been cast into the outer darkness by MAGA for doing his constitutional duty on Jan. 6, Ramaswamy is going to have nothing to do with the former vice president. He refused to say on the debate stage that Pence had done the right thing that day but did want to make it clear that he would absolutely pardon Donald Trump as president.

That Ramaswamy would accuse others of bad faith is hilarious, given his own blatant pandering.

And the answer to the paradox of a pro-Trump candidate running against Trump is that every vote Ramaswamy gets is denied to some other non-Trump contender who might be a more serious threat to the former president. Ramaswamy may deny that this is the dynamic, but Donald Trump clearly understands it, which is why he has nothing but praise for his notional opponent.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Will California's New Math Curriculum Improve State's Woeful Rankings?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom and other political figures like to brag about California's role as a national or even international leader in all things wonderful.

They tend, however, to gloss over or ignore indications that California is falling short in some very important indices of societal achievement, such as public education.

When measured against other states, much less other nations, California's nearly 6 million public school students rank among the lowest in national education testing for mathematics and language skills.

The latest round of National Assessment of Educational Progress test results, released last fall, revealed that California's fourth- and eighth-graders were once again in the bottom tier of states in reading and math.

Moreover, California's unusually long school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic reduced achievement even more, as a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California revealed.

Before the pandemic, 51% of students met standards in English language arts, or ELA, and it had dropped to 47%. In mathematics, proficiency declined from 40% to 33%.

"Only 35% of low-income students met state standards in ELA and 21% were proficient in math," PPIC reported, "compared to 65% of higher-income students in ELA and 51% in math."

Furthermore, PPIC noted, the nationwide tests of reading and math proficiency "shows that California has consistently lagged behind most other states ... 38th in math and 33rd in reading."

We may not need more evidence that Californians lack competence in basic skills, but last week we got another data dose from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, a global program of testing supported by the U.S. Department of Education.

A new analysis of its data reveals that in "numeracy" – the ability of adults to use mathematics in daily lives – California ranks near the bottom of states, virtually identical to Georgia and other states in the second lowest tier. Within California, just one of its 58 counties – Marin – scored in the highest tier.

By happenstance, the numeracy report was issued just a few weeks after the state Board of Education adopted a new framework for math instruction that advocates claim will increase the computational acumen of California students by making it more culturally relevant.

Board member Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez, an elementary school teacher in Montebello, said, "The framework's focus on fundamental concepts, open-ended tasks, justice, student inquiry, reasoning and justification aligns with effective mathematics teaching

practices. I am encouraged by the incorporation of strategies to support diverse learners, such as promoting multilingualism, facilitating group work, employing visual aids, and establishing cultural connections."

Tom Loveless, a former senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who wrote a book on the Common Core standards, was one of many critics during a three-hour hearing prior to adoption, saying the framework sends a "message that math facts can be treated lightly."

The climactic board meeting reflected years of often bitter debate, dubbed the "math wars," over how best to raise math skills, not unlike a similar conflict over language skills dubbed the "reading wars."

Traditionalist supporters of phonics finally emerged triumphant in the battle over reading but traditionalists lost on math. Ultimately, the board made a few tweaks aimed at placating critics but left the original concept of downplaying rote skills and early introduction to algebra largely intact.

Obviously California has a math skills problem. Too many of our students and adults are "innumerate" – the mathematical equivalent of illiterate – and that has vast societal impacts, from lessening Californians' ability to manage personal finances to depriving the economy of workers with critical skills.

We'll see if California's new woke math curriculum improves its standing, or drives us even lower.

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

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US OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT STILL REIGNS IN THE SPORTS WORLD

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The US Open Tennis tournament, the final leg of the Grand Slam for the calendar year, is fortunate to be an annual event of two weeks duration as one of the four major tournaments that span the globe from Australia to London's fabled Wimbledon and the French Open in Paris.

As one of the world's most popular sporting events, the US Open provides fans the unique experience that is equal parts sports excitement and grand spectacle, such as the fine dining and world-class shopping options that prove irresistible to many of the well-heeled attendees.

Another favorite pastime is spotting celebrities, which on opening night included former President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, Olympic champion skier Lindsey Vonn, fashion designer Vera Wang, boxing champ Mike Tyson and perennial attendee Alec Baldwin.

Not to diminish the opening night entertainment, the most intriguing celebrity happened to be talented nine-year-old singer Pransyqa Mishra, who has captured the hearts of audiences across the country with a rendition of the national anthem that was repeated at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

This young girl has performed for all major league sports and has been interviewed by major networks in the United States and Canada. Given her talent and exposure, Pransyqa is destined to make a name for herself in the music industry. Remember, you may have heard it here first.

While Pransyqa may be a hard act to follow, it's a good thing that the opening night entertainment came from Sara Bareilles, a GRAMMY award winner who may be best known as the composer of the music and lyrics for the Broadway hit musical "Waitress" as well as stepping in for the lead.

Persistent inflation, which even rubs off on ticketing prices for New York's tournament at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center, is not keeping fans from spending almost 10 bucks for a single scoop of premium ice cream or \$25 for a shrimp salad.

The good news on the price front, if you can afford it, is that a flute of Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial champagne remains \$32 a pop and the Open's signature cocktail of the Grey Goose Honey Deuce stays \$22.

The tournament's public relations department announced that the opening day of Monday, August 28th, set a record attendance of 72,957, and was followed two days later by more than 73,000 visitors during the celebration of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The first-round matchups at the main venue of Arthur Ashe Stadium offered star power that promised a truly grand opening, and the players would not disappoint, as could reasonably be expected early in the tournament.

Poland's top seeded Iga Swiatek, US Open women's defending champion, and three-time US Open men's champ Serbian Novak Djokovic, finally allowed to play since the lifting of the Covid vaccine requirement to enter the country, headlined a luminous lineup.

American players with a chance to advance deep into the rounds on display for opening day included the red-hot Coco Gauff, the teenage sensation, and men's 10th seed Frances Tiafoe, who would along with the ninth seed Taylor Fritz carry the hope that American men have a chance to advance.

Gauff's rough first-round start involved the loss of the first set, and it was only a nail-biting 26-minute first game win of the second set that brought momentum to her side.

Contrast Gauff's marathon first game to how Iga Swiatek dispatched her best friend, Slovenia's Kaja Juvan, in a speedy 24-minute first set 6-0 victory, and then went on to win the match in a minute shy of an hour.

Excitement took over Louis Armstrong Stadium during the third-round match for France Tiafoe, who dropped the first set to France's 22nd seed Adrian Mannarino before easy wins in the next two sets and a thrilling tough win in the fourth and final set.

A fan favorite John Isner, once the great hope for American men, survived the first match of his swan song tournament in a convincing three set win over Argentina's 94th ranked Facundo Diaz Acosta.

Now ranked 157th, the 38-year-old Isner's career came to an emotional end after a five-set slog in a second-round match with fellow American 25-year-old Michael Mmoh. At least, Isner made the cover of the souvenir program for Day 4.

Two-time US Open women's champion Venus Williams was the cover shot on the souvenir program for Day 2, though she fell in two straight lopsided sets to a Belgian player nearly half her age. Plagued by injuries, will Venus hang up her racket?

Back to the subject of food, the culinary arts on display are varied and enticing. Joining the celebrity roster of chefs this year is James Beard Award-winning Kwame Onwuachi, known for his newest restaurant, Tatiana, located at New York's Lincoln Center.

Attending the US Open Tennis tournament is one of the best experiences for the combination of sports and spectacle, and there's no chance that anyone will go hungry with more food choices than will ever be found at a ballpark. ★

Bring Me Your Midnight

by Rachel Griffin

Tana Fairchild's life was carefully planned out from the moment she was born. She was to marry the mainland governor's son, Landon, forging an alliance between the witches of her home island and those who see their existence as a threat.

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With Wolfe's tie to dark magic, he can save her, but it will come at a cost. As Tana learns Wolfe's forbidden magic, her eyes are suddenly opened to a whole new forbidden world. As she spends more time with Wolfe, Tana begins to feel more powerful and alive, leaving her questioning everything she was raised to believe.

But with the shift of magic, everything starts to change. The sea begins to rage, and the current begins to shift, putting Tana's



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50 Years from Now?



By Kathy Craig Harteis

For a couple of hours last week we were 17 again. In Deadwood, SD we attended the Happy Together Tour. The groups from the 1960's are in deed happy to be together again. Our favorite was Little Anthony but the others

were equally good.

We were asked by another attendee if in 50 years the music of today would still have the draw that of the 60's has now. Maybe not.

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It's funny how a song can take you back to a moment you thought you had forgotten.

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Of course the performers still singing it are in their 70's and 80's now, but it is all recorded. We still have it.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001226
The following persons are doing business as: SKI, 2576 Hutcheon Place, Fairfield, CA 94533. Satish Kumar Inc., 2576 Hutcheon Place, Fairfield, CA 94533. Date filed in Solano County: August 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 8/4/2023
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 6, 2028. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001285
The following persons are doing business as: Monarch Mobile Phlebotomy, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G, Dixon, CA 95620. Monarch Mobile Phlebotomy LLC, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: August 15, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 15, 2028. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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MONARCH 9-15-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD Q. VEATCH CASE NO. PR23-00246
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Donald Q. Veatch. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mark D. Veatch, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Mark D. Veatch be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for ex-

amination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: November 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 22; Old Solano Courthouse, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert A. Gordon, 3203 West March Lane Suite 140, Stockton CA 95219; 209-267-1685
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VEATCH 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001325
The following persons are doing business as: Fairfield Union 76, 1400 West Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Gawfco Enterprises, Incorporated, 3669 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA 94549. Date filed in Solano County: August 23, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 8/1/1993.

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FAIRFIELD 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001298
The following persons are doing business as: Vacaville Union 76, 2000 Not Tree Road, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Gawfco Enterprises, Incorporated, 3669 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA 94549. Date filed in Solano County: August 16, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 5/1/2004.

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 15, 2028. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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VACAVILLE 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001326
The following persons are doing business as: Suisun Union 76, 115 Sunset Avenue, Suisun, CA 94585.

Gawfco Enterprises, Incorporated, 3669 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA 94549. Date filed in Solano County: August 23, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 6/1/1995.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001130
The following persons are doing business as: Nashville Kitchen, 951 Alamo Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Arbra Foods LLC, 951 Alamo Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date filed in Solano County: July 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001331
The following persons are doing business as: West Texas Fuel and Food, 1740 West Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Gawfco Enterprises, Incorporated, 3669 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA 94549. Date filed in Solano County: August 24, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 11/1/2011.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001362
The following persons are doing business as: Cuevas Concrete, 855 Charter Way, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Humberto Cuevas, 855 Charter Way, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date filed in Solano County: August 30, 2023. The Registrant

commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 29, 2028. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

The Dixon City Council will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: 331/333 South 1st Street (Robinson Condominium Map) - Request for a Rezone (RZ22-01) and Condominium Map (PM22-02) to rezone the property from Multi-family Residential (RM) to Multi-family Residential- Planned Development (RM-PD) and convert the existing three units on the existing single property into three condominium air space parcels that can be sold individually. No new construction, additions of increase in the number units is proposed as part of this project. The Planning Commission reviewed the item in an advisory capacity, on August 8, 2023 and recommended approval of the project to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing as noted below to render a final decision on this application; APN: 0116-051-100; Zoning District: Multi-Family Residential (RM-2); Rebecca Robinson, owner and applicant; File No: PA22-32, RZ22-01/PM22-02.

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15315, [General Rule and Class 15; Minor Land Divisions]. If the City Council determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Scott Greeley, Associate Planner at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or sgreeley@cityofdixon.us. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing, in person or remotely, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the application.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, City Council, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the City Council and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand," or 2) via teleconference press *9

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

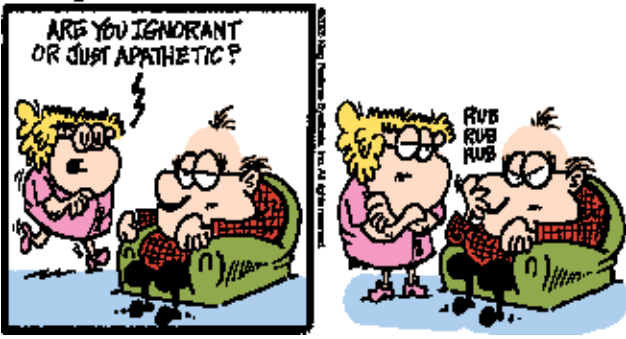
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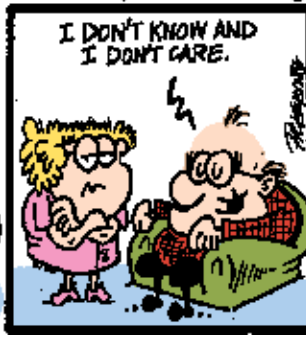
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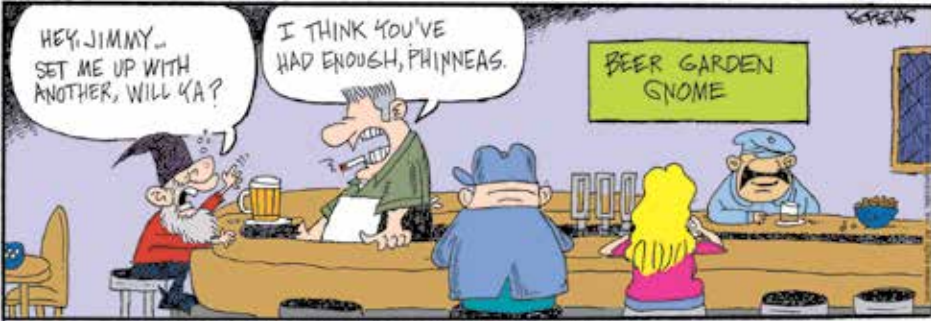
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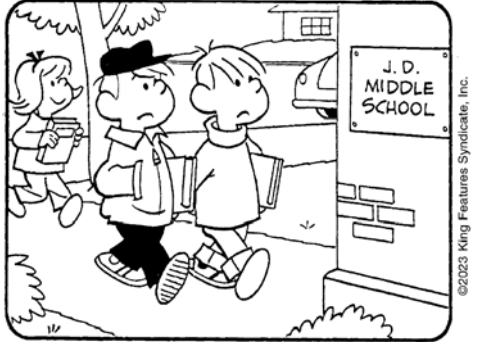
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Ramtown Round Up



One of the team members for Dixon High School Flag Football gets ready to throw a pass at a recent practice. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Cross Country will be at Dixon High School on Saturday, September 16 at 9 a.m. at Rio Linda High School. They'll meet at Dixon High. There will be a practice meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 4 p.m. at DHS, on Wednesday, September 27, at 3:30 p.m. also at DHS which is Meet #1 of the Golden Empire League (GEL.) Coach is Athletic Director Brett Peterson.

Girls Golf will be on Tuesday, September 12 at Yocha Dehe against Woodland at 3:30 p.m.; on Thursday, September 14 at Haggin Oaks against Rio Linda at 3 p.m.; and, on Tuesday, September 19 at Davis Municipal at 3:30 p.m. against Pioneer. Coach is Frances Garcia.

DHS Flag Football will be on Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m. against Pioneer (Woodland) and on Wednesday September

13, 6 p.m. against Mesa Verde but played at home. Coach is Kevin Berg.

Tennis Team will match on Tuesday, September 12 against Miro Loma at Mira Loma at 4 p.m. and also on September 14 against Woodland at Woodland also at 4 p.m. Coach is Kevin Judson.

The DHS Volleyball team will volley over the weekend, first will be Junior Varsity in the Battle of the Buttes all day Saturday at Sutter and on Sunday the Varsity in the Varsity Roundup in Livermore. Both events start at 8 a.m.

Also happening on Saturday, September 9 will be the Ramtown Karate Knockdown Seminar from 10 a.m. to noon for Samurai, teens, and adults. Students will learn the rules of the game, training techniques, tools and strategies, and have sparring practices. For more information, call (707) 678-4899. Ramtown Karate is located at 1680 North Lincoln Street. ★

Sutter Davis Hospital Emergency Department Expansion Finishes

Sutter Health News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Sutter Davis Hospital received final approval from the state for its expanded emergency department, about a month ahead of the original schedule. It is the last major milestone in a construction project designed to offer patients greater access to some of the hospital's most in-demand services.

"A hospital's emergency department is meant to offer the highest levels of care to patients at their most critical time of need," said Kevin Jones, D.O., medical director of Sutter Davis Hospital's emergency department. "Our expanded space will give us more room and flexibility in how we care for those within the area and beyond."

The emergency department expansion is the final part of the largescale construction project that began in 2020. The department added 11,152 square feet and remodeled a little more than 3,000 square feet of existing space to expand to 18,332 square feet. The department now features an additional five triage/flex spaces and 11 treatment areas for a total of 23 treatment areas. Additionally, as mental health crisis needs grow for patients, Sutter Davis Hospital's emergency department now includes four rooms especially designed for those patients' unique needs. Other notable additions to the emergency department include a negative pressure room, which helps enhance infection control protocols, as well as a family conference room designed for private consultations with family members.

Hospital officials estimate patients will be seen in the new emergency department space starting Sept. 6.

The two other major parts of Sutter Davis Hospital's expansion included the Family Birth Center and the medical-surgical unit. An additional 11,000 square feet more than doubled the Family Birth Center's size to 21,300 square feet. It added three labor and delivery rooms (for a total of nine), four post-partum recovery suites (for a total of 16), two special

procedure/delivery rooms, and three more tubs to the hospital's popular and distinctive water birthing program (for a total of five). The medical-surgical unit added five new beds (for a total of 35) through 2,857 square feet of remodeled space.

The emergency department's earlier-than-expected expansion tracks similarly to other parts of the construction project. The medical-surgical unit's opening date was in November 2022 instead of December 2022, a welcome addition of space in light of increasing hospitalizations during the time's "triple-demic" of flu, COVID-19 and RSV. Because of the team's careful and detailed planning, Sutter Davis Hospital made the unit's beds available near the end of November 2022 through California's state of emergency. The declaration allowed for some added flexibility in emergency use of space as a temporary response to address surges. The Family Birth Center's early May 2023 opening also beat its original estimated opening date of late June 2023. Employees overseeing the hospital construction credit consistent communication with partners, conservative schedules, and detailed planning for the accelerated timelines.

Other important features of Sutter Davis Hospital's expansion include an MRI trailer with a bed lift and an emergency medical service landing pad to help support transportation of critical care patients. Additionally, the project included an upgrade of the central utility plant that features more efficient HVAC equipment and expanded water and sewer storage tanks available for 72-hour emergency use.

"We are so grateful to our teams and our partners who have made this expansion a reality through their vision, their expertise and their commitment to placing our patients and families first," said Tammy Powers, chief administrative officer of Sutter Davis Hospital. "It is our privilege to serve this community, and this expansion enhances our capabilities to care for them now and well into the future." ★

Caltrans vs. Science: The Great I-80 Debate

Submitted by Alan Hirsch

There is a litmus test before our local Yolo city council members: will they listen to the scientists saying we have to rethink our transportation system in response to congestion and climate crisis – or will they continue Caltrans' traditional pattern of widening freeways – a pattern history shows never fixes congestion for long – but does assure worsening climate change.

The issue before them is how to deal with the peak hour traffic congestion on I-80 on the Yolo Causeway, particularly at Tahoe travel times. The issue was brought to a head by the \$86 million in "free money" offered by Congress, a down payment on the \$380 million project, making it the most expensive public works project in Yolo County by a factor of ten. It will be the larger project most city council folks will likely vote on in their career.

This debate takes on greater urgency as based on UC Davis analysis: this 33% widening of the freeway will encourage more sprawl and longer commutes – an amount of driving equal to adding 12,000 more cars to the road. This 'induced demand' is independent of travel caused by population growth. This makes it the most impactful project in regard to climate change in Yolo County.

Thus, the great debate.

Two Views on I-80 Widening: Decide for Yourself

First, a letter from Professor Susan Handy, head of the **National Center for Sustainable Transportation** (hosted at UCD). You will note she critiques not just the project's effectiveness but notes that Caltrans environmental review methods have consistently failed to predict what historically happens: the new lanes re-congest in a few years due to the "induced demand" effect: wider freeways encourage more and longer commutes that soon fills added lane capacity. You can also read a second letter critiquing of the I-80 widening from UC Davis Urban Studies Professor Stephen Wheeler's asking Caltrans to study adding both transit alternative in lieu of the widening, and then a use free market "pricing" allocation of the current freeway capacity. (see the Davisite for a copy at: <https://tinyurl.com/4b6aehev>).

I then offer YoloTD chair Tom Stallard's response to both Professor Handy's and Professor Wheeler's letters from their July 17th meeting.

Professor Handy Letter: "Studies have conclusively established...."

"Dear Chair Tom Stallard and members, Yolo Transportation District Board of Directors.

"I support CTC (California Transportation Commission) staff recommendation to not fund the Yolo 80/US 50 Corridor Improvement Project at this time. I oppose this project based both on my expertise as one of the top transportation researchers in the country and as a long-time resident of Davis.

"Academic studies have convincingly and conclusively established that increases in highway capacity led to increases in vehicle miles of travel (VMT). The work by my team at the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis shows that traditional methods for evaluating highway widening projects consistently underestimate the increase in VMT that such projects generate, thereby over-estimating their benefits with respect to congestion reduction and under-estimating their impacts with respect to greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts. Increased emissions associated with the increase in

VMT swamps any reduction in emissions stemming from what will inevitably be a temporary improvement in traffic flow. In short, highway widening projects are inconsistent with the state's goal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"As a solution to congestion, highway widening projects are ineffective, as research as well as historical experience demonstrate. This is true whether the project is a conventional lane, or a managed lane open to private vehicles. The only proven way to reduce congestion is to combine congestion pricing with substantial investments in alternatives to driving, particularly high-quality transit service. Investments in transit as a *mitigation* for the highway widening rather than a replacement for it are also ineffective, in that the highway widening reduces the incentive to use transit. Any attempts to mitigate the increase in VMT short of implementing a pricing strategy is likely to fall short.

"As a Davis resident I regularly observe traffic on I-80 when bicycling to south Davis and when driving to Sacramento at various times of day. Yes, traffic slows in Davis, but it rarely reaches extreme levels except on Friday afternoons. This level of congestion can only be considered a problem because we have set unrealistic standards for travel time and because we have given people few alternatives to driving. The solution is not to persist in a century-old approach that has proved unsuccessful time and time again. The solution is a new way of thinking about transportation.

(Professor) Susan Handy
YoloTD Chair Stallard Response: "We just have to be realistic..."

"I read the letters sent to us this afternoon. Lot of ideas, good ideas. But I have grandchildren, so I really care about their future, and (unclear) environment these days, you're not paying attention. (unclear)

"But with respect for the issue of the 4th lane, I look at this in this context of an interstate freeway that basically goes from Mexico to Canada. From the Carquinez Bridge it is at least 4 lanes except from Sacramento to Davis, so it is not so much we are working so hard on this to create more vehicle mile traveled we are trying to eliminate what has become a terrible bottle neck.

"That inconveniences thousands of people. I understand some people like the fact there is congestion as it forces them to seek other options, but I think of the fact of my daughter with two young children both of which who have swim team and work out, have piano lessons at different times, (for) all these things transit is not a viable option in many circumstances for many people.

"I know the kind of expectations put on many of us in many places in our roles, but we just have to be realistic.

"That said, I am a firm believer in the value of transit. (gestures to Lucas Frerichs.) You sat on (Capitol Corridor rail) joint powers board for many years, they have done a beautiful job. Traveling in the first-class comfort of the train. I feel like, I hope people don't assume we don't care about environmental implications. We are just the last in line Solano County has moved forward to more accommodating in context of I-80 as it exists over 70 or 80 miles. (stet: only 40). I don't believe in revolution over evolution. The loss of tolling is horrendous. The Golden Gate Bridge toll pays for buses. I wanted to put this on the record. I really believe the district is on the right path."

Transcribed from YoloTD board meeting video time beginning stamp: 1:06 <https://youtu.be/O7odnLgxuF4> ★

Winters Theatre Company to Rent the Historic Opera House

Winters Theatre Company News Release

WINTERS, CA (MPG) - December 2023 will mark a momentous occasion for the Winters Theatre Company (WTC) as they take over the lease for the Historic Opera House on Main Street in Downtown Winters. This move will provide the local theatre company with an opportunity to share more productions with the community, as well as provide a venue for other performing artists and performing arts groups in Winters and the surrounding areas.

WTC is not-for-profit community theatre that has been producing plays in Winters for more than 40 years. Since their inception in 1980 they have produced hundreds of plays ranging from modern dramas, classic musicals, Shakespeare comedies, holiday season extravaganzas and everything else in between. WTC shows are produced by talented, local, volunteer directors, cast, crew, musicians, and artists, and the company is run entirely by a volunteer Board of Directors. The company has been, and remains, a shining star in the community.

The Winters Opera House, constructed in 1876, has long been an important venue in the Winters community for performing artists. Situated on the second floor of a historic brick building originally constructed as a grocery store, the Opera House has been home to many over the years, including The Palms Playhouse which moved into the Opera House in 2002 and operated as a prominent live music venue for nearly two decades.

WTC is thrilled to have a permanent place of residence and an opportunity to collaborate with other local artists and performers. Art, music, and theater have long been an important part of the Winters community, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to build on this strength, revive a historic stage, and further illuminate the incredible local talent in our surrounding areas.

For more information about the Winters Theatre Company visit winters-theatre.org or email winterstheater@gmail.com. Be sure to visit our website for show announcements and an opening event in December 2023!

The Winters Opera House is located at 13 Main St. in Historic Downtown Winters. ★

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