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## Tournament Welcomes Okinawa Sensei



This student is doing a Bo Weapon Kata at last week's Karate Tournament. Photo by Kathy Ernest

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Ramtown Karate students of all ages and sizes participated in the 22nd annual day-long tournament held at the Dixon High School gymnasium that included seminars and Black Belt promotions.

"It was our biggest tournament ever and we had 75 students," said Kathy Ernest who runs Ramtown Karate with her husband Jim who is also a District 1 Council Representative for the City of Dixon.

The couple opened Ramtown Karate in 1994 as a martial arts school that emphasizes Shorin Ryu Karate and self-defense



Yellow Belt Benny Jasper, a Ramtown Karate student is seen sparring with another student. Photo by Kathy Ernest

for children ages 4 and up, teens, and adults through fitness, teamwork, and leadership. They are both

7th degree Black Belts. Special guest Nohara Sensei from Okinawa, Japan, spent last Saturday

teaching seminars for children who are Tigers, Dragons, and White Belts. Koei Nohara Sensei currently presides over the largest Ryu Karate Kobudo Championship in Okinawa where Karate started. Nohara Sensei has students all over the world and he frequently spends time throughout the year teaching overseas.

"He's been to Dixon over 20 years, teaching seminars to the kids and has watched them grow," said Jim. "The most impressive thing is he has provided contacts for Japan and we have traveled there with students 20 times so we have international

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## DA Recuses Herself from Mayor Bird's Hit-Run Case

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - As of Thursday, November 9, the Solano County District Attorney's office reported in regard to this newspaper's questioning about Mayor Steve Bird's alleged hit and run, that, "District Attorney Krishna Abrams has recused herself from this case and Chief Deputy Paul Sequeira is reviewing it." The email was from Monica Martinez, the administrative secretary, after a second request by newspaper staff for an interview with Abrams. The District Attorney and Mayor Bird live around the corner from each other here in Dixon and are friends.

In a Dixon Police Department Significant Activity Report, there was a post of a hit-and-run report taken on September 27, at 2021 (or 8:21 p.m.) in the 200 block of North Jefferson Street. The Solano CHP reported an incident at the same time in the same place, naming Steven C. Bird who is Dixon's mayor as that agency took over the investigation due to Mayor Bird being considered an employee of the City and to prevent any possibility of improprieties.

Upon this newspaper's request, Public Information Officer Jason Tyhurst released the following statement: "On September 27, 2023, the California Highway Patrol Solano Area responded to investigate a hit and run traffic crash which occurred near 220 North Jefferson St., in Dixon. The subsequent investigation revealed Mr. Steven C. Bird, 64 years old, of Dixon, had backed his vehicle into a parked vehicle, causing damage to the parked vehicle. Mr. Bird subsequently left the scene and failed to attempt to locate and notify the owner of the damaged vehicle. A crash investigation was completed and forwarded to the Solano County District Attorney's Office with recommended charges of 20002(A)VC, Misdemeanor Hit-and-Run. No physical arrest was made."

A phone call and an email have been made to Mayor Bird but there has been no response. The case was received by the Solano County District Attorney's office prior to the DIV November 3 edition and this new information was received on Thursday, November 9.

Bird is a retired Police Captain for Dixon Police Department and currently a part-time deputy sheriff

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## Rotary Welcomes Santa to Breakfast

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - "Santa loves children and children love Santa. What better way to bring in the Christmas season, spirit, and cheer than to get together at the first of December to visit with each other and share Christmas wishes?"

Those are the thoughts of Santa himself who is busy preparing to join the Dixon Rotary Club for their first Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. out at the Dixon High School Multi-Purpose Room.

"It will be a community event and we'll have Santa with his big chair for taking Christmas photos, activities for children, and Christmas music," said Rotarian Joan Schindel. "But Santa has a very busy schedule, so he isn't able to stay for very long. However, he is looking forward to seeing all the children and listening to their Christmas wishes," she added.



Rotarians Kevin Johnson, back, and Donny Everhart, front, have become Rotary pancake chefs, and will be flipping them for children and their families at an upcoming Breakfast with Santa on December 2.

The \$5 menu will be pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, or milk.

"There are no pre-sell tickets, and it's first come, first serve, so just come on out to 555 College Way. We know we have the real Santa and we're aiming for 200 guests," Schindel said.

There will be Starbucks coffee, candy cane donations from Walmart, and

Christmas music arranged by Danny Ayala.

The Dixon Rotary's last Breakfast with Santa was in 2013 when they fund-raised for the Dixon Little League after the sports group had been victimized by theft. However, the Rotarians are well-known for the huge money-making pancake breakfast the morning of the Dixon

May Fair Parade.

Later in the month, Santa will be escorted by the Dixon Fire Department all through town spreading cheer, December 19-22. One can call Michael the Elf if you want to see if Santa is available to make a special visit during the holiday time of the year. The phone is (707) 689-6442. ★



# Life's too SHORT



## Expand Your Kindness Over Thanksgiving

By Debra Dingman

Over my lifetime, I've always been in either a class, a group, or a club that reviewed Human Relations.

That's because Human relations skills help us have the capacity to connect with others so that we can constructively collaborate and achieve common goals. Those abilities help us to understand others and empathize with our friends, families, and acquaintances which helps us build stronger relationships because we communicate with them effectively.

In high school and becoming a Candy Striper in my small-town hospital, we had instructions to pay attention to patients and help them with little things like a straw or ice for their drinks of water, a comfortable pillow, and caring conversations.

In high school, I remember being taught about boy's and girl's differences that helped me understand my three brothers better. When I was getting married, our church had a class on what personality types we were and I discovered I made titles like outgoing, friendly and deep-feeling. Hubby was the quiet, analytical, nature-loving guy.

Every year, I am reminded of why those first two years of college are "general education." It is in those classes that you learn a little bit more of the world, and how to make yourself the best person you can be.

Like the Psychology 1 class gave me tools that I've used probably every week of my life - And I'm not talking about analyzing people - I'm talking about learning to communicate with them.

I would bet I've read a hundred books about personality types because I find people interesting. (They helped me understand my own personality flaws, too.)

But, you just never know what unique individual God is going to put in your

path that you just can't figure out. That person may be someone you're going to be around for Thanksgiving. Try to think of Thanksgiving dinner as the best time to use all those skills to make a memorable impression of kindness.

If you're going to be in a situation like that, I suggest this review about empathy. Here's the Ten Commandments of Human Relations provided by Donald Bell for Ellsworth Air Force Base.

- 1-Speak to people with a cheerful greeting and look them in the eye as you speak.
- 2- Smile at people. When you frown, you are using 72 muscles but only 14 to smile. They can hear the difference in your voice over the phone. *(Why not smile as you text someone?)*
- 3-Call people by their name but say it correctly and say it often. *(If you're older and you can't remember their name, simply admit that you have forgotten and have them remind you.)*
- 4-Be friendly and helpful.
- 5-Be cordial: Speak and act sincerely. *(If you have to measure your words slowly and carefully, one might think you're in a weird religion, you have a speech impediment, or you're not telling the truth.)*
- 6-Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try. They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Be sure they know how much you care.
- 7-Be generous with praise, correct privately. Everyone wins this way.
- 8-Be considerate of the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy. Yours, the other person's, and the right side. *(You may not know the whole story!)*
- 9-Give excellent service. What counts most is what we do for others rather than ourselves.
- 10-Have a Sense of Humor. When you add lots of patience, and humility, you'll have a recipe for enduring success.

November 13-19 is World Kindness Week

# Dixon News Briefs

MPG Staff

## Holiday Open House

Don't forget tomorrow, Saturday, November 18, will be the perfect day to shop for Christmas in downtown Dixon. Many businesses will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offer 20-percent off entire purchases and others are offering special refreshments!

## Free Thanksgiving Dinner

"Sharing HIS goodness with a Thanksgiving meal" the members of the Greater Faith Baptist Church at 320 West A Street are holding their 2nd annual Thanksgiving Dinner give-away on Monday, November 20 starting at noon until the food is gone. They are free to all in need. The meals are in take-home containers and are distributed via drive-ups. Dinner plate includes turkey, stuffing, green beans, yams and a dinner roll. Last year they gave away about 30 meals and hope to do at least that this year. For more information, call Pastor Virgil Robinson (707) 208-7277.



Krista Robinson and son Kelby of Greater Faith Baptist Church prepare take home dinners at last year's Thanksgiving Dinner Give-Away for the needy. This year's will be on Monday, November 20. Courtesy photo

## No City Council

The Dixon City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 21, has been cancelled for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## D.U.M. Think Tank

The men who meet up at the Dixon United Methodist Church encourage their other mature gentlemen to maintain their social skills, intelligence, and definitely their sense of humor though their Monday morning coffee and donuts meet-ups. They gather at 10 a.m. and have an informal discussion of a variety of topics.

"The old men get together and talk about how great they once were," was the motto of Ed Heeny, now passed, but original founder of the group. The Fellowship Hall is located on the B Street side of the church at 209 North Jefferson.

## IOOF Steak Dinner

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Montezuma Lodge 172 is holding their annual New York Steak Dinner Fundraiser and Raffle on December 1 at Olde Vets Hall. Tickets are \$25 each and there will be two prizes given away in the raffle: a Liberty Revere 30 gun safe with a gun donated by Tractor Supply of Dixon and a Savage Axis 30-05 with scope donated by Mike Kitchen. You need not be present to win but you must be 21 years old or over and pass the background check. The first ticket drawn gets choice of prize. Tickets are available at Bud's Pub & Grill, 100

South First Street in downtown Dixon.

## Story Time

Children ages 0 to 6 are invited to Story Time at the Friendly Bookworm, 230 North First Street from 11 to 11:30 every Friday that the bookstore is open. Children will gather in the Children's Room. The readings are courtesy of the Friends of the Dixon Public Library.

## Forever Christmas Gift

When Dixon High School first opened, the Dixon Community Education Foundation did a fundraiser for engraved bricks that are embedded in the quad. The current Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is doing this again and are excited about this opportunity. All community members are welcome to order whether they are current, past, or future DHS community members. You can purchase a customized, sand-blasted brick that will be installed in the quad at Dixon High School. These bricks will live on for years to come. Cost is \$100 per brick. Go to <https://www.bricksrus.com/donatesite/dhspto> or email [PTODixonHighSchool@gmail.com](mailto:PTODixonHighSchool@gmail.com) for more information.

## Free Flu Shots

You can receive a free flu shot from Touro University's Mobile Vaccination Program as part of their Touro Child and Adult Resource education and Support Program on Wednesday, November 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Dixon Public Library. For more information, visit [solanolibrary.com/events](http://solanolibrary.com/events) or call 1-866-57-ASKUS.



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## DA Recuses Herself from Mayor Bird's Case

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### Summary of the Law:

To comply with this section of the law, California Vehicle Code Section 20002(a), if a person is involved in an accident that causes another person to suffer property damage to do the following: Stop in a safe location; Locate the owner of the other vehicle or person who suffered property damage; Present the other party with your driver's license, registration card, and other identifying information; and, in the event that the property owner is not present, you should leave a notice in a visible place with your information.

If one does not comply with the law, one can be charged with misdemeanor hit and run in violation of California

Vehicle Code 20002(a). Possible Penalties

A conviction for misdemeanor hit and run causing property damage(s) carries up to six months in the county jail and a fine up to \$1,000. Depending upon one's prior criminal history, the court normally imposes a period of probation for three years and requires one to complete community service or labor and affects a DMV record and insurance. The court is free to add or reduce any penalties depending on the facts and circumstances of the case.

It is possible that upon review, a prosecutor may decide to not file charges even if he or she believes that the accused did the crime because the prosecutor thinks that a trial will not result in a conviction, according to online legal sources.

As more information becomes available, it will be published.



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# Dixon Officers Pinion, Browning Honored



All smiles are Dixon Police Officer Chris Pinion, left, who was recognized at City Council as Dixon's Police Officer of the Year and Officer Ryan Browning, also recognized for exemplary service. Photo by Debra Dingman

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Police Chief Robert Thompson celebrated two officers at last week's City Council meeting saying that the only thing better than celebrating new careers and welcoming new members to his staff is "celebrating their successes and educating our community about that." The following commendations were read:

**OFFICER BROWNING:**  
 "In response to a critical incident involving a subject armed with a butcher knife, Officer Ryan Browning displayed exceptional professionalism and composure. Confronted with an armed suspect attempting to breach a business, Officer Browning arrived to support the Solano County Sheriff's Department and fellow officers. His swift deployment of a less-lethal bean bag subdued the imminent threat, exemplifying his commitment to preserving life while ensuring public safety. "Demonstrating excellent de-escalation techniques, Officer Browning then engaged the suspect in dialogue, defusing the situation. His ability to build rapport led to the peaceful surrender of the weapon and the suspect's safe apprehension. Officer Browning's actions reflect a

blend of tactical acumen and empathetic communication, culminating in a resolution that prevented further danger to officers and community members alike."

**OFFICER PINION:**  
 "Officer Chris Pinion exemplifies the highest standards of the Dixon Police Department with his positive attitude and exceptional work ethic. His ability to uplift and motivate, particularly when navigating challenges, fosters a collaborative and dynamic work environment. His unwavering commitment to cultivating a positive atmosphere has not only enhanced our team's morale, but has also underscored the importance of a supportive workplace culture.

"His proactive approach to community safety, mentorship as a Field Training Officer, and comprehensive knowledge make him a standout member of our force. Officer Pinion's contributions are a testament to his dedication to our mission of community protection and service. In recognition of Officer Pinion's steadfast dedication and exemplary service, he was selected by supervisors and peers as the 2023 Dixon Police Officer of the Year."

Both officers were awarded certificates and congratulated by each of the Council members. ★

# Cemetery Wreaths Support Sought

## Wreath Project News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Each December, holiday boughs are placed on all the gravesites at the local veterans cemetery in honor of our veterans resting there. This tradition began in 2006 when the cemetery opened and is one of the few in the country to have 100 percent coverage each year. To reach that goal again this year, we will need to purchase 32,500 boughs. Funds are collected year-round, and boughs are purchased in advance; the public is invited to help place the boughs.

Volunteers are welcome at SVNC on Saturday, December 16, to assist with placements starting at 7:30 a.m. There will also be a Wreaths Across America program that same day starting at 9 a.m. that is open to the public. Carpooling is encouraged and SVNC staff will be directing parking within the cemetery. For frequent updates, check the website at [www.wreathproject.org](http://www.wreathproject.org) or the Facebook page.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Adult and teen volunteers are needed Friday, December 15, to



This tombstone of veteran Walter Matsuda is decorated with one of the hundreds of wreaths that are placed on the tombstones at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The US Army Air Corpsman retired in Vacaville as a veteran of the Berlin Airlift, Korean, and Vietnam wars and died in 2008 at age 81. Photo courtesy of SVNC

help unload trucks at the cemetery, starting at 3 p.m. but people are encouraged to check for detailed updates.

For families and friends wanting a more private placement, boughs will be available for pickup at the following locations starting on Saturday, December 9: Grow West, 8751 Pedrick Road or at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, 220 North Jefferson Street on Monday through Friday

December 11-15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost of each bough is \$7 and any amount contributed is appreciated. Send to RememberAVet.net, P.O. Box 773, Winters, 95694 or online at <https://gofundme/3f089fd2>. You can also email questions to [wreathproject@yahoo.com](mailto:wreathproject@yahoo.com) or call or text to (707) 249-5852.

The event goes on rain or shine and is always well attended. It is touching to be a part of this endeavor. ★

# Tournament Welcomes Okinawa Sensei

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friends – and that experience for the students." The Ernests have developed a close friendship with the Japanese family.

Later on, Saturday, Nohara Sensei instructed Samurai with white, yellow, and orange belts. In the afternoon there was Samurai Blue Belts and a Knockdown seminar for Samurai and above.

The Ramtown business specializes in teaching the original Okinawan Karate including knockdown karate where attacks and defense must work, and not just in theory.

The Black Belt rank promotion featured two locals: Jakob Stoner who was promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belt. Stoner has been a student for ten years but took time off to go to college, according to Jim. Stoner is 26 and continues the challenge "more for teaching and the social experience," he said. He says he isn't a social person, but Karate has given him a social experience.

"I enjoy the community I'm a part of but it's hard work. It's not something you figure out in a year or two," he said." Ramtown Karate has been my second home 100-percent since I was 12 years old."

Fernando Valenzuela promoted to 4th

Degree Black Belt and is a Champion Fighter. He has been doing Karate for 35 years.

"I met Fernando when I was a football coach and he was on the team," bragged Jim. "He became a student and was recognized for his dedication to the art of Karate. Now, he is one of our best teachers and referee."

Valenzuela is over 50 and keeps up Karate more for health, he explained. He teaches three days a week.

"It is an interesting sport. You get double out what you put in. It's stress management, focus, and grit. It is really rewarding to see that," he added.

"There is something unique about Karate. In other sports, you can only do them at certain times of your life but Karate, you can do throughout your lifetime," he added. "We even have grandchildren here."

Ramtown Karate offers an opportunity to "try a class" with no obligation or cost and have programs for children as young as 4 and through adulthood during the week. It is located at 1680 North Lincoln Street and can be reached at (707) 678-4899. ★

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# How Military Spouses Can Find Connection and Support



USO Coffee Connections provide monthly gatherings for military spouses. Photo courtesy of USO Photos

## From StatePoint

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Military spouses sacrifice stable careers and time with loved ones due to constant moves to new duty stations, and hold down the fort at home during their spouses' deployments. That's why the USO prioritizes providing community and support to military spouses. Here are some of the ways their programs are making an impact:

**Friendship:** USO Coffee Connections are monthly gatherings where military spouses can relax, craft, do yoga, swap advice and go on outings. The goal is building friendships among military spouses. When Jenna King's husband Tech Sgt. Howard King was forward deployed to Poland with less than 24 hours' notice, she says

she found a home away from home at USO Lakenheath in the U.K., which has been hosting Coffee Connections since the war in Ukraine began. Because of the warm welcome and sense of community she found there, she and her children visit the center often. "There's something for each of us here," she said. "Being overseas, friends who are like family are the biggest blessing. And you can't turn down free coffee and snacks!"

**Support for New Parents:** Military parents are often away from family and friends during their pregnancies and first months as new parents. USO Special Delivery presented by Johnson's are baby showers that provide a touch of home. They allow expectant parents and military spouses to connect and bond, and 72% of participants

this year have stated in feedback surveys that this is the only baby shower they will receive. More than 20,000 parents have been served through this program since its 2013 launch, including 1st Lt. Erika Pearson, an active-duty service member in the Air Force. She knew her spouse, 1st Lt. Drew Pearson, could potentially be deployed around her due date. "The USO helped me make friends that I could rely on if my husband were to miss the birth, and offered me resources I could reach out to, if needed," says 1st Lt. Pearson.

**Professional Development:** Because of frequent relocations, military spouses often have trouble finding their professional footing. That's where the USO can step in. Connecting service members and military spouses to resources that focus

on employment, education, financial readiness, mentorship and veterans benefits, the USO Transition Program helps military families build a roadmap to achieve their goals and positions them for success throughout the duration of their service, as well as in their post-military life.

**Support While Solo-Parenting:** The burden of solo-parenting can become especially apparent during deployments, when military family members must struggle to find a new normal. For Tessa Michaelson Schmidt, connection with her husband Brett, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, became complicated when he was deployed to Kuwait where there is an eight-hour time difference, unreliable Wi-Fi on base, and the added pressure of being deployed near

the frontlines. Because they and their two children have an incredible passion for reading, the USO Reading Program has been a blessing. Deployed service members can record themselves reading a book to their child. Then, the recording and a copy of the book are sent to that service member's family.

"They have a real response when they hear his voice, and then we get the books in the mail, and they know they're books from daddy," says Schmidt, who explained that her children will often watch the videos of their father just before bed, so that in a way, he is present for story time.

The life of a military spouse is undeniably challenging. By the USO fostering community and providing sources of connection, military spouses can feel supported and empowered. ★

# 'Tis the Season for Scams: 5 Ways to Protect You and Your Family

## From StatePoint

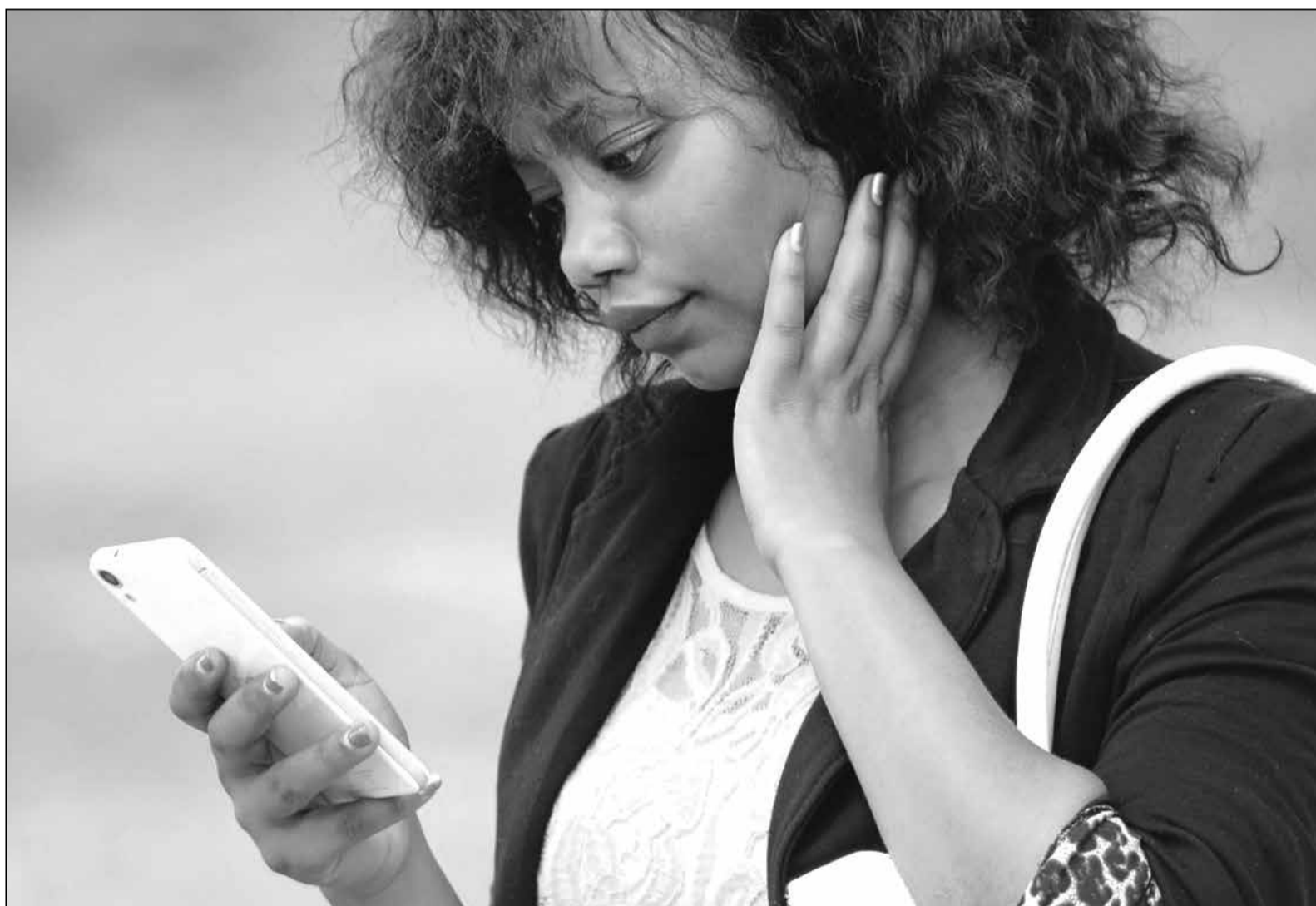
**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - In today's hyper-connected digital universe, cyber criminals have more information than ever before, with the ability to reach you through unsecure public Wi-Fi, your email inbox, via text message, and more.

According to a Scam and Robocall Report from T-Mobile, Americans lost an estimated \$39.5 billion to phone scams in 2022. Lucky for you, there are several ways to protect and safeguard your personal information to help prevent scammers from scammin' this holiday season.

**1. Avoid Public USB Ports:** Traveling by plane this holiday season? The FCC warns that cyber criminals can download malware to public USB charging ports to gain access to your information. Prevent this by using an AC power outlet instead.

**2. Beware of Charity Scams:** It's the season of giving, but the FCC warns many cyber criminals take advantage by creating fake charities staged as real nonprofit organizations to gain access to your payment information. Woof. To prevent this, don't click on suspicious email or text links and verify the organization is registered at the National Association of State Charity Officials or Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance before donating this holiday season.

**3. Screen Your Calls:**



Lucky for you, there are several ways to protect and safeguard your personal information to help prevent scammers from scammin' this holiday season. Photo Image by antonyjoro from Pixabay

Scammers are continuously upping their game, with total robocall attempts up 75% from 2021 to 2022. Detecting whether an incoming call is a potential scam isn't always easy, but T-Mobile's Scam Shield app makes it simple. Free to all T-Mobile customers, Scam Shield enhances your scam-blocking protections so you can say goodbye to scam calls. In 2022 alone, Scam Shield identified or blocked 41.5 billion scam calls in the T-Mobile network.

That's a whopping 1,317 calls identified or blocked every second. With Scam Shield, when the network detects a potential scam call, it is flagged and displayed as "Scam Likely" on your device. Customers who want even more protection can download the Scam Shield app or dial #662# from their T-Mobile smartphone to enable Scam Block, which automatically blocks any calls that match the database of scam calls. Take that, tricksters. To learn

more, visit t-mobile.com/scamshield.

**4. Shop Smarter Online:** According to Statista, 57% of holiday shoppers plan to use their smartphone to make holiday purchases this year, and scammers are onto them, ramping up activity during the two weeks before Christmas. To minimize any cyber Grinch attempts to steal your personal info, monitor your financial accounts regularly for suspicious charges and sign up for your bank or credit card

company's text or email notifications to stay on top of fraudulent activity.

**5. Use Secure Tools:** Safeguard your online accounts with Multi-Factor Authentication, which requires users to enter two different kinds of information to log in, like a password and one-time PIN code. It's like having a digital bouncer to make sure only you get into your accounts. Another protection is a password manager, giving you the ability to securely store passwords across

multiple platforms and websites. The tool also provides an autofill password function and a new password generator.

To learn more about the industry's top fraud trends and how to stay protected from scammers year-round, check out T-Mobile's Scam Shield Report found at t-mobile.com/news.

While cyber threats are on the rise, you can sleigh scams by staying vigilant and incorporating these best practices into your life this holiday season. ★

# Thanks from the Dixon Historical Society



David and Darcy McKenzie pose in front of their antiques and family memoirs at 'The Rossi Home' that was on the Historical Home Tour hosted by the Dixon Historical Society. Photo by Debra Dingman  
**Editor's Note:** In a previous LTS column, I wrote that the Petersen home had burned down, but that was incorrect. Homeowners of the historical Rossi home now, the McKenzies, corrected me that the house was torn down at some point, but not believed burned. Interestingly, the basement was left and Bud and Di Rossi in 1952 built their home incorporating the original basement into their new structure.

## DHS Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Historical Society would like to thank the community for their participation in our most recent Classic Home Tour that was held on October 28, 2023. It was a fabulous day of visiting five beautiful homes, learning the history of each, and reuniting with friends and family, classmates, and students. Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy and the Young Ladies Institute of St. Peter's provided a delightful lunch of soup, salad, and desserts.

Each homeowner went above and beyond for this event to prepare their homes for the big day! At the "Brinkerhoff Home," David Cornejo dressed in 1800s style clothing to welcome and entertain guests with historical information. At the "Rossi Home," Darcy McKenzie posted historical information about their family history from the town of Monticello, while David McKenzie greeted guests in their beautiful garden. At the "McKenzie Home," Kelley Evans gave entertaining historical information, and Kim Schroeder-Evans posted information about her family members who had passed along their furniture for their home. At the "Madden Home," guests were moved by the beauty and restoration of the home by Sarah McBride. At the "Lehe/McCune/Kilkenny Home," Alena and Wes Standfill staged each room with period furniture to further showcase the incredible, restorative work of this home by Wes himself.

We thank all the businesses and individuals who placed an ad in our tour booklet, Stephanie Riedel for photographing all five homes; Carly Cornejo for designing the tour booklet, map, and flyers; Vicky Ruiz of the Printing Shop for her outstanding work; The Dixon Florist for helping us to sell tickets; and the Dixon Women's Improvement Club for making the home tour their fall field trip.

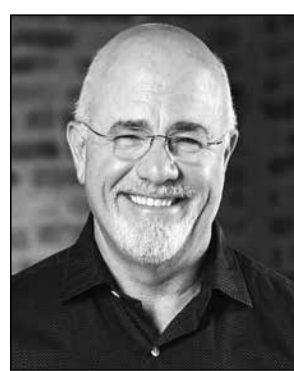
Additionally, we would like to thank the following people for their help with this event: Diane Schroeder with ticket sales and will-call; Binky Eason, Ashley Alvarez, and Debra Dingman for their help with will-call the day of the tour;

Maria Lopez for social media and the historical research and writeups for the tour booklet; Ashley Alvarez for solicitation of ads; Darla Wear for decorations and design; and Kim Schroeder-Evans for coordination of homes, greeters, and oversight. A special thank you to Debra Dingman of the Independent Voice for her continued support in publicizing our event, Jarrod Kohls of the Dixon Tribune for the article to help us promote our event, and to Your Town Magazine for posting our event in the October edition.

We would like to thank the following people for volunteering their time as home greeters the day of the event: members of the McBride family (Sarah, Clay, Kimberlee and Mary), members of the McKenzie family (Kim Schroeder-Evans, Kelley Evans, Herman and Lori Schroeder, Richard and Ann Hurley, Rafael and Laurretta Ceja, and Kathleen Garrett), members of the Cornejo family (Al, David, Rosa, Nina, Lucy and Maria), Alena and Wes Standfill, Ashley Alvarez, Debra Dingman, Bill Schroeder, Pam Griffey, Carol Marshall, David and Darcy McKenzie, Courtney Lamont, Carol Abrams, Martha Dukes, Darla Wear, Maria Lopez, Eileen Wilson, Carolyn Rannefeld, Dan Rott, Kathy Wallace, and members of the Dixon High School Key Club (Sarai Garcia, Naomi Carillo, Taylor Fitzgerald, Jaila Johnson, Gage Ruiz, Sophia McNaughton, Mya Ayala, Jimena Garcia, Sarah Montano, and Valerie Sandoval).

It was a fun, informative, and memorable day, and we look forward to hosting a future historical home tour for the community. If you, or someone you may know, would like to participate by having their home on a future tour, please reach out to the Dixon Historical Society. If you would like to become a member or get more involved with our group, contact us at: [www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org) or at [dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

The Dixon History Museum is at 125 West A St., downtown and is open Friday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fourth Sunday of the month: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., and Fourth Thursday of the month: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. ★



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- Erin

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## Dave Ramsey Says

get a renter, and the house doesn't sell. It puts your family in jeopardy, so to me it's not an option.

Want my honest opinion? I think you've both got a case of house fever right now. The possibility I just mentioned isn't a rare occurrence. Lots of people have had the same idea, with the best of intentions, and still wound up in a big mess. I love real estate. I mean I really love real estate. And I've flipped more than a few houses in my day. But the particulars of this deal make me a little nervous. If you and your husband are willing to accept the possibility of things not working out like you planned—and the fact you might have to take additional jobs for an unknown length of time just to make ends meet—then it might be a play. But for me? Nope. I don't like putting myself into these

kinds of situations.

When I was much younger, I was willing to do all kinds of dangerous stuff and ignore the risk. But going broke decades ago knocked that kind of thinking out of me in a hurry. Any deal that runs the risk of leaving you bankrupt, or the victim of a foreclosure, just isn't worth it, Erin.

- 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.* ★

## Garamendi Applauds Newsom's Expediting of Off-Stream Reservoir Project

### Office of Representative John Garamendi

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - On November 7, 2023, U.S. Representative John Garamendi (D-CA08) applauded Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement of expedited permitting for the Sites Off-Stream Reservoir Project in Glenn and Colusa Counties, California. Garamendi represented the proposed project area for Sites Reservoir in Congress from 2013 through 2022 and served as the first-ever Deputy Secretary of the Interior under President Bill Clinton, where he oversaw the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

"The last major reservoir built in California was Diamond Valley in 1999. Our state has simply outgrown

our water storage infrastructure, which is under ever-increasing strain due to climate change. Governor Newsom's announcement puts California back in the reservoir building business. In Congress, I have worked to secure more than \$2.7 billion in federal funding to build the off-stream Sites Reservoir in addition to the \$816 million from the 2014 State Water Bond approved by California voters. The Governor's announcement yesterday brings us one step closer to breaking ground on this off-stream reservoir, helping California realize a truly drought-resilient water system. I look forward to working with Governor Newsom, his Cabinet Secretaries Crowfoot, Blumenfeld, and Ross and U.S. Commissioner of Reclamation Camille Touton to get this done," said Garamendi. ★



### Delay in Passing Farm Bill Could Cut Off Federal Support for Dairy Farmers

Dairy farmers are bracing for the "dairy cliff." That is the term for what happens if the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program is allowed to expire. The program offers monthly price support payments to dairy farmers. If Congress fails to pass a new, five-year farm bill or approve an extension of current legislation by the end of this year, those payments will cease. That would harm dairies, increase milk prices and cause supply-chain disruptions. "It would be disastrous for the dairy industry," said Matthew Viohl, California Farm Bureau director of federal policy.

### Pistachio Production Surge Stirs Worries of Oversupply, Price Drops

After harvesting a record crop this year, California pistachio growers say they're looking to processors to expand use of the nut and drive up sales as more trees go in the ground and come into production. Already, some growers voice concern the sector may be growing too fast, with projections that California pistachio acreage will near 811,300 and production will reach 2.08 billion pounds by 2031. "I'm afraid of oversupply and under demand," said Fresno County grower Greg Meyers. American Pistachio Growers estimates state bearing acreage will rise by more than 5% a year.

### Agricultural Leaders Urge Action on Improving Ports for Farm Exports

Officials for Bay Area ports and leaders of California agricultural associations met last week to brainstorm on solutions to better facilitate farm exports from state ports, which a 2021 study called "the least efficient in the world." At a San Francisco hearing held by the California Assembly Committee on Ports and Goods Movement, farming leaders and port directors discussed port shortcomings during the pandemic that stranded farm goods, including tree nuts, rice and wine, and continue to challenge the movement of freight within California.

### Palm Weevil Blamed for Mass Destruction on Palms in San Diego County

An insect is wreaking havoc on palm trees in San Diego County. The South American palm weevil, also referred to as the American palm weevil and black palm weevil, was first detected in the region 2011 and breeding populations were later found in a Canary Island date palm in San Ysidro in 2015. Weevils have been blamed for killing more than 20,000 palms in the region. Though no infestation has been confirmed, the insect has been reported in the Coachella Valley, a major production area for edible dates about 120 miles northeast of San Diego. ★

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**There's One Easy Trick To Winning In 2024**

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. has a history, and a present, of promoting wild conspiracy theories. His independent bid for the presidency is quixotic at best. And yet a new Quinnipiac poll has him getting an impressive 22% in a three-way contest with Donald Trump and Joe Biden, and with a narrow lead among independents.

This should be less encouraging to RFK than a warning sign to the major parties that they are courting disaster by nominating two candidates so unappealing that a solid bloc of voters, at first blush, would prefer someone, anyone really, with the last name Kennedy.

Democracy is usually the art of giving voters what they want. But, apparently, not in 2024.

Usually the obvious political considerations prevail in presidential politics.

It was pretty obvious that Joe Biden was a stronger general-election candidate in 2020 than Bernie Sanders, and lo and behold, Biden rose from the dead and won the Democratic nomination.

Sometimes passion, calculated risk-taking, delusion or stasis overwhelm the obvious, though. When this happens to one party -- think of the Barry Goldwater or George McGovern nominations -- it often suffers a debacle. But what if both parties succumb to

these forces at same time?

Then, you get a clash of weakness where each party risks throwing away a winnable race through its insistence on a desperately flawed nominee.

The Republican reaction to the likely re-nomination of President Biden is, in effect, "We'll see and raise your unpopular incumbent who looks like he could tip over at any moment with an unpopular former president who will likely be convicted of felonies next year."

The Democratic reaction to the likely re-nomination of Donald Trump is, in effect, "We'll see and raise your radioactive standard-bearer with a president who is trailing him in polls and who most people think can't serve another four years."

Both parties think they are going to win anyway. Even if they are right, their chances of victory would go up appreciably if they switched away from their current presumptive nominees.

A generic Democrat who is not festooned with Biden's failures and weaknesses and is not in his or her 80s would almost certainly readily defeat Trump. (The unpopular Kamala Harris does not meet the definition of such a Democrat.)

A generic Republican who hasn't spent years making him- or herself hateful to suburbanites, who isn't wedded to ridiculous yarns about the 2020 election, and who isn't in serious legal jeopardy in multiple jurisdictions would almost certainly readily beat Biden.

According to the latest USA Today/Suffolk poll, Trump leads Biden

on who's best to handle the economy, foreign affairs and the border, while surveys consistently find about three-quarters have doubts about Biden's ability to serve another four years. And yet the mandarins of the Democratic Party believe he's best suited to beating Trump.

On the other hand, despite all his troubles, Biden has a higher favorable rating (39% positive, 49% negative) than Trump (35% positive, 54% negative), according to a recent NBC News poll.

There's no doubt that Trump could eke out a win against Biden, the way he did against Hillary Clinton in 2016. But why settle for hoping for a narrow win against such a debilitated incumbent?

With Trump, the GOP will be asking the middle of the electorate to conclude, "We can't stand this guy and there's nothing that can make us change our minds about him, but things are so bad in the country that perhaps we should give him a try again, anyway."

Maybe that happens, but it isn't the strongest grounds on which to contest an election.

The parties show no sign of doing something different, though. Benefiting from incumbency, Biden is all but unchallenged, and Trump continues to have an incredible grip on Republican voters.

So, both parties will probably roll the electoral dice unnecessarily next year, and try to give the voters what they don't want, good and hard.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2023 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★*



# Riley Reviews

**"THE MARVELS" MUNDANE SUPERHERO ANTICS; THANKSGIVING SHOWS ON TV**

**A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley**

**"THE MARVELS" RATED PG-13**

The world, here and abroad, is on fire, and maybe the only glimmer of good news is that a pair of strikes is now over. We're talking, of course, about the scribes who produce the lines for thespians to deliver.

The writers have gone back to work polishing scripts and the actors are now bringing up the rear, as the film and television industry will undergo fitful starts to its fabrication of mass entertainment.

Here's hoping the long absence from work has both parties refreshed and ready to come up with entertainment better than what we have had to endure in large measure during recent times. For obvious reasons, the pandemic didn't help matters.

As an aside, it's worth noting that Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon" may well be a masterful cinematic achievement, but the three-and-a-hours running time poses the dilemma of an endurance test. Probably will be best for streaming to allow for an intermission, at least.

Scorsese had nothing to do with the latest Marvel Studios entry, "The Marvels," a film running fifteen minutes short of two hours, which is a welcome relief for anyone with a weak bladder, but more so for the view that these superhero films have too often become overly long, tedious, and uninspired.

As the 33rd movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, "The Marvels," the sequel to the 2019 "Captain Marvel," serves up Brie Larson's Carol Danvers aka Captain Marvel as the MCU's first stand-alone, female-franchise title character.

With nearly three dozen movies in the canon of superhero films, one could be forgiven for failing to keep track of the loose strings of character development. Samuel L. Jackson's Nick Fury, appearing once again, has materialized in a third of the MCU films.

While Thor, Iron Man and Captain America are missing, Carol's Captain Marvel will settle for a trio of girl-power to take on Dar-Benn (Zawe Ashton), the leader of the Kree Empire who holds a grudge against Captain Marvel.

The triad of female superheroes teaming up with Nick Fury include New Jersey fangirl Kamala Khan (Iman Vellani) who transforms into Ms. Marvel with a magic bangle and Carol's estranged niece, now astronaut Captain Monica Rambeau (Teyonah Parris).

Aside from some lingering resentments, learning to work together is a challenge for the three heroines who discover by a strange phenomenon that their powers are linked such that they are often trading places.

Captain Marvel may have earned the moniker "The Annihilator" from the vengeful Dar-Benn who's upset about the destruction of the Kree Empire's home planet. At least, plenty of ferocious fights

for the Marvels engaging with a mortal enemy provides some thrills.

Forgettable and at times lackluster, "The Marvels" is just not worth the time spent in a theater. The next movie would be better off featuring the fan-favorite, scene-stealing orange tabby "Goose," the man-eating alien whose tentacles have a long reach.

**THANKSGIVING PROGRAMS ON FILM, TV AND STREAMING**

Thanksgiving does not generate a similar slew of holiday programs like Christmas; and it's not even close. Even then we concede a huge chunk of the Yuletide celebration to the Hallmark Channel.

As far as the movies go, this year brings the horror film "Thanksgiving." After a Black Friday riot ends in tragedy, a mysterious Thanksgiving-inspired killer terrorizes Plymouth, Massachusetts -- the birthplace of the holiday.

Picking off residents, one by one, what begins as random revenge killings are soon revealed to be part of a larger, sinister holiday plan. Will the town uncover the killer and survive the holidays, or become guests at his twisted holiday dinner table?

NBC kicks off the holiday season on Wednesday, November 22nd with "Countdown to Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," providing a sneak peek at the incredible stories behind the floats, bands, and balloons to hit the streets of New York.

On Thanksgiving Eve, "A Saturday Night Live Thanksgiving" special highlights memorable holiday-themed sketches from its 47 seasons. There's probably a good chance that Adam Sandler's "Turkey Song" will make the list.

Of course, on November 23rd the world-famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade continues to bring the magic of the procession to New York City spectators and a national television audience with its exciting array of floats, marching bands, celebrities and more.

Cable channel AXS TV is trading turkey for Partridge this November, inviting viewers to spend Thanksgiving with "The Partridge Family" as part of a special 12-hour marathon airing on Thursday, November 23 at 5 a.m. Pacific Time.

The day-long event puts the spotlight on a cornucopia of classic episodes from the hit '70s sitcom, capturing the beloved family as they tour across the country in their iconic multi-colored school bus, performing their signature tunes and getting caught up in their sidesplitting shenanigans.

"The Partridge Family" stars Shirley Jones as matriarch Shirley Partridge, with Susan Dey, Danny Bonaduce, Suzanne Crough, Jeremy Gelbwaks, and teen sensation David Cassidy as the talented offspring who convince the young widow to leave her bank-telling job and join their fledgling family band. ★

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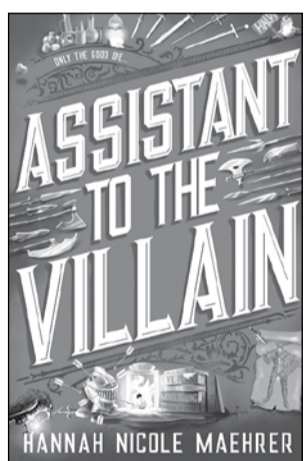
## Assistant To The Villain

by Hannah Nicole Maehrler

Evie Sage will do anything to land a job, even if it is with the Kingdom's most notorious Villain. Evie was used to hard work, demanding, unpredictable employers, and even jobs outside the scope of what was required, but nothing prepared her for this job. Besides heads strung across the ceiling, screams coming from the dungeon, and a crown-wearing frog who expresses his unwanted comments through signs, this was just a typical assistant job. Unless, of course, you count that as possible, temperamental and slightly sexy boss.

Despite all the distractions, a good job is hard to find, and Evie's quick wit and sarcastic humor make her the perfect match; which thankfully is just what Evie needs. With her mother gone and her father ill, Evie is solely responsible for her family's survival, and Evie will do anything to keep this job, even if there are some unsightly tasks.

But just when Evie thinks she has the job figured out, Evie discovers a traitor in their midst. Even with all the extra magical precautions and safe holds set by her employer, someone is still sneaking into



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◆ Rating: ★★★★★

the castle, and sabotaging them with deadly motives at every turn. Now Evie must take it upon herself to keep her job, uncover the traitor, and save her boss all while trying not to be distracted by her boss' devilish good looks before it becomes the ruin of them all.

Readers beware: a smoldering evil Villain is looking for an assistant. Do you have what it takes?

With quick wit and cantor around every corner, readers will instantly fall for this fairytale turned on its head as they get an inside look at just how hard it is to be a notorious Villain and the one who assists him. Uniquely refreshing

and full of wicked intent, *Assistant to the Villain* is a binge-worthy, fun read that leads readers straight into a villainous trap and right into a cliffhanger ending. After all, don't villains love a great cliff?

Told in dual perspectives, readers will delve straight into Evie and the Villain's minds, allowing a glimpse their subtle feelings, and the slow burn of unknowing desire. The slow build of feelings only adds the adventure and storyline, allowing for character growth without stealing the spotlight, which in turn will only make readers yearn for one of them to slip up just for a fraction of a moment. Readers will be screaming for Evie and the Villain to break, just for a moment, but secretly enjoying the villainous way the author keeps them apart.

In true villainess fashion, Hannah Nicole Maehrler steals her readers' hearts with this wonderfully villainous tale. *Assistant to The Villain* is a fun, satisfying read for fans of twisted fairytales and even a little forbidden office romance with side characters you can't help but love and a cute price frog that steals the show. ★

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# CHP Celebrates the Graduation of New Officers



This year's graduating class of 112 officers includes 11 women who are entering the force. Photo courtesy of CHP

### CHP News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) welcomed more than 100 of California's newest members of law enforcement during a graduation ceremony at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. The November 3, 2023 ceremony is the culmination of more than six months of rigorous training, hard work, and commitment.

"These cadets are California's finest," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "They are truly the best among us — answering a call of duty to serve our communities with trust and care. On behalf of all Californians, I am proud to welcome them to the California Highway Patrol."

The graduating class of 112 officers, including 11 women, report for duty on Nov. 13, 2023, to one of the CHP's 103 Area offices throughout the state.

"The newly sworn officers exhibited remarkable dedication and determination throughout their training. They have proven themselves ready to take on the responsibilities and challenges of law enforcement, ensuring the safety and well-being of those who live and visit California," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "We are proud to welcome them as part of the CHP family."

At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism and ethics, and cultural diversity. Cadets also receive instruction on mental illness response and crisis intervention techniques. Training also includes vehicle patrol, crash investigation, first aid, and the apprehension of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Cadets also receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management, and knowledge of various codes, including the California Vehicle Code, Penal Code and Health and Safety Code.

A new class of more than 100 cadets will begin their 26-weeks of training at the CHP Academy that same day, bringing the total number of cadets in training to nearly 350.

In June 2022, the CHP launched a multi-year recruitment campaign to recruit and hire 1,000 officers. If you are interested in an exciting career that offers diversity, challenges, and opportunities, the CHP invites you to apply to become a part of our professional organization. ★

# Kings Announce the 22nd Annual Season of Doing Good

### Sacramento Kings Communications News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Monday, November 6, 2023, the Sacramento Kings Foundation announced activations for the 22nd Annual Season of Doing Good, presented by Raley's.

"This annual tradition is an opportunity to reaffirm our deep commitment to the incredible Sacramento community and create positive change," said Sacramento Kings Chief Operating Officer Matina Kolokotronis. "We are proud to partner with local organizations and nonprofits and give back to those in need."

"It's our honor to partner with the Sacramento Kings on their Season of Doing Good," said Raley's Vice President of Community Impact and Public Affairs Chelsea Carbahal. "Together we are committed to creating memorable experiences and providing nutritious meals for families across our region."

The season will tip-off on November 9, with the team hosting the annual Eat Like a King event, a harvest festival themed feast at Golden 1 Center. The Sacramento Kings players and coaches will serve dinner and eat with over 200 youth and their families from 27 nonprofits supporting underserved areas of Sacramento. The event will also include interactive games, a DJ, performances by the Kings Dancers and a photo booth.

On December 2, as the Kings take on the Denver Nuggets the team will host a Toy Drive with Les Schwab. The first 200 fans who bring a toy valued at \$20 or more will receive two tickets to a future

Kings home game.

On December 15, the team will host Kingpin Classic at The Apex at Red Hawk Resort + Casino. The Kingpin Classic charity bowling tournament is an opportunity for Kings fans to bowl with their favorite players and coaches while enjoying entertainment from the Kings Dancers, and Slamson. In addition, all participants will receive an exclusive Kingpin Classic shirt, Kings swag, unlimited arcade games, food and beverages and more. All proceeds benefit local youth basketball programs. Advanced sponsorship package and ticket purchases are required for both bowlers and spectators.

On December 17, the Kings and Raley's will deliver bags of groceries, Raley's gift cards and co-branded swag to local veterans as part of the team's Shop Like a King event.

On December 19, the team will spread holiday cheer at select Raley's stores with players surprising shoppers with gift cards for groceries.

Additionally, Kings guard De'Aaron Fox and Raley's, guard Malik Monk and Forward Trey Lyles will each host Thanksgiving meal donations in Sacramento, Arkansas and Indiana, respectively. In December, Fox will also host a toy drive and Monk will provide a holiday shopping spree for families at Target.

All Season of Doing Good event benefactors and audiences are predetermined and selected in collaboration with Raley's, local nonprofit partners and community organizations.

For more information on the Season of Doing Good, visit Kings.com/Community. ★

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must be filed before the expiration October 29, 2028. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S PARK IMPACT FEE NEXUS STUDY AND UPDATED PARK IMPACT FEES CHARGED ON NEW DEVELOPMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on December 19th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620 to consider a resolution concerning the adoption of the City's Park Impact Fee Nexus Study and updated park impact fees charged on new development pursuant to California Government Code Section 66000 et al. and City Municipal Code 4.07.040. The Park Impact Fee Nexus Study for the proposed park impact fees will be available on the city website "<https://www.cityofdixon.us/ParksRecreationMasterplan>" for public review on November 10th, 2023. Members of the public are invited to provide comment at the public hearing, or, in writing, which is received on or before December 18th, 2023.

**ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:** are invited to attend the December 19th, 2023 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the approval of the resolution. At the above noted time and place, testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 special meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak in favor or opposition to the above proposed action. Written comments are also accepted prior to the meeting at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be viewed by interested individuals at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

Copies of the proposed resolution will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, or stop by the office at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Dixon Independent Voice 11-10 and 11-17-2023

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-006, amending the Zoning Map for the City of Dixon and approving a Planned Development Amendment (PD 23-01) that modifies the Development Standards of the Planned Development Use and Development Standards rebranding the Lincoln Square Project to The Independence In Dixon Project and replacing the previously approved 101 single family residential lots with ninety-three (93) duplex buildings, consisting of 186 multifamily rental dwelling units on the vacant property totaling 10.99 acres at the southwest corner of North Lincoln Street and North First Street (Planning Application 23-08; Assessor's Parcel Number 0108-110-460), with no changes to the commercial property on APN 0180-110-450.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 17th day of October 2023, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 7th day of November 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bogue, Ernest, Johnson, Hendershot, Bird  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at [www.cityofdixon.us](http://www.cityofdixon.us).

Kristin M. Janisch  
 Elected City Clerk

Dixon Independent Voice 11-17-23

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

**DIXON POLICE LOG**

**Monday, November 06**

0745 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 400 block of West F Street.  
 0804 - Non injury traffic accident in the 300 block of East A Street.  
 1202 - Death investigation in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.  
 1324 - Information report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.  
 1359 - Fraud report taken in the 1800 block of Rockrose Drive.  
 1920 - Hours- Jaibun Ali (age 60) of Dixon was contacted in the 1200 block of Pitt School Road and later arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.  
 0250 - Hours- Burglary to a business in the 1400 block of Ary Lane

**Tuesday, November 07**

0813 - Vehicle Burglary report 800 block Sunset Drive.  
 0830 - Information report 400 block East C Street. 0945 Information report 400 block East A Street.  
 1050 - Stolen Vehicle report 1800 block North Lincoln Street.  
 1113 - Stolen Vehicle Recovery Tremont Road at Old Davis Road.  
 1630 - Vehicle burglary report 500 block Stratford Ave.  
 2031 - Pedestrian stop in the 1400 block of Ary Lane resulted in the arrest of Nathan Moreno (41) of Dixon for a misdemeanor traffic warrant. He was cited and released with a new court date.

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# COMICS & PUZZLES

**The Spats** by Jeff Pickering

I SLEPT LIKE A LOG LAST NIGHT.

THAT EXPLAINS WHY OUR BED WAS FULL OF SAWDUST.

**POPEYE** TUMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

IT'S NOT FAIR!

YOU NEVER LET ME DO ANYTHING!

I HATE IT HERE!

IS HE REALLY PRACTICHER TANTURMS?

ANY FIT WORTH HAVING IS WORTH HAVING RIGHT!

OLIVE IS VA SURE VA WANTS TBE WIT ME?

OF COURSE I DO WHY?

I MEAN VA COULD EASAY DO BETTER.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WELL I ANTSK GOOD LOOKING!

YOU'RE DISTINGASHED.

I ANTSK THE SMARTEST.

YOU'RE THE MOST CLEVER PERSON I KNOW.

I VAM ALWAYS GITINK INTO FIGHTS.

YOU'RE ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN.

POPEYE, I LOVE YOU.

AFTER ALL THIS TIME AND ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH YOU'VE STAYED BY MY SIDE, EVEN AT MY WORST, YOU CHOSE TO BE THERE.

YOU'RE STUCK WITH ME.

LIKE A FILL.

HER ME FAVORITE SICKNESS!

**Amber Waves** by Dave T. Phipps

I GUESS HAL THE TURKEY IS WORRIED ABOUT THANKSGIVING.

I PERSONALLY DON'T SEE WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL.

US CHICKENS DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT DAY AT ALL.

NO, JUST EVERY OTHER DAY BEFORE AND AFTER THAT.

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different; 2. Oven window is missing; 3. Pudding is smaller; 4. Arm is moved; 5. Handle is smaller; 6. Staircase is different.

**Out on a Limb** by Gary Kopervas

EARLY SUBURBS

BESTERED BY STICK

**CRIM THE BEAR IT** by Dave T. Phipps

Just Like Cats & Dogs

WHOA, SHE DID SOMETHING VERY RIGHT OR HE DID SOMETHING VERY WRONG.

"Did you get the license number?"

**TIGER** by BUD BLAKE

READY, TIGER?

OKAY ONCE MORE. THIS TIME WITH MY EYES OPEN.

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# Brightening the Holiday Season for the Military Community



USO staff hand out goodies to soldiers. Photo courtesy of USO photos

## From StatePoint

### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

As we enter the holiday season and Americans across the country look forward to spending time with family, thousands of service members deployed overseas – many to the Middle East in response to the Israel-Hamas war – will not have that luxury and will be spending the holidays far away from loved ones.

Here is how USO Holidays programming delivers a piece of home to them, along with ideas for how you can get involved:

1. Care packages: A care package might seem small in light of the challenges of deployment, but for many service members, they're a reminder that they're

not forgotten by Americans back home. Aside from standard USO Care Packages, which contain snacks or toiletries, USO Holidays Care Packages have festive treats and goodies, such as holiday candies, cozy socks and a warm beanie, that help bridge the gap between home and the frontlines. This year, the USO will deliver 50,000 holiday packages to over 250 locations globally.

2. Holiday traditions: Giving up treasured family traditions can be difficult. That's why USO Centers and USO Mobile teams host holiday meals for service members and their families, complete with special treats ranging from pumpkin and sweet potato pie to hot

cocoa bars. Each December, USO Holidays Cookie Week celebrates the time-honored tradition of baking and decorating cookies, putting service members and military families in the holiday spirit wherever they are located. Other seasonal programming can include tree decorating, arts and crafts, holiday-themed movie nights and ugly sweater competitions. Through these activities, service members stationed far from home can still make holiday memories.

3. Connections to home: Staying connected to family during the holidays can be difficult for service members stationed overseas, particularly for those in or near regions in

conflict such as Eastern Europe or the Middle East. The USO Reading Program enables deployed service members to record themselves reading a book to their child. Then, the recording and a copy of the book are sent to that service member's family.

4. Happy travels: As most people know, holiday travel can be especially taxing. Thousands of service members and trainees from military installations across the country participate in the Holiday Block Leave period, many traveling through some of the busiest airports in the United States to be with their families during the holidays. USO airport centers can alleviate some of that stress for service members and

trainees by providing a place to relax and unwind before the next leg of their journey, along with all the comfort items they need.

To learn more about these programs and how to support them, and for ideas on how to reach out to the military community to express your thanks during the holidays and throughout the year, visit [uso.org/campaign/holidays](https://uso.org/campaign/holidays).

The holiday season can look very different for service members and military families who must celebrate while separated from loved ones and home in all corners of the world. Bringing everyone together on special days fosters camaraderie and positivity, and provides a welcome break from the demands of military life. ★

# I-80 Widening Draft Environmental Impact Report Now Available

## Yolo County Transportation News Release

**YOLO REGION, CA (MPG) -** I-80 Yolo Widening project's draft environmental documents, including the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), are now available for public comment. This project is to improve mobility in the I-80 corridor and this environmental study compares cost/benefits of alternatives, primarily focused on adding 16 miles of freeway lanes in each direction between Dixon and the 50-80 split.

The draft environmental documents are available for review through the State's CEQA Clearinghouse here: <https://ceqa-net.opr.ca.gov/2021060117/4>

The public is encouraged to comment on the scope, alternatives (were enough considered?), assumptions, and methods of the analysis as described in these draft study documents. For

example, were traffic noise and localized air pollution addressed and mitigated? Were impacts appropriately described and effectively mitigated? These draft documents include the first Caltrans EIR that must conform to new state law SB743 (Steinberg). This new law requires environmental impact studies to focus on the climate impact described as the GHG from the changes in vehicle miles traveled. Traffic congestion is no longer considered an important factor in the environmental analysis.

The draft documents will also be posted on the Caltrans "Yolo80 Improvements" webpage: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-projects/d3-i80-corridor-improvements>. Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) will post a link as well: [www.YoloTD.org](http://www.YoloTD.org).

A hardcopy of the draft

environmental documents can be viewed at:

Caltrans District 3 Headquarters, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA; Mary L Stephens Davis Branch Library, 315 E 14th Street, Davis; Arthur F Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento; Yolo Transportation District, 350 Industrial Way, Woodland.

Caltrans has no plans currently to make the draft documents available at UC Davis, Winters, or Woodland Libraries, but YoloTD may do this.

Caltrans will host two public meetings to receive comments on this \$330 million project:

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023**, in West Sacramento at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue. 5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**, at the Mary L Stephens

Davis Branch Library, 315 E 14th Street. 5:30pm to 7:30pm

YoloTD agency plans additional outreach and education they will publicize soon.

The release of the draft environmental documents during the holidays and the short time frame for public input are making public process a challenge that YoloTD is seeking to remedy: YoloTD Board will host a public meeting for input on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6pm at its board meeting. The public should be aware they will not be allowed to present PowerPoint visuals (maps, charts, graphs) to the board, but these can be emailed to: [public-comment@yctd.org](mailto:public-comment@yctd.org).

While Caltrans is the responsible agency for addressing deficiencies noted in the draft environmental documents, YoloTD retains final approval of the widening project per a

memorandum of understanding with Caltrans. YoloTD has 5 voting members on its Board, represented by Councilpersons Josh Chapman (Davis) (Alternate Donna Neville), Jesse Loren (Winter), Tom Stallard (Woodland), Dawnte Early (West Sac), and Supervisor Lucas Frerich. UC Davis has one non-voting ex officio member, Matt Dulcich on the Board.

Caltrans will accept public comments on the draft environmental documents, including the draft EIR deficiencies until Friday, January 5, 2024. After this, Caltrans has allocated only 30 days to address all concerns from the public and approve final environmental documents before certifying the EIR as accurate. The next steps will be drawing up plans and putting the project out for bid. Caltrans has committed to begin construction of the widening on Sept 30, 2024. ★

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