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# Another Round for Sales Tax?



City meetings will be closed over the holidays.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There may have been only three new items to discuss at the City Council Meeting last week but each of them wound up with lengthy discussions. The 1-cent sales tax increase is very likely to be coming this way again, possibly on the November ballot.

Item 12.3 was an informational report on the city's previous efforts for a local, one cent sales tax for general city revenue purposes and discuss future options.

"Most of the tax would not be collected from residents of Dixon; It would come from the I-80 corridor," explained City Manager Jim Lindley. He then turned the discussion over to Councilman Kevin Johnson who said with a laugh that he certainly didn't want this to be known as the 'Kevin Johnson Tax.'

"It's always been about what is best for the city," he said. "Our number one responsibility is to educate the public on this." City Treasurer Jim Ward said that the wording had a lot to do with the failure of the tax. "Measure D failed because the public didn't know exactly what the tax would go for," he said. "If we knew exactly what it would go for, I would have been for it."

"We have limited ways of generating revenue for the wants and needs of our city," Johnson responded. "More than 60-percent of sales tax is collected by people driving through that don't live here. We could be specific about where the money would or could go for things like landscape and lighting, for example. We are terribly underfunded."

City Attorney Doug White cautioned the Council saying, "We are not allowed to use any city resources [to promote a tax.] We don't have the capability to campaign on our behalf. Be we can say it is likely going to go for [something like] infrastructure."

Councilman Thom Bogue was not on board pointing out that other [Solano County] cities have the higher tax and are still going broke.

"We could have the tax paid by [outsiders,] but it affects 100-percent of the City's residents," he said. The Council did agree to have the City Attorney look into options of what kind of tax in relation to best position the City to get the tax passed and what it would take to get it on the November ballot.

In other news, the City Council received a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update and were introduced to the City's Park Impact fee Nexus Study, which included updated park impact

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## Annual Firefighters' Santa Run Set



By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Don't be alarmed that your neighbor's house is on fire when you hear the loud sirens of fire trucks coming down your street. It's just the annual Dixon Santa Run.

The Dixon Professional Firefighters Association Local 4665 and Santa will be visiting the community to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and you are invited to come out with friends and family to celebrate the holiday season. You can even take a photo with Santa.

On December 9, they will be travelling around Conejo Park from North Lincoln to West H Streets from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

On December 20, they will be driving around the Veterans Park area which is Parkway Boulevard to Dixon Avenue from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. On December 21, they will do one last run in the Northwest Park area from Dixon Avenue to West H street. Times are also 5:30 to 9 p.m.

On the last night of the Santa Run, the public is invited to join them at the Pardi Plaza to have a photo op with Santa and enjoy some kettle corn and hot apple cider. Santa plans to arrive around 7:30 p.m. The group raises money throughout the year so they can give back to the community at events like the Christmas Tree Lighting and this visit through the community.

In 2021, they responded to a record 2,954 calls for service. Dixon Fire Department hosts training for entry level technical rescue training for low angle rope rescue, hitches and anchor systems, ascending/descending, victim packaging, and fall protection.

They also help with more advanced training such as ladder rescue systems, lifting and moving heavy objects, breaking and breaching operations and building shoring operations.

Dixon Firefighters have always been a part of the bigger emergency response network both locally and statewide. The Fire Department is located at 205 Ford Way. ★

# Christmas Services and Celebrations

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There are 11 churches in Dixon that welcome residents new and old to enjoy Christmas Eve services this year which falls on a Sunday. But, there is one event that unites them all every year and that's the beautiful tunes in the tunnel known as Carols in the Tunnel. It is a time when Christian voices lift up in commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ and all others celebrate hope in the future.

The public is invited to join several local church groups including Living Hope Church and Grace Fellowship Church on December 15 at 7 p.m. It's become a regular favorite over the holidays despite the cold and takes place in the B Street train underpass. Hot cocoa or coffee and cookies will be provided.

Cornerstone Baptist Church will also be doing a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at



A tunnel full of tunes will happen when local church congregations join together in the B Street railroad underpass to sing and hear the echoing sounds of Christmas. This year it's Friday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Photo by Nicolas Brown

10:30 a.m. at 185 West Cherry Street.

"We're inviting everyone to come celebrate the birth of Jesus," reminded Church Office Manager Monica Sepulveda.

Dixon United Methodist Church will

have Christmas Eve services at 8:30 a.m. and another at 10 a.m. Then, at night, they will have their traditional evening services at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. At those evening services, there will be a sermon on the Christmas story from

Luke 2: 1-20. There will also be carols and candle lighting. They are located at 209 North Jefferson Street.

Freedom Church, located at 470 East H Street, will be providing

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# Life's too SHORT



## Ready for a Quantum Leap?

By Debra Dingman

It wasn't until they showed the Pac Man game that I began to 'get it.' The television show was about how the new computers are able to "try" all possibilities at once instead of one route at a time. It is a concept that only 60 Minutes could help us understand. The story last Sunday night was about the impact of this new computer on our society.

It was alarming in both a good and bad way. The bad is that we have no way of knowing or fully understanding how this knowledge could be used badly. If scammers can already invade the phones we carry in our pockets to sell us things we don't want, can steal our identities, and empty our bank accounts in just moments, no one can imagine the atrocities on civilization that lurk.

But the good is amazing – for finding cures for cancer for example. The doors will fly open to new science and new engineering, they say. They had us look back to 1947 when there was the invention of a switch called a transistor which is what computers have been processing on ever since. The transistors have gotten smaller and faster so now billions of them are squeezed onto a chip. But they still only travel two ways, they explained – like a coin. It's either heads up or down. The new ones are heads AND tails.

Of course I would like to say that there is a global effort to produce the Quantum computers and the smartest and kindest leaders will be in charge, but that would be

too similar to a 007 movie with an espionage plot where there's only one good guy and the other is...well, evil.

"We're looking at a race, a race between China, between IBM, Google, Microsoft, Honeywell, all the big boys are in this race to create a workable, operationally efficient quantum computer. Because the nation or company that does this, will rule the world economy," explained Michio Kaku, author of the book, Quantum Supremacy.

So while I was trying to find a glow-in-the-dark football for one of my grandsons while Christmas shopping on Amazon, I thought of my future. Am I afraid?

Oh sure, I could be worried but then I remembered all the other things I worried about – especially the Y2K thing that was going to destroy all banking institutions when the calendar clicked over to the year 2001 – and decided I just don't have any brain cells left to worry about anything.

This is Christmas. The lesson here is to remain close to God. Our creator has probably already figured out this quantum thing and is watching us with amusement.

We're supposed to be living in the present and not lose our minds to worry. So I'll remember the important stuff: My potty-training grandson needs more gummies next to the toilet for when he succeeds; I need to order the oldest granddaughter, who just got her permit, a key chain that says, "Have fun, be safe, and remember your Nana loves you;" And, to wrap this really cool LED remote-control lights for a basketball rim that's for the other grandson. ★

# Dixon News Briefs



A Dog Blanket Drive is being organized by Dixon's Basalite Concrete Products. If you can help bring fur babies some warmth and comfort, please drop blankets off at the Basalite office. See details below. Photo By Vanita Beasley

MPG Staff

### Wreath Project

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. 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. and that is open to the public. Carpooling is encouraged and SVNC staff will be directing parking within the cemetery. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Adult and teen volunteers are needed Friday, December 15, to help unload trucks at the cemetery, starting at 3 p.m. For frequent updates, check the website at [www.wreathproject.org](http://www.wreathproject.org) or the Facebook page.

### Christmas Vendor Fair

The Creative Space in downtown Dixon will be hosting music, local vendors, festive food, and crafts on Sunday, December 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are located at 160 West A Street.

### City Council Cancelled

The Dixon City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, and the Transportation Advisory Commission set for Wednesday, December 20, are cancelled due to the holidays.

### Dog Blanket Drive

Basalite Concrete Products is doing a blanket drive for SPCA and local shelters through December 22.

If one would like to donate, they are accepting blankets, towels, or dry food. Anything helps!

Basalite's address is 605 Industrial Way in Dixon and they are open Monday through Friday 6 am to 5 p.m. for drop off. (Thank You in advanced from the Basalite crew.)

### Whisker Wonderland

This Saturday, December 16, is a fun experience for cat lovers. The Poppy State

Cat Show will be at the Dixon fairgrounds and the participants will not only be vying for ribbons but also, for most creative cat crate! See their ad in this newspaper for details.

### Unique Gift Idea

Give the gift that will last for years: A cake decorating Course from Every Baking Moment, 143 North First Street in downtown Dixon. The course offers four 2-hour sessions for \$75 on Tuesdays: January 16, 23, 30, and February 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Students will learn to make icing and fillings: torte, fill, and ice a cake and will practice basic icing star and round tip decorating techniques. Participants do not bake in class as they do not have ovens, however, they will provide simple, step-by-step instructions for one to bake your best cake at home. For more information call (707) 693-0112 or visit their website [www.everybakingmoment.com](http://www.everybakingmoment.com).

### Hobo Beef Stew

The annual dinner and raffle at the Veterans Memorial Hall at 1305 North First Street in Dixon will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024. There will be fun, friendship, and lots of raffle prizes. The bar opens at 4:30 and dinner starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call Patti at (707) 592-0991 or inquire Friday nights at the Veterans Hall.

### Schools Winter Break

The Dixon Unified School District will be closed for Winter Break soon so that means from after school on Friday, December 15 all the way to Monday morning, January 8, there is plenty of time to take your children on vacation or plan now for extra childcare!

For Neighborhood Christian School, students will be out starting at noon on Friday, December 15 and also start back up on Monday, January 8.

Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy will be on their break a week later, beginning after school on Friday, December 22 but will return to school at the same time as all the others on Monday morning, January 8. ★



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# Soroptimists Support Wreath Project



Curtis Stocking who helps lead the local Remember-a-Vet Christmas Wreath project received a donation from the local Soroptimists International. Photo by Amy Pretti

### Soroptimist News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - SI Dixon donated \$500 to Curtis Stocking for Wreath

Project, Remember a Vet. net. Each December, holiday boughs are placed on all the gravesites at this local veterans' cemetery

in honor of our veterans resting there. The tradition began in 2006 when the cemetery opened, and it is one of the few in the country to have 100% coverage each year. Funds are collected year-round, and boughs are purchased in advance; the public is invited to help place the boughs. Volunteers are welcome at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Saturday, December 16, to assist with placements starting at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested in donating to the Wreath Project, checks are accepted year-round Mail to: RememberAVet.net, POBox 773, Winters CA 95694 or online at <https://gofund.me/3f089fd2> (Tax ID: EIN 80-0252665) For more information call Susie at 707.249.5852 or email wreathproject@yahoo.com. Curtis Stocking who helps lead the local Remember-a-Vet Christmas Wreath project received a donation from the local Soroptimists International. ★

# Required Ear Tagging for '24 May Fair



Steers, like this big guy who was tagged for last year's Dixon May Fair, are required to get their ear tags on January 8, 2024, if they will be sold at the Dixon May Fair in 2024. Photo by Debra Dingman

### MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Those youth planning on exhibiting a Market Steer at the 2024 Fair, May 9-12, 2024, need to be aware of the following deadlines and requirements. FFA advisors, 4-H leaders, Grange leaders or parents of independent juniors must pick up tags prior to January 8, 2024. Tags and paperwork will be available for pick up in the Dixon May Fair office from December 18, 2023 - December 22, 2023 and January 3, 2024 - January 8, 2024. Paperwork, entry fees, bill of sale and picture

(front and side view) must be returned to the fair office no later than January 8, 2024 at 5 p.m. Entry fees and entry forms must be paid by January 8, 2024. Other livestock are planned for tagging at a later date. The Dixon May Fair office is located at 655 South First Street in Dixon, CA 95620. More information is available at [www.dixonmayfair.com](http://www.dixonmayfair.com) Feel free to contact the Fair office if you have questions at (707) 678-5529. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 am to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. ★

# Another Round for Sales Tax?

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fees charged on new development.

The LPA Managing Director John Courtney said there "should" be 120 acres so 22 more acres of park land are needed to have as much for residents as the town is built out, he explained, based on five acres per 1,000 residents. This was based on a projected population of 28,450. "Dixon does match pretty closely with national benchmarking pretty well with other communities," he said. Facility needs/improvements assessed from the community included (in order) Pickleball, fitness classes; exercise equipment; tennis; jogging/walking trails; indoor and outdoor basketball; volleyball; swimming; baseball; soccer; Rugby; and senior center. Earlier in the consent calendar, it was approved for staff to be procuring steel panels in the indoor soccer arena. The services that made the list of community desires were: a safe, small-town feel; more youth activities; maintaining existing facilities; enhancing cultural diversity; performing arts and technology programs. Plans also included expanding existing parks and implementing upgrades such as

lighting and converting some grass areas, such as areas under trees, for shrubs and different ground cover such as drought intolerant plants. Blair Aas, Director of Planning Services for SCI Consulting Group offered funding options. "Developmental Impact Fees are critical tools to maintain infrastructure," he said. "AB1600 Mitigation Fee Act determines how to get them, charge for them, etc. Population should pay its own way." With item 12.2, the Council unanimously passed the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Provision and Management of Emergency Ambulance Services. (JEPA) after Fire Chief Todd McNeal supported the change. "There is significant potential to increase revenue," he said. "There is an estimated \$5 million that Medic Ambulance cannot receive because the current model is private." Medic Ambulance is privately owned and therefore cannot use government grants. The Chief also said response time would improve because the operational control for standards increases the level of response. ★

# Christmas Services

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a Christmas Gift Giveaway on Sunday, December 24 at their 10 a.m. Christmas Eve Service. You can get more information at [www.freedomchurch.com](http://www.freedomchurch.com) or call (707) 693-1774. Grace Fellowship Church, in addition to coordinating the Carols in the Tunnel, will have their Christmas Eve Service at 10:15 a.m. and also a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. The church is located at 535 West H Street and their phone is (707) 678-5700. Living Hope Church will also have

their Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24 at 10 a.m. "We also have a special Christmas Concert planned for Saturday, December 16 at 7 in the evening," said Pastor Jeff Myers. "Music will be provided by local bands, Leaving Theodora, and Strands. The event is free and will include holiday refreshments, crafts for the kids and pictures with Santa." The church is located at 410 Gateway Drive. St. Peter's Catholic Church is at 105 South 2nd Street and will offer regular mass times. ★

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# Fong Family Tells of Pardi Market History



Guests at the Dixon Historical Society's fall presentation on the history of Pardi Market were (L-R) Jeanne Chinn, Raymond Lee, Carleton Fong, Darlene Young, Christian Fong, Carl Fong, Nick Stacey and Bing Lee.

**Story and photo by Kim Schoeder-Evans**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Historical Society was honored to have John Fong's oldest son, Carl Fong, speak about his memories of when his father John Fong had owned Pardi Market. Joining him were one of his younger brothers, Carleton, and his spouse Cindy Fong; one of his younger sisters Darlene Young; his oldest son Christian Fong; his Uncle Bing Lee (brother of John Fong's wife Amy Fong); and cousins Raymond Lee and Jeanne Chinn. They travelled all the way from Orange County, Seattle, the Bay Area, and Sacramento to be with us here in Dixon this past fall.

The Fong family presentation began as "Pardi Market, a glimpse in the past." Carl Fong, the oldest of John's children, introduced his family in attendance and gave thanks to the Stacey Family, George Pardi and all the former Pardi Market team members.

John Y. Fong, a 3rd-generation American of Chinese heritage, was the youngest of four children. He married in 1958, had six children (3 boys and 3 girls) and lived on 555 Sierra Dr. in Dixon. John was a cook, then went into the military, then began working in Dixon. John had a friend who worked at Rainbow Market in Dixon and who recruited John to the market. John Fong and his wife, Amy Fong,

spoke different Chinese dialects. Carl spoke his father's dialect, Hoisan-wa (similar to Cantonese), at home and learned English at school and by watching TV. The Fong family moved back to Sacramento because Carl had hay fever. Although they moved, John Fong loved Dixon and commuted every day.

The Pardi Market was purchased in 1969 from the Pardi family. At one point there were three owners: John Fong with Jerry Louie and Calvin Lee. When asked why John did not change the name from Pardi Market, he said that he wanted to honor the Pardi Family for having given him the opportunity to own his own business. Also, at the family dinner table,

he would always remind his children that the customers were their family, and without customers there would be no market and no food on their table.

John Fong kept the market open 365 days a year, closing early on Thanksgiving, Christmas and sometimes New Year's Eve. John Fong worked 6 days a week, and on Thursday, his only day off, he would drive around and pick up products to sell at the grocery store. He never really had time off. One day there was a bread strike and John's daughter Darlene recalled driving all over Sacramento to buy bread just for Pardi Market.

Five of the six Fong children worked at the market.

Carl started working at Pardi Market at the age of 14 or 15. At 6 a.m., Carl and his brother Carleton remembered that they would stop on their commute to get donuts at Marie's Donuts and have them available at the store. Carleton worked in the meat department with his dad while Carmon worked with Jerry Louie and handled the produce department. Carl did cashier, cleaning, stocking, etc.

John Fong taught them how to bag groceries, and how to be quick on the cash register. Staff remembered the buzzer that Carl's sisters would ring because they would need someone to help bag groceries and then carry them out for the customers. Stay tuned for Part 2 in a future edition. ★

# Christmas Celebrations!



The train delighted children and adults alike downtown. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The night got brighter when the lights went on at the annual Tree Lighting Festival. Photo by Nicolas Brown



A Night of Music was presented at Dixon United Methodist Church and featured the church Choir led by Hannah Miller, the Bell Choir, a violin performance by Marianne MacDonald and Johanna Hoagland, and the Solano Winds Ensemble pictured above. Photo by Debra Dingman



Russell Fry performed traditional Christmas carols on the piano as well as the accordion at the Night of Music held at the Methodist Church. Photo by Debra Dingman

# Workforce Development Bills Introduced to Support Community College

Office of Rep. Mike Thompson  
News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Reps. Mike Thompson (CA-04), Lucy McBath (GA-07), Jahana Hayes (CT-05), Jamaal Bowman (NY-16), and Mark Takano (CA-39) introduced legislation to provide American students and workers educational opportunities and prepare them for success in their careers. The "Training, Retention, and Investment Now (TRAIN) Act" expands and makes permanent the Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants program at the Department of Labor (DOL), which provides funding to community colleges for partnerships with local employers.

"Workforce training programs help put students on a track to good-paying careers in in-demand fields," said Thompson. "I am proud to coauthor the TRAIN Act to create a competitive grant program so that schools like the Santa Rosa Junior College receive the funding they need to train workers for careers in good-paying jobs. I look forward to ensuring that workforce training programs receive the funding they deserve to set more Americans on a path to a successful career."

"It's important that our students are ready to pursue the steps along their desired paths when they graduate, and our community colleges need equal access to resources to support the next generation of American workers," said McBath. "The Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants are making monumental change in our communities, and the TRAIN Act takes an important step to protect them. I am proud to support our workforce by protecting and expanding these vital programs, and I thank my colleagues for their partnership."

"In Connecticut, our 14 community colleges serve as an affordable bridge to higher education and long-term success for students of all ages. The TRAIN Act expands the Department of Labor Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants they rely on to provide quality services to communities. These grants increase the capacity of community colleges in offering equitable access to training for in-demand industries," said Hayes. "I am a graduate of Naugatuck Valley Community College and know how impactful these institutions are in increasing access to career training and education for low-income students. This legislation is the next step forward in providing more Americans a pathway toward a good-paying job and rewarding career."

"Our vision for a better and more equitable future starts with making real investments in people and opportunities," said Bowman. "With the TRAIN for a Better America Act introduced by Congresswoman McBath, we are connecting students to transformative educational and workforce development opportunities to prepare them for success in their careers. Solving our nation's most pressing issues will take deep collaboration and

intentional policy making that recognizes the untapped potential in our communities and the importance of establishing and supporting local partnerships that uplift workers, students, and families. As a lifelong educator, I've seen just how impactful our schools – especially our community colleges – can be when they serve as holistic centers of growth and development for students, families, and the community at large. This legislation is a critical step forward as we seek to bring investments and resources to ensure access to high quality workforce development aligned to local needs."

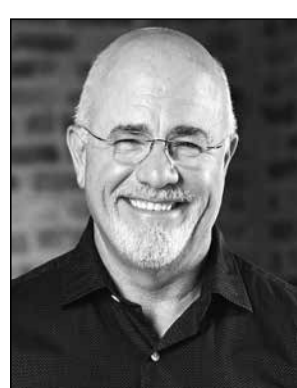
"Community colleges are essential to developing a robust workforce to meet the needs of future industries," said Takano. "As a public school teacher for 24 years and a community college trustee for more than two decades, I understand how impactful the Department of Labor's Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants can be in developing career pathways and fill in gaps in barriers to completing a student's education. I am proud to co-lead the Training, Retention, And Investment Now (TRAIN) for a Better America Act with my colleagues to codify and expand this funding for years to come."

Community colleges have long provided vital access to higher education for low-income and non-traditional learners. However, community colleges struggle to build the capacity they need, and many students face difficulties finding employment after graduating. Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act's (WIOA) demonstration authority, DOL has begun awarding Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants to expand online and technology-enhanced learning in industries such as health care, logistics, and cybersecurity. These grants expand the capacity of community colleges to collaborate with employers and the public workforce development system to meet local and regional labor market demand for a skilled workforce. DOL has awarded tens of millions of dollars in grants to community colleges around the country in 2023. The TRAIN Act codifies and expands the Department of Labor's Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants, authorizing a competitive grant program that aims to build community colleges' capacity to provide employment and training programs leading to post-secondary credentials for in-demand industries or occupations.

The grants provide for:

1. Developing or scaling up career training, career pathways, or work-based learning options like apprenticeships.
2. Assisting individuals with barriers to employment with accessing programs.
3. Providing support services to help participants complete education and training.

This bill is endorsed by the National Skills Coalition, Third Way, Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), and the Association of Community College Trustees (AACT). ★



It's a Credit Card Addiction

## Dave Ramsey Says

she's confronted over her actions. Sometimes people get ticked off when they hear the truth, especially when it's connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife and her sister to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. Really, what we're talking about here is an intervention.

Also, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle. Support your wife and her sister through it all, but if you're in there asking questions and probing around, you're liable to come off as the evil son-in-law. And you folks don't need to add any more problems to the mix.

They need to sit down with her in a quiet setting, one where there are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. That's very important in a situation like this. But they also have to walk through what's really going on, and let her know they're tired of

watching her destroy herself, and her finances, with her irresponsible behavior.

If she had a drinking problem, you'd want to try to make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. In this case, she basically has a credit card addiction. And it's wreaking havoc on her financial well-being and people who care about her.

So, show as much love and understanding as possible. But someone needs to say something soon.

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling 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. ★

Dear Dave,

I think my mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can't afford stuff, but she shops anyway, chalks up more and more debt, acquires more credit cards, and thinks she'll pay for it all later somehow. Her ex-husband has bailed her out a few times, but he's unwilling to help anymore. My wife and I, and my wife's sister, want to address this issue, but we're all worried about her reaction, and we don't know where to start. Do you have any advice??

- Randall

Dear Randall,

First, everyone involved should understand they're likely to receive an angry response from this lady if



### Farm Bureau President Urges Lawmakers to Secure Water for Agriculture

California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson called on lawmakers to work to sustain agriculture into the future by securing water supplies and rejecting policies that merely ask farmers and ranchers to be resilient in the face of unaddressed challenges. Speaking before the 105th Annual Meeting of the California Farm Bureau in Reno, Nevada, this week, Johansson took issue with California's failure to complete water infrastructure projects that could have stored water during wet years and enhanced flood-control protections in years with heavy rains.

### Two Beetle Pests Raise Concerns for Almonds, Pistachios and Pears

Two different beetle pests found in California orchards this year have growers on alert and researchers looking to learn more as they try to develop treatments to control infestations. One is the arrival of a new invasive beetle, the Carpophilus truncatus, which was found infesting almonds and pistachios in the San Joaquin Valley earlier this fall. The other is an existing native pest—a species of flatheaded borer that historically attacked only wood but was found feeding on pear fruit in Lake County. Growers are urged to be on the lookout for the pests.

### Park Farming Organics is Winner of 2023 Leopold Conservation Award

Park Farming Organics in Sutter County has been named winner of the Leopold Conservation Award, which recognizes farmers and ranchers for their achievements in environmental stewardship. The award, honoring conservationist Aldo Leopold, celebrates farmers and ranchers improving the land under their care. The Park family grows rice, corn, wheat, flax, alfalfa, tomatoes, seed crops and vegetables using production methods that mimic natural systems. Bowles Farming Co. in Merced County, owned by the Bowles and Lawrence families, was an award finalist.

### Farm Bureau Foundation Secures \$574,750 Grant to Mentor Emerging Farmers, Ranchers

The California Bountiful Foundation, the nonprofit science, research and educational organization of the California Farm Bureau, has received a \$574,750 grant to support the California Farm Bureau Beginning Farmer and Rancher Mentoring Program. The program has been named "Expanding our Roots" and is dedicated to supporting emerging agriculturalists in California. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The funds will support development of the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Mentoring program. ★

# Time Change for California Forever Town Hall on December 18

Dixon Chamber of Commerce  
News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Chamber of Commerce is announcing that the original time for the Dixon Town Hall Meeting scheduled for December 18 is changing its hours from 5 pm to 7 pm to begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm at the Dixon Olde Vets Hall on 231 North 1st Street.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to connect with and get feedback from communities across Solano County during our town hall tour," California Forever CEO Jan Sramek said. "These events will be an opportunity for residents of Solano County to learn more about the opportunities in eastern Solano and how those

benefit all parts of Solano County, and to help us design the best possible project."

Jan Sramek will give a brief presentation and answer questions submitted by the public, followed by opportunities for the public to meet with Jan, Gabriel Metcalf, Jay Primus, and Anye Spivey from California Forever, as well as Bronson Johnson from NEXT Infrastructure.

Members of the public can submit questions in advance by emailing contact@californiaforever.com with the subject line noting which town hall the question is to be asked at, e.g. "Question for Dixon Town Hall 12/18".

These initial town halls will introduce the vision for the project, some of the key

concepts, and will be an opportunity for residents of Solano County to meet with the California Team and provide feedback. Following the town halls, in early 2024,

California Forever will propose actual plans for the project, and afterwards after the company will hold another series of town halls to introduce the plans. ★

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- Concerning, archaic
- Talking Heads' "And She \_\_\_\_\_"
- Give a speech
- 2023 World Series winners
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- \*Kali Uchis' "I Wish \_\_\_\_\_ Roses"
- Don't step on it twice!
- \*Ryan Gosling's #48 Across role
- Winter window picture
- Imprisons
- Aphrodite's son
- Hindu serpent deity
- Toughness
- Angler's hope
- Stephen Curry, e.g.
- Opposed to
- Tastes like lemon
- Seven-year desire
- Turf alternative
- \*Highest-grossing 2023 movie to-date
- Chris Hemsworth's repeating role
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- Declare invalid
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writes in his book, “Vietnam: The Necessary War,” “By 1970, North Vietnam had in effect annexed eastern Cambodia, to the extent of restricting the access of Cambodian officials and taxing and drafting Cambodia peasants.”

Why should the North have been allowed to use Cambodia’s territory to launch attacks into South Vietnam and against U.S. forces with impunity? It’s not illegal under international law, let alone a war crime, to attack belligerents across a border.

It is also presumed to be a terrible thing that the bombing campaign, begun in March 1969, was initially secret. It wasn’t publicly announced to avoid embarrassing the Cambodian government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk. He went along with the operation targeting North Vietnamese bases on the border to placate sentiment in his country against the foreign presence.

When Sihanouk was toppled by a pro-U.S. general, Lon Nol, he threw himself into the arms of the Khmer Rouge.

Although they eventually had a break, the Khmer Rouge was a North Vietnamese project. Pol Pot’s biographer David Chandler writes: “Until the end of 1972, his troops were armed, trained, and often led by the Vietnamese. The defeats suffered by Lon Nol in 1970-1971 had been at the hands of Vietnamese regular forces.”

The U.S. held off the Khmer Rouge with a further bombing campaign in 1973, but Congress cut off support and the group swept to power.

While the Left prettied up the Khmer Rouge, the Nixon administration issued prescient warnings.

In urging Congress to continue support, an assistant secretary of state warned that there “would be an unbelievable transformation of that society against the wishes of its general population and through the use of great force.”

Whose fault was that? Kissinger enemies Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman aver, “when poor peasants are driven into the jungle from villages destroyed by bombing, they may seek revenge.”

Oh, really? Genocidal revenge against their countrymen who weren’t piloting the B-52s? As Lind notes, Laos was the most heavily bombed country during the war, and yet it didn’t descend into killing fields.

The Khmer Rouge were already implementing their lunatic vision in territory they controlled prior to taking over. In his book, “Cambodia: Year Zero,” Father Francois Ponchaud wrote that the catastrophic emptying out of the capital, Phnom Penh, followed “traditional revolutionary practice” – indeed, “the guerrilla fighters had been sending all inhabitants of the villages and towns they occupied into the forests to live, often burning their homes so they would have nothing to come back for.”

They did it out of a profound ideological commitment, not in reaction to Henry Kissinger. The former secretary of state has a complicated legacy, understandably for someone so influential for so long, but he’s not responsible for the unspeakable enormities of fanatics he fought to keep out of power.

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



# Riley Reviews

“SILENT NIGHT” REVENGE THRILLER; “BYE BYE BARRY” ON AMAZON

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

## “SILENT NIGHT” RATED R

“Silent Night” is a well-known Christmas hymn dating back to the early 19th century. The movie of the same title might be considered a Christmas film in the same vein as “Die Hard,” only it is even more violent.

Legendary director John Woo, known for his operatic style of action sequences and rarefied imagery, made his mark on schematized action thrillers with his Hong Kong hits “A Better Tomorrow,” “Hard Boiled,” and “The Killer.”

Imagining John Woo directing a “John Wick” film is not a giant leap, considering his style would seem to have influenced that franchise, and with this film one of the production companies, Thunder Road, is best known for producing the franchise that Keanu Reeves made so thoroughly entertaining.

The holiday season informs the film mainly because on the night before Christmas, a traditional suburban American family is preparing to spend a pleasant day together, unaware of a brewing tension between two rival gangs that will change their lives in a horrifying and desolate manner.

As Brian (Joel Kinnaman) and Saya (Catalina Sandino Moreno) Godlock enjoy playing in the front yard with their young son, local gangs are racing down the street firing automatic weapons at each other, never mindful that a stray bullet would harm someone involved with a turf war.

Struck by a stray bullet, the young boy is collateral damage in a city seemingly rife with out-of-control crime sprees. The child does not survive and the mourning takes an irreversibly harmful toll on the parents.

With the notable exception of empathetic Detective Dennis Vassel (Scott Mescudi), Brian finds the flawed policing system seemingly indifferent to bringing deserved justice for the premature death of a boy. Not surprisingly, Brian vows to take revenge.

The main villain is gang leader Playa (Harold Torres), whose tattooed face and bald head make him look as vicious as any MS-13 gang member that terrorizes rivals and innocent civilians alike.

While Brian immediately hunts down and locates a handful of the culprits, his confrontation with Playa leaves him severely wounded and on the brink of death. Yet, his will for revenge becomes unstoppable.

Spurred to violent action, Brian’s desire to avenge the death of his son recalls what the fathers in Death Wish” and “Taken” endured to overcome their pain to punish the criminals.

A good deal of the film is focused on Brian’s training regimen, given that he’s just a regular guy until he hones lethal

skills. While there is brevity in the dialogue, violent retribution does all the talking and that be enough for action fans of a brutal revenge story.

## “BYE BYE BARRY” ON AMAZON PRIME

One thing certain in this year’s season of pro football is that the Carolina Panthers have been eliminated for a spot in the National Football League playoffs.

Usually, the Detroit Lions are also-rans, as they have not won a 1991 season playoff game since they won the division game by beating the Dallas Cowboys in a lopsided victory.

One of the star Lions players at the time was running back Barry Sanders who played for ten seasons with the team and is now the subject of Amazon Prime’s documentary “Bye Bye Barry.”

This feature-length documentary reveals in intimate detail the unprecedented journey of the running back who led the league in rushing yards during four seasons. One of the giants of the sport, Sanders displayed a style and flair that has arguably never been replicated.

His record-breaking career at both Oklahoma State, where he won the Heisman Trophy in 1988, and with the Detroit Lions created a standard that will be celebrated forever, and maybe not emulated by others with much success.

Ten years into his Hall of Fame career, it was only a matter of time before he broke Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton’s record for most rushing yards. Sanders gained 15,269 rushing yards, the most ever by any NFL player in a 10-year span.

But in his prime, at the peak of his game, Sanders did the unthinkable. At age 31, in the summer of 1999, he walked away from the game, never to return. Few retirements have ever been so shocking. And none with more intrigue.

Twenty-four years after the surprising decision to depart from the sport, NFL Film joined the 55-year-old Sanders and his four sons on a trip to England to explore his career, revisit his upbringing, and tackle one of the greatest mysteries in sports history. Why did he retire when he did?

The documentary reveals the controversy over Sanders’ retirement, which came abruptly with a faxed statement and a departure for London right before the start of training camp. It would not have been his style to hold a press conference.

Football fans should enjoy “Bye Bye Barry” for the great footage of his amazing speed and agility on the field, and the interviews with teammates, his family and cameos of celebrity fans like Tim Allen and Jeff Daniels, among others. ★

## No, Henry Kissinger Was Not A War Criminal

Henry Kissinger, the great American statesman who has died at age 100, stands accused by his critics of many things, but perhaps the most outlandish is that he bears responsibility for the killing fields of Pol Pot’s Cambodia.

Implementing a radical communist vision drawn from Mao and especially the Cultural Revolution, Pol Pot and his comrades killed roughly a quarter of the country’s population through execution and starvation resulting from forced collectivization and population transfers.

This Red Guard-like ideological frenzy is somehow attributed to the Cold Warrior Henry Kissinger.

The Nixon administration’s secret bombing of Cambodia and a brief invasion notoriously known as the “incursion,” are often called war crimes. They supposedly destabilized Cambodia and drove the Khmer Rouge mad – otherwise, we are assured, Cambodia would have escaped the chaos that engulfed the region in a decades-long military conflict and the Khmer Rouge would have been moderate reformers.

Much is made, in the anti-Kissinger case, of Cambodian neutrality. But the country’s neutral status had already been flagrantly violated by North Vietnam, which ran fighters and materiel through Cambodia on the Ho Chi Minh trail. Michael Lind

# Holiday Gift Guide From Harper Collins Publishing



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In this all-out Christmas adventure, readers will root for Max to save the bag and save Christmas while laughing along the way. Max Fernsby and the Infinite Toys is a fun read-along adventure perfect for the holiday season.

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# Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

## It's OK to be Human



We can see and accept imperfections in others. However, we are frequently hard on ourselves. Quick self-condemnation occurs if we make a mistake or suffer a setback. Perhaps there is regret over past decisions. No one is perfect. No one gets it right the first time. It's OK to be human like the rest of us.

Mistakes are a normal part of life. There is nothing wrong with you because you make them. It's not something to be ashamed of. Mistakes are how you learn. When you make a mistake, you must first assess what happened and why and then pick yourself up and keep going.

Don't take yourself too seriously all the time. Everyone does silly and funny things. Sometimes these actions are intentional, other times they are accidental. It's OK to laugh at yourself. Laughing at yourself relieves stress. People who can make light of themselves are viewed as being modest and considered affable. It is more comfortable to be around someone who pokes fun at their own gaffes than a person who is grimly serious.

Being human means being unique. Your perceptions, dreams, goals, desires, personality, and aptitudes are yours alone. You don't need to compare yourself to others. Someone else can't live your life and you can't live theirs.

People have different aptitudes. Not everyone is "gifted." No one is good at all things. You are born with certain abilities. Some tasks will come to you easily while others require much more effort. At times, you may feel deficient because you are comparing yourself to someone else. This comparison is unproductive.

Being human means you are free to change, improve, and grow. You have free will along with independent thought. If you don't like something, change it. You do not start out at a destination, you have to work to get there. It's up to you to determine what happens with your life.

Not everyone will like you; they

don't have to. You won't like everyone; you don't have to. It's part of being human. You are not a bad person because you don't care for certain individuals. There is nothing wrong with you just because someone is not fond of you.

It's OK to gravitate to those with whom you feel comfortable. It is disingenuous to be a chameleon for the purpose of being accepted by everyone. Be who you are. If you have personality attributes you are unhappy with, change them for the sake of being a better person, not so you will be accepted.

Being human means you will have emotional ups and downs. Emotional fluctuations are normal. Of course, you would rather feel good than bad. But there's nothing abnormal about having a bad day or feeling off. Don't get hung up on it. Whenever you feel bummed out, recall thoughts of happiness. It's always good to start each day by reviewing everything you have to be grateful for.

Being human means recognizing the world doesn't revolve around you. Each person likes to feel important. You are no better or worse than anyone else. You are not the only one who faces challenges. Everyone has to solve problems and overcome obstacles. What separates people is how they deal with the issues facing them.

Have fun. Laugh a lot. Life is meant to be enjoyed. Life is not an exact science, it's an adventure. There are many situations you can't control, so don't get frustrated. Make the best of your circumstances. Get up whenever you stumble. Learn from your mistakes. You are only human. Enjoy your journey.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001714**  
 The following persons are doing business as: Custom Cleaners, 1285 Straford Avenue #F, Dixon, CA 95620.

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 Date filed in Solano County: November 1, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2008

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 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001747**  
 The following persons are doing business as: Quick Quack Car Wash, 220 Dorset Court, Dixon, CA 95620.  
 VIP Fund IV, LLC, 6020 West Oaks Boulevard Suite 300, Rocklin, CA 95765.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001877**  
 The following persons are doing business as: Acorn Financial Solutions, 2625 Ascot Drive,

Fairfield, CA 94534.  
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### Request for Proposal and Qualification To Replace and Remodel the Tennis Courts located in Hall Park in the City of Dixon Project No. #2023-142

December 15, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express only (**no in person bids will be accepted**) on **January 5, 2024** until 3:00 p.m. at which time all bids will be publicly opened online and read by the City Clerk.

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All bids will be considered for award by the City of Dixon City Council on their regular meeting on Tuesday, **February 6, 2024**. For the following project:

#### Replace and Remodel the Tennis Courts located in Hall Park in the City of Dixon Project No. #2023-142

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Hall Park Tennis courts, located in Hall Park, City of Dixon.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Replacement and remodel services to the tennis courts located in Hall Park in the City of Dixon. Services will include the replacement of the tennis court surfacing and the underlying asphalt base layer. Additional services will include the installation of new tennis court LED lighting, the upgrade of existing lighting to LED fixtures, installation of new fencing between the tennis courts, and the replacement of tennis/pickleball court nets and posts.

Submitted proposals shall demonstrate the submitter's background and experience in the type of work described in Section IV, "SCOPE OF SERVICES". (Full scope can be obtained and RFQ/P, along with attachments, are available on the City website at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/bids>). **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS TO CHECK THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ANY FUTURE ADDENDUMS TO THIS RFQ/P.**

All bidders must submit bids online through the bid portal at BPXpress in order to be considered responsive. Additional explanation regarding the procedures for submitting bids is available at <https://www.dixonplanroom.com/> **No hard copy paper bids will be accepted.**

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## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Sunday, December 10

- 2224 Hours** - Grand theft from a motor vehicle report in the 1300 block of West H Street.
- 2300 Hours** - Theft from a motor vehicle in the 1300 block of Ary Lane.
- 0158 Hours** - Traffic accident in the area of North Lincoln Street and Moore Drive, Michael Clemons (30) of Dixon was arrested for DUI, driving on a suspended license and a probation violation.
- 1137** - Found bike report taken in the 400 block of Calmace Drive.

### Saturday, December 9

- 1946** - Domestic violence and vandalism arrest report was taken in the 400 block of Ellesmere Dr. Officers (S) Oscar Arias (46) of Dixon. Arias was arrested and taken to jail.
- 0039** - Warrant arrest report was taken in the 600 block of West D St. South. Officers contacted (S) Brian Nita (26) of Dixon. The warrant was confirmed, and Nita was arrested and taken to the Solano County jail
- 0935** - Two-vehicle traffic collision on North 2nd Street and East B Street.
- 1230** - Informational report taken in the 300 block of Lynd Way.

### Friday, December 8

- 1024** - Suspicious circumstance in the 100 block of East B Street.
- 1159** - Court order violation reported in the 900 block of East A Street. Patrick Wright (43), of Vacaville, was arrested for violation of a court order. He was cited and released from the Dixon Police Department.
- 1125** - Vehicle vandalism reported in the 100 block of Esat Dorset Drive.
- 1512** - Two-vehicle traffic collision at the intersection of Pitt School Road and West A Street.

### Thursday, December 7

- 1839** - Domestic violence and brandishing a knife report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.
- 0851** - Informational report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
- 1033** - Informational report taken in the 300 block of Pheasant Run Drive.
- 1426** - Court order violation reported in the 900 block of East A Street.
- 1430** - Property was turned in to the Police Department for destruction.
- 1549** - Suspicious circumstance report to the Dixon Police Department.
- 1552** - Informational report taken in the 1200 block of Baylor Way.

### Wednesday, December 6

- 2045** - Assist outside agency report was taken on the off-ramp of E80/Dixon Ave.
- 0923** - Vehicle vandalism reported in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
- 0925** - Informational report taken in the 400 block of East A Street.
- 1001** - Domestic dispute in the 300 block of South Jefferson Street. Howard Swails (64), of Dixon was arrested for Vandalism. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1336** - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision in the area of West A Street and South Jackson Street.
- 1618** - Hit and Run reported in the 400 block of East Mayes Street.

### Tuesday, December 5

- 1930 Hours** - Theft from a business in the 2000 block of North First Street.
- 0819** - Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 1100 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 1055** - Information report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
- 1606** - Welfare check in the 700 block of Michele Court resulted in the arrest of Ivan Gonzalez (37) of Dixon for a no cite misdemeanor warrant. He was taken to county jail.



# COMICS & PUZZLES

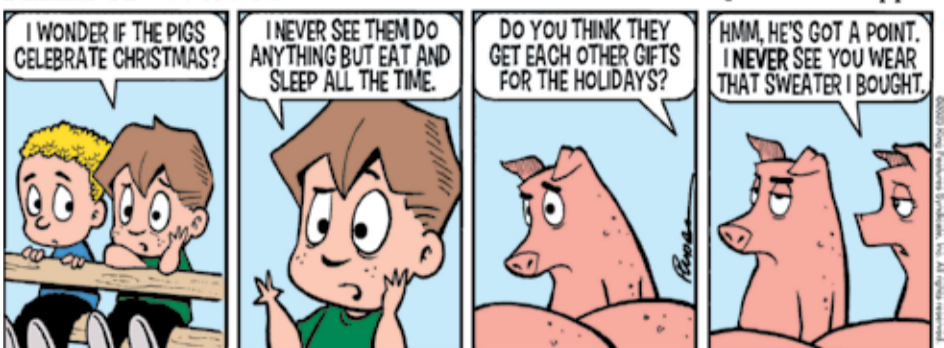
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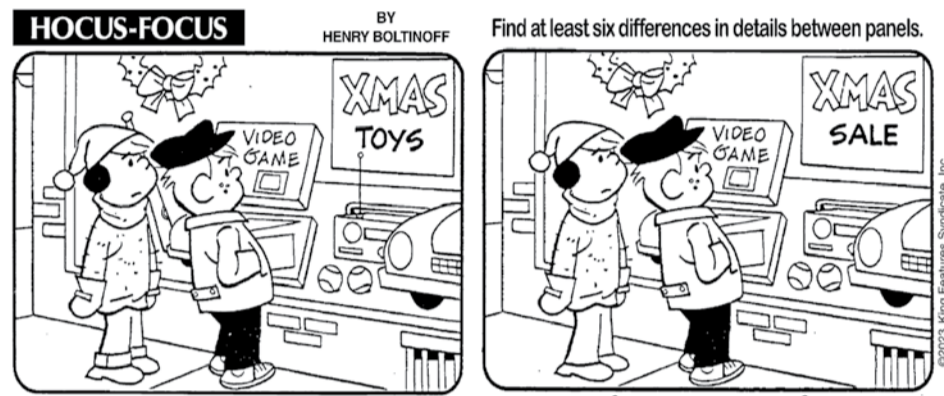
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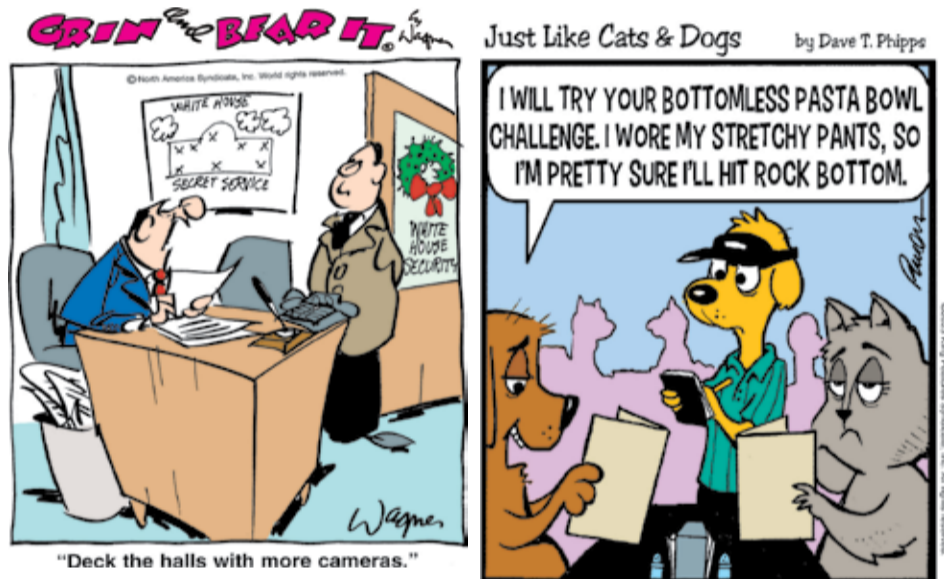
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These funny elves served as greeters into the many choices of live trees at Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The 'CandyLand' tree, decorated by Leah Marlin and her mom (above) Colleen Brown, was popular at the John Knight Middle School Band Fundraiser at the annual Tree Lighting Festival. Photo by Debra Dingman



Ellie Moreno and Julia Rodriguez put together fresh green Christmas wreaths at Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The West Valley Chorus entertained with Christmas carols for the Senior Holiday Luncheon at the Dixon Senior Center. "Everybody had a good time and liked the entertainment, but I think it's all about getting together," said Barbara Long of the Dixon Senior Club. Photo by Debra Dingman

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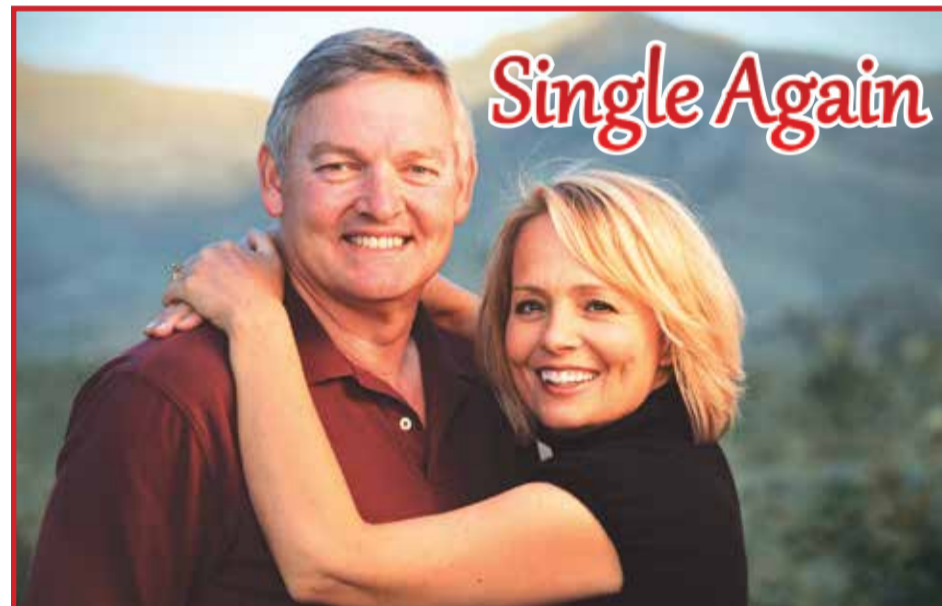


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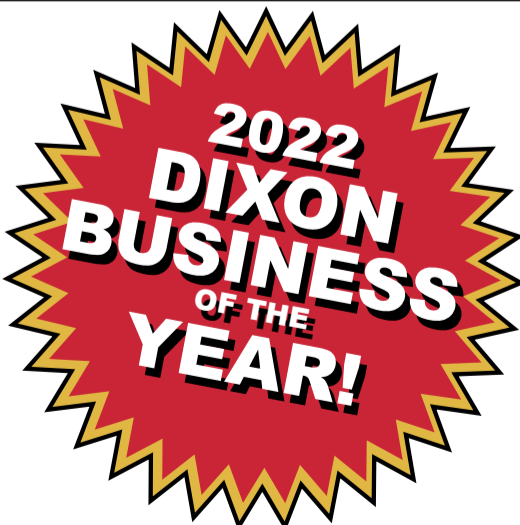
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