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Breaking the Record



Breaking a 23-year-long record are Audra Lacey, Abby Kosiewicz, Sophia Martinez, and Faith Dunn with Coach Michael Vlach who has coached swimming for more than a decade. He is also a DHS Computer Science teacher. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Taking their spots to roll up four lanes of pool covers like pros, the four young women took only minutes to reveal the sparkling waters of the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center, their home away from home. They gathered with their proud Swim Team Coach Michael Vlach in celebration of breaking a 25-year-old swim record set in 1999 in the Medley Meter for Dixon High School.

"It's a big deal because it was a long-standing record," said

Lindsay Dunn, mother of one of the swimmers.

Sophia Martinez, Audra Lacey, Abby Kosiewicz, and Faith Dunn posed with Vlach and were excited to remember how they had seen the record on the large boards posted on the Dixon High School gymnasium walls and how they had set the goal to break it.

"The Dixon High Athletic Association purchased the swim and track and field record board years ago to showcase the records held. Some are from the early '20s and still stand," said Julie Mustard of the

Athletic Association. "The purpose of the boards is to allow the community to see the amazing records broken and held, and also to inspire students at DHS. Every student at DHS travels through the gym for either class or events and it is the hope that this motivates them as they can see the record right in front of them," she added.

Two of the girls swam with the Dixon Dolphins since they were 11 years old and the other two joined the high school team along the way. Vlach reported that the Dixon

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Students Invited to Constitution Contest

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - Attention students: Do you know your Constitution? You could win some bucks if you do. The Constitution Literacy Advocates announces its 12th annual Constitution Essay Contest. Solano County high school students, grades 10 through 12 have a chance to win up to \$700 plus \$100 for their school by entering. Winners are usually recognized at a formal dinner and are named on a perpetual plaque.

The purpose of the contest is to promote a greater appreciation and understanding of our country's Founding Documents and especially our United States Constitution. The CLA provides opportunities and resources for Constitution education in homes, schools, our local communities, and throughout our country.

All students attending public, private, and home schools in Solano County, in grades 10-12, are eligible and invited to participate. The essays are 500-words written on *If the U.S. Constitution protects our God given unalienable Rights, why is 'eternal vigilance' necessary to protect our Liberty?*

The 2023 contest entries will be received now until noon Friday, October 20. Entry forms and more information is available by emailing Chair Colleen Britton at constitution225@gmail.com or reading on the website at www.celebratetheconstitution.webs.com. The school award must have 30 students enter from the same school by the deadline to be eligible for the Best of Schools Award and notice of entire classrooms would be appreciated.

Awards for the 2023 Constitution Essay Contest will include: Grand Prize \$700 Grant for the best essay; Best of School Awards \$100. Mini-Grant Awards to one student from every school which submits 30 or more entries; and Founders' Choice Awards of \$50. Mini-Grants as merited. Note: All Mini-Grant awards come from the Constitution Education Project Fund, a component fund of the Solano Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. Visit their website at www.solanocf.org for more information and entry forms. ★

60th Reunion Draws Far and Local Friends

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - "Almost 90 Dixon High School 'students' who attended Dixon High School from 1960 through 1963 attended last week's 60th Class Reunion organized by long-time local resident Bill Schroeder and held at the Dixon Moose Lodge.

Numerous local faces were easily recognized like Jess and Mel Jones, Binky Rowe, Diane Schroder, Pat Inderbitzen, Peggy Beebe, Butch and Vicki Azevedo, Sue Avery, Mike Neese, and more.

Butch was Class of '61 and Vicki was Class of '64.

"It was nice seeing everybody and thank goodness they had their name tags on," Vicki Azevedo said with a laugh. "I remember some from high school, and I was fine as long as I could see their name. I thought it was a good turnout and it was nice to be able to walk around and reminisce and bring back memories," she added. It helped that there



Class of 1960: Back row - Richard Fuchslin, Terry Dyer, George Vogel. Front row - Pat Inderbitzen, Meme Millang, Diane Schroeder, Cathy Shepard, Jess Jones. Attended but missing from photo is Robert Schultz. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Class Reunion

were a couple yearbooks floating around.

People enjoyed Mexican food from Vasquez Deli in Vacaville for lunch and took all of Saturday afternoon to visit. Some came from as far away as Austin, Texas; Idaho; Carson City

and Fallon, Nevada; and South Lake Tahoe.

"I think we had an unusually close class," said Jess Jones who attended with wife, MaryEllen. "There was a core group that were like brothers and sisters in a way.

That's what I remember a lot about it." He told a story that demonstrated the unique friendship they shared.

"George Vogel was married to one of the Schroeder girls who was a lifelong

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Life's too SHORT



Aunt Bobbie Jo and Her Senior Living Story

By Debra Dingman

She was only 5 feet tall, maybe a little less. She had the most gorgeous, long, thick blonde hair a younger woman could have. She had fierce blue eyes that when squinted, would scare a raccoon, but mostly would twinkle when she laughed. She was my Aunt Bobbie Jo.

My Texas-born aunt and strong Italian uncle were my idols. They loved fiercely and never ran short on laughter.

They bought a restaurant at Shaver Lake and lived above it in a spotless clean 2nd floor home until they bought a piece of land and built a barn home on it. Later, they would add two more barn homes for their children on the same property but far enough away they each would have their privacy. It was so smart.

My uncle's diabetes resulted in the amputation of both his legs and for many years Bobbie Jo took care of him. Then my other cousin, their son, died suddenly from his diabetes. Within a year, my uncle also died from complications of his diabetes. It was tragic.

Life went on and my aunt loved on her sweet daughter who had married a firefighter and they lived in their beautiful barn home on the property helping for several years the still feisty Bobbie Jo even when she didn't want it. Way too soon later, the firefighter died from Parkinson's.

It was too many funerals in a row but a chance for my siblings and I to reconnect with my aunt in a wonderful way. She hadn't changed over the years other than cropping her hair short and I noticed it was the same texture and color as my own Daddy's when I hugged her. I called my aunt every now and then and loved and laughed like yesteryears.

But being out in the woods with the fires scared me and the snakes killed her dogs, and we knew it was time to change. Bobbie Jo fought the idea at first.

My cousin moved her beloved mom to a nearby 'Senior Living facility.' According to my cousin who regularly visited, my aunt became the Queen of the place. I know Bobbi Jo made people laugh and made them keep the place spotless. She played games, joked with staff, and danced to the music that her and my uncle loved. She enjoyed the meals and not having to make a bed or wash a dish. We believe her happiness extended her lively and spunky life. She died suddenly at age 91 and joined her Heavenly family.

When I recently toured the Farmstead at Dixon senior living, I came home and did all the math and added all the time that would change for pleasure. When you move into one of those places, there isn't a time you need to sit down and pay all the bills like water, electricity, garbage, or internet, etc., etc. You don't have to call and hassle a clerk because someone got the bill wrong. You don't have to think about the menu or shop for the groceries, and you have a plethora of options for meals including pizza and ice cream if you want.

You don't have to take care of your yard or pay for someone to do it for you. You have friends anytime you open your door. They are people who want to be with other people. You can form a book club or join a game group or have fun watching the Golden Bachelor together. You can truly enjoy life and still have family visits or go visit family. It seems like a very healthy (and smart) option if you want to live to see great grandchildren and celebrate your 90th birthday. ★

Parks and Rec Announces New Activities



Recreation Supervisor Kyla Schnitter, Senior Club Board Member Virginia Fletcher, and Recreation Manager Austin George pose in the newly updated kitchen at the Dixon Senior Center. The kitchen had been neglected for the past several years but in the past year, the Senior Club members rallied the City Council for help to get the project done.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Parks and Recreation Commissioners heard a detailed report last week on various past and future programs that will be offered through the Parks and Recreation Department.

From 2021 to 2022, Aquatic Program Participation in Lap and Recreation swim doubled and increased a bit this year along with doubled pool rentals and lifeguard training, according to Austin George, City of Dixon Recreation Manager.

"This summer has been great, the pool looks amazing, and the staff has been a pleasure to work with, and our programs are showing good signs for the future," he said. "The plan now is to build on the successes of this summer and adapt our skills and experiences so we can offer new and improved programs for everyone to enjoy."

Here are some of the upcoming programs:

*On Friday, October 20, the Senior Club is having a pizza party from noon until 2 p.m. with special guest Officer Carella and K-9 partner Maverick from the Dixon Police Department. Sign-up by October 16 and join the fun;

*The Senior Center and Readi-Ride are offering a trip to Apple Hill on October 27. The bus leaves the senior center around 8:30 a.m. and returns around 3 p.m. There are a couple of stops in Apple Hill and lunch at Red Hawk Casino. Cost is \$25 per person and sign-ups end October 20;

*The Senior Club is planning a Halloween Social on Tuesday, October 31. They will be having coffee and pumpkin pastries along with a flower arranging contest using small pumpkins as the vase. Event is noon to 2 p.m.;

*CPR/First-Aid/AED classes are open for registration right now through the City of Dixon website. One class is on October 21 and another on October 22. The class is open to anyone aged 12 and up. Cost is \$105 and includes an online portion prior to the in-person

class. Certifications are valid for 2 years;

*Babysitting 101 will be offered this winter with the first class on December 16 and a second on February 10. Anyone aged 11 to 15 can sign-up and the cost is \$105;

*Two basketball camps are also being offered the week of Thanksgiving Monday through Wednesday as well as the week of Christmas Wednesday through Friday. There is a half-day and full-day option for these camps. These camps are offered through the National Academy of Athletics. Cost is \$109 or \$155.

In other news, Public Works Director Loren Kotow reported that the main line affecting watering of the parks would be resolved in another week or two but with the cool nights, that will help the grass and plants from suffering or turning brown, she indicated.

"All the Hall Park repairs have been completed," she said. "October 7 is another Volunteer Day, and we will focus on the Hall Park playground closest to the Aquatic Center. Hope to see people out and assisting." Volunteers can sign up on the city website cityofdixon.us

Kotow also reported that they had just received concrete tables, small barbecues and pool bins that will be going to Patwin, Northwest and Cornejo Parks. Also received were signs with info on reservations for park facilities.

"That's to increase our communication out to the community and you can see from a distance whether or not the site is reserved," she added. "The Parks Master Plan is nearing completion. We are hoping to be done by the end of the year. Next is how to fund these improvements." Public Works supports the events downtown so will be working on roads or signs, for example, with the various activities and events there.

Lastly, George announced the 'Get-to-Know-Your-Parks Scavenger Hunt' will be October 16 through November 20 with a new clue given each week on the City of Dixon Facebook. Watch there for more details. ★

Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon High School cheerleaders will be out in force this Friday to rally on the Rams for a Homecoming victory against the Woodland Wolves. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Homecoming is tonight!

Dixon High Rams will be playing tonight with Junior varsity at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m. against the Woodland High School Wolves. Homecoming festivities will be during the Varsity half-time game on the Finney Field.

School Traffic Warning

From the office of the Dixon Unified School District: While the amount of traffic at the beginning and end of the school day across the District has decreased, the kinds of driving being exhibited around the schools and in the surrounding neighborhoods is terrible. In no particular order, we see speeding, stopping in the middle of a lane to let students in or out of the car, ignoring crossing guards, parking in restricted areas (including those for disabled persons), and many more. Please – for the sake of our students and other pedestrians around the schools – drive as if peoples' lives depend on what you do behind the wheel.

Public Relations Class

On Wednesday, October 11 from noon to 2 p.m., the Napa-Solano Small Business Development Center will offer an online free training on public relations. 'Build Your PR: It's All About Connections.'

Public relations is crucial to the success of every business, big and small. Small budget-conscious businesses do not have the luxury of hiring their own PR firm and have to take on a more DIY approach but due to the internet, there are now many avenues for businesses managing and building their PR efforts. In this webinar, they'll explore free PR opportunities available to small businesses and is taught by Brianna Boyd of Dixon. Register by going to solanonapasbdc.org/events/.

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 busy-beeyoga.com under the 'events' tab.

Medical Equipment Available

The Senior Club who meets at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center has some medical equipment available for free rental. They have canes, walkers, shower seats, and other equipment that may be used by Dixon Seniors. Call (707) 678-7022 for more information on what equipment is currently available.

Cat Shows

The Poppy State Cat Club is holding a 2-day Cat Show at the Yolo County Fair October 7 -8. Saturday is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be cat costumes and vendors. Email tufftons1@yahoo.com for more information but mark your calendar for the one in Dixon on Saturday, December 16 only at the Dixon fairgrounds.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 10 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 online.

Free Pancakes & More

This Saturday, 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 provide their mobile clinic service free of charge during the event. They include free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and baby materials such as clothes, diapers, and formula.

Pork Dinner

Breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables and a roll will be the dinner on Friday, October 6, at the Veterans memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street. Cost is \$10. ★

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Solano Speaks

Report of initial polling data from Solano County residents

Solano County Poll - Key Findings

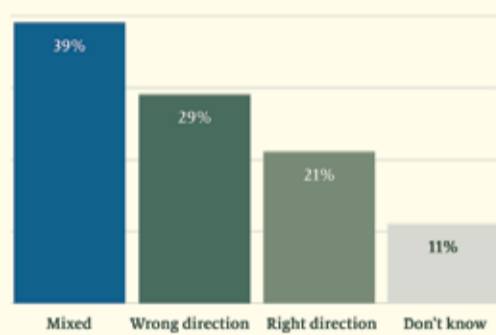


Introduction

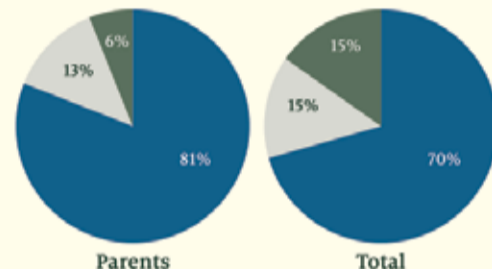
The following data comes from two scientific polls; one conducted between July 10th and 16th with a random sample of 600 Solano residents aged 18+ (taken from the county registered voter list) and the other conducted between August 20th and 27th of 800 Solano citizens. These polls were conducted over 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:



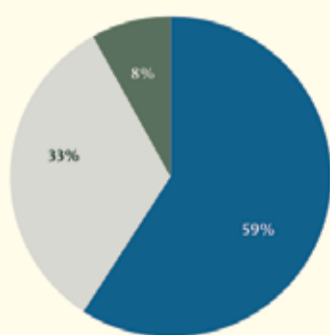
Solano County voters are worried that their area will not be affordable for the next generation.



- 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.

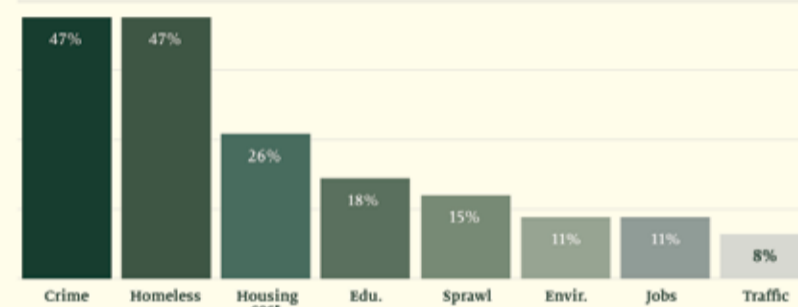
Here are two statements about how elected officials in Solano County should be thinking about planning for the next 10 years. Which do you agree with more:



- 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.

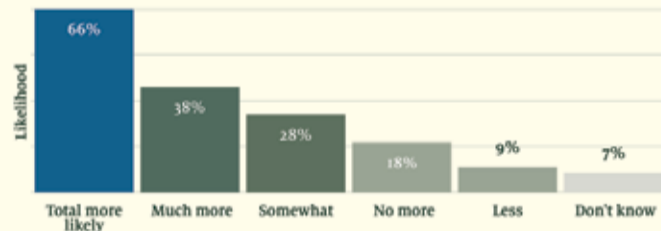
Thinking specifically about Solano County, which of the following issues will be most important to you when voting for county officials: (Combined top two mentions)



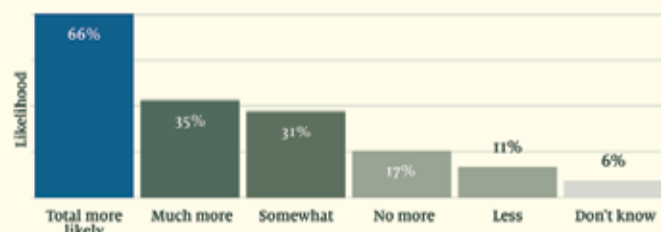
We believe every issue on this list is important, and in our vision we want the future community to address all these challenges. We are excited that our project will create a lot of good paying jobs right here in the county, as well as provide affordable middle class housing in walkable neighborhoods, 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.

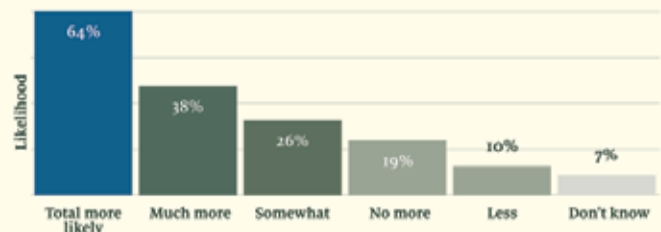
It would include a new trade school so that local residents can learn the skills to get the new good paying jobs created by this project



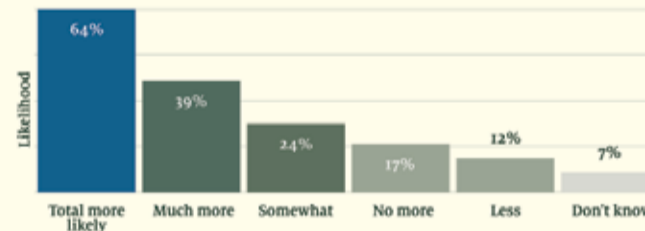
It would create thousands of permanent, good paying jobs in construction, solar energy, and services by bringing major employers to the county



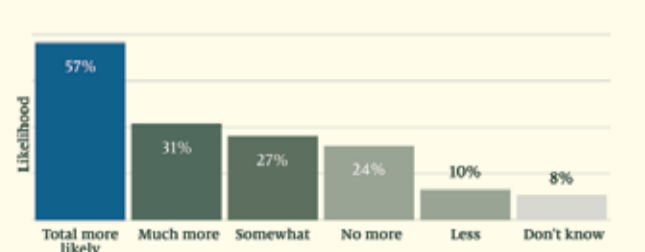
It would plant millions of new olive trees and a new oak forest, which would create more agricultural revenues and jobs



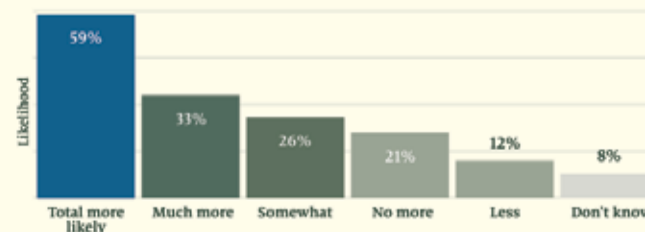
It would create thousands of acres of new projects that restore ecological habitats and help keep the Delta and the Bay healthy and resilient against climate change



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.

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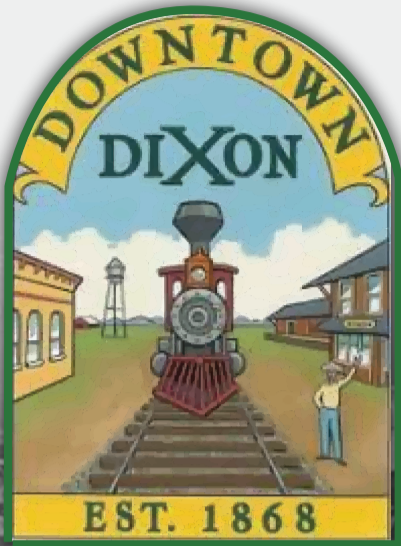
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Discover Downtown Dixon - Shop, Dine, Explore!

A healthy community begins with a healthy downtown. They are the heartbeat of our communities and they are also key indicators of larger social and economical trends such as thriving businesses, engaged citizens, cultural events, and jobs.

The Downtown Dixon Business Association Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month inside local businesses.

Keep an eye on this space every month for information about all the fun and engaging events happening in Downtown Dixon.



Upcoming Events

- **The Brewski Fest** is put on by the Downtown Dixon Business Association and will be on Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. in downtown Dixon. This event features Beer Tasting, Craft Beers, Food, and Live Music. Tickets are \$30 in advance via DowntownDixonCA.com or \$35 the day of. Check-in for your DDBA Pint Beer Glass and map of breweries will be at the Pardi Plaza, corner of First and A Streets, and also at Kevin Johnson RE/MAX /Chamber office at 220 North Jefferson Street which offers plenty of parking. Must be 21 and over.
- On Sunday, October 15, at 2 p.m. the story of the **Fong Family and the Pardi Market** will be presented at the **Dixon Historical Society's** Quarterly Meeting held at the Dixon United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall entrance on B Street at North Jefferson Street. It is free and refreshments will be served.
- On Halloween Day, costumes galore will make the fun at the annual **Downtown Dixon Halloween Treat Trail**, Tuesday, October 31, starting at 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. You can also head through the Haunted Tunnel to the Chamber of Commerce Trunk or Treat that will go from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Chamber parking area for games and more goodies!

Call (707) 678-8400 for more information.



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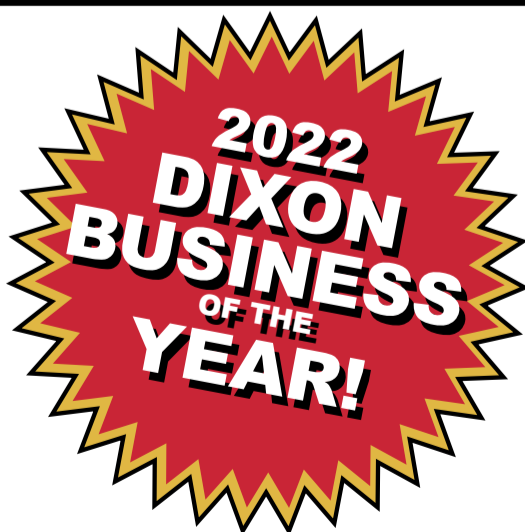
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Breaking the Record

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Dolphins are instrumental in creating swim athletes for Dixon High.

All of them were also in Water Polo so during the season, the young women were in the water almost every day.

"We've been kicked, jabbed, elbowed, and kicked in the knees," they laughed.

"Because we were friends outside of the team, I think it helped us reach our goal," said Faith.

The determined young athletes did break the record and of all days, the Senior Prom was that night. They reported they quickly face-timed their Assistant Coach who got pulled for "sub-duty" and could not be there, then ran off to get ready for prom.

"Jezabel Corona was a big part of our team and was a big part of our success," said Vlatch.

One of the girls, Kosiewicz, was a senior, and soon going off to college but the board could not get done before she left. She is now attending Santa Barbara City College and returned to Dixon last week for the occasion of seeing her name go up on her alma mater walls.

The sign, updated by Doug Sutherland

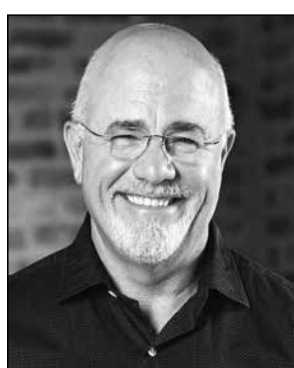
of D-Sign Graffix and coordinated by DHS Athletic Director Brett Peterson, was to be up this week.

"If you look at the names on the board you will recognize many as members still involved and doing great things in the Dixon Community and beyond," said Mustard.

The organization that ensures the Boards get done is one you might recognize for their annual Hall of Fame Dinner which is hosted by dedicated volunteers on a mission to raise funds for the athletic programs at Dixon High School.

"Thousands of dollars are raised each year [from the dinner] and those funds have bought uniforms, equipment, and signs," said organizer Linda Barrett who explained the group was formed to keep alive school traditions and to honor those persons who have excelled in one or more high school athletic programs.

'By Honoring the Past, we Promote the Future' is the mission of the Dixon High School Athletic Association. If you'd like to make a donation, go online to DixonHallofFame.org or mail to P.O. Box 415, Dixon CA 95620. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

It's Not a Good Long-Term Plan

Dear Dave,

My girlfriend's parents are divorced, and they're both in their early seventies. We talked the other night, and she's thinking about buying them each life insurance policies. The only coverage her dad has is through his employer. Her mom has remarried, and she doesn't have any life insurance at all. On top of this, her dad is worried he might have to pay her mom's funeral expenses if she died, and he's not in good enough shape financially to do that. Do you have any advice?

- Joshua

Dear Joshua,

If the only life insurance her dad has is furnished through his employer, then he probably won't have

it anymore once he stops working. I suppose it's fine if she wants to buy them each a small policy, but it's liable to be pretty expensive at their age.

Now, she can do this, but I don't think it would be a good long-term plan. I'd tell your girlfriend she needs to start saving money and building up her own wealth. If she had just \$20,000 in savings, that'd be more than enough to bury two people. Please understand, I don't mean to sound insensitive. We're talking solely about the economics involved in this kind of situation.

The other thing your girlfriend should do is have a discussion with her mom to find out if the stepfather has the money to handle that kind of thing. When it comes right down to it, any final expenses for her mom would be his responsibility now - not her dad's. She should have a discussion with her dad about preparing for things, too. But if her dad's got insurance

through work, and the stepdad is ready to pay for her mom's burial, then they're covered for the immediate future.

In short, I wouldn't do it unless they absolutely don't have this sort of thing covered. Even then, I'd prefer she just covered it with cash, because all we're talking about is enough to cover burial costs. No matter what anyone else says, Joshua, a nice funeral doesn't have to be crazy expensive.

- 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. ★

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California Legislature resolves fast food franchise battle but another industry still rages



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The California Legislature devoted much of its time this year to a battle over regulating wages and working conditions of fast-food workers.

Last year, legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom created a state agency that would oversee the fast-food industry, which fought back with a referendum asking voters to overturn the new law, arguing that it would undermine the franchise business model.

With the referendum qualified for the ballot, the battle was rejoined this year with a proposal to make parent companies liable for labor law violations, further eroding the franchise model.

Ultimately, the clash was resolved with a compromise that gave sponsors of the legislation, unions mostly, what they wanted, including a new \$20 minimum wage, but removed the threat to the franchise system. Newsom signed the compromise legislation, Assembly Bill 1228, last week, and the fast food industry will remove its referendum from the 2024 ballot.

"Signature of AB 1228 preserves the franchise business model in the state and solidifies the best possible outcome for workers, local restaurant

owners, and brands," Matt Haller, president of the International Franchise Association, said in a statement.

While the fast-food battle drew much media attention, there was another, much quieter clash over the franchise business model, involving a much more important segment of the consumer economy: new car sales.

This one, however, pitted auto manufacturers against their own franchised dealers in California and it's still underway as each side tries to persuade Newsom to favor its position.

During the 1930s, as the nation's auto industry consolidated into a few major manufacturers, they created a system for selling their vehicles through local franchised dealers.

When European and Asian automakers began peddling their vehicles in the United States after World War II, they also adopted the franchise system.

Dealerships often became major businesses unto themselves, particularly when corporations acquired multiple franchises. And it is common knowledge that dealerships profit handsomely from after-sale maintenance and repair work for their new car customers, as well as used car sales.

In many states, holders of valuable new car franchises bolstered their monopolies by persuading legislatures to pass laws making it illegal for anyone other than franchised dealers to sell new cars.

Relationships between automakers and their franchisees haven't always

been smooth and their clashes have often reached the political arena, but the underlying system has remained intact.

Then Elon Musk and Tesla came along.

Musk refused to sell his revolutionary, battery-powered cars through franchised dealers and set up his own dealerships, incurring the wrath of franchisees. Tesla waged legal battles in states that had barred or limited its direct sales to customers.

By and by, however, as major manufacturers began making their own electric cars, they began toying with the notion of emulating Tesla and bypassing franchises in favor of direct sales.

Franchised dealerships see that as a threat to their place in the multibillion-dollar business of selling and servicing new cars. In California alone, upwards of 2 million new cars and light trucks are sold each year.

Enter Assembly Bill 473, introduced at the behest of the state's franchised new car dealers. It would put some tight restrictions on the ability of automakers to bypass the franchise system and also deals with other aspects of the business such as construction of electric car chargers and subscription services to new car owners.

The automakers mounted a lobbying campaign to block the bill but it survived committee and floor votes and has landed on Newsom's desk.

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



Grasshoppers, Crickets Destroy Crops in North State

Farmers along the California-Oregon border have reported millions of dollars in losses from a torrent of grasshoppers and Mormon crickets feeding on rangeland and irrigated crops this season. Siskiyou County Agricultural Commissioner James Smith filed a request with the California Office of Emergency Services seeking a disaster declaration from the secretary of the state Department of Food and Agriculture. The preliminary damage to farmers in the county is estimated at \$8.6 million in reported crop losses of pasture, rangeland, alfalfa and small grain crops.

State Potato Farmers Boosted by Ample Water and Higher Prices

After a four-year decline in potato production nationwide, this season's crop appears poised to buck the trend, spurred by strong demand and improved water supplies. Higher processing contract prices are driving much of the increased acreage. California's mostly fresh-market growers may see prices decline once harvest starts elsewhere. California's fall and spring fresh-market potato crops typically enjoy prices two to three times those of Idaho russets because they fill specialty markets and hit a market window when other states aren't harvesting.

Lara Announces Deal With Insurers to Address California Coverage Crisis

California's top insurance regulator has announced a plan intended to halt the exodus of property insurance companies from the state and improve coverage options for people in wildfire-prone areas. The regulatory changes, announced a week after negotiations in the state Legislature on an insurance bill broke down, will allow insurance companies to incorporate forward-looking catastrophe modeling when setting insurance premium rates. In exchange, they will be required to write a guaranteed percentage of policies covering owners of properties in high-risk areas for wildfires.

Farm Technology, Robot Parade Draws Crowds in Salinas

The autonomous agriculture industry and some 1,500 visitors came to the Salinas Sports Complex last week to meet the farm robots of today and tomorrow. The Sept. 19-21 FIRA USA gathering matched agricultural technology inventors with growers and venture capitalists. It featured researchers and graduate students from around the world presenting their findings in "Lightning Talks." It drew crowds for farm technology demonstrations, including a farm robot parade. The Salinas Valley is taking a leading role in pioneering agricultural technology. ★

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- Like undesirable row
- Related on mother's side
- Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"
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- Practice in the ring
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- *Core of an atom
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- Theater guide
- Org. that gets parents involved in school
- Sign up again
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- Three, to Caesar
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- News channel acronym
- Liable to cry

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- Hat-tipper's word
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- Assigned spot
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- Period in history
- Mouth piece
- Designer's studio
- *_-_-Mariotte Law
- Dined at home
- Late Princess of Wales
- Defect
- Two halves of two
- Discussion intended to produce agreement
- Galactic path
- Demanding attention
- Like a barred door
- *Aurum, in English
- Type of grave marker
- It loves company?
- PC "brain"
- Limited in scope
- Gelatin
- Like one with high BMI
- Artist's model, sometimes
- Application utilizer
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Chasing Joy

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Say Goodbye to Scarcity

Commentary by Jeff Myers

I grew up in a great family! There was lots of love and endless laughter, but the one thing that was in short supply was money. My dad pastored poor country churches and our household income had us living at poverty level much of the time. By the time I was in junior high I had learned it was best not to ask for much because the answer would likely be no. But my folks were masters at stretching a dollar and making a little bit feel like abundance, so don't feel too bad for me!

When you grow up with a scarcity mindset it influences so much of your behavior and decision-making. You never believe there will be enough. Some feel like they never deserve good things or aren't capable of achieving more. It can be a generational curse that's passed from parent to child in a vicious circle. Scarcity can attach itself to you like a parasite. What if I told you how to shake this unwelcome guest? It's not hard but it requires two things.

In his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul says this:

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

There it is! Cure #1 is contentment.

It's a tough pill to swallow though. We're not very good at contentment. Wanting is our default setting. We start getting a little jittery if one of those smiling boxes hasn't landed on our porch recently. But Paul tells us it's absolutely possible when God gives us the strength. When God gives us a mindset of contentment, even scarcity begins to feel like abundance.

While I was attending college a good friend gave me \$10 for gas. I assured her I would repay it when I got my next paycheck. Even though this was almost 35 years ago I still remember her exact response. "Nope. That's for you. It was never mine." Her words sounded so foreign to me, but she was teaching me that the other antidote to scarcity mindset is generosity. Contentment and generosity go hand-in-hand. It's difficult to practice one without the other. When our thinking begins leaning toward contentment and we start practicing generosity, we starve scarcity until it's not powerful enough to control us.

If you recognize yourself in any of this, can I encourage you to commit this to prayer? Try praying this helpful prayer written by Pastor Adam Hamilton. "Lord, help me to be grateful for what I have, to remember that I don't need most of what I want, and that joy is found in simplicity and generosity. Amen."

Jeff Myers is Lead Pastor of Living Hope Church in Dixon, CA ★



Riley Reviews

"THE CONTINENTAL" ON PEACOCK;
"CAINE MUTINY" ON SHOWTIME

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"THE CONTINENTAL: FROM THE WORLD OF JOHN WICK" ON PEACOCK

Fans of "John Wick" are most likely to be drawn to the prequel mini-series "The Continental: From the World of John Wick," if not to experience an origin story, but at least because the fourth chapter of "John Wick" seemed to signal an end to the franchise.

However, because the timeline is set in the gritty New York of the 1970s, there's no place for Keanu Reeves' fraught hitman, for the obvious reason that Wick himself was probably in grade school at the time.

The connective tissue is the presence of Colin Woodell as young con man Winston Scott, who will be later, in the person of Ian McShane, the owner of The Continental hotel in the movie series.

In his youthful incarnation, Winston's unbridled ambition is to replace the current proprietor, Cormac O'Connor (Mel Gibson, more grumpy old man than true menace).

As any fan of the movies would know, the Continental is a neutral ground for assassins and assorted underworld figures who labor under the umbrella of The High Table, a council of criminal overlords.

With its standing policy of a place where no business may be conducted, any breach of the hotel's sanctuary protocol results in a bounty placed on the head of an offender.

This three-episode series of ninety minutes apiece begins as the tale of two brothers, the younger being Winston, and the older one Frankie (Ben Robson). Winston is based in London where he's trying to con a wealthy real estate developer.

Meanwhile in New York, Frankie is bent on breaking the sacrosanct rules of The High Table. But first he visits the hotel for a New Year's Eve party that hosts the top criminal element.

After exchanging pleasantries with Cormac who trained him to be an assassin, Frankie makes his way to the nearby subway station, meeting up with an associate to hatch a heist.

In what is not only bad form but an unforgivable breach, Frankie burrows into the Continental's vault to purloin an ancient coin press that manufactures the currency used by global assassins.

Of course, Frankie goes into hiding with his Vietnamese wife Yen (Nhung Kate), who proves as brutal as any assassin. While Winston has been estranged from his big brother, he's inevitably drawn to help Frankie and Yen to elude Cormac's henchmen.

Some of the interesting characters include Ayomide Adegun as the young Charon, who becomes the hotel's concierge played so brilliantly by the late Lance Reddick in the films. ★

Most amusing are twin killers Hansel (Mark Musashi) and Gretal (Marina Mazepa) in their matching Prince Valiant hairstyles. The High Table's Adjudicator (Katie McGrath) sports a distorted porcelain mask as if emulating an ersatz Phantom of the Opera.

Curiously, Mel Gibson gets a top billing, and other than the fact that he's the best-known name in the cast, his Cormac is more cartoonishly malevolent than truly dark and foreboding.

Since Gibson's appearances are more limited at least in the first episode, being the weak link doesn't undermine the story as long as his ham-handed performance remains overshadowed by his co-stars.

Even though a prequel holds little surprise in a buildup to the "John Wick" series, "The Continental: From the World of John Wick" has more than sufficient plot twists to be an engaging entertainment worth a look.

"THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL" ON SHOWTIME

On the heels of its Venice Film Festival premiere, Showtime brings to small screen "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," written and directed by Academy Award celebrated filmmaker William Friedkin and based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Herman Wouk of the same name.

The captivating film follows a U.S. naval first officer who's standing for trial for orchestrating a mutiny after his captain shows signs of becoming unhinged and jeopardizes the lives of his crew.

At the start of the naval court-martial, Barney Greenwald (Jason Clark), a skeptical Navy lawyer, reluctantly agrees to defend Lt. Stever Maryk (Jake Lacy), a first officer who took control of the U.S.S. Caine.

In the center of controversy is Lieutenant Commander Philip Francis Queeg (Kiefer Sutherland), who appeared wobbly during a violent sea storm in unfriendly waters.

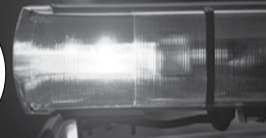
As the trial progresses, Greenwald becomes increasingly concerned and questions if the events aboard the Caine were a true mutiny or simply the courageous acts of a group of sailors who did not trust their unstable leader.

The late Lance Reddick, a popular figure for his role as Charon in the "John Wick" franchise, plays the part of Captain Luther Blakely. Other members of the ensemble cast include Monica Raymund as Commander Challee, Jay Duplass as Lieutenant Bird, and Lewis Pullman as Lieutenant Keefer.

After its festival premiere, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" will stream exclusively on Paramount+ on Friday, October 6, before making its linear debut on Showtime on Sunday, October 8.

The film was completed prior to William Friedkin's passing on August 7, 2023. Friedkin will remain best remembered for classics like "The French Connection" and "The Exorcist." ★

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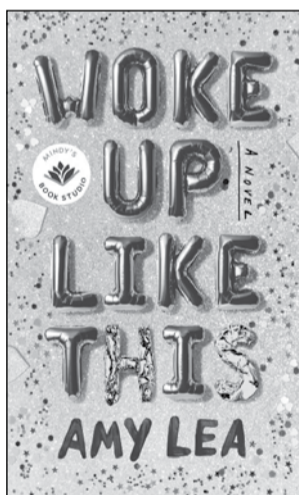


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Woke Up Like This

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seventeen-year-old selves and quick! As both Char and Renner begin to navigate their strange new reality, they quickly realize they only have each other as they learn the future outcome of their families, friends, and everything in between. However, somewhere in the middle of hating one another and being adults, Char and Renner uncover there might be more than meets the eye. Maybe hatred could be a cover for feelings, and if they have a chance to return to the past, they might have to work together, even if that means they could begin to fall in love.

An enemies-to-lovers, rom-com for the ages, *Woke Up Like This* is a breakout hit for Amy Lea's young adult debut. Known for her contemporary romantic comedies, Amy Lea successfully transcends the nuances of teenage life with all the familiarity of quit wit, hard jabs, hidden feelings, and the need to perfectly control the world around you while trying to plan the perfect future. For anyone who was an ultra-organized list maker, goal chaser, carefree dater, popular and lovable jock who secretly is afraid people won't like them, or the friend always in a supportive role, this book is for you.

Fun, fast, and utterly entertaining, *Woke Up Like This* will have readers laughing out loud, crying alongside the characters, and rooting for love along the way. Along with the amazing, fast-paced story are also valuable life lessons: remember to be present, treasure the now, and don't let fear stop you short of what you really want. Full of high school nostalgia and feelings for the one that got away, this book is a fun new take for fans of *13 going on 30*. ★

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The Insurance Fiasco

Can this plan fix California's insurance crisis?



Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced this afternoon, major insurers will be required to cover a certain share of homeowners in the state's most wildfire-prone areas. Photo courtesy of Joe Sohm | Dreamstime.com

By Ben Christopher,
CALMatters.org

A week after negotiations to rescue California's floundering home insurance market stalled out in the Legislature, the state's top insurance regulator put out his own rescue plan that effectively amounts to a trade for the state's major insurers.

Under proposed regulations Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced this afternoon, major insurers will be required to cover a certain share of homeowners in the state's most wildfire-prone areas. In exchange, the Department of Insurance will allow companies to charge more to cover the rising costs of doing business in a fire-ravaged state.

Lara called the package of new proposed regulations "the largest insurance reform" since 1988, the year California voters passed a proposition requiring insurance companies to get prior approval before raising premiums.

The plan is meant to reverse what has amounted to a slow-motion exodus of private home insurers from the state. In the last year and a half, seven of the top 12 property insurers operating in California have either placed new restrictions on where they do business or stopped selling new policies here entirely.

The biggest player of all, State Farm, announced a freeze on new policies in May, kicking off a fresh round of panic among homeowners scrambling to find affordable insurance policies and lawmakers eager to tackle the crisis.

For years, insurance companies have complained that current rates and the existing regulatory process don't allow them to recoup the cost of doing business in the state's most at-risk regions. By easing some of those restrictions, while requiring the companies to expand their coverage, "it's the department calling the bluff of insurers," said Rex Frazier, president of Personal Insurance Federation of California, a trade group.

In principle, that's trade-off insurers are willing to make, he added, though it will ultimately depend on how the specific regulations are crafted in the coming months.

Amy Bach, executive director of the consumer group United Policyholders, struck a similar note.

Lara "did not sell out to the industry here, in my opinion, he struck a deal," she said. "Whether it's going to manifest positively overall...the proof will be in the premiums."

But Consumer Watchdog — an advocacy group that Lara all but called out by name during his presentation as "bombastic" and a group "materially benefiting" from the current regulatory system — came away with a difficult conclusion.

"He's basically capitulated to the industry," Jamie Court, the group's president, said of Lara. "There's not really much coming back for the consumer in here."

Despite mounting public angst and calls for action from top lawmakers, the politics of addressing the problem in the Legislature proved too thorny this year.

In the final weeks of the legislative session that ended a week ago, lawmakers scrambled to bridge the demands of insurers — who called for higher premiums to cover more of their costs and for a more flexible rate-setting process — and those of consumer groups, who resisted calls to add to the financial burdens of homeowners. After negotiations floundered, Gov. Gavin Newsom hinted that his administration and Lara's Department of Insurance might be willing to act on their own.

In a statement, Sen. Bill Dodd, a Napa Democrat involved in the unsuccessful negotiations, cheered Lara's announcement. "Given that the Legislature is not in session right now, utilizing the

commissioner's regulatory authority makes good sense," he said. "I know there is work that still needs to be done and I'll be supporting these efforts any way I can."

Insurance companies have pointed to three main reasons that doing business in California is increasingly a losing proposition: Escalating wildfire risk, ever-rising construction costs and the global price of reinsurance — insurance policies that insurance companies, themselves, take out.

While costs have increased, the amount the companies are allowed to charge homeowners is tightly capped and closely regulated in California, making home insurance policies relatively cheap by national standards. In order to raise rates, major insurers need a sign-off from the Department of Insurance.

Currently, insurance companies are not allowed to factor in the cost of reinsurance into those applications. They are also prohibited from using forward-looking models to predict future costs — something insurers say they desperately need as a warming climate and residential development encroaching into fire-prone areas results in fire seasons that are longer and more catastrophic than they have been in the past.

Lara proposed giving companies both of those tools, though companies will apparently only be allowed to itemize the cost of reinsurance as it pertains to California. It's unclear how this calculation will be made.

Bach with United Policyholders said allowing companies to use predictive models isn't inherently a bad idea — "Are these models nefarious tools of Satan? No," she said — but hopes there will be transparency about which models are used and how they work.

In exchange for these new tools, companies will be required to cover homeowners in wildfire-prone parts of the state at 85% of their statewide coverage. For example, if a company provides 10% of the homeowner policies across California, they would be required to provide 8.5% of the coverage in areas deemed "at-risk."

Court, with Consumer Watchdog, said 85% is 15% too little. "It's a really sh—y deal," he said.

California homeowners currently unable to get insurance on the private market can currently turn to the FAIR Plan, a last resort issuer of fire coverage backstopped through a levy on regulated insurers. Between 2018 and 2022, the number of homeowners covered by the FAIR Plan more than doubled to roughly 3% of all homeowners.

But the FAIR Plan policies are expensive and limited. And if the FAIR Plan runs out of money, it's legally required to refill its coffers by levying a surcharge on major insurers. The prospect of the FAIR Plan running out of cash and slapping the industry with the bill has also encouraged insurance companies to scale back their coverage.

Consumer Watchdog regularly challenges the applications for higher premiums that insurance companies submit to the state, an intervention allowed for under the 1988 ballot measure. Today, Lara also said he wants to make it easier for the public to see who intervenes and how much they are compensated for doing so.

"One entity is involved in nearly 75% of all interventions for rate approvals, materially benefiting from a process that is meant for a broader public participation," he said, referring to the nonprofit.

Lara also said that "throwing bombs is easy and putting out bombastic statements from entrenched interest groups doesn't benefit anyone."

Court said his organization would continue to fight back as the department drafts the detailed regulations. "We'll be battling over this stuff for many months to come," he said. ★

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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: Iliasa Iliaja Nakalevu to Elijah Iliasa 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 peti-

tion 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
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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: **SW Corner of North Lincoln Street and North 1st Street (Independence in Dixon, formerly the Lincoln Square Project)** - A request for an amendment to the previously approved Rezoning (RZ20-01), Planned Development District (PD20-01), Tentative Map (TM20-01), and Design Review (DR20-10) approved by the City Council on March 15, 2022 to allow the construction of a Rotten Robbins gas station/convenience store on a 2.27 acres and 100 detached, single family residential homes on individual lots on the remaining 10.99 acres of the 13.26-acre site located at the southwest corner of North 1st Street and North Lincoln Street [PA 20-31].

The amendment application proposes modifications to the residential component of the project, including the Planned Development District, Tentative Map and Design Review, to allow the construction of 93 duplex buildings, consisting of 186 dwelling units, and an amenity center and pool. The project modifies the access and parking to the property, provides either 2-car or 1-car garage, private yards and open spaces, a pool and amenities center. The applicant is requesting, that the existing Tentative Map be modified and become a condo map for potential future sale of the residential units as air space units. No changes to the commercial component are proposed, which is currently under construction. This item was reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 12, 2023 and recommended for approval to the City Council. The City Council will be the final hearing body for this application.

The current General Plan land use designation is Corridor Mixed Use. APNs: 0108-110-460; Zoning District: Planned Multiple Residential – Planned Development (PMR-PD); Lewis Land Developers, LLC owner and applicant; File No: PA23-08, PD23-01/TM23-01/DR23-01.

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. An assessment of potential impacts (Initial Study) was completed with the original Lincoln Square Project. Potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study and all the potentially-significant impacts could be reduced or eliminated by requiring and implementing recommended measures. The City adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration, including the recommended mitigation measures. This application for an amendment has been reviewed and Staff has prepared a Draft Addendum to the original IS/MND. The Draft Addendum and original IS/MND and supporting documents are available for public review during the public review period at City Hall, located at 600 East A Street in Dixon, CA and online at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/EnvironmentalReviewDocuments>.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, October 17, 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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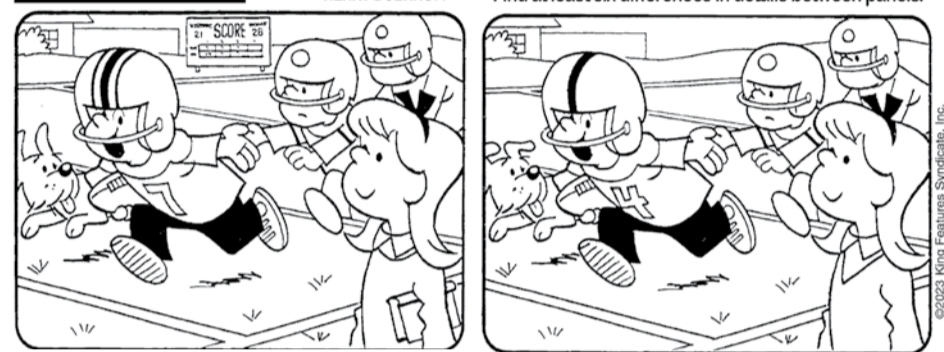
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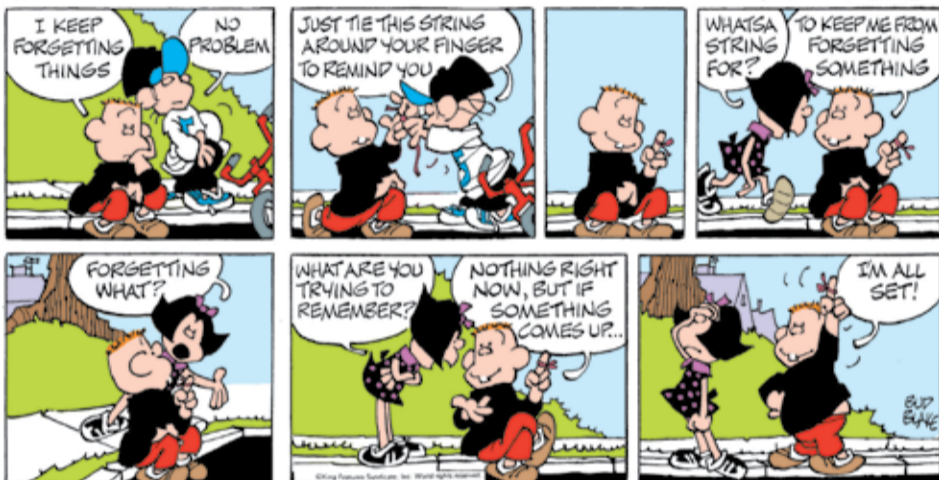
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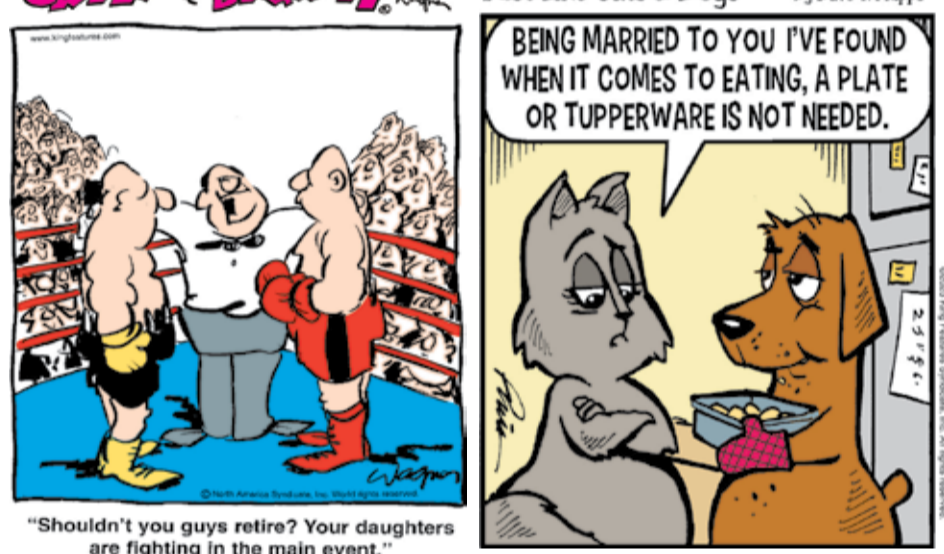
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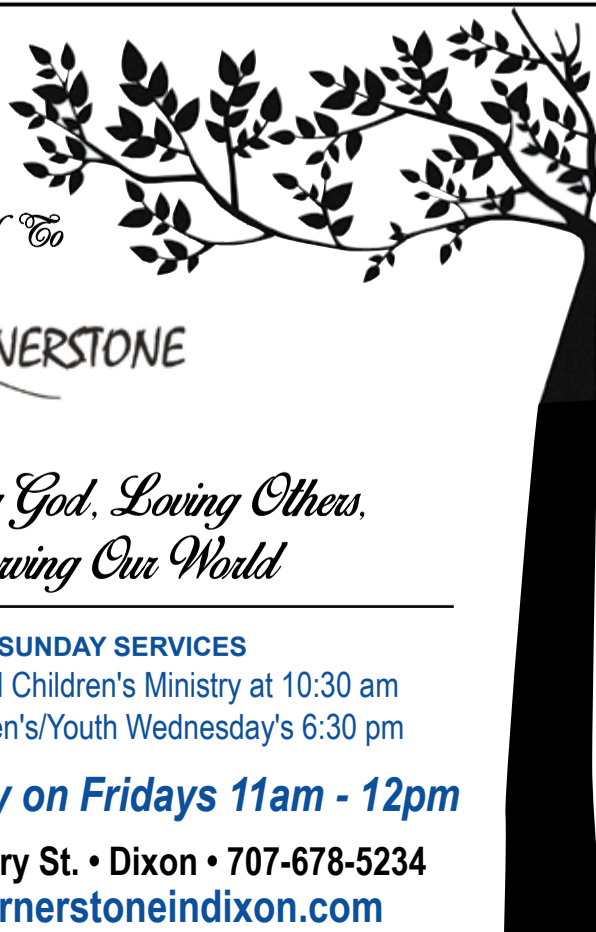
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60th Reunion Draws Far and Local Friends

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diabetic who got cancer and died. The girls in our class decided he needed a new wife. We had a classmate who had a diabetic husband who had a slow, agonizing cancer death so their experiences were compatible. So the girls got them together and in short order, the two got married and are celebrating their 10th anniversary so that tells the story of our class," he said. "They keep in touch. Pat Inderbitzen and another classmate have everything on their computer and if you want to get a message to a classmate, they can help with that."

Jess was able to name each of his five buddies and a bit of their life story.

"We kind of lived that classic '50s life. A lot of the boys were quite interested in cars and hotrods and everything. That was a big lot of what went on," he said. "Our class was just over 50 graduates, but half have passed now. It was a very pleasant experience all the years at school, and I had four kids go through it and I can say they did not have that kind of experience."

"It blows the stereotypes you had in your early years," said Roberta Wallace who grew up on Robben Road and after 20 years away from Dixon, moved back. She said she came to the reunion because Bill "nagged" her, but she was excited to "see her girls." She recalled one of her favorite teachers, Miss Vineys, a well-known-in-her-time dancer from San Francisco who taught Spanish.

"Everybody knows everybody because the entire student body was 250 and we all had siblings in the different classes so we really enjoy going to the reunions," said Diane Schroeder. She grew up on a ranch East of Dixon. "We looked forward to coming into Grandma and Grandpa's house in town where we kept our bikes and roller skates and it was a treat to be able to ride anywhere in Dixon. It was great. Dixon was probably less than 2,500 people back then. We grew up in the best of times." ★



Class of 1961: Front row - Betty Ann (Thieme) Blankenship, Jaquelin Mauvais, Donna Baciari, Carol (Vaughan) Hahl, Susie (Fry) Ballhagen, Roberta Wallace, Butch Azevedo. Middle row - Dale Dalgaard, Larry Haugen, Peter Birkinbine, Steve Niemann. Back row - Lee Haugen, George Rehrmann, Bill Schroeder, Ken Van Lew, Howdy Rogers. Attended but missing from photo are Peter Timm, Bill McBride, and Bill Hober. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Class Reunion



Class of 1962 - Front row: Marty Moore, Sue (Belew) Avery, Gini (Null) Hendrex, Ricky Bellow, and Peggy (Waldo) Beebe. Back row - Ronnie VanCromphaut, Gary Simon, Jim Farnham, Bob Sullivan. Attended but missing from photo are Jim Villa and Corine (Cox) Cook. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Class Reunion



Class of 1963: Front row - Wally Pidgeon, Ellie (Schroeder) Buhler, Carol Sequeira, Francie Galindo, Bruce Mauvais, and Mike Neese. Back row - Jim Green, Tony Giannoni, Tim McCarthy, Tim McMillan. Attended but missing from photo is Margaret (Kilkenny) Monque. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Class Reunion



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