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Homecoming Brings Win



The Dixon High School Football Team burst through the giant football helmet out onto the Finney Field on Homecoming night and won the game 21-3.

Story by Debra Dingman and photos by Nicolas Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The 2024 Dixon High School Homecoming could not have ended better with the Rams bashing the Woodland High Wolves 21 to 3 last Friday night. The Rams were three down in the second half but got a second wind and came back strong.

"I believed the boys would win but there are always homecoming distractions and I think that is what attributed to the slow first half start," said Coach Wes Besseghini, who is in his 14th year as head coach.

"The second half was



DHS football player, Patrick Keller, and Senior Paige Purcell sport their Homecoming King and Queen crowns during halftime at Homecoming festivities this last Friday.

all about execution and not making mistakes. I was extremely proud of our defense for keeping us in the game during the

first half when our offense struggled to get going," Besseghini added.

The winning game was a great way to end a week

full of pride as, earlier in the day, local students paraded through Hall Park to show their spirit and support of the school football teams following the class floats.

With the theme of "Hollywood," the freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior floats were decorated with movieland aura and displayed signs thanking several local sponsors. Each of them carried members of the Homecoming Court: Homecoming King Patrick Keller and Queen Paige Purcell along with nominees seniors Kevin Holman and Breanna Ramirez; freshmen Prince and Princess Antonio Romero and Leeanza

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Pink is the New Brass



Locals can purchase their own pink Dixon police badge for \$10, with all proceeds going to fight breast cancer. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Police Department.

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Locals can wear a law enforcement badge this month.

It is pink and made of cloth but it is a badge nonetheless, showing support for the Pink Patch Project (PPP), a not-for-profit group started in 2013 with the Seal Beach California Police Department to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

After seeing Seal officers wearing pink patches, the Irwindale California Police Department sold patches in 2015, raising more than \$20,000 for the City of Hope, according to the project website. Since then, 25 local agencies, including the Dixon Police Department, came on board.

"The Pink Patch Project is an initiative aimed at increasing public awareness about breast cancer, a disease that affects millions of people worldwide," Dixon public information officer Madeline Graf said. "By using the visibility of police officers, the project seeks to educate the community on the importance of early detection and prevention."

Throughout this month, Dixon Police Officers sport the pink insignia alongside their brass badges.

"Our officers proudly wear pink patches on their uniforms to show support for this important cause," Graf said, adding that the project brings together police officers, city staff, elected officials and public members to join forces for the cause.

Countless research studies and statistics track cancer, with one CBS news poll showing that one in every four people in the U.S. knows someone with the disease.

"Supporting peers, family members and community members who suffer from cancer is crucial because it reinforces a network of care and empathy that is essential during such challenging times," Graf said.

The National Cancer Institute at-a-glance reports reveal this year that more than two-million new cancer cases will arise while more than 600,000 will die

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Napa Auto Parts Reopens

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Tina Vinson flips through pages of a huge book on the long counter of the Napa Auto Parts store in Dixon that was known for years as Central Auto Parts. The store has been closed for nine months after both owners developed medical issues but recently re-opened with corporate ownership. You might recognize some returning faces; Vinson is one of them and has worked there for six years.

"It is really nice to see the customers all over again," Vinson said. "When customers started coming in, they said they were waiting for us to re-open because they say we offer better service and lower prices."

Another familiar face is that of manager Manuel Esquer, known as "Manny." He was there



Cino Maldonado and Tina Vinson are ready to serve customers at the newly reopened Napa Auto Parts store.

from the very beginning when Joe and Nita Brown opened the store in 1976, which was later run by

their daughter, Karen.

"They needed me and asked me to come back," Esquer said.

"We cater to farmers and ranchers as much as autos," Esquer said.

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Should Businesses Participate in Politics?

By Debra Dingman

Many years ago, when I tried to get the owner of a downtown jewelry store to express opinions about City Council decisions that he felt strongly about, he explained why it was unwise for him to do that.

He said that once a business owner is for something, then all the customers who don't agree are lost. Then, regarding the next issue that came up, he expressed himself; the remaining numbers of customers would be further lost until one could not survive.

At the time, I was disappointed because he made a lot of sense to me about a lot of our city issues, and I knew he expressed his opinions clearly. I've learned he was a wise businessman.

So, for many elections, I've noticed, business owners regarded that wisdom, and one did not see signs or flags supporting a particular candidate or issue.

But as a Trump flag appeared on a local business a month or so ago and a mayoral candidate's yellow campaign sign went up downtown, I sadly shook my head, because I knew those businesses would have less customers just because of their signs.

In the past, issues like the racetrack, for example, split residents in two: Those for or those against. If a business owner said he was against the racetrack, then all the horse people in town would no longer do business with that business owner, even if he was the only game in town.

I know I've written about this before but every four years is a long time and businesses often come and go, so I think it's worth bringing up again.

There just wasn't enough business 10 years ago for anyone to risk it. Is Dixon now large enough that losing some customers doesn't matter?

The beliefs underlying certain political views can be deeply felt and people are passionate. Some residents would gladly choose to drive to Vacaville or Davis than to go into that establishment again if they are against the person the business owner is promoting...like, even if they have a gift card!

These are lessons not usually found in textbooks and there is no advice column on how to live in a small-but-growing town.

Not convinced? Look at this little brief by Tim Berry on HavePresence.com, under: Why should your business stay away from politics?

"Different political persuasions are enough to divide families, so it is certainly not a safe subject to introduce in the workplace, where it can create a hostile and volatile environment. It's important to understand that even brief, offhand comments or questions about candidates, policies, outcomes, etc. can lead to a heated debate and perhaps even an all-out office war. Similarly, a seemingly harmless action, such as liking a controversial post on Facebook, can put you out of favor with business partners, colleagues, prospects and current/potential customers."

It's just common sense that politics are inherently divisive and, as Berry further states, even small differences in opinion can halt a budding professional relationship in its tracks so it might be better if your flags, posters, and/or thoughts be kept inside your home.

Dixon News Briefs



The John Anderson family were one of about 20 residents who came out for Dixon mayor candidate James Ward, right, that was held across from Northwest Park last week. "The people who showed up were glad because they said they saw my signs and saw my articles but never actually met me," said Ward who will host a second 'Meet and Greet' for local citizens soon. Courtesy photo

By MPG Staff

Veterans Day Dinner

Veterans Day Dinner will be Friday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. and will be a Turkey Dinner with all the sides for \$20 each. The bar opens at 6 p.m. at 1305 North First Street. Tickets are sold at the door.

October 31 Treats

Looking for a safe place for children to get candy and treats? Come by Cornerstone Church at 185 West Cherry Street in Dixon where they will have treats for everyone to enjoy, including candy, popcorn, and cotton candy. The giveaway will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Spanish Readers

The Dixon Community Theater is hosting a Spanish Readers Theater Group the second Tuesday evening of each month, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. at the Dixon Public Library at 230 North First Street. All levels are welcome. The first play is Pride and Prejudice: A Short Play. Originally written by Jane Austin in England, in 1813. Adapted by Carol Quintero. It will be available in English and Spanish. No memorization is needed, just fun and enjoyment for all.

Marriage Tune-Up

This Nov. 8-10 is Family Life's 'Weekend to Remember' Marriage Conference in Sacramento. Great marriages don't just happen, and this Friday evening to Sunday noon workshop will give you life-changing tools to reignite your love and make marriage work. Call local group coordinators today at (707) 301-0795 and receive a \$100 discount per couple or register online today at WeekendToRemember.com.

Downtown Dixon Meeting

The next Downtown Dixon Business Association meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Dixon Public Library at 8:30 a.m. The details of the Christmas Tree Lighting will be covered, and volunteers requested. The non-profit is looking for new Board members who will be part of the 2025 Planning Retreat in January. For more information, call DDBA at (707) 678-8400 and leave a message, or contact President Jill Orr at Dawson's Bar and Grill, 105 North First Street.

Small Business Development Center

Check out all the virtual business trainings we have planned for October:

Instagram Today – How to Use it for Your Business will be held on Oct. 24, Creating High-impact Social Media Content will be on Oct. 29 and Supercharge your Marketing Strategy with AI will be on Oct. 30. These trainings are led by our experienced business advisors and are available via Zoom at no charge to you. View our events calendar and register at solanona-pasbdc.org/events.

Dixon Lions Halloween Fundraiser

Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 p.m. to midnight, the Dixon Lions Club will present a Halloween Bash Fundraiser at Tenbrink Orchards, 5200 Thissell Road, in Winters. Tickets are \$35 per person, and you're asked to please wear your favorite costume. They are not required but are fun to see! There will be dancing, a live DJ, a photo booth, a food truck, costume contest with prizes, and a no host bar. Must be 21 and over to attend. Call Scott Smith for more info at (916) 806-7451.

Teen Halloween Cookie Decorating

After school on Thursday, Oct. 31, come and decorate free Halloween Cookies with your favorite toppings to make them even tastier at the Dixon Public Library at 230 North First Street. This event is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and is geared towards tweens and teens, ages ten to eighteen. All ages are welcome. However, children under ten years of age must have a parent or guardian with them to attend.

Assembly Candidates Forum

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce announces the State Assembly Candidates Forum on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. for the position of Assembly Member for District 11. The candidates for the position are as follows: Lori D. Wilson, incumbent and Dave Ennis.

You can attend this forum in person at City Hall Council Chambers, or via Zoom and that information is available by contacting Shauna Manina at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce at 707-678-2650 or via email at info@dixonchamber.org.

YLI Soup Luncheon

The Young Ladies Institute (YLI) is holding their annual Soup Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is \$15 per person and is all you can eat at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 105 South 2nd St.



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Pink Patch Project Successes...

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The Pink Project's success raises millions for breast cancer among law enforcement professionals, including fire, EMS, and sheriff officers. Photo of Pink Project Success website page.

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Graf said that Pink Patch Project "highlights the role of law enforcement in promoting health and safety within the community."

"It underscores the message that police are not just protectors against crime but also advocates for the well-being of the people they serve," Graf said.

Graf said the overall Pink Patch Project initiative to "spark conversations, raise funds for breast cancer research, and support individuals and families impacted by the disease" is open to all community members.

Thus far, the Pink Patch Project reports selling more than 1.5 million

badges and raising more than \$2 million from 966 agencies.

"You can purchase your very own Dixon Police Department pink patches as a keepsake for \$10 each," Graf said. "These make a meaningful gift or a great way to show your support for breast cancer awareness."

Graf added that all proceeds from all patch sales support breast cancer patients and their families.

You can contact the Dixon Police Officers' Association (DPOA) board Officers via email at dixonpoa2024@gmail.com to place your order.

"Together, we can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer," Graf said. "Let's raise awareness, show support and spread hope this October." ★

Homecoming Brings Win



This year's Leadership Class brought back the Homecoming parade through Hall Park and gave an opportunity for the spirit of Dixon High and the class floats to be seen by all.



The Dixon Rams Defeated the Woodland Wolves 21-3 at Friday's Homecoming game.



Led by the Dixon High School mascot, Rambo, students paraded with pride through Hall Park on Friday.

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Hamilton; sophomore Prince and Princess Jeremiah Gastelum and Chloe Noutary; and juniors Prince and Princess Ethan Brinley and Sarah Montano. The exuberant new Dixon High School Principal, Angela Brown, experienced her first Dixon High School Homecoming.

“After seeing the smiles on everyone's face, I feel joyously satisfied. I was thrilled to experience the love Dixon High School received from the community,” she said. “I get joy through others. The definition of a successful high school is to work academically hard and play equally hard. With the help of an amazing staff,

teachers, students and community, my job has been super easy. I look forward to new and fun adventures for the community and I thank the entire district, the superintendent, and the school board for giving me the opportunity and encouragement to bring back Homecoming and to instill school spirit.”

The Dixon Rams will meet their match at the next football game when they play the Casa Robles Rams on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Casa Robles High School at 9151 Oak Ave. in Orangevale at 5 p.m. for JV and 7 p.m. for Varsity. On Oct. 25, the Rams will play against the Natomas Nighthawks in Natomas. ★

Napa Auto Parts Reopens



Napa Auto Parts Manager Manuel Esquer is proud of hard working staff, Cino Maldonado and Tina Vinson, in the newly reopened store.

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Dixon farmer Tom Nishimura is a long-time customer.

“Besides cars, it was farming, trucking and industrial stuff,” Nishimura said. “They had hydraulic parts and made hoses plus sold large batteries and industrial batteries that others didn’t. They did a lot of business for both businesses and farming in the surrounding area.”

Jose Bermudez and Luis Fernandez were the local owners for many years after the Browns but, last year, Fernandez and Bermudez announced that with Fernandez’s medical condition and Bermudez wanting to venture into a different industry venture, the men entered into an agreement with NAPA.

There are some changes with corporate ownership.

“Now, there is a manager in charge of each store and some changes in the business operations,” Esquer said. “When the Browns started it, it was a franchise, so they had a little more leeway to bring in different merchandise that was more tailored to the business of the area. Ordering has gotten easier but we don’t have the ability to

get certain products because we don’t have those vendors yet. Now, the prices are better than franchise but you have corporate rules going on.”

NAPA Auto Parts now offers an online service where one can peruse listings for the exact part a customer might need and pick up in store or curbside 30 minutes later; he or she can also drop by and get help from friendly staff such as Vinson or new worker Cino Maldonado.

One can use the staff’s expertise to help find the right vehicle battery, brakes, filters, headlights, wipers and other parts needed to get a car job done. Napa Auto Parts also stocks tools, equipment and many other items for cars, some heavy-duty trucks, boats, RVs and tractors, according to its online site.

“The business is picking up a little at a time and they are going to bring in farm equipment parts and [more] heavy-duty truck parts here,” Esquer said.

NAPA Auto Parts is open seven days a week at 1205 North First St. next to the Veterans Memorial Hall and phone is 707-316-8260. ★

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Interactive Database Reports if Agencies Fiscally Healthy

California Policy Center News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California Policy Center released a Local Fiscal Health Dashboard on Oct. 4 that tracks the financial health of California cities, counties and school districts. The interactive database allows users to track how elected officials are managing local budgets, support ongoing budget decision-making and identify financial red flags.

The new dashboard is especially timely for California voters who have local tax and bond measures on their November ballots. Each city, county and school district has been awarded a fiscal health score and letter grade from A to F, depending on how well they have managed their finances. Government entities are also identified and color-coded as low, moderate or high-risk for fiscal distress.

"We're excited to be able to offer local officials and voters this important tool for tracking their city's fiscal performance," said Lance Christensen, vice-president of government affairs at the California Policy Center. "Today, many local governments are asking taxpayers for more money to fund lower-quality services. Californians have the right to know where their hard-earned dollars are being effectively used and where they are not."

Sacramento-area cities had mixed results, from an "A" for Elk Grove while Folsom flunked the test. The grades for several cities in the region, listed alphabetically, include Citrus Heights, B; Colusa, C; Dixon, B; Elk Grove, A; Galt, B; Gridley,

Letter Grade	Fiscal Health Score out of 100	Description - Overall Fiscal Risk
A	85 to 100	Low Risk of financial distress
B	70 to 84	Low Risk of financial distress
C	60 to 70	Moderate Risk of financial distress
D	50 to 60	Moderate Risk of financial distress
F	49 and under	High Risk of financial distress
N/A	No Data	Jurisdiction is delinquent in publishing timely financial audits
Exempt	Exempt From Reporting Requirement	Local entity's federal awards expenditures were less than \$750K

Local Fiscal Health Dashboard Scoring Table

B; Lincoln, B; Live Oak, C; Marysville, C; Rancho Cordova, B; Sacramento, D; West Sacramento, B; and Yuba City, D.

The Local Fiscal Health Dashboard fills a void in government transparency data left after the California State Auditor's Office unexpectedly discontinued its popular Local Government High-Risk Dashboard in October 2023. California Policy Center's new dashboard was created to replace and expand on that data to ensure local governments maintain transparency and accountability when it comes to their budgets.

California Policy Center's dashboard uses public data from Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR) that local governments are required to submit every year to get access to federal funds. The dashboard provides key financial metrics to allow local elected officials, analysts, reporters and citizens to understand how cities are performing overall and

in comparison to other cities, and spotlight concerning financial trends.

"The public should have access to the tools necessary to ensure government budgets are transparent and government officials are held accountable," Christensen said. "Californians can't allow government officials to sweep bad fiscal news under the rug."

Tracking local financial metrics, such as liabilities and revenue trends, is crucial. California has more than \$1.6 trillion in unfunded liabilities (debt) at both state and local levels. Many cities have potentially catastrophic unfunded pension liabilities. Other municipalities are making budget decisions based on incomplete, missing or delayed financial reports.

Cities are required to file their Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports, often referred to as annual audits, every year. Most municipalities submit the financial reports within nine months of fiscal year end (as required

by the federal and state governments) but many others are routinely and egregiously late in filing their required annual financial reports, according to the California Policy Center. That means local officials are left to make budgeting decisions without current fiscal information.

Out of 482 cities, 86 (or 17.8%) received an "A" grade; 21 (4.4%) received an "F" grade, indicating they are at high-risk of fiscal catastrophe and 70 cities (14.52%) are delinquent in submitting their 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. (Sixteen cities are exempt from reporting.)

But 189 cities, counties and school districts have still not submitted Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for 2023. Twenty-six of those cities, counties and school districts that are missing their 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report are asking voters to OK a local tax increase on the November ballot and/or approve new bonds

totaling \$534.6 million in new borrowing.

"When cities don't turn in their fiscal reports on time, city officials have to make important budget decisions without the data they need," Christensen said. "Even worse, many of the cities that aren't on top of their financial reports are proposing tax increases and putting local bond measures on the ballot."

Based on the dashboard data, California Policy Center has identified 10 of the best and worst performing cities statewide when it comes to financial health. The dashboard designates the level of financial risk as low, moderate or high.

This financial risk determination is achieved by evaluating each entity on 10 key fiscal metrics: General Fund Reserves, Debt Burden, Liquidity, Revenue Trends, Pension Costs, Pension Funding, Pension Obligations, Other Post Employment Benefit Obligations, Other Post Employment Benefit

Funding, and Net Worth.

The 10 cities earning the highest fiscal health scores and an "A" grade are Eastvale (Riverside County), Indian Wells (Riverside County), Danville (Contra Costa County), Rancho Mirage (Riverside County), Lake Forest (Orange County), La Quinta (Riverside County), Laguna Woods (Orange County), Dublin (Alameda County), La Mirada (Los Angeles County) and Jurupa Valley (Riverside County).

Ten of the worst performing cities are considered high-risk for fiscal stress, including the ability of the city to pay its bills in the short and long term.

Cities earning the lowest fiscal health scores and an "F" grade are Ukiah (Mendocino County), West Covina (Los Angeles County), Richmond (Contra Costa County), Calexico (Imperial County), San Gabriel (Los Angeles County), Oakland (Alameda County), Orange (Orange County), Pinole (Contra Costa County), Atwater (Merced County) and Escondido (San Diego County).

Other cities that received an "F" include San Buenaventura/Ventura, Grover Beach, Banning, Lake Elsinore, Folsom, Costa Mesa, Montebello, Downey, Monrovia, Hayward and Lindsay. With many cities having yet to file Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2023 and in some cases, Fiscal Year 2022, this list of worst cities is subject to change. Some cities with poor financial metrics are often late filers.

Information about California cities, counties and school districts can be found at californiapolicycenter.org/fiscal-health-dashboard. ★

Stop Criminals, Drugs, Theft

By John McGinness

California voters will have several very important decisions to make as they complete their November 2024 ballots. One that has the potential to reverse a decade of deterioration of the state's criminal justice system is Proposition 36.

To adequately analyze the merits of Proposition 36, a quick review of history is in order. Ten years ago, voters approved Proposition 47 based upon assurance that it would improve public safety. The voters were deceived – Proposition 47 eliminated compounding consequences for several theft and possession and use of dangerous drugs. Many crimes were reduced from felonies to misdemeanors, eliminating the deterrent value of discipline.

The results have been devastating for the state of California. Urban, suburban, and even rural areas once used for recreation have been taken over by critically addicted people living like walking zombies. Retail businesses have become so frequently victimized by "smash and grab" thieves that merchants have been forced to lock up much of their merchandise out of reach, inconveniencing legitimate customers and staff. Fentanyl poisoning has become the leading cause of death for Americans 18-45-years-of-age. On average, over 200 deaths by fentanyl poisoning occur in the United States every day. Consider the tolerance

society would have in an environment in which 200 people were killed in a commercial airline crash every day – public outcry would be extreme and warranted; change would be mandated by an outraged public. Yet persons in positions of leadership seem oblivious or apathetic to the plight of our youth.

Proposition 36 will restore the ability of the criminal justice system to impose compounding consequences on chronic habitual offenders for the sake of discouraging unacceptable behavior. Specifically, offenders convicted not once, but twice of possession of hard and dangerous drugs will be eligible for felony prosecution or completion of a court-supervised treatment for addiction. This course of action was common before the passage of Proposition 47, when drug court was a viable option for those first charged with felony drug possession. The impetus for treatment is now gone by virtue of chronic drug offenders suffering through addiction and only being cited for misdemeanor violations of law. That means no time in custody in California, and no incentive to participate

in court supervised treatment. Those cited typically ignore their citations, fail to appear in court and continue to live their destructive lifestyle, wreaking havoc on the streets, parks and public facilities throughout the state. Proposition

consequences be brought against those who habitually violate the law for the sake of discouraging habitual lawlessness.

Critics have asserted that Proposition 36 represents a reversion to days of mass incarceration. It does not!

Proposition 36 is a bipartisan concept created by elected attorneys of diverse political and philosophical affiliation, supported by big city mayors from California's diverse communities, to provide incentive for treatment for those chronically addicted to dangerous

drugs, as well as common sense solutions to those who habitually break the law and diminish the quality of life for law abiding Californians.

If concern for law abiding citizens and those seeking to safely pursue their dreams in this state is insufficient to motivate voters to support this thoughtful proposition, consider the wellbeing of the people directly adversely impacted by the results of the horrific current state of law. Since 2014, when Proposition 47 passed, the number of chronically addicted people living on the streets of California has exploded. Failing to recognize the wellbeing of those

36 will give incentive to those who badly need treatment. Those who complete the treatment and graduate from the program will have the opportunity to have their record expunged and avoid incarceration, liberating them to live rich full lives.

Proposition 36 will also reclassify fentanyl as a hard drug, and provide enhanced penalties on those who possess fentanyl while armed with a firearm.

As or thieves, Proposition 36 will impose the potential for felony consequences for persons twice convicted of petty theft and charged with a subsequent theft case. It simply demands that



lost to drugs on the streets represents an apathetic disregard for our fellow human beings. Swift, lawful action taken to put these lost souls on the path to a vastly better existence is the compassionate and appropriate action to be taken by the electorate of this state.

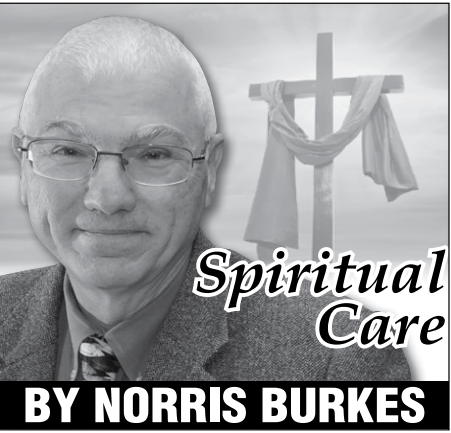
Ten years ago, the political leadership of the state of California misled the voters, assuring them that Proposition 47 would enhance public safety, that eliminating thoughtful punitive consequences for lawlessness would somehow make the schools and neighborhoods safer. Many of those same people are again describing Proposition as something vastly different than what it is. Proposition 36 is a plan to reduce homelessness, drug addiction, and theft in California. Law-abiding taxpayers deserve better, future generations of Californians deserve better and those in the grip of addiction need our help. Please do not be fooled by the same people who misled the voters to pass Proposition 47.

Please help save California. Vote "Yes" on Prop.36.

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What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid?



BY NORRIS BURKLES

Earlier this month, I celebrated my 67th birthday with a couple of pieces of German chocolate cake. Fortunately, experience told me not to go for a third.

That's because I still remember my seventh birthday when I sneaked a half-dozen cupcakes from my mom's cake carrier, devoured them and threw up just prior to the party.

But still, that birthday wasn't the worst.

My worst birthday was my 45 th when my Air Force chaplain supervisor came into my office at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, wearing a strained expression.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," he said, "but your name didn't appear on the Air Force promotion list to major."

I was unsure how to interpret the news. The pessimist in me said I'd just been fired.

And if my optimist was saying anything, I couldn't hear it because the pessimist was choking him out.

The military doesn't keep officers who don't make the rank of major. This meant I had only six months to find a new job before I would be unemployed and stranded 3,000 miles from my California home.

The only reaction I offered my supervisor was, "And this is my birthday."

It was about that time that a colleague presented me with a helpful book titled, "Who Moved My Cheese?" by authors Spencer Johnson, M.D. and Ken Blanchard. Johnson and Blanchard seemed to be proclaiming that change was the only certainty in life, so deal with it.

The book uses a parable format to depict talking lab mice that work to out-smart the scientists who are constantly

moving their cheese into an unfamiliar part of their maze.

Somebody had indeed moved my cheese, and the military maze I'd known for eight years became an unfriendly place, so I spent the next hour hunting for help.

About halfway through the book, I stopped, taken aback by a particularly evocative question that the mouse characters found written inside their maze. "What would you do if you weren't afraid?"

I looked away, paraphrasing the conundrum aloud in a slow and thoughtful repetition. "What would I do if I weren't so afraid of change?"

It was abundantly clear what I normally did when I felt afraid. I got upset, I fretted and then became a generally rude person toward those who loved me.

But the authors were insisting that I answer a different question: "What would I do if I weren't afraid?"

I went to the copy machine where I enlarged the quote into a mini poster which I placed above my desk.

A few weeks later, as fear melted from the equation, I came to know exactly what I would do.

I would return to my California home and to the most rewarding ministry of my life — I determined to resume my career in hospital chaplaincy.

No, the cheese question didn't work magic. It didn't totally suspend my fears.

I was still scared, but I was determined to keep fear from obscuring my goal. I printed my resumé, scheduled hospital interviews and kept pressing toward the goal.

Three months later, I had six job offers for hospital chaplaincies and I returned to part-time military life as an Air National Guard chaplain.

Twenty-three years have passed since that harsh announcement. But that day continues to remind me that whenever I'm uncertain, fearful or just plain indecisive, I can reach into my resiliency repertoire for the refrain of that birthday question.

When I think about it long enough, the answer usually floats to the top.

You may ask, "Does that always work for you, Norris?"

No, not always. Sometimes I default to eating a half dozen cupcakes. ★

Youth Resiliency Summit to Offer a Day of Inspiration for Youth

Solano County Office of Education News Release

AMERICAN CANYON, CA (MPG) - The 2024 Youth Resiliency Summit, sponsored by Solano County Office of Education in partnership with Napa County Friday Night Live and Solano County Public Health, invites high school students in Solano and Napa Counties to join a day of inspiration, growth, and community action. The free summit will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at American Canyon High School located at 3000 Newell Drive in American Canyon. Youth participants will have the opportunity to listen to speakers and engage in workshops that focus on leadership skills, building resilience, addressing key issues affecting their lives and communities, and making positive change.

Featuring internationally recognized leader Javier Sanchez, who has over 20 years of experience in youth advocacy, the summit aims to inspire young people to make meaningful and positive changes in their communities. Sanchez specializes in empowering teens and adults to create sustainable community impact through innovative health and wellness strategies. With a background in behavioral studies, community leadership, and experience with the Youth-to-Youth International Program, as well as recognition by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Sanchez is



SaulPaul, a Grammy-nominated musician, will speak to participants about his mission. Photo courtesy of Solano County Office of Education



Javier Sanchez has 20 years of experience in youth advocacy. Photo courtesy of Solano County Office of Education

uniquely qualified to connect with students and help them unlock their potential. Beyond his professional expertise, Sanchez is also a published author, consultant, and stand-up comic, adding a touch of humor and relatability to his impactful work.

This year's Youth Resiliency Summit will also feature three-time-Grammy-nominated musician SaulPaul, whose journey from tragedy to triumph has been shared through TEDx Talks, performances at the Kennedy Center, and his

memoir "Be the Change." SaulPaul uses his platform to empower young people and foster community leadership through acts of kindness, volunteerism, and philanthropy. His latest venture, Change Water, gives back to local communities with each sale of the bottled water, benefiting over 100,000 students across 32 states. SaulPaul will speak to participants about his dedication to art, entrepreneurship, and service to community, aimed at inspiring students to do the same.

The Youth Resiliency Summit will also feature workshops, fun activities, raffles, and prizes, all in a collaborative environment where students can learn and grow together.

Registration is open now and can be found at solanocoe.net. The deadline to register is Nov. 28. Transportation assistance is available for Solano County students. ★



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“JOKER: FOLIE A DEUX” RATED R

For starters, it might serve well to recall the origin story for Joaquin Phoenix's Arthur Fleck, aka the Joker, from the 2019 film in which his alter ego was the titular character who made it known that what he had were “negative thoughts.”

“Joker” presented such a whole picture of Arthur Fleck's failed comedian, humiliated on a TV show run by Robert De Niro's host, and day job as a clown who felt marginalized by society, that his complete decline to psychosis and criminal mastermind wrapped up his story to a satisfactory conclusion.

The lure of creating a possible franchise (just ask the movers behind the James Bond films) is irresistible. After all, there is a connection, tangential or more, of Arthur Fleck's Joker to Batman, but drawing the linkage won't be attempted here in any significant way.

However, in Christopher Nolan's 2008 “The Dark Knight” a despicable criminal calling himself the Joker (Heath Ledger) turns Gotham City into such a chaotic mess that Christian Bale's Batman's efforts to clean up the city causes many to wonder if the caped crusader is more vigilante than hero.

Arguably, director Todd Phillips may have set out with “Joker” and now the “Folie A Deux” to build upon Nolan's darker vision of this comic book world where a criminal mastermind was known for terrorizing the citizens of Gotham City, and to that end he seems to succeed.

Arthur Fleck is now in Arkham Asylum where he is awaiting trial for his crimes for killing several people, while also struggling with his dual identity and stumbling upon what he believes is true love with Lady Gaga's Harley Quinn.

Even though he is a maximum-security prisoner, Arthur is allowed to join a music group in prison where he meets fellow inmate Lady Gaga's Lee Quinzel, who later becomes Harley Quinn (seems like everyone morphs into a dual personality).

Not surprisingly, with Joker made more complex with the notion that there's music coming from inside him, along with Lady Gaga's trailblazing musical career, it's no wonder that there are so many musical numbers, which ostensibly detract from what's really a horror show.

Enamored with the Joker's persona, Lee/Harley and Arthur strike up a musical relationship as they sing duets in the prison harmonic group, at least until an

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“JOKER: FOLIE A DEUX” FALLS SHORT OF THE ORIGIN STORY

incendiary event brings that to an end.

Once outside prison, Harley Quinn is the femme fatale for Joker that is almost a cinematic cliché, but she does go to bat for him in many ways, injecting herself into the legal proceedings. Lady Gaga is nicely compelling in a role casting her as a force of nature.

In the courtroom, young District Attorney Harvey Dent (Harry Lawtey) pushes for trying Arthur on five counts of first-degree murder, while defense attorney Maryanne Stewart (Catherine Keener) argues the shopworn insanity plea based on his split personality disorder.

Brendan Gleeson acquits himself effectively as nasty prison guard Jackie Sullivan, who oddly turns out to have a soft spot by allowing Arthur to join the prison's singing group. We have him to thank for a surfeit of unnecessary and intrusive musical numbers.

Both Joaquin Phoenix, as the Joker in the 2019 film, and the late Heath Ledger, in the role of the Joker in 2008's “The Dark Knight,” received Academy Awards for their roles, the former as Best Actor and the latter a posthumous Best Supporting Actor.

There is unlikely to be a second Academy Award, much less a nomination, in the offing for Joaquin Phoenix, even though he has been nominated in the past for other roles. “Joker: Folie A Deux” may prove to be such dead weight as to sink any consideration this time.

For director Todd Phillips, who was nominated for Best Director, the “Joker” marked a milestone in achievement for a film nominated in almost a dozen categories that raked in more than \$1 billion at the worldwide box office.

Given the pedigree of “Joker,” where the audience rating on Rotten Tomatoes was so high that if it was graded like a term paper it was earning nothing less than an A-, you would think a second turn is going to be worth a look, and for some that may be the case.

Notwithstanding the plethora of withering negative reviews of this sequel, the urge to see the film, based on experience with the original, may outweigh any reservations. Admittedly, there are positive reviews, so it is up to the filmgoer to decide whether to trek to a theater or wait for streaming.

Analytically, one can look at the ending of “Joker: Folie A Deux” as closure for the story of a madman so unhinged and detached from reality that continuing his story would be an affront to the world of DC Comics and an annoyance to the legions of Batman fans. ★

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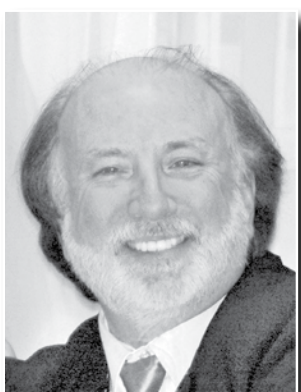


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Treisman is Soroptomist International of Dixon’s Young Woman of the Month

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Tatianna Treisman is SI Dixon Young Woman of the Month. She was nominated by Angela Brown, Principal of Dixon High School.

Principal Brown said, “Tatianna is a positive influence on peers” and that she makes “valuable contributions” to her school and community.

Treisman is the daughter of Stacey Martin-Hausman and stepfather Chip Hausman.

Treisman attended Nelda Mundy Elementary School and Green Valley Middle School in Fairfield before transferring to the Dixon Unified School District. Her involvement at Dixon High School has included playing JV and Varsity Volleyball all four years, Varsity Track & Field all four years, Captain’s Council for Volleyball, and a member of the



Principal Brown, left, stands with Tatianna Treisman. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

Barnyard and Key Clubs. Treisman has volunteered at Kaiser Permanente, the Vallejo Humane Animal Shelter for five years, and assisted with Fall Festivals at the Dixon elementary schools. She is part of the Public Service Academy and assisted with the Youth Christmas Donation and Celebration.

Treisman’s greatest accomplishment has been taking courses through Solano Community College since ninth-grade with the goal to complete two years of general education coursework before graduating from High School.

Treisman future plans include attending a four-year University and then pursuing an advanced degree.

After listening to Treisman, it is very clear that she will succeed in her future. We wish you the best in the next steps of your life. You are an amazing young woman! ★

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 first and third Fridays.

Bingo – Is played every Monday and 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 to 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7 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 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 anderson-roadrunnerspto@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 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact John at 707-678-9693 or email Scoutmaster152@gmail.com for more information. Check us out on the web: <http://www.troop152dixon.com>.

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

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

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

City Council – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the

fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Dixon Game & Conservation Club – Meetings on second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and 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, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 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 fourth 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 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 Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.

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 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 third Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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.

Domestic Violence Support Group – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Dry Dock – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson streets.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday of each month at Jack & Linda’s Country Cafe, 2390 N. Texas, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239.

Friends of the Dixon Public Library – Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447.

Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization – We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more information.

Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud’s. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865.

Lambtown Committee – Meets third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran’s Hall. Email John Knight at johnknightpto@gmail.com

Living With Cancer – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free.

Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email pres.nsdcc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/.

NSDC Democrats in Action – Monthly lunch meeting is every fourth Thursday at noon at Fuso Italian Restaurant at 535 Main St., Vacaville. Meet to discuss actions that can be taken towards local, state, and national political issues. See above for contacts.

Promises AA Group – Meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson Street.

Sexual Assault Support Group – Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire Street., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Solano County Mental Health Education – Monthly presentations on various topics will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2101 Courage Dr., Fairfield. Call Rachel Ford at 707-784-8362 for more information and monthly topic.

Sons of the American Legion – Meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Dixon American Legion Post 208 Hall. For information, call Wayne Holland at 707-301-0941.

Soroptimist International of Dixon – Meets Thursdays at noon at the Dixon United Methodist Church (20 N. Jefferson). Call President Brenda Walker at 707-688-1367. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

36th District Agricultural Assn. – Board of Directors meet the second Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. in the board room located at 655 S. First Street. (Dixon May Fair)

Tremont Teachers and Parents Association – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tremont School. For more information contact 678-9533.

Toastmasters – Meets every other Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) – Dixon Post 8151 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First Street. For information, contact Cecil Dennings (Commander) at 209-395-8019. Also visit us online at m.facebook.com/DixonVFW.

Young Ladies Institute of Dixon – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter’s Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145. ★

Auditions Set for Holiday Show

DCT Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Get ready for some holiday magic as Dixon Community Theatre is excited to announce audition dates for its upcoming Christmas production, ‘The Little Town of Christmas.’ They are seeking talented young performers, ages six to 18, as well as two adult roles, to bring this festive and hilarious show to life.

Audition dates and location are Monday, Oct. 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 South 1st St. Come and join the fun; there is no need to memorize anything in advance, just be ready to tell a short story and read from the script. “We want everyone to have a great time at the auditions. It’s all about enjoying theater and

sharing a bit of holiday cheer,” said Dixon Community Theatre Director Abel Cornejo. For audition preparation, be ready to share a funny or interesting story in a storytelling style (memorization not required). In the cold reading, you’ll also read from the script, with time to familiarize yourself before the audition begins. “We aim to keep things lighthearted and fun,” said Cornejo.

“So relax, and show us what you’ve got.” Rehearsals will be Nov. 4 through Dec. 4; performances are slated for Dec. 5, 6, 7 and 8. The director will be Kelly Pigeon James. “The Little Town of Christmas” is a delightful show featuring 12 short, hilarious skits set in the quirky and charming town of Christmas. From a pair of bumbling elves

to a wisecracking reindeer, you’ll meet a cast of characters guaranteed to spread holiday laughter. Audiences can expect a lighthearted twist on classic Christmas stories such as “Twas the Night Before Christmas” and “A Christmas Carol,” along with a street-corner Santa facing off with a tough little kid. For questions or more information, email dixoncommunitytheater@gmail.com. ★

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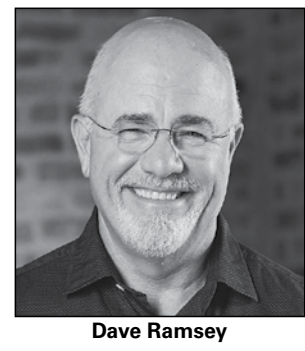
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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are debt-free, and we live on a budget. My mother-in-law, on the other hand, uses credit cards for practically every purchase. Several times she has gone too far and run up balances she couldn't pay off. We bail her out when she does this, but often the extra purchases are frivolous things she doesn't need. We love her, of course, and we feel obligated to help because my wife is her only child. But her behavior with credit cards is beginning to put a strain on our finances. What should we do?

— Charles

Dear Charles,

This is a tough situation, one that's made even tougher by the fact that involves a close, loved family member. A very blunt, but caring, discussion is in order. But it needs to be initiated by your wife—not you. This is important, because if you try to step

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in and take the lead on things, you'll immediately become the mean son-in-law in her eyes.

You and your wife need to be completely on the same page about this situation, but she's the one who needs to approach mom and talk things out. She needs to sit down with her mom, and very gently let her know you two have talked, and you've decided together that you won't be picking up the pieces where her overspending is concerned anymore. Your wife also needs to tell her the two of you are willing to help her work on handling money a little better, and walk her through making and living on a monthly budget. Your wife could even explain that's what you guys do, and it's one of the reasons you're in such good financial shape.

Here's what it comes down to. You wouldn't buy her more drugs if you found out she was an addict, right? Along the same lines, you're not helping this lady by bailing her out every time she creates a money mess. You're enabling her when you do this, and that's the same as telling her it's okay.

Work with her, Charles. Teach her, both of you, and love on her. Let her know you're there to help. If things get really bad, you can pay her light bill, or even buy her some groceries if the pantry gets a little bare. Hopefully, it won't come to anything that serious.

But one thing needs to be clear. You folks are not bailing her out anymore when she misbehaves with money.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a 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. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★



Flood Irrigation Can Be Efficient When Done the Right Way

Having endured crushing impacts of drought and regulatory water restrictions, California farmers have embraced drip irrigation to improve their water footprint. At the same time, flood irrigation has faced increased scrutiny for being inefficient—even wasteful. But experts say that with automation and other design improvements, farmers could maximize efficiency with flood and surface irrigation systems. “It could be as efficient as other pressurized irrigation systems—and friendly to the environment,” said Khaled Bali, an irrigation water management specialist at the University of California Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Parlier.

State Water Board Increases Rates for 2024-25

To meet budgetary shortfalls for water rights and water quality programs that require participation by farmers and ranchers, the California State Water Resources Control Board has approved rate increases, including for groundwater recharge projects. The higher fees come as California water users and local agencies work to balance critically overdrafted

aquifers under the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. “Farm Bureau is concerned that if the fees are too high, this will be a disincentive to doing the exact sort of recharge that the temporary 180-day and five-year, high-flow diversion permits were intended to do,” said Alexandra Biering, senior policy advocate for the California Farm Bureau.

Sales Rep Helps Farmers Find Solutions for Irrigation Needs

As an irrigation sales representative in the Imperial Valley, John Tamayo is on the front lines of the most ambitious water conservation effort in the country. Amid warnings that the Colorado River is running dry, farmers in the valley have undertaken efforts to conserve an unprecedented amount of water, some of it through the installation of more efficient irrigation systems. “I appreciate being able to play a role in that,” said Tamayo, who works with farmers to determine which irrigation systems are best suited for their farming needs and conservation goals. His desire to support farmers led him to join the California Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program, where he serves on the State Committee representing Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties. ★



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The following persons are doing business as: Bellator Pest & Termite Control, 7342 Timm Road, Vacaville, CA 95688. Bellator Pest & Termite Control, 7342 Timm Road, Vacaville, CA 95688.
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The following persons are doing business as: Disciplelife, 2051 Rustic Oak Lane, Rio Vista, CA 94571.
Joseph Njoku Obi, 2051 Rustic Oak Lane, Rio Vista, 94571.
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The following persons are doing business as: Barbershop Factory 953, 612 Marin Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Laura Arcos-Mejia, 612 Marin Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.
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The following persons are doing business as: Limitless Keys, 795 Wiegand Way, Dixon, CA 95620.

Jacob Sanders, 795 Wiegand Way, Dixon, CA 95620.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-001452
The following persons are doing business as: Will & Atlas LLC, 991 Tyler Street, Suite 101, Benicia, CA 94510.
Will & Atlas LLC, 991 Tyler Street, Suite 101, Benicia, CA 94510.
Date filed in Solano County: September 24, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 10/15/2021
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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FILE # 2022001511
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The Fictitious Business Name referred to above was filed in Solano County on August 31, 2022, File Number: 2022001511
Tannalee Kendall, 228 Camino Alto, Vallejo, CA 94590 and Andre Consciencia, Rua Da Belta Vista N515C, Caparica, Portugal, 28250-04.
This business is conducted by: a General Partnership
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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No. 241004657 Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) APN 0113-221-470 Property Address: 795 Michele Ct Dixon, CA 95620 Whereas, on 7/23/2005, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Antonio N. Negrete and Alicia M. Negrete, husband and wife as joint tenants as trustor in favor of Seattle Mortgage Company as beneficiary, and Alliance Title Company as trustee, and was recorded on 8/2/2005, as Instrument No. 200500116092, in the Office of the County Recorder of Solano County, California; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 11/27/2012, recorded on 12/27/2012, as instrument number 201200131058, in the Office of the County Recorder, Solano County, California; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 6/16/2024, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 11/27/2024 is \$502,797.95; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Total Lender Solutions, Inc. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 2/13/2020 as instrument number 202000011473, notice is hereby given that on 11/27/2024 at 9:30 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest

bidder: Legal Description: Lot 355, As Shown On The Map Entitled: "Almondtree", Unit No. 4, Por. Lots 2, 3 And 12, Of Subdivision Of The Mayes Home Place, City Of Dixon, County Of Solano, State Of California, Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of Solano County California On July 23, 1976 In Book 30 Of Maps, At Page 62. Commonly known as: 795 Michele Ct, Dixon, CA 95620 The sale will be held at Santa Clara Street entrance to City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$502,797.95. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$50,279.79 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$50,279.79 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There

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Joelle Wellington,
Simon & Schuster

What started as the best summer ever quickly turns dark when a group of teens learn what happens when you mess with a Ouija board. Now, Devon, her genius twin sister, along with their group of friends, are spending their summer trying not to die as they are being hunted down by an unleashed demon. Then Devon quickly realizes that this demon might not be a demotic creature, but a human hunting them in horror movie style. As Devon fights to try and save her friend's lives, she starts to feel them slip away. Will their horror movie knowledge help them change the tables on the killer, or will this be their last summer together?

This “trope-savvy, self-referential young adult thriller” is the perfect Halloween read for fans of the Scream franchise.



The Hysterical Girls of St. Bernadette's
Hanna Alkaf,
Salaam Reads/ Simon & Schuster

A chilling dark-academia thriller just in time for the spooky season. St Bernadette's has always been known for shaping the best minds of young women, but it also has another reputation. While St Bernadette's has been the school girls' have been fighting to attend for over 100 years, everything is about to change with one scream. By the end of one day, a chain reaction, 17 girls each falling into fits of screaming. Khadijah has her own problems that need attention, but seeing her friends mysteriously fall into hysterical fits starts to tear her apart, but when her sister becomes the next victim, she knows she has to step in. Rachel finally starts to find her own voice, free from her mother's expectations. But just as she starts to feel free, she falls into the screams. Now, it is between Khadijah and Rachel to try to uncover the school's dark history, but what lies in the darkness watching is more than either of them could ever prepare for.

Free Workshops Offered on Creating Monarch Butterfly Habitat



A Monarch butterfly sips nectar from narrow leaf milkweed flowers. Photo by Ron Vanderhoff

Solano Resource Conservation District News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Solano Resource Conservation District (RCD) is offering two free online workshops and two free in-person workshops to help residents learn how to provide Monarch habitat in as little as 100 square feet in their own backyard.

Each workshop will cover the natural history and life cycle of Monarchs, the types of plants Monarchs need to survive, and how to correctly install and manage those plants for the benefit of butterflies. Monarch butterflies have suffered a 95% decline in their population numbers in the past decade. Loss of habitat and food resources are the

main reasons for Monarchs' decline and residents can help them recover by providing these resources in their backyards! As a bonus, installing plants that help Monarchs also benefits other pollinators, including honeybees and bumble bees.

The online workshops will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7 to 8 p.m. The in-person workshops will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, 1 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. at Solano Resource Conservation District's Fall Plant Sale, 4513 Putah Creek Road, Winters.


Each workshop will cover the same material. To register, please fill out the form at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/h87xbcCvkb> or contact Sammy Flohr at Sammy.Flohr@solanorcd.org.

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Workshop attendees will have the option of purchasing a Monarch Waystation kit for \$25 at Solano Resource Conservation District's Spring Native Plant Sale (one per home, while supplies last). These kits contain the perfect mix of flowering plants to nurture both Monarch butterflies and caterpillars, including 12 milkweed plants for Monarch caterpillars to feed and pupate on and 24 flowering plants that provide nectar for the adult butterflies. Simple drip irrigation kits that can be attached to a hose bib will also be available for purchase to make Monarch habitat installation a snap.

Solano Resource Conservation District's annual Fall Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, from noon to 4 p.m. at Green River Brewing and Taproom, 4513 Putah Creek Road in Winters. In addition to the Monarch Waystation kits, many types of California native and drought tolerant plants will be available for purchase. ★

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


Help Find the Lamb!

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
0930 - Hit and Run collision report 500 block College Way.
1040 - Fraud report 1000 block Dawson Way.
1405 - Vandalism report 1000 block Newgate Way.
1600 - Battery report 1400 block Pitt School Road. Both parties were cited and released at the scene.
Monday, October 7
0820 - Burglary report Barn Owl Way.
1030 - Info Report 200 block North Lincoln Street.
1035 - Theft Report 200 block East Dorset Drive.
1545 - Traffic Collision 1400 block Ary Lane.
1700 - Theft report 200 block East D Street.
1035 - Theft Report 200 block East Dorset Drive.
1914 - Found property report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
Sunday, October 6
1350 - Theft report 100 block Heritage Lane.
Saturday, October 5
0936 - Agency assist in the 700 block of Cahill Court.
1413 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision reported in the area of Ary Lane and Pitt School Road.
Friday, October 4
0418 - A domestic violence arrest report was taken in the 1500 block of Palmer Ct. Officers arrived and contacted (S) Daniella Haro (25) of Davis. Haro was arrested for domestic violence and transported to the Solano County Jail.
2341 - A disorderly conduct arrest report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Ln. Officers contacted (S) Daniel Ruiz (38) of Dixon. Ruiz was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Solano County Jail. Ruiz was later released pursuant to 849 b P.C.
Thursday, October 3
0828 Hours - School-related incident.
0850 Hours - School-related incident.
0920 Hours - Confidential report.
1635 Hours - Fraud report in the 1200 block of Hillview Drive.
1833 - A court order violation report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.
Wednesday, October 2 – No Reports
Tuesday, October 1
2209 - RP reported a subject brandished a machete at him and his friends during an argument at Hall Park. Paul Jones (67) of Dixon was located and arrested for brandishing a deadly weapon and taken to jail.
Monday, September 30
0930 Hours - Theft report in the 600 block of West A Street.
1100 Hours - Vehicle accident in the 2500 block of North First Street. 1215 Hours- Vandalism report in the 700 block of West D Street North.
1220 Hours - School-related incident report.
1604 Hours - Confidential Report.
1605 Hours - Vehicle tampering in the 1500 block of North Lincoln Street.
Sunday, September 29
0905 Hours - Theft of a license plate.
0930 Hours - Burglary to a business in the 1400 block of Ary Lane. 1640 Hours- Female placed on mental health hold.
Saturday, September 28
0015 - A confidential report was taken in the 400 block of Ellesmere Dr.
0559 - Suspicious circumstance reported in the 1200 block of Valley Glen Drive. A subject was knocking on several doors and not known to the area. An intoxicated 35-year-old walked away from their friend's house and couldn't remember which house they lived in. She was unable to secure a safe place to stay. She was taken to the Solano County Jail for Drunk in Public.
Friday, September 27
1441 - Battery reported in the 300 block of Pheasant Run Drive.
1518 - Theft of a lamb statue in the area of North 1st Street and North Adams Street. The 150 lb lamb statue was taken from the location leaving behind its ankles and hooves.
1627 - Fraud reported in the 700 block of Michele Court.
1847 - A found property report was taken in the 1000 block of North 1st St.
2134 - A probation violation arrest report was taken in the 500 block of North 1st St. Officers contacted (S) Devon Trujillo (29) of Dixon. A records check revealed he was on active Solano County Probation. It was determined he violated a term on his probation and was arrested. Trujillo was taken to the Solano County Jail.
2343 - A confidential report was taken in the 1300 block of North Lincoln St.
Thursday, September 26
1132 - Informational report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
1519 - Court order violation reported in the 200 block of South 8th Street.
1538 - Occupied stolen vehicle located in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Anthony Massey (31), of Woodland, was arrested for Stolen Vehicle, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Driving without a License. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

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