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Engaging Locals in Emergency Response



Al Terrell, Director of Safety, Emergency Response and Physical Security, positions a large poster board of the Utilities Status that would be used in any emergency event in relation to the underground utilities known as "cousins." Chief Gerald Simons, Manager of Special Projects for the California Water Service Group looks on. The co-presenters conducted Emergency Service Training last week at the Dixon Fire Department.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - This past week, and at the invitation of California Water service Group, about 25 people from Dixon and Travis Air Force Base gathered for Emergency Operations Center training at the Dixon Fire Department. The goal for the company is to "create a pool of highly trained, qualified, and capable employees who are equipped, ready, and able to respond to operational emergencies throughout the company. They are investing for life, they say."

The Need Shockingly Apparent

After the Sept. 11 attacks, it became tragically clear that the United States wasn't ready for such a national emergency. In response, President George W. Bush issued

Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5. The HSPD-5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System

Instructors reported other cases showing the great need to teach preparedness across the nation. They cited the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas where 386 law enforcement responded but it took 77 minutes to go in and "kill the bad guy." Nineteen children and two teachers died.

Another example was Maui. The person in charge had never learned emergency operations.

"There were systematic failures on all levels and a command post was never set up," said one of the instructors about Uvalde and who happened to be in Maui for a vacation when the fires ravaged the island.

The Oroville Spillway, The

Mendocino Complex Fire, floods and Hurricane Katrina were also cited.

A Central Operations Center can be set up and used anywhere in our state or country and is essential to saving lives.

Instructors

Using an array of PowerPoint presentations, real-life stories and examples of equipment, the two educators for the training came from a wealth of background in emergency training.

Al Terrell, Director of Safety, Emergency Response, and Physical Security and retired Fire Chief from for the City of West Sacramento has nearly 32 years of combined service as a professional firefighter and over 36 years as a safety professional.

Chief Gerald Simon also served in fire service for 33 years with 16

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Dixon's Strategic Development

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A diverse set of services is pivotal in economic development.

That is the answer from Dixon's Economic Development Manager when asked why the city strategically develops different regional businesses.

"In a town like Dixon, the inclusion of various services such as car washes, gas stations, hotels, and fast-food restaurants can significantly bolster the local economy and provide resources to residents and visitors," Madeline Graf said.

The Economic Development Plan, published in October 2023, lists dozens of projects townwide.

North/Northeast Dixon has dozens of projects with current planning applications under review, approved pending a building permit, and under construction projects, including Rotten Robbie's gas station, which is opening soon.

"We continue to see new businesses open in Dixon," Graf said.

"In recent months, we have seen new businesses open, like Quick Quack Carwash and Sourdough & Co. Just last week, we saw Chipotle opening on Highway 113."

South/Southeast Dixon, a current application on hold, includes the Lombardo/Brookfield residential subdivision/annexation. The Whiskey Barrell lounge on North 1st Street has been approved pending a permit.

"Planning helps to balance residential, commercial, and recreational spaces in new and existing neighborhoods, fostering a vibrant community," Graf said.

"By integrating various housing options, such as single-family homes, apartments, and affordable housing units, we can provide housing to meet all needs."

Among those housing options, the southeast section of Dixon includes Parkway Blvd., overcrossing to Pitt School Rd., which the city seeks funding to build. Close by, central Dixon, around Pitt School Road, has no approved projects now except for the pending Buckhorn BBQ + Grill permit.

Southwest Dixon sees affordable housing options.

"The state of California requires that each city has a Housing Element," Graf said.

"A Housing Element provides an analysis of a community's housing needs for all income levels and strategies to provide

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Calling All Cadets

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Coming home is comfort for a citizen; coming home for a police officer is success.

The notable quote on the law enforcement career stresses the courage of a blue-blooded police officer, which Dixon Police Chief Robert Thompson seeks out here through the Cadet Program.

"It is a valuable initiative designed specifically for local Dixon youth who are interested in law enforcement," Thompson said. "It provides them with first-hand experience, training, and mentorship from seasoned officers."

Dixon public information officer Madeline Graf said the Dixon Police Department's Cadet Program is a great volunteer opportunity for young adults looking to kickstart a rewarding career and make a difference in their



Dixon Police Department Cadet Program requirements include maintaining a 2.0 high school or college grade point average. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

community.

"Police cadets get hands-on experience in different areas of law enforcement while picking up essential skills like teamwork, leadership, and service," Graf said.

Dixon residents between the ages of 15 and 20 should be in good physical and mental condition, have a clear police record, and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in high school or college to join. Once approved, a cadet volunteers at least eight hours a month in and out of the patrol car.

"This program plays a crucial role in building future community leaders by fostering discipline, responsibility and a strong sense of public service," Thompson said.

Graf detailed the in-field training cadets receive.

"By joining the cadet program, participants immerse themselves in a learning environment that nurtures both personal and professional growth," Graf said. "The program offers a blend of classroom training, ride-alongs with seasoned officers,

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The Best and the Worst

By Debra Dingman

The book on retirement my hubby got a few years ago when he retired from a big company has been put to use...by me. I asked him if he ever read it and he said, "A few pages." I've religiously read through the brief daily journal the man wrote and have enjoyed the writer calling to my attention some of the things I was going to experience or that I was experiencing but I haven't read so much about the changes in a marriage that might occur.

Maybe because every one of us is so uniquely different, there couldn't be anything detailed...but there are many generalities we can safely presume. Without a doubt, there will be change.

It was like a honeymoon at first. We enjoyed eating meals together and sitting at the table overlooking the plants and birds. We drove everywhere together, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and to visit grandchildren, always talking about all kinds of subjects from politics to potatoes.

In our case, there had been so many times we laughed off an argument (mainly because I knew there was no point) and we could laugh at ourselves. Like when I tell him, "Of course, you're right because you're always right." Or "You see it this way because you're left-handed."

But since I got my hearing aids, a lot more things have become testy. Is it because I'm hearing him clearly and his answers make no sense because he is the one who isn't hearing me? I've noticed that he answers questions I didn't ask, for example. I figured he must be more comfortable with confrontations, and/or he is tired of hearing me complain about how sick I feel but nonetheless, we are

experiencing some of our worst times.

Couples who suddenly spend all day together must eventually develop some issues no matter how prepared or desirous they are for retirement. Adding to that stress, one of the parties not feeling well can turn things dire. I don't remember feeling continually exhausted or unfit at work. I started thinking maybe I should go back to work...

I read a piece in the New York Times Magazine (3-27-2024) by Susan Dominus that typically people consider the early years with sleepless nights that are the most stressful on couples, or "rebellious teens" and that retirement is anticipated as a time of relaxation "but this transition away from work can also be stressful, coinciding with reinventions and re-evaluations that can cause couples to suddenly experience new tensions."

The computers at the Dixon Public Library should be back on very soon and you can read this online there. This reporter was working on a survey for an article and her follow-up was a very good read to understand the changes we are going through. It was published May 5 and updated May 6 with the headline "These couples survived a lot. Then came retirement."

When I remember the many times we cuddle while watching our favorite shows and the bliss I experience when going to sleep on his strong arm each night, my heart warms. There is such great teamwork on our home projects with the yin and yang of our skills and the happiness we share when talking with our son and while spending time with our grandchildren. Those thoughts always remove the black cloud above my head. Those are the best of times. ★





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This Grave Digger Monster Truck was a hit at Dixon's Ace Hardware last week where families lined up for a photo op. Here is Mike Jacobs with his sons, Cameron and William standing with the truck's Crew Chief who was on his way later to the Monster Jam in Sacramento. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

T-Shirt Fundraiser Continues

The DDBA (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!

Veterans Dinner

It is a full Chicken Dinner on the menu for Friday, Aug. 23, around 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. All you can eat! The hall is located at 1305 North First Street and helps support veterans.



Friday Night Football

It's the Dixon High School Rams hosting the Winters Joint High School Warrior on Friday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. at Dixon High School. (The Rams will play in Woodland at Pioneer High School on Friday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m.).

Open Auditions for "Arsenic & Old Lace"

Will be held Monday, Aug. 26 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-use Center. Zoom auditions will be conducted on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from

7 to 8 p.m. Performance dates are scheduled for Oct. 12, 13, 19 and 20. For more information contact www.dixoncommunitytheater.com

Diamonds in the Rough

Pair your finest cowboy boots with your formal attire and join The Empowerment Project on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Tenbrink Orchards in Winters beginning at 5:30 p.m. for an evening of dinner, raffles, a silent auction, dancing and keynote speaker, Adam Dodge. Dodge is the founder of EndTAB (end technology enabled abuse). For tickets and more, visit www.empowerment-project.org

Greg "Coach" Coppes Day

Veteran Riders MC presents Annual Greg Coppes Day on Aug. 24. Please help pay tribute to this beloved Dixon High Football Coach who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in 2020. Door Donation: \$10. Music, food available for purchase, and Raffle. 1305 N. First Street, 5 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting

Premium Turf Outlet will host their ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Free admission, light refreshments will be served. Come check out Dixon's Premier Turf Outlet which offers an extensive selection of high-quality, eco-friendly artificial grass solutions. 646 North First Street.

Community Bake Sale

Kaylee Raye's Bakery & Specialty Coffee Shop will host a community bake sale on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 151 West A Street. Join all the local confectioners in attendance for a good old fashioned sugar fest. ★



Kaylee would like to invite residents to her Community Bake Sale. Photo courtesy of Kaylee Raye

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This is artist Colleen Gnos' initial rendering of what the finished Dixon mural will look like, although there have been some minor changes. Courtesy photo

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The public is invited to share in the ribbon-cutting ceremony when the Dixon Historical Society unveils the completed artwork, “The History of Dixon.” the large mural spans a wall at the entrance of the Dixon Historical Society at 125 West A St. in downtown Dixon and was designed and painted by one of Dixon’s own: Colleen Gnos.

Gnos is a fine artist and muralist who is famous for her Mermaids, Ocean, & Musical works of art, has a studio in San Luis Obispo and is the daughter of long-time Dixon farmers Herman and Lucy Gnos.

The mural is a culmination of countless hours between Gnos and the Dixon Historical Society members to accurately draft the story of Dixon’s history and the various cultural groups who have contributed to the land over the decades.

“Our mural tells the story of Dixon's history, the establishment of the railroad, the Dickson Pioneer Family and the various cultural groups who have contributed to Dixon,” said Dixon Historical Society President Kim Schroeder-Evans. “We especially invite the families of John Fong representing the Chinese Americans who established businesses in Dixon and who

also helped build the railroad, along with families whose ancestors served in the Bracero Program, and who are also featured. In addition, we invite our native Wintun/ Patwin community, along with descendants of our Californio (Spanish and Mexican Land-Grant) families.”

The celebration will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 at the museum and the artist will be there answering questions.

Gnos grew up in Dixon and has accepted mural commissions for businesses and private homes around the nation for 20 years. She is most famed locally for her 20 x 20-foot free-standing cut-out mural of a farmer and his dog in an almond orchard near the Dixon Avenue West/A Street exit off Interstate 80. She is also locally famed for the 3,000-square-foot mural of three-dimensional marble columns and filigreed alters inside St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Dixon and a 60-foot Memorial Mural at Dixon High School done in 2020 honoring three students and one teacher who passed the previous year.

In addition to the mural display fanfare, the new museum curator will be announced. For more information, see the Dixon Historical Society website at dixonhistoricalsociety.org or call 707-693-3044. ★

Only One Treasurer Candidate Applied Elective Office

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - It has happened before but it is rare in Dixon. If an incumbent city officer does not file nomination papers by one week before the date of the nomination closing, residents will have an additional week to nominate other candidates for that incumbent’s elective office.

For the Dixon city treasurer’s post, Jim Ward had pulled papers to run for mayor and therefore left that position open. Upon checking with City Hall on Aug. 9, the position of city treasurer still did not have applicants but by the end of that day, it did: resident Simon LeBleu.

By Aug. 9, he had garnered the required signatures and returned them to City Hall.

LeBleu, 34, was born and raised in Dixon and grew up in Dixon schools. He said that he was in the last class to graduate from the old Dixon High School location.

“My dad’s whole family came from Canada and are hockey fans. Dad was born and raised in the U.S. and my parents moved to Dixon when there was not even a stoplight. They said they liked being on Dixon time (more relaxed,)” he said.

For most of his youth and into adulthood, LeBleu played hockey, including professionally.

“We started a hockey school and I’m now a proud small business owner of the Reno Ice Raiders.”

LeBleu worked in law enforcement while attending Sac State and became a forensic coroner technician and then went to law school where he focused on business and tax. He later received his Master of Law in taxation with a sole focus



Simon LeBleu was the only applicant for city treasurer. Courtesy photo

on wealth transfer. He now works for Reynolds Law in Vacaville.

“Dixon has given me and my family so much. It’s an opportunity for me to give back. It’s my turn,” he said. “Having business and tax experience and legal experience, I think I bring a strong bag of skills. I think it’s going to be great and I’ll be excited to work alongside (people) to help Dixon grow in its next era.”

LeBleu married his high school sweetheart, Jessica McClendon, and they have two sons.

There was no competition by the Aug. 16 deadline for any new city treasurer applicants. Now, all positions are closed as Mayor Steve Bird, District 4 Council Rep Don Hendershot and District 3 Council Rep Kevin Johnson are going for re-election. ★

Five to Vie for School Board

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Unified School District has two Trustee positions open replacing School Board Trustees Regina Espinoza and David Bowen, and there are now five local people vying for those.

The candidates who have completed paperwork are Regina Espinoza, who has served since the resignation of two-term Melissa Maseda in the summer of 2023, Robert E. Sanchez Jr., who was a high school teacher and coach and a father of children in Dixon schools, Michael Ceremello, a longtime community activist who is listed as an Investigative Journalist, Robin Beck-Ruften, listed as a parent, as well as Jimmy Thiessen, listed as a parent.

The two winners in November will join Trustee President Julian Cuevas, John Gabby and Jewel Fink, whose terms expire in 2026.

According to the District website, Cuevas sits as the president for the Dixon Library, received his Bachelor's degree from the University of California



The Dixon Unified School District, whose Board of Trustees now has five candidates vying for two seats, was represented at the recent Back-to-School Fair. Photo by Nicholas Brown

San Diego in Political Science/American Politics and has a Master's degree from American University in Public Administration and Policy.

Gabby, a 1995 Dixon High School graduate, who was first elected to the school board in 2007, re-elected in 2011, ran uncontested in 2013 and won re-election in 2018. His tenure included multiple stints as board president.

Fink was elected in November 2018 after moving here to be closer to family. She worked for the Vallejo City Unified School District as a middle

and high school teacher; a teacher/counselor in an alternative ed setting; and a district administrator. She was re-elected in 2022.

The window of Vote by Mail Ballot Mailing is Oct. 7 through 29. If available, starting on that particular date, the Registrar of Voters will begin mailing Vote by Mail ballots to voters.

Oct. 7 through 29 is the window for the first day for Vote by Mail ballots to be available for in-person early voting.

Oct. 21 is the close of voter registration and Nov. 5 is Election Day (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) ★

Theft at Hall Park

Dixon Police Department News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On Monday, Aug. 12, the Dixon Police Department received a report of theft from the Dixon Girls Softball team. An all-terrain vehicle was stolen from the Dixon Girls Softball Conex box located at Hall Park. The theft occurred between 4 p.m. Aug. 11 and 6 p.m. Aug. 12.

Due to an increase in theft at Hall Park, the Police Department has had



The stolen all-terrain vehicle from the Dixon Girls Softball Conex box. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Police Department

ongoing extra park patrol for the past month. They will continue to patrol the area.

The Dixon Police Department urges

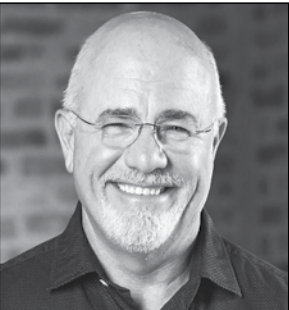
anyone with information regarding this matter to contact the Dixon Police Department at 707-678-7070 or investigations@dixonpoliceca.gov. ★

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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,

Recently, I began running my farm operation debt-free. I have 350 acres, and all the varying expenses often makes it difficult to budget correctly. I also have about \$240,000 in debt from bad financial decisions in the past. Do you have any suggestions for budgeting in a volatile industry like mine?

– Thomas

Dear Thomas,

First, you want to set up a separate budget and run a profit and loss statement. You'll want to estimate the income for the year as best you can, and you'll need to estimate your expenses item by item and category by category for the year. After that, you'll want to break it down by month. This is called laying out a business pro for-

Dave Ramsey Says

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ma—a business budget.

Next, you've got two goals to work toward with your profits. By profits, I mean after you've paid household expenses. That includes a living wage, enough to operate, keep food on the table, the lights on and that sort of thing. After basic living expenses are out of the way, your net profit in the business should be divided between retained earnings—or savings—and debt reduction. The idea is that you're going to put the lion's share toward paying off debt for now. Still, you need to have something set aside for a rainy day. In your case, that could be taken literally.

Keep in mind that in business, retained earnings are used for more than just emergencies. They're also for buying more land, equipment and anything else that'll grow your operation. But you always want a pad in there. What if you have an unusual year, and your

budget estimates are way off? It could be unexpected expenditures, or the fact you simply had a bad year. In business, that's an emergency, and you'd take that out of retained earnings.

Doing a budget, whether it's in business or personal finance, gets easier and more accurate with time and practice. You won't get everything right the first couple of tries, but with a little time and experience your budgeting skills and estimates will become more accurate.

I hope this helps, Thomas. Thanks for all your hard work!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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. ★

Free Heart Screening for Youth Scheduled for Oct. 6

UC Davis Health News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - One in 300 youth has an undiagnosed heart condition that puts them at risk for sudden cardiac arrest. A free youth heart screening in Davis this fall will help identify young people who may be in that group. The event is sponsored by the Kyle J. Taylor Foundation (KJTF), in collaboration with UC Davis Health and Project ADAM Sacramento.

The free event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harper Junior High School in Davis. The event is for those ages 12 to 25.

The screening takes about 40 minutes to complete. It includes a cardiac risk assessment, an electrocardiogram (EKG) and a physician review. Echocardiograms will also be available upon request by the physician.

The EKG is a simple and painless test that records the heart's electrical activity using small sticky electrode patches attached to the skin of the chest. Structural and electrical heart issues which can cause sudden cardiac arrest in young people can often be seen in an EKG or echocardiogram.

The event aims to prevent sudden cardiac arrest risk in children and young adults. Annual physical examinations and sports pre-participation physical exams can miss about 85 to 90% of issues that can cause sudden cardiac arrest in youth.

More than 1,500 young people have

been screened at four Sacramento area free youth heart events hosted by Kyle J. Taylor Foundation with UC Davis Health and Project ADAM Sacramento. Twenty-seven people have been identified with undiagnosed heart conditions.

Register to get your heart screened at <https://kylejtaylor.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/kylejtaylor/eventRegistration.jsp?event=277&>.

About Kyle J. Taylor Foundation
The Kyle J. Taylor Foundation was started in 2018 in honor of Kyle Taylor, who passed away in February of 2018 from sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 18. Kyle was always a loving, kind, spirited, healthy young man with no known heart issues. His family wanted to honor Kyle's legacy by bringing awareness to sudden cardiac arrest in youth, the steps to prevent it, and how to respond to it. To learn more about the foundation, visit the website at <https://www.kylejtaylor.org>.

About Project ADAM Sacramento
Project ADAM is committed to saving lives by preventing sudden cardiac death where young people learn and play. It is not enough to simply have an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the building - having a documented plan, a designated and prepared response team, and a regularly practiced emergency response drill are critical to success. Project ADAM can help your school or organization become Heart Safe. Visit the website for more information at <https://health.ucdavis.edu/children/services/project-adam>. ★

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

Wednesday, Aug. 7
08:45 - Chevy Rushing (41) of Davis was arrested for felony domestic violence in the 8000 Block of Pedrick Road.
13:00 - Confidential report.
14:00 - Lost Property report taken in the Police Department lobby.
15:00 - Jenny Bradsteen (41) of Fremont was contacted in the area of Parkway Boulevard and Valley Glen Drive and arrested for being a public nuisance.

Thursday, Aug. 8
21:06 - Non-injury traffic collision in the intersection of Stratford Avenue and North Lincoln Street.
21:56 - Two auto burglary reports in the 200 block of Dorset Drive.
04:52 - Petty theft report in the 1900 block of North 1st Street.

Friday, Aug. 9
11:53 - A domestic violence, possession of drug paraphernalia, and probation violation arrest report was taken in the 200 block of East D Street. Officers contacted (S) Daniel Zarragoza (64) of Dixon. Zarragoza was taken into custody and booked into the Solano County Jail.
13:35 - Unknown suspects used counterfeit bills to purchase food in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road.
15:53 - An auto-burglary report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

Saturday, Aug. 10
13:43 - A shoplifting report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
18:13 - Eric Enrique Aguirre-Rodriguez (29) of Oakland was contacted in the 700 block of North Adams Street during a traffic stop and found to have two out-of-county bench warrants for his arrest. Aguirre-Rodriguez was arrested and booked at the Solano County Jail without incident.
01:22 - Christopher Velazquez Arroyo (21) of Dixon was arrested in the 1200 block of Watson Ranch Way for hit and run and driving under the influence. Velazquez Arroyo was cited at Dixon Police Department.
01:44 - Vandalism report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Sunday, Aug. 11
No cases to report.

Monday, Aug. 12
09:30 - Battery investigation in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.
11:40 - Theft investigation in the 700 block of Meadowlark Lane.
14:00 - Burglary of a vehicle in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
14:30 - Theft to a business in the 1000 block of North First Street.
15:40 - Domestic Violence investigation.
20:10 - Stolen ATV reported in the area of Hall Park. Dixon Girls Softball had their Conex box broken into and a Polaris side by side was stolen.
05:00 - Report of theft in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue. Two HMA's left without paying for their breakfast.

MEMORIAL

JILL KATHLEEN TURNER • 5/4/1968 - 8/4/2024

Jill Kathleen Turner went home to the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father on August 4, 2024, at her home in Dixon, CA.

Jill was the youngest of two daughters born to Fred and Irene Turner in 1968. She grew up in Ventura, California, where she was the classic beautiful beach blonde who spent her summers on the beach or water skiing. Jill attended Buena High School, graduating in 1987 then attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, majoring in Agricultural Science graduating in 1993.

Jill married Tom Bors in 1994, and they had two

children together, whom Jill adored. One of her greatest pleasures was riding and showing horses in trail trials and reining. Jill's career in livestock feed sales spanned over three decades, and she cherished the work she did at Farmers Best Feed. Jill was

a member of the Dixon May Fair Board and a 4-H youth leader for twenty years.

In the last nineteen months, Jill underwent a brave battle with brain cancer. Her positive attitude of "We got this!" supported and sustained her and those around her.

Jill is survived by her children, Dale and Grace Bors; her mother, Irene Turner; her sister, Brenda Lacey (Mark); nieces, Molly and Katie Lacey; former sister-in-law and friend, Mary Grimmer (Chuck); nephews, Gabe, Garrett, and Grant. Jill is preceded in death by her father, Fred Turner

MEMORIAL

CHAD RAYMOND REIS • 10/31/1979 - 8/6/2024

Chad Raymond Reis, 44, entered the eternal fishing grounds on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. He was a deeply loving and dedicated husband, father, son, brother, and friend. Chad was born on October 31, 1979 in Dixon, California where he grew up living and working on the Reis Family Ranch. There, he grew into a hard-working, fiercely-loving man who was always there both for the people he loved and strangers alike. As a young man, he worked in construction and then worked for UC Davis for 20 years. He was happiest out on the salt

water fishing with his friends and family or in his summer garden or working with his hands. As a younger man, he was an avid hunter and

loved the outdoors. Chad is survived by his three children, Ella, Jordan, and Jacob Reis, wife Audrey Conway (Reis) stepsons Carson and Braedon Conway, mother Sandy Leewright, stepfather Stan Leewright, father Mike Reis, stepmother Maureen Reis, brother Bryan Reis, and sister-in-law Jena Reis. He was beloved by countless family and friends, and we wish him an eternity of bent rods, calm seas, and full limits. Tails up, Chad. We love you always and forever. Details for a celebration of life will be shared at a later time with friends and family.

FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS
By Amy Shane

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Escape Into a Great Read

With school back in session, this is the perfect time to settle down with a great book.

Just Some Stupid Love Story
by Katelyn Doyle; Flatiron Books

Molly Marks doesn't believe in romance, even though she writes rom-coms for a living.

Seth Rubinstein is a hopeless romantic. Even as a successful divorce attorney, he believes his one true love is out there. The only problem is that he cannot get his first love, Molly, out of his mind.

Then, one day, fate steps in, and Molly and Seth see each other at their 15th high school reunion, where an accidental evening turns into a bet. Will their chance meeting end up in heartbreak or love?

Funny, sexy, and full of laughter, this rom-com will surely capture you within its story and make anyone believe in love again.

The Stranger At the Wedding
A.E. Gauntlett; Holt Publishing

Once Annie met Mark, everything she believed about love disappeared, and she quickly fell into a whirlwind romance. Now, on her wedding day, everything seems perfect until she walks down the aisle and spots a stranger in the crowd. Who is this mysterious guest, and what secrets will be unearthed? Now, questions flood her mind: What happened to Mark's first wife? Is this love at first sight, or is something else at play?

This story is a rollercoaster of suspense, full of twists and turns that will leave readers guessing at every page and eager to uncover the secrets.

Echo Road
by Kendra Elliot, Melinda Leigh; Montlake

The community is on edge when two bodies are mysteriously found on the side of the

The House of Last Resort
Christopher Golden; St Martin's Press

Tommy and Kate Puglisi feel like they are jumping on the chance of a lifetime; the opportunity to buy an Italian villa for a single Euro, and all they have to do is live there for five years. Still, the moment they move in, things feel slightly off; and Tommy's grandmother is furious when she sees the house they bought. Then there are the strange noises and the doors that open and close themselves. As they quickly become the couple everyone talks about, both Tommy and Kate feel they need to find out why; then, they uncover the horrible their house was owned by the Church for generations, and there are more secrets hidden beneath the home's roots than they could ever imagine.

This horror mystery will have readers on the edge of their seats, curious and scared, about the shocking truth that lies within the bones of this house.

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California Commissioner Faces Criticism as He Tries to Solve Crisis in Home Insurance Coverage



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

“Father Knows Best” was a popular radio show in the post-World War era that morphed into an even more popular television series starring actor Robert Young. Young’s character, Jim Anderson, was an insurance company executive — probably the only time American mass media have positively portrayed such a figure. Young later played a much more sympathetic role, a doctor who made house calls, in “Marcus Welby, MD.” Insurance to indemnify us for liabilities and damages to our homes, cars and businesses is a modern necessity, but consciously or subconsciously we often resent paying for coverage that is seldom invoked. Politicians tend to play on that resentment by promising, if elected, to protect voters from rapacious insurers. In California, that attitude took the form of a 1998 ballot measure sponsored by a self-designated consumer protection group, that made the state insurance commissioner an elected official with new authority to regulate insurers. The sponsoring group, Consumer Watchdog, has since been paid millions of dollars in “intervenor fees” for inserting itself into insurance rate cases pending in the Department of Insurance, but it claims to have saved Californians \$6 billion. Ever since he launched

his 2018 campaign for insurance commissioner, former state Sen. Ricardo Lara has faced sharp criticism from Consumer Watchdog, which denounced him as a tool of the insurance industry. However Lara has had to contend with an unprecedented crisis in California’s insurance market. The disastrous wildfires that have swept through California in the last half-decade prompted many insurers to curtail their exposure, some to the point of abandoning the state altogether. California’s insurance regulatory system, they said, made it impossible to accurately project potential losses and adjust their premiums accordingly. As tens of thousands of policies were canceled or not renewed, property owners scrambled to find new coverage, and many turned to the state’s insurer of last resort, the FAIR program, that offers only limited reimbursement for losses at high cost. Furthermore, because mortgage lenders require borrowers to maintain insurance coverage on their property, the insurance crisis has contributed to California’s housing crisis. Lara, backed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, has proposed systemic changes in how insurance is priced. He agreed with insurers that their rate proposals should be processed more rapidly, that they should be allowed to include potential losses from wildfires and other catastrophes in their rates, and that the costs of reinsurance — to spread the financial burden of losses — should be folded into premiums. “We do not have the luxury of time,” Lara said in a press release last week as he announced the adoption

of new rules to speed up rate cases. Consumer Watchdog is still nipping at Lara’s heels, saying “we remain concerned that the new procedures announced by the commissioner will short-circuit public participation and rates will be rubber-stamped.” “Consumer Watchdog will analyze this action to determine if it is an illegal underground regulation or otherwise violates Proposition 103 by shutting consumers out of the process,” it added. Anticipating the criticism, Lara’s announcement last week said, “Any intervenor groups engaged on certain rate filings must provide a ‘substantial contribution’ to the rate review process and not duplicate the work of the department’s rate review experts to be eligible for compensation.” Would Lara’s proposed regulatory changes likely make insurance coverage more expensive in fire-prone regions? Yes, but there are no free lunches and it’s better to have costlier coverage than none. If nothing else, Lara deserves credit for actually doing something about a severe crisis, rather than passing the buck — a contrast with how California officials are dealing with another crisis, homelessness. *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 analysis 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.* ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Congratulations to Kings standout De’Aaron Fox and his wife Recee! Their young family has recently added a baby girl, and on behalf of all Kings fans I want to say a hearty congratulations to you both. Many Kings fans have enjoyed watching Recee and baby Reign the past season, as they sit courtside and root on De’Aaron and the Kings nightly. As an NBA veteran and former all-star, I fully expect De’Aaron to have another all-star season this year, and with the added presence of DeMar DeRozan, Fox could potentially have his best year yet. Many believe with De’Aaron’s improved three-point shooting, and his dynamic drives to the hoop, DeRozan’s stellar midrange game may give Fox even better looks at the basket. The same can be said for Keegan Murray, whose three-point shooting fell off a bit after having an eye-popping rookie season. Teams tightened up the D on Keegan in his sophomore campaign, and the open looks he enjoyed in his rookie season were harder to find last year. Look for DeRozan to help Keegan get back on track, and I believe every Kings fan is firmly convinced that Keegan’s best basketball is still in front of him. I have listened to NBA pundits that have downgraded the Kings to a 44-win prospect in the coming season, and this writer wonders what these supposed experts are looking at. I see a 50-plus win team hitting the hardwood for Sacramento this year, and that is without Monte McNair making any further improvements to the roster. McNair has done a yeoman’s job as a young GM, and is already developing a reputation as a GM not to be taken lightly. Not since the Geoff Petrie days have we seen someone in the front office with the acumen that our own Monte McNair has demonstrated. So, take heart Kings fans, because I believe McNair is here for the long haul, and his 13-year stint with the Houston Rockets has proven invaluable to the Kings, as he continues to make prudent moves that are consistently

improving this team. Many fans criticized choosing another guard in acquiring Devin Carter, but I firmly believe that utilizing the philosophy of choosing the best possible talent, regardless of position, was the correct prescription for the Kings, and just like choosing Keegan Murray two years ago, I believe that young Carter will prove his value in the 2nd half of the 2024/2025 season. Many believe that the only reason he wasn’t taken in the top 10 was due to impending shoulder surgery that has already taken place. Carter’s availability looks to be sometime in late January, so his rookie campaign will consist of only half a season. I’m convinced that McNair chose wisely, so working him into the lineup in the all-important drive to the finish could make Devin Carter another fan favorite. The continued talk is that the Kings still need a power forward to match up with stalwart big man Donatas Sabonis, and there still remains quality players that are on the open market. One name I haven’t heard mentioned is Indiana Pacers small forward Doug McDermott, who may yet be a sleeper that just needs more time on the hardwood. A playoff team last year and a good one, the Pacers gave McDermott only 14 minutes per game while adding 5.5 points per game each night. McDermott was the 11th pick overall in the 2014 draft, and at 32 years of age could bring a veteran presence to a young Kings roster. Tobias Harris is more of a household name, and while scoring 17.2 points per game for the 76ers last season, has scored 20 or more for the season twice in his 9-year career, and would also fit nicely into the Sacramento lineup. Stay tuned Kings fans, because the roster for the upcoming season is not yet cast in stone, and just one more move could propel this playoff bound team to a place deep in the playoffs! All the best, and please send your comments to vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★ *Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com*



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

ABC network lays claim to the longest-running medical drama ever with “Grey’s Anatomy,” which will mark its 21st season this fall and maintains its hold on Thursday nights, except it will be shifting back to the 10 p.m. time slot on the West coast. This move makes room for the new medical drama on the block, Ryan Murphy’s “Doctor Odyssey,” which stars Joshua Jackson as a doctor on board a luxury cruise ship where the staff works hard and plays harder. Jackson’s Max and his small but mighty medical team navigate unique medical crises and each other, miles from shore in what ABC bills as a “high-octane procedural.” The series, also starring Don Johnson, will air Thursdays an hour earlier than “Grey’s Anatomy,” right after the first responder hit “9-1-1,” which was also co-created by Ryan Murphy. ABC’s other new scripted drama this fall is “High Potential,” a crime drama starring “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia’s” Kaitlin Olson as she teams up with a by-the-books detective to crack cases. Based on a popular French series, “High Potential” follows Morgan (Olson), a single mom with three kids and an exceptional mind, who helps solve an unsolvable crime when she rearranges some evidence during her shift as a cleaner for the police department. When the police discover she has a knack for putting things in order because of her high intellectual potential, she is brought on as a consultant to work with seasoned detective Karadec (Daniel Sunjata), and together they form an unusual and unstoppable team. On the unscripted front, the network is handing out a rose (and hopefully some comfortable shoes) to “The Golden Bachelorette,” which, like “The Golden Bachelor” before it, will follow contestants in their golden years as they search for a second chance at love. Fan-favorite Joan Vassos will be the new Golden Bachelorette, and the network is extending the episodes by 30 minutes compared to “The Golden Bachelor’s” hourlong episodes. In between the new shows, “Abbott Elementary” is holding down the fort for ABC’s comedies as the only sitcom on the fall schedule. The unscripted staple “America’s Funniest Home Videos” returns in the fall to celebrate its monumental 35th season, along with “Shark Tank” as well as popular films under “The Wonderful World of Disney” umbrella. “The Conners” will return at midseason for its farewell outing. Dramas “The Rookie” and “Will Trent” are also being held for midseason, along with reality favorites like “American Idol” and “The Bachelor.”

Riley Reviews

ABC FALL SCHEDULE; “KILLER LIES” TRUE CRIME ON NAT GEO

“KILLER LIES: CHASING A TRUE CRIME CON MAN” ON NAT GEO

National Geographic expects its summer marquee true-crime series “Killer Lies: Chasing a True Crime Con Man,” premiering on August 28th on Nat Geo and streaming the next day on Hulu, to heat up their storytelling. Based on Lauren Collins’ 2002 “New Yorker” reveal of a scandal in “Murder, He Wrote,” the Nat Geo special expands on Collins’ investigation into the rise and fall of a provocative French serial killer expert, Stephane Bourgoïn, who became famous for jailhouse interviews with serial killers. Bourgoïn’s extraordinary resume of these interviews with killers, as well as his personality quirks, resulted in morbid encounters. Bourgoïn cited the violent and horrifying 1975 slaying of his wife by a serial killer as motivation for his relentless interest in the minds of murderers. After 40 years and 40 books, Bourgoïn becomes the target of online sleuths, known as 4eme Oeil Corporation (4th Eye), who try to untangle his web of lies and unearth the truth. The three-part series, directed by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Ben Selkow, fully reveals the online group’s dogged investigation and the shocking extent of Bourgoïn’s deception. The series features exclusive access to 4th Eye members speaking for the first time on camera in a documentary, along with material from Bourgoïn’s own films and past television appearances and forensically reexamined archival footage. Viewers will hear from those closest to Bourgoïn for an intimate peak inside a pathological liar’s mind as well as hear from Bourgoïn himself in his most comprehensive sit-down interview discussing his motives for fabricating such grandiose falsehoods. The premiere episode, “Murder He Wrote,” delves into the lucrative true-crime industry, but the 4th Eye, a collective of vigilante online sleuths, discover Bourgoïn’s career was based on a series of dark lies. “The Eye is Always Watching” episode’s hunt for the truth reveals something far darker lies beneath the surface of Bourgoïn’s fame, while “The Reckoning” episode continues investigating many alarming unanswered questions. In the end, we hear from the victims in this story and delve into the larger themes and questions raised about our insatiable appetite for true crime and the strange compulsions of the human psyche. “Killer Lies” is an exploration of human nature and cultural psychology and a commentary on the global true-crime industry. Nat Geo contends this is a true-crime story within a true-crime story. Ultimately, it was avid true-crime fans who brought down Bourgoïn, launching their own investigation of the master who had taught them not to underestimate humanity’s capacity for deceit and evil. ★

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Walnut Sector Faces Slow Recovery, as Growers Pull Less-Productive Trees

With more California walnut orchards being removed, the outlook for the industry is expected to improve as growers try to balance supply and demand. But such efforts alone will not be enough to put them on a fast track to market recovery and profitability. A report by RaboResearch Food and Agribusiness says walnut production may not decline as fast as acreage because growers are taking out older, less-productive trees and “heritage” varieties that are also lower yielding. Growers are also removing orchards with poor water availability or soil quality.

State Pesticide Regulators Get Funding Infusion From New Mill Tax

Guided by a plan that prioritizes new pest management approaches and a goal to eliminate high-risk pesticides by 2050, state Department of Pesticide Regulation Director Julie Henderson outlined priorities now being supported by a \$34 million revenue boost from raising the mill assessment on pesticide sales. Annual increases in the mill assessment—a fee that farmers pay when they purchase pesticides—went into effect in July. Henderson said the mill assessment increase will support Sustainable Pest Management initiatives and add 117 new positions.

Farm Leaders Sound Alarm Over Increasing Economic Pressures

With some of the state’s major agricultural commodities struggling and farmers and ranchers facing increasing economic and regulatory pressures, California farm leaders say the industry will continue to lose farms as more are squeezed out and few people enter the business. In a meeting last week of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, farmers and farm advocates representing specialty crops, winegrapes, cattle and dairy voiced their concerns about problems vexing the industry. Agricultural leaders warned of more consolidation and fewer farms.

Red Leaf Blotch Disease Found in California Almond Orchards

University of California plant pathologists have confirmed red leaf blotch disease in almonds for the first time in the state. The disease surfaced in May when a UC orchard crops advisor found unusual leaf symptoms in an almond orchard straddling the Merced-Madera county line. Infected leaves on the nonpareil, Monterey and Fritz varieties had yellow spots with orange to dark red-brown centers. The disease has been found to date in Madera, Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. Officials say it likely entered the state on imported plant material.



Calling All Cadets

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community policing activities and exposure to various law enforcement careers.”

According to Graf, being an officer is much more than taking emergency calls. Veteran officers help cadets develop important cadet skills, including traffic control, attending meetings and delivering witness subpoenas.

Additionally, cadets conduct report-taking and assist various bureaus within the department, including directing phone calls to the appropriate personnel. This helps cadets “interact with the community during all kinds of problem-solving situations,” according to Graf.

Through the Cadet Program, Thompson said, “we not only educate our local youth about law enforcement but also strengthen the relationship between the

police department and the community, ensuring a safer and more connected Dixon.”

In the end, Graf said the program provides a way for area youth to give back even if cadets do not choose a law enforcement career after attending.

“Whether you want to consider a career in public safety or want to learn leadership and the value of community service, this program is a path towards realizing those ambitions,” Graf said.

“Take the initiative towards a rewarding and impactful opportunity by applying for the Police Cadet Program at the Dixon Police Department.”

Dixon Cadet Program application forms are available online at <https://www.calopps.org/city-of-dixon>. For more information, call 707-678-7070.

Dixon’s Strategic Development

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for those housing needs.”

The California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) reports affordable housing as a “cornerstone to individuals with developmental disabilities residing in their local communities.”

“Due to the high cost of housing in California, many individuals served by the regional centers require deep subsidies in order to make housing affordable,” according to the Department of Developmental Services.

“The Housing Element calls for a mix of housing to accommodate very low, low, moderate, and above-moderate incomes,” Graf explained.

“When considering new development, the city plans for a mix of housing types and affordability,” Graf said, noting new housing types in Dixon.

“For example, in Homestead, two projects are creating affordable housing.”

“There is Prospera at Homestead, which will create 108 affordable homes for individuals and families earning 60% area median income or less,” Graf said.

“Silvey Villas at Homestead will create 72 affordable homes for seniors (55-plus) earning 60% area median income or less.”

Along with affordable housing, Southwest Dixon economic development considers the senior population, with Gateway Dixon Assisted Living Facility, a two-story, 68-thousand-square-foot residence, under construction.

While the facility is being constructed, Graf said Farmstead at Dixon recently opened, providing the community with a new assisted living facility.

“This new senior living facility provides our senior residents with a safe and comfortable place to call home,” Graf said.

“It also allows seniors to stay close to family and friends who live in Dixon.”

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Michel Tal Tondowsky filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Michel Tal Tondowsky aka Michael Tal Toondovsky Sonka to Michael Tal Toondovski.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the peti-

tion for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. September 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
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The Dixon Police Department is committed to uncovering the full circumstances surrounding this tragic event. They urge anyone with information that might assist in this investigation to contact the Dixon Police Department at 707-678-7070 or

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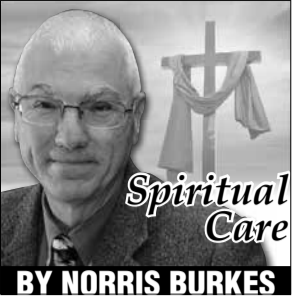
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Grieving Isn't a Secret



I was 28 years old when the U.S. Air Force sent me to Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., to complete Chaplain Basic Training.

For three weeks, I sat elbow-to-elbow with other young chaplain wannabes.

On my left side sat the first of many chaplain priests I'd befriend.

Yet, almost from the beginning, Father Frank found me deeply disturbing on two levels.

First, he couldn't believe I didn't drink.

For the second problem, he suggested that "A good drink could fix your akathisia."

"What's that?" I asked.

"Akathisia describes a complete inability to sit still."

Fortunately, within a few days, I was able to win Frank over without alcohol.

We shared a lot of laughs, giggling during lectures, passing notes and kicking each other under the table to keep quiet. I began to feel that Catholic priests would likely go to heaven, and he learned that even Baptist teetotalers could be fun.

However, my classmate to my right wasn't as sociable. Bobby kept to himself, looking straight ahead, volunteering little more than his name and religious denomination.

Finally, a few days from the course completion during a lecture on grief, Bobby dropped a bomb.

"I know you probably think I've seemed detached these past several days."

An acapella chorus of "No-duh" rippled through our student body.

"My mother died the day after we arrived."

Suddenly, it became quite enough to hear a chaplain cuss, but I just said, "Ah, shoot."

Our class stopped to say a prayer for Bobby. The course director offered him emergency leave, but Bobby refused, holding tight his military bearing.

After class, a few of us invited Bobby to a nearby bar. He declined, so we went without him.

Inside the bar, we commiserated on Bobby's behalf, noting how tragic it was to lose a family member while so far away from home.

After a few drinks, Frank slammed his hand on the table.

"Bobby didn't trust us," he said. "We sat shoulder-to-shoulder with him all month and he was locked up too tight to share with his clergy brothers."

"Perhaps we could have helped him," said one chaplain.

"How could we?" asked Frank. "He didn't trust us to help him."

"We could have carried his class assignments," suggested one lieutenant.

"I would have given him my phone card to call his family," I said.

To each idea, Frank pushed back, "If only he had trusted us."

The bar debate eventually found some resolve to reach out to Bobby again the next day.

"Try again." Frank said.

A few years later, I saw Frank at a chaplain's conference, just outside a Denver hotel.

"How you doing, Baptist?" he asked.

The word "fine" came to

mind, but thinking of Bobby, I didn't lie. I trusted Frank more than that.

"Not good." I said as my tears splatted the conference-room carpet.

Many readers know the story I told Frank next.

A few months prior, I'd rushed to give solace at a mass shooting scene at Cleveland Elementary school in Stockton, Calif. I was the chaplain who told six parents that their child had been killed.

I fell into the arms Frank extended. He held me and wouldn't let go.

That night, he invited me to join him and two other priests at a local bar—the same opportunity he'd offered Bobby.

As we talked in that dark, private space, I sipped at my Pepsi, feeling a restoration budding in my soul.

During the next few hours, my priestly friends also told their stories of grief. They taught me that grief can't stay in the dark. It must come out or it will never heal.

Why did I choose this week to tell you this story? Because my 90-year-old mother died a few weeks ago and I won't keep that a secret.

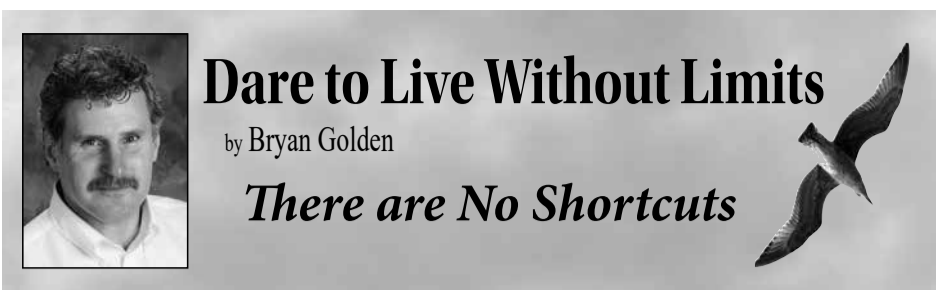
She was the most wonderful mother who taught me faith, laughter and love. I want you to know that I feel grief and so should you.

By the way, I finally did take Frank's advice by accepting his offer of a Colorado Bulldog. (It's a White Russian cocktail, with added Pepsi.)

It was so delicious that I ordered two more that evening.

About midnight, when we stood to leave, the ceiling seemed a bit active.

"Don't worry. We got you, Baptist." Frank promised. And they did. They all walked me back to my room, arm in arm, like the brothers they'd become. ★



When someone is successful, they are more visible than when they were struggling along their path to attain their goals. Few people draw much attention while they are confronting challenges and overcoming numerous obstacles.

When a person has reached the top of the mountain and is standing on the summit, they are much more visible than when they were climbing up the side. We all desire success, however we define it.

However, very few of us relish the time and effort required to bring our dreams to reality. Our fantasy is to be instantly successful, living happily ever after, forever. Therefore, the possibility of any type of shortcut has a certain innate appeal.

The reality is that shortcuts typically don't produce the desired results. In fact, shortcuts invariably extend the journey towards success and may even derail it. Rewards come to those who are willing to expend the required energy.

Reaching your goals is like climbing a ladder. The only way to get to the top is to climb one rung at a time. A ladder with missing rungs is unsafe. In order to reach a summit, a mountain climber starts at the bottom and takes as many steps as needed to arrive at the peak.

On your journey to success, there are certain steps you must go through. Any shortcut will attract what you don't want. Before becoming reality, a goal requires a specific mix of components.

You must have enough desire. The higher the goal, the stronger the desire required. There is a big difference in results between someone who says, "I'd like to do that, it would be nice if it happens," and another person who exclaims, "I want that more than anything else, I'll do whatever it takes to make it happen."

A burning desire keeps you going in spite of setbacks, obstacles and challenges. Unless you want it bad enough, you are likely to give up when the going gets tough. Successful people have a laser like desire that keeps them focused

on their destination.

Effort is also essential. Anything worthwhile takes effort. Being successful takes a lot of effort. Working hard while working smart is essential. Not only is the easy road not a route to success, the so-called easy road isn't that easy or rewarding.

Successful people never take the path of least resistance. They are more noticeable once they have attained their dreams than when they were trudging up the mountain. There may be envy of success, but never of the hard work.

Success also takes time. Exactly how much time is needed is never known. Subsequently, many people give up when they are right around the corner from succeeding. Since you don't know how long your path is, you never know how close you are to your destination, and therefore you should never give up, believing you have failed.

Shortcuts are appealing because they offer the illusion of success without effort. Again, there is no such thing. Shortcuts are in reality, pitfalls. Common shortcuts are cheating, stealing, deception, profiting while causing harm, unethical behavior, taking advantage of others, and illegal activities.

All of the above shortcuts will attract negative, rather than positive outcomes. There may be some very short-term gains, but the long-term journey of those choosing this path will be filled with undesirable consequences.

Don't look for shortcuts and don't take them if offered. Shortcuts have never worked for others, and they won't work for you. You will achieve your dreams if you are willing to take the journey. Once you reach your goal, you will be glad you avoided shortcuts.

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Governor Newsom Urges Schools to Restrict Cell Phones in the Classroom

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a letter to California schools on Aug. 13, Governor Gavin Newsom called on every school district to restrict smartphone use in classrooms as the new academic year begins. In his letter, the Governor applauds districts that have already implemented cell phone restrictions, like Los Angeles Unified, and reminded education leaders of the mental health, scholastic, and social risks of cell phone use in classrooms.

In 2019, Governor Newsom signed AB 272 (Muratsuchi) into law, which grants school districts the authority to regulate the use of smartphones during school hours. Building on that legislation, he is currently working with the California Legislature to further limit student smartphone use on campuses. In June, the Governor announced efforts to restrict the use of smartphones during the school day.

A copy of the letter can be found below:

Dear School Leaders,

As we strive to create the best learning environment for all students this new academic year, I write today to raise an urgent issue that affects their well-being: the pervasive use of smartphones in schools.

Excessive smartphone use among youth is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. A recent Pew Research Center survey found that 72% of high school and 33% of middle



Excessive smartphone use among youth is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. Photo by RDNE Stock project via Pexels.com

school teachers report cell phone distractions as a major problem. Common Sense Media found that 97% of students use their phones during the school day for a median of 43 minutes. Combined with the U.S. Surgeon General's warning about the risks of social media, it is urgent to provide reasonable guardrails for smartphone use in schools.

As I work with the Legislature to further limit student smartphone use on campus, there is no reason for schools to wait. In 2019, I signed AB 272 (Muratsuchi) into law, which grants school districts the authority to regulate the use of smartphones during school hours. This legislation was a crucial step in our efforts to minimize distractions and foster a more conducive environment for our students to learn. It is imperative that school districts take full advantage of this law to address the growing concerns surrounding student well-being and academic performance.

Leveraging the tools of this law, I urge every school district to act now to restrict smartphone use on campus as we begin the new

California Department of Water Resources News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - On July 31, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released its final 2023 State Water Project (SWP) Delivery Capability Report, which presents a new and enhanced analysis of current and future expectations for the State Water Project water supply if no new adaptation actions are taken. According to the report, State Water Project delivery capability and reliability could be reduced as much as 23 percent in 20 years due to changing flow patterns and extreme weather shifts – underscoring the need for California to continue addressing the impacts of climate change and upgrading infrastructure.

A 23 percent decline would be equivalent to about 496,000 acre-feet a year, enough to supply 1,736,000 homes for a year. This reinforces the serious need for California to boost water supplies to account for any State Water Project losses in the coming years, including the Delta Conveyance Project, Sites Reservoir, desalination projects, and more.

"The analysis released today underscores the need to modernize and upgrade our aging infrastructure so we can capture water supplies when it's wet," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth.

"The State Water Project service area amounts to the world's eighth-largest economy and includes more than 8 million Californians living in disadvantaged communities. Modernizing the State Water Project is critical to delivering on the human right to water in California."

Built in 1960, the State Water Project spans more than 700 miles throughout California and consists of canals, dams, reservoirs, pumping plants, and power plants that provide water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. Several factors impact the State Water Project's water delivery capability including California's population, state legislation, environmental requirements, and potential changing climate resulting in varying hydrologic conditions.

"The SWP was designed for the climate of the 20th century when our precipitation fell as snow more reliably between October and May and we could capture that water effectively for future use," said State Water Project Deputy Director John Yarbrough.

"We need to continue to adapt and invest in the SWP, so that we can add flexibility and resilience for 21st century conditions and we can avoid these losses in reliability."

The 2023 Delivery Capability Report introduces two new innovative approaches to characterize current climate change conditions and emphasizes the uncertainty in future climate change projections. The first is an approach to account for changes in operations from the climate change that has already occurred. The second is an approach for developing a range of future climate scenarios. Both additions have undergone independent peer review and are considered significant improvements over previous methods.

The Delivery Capability Report is used widely both within and outside the State Water Project for water supply planning. The information in these reports is a key component of the drought planning done by the SWP and is fundamental to the drought planning done by the public water agencies that receive State Water Project and Central Valley Project water. The report provides the information needed by these agencies to develop and manage their own water supply portfolios and is an important input for Sustainable Groundwater Management Plans, Urban Water Management Plans, Agricultural Water Management Plans, and Integrated Regional Water Management Plans.

These decreases in the availability of surface water deliveries can lead to supply shortages, an increase in groundwater demand, and reductions in available supplies to support groundwater replenishment. The Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Management Office will use the information in the report to update its existing climate change data and guidance that many Groundwater Sustainability Agencies used for their initial Plans. Similarly, the Department of Water Resources' Water Use Efficiency Branch will be advising urban and agricultural water agencies to update their water budget assumptions based on these new assessments.

For more information, view the report at https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/finaldcr2023/resource/92356681-957a-48ee-97c4-529d25b9dbb2?utm_medium=e-mail&utm_source=govdelivery. ★

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"It is good to see how the water company can support our group contacts and in the next emergency, how we can work together," said Jennifer Novelli of the Solano County Office of Emergency Services.

Last year, the 2024 Operations Rapid Response Teams (ORRT) conducted 23 boot camps across California and more volunteers are needed. If you are interested, contact McGovern, Community and Government Affairs Specialist, at (209) 715- 0252 or email smcgovern@calwater.com. ★



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