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Bonding of different ethnic groups happens for students when they join clubs and volunteer together for various activities in the Dixon community. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Keith Hamm, Social Sciences, Humanities & Fine Arts Writer

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Union Pacific Railroad runs through the heart of Dixon, California, a small town among the agricultural plains between San Francisco and Sacramento. Like in many rural towns its size, some neighborhoods are better off than others. But surprisingly in Dixon, from a certain point of view, there is no wrong side of those tracks.

The teenagers of Dixon generally do better than their parents. This upward mobility, as it's called,



Clubs like Future Farmers of America help youth learn responsibility and because Dixon is surrounded by agriculture, the local FFA Chapter is big in Dixon. Students learn machinery which can be transferred to working skills used in almost any industry. Photo by Debra Dingman

doesn't grab the attention of sociologists and economists as often as the more depressing statistics associated with small towns plagued by poorer outcomes.

"Social scientists tend to study intensely unequal communities," said Trevor Auldridge-Reveles, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at UC Santa Barbara. "My goal was the opposite: Where are people getting ahead?"

After months of planning and permissions, Auldridge-Reveles moved to Dixon in August 2022 and for the next 13 months

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Cal Water Secures \$83 Million to Help Customers



Cal Water News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Cal Water has secured \$83 million in State Funding to help customers struggling to pay bills. Here's what this means for customers in Cal Water's Dixon District. For one, Cal Water's Dixon District will receive \$755,168.39 of the \$83 million in additional state funding that Cal Water applied for and secured. Secondly, within 60 days, Cal Water will notify customers directly if a credit will be applied to their accounts. Also, within 60 days, Cal Water will apply credits to affected customers' accounts. Customers will be notified directly if a credit will be applied to their accounts. The funding comes from California's Extended Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program.

"We wanted to apply for these funds to help customers impacted by the pandemic. We also encourage any customers who are struggling to take advantage of our numerous assistance programs. We are here to help," said Martin Kropelnicki, Cal Water Chairman and CEO.

Customers with remaining balances may still take advantage of Cal Water's various interest- and penalty-free payment plans or extensions. Ineligible customers may also enroll in Cal Water's Customer Assistance Program, which provides qualifying lower-income customers with a discount on their monthly service charge.

We continually look for ways to manage costs while maintaining the reliability of our systems so our customers can have access to a safe, clean, and affordable water supply. ★

Annual Parade Reaches 147th Year

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Golden State's oldest city-affiliated parade lineup has yet to be decided.

According to Dixon Chamber of Commerce President Shauna Manina, participants in the 147th Annual Dixon May Fair Parade are sewing up costumes, contemplating float ideas and practicing their instruments for the city's most prized day May 11.

Manina, who is busy planning the May 11 parade, said Dixon has "something to be proud of" as the state's oldest procession.

"We were shut down during COVID, of course, but we came back strong," Manina said of the event, which she notes brings out "everything good in Dixon," from town friendliness to a classic high school marching band.

"Of course, our elected officials participate as



Above: Shown is a decorated automobile in the Mayfair Parade, which awards participants for their creativity and color at the end of the procession. Right: Pictured is the official Mayfair Parade Banner. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

well," Manina said.

The chamber president works closely with Dixon city officials, whom she

commends for the parade's continued success.

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Life's too SHORT



We Rise by Lifting Others

By Debra Dingman

My heart warms for a young man I have not met. He is Trevor Auldridge-Reveles, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at UC Santa Barbara who learned what I've known for many years. Dixon is a very special place offering a valuable opportunity for youth to succeed.

He is a social scientist who—like other social scientists—explores the most intensely unequal communities where getting ahead happens least. But that's not what he wanted to do. He wanted to study the places where getting ahead happens most often. So, he spent just over a year studying us.

Apparently, Dixon has some of the highest likelihoods in the whole country of generations climbing out of the social class into which they were raised. His hope was to understand how and why upward social mobility happens here, as there might be a way to replicate the conditions across the country.

He spent a thousand hours following and documenting Dixon teenagers as they went about their daily lives. He wanted to find out why our numbers were so good. Our statistics show that we have a high likelihood that our children will surpass their parents. They will move into a higher social class than us.

I think of the numerous children of working-class parents in the local Dixon High School Key Club. Most of them are in more than a few activities including music and sports. They all have college plans. Over the years, I've gone through hundreds of scholarship applications while serving on boards or committees who choose winners and have seen

firsthand how many students would skyrocket past their parents' earning capacity when they complete their educational goals.

If you follow the choices by Soroptimists for their Young Woman of the Month awards, many of the gals are coming from modest upbringing but have accomplished a lot and want to pursue elite professions.

Trevor's dissertation research was funded by the National Science Foundation, the Josephine De Karman Fellowship Trust, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the UCSB Chicano Studies Institute. You'll have to read what Trevor discovered in his studies in today's story by Keith Hamm, a writer for UCSB, who published the story of Trevor's work this week.

After getting permission from the author to publish in our paper, we present it to you in today's edition. I hope you find it interesting and that it confirms Dixon is a great place to raise a family.

Now, I have to find some way to go to UC Santa Barbara before June 28 as Trevor's black and white photos and quotes of his days in Dixon are on display. The exhibit is called California Dreaming: Coming of Age in America's Other Heartland.

"Highlighting the consistencies—and contradictions—of one of the most unique towns in America," reads the exhibit information. Thank you to Trevor Auldridge-Reveles and thank you to Keith Hamm who shared the news of Trevor's research.

At the end of reading, I thought of the famous quote by Robert Ingersoll: "We rise by lifting others." ★

Dixon News Briefs



About 70 guests gathered at the annual United Women of Faith Tea fundraiser this past Saturday. The theme was 'Every Day is a Holiday' and featured each table decorated for a different celebration. From L-R: Sandy Oliver, Kathy Wright who decorated the Halloween-themed table, Carol Bougerie, Rena Wood, and Barbara Wackford. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Talk with Assemblywoman

Assemblywoman Lori D. Wilson will be at Dixon City Hall, 600 East A Street, on Friday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Schedule a one-on-one meeting with her while she is in Dixon by emailing Tisha Simpson at Tisha.Simpson@asm.ca.gov or call (707) 438-7359.

Food and Fun

On Sunday, April 21, Dixon's Action Team will present a Food Truck and Family Fun event at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food vendors, small shops, and children's activities. Proceeds benefit the Dixon Action Team, author of Dixon's Grillin' and Chillin' Street Fair in downtown Dixon on Saturday, June 29.

YLI Salad Luncheon

The Young Ladies Institute with St. Peter's Parish will hold their annual salad luncheon on Friday, April 19, from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 105 South Second Street. Tickets are \$15 per person and are for all you can eat. There will be plenty of raffle baskets one might win as well. This is a fundraiser.

Community Grant Deadline

Nonprofits in Dixon are invited to apply for a community grant of up to \$1,000 from the Dixon Women's Improvement Club. All applications received by the due date will be reviewed by the Community grants Committee that will determine to whom and the amount of the grants to be awarded. The deadline is Friday, April 26 and must be mailed in with a postmark prior. For more information or questions, text Teri Brown at (916) 601-3371.

Atkinson 20th Anniversary

Manager Stephanie Roe reported events to mark the 20th anniversary of Atkinson Storage, 1800 North First Street. First, on May 2 from 5-6:30 p.m., there will be a ribbon cutting with the Chamber of Commerce marking 20 years. On Sunday, May 19, they will host a Food Truck and Family Fun event from noon to 4 p.m.

Then, on Friday, May 31, they will draw raffle prize winners and will be open late from 5 to 7 p.m. for prize pickups. As a reminder, June 1 is their shredding event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10 per banker box. Phone is (707) 693-9200.

Cornhole Tournament

The Dixon Schools Athletic Boosters, who support both Dixon High School and John Knight Middle School, are hosting the 1st Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, April 27. Check-in time is 11 a.m. and the event starts at noon. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Registration of \$100 per team and all skill levels are welcome. It includes entry for a door prize, too. Solano Brewing Company, 4Bags.In, and CMC are current sponsors, but more are invited. Sponsors include custom boards and bags with the company's logo. For more information, email DixonAthleticBoosters@gmail.com.

Dixon High Prom

'A Night in New Orleans' is the theme of the 2024 Prom, which will be April 26 at the Elks Tower in Sacramento. Tickets will be on sale from April 15-19 for all students. They are \$55 each. New Orleans is like no other city in the country. The 2024 DHS Prom promises to be like no other event this year.

Parks & Rec Meeting

Next Tuesday, April 23, will be the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at City Hall, 600 East A Street. For the agenda, go to cityofdixon.us and click on the government tab.

Annual Yard Sale

The large, neighborhood yard sale is set for Saturday, April 20, in the Homestead subdivisions off Pitt School Road and A Street. Call or text Kimberly Moses at (707) 389-8046 for information.

Church Rummage Sale

On Saturday, April 20, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Inner State youth from churches rooted in Christ will host a rummage sale at Grace Fellowship Church at 535 West H Street. For donation pick up through April 19, call (707) 678-7500. ★

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researched this question by earning trust and forging relationships with seniors at Dixon High School, spending more than 1,100 hours documenting their lives. His study group — a diversity of genders, ethnicities, family structure and household income — consists of 15 kids with whom he's in close contact, plus another 121 who've agreed to interviews about school, work, home life, dreams and aspirations and other details. While that year in the field has produced key findings, Auldridge-Reveles's long term goal for the study is to keep in touch with these young adults for a decade.

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"These teenagers have some of the highest likelihoods in the whole country of climbing out of the social class into which they were raised," said Auldridge-Reveles, whose dissertation research is funded by the National Science Foundation, the Josephine De Karman Fellowship Trust, the Russell Sage Foundation and UCSB's Chicano Studies Institute. "If we can understand how and why upward social mobility happens there, we might be able to replicate these conditions across the country."

His project is also supported by the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society, the California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program, the Phi Eta Sigma honor society and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Finding Dixon

A few years back, as he sought to understand where things are going well for young people in diverse small towns across the country, Auldridge-Reveles turned to the Opportunity Atlas, a collection of social mobility data compiled by researchers at the Census Bureau, Harvard University and Brown University.

He looked for populations where historic rates of upward mobility ranked in the top third across the country. The place also had to have high scores in the five factors — number of college graduates, household income, multiple-parent households, census-response rates and poverty — that strongly predict that the current generation of kids will fare better than their parents. Dixon, it turned out, is the only place in the country that is rural, multiracial and has high historical and predicted rates of upward mobility.

"I was ready to go anywhere," Auldridge-Reveles said. Instead, he landed about two hours away from his hometown of Truckee.

As part of his deep dive, Auldridge-Reveles has recruited dozens of UCSB undergraduate students — mostly from the humanities and social sciences — to read and analyze the Dixon Tribune, dating back to the newspaper's inception in 1874.

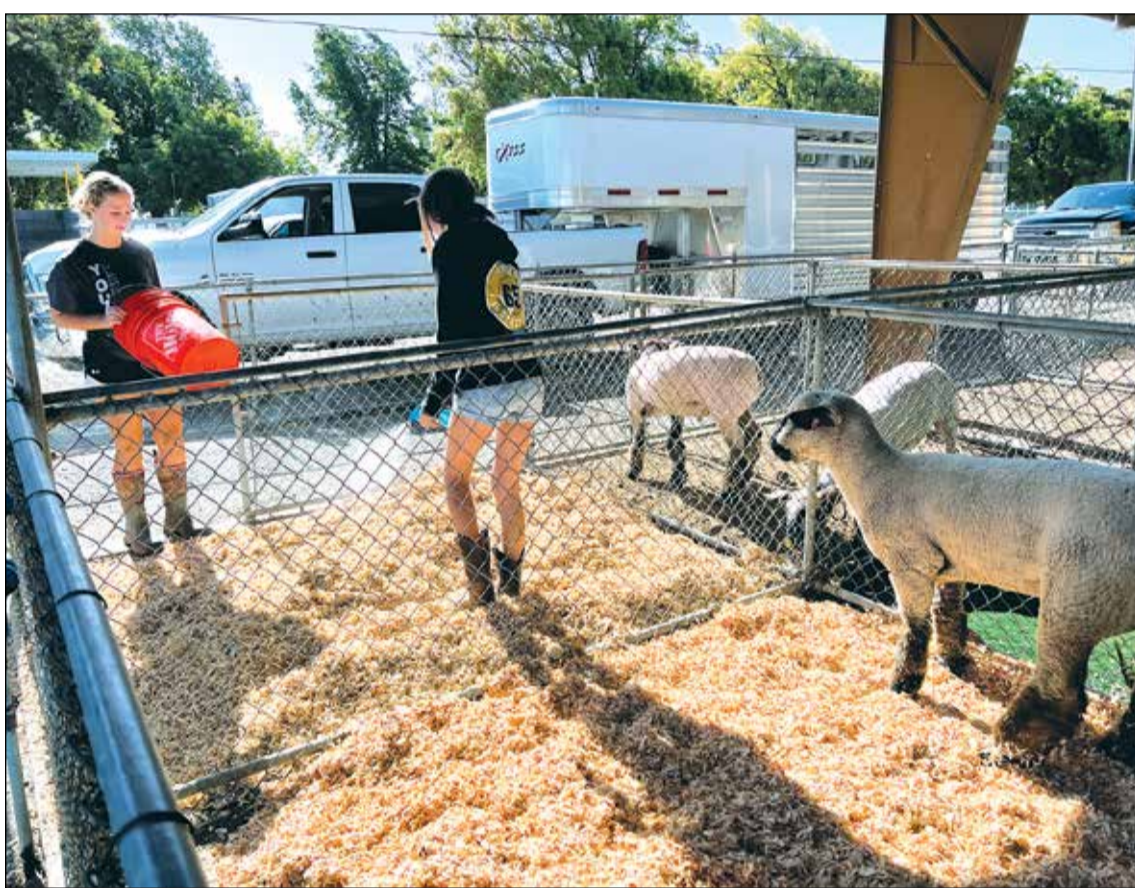
"Essentially," Auldridge-Reveles said, "they are documenting basic information about the editions, copying the PDFs into our dataset, writing summaries" and taking note of topics or events that stand out, such as controversial viewpoints and editorial stances, technological discoveries and innovations, cultural trends and attitudes and coverage of events outside of Dixon, among other details.

Any given year, more than 90% of seniors graduate from Dixon High School, mirroring nationwide trends. Rural communities boast the highest graduation rates in the country.

During the 2024 winter quarter, Auldridge-Reveles's student



John Knight Middle School, Dixon High School, and Maine Prairie High School provide career fairs for students to learn about careers they might consider along with college or vocational school information to help them become successes. Photo by Debra Dingman



Two girls tend to sheep. Photo by Debra Dingman



Sports such as tee ball, swimming, and soccer start at an early age in Dixon and go through high school. All of the activities require parental involvement, bringing a diverse group of parents together from all socio-economic backgrounds. Photo by Debra Dingman



Young Dixonites are learning their farming skills. Photo by Debra Dingman

team read 6,791 pages, roughly 15% of the paper's entire written record. He recruits new

students to the project quarterly. That massive undertaking has been hugely facilitated by

Dixon Carnegie Library staff and volunteers, who have digitized the paper over the years,

he noted. "Unfortunately, the Dixon Tribune just closed in January, about 10 months shy of its 150th anniversary.

"Part of the project is watching history unfold," he added. "The other part is looking back at history to see how a place like this came to be."

Reflecting on the research so far, Auldridge-Reveles has seen some patterns emerge as to why Dixon kids very often get ahead.

"What has stood out to me most of all have been the mentors or members of the students' extended families that provide sources of support," he said. That network could include, for example, a coach giving extra attention to a determined athlete or a surrogate family looking after a kid whose parents are down on their luck.

"They have really dense family and mentor networks; it's just in the water they drink," he added. "But does that relationship with that person in high school remain intact five years down the road? We're looking to see how that pans out over time."

"We're hearing these deeply emotional stories from these small-town kids who are used to people telling them that their stories aren't important. When people allow you to see into their lives, it's bearing witness to beauty."

Auldridge-Reveles has also noticed that the Dixon kids keep fairly busy with school, sports and extracurricular activities, plus many of them work in the service industry or pick up seasonal jobs on the surrounding rice, tomato and tree farms. "This is a place where most kids can get a job." Also, he's noticed, many parents are active at the community level, showing up to city hall and school district meetings.

"It's been really beautiful watching them grow up," he added. "We're hearing about their homes, jobs, college, romantic interests, what the world is like after high school — these deeply emotional stories from these small-town kids who are used to people telling them that their stories aren't important. When people allow you to see into their lives, it's bearing witness to beauty."

A Photographer's Eye

For an aspect of the project known in academia as visual sociology, Auldridge-Reveles has taken more than 5,000 color and black-and-white digital photographs. An exhibit of 23 of these images, "California Dreaming: Coming of Age in America's Other Heartland," is located on the mountainside of the UCSB library's first floor. The collection evokes small-town anonymity and includes thoughtful, hopeful and sometimes poignant quotes from Dixon teens.

"Photography forces me to be present and to look at the place more closely," he said about the visual art component of the study. The exhibit will be up through June 28. He is also planning to show his photographs at UC Davis, about 10 miles from Dixon.

In April, Auldridge-Reveles returned to Dixon for a three-month stay to catch up with the students and to forge connections with more community leaders and town historians, among others. In 2025, pending post-doctoral funding, he's planning to be there full-time for a year.

"When you're trying to understand social mobility," he said, "that doesn't happen in one year. My goal is to stay in touch with these students for the next ten years."

Keith Hamm is a writer in the Office of Public Affairs & Communications at (his alma mater) UC Santa Barbara, a former news reporter and editor for the Santa Barbara Independent, and the author of *Scared for Life: Eleven Stories About Skateboarders* (Chronicle Books, 2004). ★

Dixon Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

Alcoholics Anonymous – If you want to drink that's your business. If you want to stop drinking, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous at 800-970-9040 for either local meeting information or to speak to someone.

American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Live music every Friday. Live band 1st & 3rd Fridays.

Bingo – Is played every Monday & Wednesday at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. 5th St., beginning at 12 p.m. Call 707-678-7022 for more information.

Friendship Services of Solano County – Do you spend a lot of time alone? Would you like a telephone companion? Call Friendship Service at 707-644-9062 x242 or 707-644-8909 and ask Cyndi about becoming a client. It's free. A program of Catholic Social Services. A provider of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging. Email: friendship@csssolano.org.

Meals on Wheels – Homebound seniors can receive meals delivered to their homes by calling 707-425-0638. Lunch also served at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 South 5th St. at 11:30 a.m. M-F. Reservations required – call 707-425-0638 one day in advance.

Regular Meetings:

Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7-8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First Street. For information call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

American Legion Auxiliary – Dixon Post 208 meets at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First Street. For information, contact Pat Holland (President) at 707-678-3685 or Leah Marlin (Vice President) at 530-304-5385. Visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C Street. Email andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

Bids For Kids – Is a volunteer organization created to promote and foster youth participation in agriculture. Anyone interested in this endeavor is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact secretary, Lisa Dage at 707-246-5623, fivedages@sbcglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jameskfuller@yahoo.com.

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11-18 years old. Contact John at 707-678-9693 or email Scoutmaster152@gmail.com for more information. Check us out on the web: <http://www.troop152dixon.com>.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings – at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. Call Linda at phone below to RSVP. Open to everyone. No July meeting. For info call 446-7492 or visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20-6:50 p.m. (4-12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7:00-7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50-8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 & over, Juniors under 16, & those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

CITY OF DIXON: The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at www.ci.dixon.ca.us. For further information, call 707-678-7000 and ask for the City Clerk's office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., or Transportation Dept.

City Council – Meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Commission – Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

Dixon Adult Literacy Program – Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: Literacy@solanocounty.com or 707-784-1526.

Dixon Boat Club – Meets 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Butch at 707-678-3622.

Dixon Downtown Business Association – Dedicated to enhancing the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information. ★

Parade Reaches 147th Year



Dixon residents patiently await the annual Mayfair Parade to begin, with this year marking the 147th year that locals will look forward to seeing their family and friends march. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

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Public information officer Madeline Graf said that the May Fair Parade is an annual tradition for families and community members.

"The community looks forward to this event every year and it provides a space for residents to come together and celebrate the community and all of the different groups who make Dixon so special," Graf said. "The parade entries are categorized by groups, including different community groups throughout Dixon, and we see a wide range of entries varying from local youth sports groups to car clubs and businesses."

All entrants must be decorated or costumed and relate to the Parade Theme, "Unforgettable — 147 Years of Making Memories." Manina said she looks forward to the diversity of the group categories, including senior and junior, and the most significant entry of all, the float.

May Fair Parade floats must be fully decorated to be judged on design, artistic imagination and overall workmanship. Novelty entries allow for active imaginations, with one drill team using garbage cans in their performance.

"We have thousands of people down on the street watching it," Manina said. "It's really something that has to be experienced to be understood."

According to Manina, the parade's military component is particularly poignant, as Dixon's proximity to Travis Air Force Base adds to the city culture.

"We start the parade with a color guard, and we have a group of active-duty military personnel from the base march in the parade, and their families are along the side or

Marching in the parade with them," Manina said, adding, "This year, we have the United States Army joining us for the first time."

Dancing horses, Mariachi bands and performances from Ramtown Karate and Dixon Dance Studio are just some of the groups to watch this year.

"The parade's only six blocks long, so it's fairly short but to see them performing and how thrilled they are to be a part of this community event, along with their parents beaming with pride is great," Manina said.

Many prideful parents were once participants.

"I have parents contact me about their children being banner carriers or being in the parade, and these parents are telling me they were in the parade 20, 30, 40 years ago, so it's also a generational thing," Manina said.

While the parade route might be short, the near century and half old parade tradition is long-standing.

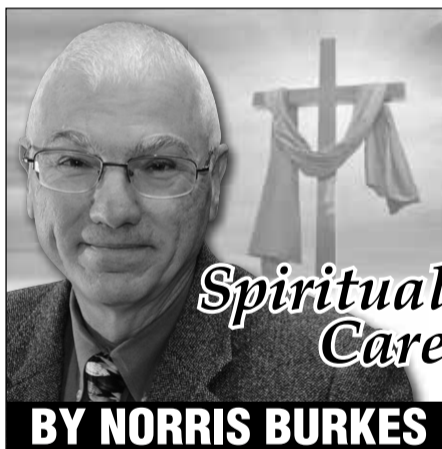
"It's history, its roots, it's a sense of place, it's continuity that the younger generation is going to remember," Manina said.

The Pacific Coast Judges Association and the California State Horsemen's Association will judge all entries for the parade, which will move out of East C Street onto North 1st Street and head south toward the May Fair. The route will turn left onto East Chestnut and disband at Hall Park.

Due to a high volume of special requests to begin the lineup, Manina said the chamber is taking applications on a first-come, first-served basis after receipt of payment and will place entries accordingly.

For more information on how to enter the parade, call 707-678-2650 or email info@dixonchamber.org. ★

Lost in the Translation



BY NORRIS BURKES

from a massive stroke and nearly brain-dead. Now, sixty days after admission, he was on a ventilator and radiated a nauseous aroma from multiple bedsores.

His daughters greeted me with suspicion, but when I offered a prayer, they instantly raised their open-palmed hands and began shouting a prayer something like this:

"God, we believe you've already healed our father! These doctors are liars. Our father will walk again because Romans 3:4 says, 'Let God be true but every man a liar!'"

It's a bit disconcerting to hear people quote the Bible back to God. It's as if they found a contractual loophole that forces God to act as they say.

Nonetheless, I quickly recognized their prayers were coming from "Word of Faith" theology. So after the final amen, I excused myself to the nurses' station. Grace had obviously overheard the prayer because she was fit with her best told-you-so expression.

"I don't think they are literally calling you liars," I said.

Grace leaned forward, so I offered more.

"They come from a faith tradition better known by the less flattering terms of 'name-it-and-claim-it' or 'Prosperity Gospel.' It's a Pentecostal-like group that believes a miracle only has a chance to work when believers publicly proclaim the desired outcome to be true; despite it being obvious to all others that it isn't true.

"Just think of it as a coarse expression of Norman Vincent Peale's Positive Thinking," I said. "The word 'liar' is a faith expression."

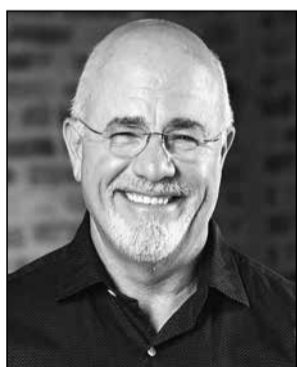
With Grace starting to see the connection, I offered a translation. "I know it's like trying to buy a yacht by telling the salesman, 'I'm a millionaire who's waiting for my lotto check to clear the bank,' but they are sincere in their expression."

"So what do I do?" she asked. Like most supervisors, she appreciated solutions, not problems.

"If you'll listen to the daughters, and not react or take it personally, I think they'll be ready to disconnect life support in a few more days."

When Grace relayed my translation to the nursing staff, they began responding to the daughters with a new understanding. And once they realized that faith finds translation in all different kinds of words and rituals, they were able to obtain consent to remove the patient from life support.

Three days after my translation, the daughters held hands, prayed and watched their father go home to his final miracle. ★



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then, all she'd have left where her inheritance is concerned is a lifetime of regret.

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you some homework, Davis. I want you to talk to a bunch of rich, old folks. Learn what they did to build wealth and hang onto it. Also, make sure the friends and family you both have around you are quality people—the kind who have your best interests at heart. Remember, the Bible says, "In the multitude of counsel there is safety."

Your sister is very lucky to have a big brother like you. Walk her through this advice. Be there for her. Look out for her. She needs you right now, and she'll need you in the years to come.

God bless you both!

— 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 Ramsey Solutions ★

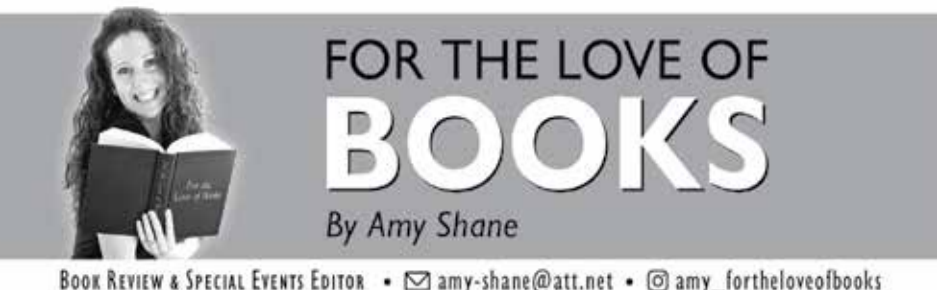
Dear Dave,

My mother died about a year and a half ago, and she left me and my younger sister \$75,000 each. My sister is 16, and she plans on enlisting in the military after high school, then using the G.I. Bill to pay for college afterward. She won't receive the inheritance money until she's 18. What advice can I give her to ensure she makes good decisions with the money?

— Davis

Dear Davis,

I'm truly sorry to hear about your mom. At the same time, I'm so proud of you for stepping up to help your little sister. You know, \$75,000 sounds like a lot of money—especially to a teenager. But that kind of cash can disappear in a heartbeat if she's not careful. And



Riley Reviews

“THE GENTLEMEN” TWISTED CRIME STORY;
“GLORIA ESTEFAN” ON YOUTUBE
“THE GENTLEMAN” ON NETFLIX

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE GENTLEMAN” ON NETFLIX
Early in his career, writer and director Guy Ritchie scored hits with the crime comedies “Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels” and “Snatch.” Then he had a few duds, including “Swept Away” with his then-wife Madonna.

Acknowledged as the series’ creator, and with his partial writing and directing of the TV series on Netflix, “The Gentlemen,” based upon his 2019 film of the same title, Ritchie appears to have regained his groove.

Aside from having fast-talking characters and peppy dialogue, Ritchie’s known trademarks, according to the Internet Movie Database (IMDB), include the use of frequent narration and “numerous plot threads that intersect and assist in each other’s payoffs.” That’s what you’ll find with “The Gentlemen.”

For openers, Army Captain Eddie Halstead (Theo James) is part of a UN peacekeeping force near the border of some global hotspot when he is summoned home to the British estate of his dying father, the Duke of Halstead.

Arriving at the palatial mansion, Eddie is greeted by his mother, the stoic Lady Sabrina (Joely Richardson), his younger sister Charly (Jasmine Blackborow), and his older brother Freddy (Daniel Ings), fueled by a coke addiction and an unstable nature.

Family discord erupts when the reading of the father’s will reveals that Eddie, the second son, inherits the estate and all the problems that go with it, including the hitherto unknown existence of a lucrative marijuana operation on the 15,000-acre property run by the notorious Glass mob family.

With the expectation that as the first son would inherit the estate, Freddy becomes more unhinged than usual, but it’s obvious the father knew his eldest was too reckless and impulsive to keep the family afloat.

Eddie’s first instinct is to get the mob off his property, and of course, this will be tricky. While the patriarch (Ray Winstone) resides in a comfy cell, the daughter, Susie (Kaya Scodelario), is a tough cookie who won’t give up the land without posing a serious threat of retribution.

As much as Eddie may think he wants to extricate himself from a dangerous scenario, he wastes much of his time and energy trying to save his older sibling from serious gambling debts and an unerring ability to infuriate all the wrong people.

In Ritchie style, the plot threads are a nuisance, starting with American billionaire Stanley Johnston (Giancarlo Esposito) who persists in trying to buy the Halstead estate. Then there is the band of nomadic types known as travelers, moving about in RVs, who believe they have a stake in the property and finagle a way into the drug

business. Crazier still is the Liverpool crime organization run by the unstable, alarming quasi-religious figure going by the name of The Gospel (Pearce Quigley), who shows uninvited to the estate with his henchmen. Even a lunatic Nazi gets in the picture.

The less said about the overall plot and the machinations of Susie and Eddie the better. “The Gentlemen” has plenty of thrills, zippy dialogue, inscrutable plot twists, and everything you would expect from a Guy Ritchie crime comedy.

“GLORIA ESTEFAN: SINGING THROUGH STRUGGLES” ON YOUTUBE

From Life Stories, a nonprofit media organization that produces and distributes films about people whose lives inspire meaningful change, YouTube streams the documentary interview series “The Thread” about exceptional individuals.

Season One of “The Thread” features activists, politicians, media personalities, philanthropists, authors, and athletes – all of whom ostensibly inspire viewers to find meaning in their own lives.

A great recording artist and winner of eight Grammy Awards, Cuban-American Gloria Estefan has an interesting story of being raised in a Cuban family upon immigrating to the United States in a harrowing escape from her homeland in the aftermath of the coup that brought Communist dictator Fidel Castro to power.

“Gloria Estefan: Singing Through Struggles” allows the singer to discuss being a child victim of sexual abuse and the advocacy work this experience informed, and the need to seek justice and put offenders behind bars.

Estefan tells the story of the journey of her father from Cuban police officer to participant in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion by Cuban exiles, to ultimately a U.S. military officer, as well as her own early work as an immigration translator and near-brush with a career as a spy for the CIA.

From her humble upbringing among a sisterhood of female Cuban refugees, Estefan discusses her path from a child musician performing for family at home to joining the Miami Sound Machine and stardom.

In 1975, she met keyboardist Emilio Estefan, who led a band called the Miami Latin Boys. Estefan became the lead singer and the band was renamed the Miami Sound Machine, before going on to score several Top 10 hits in the 1980s and 1990s. She married Emilio in September of 1978, and they have a son and daughter.

This deeply moving episode of “The Thread” is Estefan in her own words, telling her personal story before the glory and record-breaking stages in her career, the Grammy Awards, the Super Bowl halftime performance, and the Kennedy Center Honors. ★

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The City Sings Green & Other Poems About Welcoming Wildlife by Erica Silverman illustrated Ginnie Hsu; Clarion Books

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If you knew nothing about the Sacramento Kings and went to Golden One Center for the first time Sunday, and watched the Kings dismantle the Portland Trailblazers, you would probably think this team is headed straight to the playoffs.

Well, maybe not straight to the playoffs, but a one game, win-or-go-home game against the Golden State Warriors is going to answer a lot of questions many Kings fans have had all season.

Personally, I have been a die hard, and predicted that the Kings would equal or exceed last year’s win total of 48 wins. Obviously, I was wrong, as the Kings took two heart-breaking losses on the chin, leaving them two short of last year’s win total.

Although I never like whining about poor officiating, what the Kings have had to endure in losses to the Celtics and Oklahoma City Thunder in the past two weeks has been reprehensible.

The NBA came out and issued apologies to the Kings organization for the blatant missed calls that in both cases cost them a critical win. This should not happen in an environment where the highest caliber of players perform, and what is needed are officials that measure up to the same standard.

But those losses are in the loss column and that is where they stay, regardless of apologies.

After a disappointing week, the Kings rose to the occasion Sunday against the Trailblazers and finished off a roller coaster season with a convincing win. It was good for the Kings, and definitely good for the fans.

Should-be all star Domantas Sabonis missed a triple-double by one assist, but still led the entire NBA with an eye popping 26. Besting Nikola Jokic by just one triple-double, Sabonis also led the entire league in rebounds, an astounding feat.

For the many Kings fans that lived through 16 years without a playoff appearance, having an opportunity to make the playoffs with just two wins in a row, must seem like the impossible dream.

A win tomorrow night against the arch-rival Golden State Warriors would give the Kings one more chance to make

the playoffs when they would meet the winner of the Pelicans/Lakers game.

So, what are the positive/negatives that we have to look back on, now that the 2024 season is in the hopper?

Number one is a highly competitive team that brings 100% effort every night, and that is something that no fan should ever take lightly.

Number two for me is a team that is growing together and loves to play together. For the first time in the past 20 years, I’m convinced the Kings are truly one player away from making a real championship run.

This coming off season will answer a lot of questions, and will tell the fans if Monte McNair’s acquisition of Domantas Sabonis was an anomaly, or what we can expect from a young GM. I like what I see in this guy, but operating efficiently in the draft, and having the ability to lure an attractive free agent to Sacramento, is paramount if we are to be a true championship contender.

On the negative side, this was not a good season for coach Brown, who continued to tinker with his lineup for the entire season.

Whether Colby Jones, Chris Duarte, or Kessler Edwards, Brown could not make up his mind what he had or how to play them.

Trey Lyles was the real recipient of Brown’s inability to assess his talent, and never received the quality minutes on the hardwood that he deserved. I am a firm believer that Lyles is not just a stalwart bench player, but someone who should be occupying a starting role.

Lastly, I don’t believe Brown did the job of growing young players like Davion Mitchell and Keegan Murray. It’s not just the time on the court, but how you grow the confidence in the young players you have, and without a doubt there was a missed opportunity here.

The Kings gave me an entertaining season, with a team spirit that only further enhances my love for this group of never-say-die players.

Like all of you I will be rooting beyond measure for a victory Tuesday night.

Go Kings, and a big thank you to all of you that have read and supported Kings Korner! ★

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Solano County District Attorney News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On April 5, 2024, before the Honorable Wendy G. Getty Presiding, Defendant Kent Bo Fridolfsson, 67, of Benicia, pled Guilty to six counts of Insurance Fraud and Grand Theft after a joint investigation with the California Department of Insurance, Solano County District Attorney's Office, and Employment Development Department (EDD) revealed he illegally underreported payroll by nearly \$1 million to avoid paying workers' compensation insurance premiums and taxes. Defendant Fridolfsson was placed on felony probation, ordered to serve 120 days (ASP), pay over \$725,000 in restitution, a \$50,000 fine to the Department of Insurance, and surrender his general contractor's license.

Defendant Fridolfsson had insurance coverage with the State Compensation Insurance Fund (State Fund) from 2010 to 2021 and was required to accurately report payroll during each policy period. From 2010 to 2019 Fridolfsson reported zero payroll to State Fund. In January 2019, one of the defendant's employees contacted State Fund after sustaining a work-related injury. After

being contacted by State Fund, the Contractor's State Licensing Board, Joint Enforcement Strike Force conducted a site inspection of Fridolfsson's business and interviewed a number of his employees.

Solano County District Attorney Investigator Dave Jackson personally interviewed over a dozen witnesses in this case, including several of the defendant's employees, the injured worker, and the defendant himself.

In total, the joint investigation found that Fridolfsson underreported his payroll by \$989,823. By fraudulently reporting his employee payroll totals, defendant illegally reduced the amount of workers' compensation insurance premiums he paid, leading to approximately \$382,104 in lost premiums owed to State Fund. The underreported payroll also resulted in an unpaid payroll tax to the Employment Development Department of approximately \$347,520.

"This conviction is a step forward in the ongoing fight to protect all the hard-working citizens of Solano County that show up to work every day and keep our businesses running," said District Attorney Krishna Abrams.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Irene Chew. ★

Beloved Principal to Speak at Historical Society

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Historical Society will welcome Dan Rott, local author of "What Happened Along the Way", to share his memories of Dixon during the 1950s and 1960s. The Rott family came to Dixon in 1953. Following in his father's footsteps, Dan taught for five years at East (Anderson) Elementary and served as school principal for 15 years at Tremont Elementary. Join guests on Sunday, April 21, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about life in small-town America as it once was. All presentations are free to the community for both members and non-members alike. Refreshments will be provided. The

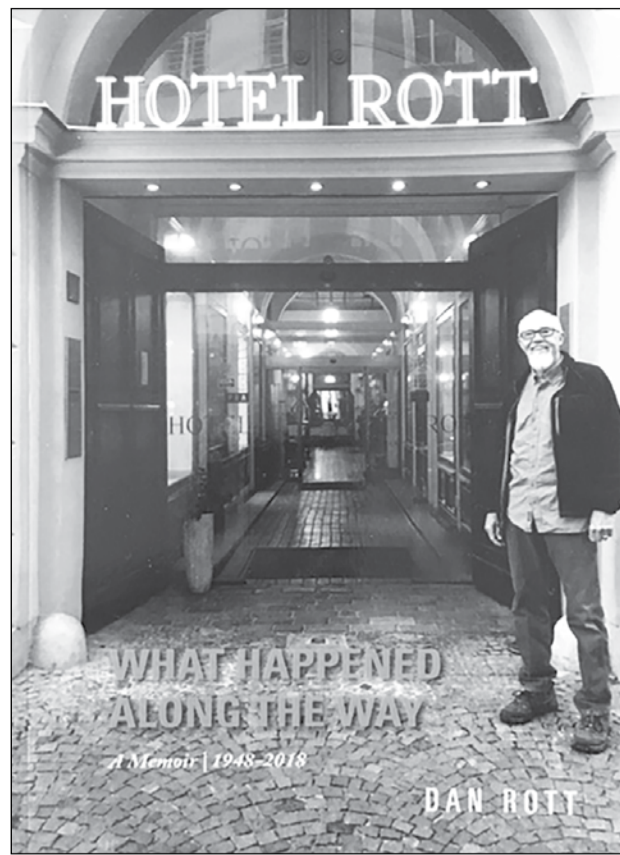


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Lauren Michelle Krohn Hemje, 1150 Weyand Way, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: March 18, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 17, 2029. 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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SPROUT 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001837
The following persons are doing business as: Air Mechanic, 1505 Sword Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Ayuko Harris, 1505 Sword Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: November 27, 2023. The

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

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration November 26, 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.)
Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024
AIR 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000478
The following persons are doing business as: Chef Garrison's Academy, 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville, CA 95688. Victoria Garrison, 2010-A Harbison Drive #654, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date filed in Solano County: March 21, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 20, 2029. 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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CHEF 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000485
The following persons are doing business as: Mindful Movements & Healing Arts, 634 Webster Street Suite A, Fairfield, CA 95433. Lisa C.Y. Flynn, 183 Landmark Lane, Lodi, CA 95242. Date filed in Solano County: March 21, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days

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MINDFUL 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000489
The following persons are doing business as: Mi Favorita Wholesales, 1601 Enterprise Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533. Alejandro Hurtado, 303 Hoyt Court, Suisun City, CA 94585. Date filed in Solano County: March 22, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 16, 2008

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 21, 2029. 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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FAVORITA 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000545
The following persons are doing business as: Valdovino's Sales LLC, 1015 Skyline Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591. Valdovino's Sales LLC, 1015 Skyline Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591. Date filed in Solano County: April 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024

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VALDOVINOS 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000179
The following persons are doing business as: Lucky Hair and Nail Salon, 1450 Ary Lane Suite C, Dixon, CA 95620. Lucky Hair and Nail Salon LLC, 1450 Ary Lane Suite C, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: January 31, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration January 30, 2029. 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.)
Publish: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024
LUCKY 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000494
The following persons are doing business as: Preferred Vending, 545 E. Creekside Circle, Dixon, CA 95620. Southview Advisors, LLC, 545 E. Creekside Circle, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: March 22, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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PREFERRED 5-3-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EMANUEL CAMILLERI
CASE NO. PR24-00207
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Lorraine M.

wise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Emanuel Camilleri.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Esther DeBono and Saviour Camilleri, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Saviour Camilleri be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 10, Room 305; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Douglas C. Spletter, Reynolds Law, LLP, 411 Davis Street, Suite 201, Vacaville, CA 95688; 707-425-1255
Publish: April 19, 26, May 3, 2024
SARAGOSA 5-3-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LORRAINE M. SARAGOSA, AKA LORRAINE MARIE SARAGOSA

CASE NO. PR24-00073
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Lorraine M.

Saragosa, aka Lorraine Marie Saragosa.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lori Saragosa, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Lori Saragosa be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m. in Dept 10; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

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Heather Atherton, AthertonPR News Release

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DIXON POLICE LOG



Saturday, March 30, 2024

- 1054 - Grand Theft from a vehicle 200 block East Mayes Street.
- 1150 - Agency Assist at Dixon PD.
- 1245 - Agency Assist at Dixon PD.
- 1423 - Welfare check 1500 block Ingrid Drive.
- 1657 - Extortion 200 block Sycamore Drive.

Friday, March 29

- 0723 - Vehicle Burglary 1300 block Hemingway Court.
- 0900 - Burglary 1200 block West F Street.
- 0900 - Vehicle Burglary 300 block Fitzpatrick Court.
- 1054 - Vehicle Collision Porter Road at West A Street.
- 1115 - Suspicious Circumstances 500 block College Way.
- 1115 - Suspicious Circumstances 1000 block Sunset Drive.
- 1445 - Vehicle Burglary 2000 block Galleon Drive.
- 1521 - Battery report 400 block East A Street.
- 2150 Hours - A vehicle Stop in the 1900 block of North First Street led to the arrest of Jacqueline Barron (24) of Dixon for DUI, driving on a suspended license, and violation of DUI probation.

Thursday, March 28

- 2345 Hours - Vehicle towed in the 200 block of East A Street for blocking the intersection.
- 0120 Hours - Richard Muller (40) of Dixon was contacted in 100 block of North First Street and arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of Heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 0909 - Battery report 400 block East A Street.
- 0910 - Burglary report 100 block North First Street. 0950 Theft report 900 block Merrill Drive.
- 1100 - Welfare Check 500 block West Creekside Circle.
- 1122 - Missing Person report 400 block East A Street.
- 1122 - Information report 400 block East A Street.
- 1305 - Suspicious Circumstances 400 block East A Street.
- 1312 - Stolen vehicle recovery 1700 block Honeysuckle Way.
- 1502 - Stolen Vehicle report 200 block North First Street.
- 1722 - Stolen Vehicle report 400 block La Esperanza Drive.

Wednesday, March 27

- 0640 - Agency Assist with Child Welfare Services at Dixon PD.
- 0915 - Battery report 700 block West D Street South.
- 1010 - Confidential Report 500 block College Way.
- 1300 - Traffic Stop Porter Road at Midway Road resulted in the arrest of Ursus Navarro (59) of Dixon for an outstanding arrest warrant. Navarro was booked into the Solano County Jail. 1642 Traffic Collision 1000 block West F Street.

Tuesday, March 26

- 0130 - D.U.I arrest report was taken at the intersection of South 1st at Valley Glen Dr. Officers contacted (S) Andrea Wong (59) of Dixon. Wong was cited and released to a sober adult.
- 0720 Hours - Vandalism report in the 1700 block of Orchid Ave.
- 1130 Hours - Theft report in the 1700 block of Orchid Ave.
- 1450 Hours - Non-Injury Traffic Accident in the area of North First Street and Regency
- 1530 Hours - Jose De Jesus Contreras Jr (43) of Dixon was contacted in the area of Milk Farm Road and Currey Road and arrested for outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

Monday, March 25

- 1754 - A confidential report was taken in the 900 West F St.
- 1023 Hours - Fraud report taken in the PD lobby regarding tax return
- 1330 Hours - Found mail at Northwest Park.
- 1335 Hours - Juvenile placed on mental health hold.
- 1645 Hours - Suspicious circumstances at a business in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

Sunday, March 24

- 1517 - Two-vehicle traffic collision reported in the area of East C Street and North 1st Street.
- 1713 - Agency assist for Dixon Fire Department in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Saturday, March 23

- 130 Hours - Information Report in the area of South Lincoln and West A Street.
- 0927 - Theft from a vehicle report in the 200 block of Schooner Ridge Ct.
- 0952 - Stolen vehicle report in the 2000 block of Regency Pkwy.
- 1145 - Theft from a vehicle report in the 400 block of Mast Ct
- 1533 - Report of violation of a court order and annoying calls to 911 on the 600 block of Martin Ct

Friday, March 22

- 0130 Hours - Information Report in the 300 block of McKenzie.
- 0709 - Stolen vehicle recovered in the 1400 block of Ary Ln. Sergio Navabanuelos (28) was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property and booked into the Solano County Jail. The vehicle was released to the victim.
- 1429 - Fraud report taken in the 200 block of West A St.
- 1603 - Information report in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Dr.

Thursday, March 21

- 1850 - Hours - Juvenile was arrested for resisting arrest in the 800 block of Marvin Way.
- 0709 - Burglary report at the 100 block of East Dorset Dr
- 1312 - Josephina Neal (33) was contacted in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr, and found to have an outstanding warrant for a failure to appear on an infraction. She was cited and released with her signed promise to appear.

Wednesday, March 20

- 2340 Hours - Damage to store window in the 1300 block of Ary Lane.
- 0042 Hours - Burglary to a business in the 100 block of Dorset Ave.
- 0845 - Vehicle Collision Report at Stratford Ave and North Lincoln Street.
- 1556 - Vehicle Collision Report at Pitt School Road and Rehmann Drive.

Tuesday, March 19

- 0750 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision reported in the area of West Chestnut St and South 1st Street.
- 1045 - Suspicious circumstance in the 2000 block of North 1st Street. Richard Muller (40) was contacted and arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and Probation Violation. He was cited and released from the Police Department.
- 1250 - Physical altercation in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 1602 - Citizen assist in the 1500 block of Roseberry Court.
- 1625 - Theft reported in the 900 block of Wayand Way.
- 1651 - Verbal dispute in the 400 block of West Chestnut Street.
- 1704 - Verbal dispute in the 400 block of La Esperanza Drive. Tara Evans (50), out of Fairfield, was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine for sales, possession of drug paraphernalia and being a felon in possession of pepper spray.
- 1845 Hours - Assisted Dixon Fire with a medical call in the 600 block of Brians Way.
- 1945 Hours - Found Property in the 1300 block of Stratford Ave.

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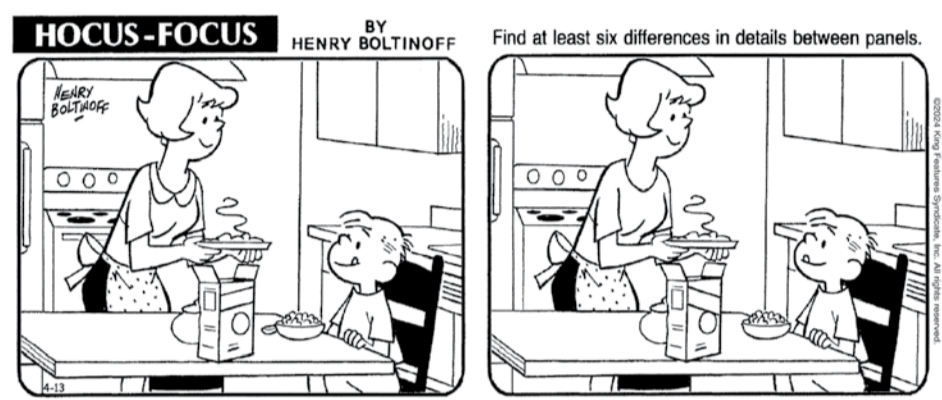
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Dixon Welcomes Third Smoke Shop

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Top Notch Smoke Shop is one step closer to becoming Dixon's third tobacco specialty store.

The 645 North 1st St. location, formerly 1Up Motorsports, will be the Dixon Smoke Shop and Adjusted Gravity Smoke & Vape. Brittany Alexander, on behalf of owner Mohammad Muthanna, submitted the January application for a conditional use permit, which was reviewed by the Dixon City Planning Commission on April 9.

Raffi Boloyan, Community Development director, explained that surrounding properties — Pape Machinery, Dixon Tires and Wheels Adams Street Car Wash, Superior Autobody, and Schmidt's Cabinet Company — are all zoned service commercial. The conditional-use permit for tobacco will change upon the new adoption of the zoning code to corridor mixed use.

"The conditional use process is required for uses that are typically OK and acceptable to be allowed in certain zoning districts," Boloyan said.

Based on the Dixon General Plan



This street view is of Dixon's third smoke shop, along with Dixon Smoke Shop and Adjusted Gravity Smoke & Vape. Courtesy photo

and the application paperwork, North 1st St. is one of the two primary roads through the city. Over time, it is envisioned to include a range of commercial, service and housing options between downtown and Interstate 80.

Contrary to the stigma of smoke shops, there will be "no cannabis sales or lounge" for the tobacco store, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.

"The business will not include the selling of cannabis or cannabis-related products," according to the application, adding, "It is recognized that a tobacco shop can raise legitimate red flags to members of

the community."

The application clearly states that appropriate restrictions ensure minors cannot access products, aligning with Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE). Boloyan informed officials that Top Notch is near Dixon Library, DC Church and Young Adults Center, Dixon Community Day School, Northwest Park, and John Knight Middle School, but the business is at least over the allowable 1,000-foot zoning requirement.

Before allowing the application to proceed, Planning Commission Vice-Chair Loraine Hernandez-Covello questioned the applicant on a few matters, beginning with area improvements. Alexander

said, "the bathrooms will be the only concern at this point" regarding Adults with Disabilities (ADA) requirements.

"I was told that will not be a concern until the suites are broken up, so those will be the only adjustments made," Alexander said, adding, "The ADA was already approved with the parking outside."

Hernandez-Covello's next question was confirming Top Notch would not hold special events outside operational hours, to which the applicant assured her the only event would be for opening day.

Hernandez-Covello saved her biggest concern last.

"I drove by the other two smoke shops in Dixon, and I noticed that

they have minimal signage, and I noticed there wasn't any kind of submission for yours," Hernandez-Covello said. "I did look online but did not want to assume it was your logo or sign."

Although Alexander is the applicant, she "is unsure" what the signage will be.

"It will be nothing crazy," Alexander said. "It's just signage that we are here. Maybe a neon light to draw some attention but nothing crazy along the lines of pipe paraphernalia."

According to Boloyan, before any signage is allowed, a site permit must be approved.

"If it doesn't meet the code or comply with all the standards, they would have to revise it or ask for a variance and that would have to come to the planning board," Boloyan said.

To ensure the vice-chair's concerns were addressed, two conditions were added to the application approval: no outside loitering and no banners, blow-up devices or outdoor advertising of any kind. Any appeal against Top Notch must be made before April 19. ★

Thompson Announces 2024 Solano County Climate Crisis Champion

Office of Rep. Mike Thompson News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In a ceremony on April 14, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) recognized Ian Anderson as Solano County's 2024 Climate Crisis Champion.

"Mr. Anderson is a champion for maintaining agricultural land to preserve our local history and combat the effects of the climate crisis," said Thompson. "Mr. Anderson has a 25-year membership with the Solano Land Trust, serving at times as the President and Chair of its Agricultural

Conservation Committee. Mr. Anderson has shown creativity and commitment to involving his community in his work, both by organizing the beloved annual 'Pumpkin Patch' fall festival and creating art using found and reused materials.

"His dedication to ensuring that everyone understands the value and positive environmental impact of preserving agricultural lands is incredible, and I'm proud to recognize all that Mr. Anderson has accomplished."

Rep. Thompson was honored to award this year's Climate Crisis

Champions across each of the five counties in the 4th District: Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo.

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A complete list of 2024 winners include Clay Shannon (Lake), Napa Schools for Climate Action (Napa), Ian Anderson (Solano), Dr. Lisa Micheli (Sonoma), and Maria Contreras Tebbutt (Yolo). ★



Ian Anderson is Solano County's 2024 Climate Crisis Champion. Photo courtesy of Office of Rep. Mike Thompson

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