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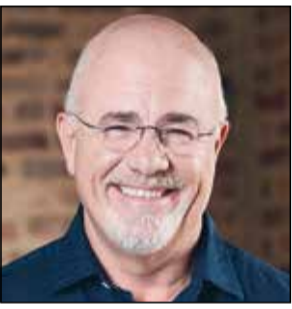
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October Calendar Already Carved



Sheep shearing demonstrations are always an attraction at Dixon's Lambtown Festival. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Every weekend in October is full and offers plenty of Dixon entertainment choices to keep enjoying gorgeous fall weather. First, the Lambtown Festival is the first weekend in October happening on October 7, with hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, October 8, hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Even if you don't knit, crochet, or do woolly crafts, this can be a fun family adventure into the world that does!



Shoppers chat with a vendor providing a type of wood machine used for yarns. Photo by Debra Dingman

On Saturday there are three large areas full of vendors who will answer questions about wool, and

offer spinning demonstrations, plus there is a barn full of sheep for your viewing pleasure. Sunday is filled with Sheep to Shawl competition, sheep shearing demons, Skeins and Textiles judging, sheepdog demonstrations, and plenty more. There are 'Woolly Adventures' for the young with sheep-themed crafts and beginning fiber art projects from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Sheepdog demonstrations will also be
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Preventing Dating Violence

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - One in 10 high school students have been purposefully hit, slapped, or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend, according to The Empowerment Project, an organization responsible for getting domestic violence education mandated in all California public high school health classes to ensure teens are taught what a healthy relationship looks like. The Empowerment Project is hosting another event in Vacaville to create awareness and the public is invited. A Fundraising and Awareness Wine & Cheese event will be held at the Vacaville Museum on Saturday, October 21, 4 to 7 p.m. and will be similar to an Open House.

"There will be five or six local wineries so guests will be able to taste their wines, there will be charcuterie cups and some entertainment, but the main point of it will be our display of teen dating/violence photography exhibit," said Sonia McClellan, Empowerment Project founder. "We did that at our last event and people really liked it." But know it is a sobering, eye-opening experience, according to local Chanell Tyhurst of Coldwell Banker Kappel Gateway Realty. The movement started with McClellan of San Ramon whose 24-year-old sister was murdered by her boyfriend when she tried to break up with her boyfriend. She was in an emotionally and physically abusive relationship but did not know it.

Graduate Finds Mission in Military

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - When Anthony Jay (AJ) Castelli went into his senior year at Dixon High School, he thought he might become a welder. He didn't have good grades and barely graduated with his class of 2022. He might not have been the ideal person to return to the campus last week and talk to students about a career. But he was there. In military boots, fatigues, and aviator glasses.

"I thought I'd have a full ride scholarship in welding but a recruiter came in and talked about opportunities and I decided I'd join as a hull welding technician," Castelli explained. "But then he started talking about being a corpsman..." A Hospital Corpsman assists health care professionals in providing medical care to Navy personnel and their families. They may function as clinical or specialty technicians, medical



Tammy, AJ, Marc, and Reagan Castelli. Courtesy photo

administrative personnel, and healthcare providers at medical treatment facilities. Corpsmen assist doctors on board ships and submarines, and some are attached to Marine units. When in combat, corpsmen are trained to run towards the action to help the wounded, often risking their own lives to do so. "I had a friend in the Marines and [eventually,] I figured out I could get three things I wanted all at once. I'd go in the Marines, have my college paid for, and earn my medical degree. I could go in

the service and come out already having a medical career," he said. Castelli joined the service and went to Navy Corpsman School. "When I graduated from Dixon High, I had a 1.8 GPA. When I graduated from Navy Corpsman
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"Unhealthy relationships during teen years often lead to domestic violence as adults. I lost my sister when I was 14 and I am committed to ensuring that we provide education at an early age," McClellan said. "I truly believe this would have made a difference and my sister might still be here today had this sensitive and far too often private subject matter been addressed through mandated education." McClellan is a wife and mother of two now. When her own daughter went to college, she began to wonder what was being taught to her daughter about healthy relationships and found nothing. To honor her sister, and protect her own children, she began her advocacy to help educate young people about the different types of abuse and their warning signs. Now that the legislation has passed, she founded the Empowerment Project and recently coordinated
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Dixon Tire Pros Make National News!

By Debra Dingman

Goodyear, Michelin, and Bridgestone headlines are on the front cover of Tire Business, an award-winning print and online publication dedicated to the tire and automotive service industries so it's no wonder that Dixon's Ted Jorgensen came in my office proud as punch. They have 30,000 distribution!

There on the front cover of the national magazine is a picture of him in the Dixon May Fair Parade along with a bold headline: Strong Values Builds Loyalty at Dixon Tire Pros. The article on the lower half of the front page was written by Kathy McCarron who was tipped about our lowly town of Dixon from online sources where Ted won Business of the Year. (I'm sure my front-page story of him in our local newspaper was right here in lowly Dixon.

The article tells of Ted's mission to keep not only his customers happy but also his staff of ten. To celebrate the big occasion, he's taking them all out to Cattlemens, he said.

In the inside, there are four more color pictures of the very nice and clean waiting room for customers, the auto bays full of cars, a picture of the banner carried during the Dixon May Fair Parade and a smiling Ted giving a thumbs up in a framed photo of the article written by Donny Everhart and we published in the Independent Voice on the front page when Dixon Tire Pros won Business of the Year last March.

Guess who is also proud? Me! I'm proud to know Ted and know his story of how he grew up in the tiny town of Ferndale and how he lived on the beach for a while and even built himself his first car (a Ford Cortina) from three cars in a junkyard.

I love that Ted always deflects kudos to someone else. Bernie Markus, for example, who employed him at Fed Mart, and who believed in taking the higher road. Or, Mr. Price, for whom Ted worked for about ten years and who gave him the opportunity to open six Home Depot stores while stocks split and he was given stock options.

"Treat the staff well" and "Customers are family" are mantras from those early days that can account for the main reason his business went from a run-down Big O Tire Shop in 2002 to what it is today: a thriving Dixon Tire Pros. You can't describe the courteous or welcoming environment more! Even answering the phone calls are a pleasant experience, and they'll give you a free lift back home or to work if you need one.

He has outlasted at least half a dozen shops over his time. He doesn't gouge and mentions that he eats, sleeps, and does business in the same town and feels good about that. I have always said, living in a small town makes people more accountable and you're forced in a very good way) to be a better person.

Congratulations Ted for making the big-time news! ★

Dixon News Briefs



Katrina Marsh snaps a group selfie with Karstin (Hickerson) Stranger, Cameron Hickerson, and Ryan Schlegel at the finish of their creating a new studio for Busy Bee Yoga that will include venue rental space. Ricardo Martinez, Caleb Vance, Tyler Hickerson, and Marc Castelli also contributed to the building rehab project. Photo courtesy of Busy Bee Yoga

MPG Staff

Busy Boots

A new line dancing night on Saturday, October 7, is kicking off at Busy Bee Yoga's new location, 1115 Stratford Avenue. This event is only \$15 and includes a one-hour line dancing class starting at 5:30 p.m. After the class, you can try out your moves till 7:30 p.m. and enjoy refreshments. Yoga Studio owner Katrina Marsh has also added a venue rental for \$60 per hour and \$40 per additional hour. Call (707) 295-1855 or check out busybeeyoga.com under the 'events' tab.

Fire Prevention Week

The Dixon Fire Department is hosting a series of events in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Cooking Safety Starts with you! Pay Attention to Fire Prevention," including school presentations and an open house on Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dixon Fire Station at 205 Ford Way.

Horse Therapy Event

Freedom Equine Connection is holding its first Fundraising & Awareness gathering on Friday, November 17 at 6 p.m. This non-profit organization provides equine-assisted therapy, learning, and team building for anyone and everyone, come see what this is all about and how you can support our mission to help people live their best lives Through ground-based therapy incorporating horses, Freedom Equine Connection provides healing and hope to those suffering from mental anguish in Solano County and surrounding areas. They will present why and how horses and humans help people process distressing or difficult emotions, thoughts, and behavioral patterns, often resulting in profound insights and improvement in overall mental well-being as well as helping children learn through experiential activities incorporating horses, followed by a Q&A session. For more information, see their website, call (707) 249-5819 or email admin@freedomequineconnection.org.

City Council

Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. will be the next City Council 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.

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.

Veterans Dinner

Baked ham and scalloped potatoes with green beans and a roll will be on the menu for Friday, September 29, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street starting about 5:45 p.m. The bar will be open as well. This dinner is only 1200 pennies so grab some friends and enjoy visiting. Sometimes there's music, too. It is casual and open to the public.

Free Pancakes & More

Grace Fellowship Church, 535 West H Street, is hosting its 5th annual free food and clothing event for the community on October 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. (while supplies last.) Phone is (707) 678-5700.

Alpha Clinics of Vacaville will be joining them this year and will provide their mobile clinic service free of charge during the event. The Alpha Mobile clinic services include free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and baby materials such as clothes, diapers, and formula.

Those who want to donate gently used clothing and shoes for babies, children, women, and men can drop off their donations at Grace Fellowship on Friday, October 6, from 4:30 to 7 pm.

If one needs more help and cannot make it to the mobile service, call or come by the Vacaville clinic at 1005 Alamo Drive or call (707) 449-8991 or see more at www.repregnant.org.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration will be Saturday, September 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pardi Plaza, corner of First and A Streets. There will be food trucks, VIP Mexican Cuisine, and merchandise vendors.

Water Meeting Cancelled

The next Water Rate Advisory Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was supposed to be Thursday, September 28, has been CANCELLED. The next meeting will be October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 600 east A Street. It is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to water rates. The goal of the committee is to provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding appropriate new water rates. The Committee shall deliver a recommendation by January of 2024 but no later than April of 2024. The public is encouraged to attend. ★



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Solano Speaks

Report of initial polling data from Solano County residents

Solano County Poll - Key Findings

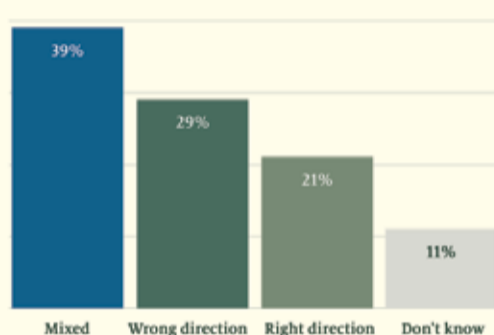


Introduction

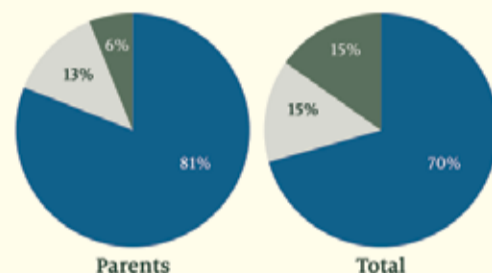
The following data comes from two scientific polls; one conducted between July 10th and 16th with a random sample of 600 Solano residents aged 18+ (taken from the county registered voter list) and the other conducted between August 20th and 27th of 800 Solano citizens. These polls were conducted over landline telephones, cell phones, and online. Statistically, both polls were weighted to the census demography of Solano County and conducted in both English and Spanish. Polls such as these have a margin of error of approximately 3.5-4% in 95 out of 100 cases. Sub-groups in the poll have a higher margin of error but are still informative.

Voters are dissatisfied with the direction of Solano County, and with the direction of things in their area.

Do you think things in Solano County are generally headed in the:



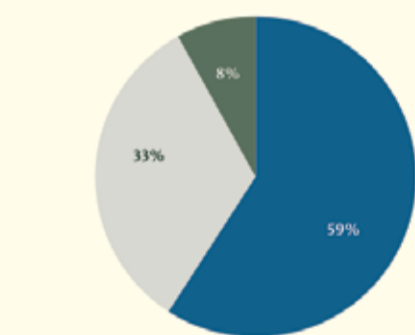
Solano County voters are worried that their area will not be affordable for the next generation.



- Most kids in Solano County will NOT be able to afford to live in their current neighborhood when they grow up
- Most kids in Solano County will be able to afford to live in their current neighborhood when they grow up
- Don't know

Voters think Solano County needs big changes to bring in more jobs and revenue, and improve the quality of life.

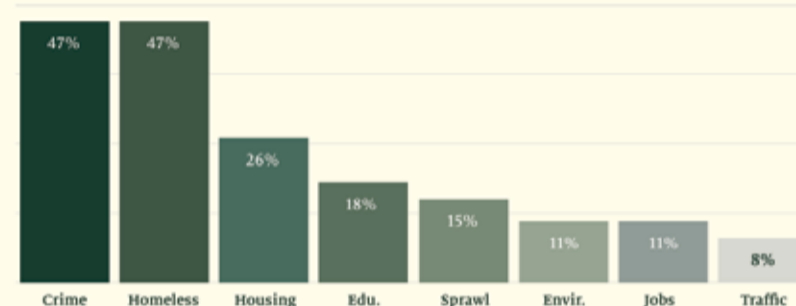
Here are two statements about how elected officials in Solano County should be thinking about planning for the next 10 years. Which do you agree with more:



- Solano County needs big changes in order to create more jobs and tax revenue to improve the quality of life in the county
- Solano County needs to fix some things to improve the quality of life, but the county shouldn't be trying to make big changes
- Don't know

Solano County voters think crime, homelessness and the cost of housing are the three most important issues for county officials to address.

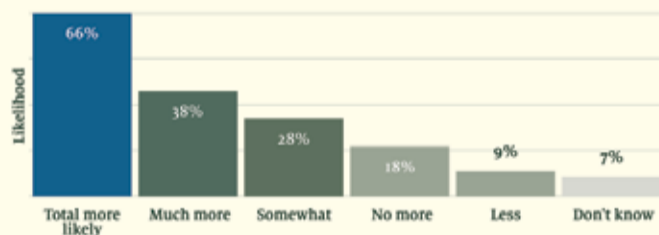
Thinking specifically about Solano County, which of the following issues will be most important to you when voting for county officials: (Combined top two mentions)



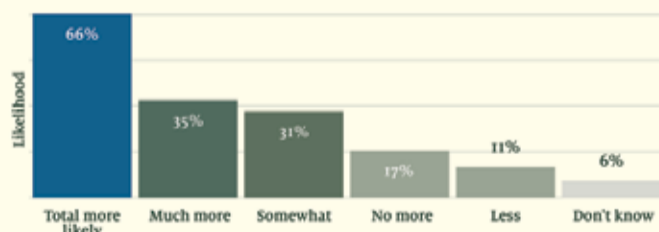
We believe every issue on this list is important, and in our vision we want the future community to address all these challenges. We are excited that our project will create a lot of good paying jobs right here in the county, as well as provide affordable middle class housing in walkable neighborhoods, green solar energy, and significant tax revenue to help the county fund efforts to reduce crime and address homelessness. We are also deeply committed to supporting Travis Air Force Base and its important mission.

Solano County voters are more likely to support a project that brings in good, permanent jobs, protects the environment, and delivers revenue for safety and education.

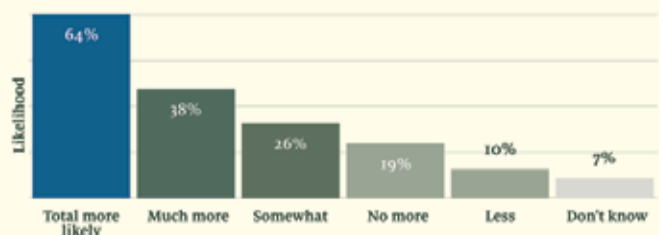
It would include a new trade school so that local residents can learn the skills to get the new good paying jobs created by this project



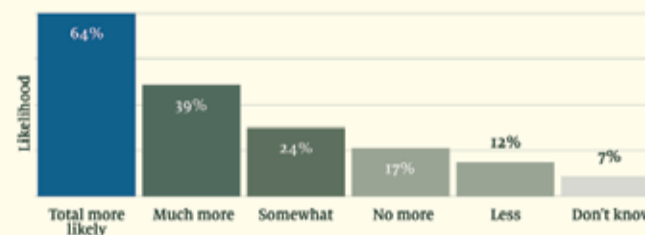
It would create thousands of permanent, good paying jobs in construction, solar energy, and services by bringing major employers to the county



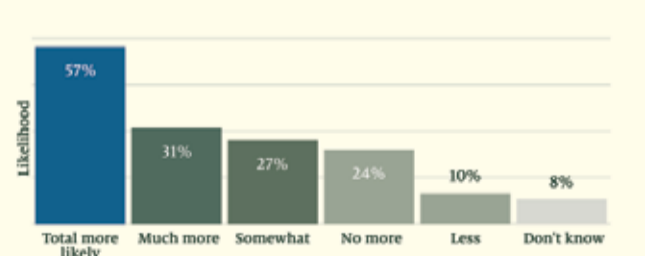
It would plant millions of new olive trees and a new oak forest, which would create more agricultural revenues and jobs



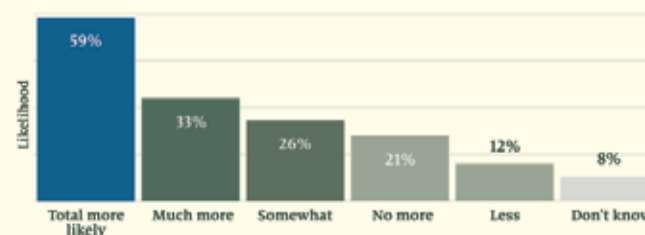
It would create thousands of acres of new projects that restore ecological habitats and help keep the Delta and the Bay healthy and resilient against climate change



It would generate tens of millions of dollars in new tax revenue each year for the county to help address important issues



It would include walkable neighborhoods, with housing, shopping, dining, and schools all within walking distance



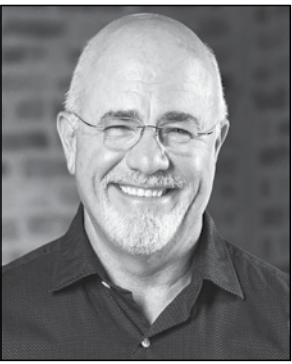
What's next?

This polling is only the beginning of the conversation we are starting with the residents of Solano County and your elected officials. It is your voice that counts most and we are excited to start engaging with you. Soon, we will open a local engagement center and will be mailing a survey to residents asking for ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

Find out more and subscribe to our mailing list at:

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Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Meagan,

Take the bigger check! That's a quick and easy decision, but give me a minute to explain why. It's not about being greedy — it's a little more complicated than that.

If you had \$19,000 in your pocket, would you go buy a \$6,000 hail-damaged, salvage-title vehicle for everyday driving? Of course, you wouldn't do that! The insurance company is probably hoping you'll overlook the \$19,000 offer and essentially pay \$6,000 for this beat-up car. No. Thank. You. I'll pass on that deal.

With \$19,000, you'll have plenty of cash to rent a car for a couple of weeks and take time to find a great-quality used car at a good price. You might even be able to negotiate with the insurance company to give you a little time to look for another ride before they come pick up the old one.

But no, you don't want that messed up, old car. Why would you? That thing probably looks like a kid with a bad case of acne right now. Go find yourself a nice car, hon. There are plenty of affordable, slightly used vehicles on the market right now. There's no reason for you to drive around in something that's all beat up if you don't have to.

Best of luck, Meagan!

— 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. ★

Take the Bigger Check

Dear Dave,

My car was declared totaled because of hail damage, and my insurance company says I have two options. One is to take a higher total loss settlement check of \$19,000 and use it toward the purchase of another car. The insurance company would then take possession of the car. The other option is to accept a check for \$13,000 and have the car on a salvage title. The car is worth \$15,000, and I have 20% car replacement assistance on my policy that increases the total loss settlement to the \$19,000 amount I mentioned earlier. I'm on Baby Step 3 of your plan, and I owe nothing on the car. What should I do?

— Meagan

California Legislature Whiffs On Insurance Crisis, Punting To Newsom And Lara



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Before the California Legislature adjourned this month, it managed to fulfill most of wishes of majority Democrats' favorite interest groups, most notably labor unions.

However, legislators left town without doing anything concrete about something that threatens the psychic and economic wellbeing of millions of homeowners and those who aspire to ownership: the rapidly shrinking availability of residential fire insurance.

One by one, insurers have been reducing or eliminating their exposure in California, having paid out billions of dollars to cover losses from years of major wildfires and, they say, facing a fire threat that is likely to increase with climate change.

With Gov. Gavin Newsom and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara involved in the background, there were weeks of private negotiations among legislators, insurance lobbyists and other stakeholders on how to bolster the state's insurance market.

However, the negotiations ended a week before the Legislature adjourned without agreement, signaled when state Sen. Bill Dodd, a Democrat whose Napa-centered district is one of the state's most fire-prone regions, sent a text

message: "Deal is dead. Very frustrating."

The discussions revolved about changing the way insurers calculate risk, from basing it on past experience to including potential future risk. Such a change would probably increase premiums and legislators wanted ironclad assurances that the companies would continue writing policies in fire-prone areas if the change was made.

As the session ended, there were public assurances that the issue would not be forgotten.

"We hear loud and clear from our residents that access to insurance is a problem," Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas said in a statement.

The Legislature's departure punted the issue, at least for a few months, to Lara and Newsom, who said, "We can do a lot of things. And I'm very mindful. We can do all of that."

However, Newsom didn't list any specifics. Last Thursday, he issued an executive order urging Lara to "take action to stabilize and improve California's property insurance marketplace."

Almost immediately, Lara issued new rate-setting regulations, which he had described earlier as "a package of regulatory solutions that will streamline the department's rate review process, opening it equitably to public input — not just the entrenched interests that have benefited materially from the status quo."

Newsom, Lara and the regulations drew praise from the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, which said, "Everyone understands that California's insurance market is in a spiraling crisis that requires immediate

policy solutions to protect consumer access to the coverage they need."

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara unveils a plan to shore up the California insurance market for homeowners. Insurers would return to.

Given industry support, it's likely that the new regulations will allow it to include, at least to some extent, estimates of future risk from wildfires in their rates which would probably lead to premium increases.

Newsom stopped short of declaring an emergency in Thursday's executive order, which would have given Lara the authority to issue new rate-setting rules without going through the usual procedural hoops.

Earlier in the day, Consumer Watchdog, the organization that sponsored a 1988 overhaul of insurance regulation, Proposition 103, and has been a critic of Lara from virtually his first day on the job, issued a warning to Newsom and Lara about proceeding on an emergency basis.

Later, the organization said, Lara's move "would allow insurance companies to use secret algorithms to set rates for homeowners' coverage for wildfire and to add reinsurance costs to premiums will lead to higher insurance premiums."

So, there it is, a complex mélange of economic, political and societal factors and a huge tradeoff between the availability of coverage, which is mandatory for anyone having a mortgage, and the costs.

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

October Calendar Already Carved

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both days at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. and sheep shearing demos also both days at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for a single day or \$15 for a weekend pass. Go to www.lambtown.org for more information.

Next up is the 27th annual Pin-a-Go-Go pinball party October 13-15 at the Dixon May Fair. Payment is at the door. Credit cards will not be accepted but an ATM is located by the front door. Hours are October 13th - 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.; 14th - 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and on the 15th - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The event features Pinball machines from six different decades on 'FREE PLAY;' Pinball parts, memorabilia, and games for sale, an Outdoor Flea Market & Swap Meet on Saturday; Food Service — tempting goodies and a place to enjoy in the shade and RV parking on the premises.

This annual event has long been supported by pinball enthusiasts from all over Northern California and helps local youth charities. Many people bring their pinball machines to share, the organizers and volunteers are not paid to put on the show. Admission is \$30 for the whole weekend. It is only \$20 for age 13 and under. On Sunday, it is \$10 for anyone. Through the years, thousands of dollars have been raised for the Dixon Teen Center. More Information can be found at www.pin-a-go-go.org.

The Dixon Fire Department Open House will be held Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please read more in our featured news.

The Brewski Fest put on by the Downtown Dixon Business Association is that same weekend. It will be on Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. in downtown Dixon. Tickets are \$30 in advance via DowntownDixonCA.com or \$35 the day of. Check-in will be at the Pardi Plaza, corner of First and A Streets, and also at

Kevin Johnson RE/MAX office at 220 North Jefferson Street which offers plenty of parking. Must be 21 and over.

On Sunday, October 15, the story of the Fong Family and the Pardi Market will be presented at the Dixon Historical Society's Historical Presentation and Quarterly Meeting held at the Dixon United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall entrance on B Street at North Jefferson Street.

Bobtail Apparel Truck Show will be hosted by Bobtail Apparel, located in downtown Dixon. This is their 2nd annual Truck Show over the weekend of October 20 and 21 at the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 South First Street. They promise beer, trucks, and shops and will feature music by Harry Luge.

Trucks will be on display on Friday, October 20, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The categories for awards include Memorial, Hay Division (Fred Campigli Memorial), Hay Squeeze Division (Heather Echarte Memorial); Overall Best of Show; and Overall Best Fleet. There are several other placements that are listed online or stop by the store at 160 North First Street in downtown Dixon.

For more information, go to [//bobtailapparel.com/pages/truck-](http://bobtailapparel.com/pages/truck-) or email info@bobtailapparel.com.

Also at the Dixon Fairgrounds on the following weekend, October 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. is the Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers AKC All Breeds Dog Show.

October 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. will be Dia De Los Muertos, a free community event with music, food, and vendors in the Silveyville Cemetery and presented by Silveyville Cemetery and the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. It is located at 800 South First Street across from the May Fair. Call (707) 678-5578 for more info. ★

Preventing Dating Violence

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'Unmask Love,' a fundraising event for the purpose of creating awareness on teen dating violence.

"I brought various women to the event because this needs to be in the schools," said Chanell Tyhurst, a Dixon real estate broker. "The families talked about how devastating it is for them and that it doesn't end. The man is up for parole every five years so they have to go to the parole hearing and re-live the horror. Everyone I brought was blown away."

Solano County District Attorney Krishna Abrams who was first elected to the District Attorney office in 2014, spoke at the first project on prosecuting dangerous offenders in the county.

"But my focus is being proactive and education," said McClellan, who added that she has given numerous talks to schools, colleges, Soroptimists, and other organizations. "I just talk from my heart about my experience with my

sister and about the different types of abuse and the warning signs. I also talk about my journey with the legislation process."

She works with another woman in southern California who works with Laura's House, an organization dedicated to empowering 'change to end domestic violence.' Both women are currently working on getting a website up so people can book speakers and make donations. They want to train speakers as there is a way to speak to teens and a different way to talk with parent, McClellan explained, and they want the education to be interactive.

They are raising funds for materials, doing the website, and getting some equipment for presentations, she said.

For more information on the signs of abuse, go to laurashouse.org/signs-of-abuse. If you'd like to help or get involved with the Empowerment Project, text or call (707) 761-6900. ★

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 - 41. Acrylic fiber
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“A HAUNTING IN VENICE” MYSTERY;
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A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“A HAUNTING IN VENICE”
RATED PG-13

Kenneth Branagh returns for a third time as famed detective Hercule Poirot in “A Haunting in Venice,” an unsettling supernatural thriller based upon Agatha Christie’s lesser-known novel “Hallowe’en Party.”

Take it from the filmmakers making it known that this adaptation of the famous British mystery writer’s work is a slightly different story than what’s in the book. The intent was to make the story a bit more dire.

One inescapable deviation from Christie’s novel is that the location moves from the English countryside to haunted Venice and the story happens on one haunted night rather than over the course of several days, almost a week.

It’s All Hallows’ Eve in an eerie Venice in the years following World War II, where celebrated sleuth Poirot now resides, apparently retired and living in a self-imposed exile.

Poirot may be aloof, but he’s able to afford the full-time services of Vitale Portoglio (Riccardo Scamarcio), a bodyguard to shield him from the beseechers of his erstwhile services.

Comfortable in his new ways, Poirot resists entreaties to get involved with his craft until along comes crime novelist Ariadne Oliver (Tina Fey), who has made the sleuth a character in her writing.

Oliver may be suffering an existential crisis just like Poirot, but she lures him out of his shell to attend a Halloween Night séance at the palazzo of former opera singer Rowena Drake (Kelly Reilly).

The faded elegance of the palazzo is reportedly haunted, though Poirot is skeptical of notion of the place being inhabited by ghosts even if the stormy night seems like the perfect setting for the supernatural.

A celebrity medium, Joyce Reynolds (Michelle Yeoh) is in attendance in an effort to summon the spirit of Alicia (Rowan Robinson), the daughter of the opera singer. For her part, Oliver hopes that Poirot will prove the clairvoyant to be a fraud.

Oddly enough, Poirot is almost a victim when he’s nearly drowned while bobbing for apples in a basin. But the first dead body turns up when a guest is impaled on a statue.

As is the case with most murder mysteries, the ensemble of guests may include a suspect or two. There’s the nervous Dr. Ferrier (Jamie Dornan) and his precocious young son Leopold (Jude Hill); Alicia’s onetime fiancé Maxime (Kyle Allen); and housekeeper Olga (Camille Cottin).

Reverting to his nature, Poirot locks down the palazzo for the night,

announcing that no one can leave until he uncovers the killer. The less said about the plot the better, since revealing too much may spoil the surprises.

True appreciation of Agatha Christie cinematic adaptations for the adventures of Hercule Poirot are best found in films of the Seventies such as “Murder on the Orient Express” and “Death on the Nile,” both of which have been remade in recent years.

“A Haunting in Venice,” though not quite the mystery thriller as good as previous iterations of the Branagh-led franchise, at least has the benefit of a being more appealing to an adult audience weary of repetitive superhero fare.

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In a candid, first-time interview with Rachel Lee, the so-called teenage mastermind behind a string of high-profile celebrity robberies in 2008 and 2009, “The Ringleader” examines the motivations of Lee and a group of her friends.

Breaking into celebrity homes in Hollywood to ransack and steal, the teens were fueled by the climate of celebrity excess as well as grappling with mental health issues and addictions.

Dozens of homes were burglarized by a surprisingly unsophisticated crime ring of youth from Calabasas. At the center of the controversy is 19-year-old Rachel Lee who led the burglaries at the homes of Paris Hilton, Orlando Bloom, and Lindsay Lohan.

Lee remained silent while the media and her former friends branded her the ringleader of a series of crimes that captured the culture’s fascination. Over ten years later and following a prison sentence, Lee speaks for the first time about her role in the crime spree.

The ringleader outlines the culture of celebrity worship that prevailed in the early 2000s, when socialites and Hollywood stars flaunted their wealth and designer lifestyles on social media and popular reality shows.

Driven by the need to be seen as a cool kid in high school and to emulate the lives of her idols, and using celebrity websites to track her victims’ whereabouts, Lee and her friends targeted celebrity homes to help themselves to over three million dollars’ worth of valuables and cash.

Chronicling the months of burglaries, the drama that transpired in the aftermath of the arrests and prosecutions, and the subsequent casting of blame, “The Ringleader” sheds light on a culture that led troubled teenagers to covet the lifestyles of the rich and famous. ★

The Unfortunate Side Effects of Heartbreak and Magic

by Breanne Randall

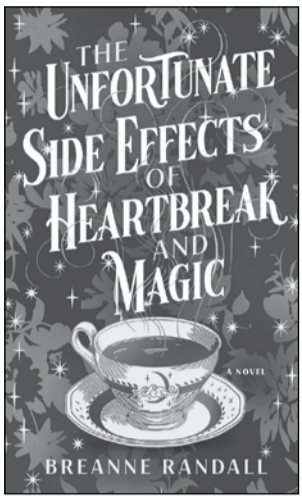
Practical Magic meets Gilmore Girls in this story of love, loss, magic, and discovering oneself.

Sadie Revelare cannot recall when magic wasn’t in her blood, pouring from her and into everything she touches. From her carefully tended garden that flows with an abundance of vegetables, herbs, and the most succulent peaches year-round. Everything Sadie touches seems to blossom with magic.

Even Sadie’s delectable baked goods beckon everyone in town to visit her shop, A Peach in Thyme, with carefully crafted treats like Pumpkin Ginger Pie, Peach Turnovers with Sweet Lemon Cream, Mint Julip Ice Cream, Lavender Pies with Honey, and Chrysanthemum Scones—each with their own magical properties and mouthwatering allure.

But with her magic also comes a curse that changes the course of her life with each heartbreak.

However, Sadie believes if she pours her love into baking instead of a person, she will be spared. While she thinks she has everything under control, fate has its own plans. With the diagnosis of her grandmother’s cancer, Sadie quickly learns that guarding herself from



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falling in love still won’t protect her from heartbreak, allowing the curse to take its toll.

As everything shifts, Sadie faces the devastation that her magic is also waning. Sadie’s garden begins to wilt and die, her twin brother leaves without a word, and the man who was the cause of her first heartbreak returns to town. Now, as everything falls apart, Sadie isn’t sure how to go on while also guarding her heart from Jake. Family secrets come to light, family curses are revealed, and no magical scone, cake, or tea will be able to save her.

As Sadie’s guarded heart begins to fall once again, Sadie will have to navigate more heartbreak

and secrets in order to break the curse, ultimately leaving her to uncover if true love is ever meant to be or is she cursed to forever succumb to heartbreak.

A magical story that will wind around readers’ hearts, The Unfortunate Side Effects of Heartbreak and Magic is the perfect fall read to enjoy while sipping a cup of tea in the garden. Breanne Randall delivers wonderfully strong characters that are each flawed in their own beautiful way while also teaching the value of hope even in the most challenging times.

Soft echoes of Practical Magic dance through the pages as family magic, curses, and an unrelenting desire for true love navigate life’s ups and downs.

The sweet smell of lavender and honey wafts from the pages as readers will yearn for a cup of earl grey tea with a dap of cinnamon and a sliver of cheery cheese pie. Readers will also be delighted to learn that some of the story’s tempting recipes are nestled within the pages as if torn from an old handwritten recipe book. A story that will soothe with its charm, pull you under with its magic, and root for love one heartbreak at a time. ★



John Fetterman Makes The U.S. Senate Safe For Disgraceful Slobs

John Fetterman’s Senate legacy is now set—he’s the guy who made it possible to dress like a slob.

What the Missouri compromise was to Henry Clay, what the Second Reply to Hayne was to Daniel Webster, what the Civil Rights Act of 1957 was to Lyndon Johnson, Carhartt sweatshirts and baggy shorts will be to John Fetterman.

The Pennsylvania senator is the poster boy – if self-indulgent sloppiness is your thing – for the Senate dropping a dress code that required senators to dress in business attire when appearing on the Senate floor.

Fetterman briefly complied with the rule by putting on a suit and tie after he was first elected. Then, he reverted to his standard uniform that makes it look like he just arrived after sitting on his couch, surrounded by empty pizza boxes, watching football games all weekend.

There’s business casual, then there’s Fetterman’s garb. It wouldn’t be acceptable at many fraternity events around the country. Philadelphia Eagles fans dress more carefully on game days. If he showed up at almost any service or working class job in Amer-

ica dressed this way, his supervisor would give him a stern talking to and insist that he have more respect for himself, his colleagues, and his customers.

But, as it happens, he’s only a United States senator, so he can wear whatever he damn pleases.

When the history of the decline of American institutions is written, the jettisoning of the Senate dress code may not be more than a footnote, yet it will deserve mention.

It has long been remarked that it matters how we dress. Mark Twain is sometimes said to have written (in what’s actually a paraphrase), “Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.”

It turns out that slovenly people do, however.

The business suit as we know it had its origins in the court of British King Charles II. Then, the 19th-century British trendsetter Beau Brummell made an important contribution by simplifying the outfit. After various twists and turns, by the mid-20th century in the United States, the modern suit had arrived. As an article in The Atlantic notes, “It appeared on everyone from cab drivers to business executives, and made all appear polished and professional.”

The unraveling began several decades ago with the advent of Casual Friday, which eventually spread into Casual Everyday.

The Senate giving way to this ethos after a couple of centuries of a high-

er standard is a sign of the times.

We no longer reliably produce people willing to conform themselves to the norms and expectations of their institutions; personal brands are considered more important. And the leaders of institutions tend to lack the courage to insist on rules that may no longer fashionable, even if they still serve an important function.

It’s not that John Fetterman is going to be a better or worse senator depending on how he dresses – he’ll be a party-line vote regardless. But his dress speaks to how he regards his position.

This would be obvious in other contexts. If someone shows up at a funeral or a wedding in jeans and a T-shirt, it is taken, understandably, as a sign of disrespect, as an unwillingness to make the basic effort to acknowledge the solemnity of the occasion.

A session of the Senate isn’t as fraught and meaningful as a wedding or a funeral, but it should be considered an event of some consequence. The history of the body stretches back to the beginning of the republic, and it is invested with considerable power. Dressing appropriately acknowledges this; dressing as if it’s a bowling alley disregards it.

Would we take a judge as seriously without his or her robes? Or an officer of the law without his or her uniform?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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SBDC Director Honored with State Star Award



Tim Murrill holds the State Star Award for his leadership in helping businesses in Napa and Solano County. Photo courtesy of SBDC

SBDC Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Tim Murrill, the director of the Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center, was recently honored with the prestigious California Small Business Development Center State Star Award. The Star Award, one of the highest recognitions from the SBDC, recognizes individuals and centers that show exceptional dedication and contributions to the small business community. Murrill, was selected as the NorCal SBDC awardee based on the impressive growth and milestones the Solano-Napa SBDC center has experienced under his leadership. He accepted the Star Award alongside honorees from across the country at a reception at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN earlier this month. The event coincided with the 2023 Americas SBDC conference.

“This has been such a professional honor for me,

but it’s also not something I could have ever achieved alone,” Murrill said. “We have an incredible team and community within the Solano-Napa SBDC - over 30 business advisors, all our local partners from every city in Solano and Napa, our host, the Workforce Development Board of Solano County, and of course, our clients, the business owners who inspire us every day. They are why we do what we do.”

Murrill, a former small business owner himself who also worked as Director of Global Sales for FedEx, has been at the helm of the Solano-Napa SBDC Center for almost five years. In that time, the center has been known for being one of the “firsts” in many areas in the NorCal network, from administering COVID-relief grants to lobbying for local American Rescue Act (ARPA) funding for innovative programs for business owners.

Murrill and his team

ventured into grant administration in the summer of 2020, when they partnered with the Workforce Development Board of Solano County on the Rebuild Solano’s Small Business Grant. Since then, Solano-Napa SBDC and the Solano WDB have administered half a dozen COVID-relief grants, including two for the City of Vallejo, one for the City of Fairfield, the Solano County Microbusiness Grant and Napa County Micro Business Grant, and the City of Napa’s leaf blower rebate program.

“We are one of only several SBDCs in the state to be hosted by a workforce development board and the partnership we have built has allowed both organizations to leverage strengths to provide even more benefits and support for our businesses and community,” Murrill said.

Earlier this year, Murrill went before Solano County’s Board of Supervisors and was awarded American Rescue Act (ARPA) money that funded the launch of the Solano Success Business Accelerator. This six-week accelerator, which includes a grant for business owners that complete the program, has been so successful in Solano County that Napa County’s Board of Supervisors approved funding for Solano-Napa SBDC to bring the program to their county businesses as well.

“Through our various grant programs, we have been able to meet and interact with thousands of business owners,” Murrill

said. “Many have gone on to sign up for business advising or our monthly virtual trainings. We’re able to be a resource for them. Our number one priority, and the reason we do what we do, is to support our business owners.”

Solano-Napa SBDC also regularly meets and exceeds its Economic Impact milestones set by the NorCal SBDC and Americas SBDC. In 2023

alone, Solano-Napa advisors have worked with their clients to increase sales by \$18.9 million – 151% of the annual goal. Other center milestones for the first nine months of 2023 include 39 new business starts, \$12.6 million in loans and equity, and 240 new jobs.

“I am very proud of the work that is being done at the Solano-Napa SBDC and the team we have

built,” Murrill said.

The SBDC is best known for its confidential one-on-one business advising, available at no cost to new and existing business owners. The Solano-Napa SBDC is proud to have over 30 business experts who support local small business owners. Learn more and sign up for business advising online at solanopasbdc.org

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: **500 West Chestnut Street (Randall Ross Project)** - Request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a towing business. The business would have four trucks and ten employees. Towing operations are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Business operations do not include the use of large trucks, semis, construction equipment, or forklifts. Approximately 60% of business is anticipated to be conducted during the daytime. The anticipated number of towed vehicles on-site is between 10 and 30, and will be stored inside the existing building or towards the northern end of the lot. Other than aerosol cans, motor oil, and anti-freeze, no hazardous wastes will be kept on-site. With exception to a proposed 6 foot tall wrought iron gate and an 18 foot wide rolling gate to be located in the middle of the lot and a 2 foot by 8 foot sign, no other site improvements are proposed. The General Plan land use designation is Industrial (Ind). APN: 0114-100-030; Zoning District: Light Industrial (ML); Randall Ross owner and applicant; File No: PA23-23, UP23-03.

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 Section 15301, Class 1 [Existing Facilities]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** 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 to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission 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 PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 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 Planning Commission 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)).

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).

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) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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.

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 22, 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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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.
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 22, 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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SUISUN 9-29-23

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 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 July 19, 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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NASHVILLE 9-29-23

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.

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 23, 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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WEST 9-29-23

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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WEST 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001351
The following persons are doing business as: Bottom Line Notary, 2010-A Harbison Drive #654, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Victoria Garrison, PO Box 1679, Sacramento, CA 95812.
Date filed in Solano County: August 29, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 28, 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

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BOTTOM 10-6-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU23-03268

Esala A Nakalevu and Salesia Nakalevu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ilesia Ilijah Nakalevu to Elijah Ilesia Nakalevu.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 8, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Department 12, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: September 8, 2023, 2023
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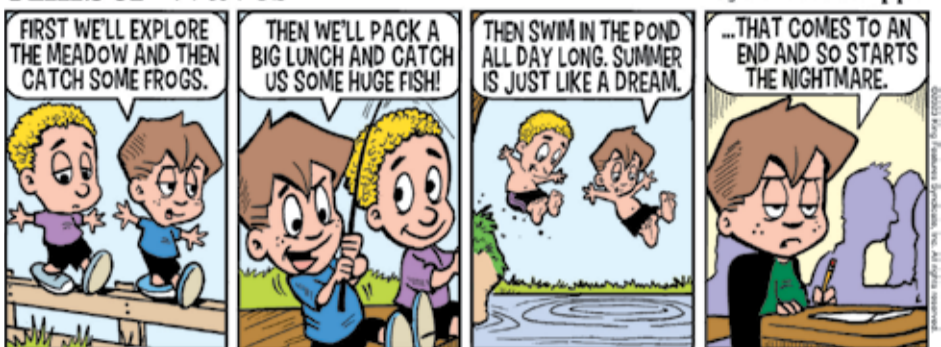
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by Jeff Pickering

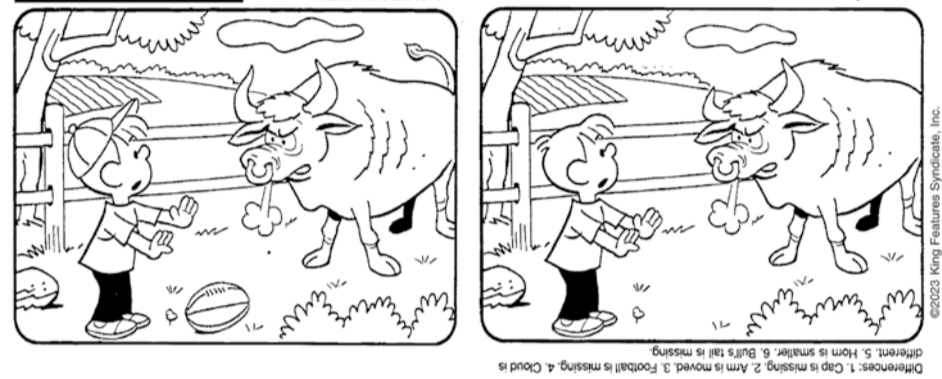


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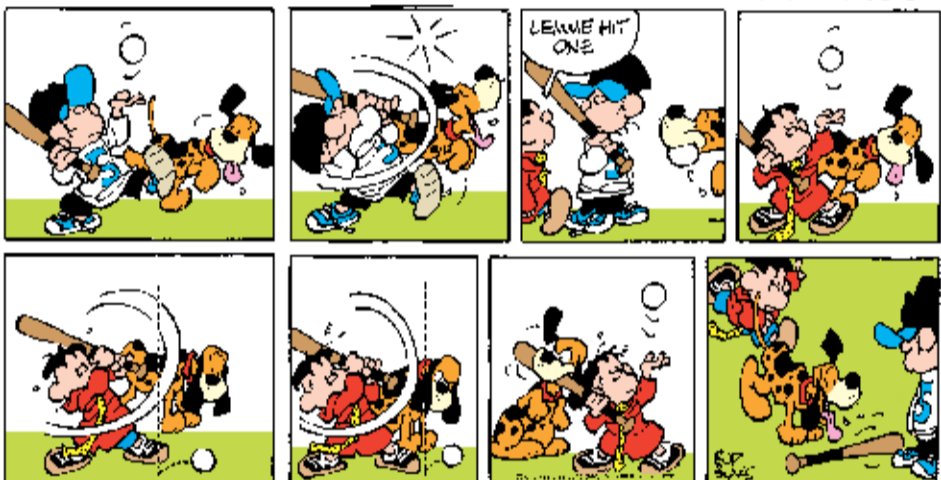


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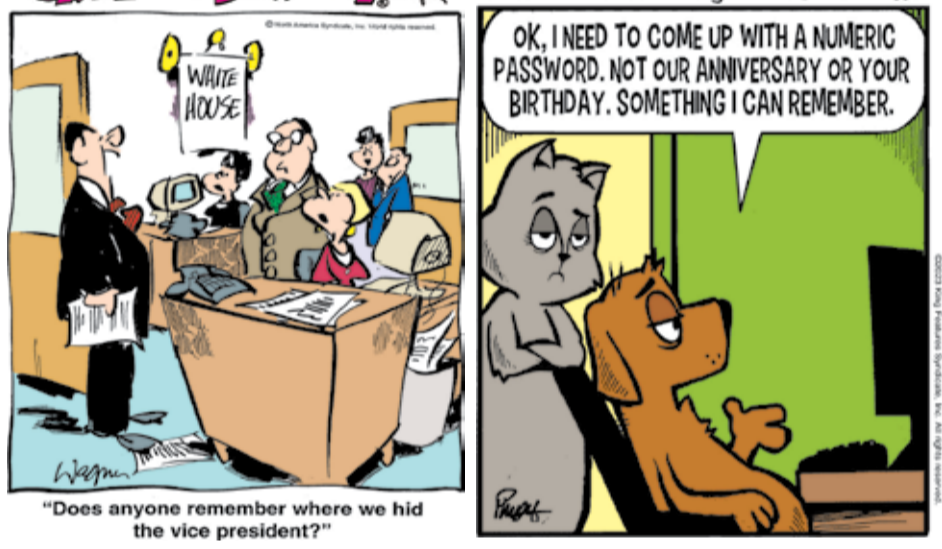
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Fire Department to Host Open House

Graduate Finds Mission in Military

Dixon Fire Department News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Fire Department is hosting a series of events in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention," including school presentations and an open house on Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dixon Fire Station at 205 Ford Way.

The Dixon Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW) for more than 100 years – to promote this year's FPW campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™." The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths. "Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. "These numbers tell us that there is still much work to do when it



Children learn some basic CPR tips from a firefighter at last year's open house which culminates with Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8-14. DFD courtesy photo

comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking."

The Dixon Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU," said Chief Todd McNeal. "A cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented."

The Dixon Fire Department offers these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire:

1. Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

2. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

3. Have a "kid- and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Dixon, please contact the Dixon Fire Department at dixonfire@cityofdixon.org.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit fpw.org and sparky.org. ★

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School, I made the Dean's List with a 97.8," he said.

BORED IN HIGH SCHOOL

One wonders can a student even graduate with that low of a GPA?

"We have close to 1200 students and we have only two counselors," explained Maria Nevarez-Torres, DHS Registrar. She explained that a student can graduate as long as they have the required units.

"That GPA is not a flag for the counseling department. The counselors are busy putting out fires. We need help from parents." She did add that parents do get notified and students would get transferred.

"I have a personal thing I want to tell kids: that although grades are important, they are not THAT important. Your grades can't keep you from [having a career.] I've definitely grown up from a dumb high school kid to, I like to think, something bigger," AJ said. "I joined the military to help save lives and I'm extremely happy I get to do that." His mother is proud.

"From when he was young, this boy was so smart," said Tammy Castelli. "The details that he could remember on the topics that he was interested in was amazing. When he was younger one of his preschool teachers said he was going to be President someday. He's very well-rounded, played sports, and was well-liked by his peers. High School was a challenge because he was bored."

Of course, his parents were concerned but they also felt sure AJ would find his way.

"He's always been extremely intelligent. He could read a 300-page book in one night," said AJ's father, Marc Castelli. "He wasn't challenged at Dixon High. He wasn't taught what he was interested in. AJ thrives on structure." AJ's sister, Reagan, kept close and they were best friends.

"Based on the political environment, when he came home and said he made an appointment with a Navy recruiter, my heart dropped," Tammy confided. "It's been very emotional for me. We were at his bootcamp graduation in a big auditorium in Illinois and it snowed that day. They opened these big rolling doors and they were all lined up. He got to hold a flag (earned that privilege) and they all in sync, came marching in. I thought,



AJ Castelli, DHS Class of 2022 was back on campus recently to talk about becoming a Marine Corpsman. AJ graduated top of his Marine Corps class. Courtesy photo

there's my little boy and now he's a man, so my heart just melted like the first day he was born," she said. AJ graduated a Corpsman from Texas then trained with the Marines in North Carolina.

PASSION IGNITED

"Once he found the military, he found his calling. It's challenging, interesting, and structured. It gives him all the things that he thrives upon. He loves meeting and exceeding expectations," Marc added.

AJ went to DHS and did presentations. A lot of the questions from the students that afternoon were about his specific Corpsman job, he said. They wanted to know about his training.

"I am a Fleet Marine Corps Corpsman and my specialty is battlefield medicine. So, a lot of the kids were asking about what kind of injuries we can treat and what we can do in the field that others can't do," he said.

"He got nine students interested enough to arrange military interviews and because of that, AJ has been nominated for an award," Marc said. "They said no one else had ever done that."

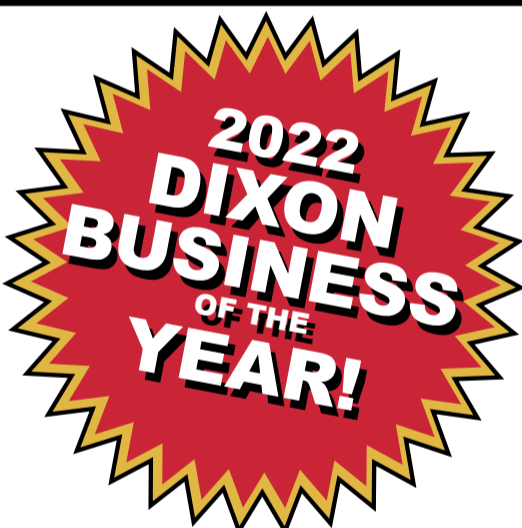
After AJ leaves Dixon, he will go to Portsmouth Naval Hospital and work in the Emergency Room Trauma Center and then will be going onto a deployment with the 2nd medical battalion.

"I could not be more proud of the choices he has made," Tammy said. "I find peace in the fact that he is very passionate. As a mother you can worry but knowing that he would not have it any other way, I can only support him." ★

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