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Coastal Cleanup Around the Corner



Last year, Dixon residents collected 115 pounds of trash and two pounds of California Refund Value (CRV) recyclables. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Pond C is about to see some TLC.

Like last year, Dixon residents will traipse down to the local waterway on Sept. 21 to offer some tender love and care at the Solano County Coastal Cleanup.

"Last year, the City of Dixon had 16 volunteers participate in Coastal Cleanup," said junior city engineer Leland Markusen, adding that they had participated for more than two decades. "Last year, together they collected 115 pounds of trash



Two residents take their time looking for trash along Pond C during a Solano County Coastal Cleanup. Photo courtesy of the City

and two pounds of CRV (California Refund Value) recyclables."

Dixon has partnered with Cleanup Solano and Solano Resource

Conservation District beyond September on several projects besides the Coastal Cleanup. In addition to participating in the annual Earth Day event, Markusen mentioned a more comprehensive resident-assisted development in the Urban Rivers Grant Project.

"This partnership worked with hundreds of community members and students to plant over 2,000 native trees and shrubs and 20,000 native sedge, rush and forb plugs at Pond C," Markusen said. "And 730 pounds of native grass Continued on page 3

Back to School Safety Reminders

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - As the new school year begins, the Dixon Police Department would like to remind the community to be vigilant and take extra precautions to ensure the safety of students.

Safety Tips for Drivers:

Slow down: Adhere to school zone speed limits and be prepared for sudden stops.

Watch for children: Be especially alert for children crossing the street, getting on or off buses and walking or biking to school.

Obey traffic signals and signs: Follow all traffic laws and school crossing guard directions.

Stop for school buses: It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. Remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the flashing red lights are turned off.

Safety Tips for Parents and Students:

Use crosswalks: Always cross streets at designated crosswalks and intersections.

Walk on sidewalks: If no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic and as far to the left as possible.

Bike safety: Wear a helmet and use bike lanes or paths when available. Follow traffic rules and

Stay visible: Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially during early morning and late afternoon hours.

General Safety Tips:

Plan ahead: Ensure students know their route to and from school and practice it with them.

Stranger awareness:

Remind children to avoid talking to strangers and to report any suspicious behavior to a trusted adult.

Emergency information: Make sure your child knows your contact information and how to reach you in case of an emergency. The Dixon Police

Department is committed to the safety of our community and encourages everyone to take these precautions seriously. Working together, we can ensure a safe and successful start to the school year. For more information or

to report any safety concerns, contact the Dixon Police Department at 707-678-7070.



School Year Kicks Off

Story and photos by Scott Mullins

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon students started the 2024 through 2025 Dixon Unified School District vear on Aug 7.

Many students enjoyed getting an early start by attending the "Back to School Festival" on Aug 3 at the Pardi Plaza in downtown Dixon. Families lined up in droves to receive free backpacks and school supplies. Children participated in the games and activities and creativity seemed to flow at the many arts and crafts tables provided, thanks to the Dixon Unified School District, the Dixon Public Library and several anonymous donations.

Parents had the opportunity to ask questions and get their concerns addressed from Dixon Unified School District personnel at the Aug. 7 fair. The Dixon Fire Department handed out fire helmets to children while some students spun

the Wheel of Fortune at the

Grocery Outlet booth to



booth. win prizes. Many schools students and parents.

had booths where they provided fun supplies for the upcoming school year.

"I'm excited for the upcoming school year. We look forward to welcoming all the students back on Aug. 7 and maintaining the smooth transition of the Anderson Elementary transfer program," said Erin Mustain from Tremont Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization. Mustain

mentioned that new teachers started this school year. "Our school is looking forward to hosting Dixon's first Color Run during the

school year," according to an Anderson Elementary staff member. The Color Run on Sept

nel services.

will join our current staff in helping shape Dixon's future," said Dr. Dan Scudero, the Dixon Unified School District's assistant superintendent of person-

"These new teachers

New Dixon Unified School District staff are

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Olympics Were Grand

By Debra Dingman

While I was multi-tasking around the house on Saturday, hubby turned on the Paris Olympics and so throughout the day, I got to see Simone Biles, synchronized swimming, a breakdance by a youthful man from Japan, a basketball game that the Americans won and several volleyball games.

In the past, there have been many times that I could have cared less about the Olympic games because I was busy with the demands of motherhood or working and only heard people talk about them. But now I think they are truly inspiring.

I forgot how much fun it is to see our world compete for the best. I froze in front of the TV when Simone Biles had to start her routine over. She competed in the women's artistic gymnastics individual vault finals and when she faltered, you heard the whole, huge audience groan. I did, too. You just had to feel for her. Anyone knows how hard these people train. But she made an outstanding comeback with a completely perfect performance.

There were a few background stories that announcers shared about an athlete's inspiring story, adding to the awe when you watched their performances.

The athletes were absolutely amazing, with extreme coordination on balance beams and bars, and while running, jumping and twirling through the air to perfect landings.

I had forgotten that synchronized swimming was even a thing but then I remembered Steve Lorente who lived in Dixon for about 10 years but drove one of his big trucks back to San Jose every year because he handled all the underwater music for the San Jose mermaids.

These women do ballet underwater and there just can't be any visual more graceful and stunning. I found it interesting but not surprising at how different the bodies were from various countries. The Chinese women were very slim with arms and legs long and lanky. They won the gold but their counterparts from the other countries were equally stunning.

I noted that there are changed rules for modesty and the women wear thongs now. For older folks, don't think I'm talking about shoes (now known as flip-flops.) Nope, these suits leave their entire bottom exposed.

Hubby also watched the basketball competitions.

"Stephen Curry was on fire in the last four minutes when the U.S. was playing France but Curry had four 3-pointers. It was amazing to watch him. One was incredible enough but to watch him do three more... shhesh!" the man who rarely uses exclamations told me. Curry scored 24 points and led the U.S. to a 98-87 win over France in the men's basketball final and was the fifth consecutive gold medal for the U.S. It was cool that the Olympic medals were handed out to the individual players on the team.

And so, the Paris Olympics ended after 300 events and 1,000 medals. The Paris closing finale was no less than spectacular and although I thought Tom Cruise heading off with the flag for the next Olympics in Los Angeles was a bit overdone, I filled with pride and thought of Harry Potter's Triwizard Tournament and the Goblet of Fire. It was very moving to see all the countries represented and I wished we could do world relations like we do the Olympics, setting aside differences. What a great thing for the world to all come together peacefully.

Dixon News Briefs



City of Dixon workers broke out a swathe of concrete near the Dixon Library's front doors this past week and replaced it with compressed granite as they ready the ground for the addition of one or two benches to be installed soon. The benches will be courtesy of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club and the Dixon Historical Society. Photo by Debra Dingman

By MPG Staff

Fundraiser for Officer Matthew Bowen

The Downtown Dixon Business Association is hosting a "T-Shirt Fundraiser" in remembrance of Officer Matthew Bowen, who recently passed away. T-shirts are available at Dawson's Restaurant, Avila's Flooring, Tres Bandida's & Sofia Grace Boutique in Downtown Dixon. The proceeds from each T-shirt sold will go directly to his wife and two small children. Please join our community in supporting this effort.... buy a T-Shirt!

Dixon Lions Club 16th Annual Texas Hold 'em Poker Fundraiser

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 17. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m., Poker starts at 7 p.m. No host bar. Must be 21 or older to attend. Fundraiser proceeds benefit youth sports and activities, Dixon High School scholarships, Lions Club Vision Program, Elementary and Middle School Programs. Downtown Olde Vets Hall 231 North First Street. For more information, please call Chris Ford @ (916) 713-9654.

Fresh Flowers or Fresh Sourdough or Fresh Fruit? Every Thursday, the Downtown Dixon

Farmer's Market takes place. You can indulge in organic fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, nuts, homemade salsa, tamales, hummus, olive oil, sweets, and more. The market runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. until Sept. 26 at Women's Improvement Club Park, 230 North First Street.

Veterans Dinner

It is ham on the menu for Friday, Aug.

16, at about 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. All you can eat! The hall is located at 1305 North First St. and helps support veterans.

Wine & Art Stroll is this Saturday

Come downtown and enjoy some amazing wine, food, and music Saturday, Aug. 17, 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Each comes with a commemorative wine glass. This event will happen rain or shine. Visit www.downtowndixonca.com for more information. Must be 21 years old or over to attend.

Railroad Days

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7 and 8, Railroad Days will be here. Enjoy fun for the entire family! Vintage Train Modelers come to town. Gold panning, kiddie train rides, trading post store, live music, and vendors. Local food and drinks. In historic Downtown Dixon, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Chipotle Opens to the Delights of Many

Please welcome Dixon's newest restaurant, Chipotle. They opened on Thursday, Aug. 8, and have been packed ever since! The restaurant will feature the brand's signature Chipotlane, a drive through pick-up lane that allows guests to conveniently pick up digital orders without leaving their cars. Their location is 2100 North First Street, and they are open daily from 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 Meeting

It is the third Wednesday of the month which means the VFW at Olde Vets Hall at 231 North First Street will hold their monthly meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 21. Please call (209) 395-8019 for more information. ★







DUNCAN COOK MCCORMACK III ● 7/18/1951 - 7/16/2024

Duncan Cook McCormack III passed away unexpectedly July 16, 2024, following a brief illness. Duncan lived a full and vibrant life and touched the lives of many along the way.

Born July 18, 1951 to Duncan Cook McCormack II and his wife Ruth McCormack of Rio Vista, CA. As a young boy, he lived a rambunctious life with his parents and two younger sisters. He enjoyed working alongside his father on the family ranch.

When Duncan was a teenager, he and his family moved to El Macero where he attended Davis Senior High School. He then went on to study Agriculture Business at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo graduating in 1973.

Duncan returned to the family ranch to continue helping his father with cattle, sheep



and farming in Solano and Yolo Counties. He married his first wife Beverly Jensen and they raised their two children in El Macero.

Duncan married for a second time in 2003 to Julie Dole, and returned to his roots in Rio Vieta

Duncan loved his family, livestock, horses, and hunting. He was a man you wanted on your team and there are many people that will feel his absence. Duncan was known for his extensive ranch and real estate knowledge and his willingness to share that experience with those that needed advice.

MEMORIAL

Duncan is survived by his adoring wife JulieMcCormack, his children Duncan Cook McCormack IV(Sarah), Christy Bacchetti (Nate), his grand-children Quincy Lindley(20), Lily Lindley(18), Juliette Bacchetti(8), Duncan Cook McCormack V(5), Kathryn McCormack(4), his sisters Leslie and Linda, Nieces and Nephews, and many friends including lifelong friend Page Baldwin Ir

A celebration of Duncan's life will be held August 30th at 3 p.m. Address: 44571 Clubhouse Dr. El Macero.







Coastal Cleanup Around the Corner Concert Series Heats Up Summer



As seen here, residents are advised to wear jackets, hats and other protective clothing to protect themselves from the elements. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

Continued from page 1 and wildflower seed were drill seeded throughout the basin."

Other projects include the Interpretative Walk installed at Pond C, an annual Watershed Explorer field trip connecting local students who assist in retention pond work.

"We are currently working with them on a monarch habitat," Markusen said.

Public information officer Madeline Graf said the Coastal Cleanup is an opportunity for individuals, community groups, schools and families to join together to better our community.

"While Dixon is inland from the coast, it is important to remember that the debris at our retention ponds would otherwise flow untreated into creeks, rivers and eventually the ocean," Graf said.

Solano County Cleanup provides all the supplies for Dixon residents who come to clean up Pond C, including bags, gloves, data cards and pencils; however, they ask on their website to "please help us reduce waste generated at each" by bringing personal cleanup supplies, including a bucket, bags and work gloves.

"Help conserve paper by downloading the CleanSwell app on your iPhone or Android mobile device," the website

"The app allows the cleanup organizers to understand how much and what type of waste is collected," Graf said.

Solano County Cleanup advises wearing sunscreen, close-toed shoes, a hat and a jacket, instructing one to "be prepared to be outside in potentially changing weather for at least half a day."

Trash collection is not discriminatory, according to Graf, who said children are welcome to participate in Coastal Cleanup.

"Involving children in local community service events, such as Coastal Cleanup, can help to develop a sense of community and shared responsibility for our public spaces," Graf said.

The Dixon event is from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 21 at Pond C, East Parkway Boulevard and Yale Drive.

To sign up, volunteers can email Leland Markusen at lmarkusen@cityof-



Kindred Spirits keep the relaxed vibe in the Dixon Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, City of Dixon, and sponsors including Kaiser Permanente, First Northern Bank, and Rotary Club of Dixon. Photo courtesy of Dixon Chamber of Commerce

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - If you hear music from Pardi Plaza, it's likely the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Summer Concert Series.

Dixon Chamber of Commerce President Shauna Manina has a history with music. Manina planned public concerts in Vacaville for nearly three decades before bringing bands into Dixon.

"I saw how it brought the community together," Manina said of the concert series Dixon now celebrates every summer season. "I had this wild idea back in the fall of 2022 to do a concert series at our newly opened Pardi Plaza, which is kind of a crowning jewel of the city, and I approached the city about it and they liked the idea."

So does the public.

Manina gave a glimpse into the series, saying crowds vary with the bands and temperature but no matter what, a good time plays out with the music.

"We will have families with little kids running around and moving to the music, and they love it," Manina said of the families who bring blankets and picnic dinners. "We have middle-aged couples that just come and sit and hold hands, or sometimes they dance."

Dixon public information officer Madeline Graf noted the three-year relationship with the Dixon Chamber of Commerce to bring music here.

"Concerts in the Plaza provide an opportunity for social connection and give the community a way to get outside and enjoy entertainment downtown," Graf said.

That is the case, especially for one senior citizen who Manina recalls meeting.

"I walk the crowd during the concerts and I get to know a lot of the people and there was this one little old man in a motorized wheelchair who would come out to enjoy the music," Manina said, adding they talked for a bit and he thanked her. "He said, 'I feel so isolated and this gets me out among people.""

The mingling among friends and neighbors varies like the music played, according to the Chamber of Commerce president, who has a 300-band list to choose from when creating the annual lineup.

"I correspond with the band and check out their music," Manina said of the jazz, blues, classic rock and country artists. "If it's something I think would be a good fit, then we negotiate."

Bonanza King will perform on Aug. 15, after press time, followed by the Pub Kats on Sept. 5 and the Kindred Spirits on Sept. 19.



The Pub Kats continue to draw a large crowd to Dixon, playing again this summer in Pardi Plaza on Sept. 5. Photo courtesy of Dixon Chamber of

"The Pub Kats are incredible," Manina said. "They will pack the house."

The series caps off in October with a new singer, who will make her music debut in Dixon on Oct. 3.

"One thing I did differently this year, too, is I have a vocalist named Romana Viera, who does Portuguese and Latin jazz," Manina said.

According to the chamber president, the fans are not the only ones feeling the good

"All of the bands seem to love playing here," Manina said. "Every single one of them has expressed to me that they'd love to return."

The chamber president and public information officer pointed out the sponsors who helped offset the series' cost.

"For the first time, Kaiser Permanente came in as our grand sponsor," Manina said. "All of our other sponsors see the importance of building community, coming together, and having a good time."

Manina said investors are "truly invested in the quality of life here in Dixon" and Graf said, "We are grateful for this partnership and our sponsors for making this free event possible."

Like any event, naysayers arise, according to Manina.

"We get criticized because we don't offer alcohol," Manina said. "It's a city park and we cannot serve alcohol; however, several restaurants directly across the street serve alcohol and they can go over there, sit on the patio and listen to the music."

Manina welcomes all residents to come out and enjoy the music at Pardi Plaza this

"It's an opportunity to do something different here in Dixon," Manina said.

School Year Kicks Off

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Anderson Elementary: Madison Boykin, kindergarten

Maureen James-Pendleton, principal Shelby Johnson, first-grade Anna Marie Kang, transitional kindergarten Kathy Montemayer, resource specialist program Jennifer Rathjen, kindergarten Fletcher Riches, assistant principal

Dixon High School:

Sara Benavidez, physics Samantha Bleasdale, science Erin Brothers, music Angela Brown, principal Georgia Fedler, agriculture Kristina Gregory, social science Isamar Mercado, Spanish Ryan Nguyen, English Paola Gomez Pantoja, mathematics

Gretchen Higgins Elementary:

Rayna Garcia, kindergarten Jocelyn Lopez, kindergarten John Knight Middle School:

Guadalupe Avila, second-grade

George Fountain, physical education Tiffany Jackson, assistant principal Claudia Martin, science Sarah Riggle, social science Jose Santiago, art Miguel Torres Mendez, math Andrue Wright, social science Maine Prairie High School:

Lindsey Balidoy, English

Bridgett Murphy, resource specialist program **Special Education:**

Tania Gomez Comacho, school psychologist

Vivian McGrath, school nurse **Tremont Elementary:**

Alicia Avila, fourth-grade

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in remembrance of Officer Matthew Bowen who recently passed away. T-shirts are available at Dawson's Restaurant, Avila's Flooring, Tres Bandida's, and

Sofia Grace Boutique in Downtown Dixon. The proceeds from each T-shirt sold will go directly to his wife and 2 small children.

> Please join our community in supporting this effort. Get yours now while supplies last!



Tony Avila will be selling T-Shirts at Avila's Flooring. Dawson's Restaurant, Tres Bandida's and Sofia Grace Boutique in Downtown Dixon will also have T-Shirts available for sale.



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave, I've made a lot of stupid money mistakes in the past. Even though I finally paid off six figures in debt a few years ago and am in control of my finances for the first time in my life, I'm having a hard time forgiving myself for all the dumb things I did. I have an emergency fund and other savings set aside, and I'm almost ready to buy a house. But it seems like there's still a cloud hanging over my head from all my bad decisions. How do I stop obsessing over my past financial mistakes?

- Brea

Dear Brea

If you've had enough determination to pay off six figures' worth of debt and to build savings on top of that in the last few years, you're doing a phenomenal job! Most people would just make excuses or give up, but you educated yourself, put your head down and stomped out all that debt. I'm very proud of you, hon. What you've done speaks volumes about your character and self-discipline.

Dave Ramsey Says

When You Know Better, Do Better

The late Maya Angelou once said, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." That's the key for you, I think. Doing dumb things doesn't always mean you're a dumb person. Sometimes, we just don't have the knowledge or guidance we need to do things the right way. But once you learned a few things and saw there was a better way—a smarter way—you jumped in and made incredible things happen. You cleaned up your finances, and you changed your entire future for the better. I think that's pretty cool. And you know what else? It makes you a pretty smart lady.

I think part of your struggle may be the fact that you've spent more time making the wrong decisions with money than you've spent making the right ones. That's understandable. But time will help heal that struggle. It'll distance you emotionally from the old you until you're confident in the new you—not just in your actions, but in your heart and mind. I mean, think about it this way: If you violated trust with a friend, how would you rebuild it? First, it would take time. And second, it would take a series

of trustworthy actions.

Let's say someone had a drinking problem for a long time, but they've been dry for three months. After three months, their spouse still might not trust them with the checkbook. I totally get that. It's a good start, but it's not like they haven't had a drink in three years. That's where time comes into play. The more time they demonstrate a solid pattern of not going back to the bottle, the more evidence they create for why others should trust them.

I think you've developed a pretty good track record of being smart with your money, Brea. So cut yourself some slack. If God is willing to forgive us for the really bad things we say and do, you need to be able to extend a little grace to yourself for the dumb things in your financial past.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more.



Reduced Plantings, Heat Affect 2024 Processing Tomato Crop

With searing heat waves impacting pollination for some plantings and harvest for others, California processing tomato growers said they were anticipating average yields at best. As farmers began harvesting across the Central Valley during the past few weeks, the crop was already set to be a light one. Tomato processors contracted 40,000 fewer acres from farmers this year due to bolstered inventory from last year's bumper crop, aiming to process about 10% less tonnage, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

New Report Says Water Supplies Will Shrink Without Infrastructure *Improvements*

Delivery capability and reliability of the State Water Project, a 700-mile network of reservoirs and canals, could be reduced by 23% in 20 years due to changing flow patterns and extreme weather shifts, according to a new report from the California Department of Water Resources. DWR Director Karla Nemeth said the analysis "underscores the need to modernize and upgrade our aging infrastructure so we can capture water supplies when it's wet." She said, "Modernizing the State Water Project is critical to delivering on the human right to water in California."

Water Projects Review Seeks to Balance Farm, Environmental Needs

State and federal agencies face a challenge to balance the beneficial uses of water needed by farmers with needs of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem amid challenges of climate change. A new draft environmental impact statement for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation seeks to influence operations for California's two primary water-delivery systems, which guide pumping of water through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, sending water south to tens of millions of people and to millions of acres of farmland. Comments on the report are due by Sept. 9.

Project Studies Specialty-Crop Production in Urban Areas And On Vacant Lots

Researchers from University of California Cooperative Extension in San Diego County are investigating the economic feasibility of growing high-value specialty crops in urban settings such as vacant lots. In Carlsbad, researchers have created the Small-Scale Urban Ag Demonstration Site. Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the farm is designed to evaluate containerized production both outdoors and under hoop houses. In the trial, researchers are growing turmeric, ginger and blueberries.



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

DIXON POLICE LOG

Monday, July 29

08:45 - Attempted burglary 700 block North Adams Street.

08:46 - Abandoned vehicle 900 block West B Street. Fraud report 1100 block Orchard Drive.

20:59 - Suspicious vehicle check in the 8600 block of Pedrick Road resulted in the arrest of Marcus Guaydacan

(50) of Arbuckle for possession of methamphetamine for sale. He was taken to county jail.

Tuesday, July 30

07:44 - Burglary report 1400 block North First Street.

17:15 - Battery 1800 block Gold Street. Georgina Ramirez (43) of Dixon was arrested for battery and public intoxication. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

19:09 - Report of domestic violence in the area of West H Street and North Almond Street.

22:51 - Battery report taken in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

Wednesday, July 31

11:04 - An informational report was taken in the 200 block of South 8th Street.

15:12 - An assault with a deadly weapon, and child endangerment report was taken in the 400 block of

02:05- Non-injury traffic accident reported in the 1800 block of Rehrmann Drive.

Thursday, Aug. 1

23:36 - Petty theft report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Friday, Aug. 2

15:57 - A battery report was taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

20:18 - Non-injury traffic collision report in the 200 block of West A Street.

21:00 - As a result of a traffic stop initiated at the exit of EB Highway 80 to North 1st Street for a registration violation, Annette Sterling (42) from Berkeley, was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance. Jason Glover (52) and Ersell Mims (63), both from Oakland, were arrested for a theft they committed on 08/01/24 in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. All parties were cited and released at the scene without incident.

23:56 - Report of an estate robbery in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Saturday, Aug. 3

10:09 - Informational report was taken at the Dixon Police Department

11:54 - A suspicious death report was taken in the 1300 block of Hazelwood Court. 12:38 - A grand theft report was taken in the 1100 block of Kent Court.

18:28 - Keturah Green (48) from San Jose was placed under arrest in the 1300 block of Stratford Road for

driving under the influence. Green was cited and released from Dixon PD to a sober adult without incident. **18:35** - Gary Johnson (53) was placed under arrest in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive for shoplifting and an outstanding arrest warrant. Johnson was cited and released from Dixon PD without further incident.

20:38 - Theft report in the 700 block of Fielding Way.

Sunday, Aug. 4

09:30 - Traffic Collision 1300 block Commercial Way. A vehicle crashed into a building. 22:21 - Confidential report taken in the 600 block of Woodman Way.

04:20 - Report of theft in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue. 7 teenagers failed to pay after they ate their

Monday, Aug. 5 11:15 - Robert Miller (67 of Fairfield) was arrested in the 1200 Block of Stratford Avenue for violation of a

11:30 - Yvette Eusebio (57) was arrested for DUI in the 300 Block of Pheasant Run Drive.

15:00 - Theft from a business was in the 700 Block of North First Street.

23:25 - Pedestrian stop in the 400 block of North Almond Street resulted in the arrest of Pedro Mendoza-

Hernandez (33) of Dixon for two felony warrants. He was taken to county jail. **03:36** - Pedestrian stop in the 1400 block of Ary Lane resulted in the arrest of Brandon McCabe (39) of Dixon

for a misdemeanor warrant and possession of methamphetamine. He was taken to county jail.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

15:15 - Information report in the 200 Block of East D Street.

19:00 - Vandalism to a vehicle reported in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.

03:00 - Suspicious vehicle check in the 700 block of North 1st Street resulted in the arrest of Paul Moreno (56) of Sacramento for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was issued a citation and released to a sober



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Head Back to School with a Great Book in Hand









O'Callaghan; Little Simon Set to the familiar tune of the Wheels on the Bus, this darling children's board book will have children singing a whole

The Mommies on the Bus

by Hannah Eliot and Airin

new song. While the wheels on the bus might go round and round, the Mommies on the bus say hold my hand, please sit down, and have snacks, snacks, snacks. A fun board book to take on your next

outing Hey Now, Little Man

by Dori Elys and Chris Park; Little Simon

Dare to lead and dare to shine, and little ones will learn what they are all about. Be quiet, be loud, be happy and sad, but most of all, be uniquely you. In a celebration of discovering who you are and staying true to yourself, this little book will encourage big confidence.

Are You BIG and Are you SMALL

by Mo Willems; Union Square

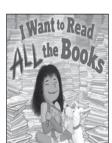
Are you Big or small?? Discover the world as only Mo Willems can explore it. Each book highlights all the things that are Big and Small, but perception is the key. The perfect exploration of size and scale, and great for classrooms.

Homegrown

by Jeffrey Burton and Andres Landazabal; Little Simon

Celebrate the joy of being homegrown. Small towns are full of community, friends, and spacious backyards. Feel the excitement of having friends to head into





any adventure with, and take each day in the beauty as it comes.

A Mind of Her Own: The Story of Mystery Writer

Agatha Christine by Robyn McGrath and Liz Wong; Beach Lane

Head back to school, ready for a good adventure. But first, learn all about one of the greatest mystery writers, Agatha Christie. Before Agatha was a famous writer, she was a little girl with a dream, but everyone said she was a lost little girl. But Agatha knew she wasn't lost; she had a head full of stories waiting to come out. Celebrate the life and story of a woman who had a mind of

I Want To Read All the Books

by Debbie Ridpath Ohi; Simon and Schuster

One of the best things about heading back to school- the library. It all started with a simple question and then another and another. Luckily, the answers to Hana's question could be found in a book. The more Hana learned, the more she wanted to know, So Hana came up with a great idea - Read all the books! She quickly gets to work and starts reading all the books in all of her friend's houses until the day her mother takes her to the library. Hana quickly realized there were more books than she could ever read all by herself. Will Hanan be able to find a solution? Celebrate the love of books and

friends in this adoring story of questions, answers, and reading.

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Texas Scores a Goal on California as Chevron Moves Headquarters to Houston



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The war between Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's once-immense oil industry entered a new phase a few days ago when Chevron, California's oldest and best known producer of gasoline and other petroleum products, announced it was moving its corporate headquarters to Texas.

Chevron, which dates its origins to the California Star Oil Works, which struck oil in the Santa Susana Mountains of Southern California in 1876, characterized the move from San Ramon to Houston as merely an ordinary managerial consolidation.

However, given its prominence, Newsom's recurrent vilification of the industry and his vow to end sales of gasoline-powered cars as a way of becoming carbon-neutral by 2045, the move's political aspects could not be ignored.

Initially, Newsom posted on social media a video denouncing oil industry "price gouging," including a melty-face emoji characterizing the industry's reaction to California's efforts to dampen gas prices.

But his office quickly took down the video and issued a statement saying Chevron's announcement "is the logical culmination of a long process that has repeatedly been foreshadowed by Chevron."

Predictably, Texas' Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, a frequent foil for Newsom, immediately cast Chevron's move as a "snub" to California in a posting on X, formerly Twitter, calling Texas Chevron's "true home."

A more stinging rebuke came from the Bay Area Council, a business group that hews to a moderate political line and has often been supportive of Newsom.

"Chasing jobs and employers out of California is no way to run the economy," Jim Wunderman, the organization's president, said. "It's an embarrassment for California that we've lost so many global companies because of misguided policies that make it incredibly difficult to do business here. California's elected leaders need to take stock of the decisions they're making that affect millions of families and workers, impact the state budget and have grave consequences for the future economic health of this state."

Were Chevron's move an isolated event, it would be only temporarily interesting. However, California has seen a steady exodus of corporations, as the Bay Area Council noted, thus reinforcing its image of hostility to business.

Just days earlier, Elon Musk, who had already moved his Tesla corporate headquarters to Texas, announced that X and SpaceX would follow.

Chevron's announcement also comes amid a flurry of layoffs and corporate retrenchments in the Bay Area's high-tech industry, which have contributed to the state's having the nation's highest unemployment rate.

Moreover, we may not have heard the last of Chevron's moves. The company had been warning California officials that it might close its two refineries in the state. which are major producers of the state's unique gasoline

Voters in Richmond, the site of one Chevron refinery, will decide in November whether to impose a special tax on the refinery, \$1 per barrel, and the company has accused Richmond's leaders of "playing chicken" with their largest taxpayer and employer.

Politico reported that Andy Walz, a top Chevron executive, warned in an interview about the potential consequences of the Richmond tax measure. "I'm not going to tell you that that's the death knell, but we're getting close," he said, adding, "if I can't invest there, and I can't get a return, we will move on."

Newsom and other California politicians openly intend to eventually shut down the oil industry to reduce the state's carbon footprint. But they want a gradual reduction so many millions of gasoline-powered cars still on the road can run until phased out.

Were Chevron and other producers to decide, as Walz warns, that continuing operations in a politically hostile California no longer pencils out, the state could see an abrupt and economically devastating fuel shortage.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analvsis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981.



Riley Reviews

"DESPICABLE ME 4" FUN FOR KIDS; "DANCE AGAIN" REVEALS THE HORROR

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"DESPICABLE ME 4" RATED PG

As summer slips away, there seems to have been too few movies that are geared to a family-friendly audience. "Inside Out 2" expertly filled the bill, and maybe there was another Disney release I don't remember. Whatever the case, not much out there for kids.

It's time to take a look at "Despicable Me 4," the newest installment in a franchise that delights youngsters not only with the erstwhile criminal Gru (voiced by Steve Carell) but also the adorably mischievous yellow Minions, babbling their usual incomprehensible gibberish.

Somewhere, Gru has turned the corner from supervillain to a family man married to Lily (Kristen Wiig) with a trio of adopted daughters, Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), Edith (Dana Gaier), and Agnes (Madison Polan).

While Gru's relationship with his wife and the girls has never been stronger, the arrival of the newest member of the family with Gru Jr. has proved to be challenging, as the baby is determined to torment his father.

The family dynamic is upended not just with the arrival of a new baby, but Gru is now a dedicated Anti-Villain League (AVL) agent working undercover in an organization run by Silas Ramsbottom (Steve Coogan).

Work takes Gru on an assignment to a high school reunion for the purpose of arresting his former classmate and old rival Maxime Le Mal (Will Ferrell), who has turned himself into a hybrid creature like Jeff Goldblum's in "The Fly."

Vowing revenge for his arrest and getting locked up, his subsequent prison escape that is aided and abetted by his femme fatale girlfriend Valentina (Sofia Vergara) and a platoon of cockroaches poses peril for the AVL agent.

The palpable threat to Gru results in having his entire family being put into witness protection in an upscale suburban community where Gru feels out of place and unable to connect with snooty neighbor Perry (Stephen Colbert).

Going incognito, Gru assumes the identity of Chet Cunningham, a solar panel salesman. He's turned into a boring, somewhat nerd to keep his family safe. Maybe Gru is not so despicable anymore, losing a part of his personality that carried him in previous chapters.

With his new identity not working out that well for him, Gru finds himself blackmailed by his aloof neighbor's teenage daughter Poppy (Joey King), who insists on his guidance to pull off a heist worthy of entrée into the ranks of supervillains.

Humor is predictable but for the most part enjoyable. Amusingly, Gru grumbles about many different types of milk like "almond milk, soy milk, oat milk, goat milk, chocolate milk, half and half, powdered, and milk of magnesia." Lucy asks, "What about regular

milk?" to which Gru replies, "They don't make it anymore." He may have left out other plant-based products like coconut or rice milk, but the absurdity of all these varieties induces at least a chuckle maybe lost on the younger

For comic relief, the small, vellow pill-shaped creatures known as the Minions are dependable for some laughs even if their schtick has become overly familiar. But kids still love them, and at a family cinematic outing that's really all that matters.

"WE WILL DANCE AGAIN" ON PARAMOUNT+

Paramount+ announced the award-winning film "We Will Dance Again," a shocking documentary about the October 7th Hamas terror attack on the international Nova Music Festival, will have a two-day theatrical run nationwide before running on its streaming platform.

The Nova Music Festival was supposed to be a celebration of life, love and music for thousands of young people but became one of the first targets when Hamas launched the deadliest terror attack in Israel's history.

In "We Will Dance Again" more than a dozen young festival-goers tell gripping stories of how each of them managed to survive from one minute to the next. The eyewitness accounts are weaved together with footage they filmed themselves and footage recovered from cameras worn by Hamas.

The film will open in Los Angeles for a week-long Oscar qualifying run beginning on August 23rd, ahead of the advanced event screenings on Friday, August 29th and Sunday, September 1st in select theaters across the country.

The president of the studio releasing the film notes that the "human cost of the Hamas attack in Israel and the war that followed in Gaza has been catastrophic for both Israelis and Palestinians," and it is a "painful story of unfathomable tragedy, but also of bravery, sacrifice, and heroism."

Aside from the documentary, the traveling "Nova Exhibition" is coming to Los Angeles, after first a 10-week run in Tel Aviv, followed by two months on display in New York City.

The exhibit features items salvaged from the festival grounds, including scorched cars, bullet-riddled bathroom stalls, and personal belongings such as tents and lawn chairs left behind.

Visitors will be invited to join a plea for the safe return of the hostages are still held in captivity by Hamas terrorists. Nova survivors of the brutal attack will be attending as witnesses to the tragedy they experienced on that day. ★

Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the Olympics are over, and in no time fans will be talking about the start of training camp. Yes, in less than 60 days the hometown hoopsters will be back together, with a team composed of explosive offensive talents, and some question marks on the defensive side of the ball.

With the re-signing of Malik Monk, and the heralded signing of 6-time allstar DeMar DeRozan, the Kings have an offensive nightly threat that will rival any opposing team in the NBA. Don't forget, without DeRozan, the Kings led the NBA in scoring just 2 seasons ago, and with his addition to the lineup, players like Fox, Sabonis, Murray and Monk will have better looks on a nightly basis.

Without question, DeRozan will require a lot of defensive attention, and three-point shooters like Murray and Fox will benefit greatly by his presence on the court.

The Kings continue to look for the power forward to body-up alongside Domantas Sabonis, and last week sought after Lauri Markkanen who re-signed with the Utah Jazz for a reported \$238-million contract over five years. His signing after August 6 means that he cannot be traded for at least six months, after the 2025 trade deadline, and for all intents and purposes makes Mr. Markkanen a name to no longer discuss.

Color announcer Kyle Draper jumped in last week with his own thoughts as to who might be a good fit at power forward when he expressed his enthusiasm for another Utah Jazz standout, in big man John Collins. Collins showed a lot of promise last season putting up 15.1 points per game, while securing 8.5 rebounds. This while he only garnished 28 minutes of playing time per game. Collins is only 26 years of age and stands 6'9" with a 6'11" wingspan. Nice stats for a power forward with a bright future in the NBA, so perhaps Draper is working two jobs as scout and game announcer.

I like hearing from all quarters as it relates to players that might improve the Sacramento Kings front court, and as high as I am on Domantas Sabonis, I know this talented big man needs more help on

I am high and guardedly hopeful that the

recent signing of Orlando Robinson will pay dividends this season, and I applaud Monte McNair's search for a diamond in

Every year some player surfaces to the top and surprises everyone with a breakout year, and in many circumstances this occurs because they finally found a team to give them a true opportunity to shine.

Keon Ellis made significant strides last season because coach Brown built his confidence gradually throughout the season, even making him a starter for a lengthy stretch. Keon's best basketball is still in front of him, and that is after he endured a stint in the G league where he showcased his talents and worked his way up to the big club.

I believe that same confidence would do wonders for Trey Lyles, and like Ellis I am convinced we have not yet seen the top side of Mr. Lyles.

Keep your eyes on Boogie Ellis, who like his namesake Keon looked like a man among boys in the recent summer league games. The Ellis boys could potentially play significant minutes for the Kings this season, and like Keon, I like the defensive effort Boogie brings to the floor to go along with his three-point shooting.

Not to be overlooked is our top draft choice of two years ago Keegan Murray, who had an ambitious rookie season to be followed by his sophomore year that had mixed reviews. This former NCAA Division I leading scorer (822 points, 2021-22) in the nation may very well surprise everyone this year and propel himself into an all-star year. Keegan added a mid-range game last season that will undoubtedly play well alongside newcomer DeMar DeRozan. I remain convinced that McNair is not

through tinkering with this lineup, and when the Kings break training camp this season, look for at least one more power forward to join the group we have today. The Sacramento Kings glass is half full,

and I can't wait to see the upcoming season in full splendor. If you're not thinking 50 wins-plus, take a closer look!

All the best Kings fans!

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Newsweek Names UC Davis Children's Hospital One of America's Best

UC Davis Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Children's Hospital has been named one of America's Best Children's Hospitals 2024 by Newsweek magazine and Statista, a global market research and consumer data firm. The hospital was ranked in three pediatric specialties: neonatology, neurology and UC Davis Children's Hospital

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is the only hospital in Sacramento to be recognized.

'We are privileged to provide world-class care every day to children and families here in the Sacramento region and beyond," said Brenda Chagolla, associate chief nursing officer at UC Davis Health. "On behalf of our whole team, we are honored to receive this recognition."

The rankings, announced this month, honored 175 leading hospitals in eight specialties: cardiology and cardiac surgery, endocrinology, gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery, neonatology, neurology and neurosurgery, oncology and hematology, pulmonology and

thoracic surgery, and orthopedics. The list was compiled from four data sources:

A nationwide online survey: Health care professionals and hospital managers with knowledge about pediatric care, such as general and specialized asked to recommend leading children's hospitals in the U.S. The survey was also promoted on newsweek.com.

Hospital quality metrics with a focus on indicators from the American Hospital Association's Annual Survey of Hospitals Database. This includes data provided by more than 6.200 hospitals and 400 health care systems.

Results from patient experience

pediatricians and nurses, were surveys, which included data from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems.

Statista Patient-Reported Outcome Measures implementation survey, which are standardized, validated question-

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU24-04676

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"To address housing affordability and reduce homelessness by: providing an estimated 70,000 affordable apartments/homes; creating homes near transit, jobs, and stores; converting vacant lots/blighted properties into affordable housing; and providing first-time homebuyer assistance; shall the measure issuing \$20,000,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying an estimated \$19 per \$100.000 of assessed valuation generating \$910,976,423 annually while bonds are outstanding, and requiring public reporting, independent audits/citizen oversight, be adopted?

Measure E - Vacaville Unified School District - Bond Measure

"To improve the quality of education/ student safety; construct/ renovate science, technology engineering, math and career technical education classrooms/ labs; modernize classrooms; and construct a new school; shall Vacaville Unified School District's measure be approved authorizing \$317,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, generating on average \$17,425,000 annually while bonds are outstanding at a rate of approximately \$48.00 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight committee, NO money for teacher salaries and all funds staying

Measure F - City of Benicia - Citizens' Initiative - Special Sales Tax for Streets "Shall the citizens of Benicia enact a measure raising local funds for the specific purpose of

repairing, maintaining, and improving Benicia's streets, roads, potholes and related sidewalks and storm drains, never to be used for other municipal services, by adopting a ½ cent sales tax. providing approximately \$4,000,000 annually, with a citizen oversight committee and annual audits. until ended by voters?

Measure G - City of Benicia - City Charter to Invest in Benicia's Future, Part 1 "To ensure proper investments in essential City services including roads, infrastructure, Benicia's

Police and Fire Departments, shall the City of Benicia adopt a Charter, that can only be amended with voter approval, for the limited and sole purpose of allowing voters to consider enacting a real property transfer tax (Measure H), the proceeds of which shall provide necessary funding for critical City infrastructure and services, monitored with audits and citizen oversight?" Measure H - City of Benicia - Real Property Transfer Tax to Invest in Benicia's Future, Part 2

"To invest in essential city services including: Roads, infrastructure, facilities; Police, Fire, City services; Shall the City of Benicia enact a real property transfer tax based on sale price, assessed only when property is sold, with exemptions for family members, at a rate of 0.004% for properties \$2 million and under, 0.006% for properties over \$2 million, and 0.008% for properties over \$10 million, providing approximately \$850,000 annually, until ended by voters, with audits and citizens' Measure J – City of Dixon – Sales Tax Measure

"Keep Dixon Dixon Measure: Shall the measure maintaining local control of the City of Dixon's financial stability and essential services including 911 emergency response times, fire/paramedic protection; retaining/attracting firefighters/paramedics/police; preventing crime; providing safe routes to school; keeping public spaces safe/clean; attracting/retaining local businesses; repairing streets/potholes; by establishing a 1 ¢ sales tax until ended by voters, providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually, requiring public spending disclosures/all funds used in Dixon, be adopted?"

Measure K - City of Rio Vista - Sales Tax Measure

"Shall the measure to address the City of Rio Vista's budget deficit, maintain the City's infrastructure, and increase funding for city services such as roads, fire, police, parks, recreation, and other unrestricted general fund expenditures, by enacting a one percent transactions and use tax for a period of five (5) years commencing on April 1, 2025, that is projected to provide approximately \$1,729,000 million dollars annually, with all funds locally controlled and subject to local citizen oversight, be adopted?'

Measure L - City of Fairfield -Business License Modernization and Simplification "Fairfield Business License Modernization and Simplification Measure. To protect essential city

services such as pothole/street repair; fire protection/9-1-1 response; neighborhood police patrols; city park maintenance; senior and youth programs; and for general government use, shall the measure be adopted modernizing and simplifying Fairfield's business license ordinance, with rates of \$55 and up, and other rates as specified in the ordinance, until ended by voters, providing approximately \$1,000,000 annually, including independent audits?"

Measure M - City of Fairfield - Transient Occupancy Tax

"Fairfield Essential Services Protection Measure. To protect essential city services such as pothole/ street repair; fire protection/9-1-1 response; neighborhood police patrols; city park maintenance; senior and youth programs; and for general government use, shall the ordinance be adopted updating Fairfield's existing transient occupancy (hotel) tax, paid only by hotel/ lodging guests, from 10% to 12%, until ended by voters, providing approximately \$600,000 annually, that cannot be taken by the State, including annual independent audits?"

Measure S - City of Suisun City - Essential Services/ Public Safety Protection "Suisun City Essential Services/ Public Safety Protection Measure. To maintain Suisun City's

financial stability and prevent cuts to city services, such as addressing crime/public nuisances associated with homelessness, preventing elimination of neighborhood police patrols, preventing cuts to 9-1-1 fire/ emergency medical response; and maintaining streets, shall the measure be adopted renewing the current 1% local sales tax at a 1.75% rate, providing approximately \$6,766,000 annually for 15 years, requiring independent audits, oversight, all funds locally controlled?

Measure R - Travis Unified School District - Bond Measure "To repair aging schools, including replacing aging plumbing, electrical, lighting/ HVAC systems;

repairing/ adding classrooms for science, technology, engineering, and math instruction; and improving campus security with fencing, cameras and lighting; shall the Travis Unified School District measure be adopted authorizing \$65,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 6¢ per \$100 of assessed value, averaging \$4,700,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, with independent citizen oversight, audits, no funds for administrators, and all funds for Travis Unified School District schools only? NOTICE is given that August 16th is the last day to file arguments for or against measures

Arguments are not to exceed 300 words in length. Arguments for or against the measure shall be filed in the Registrar of Voters Office (Measures E, R) or the appropriate City Clerk's Office (Measures F, G, H, J, K, L, M, S), no later than 5:00 P.M. August 20th is the last day to file rebuttal arguments for or against measures. Rebuttal arguments

are not to exceed 250 words in length. Rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office (Measures E, R) or the appropriate City Clerk's Office (Measures F, G, H, J, K, L, M, S), no later than 5:00 P.M. The viewing period will commence immediately afterward. In accordance with section 9600 of the California Elections Code, all arguments and rebuttals filed pursuant to this notice shall be accompanied by a signature statement form to be signed by

each author. Further information about filing arguments and forms are available on the Registrar of Voters website at www.solanocounty.com/elections or contact the Election Department (707) 784-6675 or e-mail us at elections@solanocounty.com On November 5, 2024, the polls will be open between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Persons interested

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Travis Credit Union Foundation Launches New Student Loan Assistance Program

Travis Credit Union Foundation News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Travis Credit Union Foundation proudly announces the launch of its inaugural Community Heroes Student Loan Assistance Program. Known as the Community Heroes program, this new initiative aims to alleviate student loan burdens for individuals making a significant impact in their local communities,

whether through professional careers or personal volunteer efforts.

The Community Heroes program will provide four recipients with \$5,000 each to help reduce their student loan debt. This initiative demonstrates the Foundation's dedication to helping local community leaders achieve financial independence, while also motivating them to continue their important work within their communities.

"We are thrilled to introduce Community Heroes," said Damian Alarcon, president of Travis Credit Union Foundation.

"This program is designed to make a real difference in the lives of community heroes by helping them move towards financial freedom. We hope this support will encourage them to continue their valuable work in the community for many years to come." Eligibility Criteria

Residency Requirement: Must

reside in a county serviced by Travis Credit Union: Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Merced, Napa, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, or Yolo.

Student Loan Criteria: Must have a student loan debt balance of at least \$5,000.

Community Involvement: Must provide documentation of significant contributions to local communities through professional work or volunteer

This is a merit-based student loan assistance program with no comparable programs offered by non-profit organizations in the United States. Applications and nominations are now open, and interested parties can apply or nominate individuals through the Travis Credit Union Foundation website at https://www.tcufund. org/community-heroes.html.

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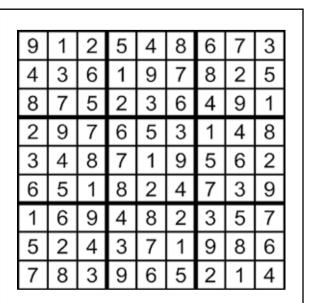
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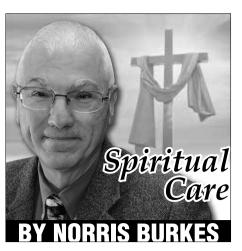
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Christians Could Learn from Humanists



If you've already read most of the Bible, you might want to mix things up a bit by reading A.C. Grayling's version called "The Good Book: A Humanist Bible." Grayling, a British academic, edited an anthology of hundreds of philosophers and writers organized into chapters and verses.

Now, let me quickly assure religious readers that I haven't gone to "the dark side" by endorsing this book. I am suggesting however that religious people might have something to learn from

I like Grayling because he doesn't follow the militant anti-religious atheism espoused by some of the louder left. Called by some the "Velvet Atheist," Grayling is more comfortable with the word "Humanist."

What's the difference, you ask, between an atheist and a humanist? Well, that's a tricky question. Most atheists, and certainly all those I know, are humanists. Atheism by itself, however, is simply the assertion that there is no God.

Humanists, like Grayling, take their beliefs beyond that negative assertion of no-god and are active in their care of people, animals and our planet. Sometimes they even sound downright spiritual when describing their views.

For instance, Grayling once told CNN reporter Jessica Ravitz that "each individual has to work out the values they live by and especially to recognize that the best of our good lives revolves around having good relationships with people."

Grayling believes that the only difference between a religious person and the humanist is that "humanist

ethics didn't claim to be derived from a deity."

Wow. Except for that last sentence, the teaching sounds much like the lessons of the Golden Rule and the Good Samaritan parable I learned as a kid in a Baptist Sunday school.

Don't get me wrong. I happen to think that looking for your moral compass inside yourself is a good way to find yourself lost in a very deep forest. Nor am I endorsing a pot-luck belief system where you are free to believe a little of this and a little of that.

Nonetheless, I think humanists are right about some things.

A lifetime ago, I took a comparative religion class at Baylor University. My professor, while decidedly Christian, believed that each religion, even humanism, has something to teach the Christian.

For instance, the humanist teachings about our planet remind me that God loves all his creation. His creation is the center of his love. When religious people forget that, they become, as the saying goes, "So heavenly minded, they are no earthly good." But if there is one lesson I hope

the humanist and Christian alike can take away from the Christian Bible, it would be the story in Mark 9:14-29 about a father who brings his crazed teen to Jesus asking Jesus to help him

In the Norris paraphrase, Jesus responds incredulously. "What do you mean by, 'if I can?' Of course I can."

Or in Jesus' exact words, "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Then the boy's father immediately exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Like this boy's father, we all need divine help overcoming our unbelief. Whether you are religious or atheist, we all struggle with our iAnd it's during those times of mistrust that it becomes easy to fall short of our goals and fail to do the most human thing believe in each other.

That's why, at days end, we should be working together to make all things possible. And whether we be Christian or humanist or atheist – we can say together, "Help us all overcome our unbelief."



Dare to Live Without Limits by Bryan Golden **Imperfection**

No one is perfect. We all have our strengths and weaknesses. Those who are most successful, build on their strengths while striving to overcome their weaknesses. It's not unusual for a trait that initially appears to be a weakness to actually be a strength. I came across the following parable which nicely shows this point.

Many years ago, a farmer had to get his household water from a nearby stream. To get as much water as possible from each trip, he used two large clay pots, each fastened securely to opposite ends of a stout pole.

After he fetched his first load of water, the farmer discovered that the pot on the left side had a small crack, causing it to lose about a third of its water on the trip from the stream back to the house. But the farmer didn't have another pot to replace the imperfect one. Besides, in spite of the leak, he had enough water from each trip for his daily needs.

The farmer retrieved water in this manner for several years. One day, a neighbor observed the farmer carrying his daily load of water with one of the pots leaking. The neighbor asked the farmer if he knew about the defec-

The farmer's reply surprised the neighbor. "I discovered the leak the first time I filled the pots. I was very disappointed. It had taken me a lot of time to attach the pots to the pole. I didn't have a replacement pot nor did I have time to replace the imperfect one if I did have another."

"After several weeks of carrying water, I noticed flowers springing up on the left side of the path I walked each morning. The water from the leaking pot was enabling flowers to grow in the normally hard, dry dirt."

"Since I really enjoyed looking at the flowers each morning and I had enough water at the end of every trip, I realized the imperfect pot was more valuable to me with its defect than if it had no leak. You see, what I and most people would consider an imperfection

was actually an asset."

Both pots had their own unique strengths. The perfect pot carried a full load of water flawlessly. The cracked pot, while it lost some water, enabled beautiful flowers to grow. Each pot served a different function and was just as important as the other.

This story touches on several issues. Whether a character trait is a strength or weakness is dependent on circumstances as well as what one is trying to achieve. For example, consider the following two people. Irene is a person who is easily bored, enjoys change, likes to work independently, makes decisions quickly, and is a risk

Carol, on the other hand, prefers a predictable routine, likes stability, enjoys working and making decisions with others, and is very cautious when making decisions. Who is a better worker, Irene or Carol? Which of them has more imperfections?

The answer is, it depends. For starting a new business, or striking out on a new venture, Irene's personality is better suited. Carol is more suitable for managing an established, stable organization.

Don't be too quick to label a trait of yours or a characteristic of someone else an imperfection. What appears to be a defect, may be the result of an individual being in the wrong situation. Anything can be interpreted to be a defect when looked at narrowly and out of context.

Our world is diverse. It can only function with the contributions of people with different strengths and abilities. Rather than worry about your imperfections, why not capitalize on your strengths?

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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. torical representation and announcements of upcoming Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings – at 7:30 events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and

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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.

3rd Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

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second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, con-

tact John Kett at 916-284-4683. **Dixon Historical Society** – Meets quarterly on the 3rd Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a his-

p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., the 4th Thursday of each month 5:30-7:30 p.m., and the 4th Sunday of each month 2:30-5:30 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety. org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call

> 707-693-3044. **Dixon Kiwanis Club** – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children's lives meets on the 4th Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

> **Dixon Lions Club** – Since 1954 the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Website: http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dixonca. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

> Dixon Rotary Club - Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. Street, Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Marianne MacDonald, 2023-2024 Rotary President, at 707-696-3384

> Dixon Scottish Cultural Association - Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit www.scotsindixon.org.

> **Dixon Senior Club** – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.

> **Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club** – Need to speak in front of people? Want to improve on your communication skills? Want to have fun learning? Check us out! We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Living Hope Church. For more info, call or text Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or Rose Cooke at 707-297-0918.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club - From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Call 707-678-9198 for more information.

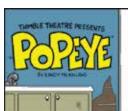
Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings - The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

COMICS & PUZZLES











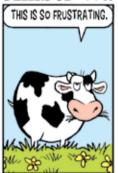












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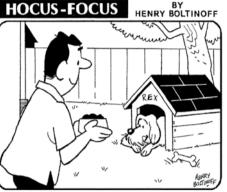
by Dave T. Phipps













3. Doghouse opening is different. 4. Bottom of shirt is different. 5. Paw is moved. 6. Finger is moved. Differences: 1. Shingles are different. 2. Bowl is larger.



BUT TIM GONNA



Scisse MB., YOU SCIEM LIVE NICE FOLKS. I COULDN'T HELD BUT NOTICE THERE ARE A LOTTA BIRDS EATIN PIZZA, PRENCH FRUSS AND

HOT DOGG GOD FABILD ONE OF THEM MESSES ON YOUR CAR'S

WINDSHIELD. FOR \$20, MY ASSOCIATES AND I WOULD BE CLAD TO WATCH YOUR SUV WHILE YOUSE SO TO THE BEACH







GEE I DON'T



by BUD BLAKE

ON THE OTHER

AND INSS

THE ENERGY

SENATE WHEW! That was close! For a minute there,

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps DEAR, WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR "HONEY DO LIST" COME IN AND GET READY FOR THE PARTY. FOR THAT I HAVE A "HONEY DON'T LIST.

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10-Minute Play Script Submissions

Winters Theatre Company News Release

WINTERS, CA (MPG) - The Winters Theatre Company invites you to submit original scripts for consideration in our annual 10-minute play festival to be held the weekends of Feb. 28 through March 1 and March 7 and 8, 2025.

The festival will be held in the historic Winters Opera House on Main St. in downtown Winters.

Now through Sept. 30, 2024, we are looking for original submissions (all submissions must come directly from the original playwright/author) for the festival. You must be 18 years of age or older

to submit an application, and there is a limit of two play submissions per author. Every play must be 10 minutes or less.

There is no specific theme for the festival, so all 10-minute scripts are welcome. We do ask that you read our guidelines before sending in a submission. All the details are available on our website, www. winterstheatre.org.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the producers, Ana Kormos and Jim Hewlett.

We look forward to receiving and reading your submissions, and selecting the eight scripts that will be performed. Final selections will be announced on Nov. 1, 2024.

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Winters Theatre Company Announces Hot Jazz Jubilee 2024 to Sizzle

MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The ninth annual Hot Jazz Jubilee will feature four days of music and entertainment over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, under one roof.

Five rooms will offer music, ranging from the large Grand Ballroom to the more intimate Garden Terrace and RJ's. Dancers will want to be in the three ballrooms that offer a dance floor.

The annual extravaganza will feature more than 20 bands and guest artists.

"We are excited to offer some new featured performers, plus some bands returning by popular demand," said Hot Jazz Jubilee festival director Pat Jones. "And the variety can't be beat. We have jazz, swing, zydeco, rock 'n' roll and R & B. Something for everyone."

Performers include Brian Casserly, Todd Morgan & The Emblems, San Lyon, Katie Cavera & the Lost Boys, and many more. Some exciting special sets are "Boogie Woogie Extravaganza" on Saturday, Aug. 31 and a "Back to the Future" Old Time Rock 'n' Roll set on Sunday, Sept. 1.

In addition, Shaymus Hanlin will present his "Tribute to Frank Sinatra" and High Street Band will honor Veterans with their "Salute to the '60s" on Friday, Aug. 30. There will be two gospel sets on Sunday, Sept. 1, one set with Yve Evans and Company, and the other set with High Street Band. Special guest pianist, Nicole Pesce will perform two sets, "Two Pianos, Six Hands,"



Brian Casserly is a regular featured All-Star at jazz festivals throughout the country; and a session musician for commercials, professional recordings and musicals in the U.S. and Canada. Photo courtesy of Hot Jazz Juibilee



High Street Band plays jazz, Motown, R&B, blues and funk tunes that bring their audiences to the dance floor. Photo courtesy of Hot Jazz Juibilee

with Stephanie and Paolo.

For the full performance schedule, check online at hotjazzjubilee.com/ venues-scheduled-events.

The family-friendly event is in air-conditioned comfort at the newly-remodeled DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento at 2001 Point West Way. Admission is free for children 18 and under.

Sacramento Jazz Education Foundation will sponsor Youth Clinics where young musicians can perform with the pros. Food and drink and a jazz vendor fair will also be on site.

Single-day tickets are \$65 for Aug. 30, \$85 for Aug. 31 or Sept. 1 and \$65 for Sept. 2. A four-day event pass is \$155. Tickets are available online at hotjazzjubilee.com/purchase-tickets. For special group rates, visit info@ hotjazzjubilee.com.







