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# Jigsaw Puzzlemania!



Jigsaw puzzles are a great source of entertainment for all ages and has numerous benefits to one's brain.

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - "I didn't used to like doing jigsaw puzzles," said RK (Roberta) Van Every of Dixon. "I thought it was a huge waste of time."

Now, she and husband, Greig Van Every, both in their senior years, do several puzzles a week after learning about the many benefits for their brains.

Greig Van Every estimates that they have done 300 puzzles in the last three years.

They will take a day or two to finish one but, on some nights, they might work a 300-piece puzzle entirely.

"When I was a kid, we had a bunch of them in the garage," said



In one study, elderly people who did puzzles regularly had brain scans comparable to 25 year olds.

Greig Van Every, who years ago. The couple had brain surgery a few said that puzzles require

critical thinking and creativity to find solutions that strengthen problem-solving skills.

On a UK site called "Rest in Pieces," it was reported that those who do jigsaw and crossword puzzles have longer life spans with less chances of developing Alzheimer's disease, memory loss or dementia. Puzzles stimulate the brain and wards off the plaque that is the marker of Alzheimer's, according to a recent study published in the Archives of Neurology. That study compared brain scans of 75-yearolds to 25-year-olds. The elderly people who regularly did puzzles had brain scans comparable to the 25-year-olds.

> "It does keep your mind Continued on page 4

# Nine City **Commission Vacancies** to be Filled

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon is accepting applications for the following vacancies on a City Commission:

vacan-Two cies on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioners serve two-year terms, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. However, these vacancies will fill unexpired terms through June 30, 2026. A stipend of \$75 per meeting attended is paid to each

Commissioner. The city of Dixon is accepting applications for one student representative and one alternate student representative on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The student representative must be in their senior year of high school, and the alternate student representative must be in his or her junior year of high school. The student representative is expected to attend all Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. The alternate student representative will fill in for the student representative when the student representative is unable to attend commission meetings. It is expected that the alternate student representative will apply to become the student representative the following school year. The term to be served is

Parks The a n d Recreation Commission is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to recreation and parks facilities. The Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. City residency is required.

through June 30, 2026.

Interested Dixon residents may obtain an application at City Hall, 600 E. A St., by calling 707-678-7000, or by visiting the City's website at cityofdixonca.gov. The deadline for filing applications is 5 p.m., Friday, March 28.



# **Council Supports Residential Parking** on East 4th Street

By Shaunna Boyd

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - During the April 1 meeting, Dixon City Council considered an amendment to Village 13 of the Homestead housing development, which is part of the Weyand Ranch tentative map and development plan. Village 13 is located at the north-

east corner of Homestead Way and Evans Road, and the original approved plan was to develop 58 alley-loaded, single-family lots. While other areas of the

Homestead are growing quickly, however, Village 13 has not seen much interest from developers. The project applicant is requesting modifications to improve Village 13's marketability by switching from alley-loaded lots to 58 conventional front-loaded, single-family residen-

The amendment would eliminate the alleys and increase the size of each lot. The smallest lots would change from 4,320 square feet to 5,165 square feet and the largest lots

would increase from 7,839 square



are taking up all the street parking instead of using the staff parking lots provided by the school.

feet to 11,210 square feet. To accommodate the larger residential lots, a reduction in common open space in

Village 13 would be needed, from 0.93 acres to 0.89 acres. These changes would bring Village

Homestead villages.

"It actually seems like a reasonable request and the new lot sizes are "more common sense," said Dixon Vice-Mayor Thom Bogue. Councilmember Kevin Johnson

said he is not a fan of the alley style, so "this is an improvement." He said that this change will increase development interest.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the Village 13 amendments.

The council then discussed parking concerns on North 4th Street between East A Street and East C. Street. Many of the homes there have very small driveways or no driveway at all, so residents have to park on the street. However, directly across the street is John Knight Middle School, and residents say that school employees are taking up all the street parking instead of using the staff parking lots provided by the school.

Dixon City Manager Jim Lindley said that the issue was brought to the school administration, which in turn reminded employees to use the assigned lots, but residents say the 13 more in line with the other

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# Life's too

# Too Much, Too Fast

By Debra Dingman

Dixon is growing beyond my wildest imagination and I'm afraid there is little that we can do but to hang on tight to the kindness we call Dixon charm.

Our governor has a huge problem of homelessness that he has been trying to fix and therefore any and all building has a green light. Developers have gone crazy with buying up land, literally hundreds of acres all around us, and creating plans to develop it while restrictions and requirements are down. Now, new subdivisions are on their way while others are being considered.

If you've lived in Dixon many years and enjoyed raising a family where all the streets were not over 25 mph, the best thing you can do to manage your anxiety is to go to the presentations and see what affects might be to you directly. Like traffic. Or schools. Or commercial development nearby.

You might remember the limited growth initiative (Measure B) that Dixon voters approved in 1986. But in 2024, the city was required to eliminate that measure in order to get the housing element certified, due to law SB 330, which didn't allow a city or county to have any ordinance limiting the development of housing.

It seemed to hold for a while but that could have been our imaginations as we entered a recession and no one was buying or building anything, anyway. Then, there was COVID... and now there is homelessness. But that was all yesterday, and Dixon has been "discovered." Here are the newest developments on our horizon:

The Campus aka Dixon Venture, LLC, was approved at the March 18 City Council meeting for a mixed-use development across from the Campbell Soup factory. The plans are for approximately 257 acres of undeveloped farmland west of Pedrick Road and the project would construct up to 1,041 residential units in villages of various density, as well as a Dixon Opportunity Center for warehouses, offices and other commercial uses. Parks, paseos and green spaces would interconnect the site with the intention of creating a walkable neighborhood where residents both live and work.

Harvest at Dixon is being developed by LJP Dixon Development LLC, a partnership by the Lewis Group of Companies plus Jens and Poul Karlshoej. It is a phased, comprehensive master-planned community consisting of approximately 240 acres of low density residential (LDR), 295 acres of medium density residential (MDR), 50 acres of mixed-use development, 16 acres for public facilities (including a proposed elementary school site and a separate site for a community serving use such as a preschool, day care or church site that could serve similar purposes) and 140 acres of common parks, drainage basins and open space.

Lewis is the same developer for Independence, the rental homes located on Highway 113/N. First Street next to the Rotten Robbie gas station.

Another development is "Blu," which was introduced last week at the fairgrounds and is comprised of 358.86 acres at the intersection of Pedrick Road and East A Street. The plans are for 1,750 homes. Its email is livebludixon@havenca.com.

It was touted as "Dixon's future Lakefront community, a proposed master-planned development" on a flier distributed around town. About 90 people were at the meeting ready with lots of questions and concerns. The meeting was contentious.

So much of this sounds similar to the way that California Forever on Highway 12 was brought forth. Maybe it is a trend for developers to introduce their ideas to the public before going through the traditional routes with the city, county or state. What I wonder more is how new, expensive homes reduce or prevent homelessness.





# **Dixon News Briefs**



With Easter fast approaching on April 20, several organizations are hosting holiday-related events. These events include Blossom and Bee's (160 W. A St.) Easter Market at 11 a.m. on April 19 and the inaugural Dixon Egg-stravaganza at 9:30 a.m. April 19. On April 20, Cornerstone Baptist Church (185 W. Cherry St.) and St. Peter's Catholic Church (105 S. Second St.) are hosting special Easter Sunday services. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

#### Take Back Day

Dixon Police Department, 201 W. A St. is participating in Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 26. The annual holiday reflects the DEA and City of Dixon's commitment to public safety and health with the goal of avoiding medication misuse. Those interested can stop by the Dixon Police Department on April 26 to drop off unneeded medication (prescription or otherwise) for safe

For more information, visit dea.gov/ takebackday or call 707-678-7070.

#### Volunteer Day at Hall Park

The City of Dixon is offering a volunteer opportunity from 9 a.m. to noon on April 12. Hosted at Hall Park Barbecue area 2, 450 Hall Park Drive, participants will spread bark in the playground areas to ensure safety.

For more information or to volunteer, visit cityofdixonca.gov/volunteerdaysignup or call 707-673-2224.

#### Toastmaster Speech Contest

The Division West International Speech and Tall Tales Contest is a Toastmasters tradition that will continue from 1 to 5 p.m. on April 12. Held at Living Hope Church, 410 Gateway Drive, the event offers speakers the opportunity to improve their abilities and observe the benefits of speechcraft first-hand. Each year, the title of "World Champion of Public Speaking" is awarded in recognition of these pursuits.

For more information, visit district39.

#### **American Legion Post 208 Dinner and Fundraiser**

American Legion Post 208 is hosting its Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Raffle from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 12. For \$30 per person, or \$220 for a table of eight, guests will be served a tri-tip or chicken dinner with sides and dessert at 6 p.m. A no-host bar will also be at the event, opening at 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in person at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.

For more information, visit dixoncham-

### Dixon Egg-stravaganza

Christina and James LaPorte of Nomad and Co. Event Planning are hosting the inaugural Dixon Eggstravaganza from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 19. This free event will take place in Northwest Park, located near West H St. and Parkgreen Drive. Attendees can expect over 3000 filled eggs to hunt down. All guests will be automatically entered in a raffle to win a balloon display, worth \$1500. The egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and be held in grass areas 1 and 2.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook Page.

#### **Dixon Senior Club Indoor** Garage Sale

The Dixon Senior Citizens Club, 201 S. Fifth St., is sponsoring an indoor garage sale from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on April 26. Any seniors interested can rent a table, either a half table for \$5 or an entire table for \$10. Space is limited, so items sold must fit within the designated table area. Leftover merchandise must be taken home, and all participants are responsible for their own items, area and money. Tables must be reserved by April 18.

For more information, call 916-390-3484.

#### **Rohwer Insurance Agency Mixer**

Rohwer Insurance Agency, 275 N. First St. is hosting a joint mixer with the Dixon Chamber of Commerce from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on April 23. This free event offers a beer and wine no-host bar and raffle

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-2650.

#### Solano-Yolo Rugby Club **Final Home Game**

The Solano-Yolo Rugby Club has a game at 1 p.m. on April 12. The free match will see the Solo Rugby Falcons against the Redding Rugby Football Club. The game will be played in Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, at the south end next to the soccer field and dog park. This will be the club's final home game.

For more information, visit the Solano-Yolo Rugby Club Facebook page or call 916-761-3467.

#### Teen Earth Day with **Sustainable Solano**

Dixon Library, 230 N. First St. is hosting a Teen Earth Day Celebration from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on April 16. The event, sponsored by Sustainable Solano, aims to educate teens and tweens between 10 and 18 on Earth Day and how to live sustainably. Sustainable Solano is also offering free gifts to attendees. Online registration is available but not required to attend.

For more information or to register, visit solanolibrary.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

### **Solano Mobility Survey**

The Solano County Transportation Authority is partnering with the City of Dixon to implement a community-based transportation plan. The project team is analyzing existing transportation services, local and countywide demographics and regional plans to identify transportation trends, challenges and opportunities. This team is looking for input from citizens. A series of outreach events will be held around town, giving citizens the opportunity to discuss their transportation needs and challenges.

Locations and dates include the Dixon Library (230 N. First St.) on April 24, Grocery Outlet (2400 N. First St.) on May 2 and the Dixon May Fair (655 S. First St.) from May 8 to May 11. The final event will be at the Dixon Senior Center (201 S. Fifth St.) on May 13.

For more information, call 800-535-6883 or visit solanomobility.org/ dixoncbtp.

#### **Blossom and Bee Easter Market**

Blossom and Bee Dixon, 160 W. A St. is hosting an Easter Market from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 19. The free event will offer attendees a festive atmosphere, with access to local artisans, food, live music and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The first 50 children in attendance will receive free Easter Baskets.

For more information, visit the Blossom and Bee Dixon Facebook Page or contact blossomandbeedixon@gmail.com

# **Dixon Member Needed for Bicycle Advisory Committee**

City of Dixon News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Solano Transportation Authority Bicycle Advisory Committee has an open position to represent the City of Dixon (member-at-large).

The Solano Transportation Authority Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) advises the Solano Transportation Authority

on the development of bicycle facilities as an active mode of transportation in Solano The Bicycle Advisory Committee is responsible for making funding recom-

mendations for Solano countywide bicycle

projects and participates in the development

Representatives for the cities and the county are required to be residents of those jurisdictions. Member-at-large positions are required to be residents of Solano County.

and review of comprehensive bicycle plans.

Appointments are for a three-year term and are voluntary. The Bicycle Advisory Committee gener-

ally meets on the first Thursday of each odd month. For more information, contact Dulce

Jimenez, assistant planner, at djimenez@ sta.ca.gov.

To apply, fill out an online application at sta.ca.gov/work-with-sta/citizen and email to djimenez@sta.ca.gov.

# **Cristian Arriaga Firefighter** of the Year



Cristian Arriaga (left) of the Dixon Fire Cristian Arriaga's contributions also received Department was recognized as the first special recognition from Lois Cross, 2004 Firefighter of the Year at Celebrate Dixon on Citizen of the Year and representative for state March 8. He was honored by Mayor Steve Bird Senator Christopher Cabaldon. for his dedication to public service.

Story by Kendall Brown and photos by Nicolas Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Cristian Arriaga, formerly of the Dixon Fire Department, was recognized as the first Firefighter of the Year at Celebrate Dixon on March 8. Arriaga was recognized for his dedication and service to the community, earning him this honor.

Arriaga, a Dixon native, began his journey in the fire service as a reserve firefighter with the Dixon Fire Department in 2018, where he quickly became known by his peers for his outgoing personality and unwavering dedication to excellence and public

Reserve firefighters are volunteers with many of the same responsibilities as career firefighters, including firefighting, rescue and prevention, as well as equipment operation and maintenance to protect the lives and property of citizens. Eligibility for volunteer service requires basic fire training and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) certification. Arriaga's eagerness to serve and grow in the department led him to take on numerous additional responsibilities, often volunteering for various department initiatives and public outreach.

Arriaga's commitment to the community and the fire service earned him the Allan F. Benefield Award in 2020, recognizing his significant contributions to public safety through his



service and volunteer work. The award

is in remembrance of Benefield, a former Dixon fire marshall known for his years of community outreach and pub-

Arriaga transitioned into a career firefighting role in early 2021, where his dedication deepened. In 2022, Arriaga was awarded the Cody Robben Life Saving Memorial Award among several of his peers. The award, in remembrance of James "Cody" Robbens, recognizes the efforts of those who have brought someone back to life when clinically considered deceased.

Interested in learning and growing alongside his compatriots, Arriaga consistently supported new department members with their needs. Arriaga lives in Dixon, where his involvement with community events and fostering friendships remains present.

According to the Dixon Fire Department's mission statement, the organization aims to provide quality and reliable service to the community through leadership, education and training. Members are expected to show dedication, integrity and a readiness to ensure the safety of citizens. Although no longer an employee of the Dixon Fire Department, Arriaga's contributions and commitment match the organization's core values. For these reasons, Arriaga has been recognized as the 2024 Firefighter of the Year.

# Vicki Ruiz Honored as Ruby Awardee

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Vicki Ruiz grew up in Dixon, where her family has been involved in farming since the 1940s.

With a lifelong passion for art, she earned her BA in commercial art from California State University, Sacramento in 1973. While still a student, Ruiz was hired by Quentin Larson to work at the Dixon Tribune, where she spent eight years progressing from paste and layout to production manager.

During that time, Ruiz was asked to design the Centennial logo for the Dixon May Fair. Later, she created a logo for her sister Becky's shop, B's Gallery.

In 1981, when Larson opened The Printing Shop, he brought Ruiz on board and she continued her work there for some 44 years.

Ruiz reflects on some career highlights during her sons' high school years being involved with the Dixon High School Sober grad committee and helping to make their graduation night a special celebration. She assisted the Dixon High Quarterback club with their football program design, printing and securing advertising.

"Working in The Printing Shop, I had the pleasure of working with all kinds of local businesses and customers with all their projects. I maintain close relationships



Vicki Ruiz, left, was honored by Mary Lou Batchelor and Soroptimist International of Dixon by being awarded the Soroptimist International Ruby Award. This award honors non-Soroptimist women making extraordinary efforts on behalf of other women. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of

with several women business owners in Dixon including Jill Orr, Rebecca Robinson and Melissa Taylor, Dana Martin and Courtney Martin, owners of Dixon Florist," said Ruiz,

Ruiz also noted, regarding the Soroptimist Club of Dixon, "I cannot count how many programs, posters and events I have assisted members with over the past 40 years," to which the room was full of sweet chuckles and smiles in agreement.

In her spare time, Ruiz cherishes moments with her family, including her

husband, Al, and their sons, Sean and Keith.

Ruiz is dedicating her \$250 award to the Teen Center in Dixon, reflecting her ongoing support for the youth in her community.

The Soroptimist International Ruby Award honors non-Soroptimist women who are making extraordinary efforts on behalf of other women, giving the club the opportunity to say, "thank you." The recipient is honored and chooses a nonprofit organization to receive a donation in her name.

## CORRECTION

The April 4 front-page "Greenbelt Maintains Authority" story should have stated that Gary Archer brokered the purchase of the Dixon Greenbelt land through an organization called the Copley Group out of Boston. He did not own the land. We apologize for the mistake.

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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave.

My wife and I are going through a divorce, and she just had our first child. Under the circumstances, I feel it's my responsibility to take care of her for a while longer, and to put her and our son in a safe, new vehicle. She's driving a 2002 Chevy Prizm right now with lots of miles on it. I'm afraid any kind of accident could result in a disaster. Do you think I should buy her a bigger, safer new car?

-Ewan

Dear Ewan,

God bless you both. And that little boy. I'm truly sorry you're going through a mess like this, and I appreciate your attitude and concern about things. Divorce carries a lot of emotional stress and worry for everyone involved, but honestly? I don't think buying her a new car will solve anything.

My guess is the truth of the matter is this: The whole situation is breaking your heart, and you're worried sick about your son. This is 100% natural, buddy, and it means

## **Dave Ramsey Says**

## He's Going to Need You in His Life

you love that little baby with all your heart. But if it were me, I'd find a little bit larger used car—a good, reliable one—that either one of you, or both of you combined, can pay for with cash. No payments, no leases.

But Ewan, here's the important thing. Spend every second you can get hugging and loving on that little boy. And let his mom know you want to be part of his life as much as possible. He's going to need his daddy around.

- Dave

#### It's Not About Greed, it's About Doing Good

Dear Dave,

On your show, you're always talking about accumulating piles of cash. I've gone to church my entire life, and I know for a fact the Bible says not to lay up treasures on earth. Doesn't that mean we shouldn't be greedy or accumulate wealth?

Lawrence

Dear Lawrence,

The Bible also says in Proverbs that in the house of the wise there are stores of choice food and oil. I appreciate your concern, but when I talk about "piles of cash," my frame of reference is that we're to handle our money and other possessions for good and for God. It's not about greed, or to show off or to use it just to buy bigger and better things for ourselves.

If you look back through scripture, you'll find many of the Bible's major characters were wealthy people, who understood they were not the owners of the money and wealth. They understood God owned it all, and their job was to manage it all properly for God's glory.

But here's the thing. You can't do good if you don't have the resources to do good.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

# Council Supports Residential Parking on East 4th Street

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"This has been an ongoing problem," said Vice-Mayor Bogue.

Bogue explained that the site used to be the Dixon High School location, prior to its relocation. Parking was a problem then as well, so residential parking signs were installed, which he said was an effective solution. The signs came down when the high school was relocated but there were no parking problems because the site was vacant. The parking issues returned when the middle school was established. Bogue added that there is ample parking available for school staff, noting that he "always sees plenty of open spaces" in the parking lot.

During public comment, many residents of 4th Street shared their frustrations, explaining that due to school staff taking up the parking along the street, they are unable to park near their homes. This can be even more challenging for those with medical or mobility issues. With such limited parking, it is also difficult to have repairs done on their homes, receive deliveries or have guests visit. They all asked that residential parking be reinstated along the street.

One school staff member also spoke in support of residential parking, saying that she has urged her co-workers not to park there but they have argued that it is a public street.

The council consensus was that the city should reinstate the residential parking zone. City Manager Jim Lindley explained that staff have so far been unable to locate any ordinance in the city code that authorized the residential sign removal nor their initial installation.

Dixon Police Chief Robert Thompson said that without an official ordinance, the police department would have no enforcement abilities. If the council did pass an ordinance, Thompson said, they would need to consider whether parking permits would be issued to residents, if there would be an associated cost or expiration date, what fines and penalties would be imposed and how the parking program would be administered.

"It's much more complicated than just throwing signs up and saying anyone who

lives here is OK. There's a lot more we have to do on the back end to facilitate this," said Thompson.

Vice-Mayor Bogue said the issue is the lack of respect for the residents, so it is necessary to get the residential parking zone reinstated. Regardless of cost or complications, Bogue said, "it must be done."

Mayor Steven Bird said he understands

it will take time for staff to write an ordi-

nance to govern the residential parking

and that it will have to come to the council as an action item before going into effect. But in the meantime, Bird suggested temporary signs be put up, even if the signs can't yet be enforced.

Councilmember Jim Ernest agreed that temporary signs could make a difference in deterring staff parking and the city can

continue to work with the school administration to remind employees about where they should park.

City Council directed staff to immediately put up temporary residential parking signs while also beginning the process of

"We're working on it, folks. We'll get there," said Mayor Bird.

creating an ordinance.

The council also considered amendments to the city's vehicle code to include bicycles and electric scooters. Police Chief Thompson said there have been "a disturbing number" of bicycle and scooter accidents involving vehicles, some with significant injuries. In these collisions, Chief Thompson said, it has almost always been the fault of the riders, often youth on their way to school, who are not wearing helmets or obeying traffic laws.

By updating the vehicle code, the police department will be able to enforce the laws and impose fines and penalties, including seizing and impounding bikes and scooters being driven recklessly. Thompson said these measures, along with more public outreach and education about the laws, will help improve safety and reduce the number of juveniles involved in accidents.

Councilmember Johnson also said that a clear policy will help improve safety and City Council voted unanimously to approve the vehicle code amendments.

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 15. ★

# In California's Capitol, Some Political Fights Span Decades



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Were we able to transport ourselves back in time 50 years and into California's Capitol, we would find a governor seeking and enjoying massive attention by national political media as he eyes some greater office. We'd also find a Legislature dealing with conflicts among influential interests with heavy financial impacts.

In other words, the Capitol's dynamics in 1975 were pretty much what they are today.

The resemblance even extends to specific issues. For instance, then-Gov. Jerry Brown was touting a "peripheral canal" in 1975 to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Gavin Newsom was seven years old then, but now as governor is waging the same campaign for a tunnel to do the same thing and is facing the same opposition.

Other conflicts that confronted Brown and legislators a half-century ago can be found again among the hundreds of bills introduced so far in the 2025 legislative session.

On Tuesday, for instance, the Senate Judiciary Committee took up Senate Bill 29, a measure that would extend indefinitely the ability of survivors of people who died as a result of medical malpractice to sue for "pain,

suffering, or disfigurement."
During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislature provided a temporary window for such suits because the court system was in pandemic-induced turmoil.

Insurers and other opponents of the measure contend that it violates a 2022 compromise on the limits of malpractice damages, a deal that seemingly ended a 47-year-long political battle that began when Brown signed the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act in 1975.

A half-century ago, doctors and other health care providers were also skirmishing over "scope of practice," the body of state law that defines in great detail which medical professionals can perform which procedures on which parts of the human body.

The hardest-fought battle pitted orthopedic surgeons against podiatrists over the legal right to perform ankle surgery, and it raged for years until the latter prevailed. Ever since, there have been similar conflicts too numerous to list, such as psychologists vs. psychiatrists over the right to prescribe drugs, optometrists vs. opticians over eye treatment — and even veterinarians vs. dog groomers over who could legally brush a dog's teeth.

The current version of this perennial turf battle is Assembly Bill 876, which would allow nurse anesthetists to provide their services more independently — the latest in a years-long string of legislative efforts by nurses to bolster the scope of their practices.

Soon after becoming governor, Brown pledged to reform workers' compensation, the system that provides income and medical care to those with work-related illnesses and injuries. That effort failed, but as one of the last acts of his first governorship, Brown signed a bill to increase payments to such workers by about \$3 billion a year, angering employers who must provide coverage.

That touched off a predictable cycle in which a majority of the workers' compensation interest groups would work out some sort of systemic overhaul once each decade and get it enacted over objections of groups left out of the negotiations.

The last such instance occurred in 2012 when Brown, once again governor, negotiated and signed legislation to raise benefits again, but impose new rules on eligibility and medical care to save enough money to pay for the benefits.

The Capitol is overdue for another workers' compensation deal and a newly introduced measure, Senate Bill 555, could be the vehicle. It would increase benefits to workers with partial but permanent disabilities, which have been capped at \$1,256 a month for the last decade.

The bill would provide automatic cost of living increases and is certain to draw fire from employers — another chapter in what has been one of the Capitol's longest running high-dollar conflicts.

Dan Walters is one of the 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. \*

# Jigsaw Puzzlemania!

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sharp," RK Van Every said. "It keeps your mind active going back and forth."

The couple's sister made them a puzzle board to work on that had raised edges, so pieces won't fall off. It sits perfectly on their coffee table.

"We do it for relaxation, so we don't do 500- or 1,000-piece puzzles. Those are too stressful. And we have our favorites (artists/illustrators)" said RK Van Every.

John Sloan (formerly Slobodnik) and Charles Wysocki, who do peaceful scenes of farmhouses, old cars, quilts, etc. are two of the Dixon couple's favorites. Both authors make the couple remember the charm and culture of America in older times.

Sloan is also special to RK Van Every because the man painted the covers for her mother's (Catharine Smith) best-selling cookbooks that many Dixon women bought.

"He was just a young man in the Midwest," RK Van Every said about her mother and she meeting him in person years ago. RK Van Every brought out several puzzles to show box covers that exude those peaceful scenes, but they are among others that are funny with cats and



RK and Greig Van Every have worked about 300 jigsaw puzzles in the last three years.

puzzles that glow in the dark.

The couple now shares and trades puzzles with some friends who have also taken up "puzzle-ing." One set of friends made a New Year's Resolution to do one a week and are logging their successes via a photo collage. The Van Everys donated 52 puzzles to their endeavor.

They also shared their insights to faster and smarter ways of working the puzzles. For example, they both like to do the outer edges first, then begin to fill in. Greig Van Every likes finding a line in the picture such as a row of fences, telephone

poles, or wires.

"If it's too tedious, it's not fun," said RK. While it may take your mind off of anything else because you are focused, frustration can run high.

Studies show that puzzles increase the production of dopamine, a chemical that regulates mood, memory and concentration. That's inexpensive therapy when you consider that you can purchase used puzzles at The Friendly Bookworm, Dixon's used bookstore, 200 N. First St., next to the library for \$3 to \$5. You can also donate the puzzles back when you're done.

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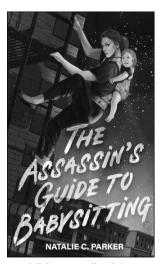
# The Assassin's Guide to Babysitting

by Natalie C. Parker

Who knew babysitting could be deadly?

When Tru settled in for an easy night of babysitting, she never expected it to come deadly and find herself on the run with a baby slung to her back. Tru had learned the art of hiding in plain sight for as long as she can remember, while also learning how to hide her bastion talent, which made her indestructible and incredibly strong. But after her parents were murdered and Tru was taken in by famed assassin and family friend Logan, the art of survival became second nature. Now, armed with survival skills she never thought she'd need, and a one-year-old she has to save, Tru is ready to face the world.

Thirty-one powerful life lessons from Logan taught Tru how to survive, escape, and defend herself in any situation, but she ever expected all those skills to come into play on a night of babysitting. Now out on the lam with a bubbling one-year-old tied to her back, Tru is running for their lives. With the people she believes responsible for her parent's deaths now out for her and baby Thea, every step is a gamble, every



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decision a matter of life and death.

Luckily, with a few trustworthy friends on her side, and a few bags of groceries and a pack of diapers, they are armed and ready. Or so they thought. Death and tragedy still seem to follow Tru wherever she goes, as it seems like everyone close to her is taken away. And before she knows it, Tru is the center of a giant agency scandal. Now Tru will have to use every skill she has ever been taught, while also having to learn one of the biggest lessons of all: when to trust, and quite possibly when to love (even if it is at the most inopportune time) in order to stay alive. A d v e n t u r e s

Adventures in Babysitting meets Kansas City in this high-packed assassin adventure. The Assassins Guide to Babysitting is a genuinely unique, action-packed story that seamlessly blends the excitement of babysitting with the thrill of an assassin's adventure.

This book is a refreshing, thrilling change in tempo that will have readers rooting for Tru and her friends while celebrating strong characters that stand in a class of their own. Before readers know it, they will be hooked. Natalie Parker's unique ability to immerse her readers into the characters' lives gives Running for Your Lives a whole new meaning. Climb, dash, hide, and go through Kansas City's famous landmarks, making this story the best summer adventure.

For fans of '80s nostalgia, this book is a beautiful tribute to the '80s teen comedy film Adventures in Babysitting, where just a normal night of babysitting turns out to be a high-stakes adventure throughout the streets of Chicago, making this a perfect book and movie pairing.



# Riley Reviews

"A WORKING MAN" FITS NICELY IN THE CANON OF STATHAM ACTION FILMS

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

#### "A WORKING MAN" RATED R

Unless someone has been in a coma for the last twenty or so years, it's unlikely that even the most casual fan of action films would be surprised that Jason Statham has forged his career on the strength of his physical prowess evident in almost all his films.

The British actor, who does a lot of his own stunts, has apparently been quoted as saying something to the effect he wouldn't get an Academy Award for his role in 2006's "Crank" or any of his other movies

To get a sense of Statham's talent for action, the "Expendables" franchise is a reliable source, as well as any of the "Transporter" series or his turn as an elite assassin in "The Mechanic." Classic films worth watching include "Snatch" and "The Bank Job."

Now along comes "A Working Man," yet again another target for critics who may take issue with a storyline and an excess of violence that would have been a perfect vehicle for Liam Neeson if only he wasn't now past the age when you must take Social Security.

Speaking of Liam Neeson, the Irish actor will show up in late summer for a reboot of "The Naked Gun," an action comedy in which he stars as Lt. Frank Drebin, Jr., the son of the inept police detective played by Leslie Nielsen in the TV series "Police Squad!" and the original "Naked Gun" film franchise.

One of Statham's trademarks is a sarcastic sense of humor. Unfortunately, in his new role of Levon Cade he's mostly a stoic avenger, consumed with exacting revenge against a multitude of vicious Russian thugs and drug dealers. There is no time for levity once he's forced into action.

Levon, once in the British Royal Marines where he developed a lethal skill set, is now a construction foreman trying to leave behind the violent life of his military career. His job entails leading a crew on a major project in Chicago for the Garcia family.

Wanting only to be a working man while overcoming traumas of his past, Levon is like family to his boss, Joe Garcia (Michael Pena), along with Joe's wife Carla (Noemi Gonzalez) and college-aged daughter Jenny (Arianna Rivas), who work in the office trailer at the construction site.

Adding to his own woes is that Levon is a widower who fights for custody of his young daughter, Merry (Isla Gie), battling in court with his ex-father-in-law, Dr.

Jordan Roth (Richard Heap), who sees Levon as a PTSD-riddled former soldier unfit to raise a child.

Wanting to move on from his tormented

past, Levon is put to the test on the job when a bunch of thugs show up to attack one of the workers, and they quickly regret doing so, as he delivers a severe beatdown to these aggressors to the astonishment of his crew.

To celebrate her graduation, Jenny goes

To celebrate her graduation, Jenny goes out on the town with a bunch of girl-friends to dance at various sleazy clubs. This routine outing is nothing out of the ordinary until Jenny is abducted into a sordid underworld of the Russian mafia and human trafficking.

The grief-stricken Garcias, knowing of Levon's military heroics, plead with him to undertake a rescue mission, but he initially claims he's no longer that person. Not surprisingly, it doesn't take long for him to reconsider, given he told Jenny he'd always have her back.

Enlisting the help of his blind Army buddy Gunny (David Harbour), Levon stocks up on an essential supply of weapons that brings an excess of firepower. Waterboarding a bartender results in Levon identifying Russian mob boss Wolo (Jason Flemyng) who suffers an unusual fate in a swimming pool.

Levon taps into the gritty Chicago underworld by impersonating a drug dealer with the aim of finding Jenny before she disappears forever in the sleazy network of sex traffickers ready to sell her to a wealthy deviant.

Our hero works his way through a parade of bad guys, including Wolo's scoundrel son Dimi (Maximilian Osinski); the vicious tandem of Viper and Artemis (Emmett J. Scanlan and Eve Mauro); and biker bar proprietor Dutch (Chidi Ajufo). There's no shortage of interesting characters to deal with.

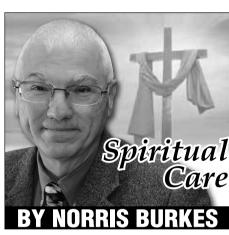
Chicago is an iconic city with great architecture and incredible landmarks. Regrettably, none of that is shown here as the filming was done in England. The occasional shot of an Illinois license plate or an elevated train is not enough to create a sense of realism.

The die-hard Jason Statham fans will overlook locational flaws or the absence of a coherent plot or storyline. "A Working Man" fits perfectly into the pantheon of the British strongman's string of exciting action thrillers.

crowd-pleaser and Jason Statham's latest opus is no exception. While in the middle of the film there is a bit of a lull in the action, the climactic action really delivers fatal blows to the despicable villains. ★

This action genre is geared to being a

# Is it Ever Too Late to Talk to God?



During my career as a healthcare chaplain, I would often feel like I was pastoring a parade. That's because, by definition, my chaplain relationship with patients was a temporary one.

I suppose that's why I am relieved when a patient asks if they can call me "Pastor" instead of "Chaplain." I hear their request as an invitation to assume the more personal role of their family pastor.

However, that's not quite how it started with a patient I first knew as "Mr. Penny." I call him "mister" because that's how he introduced himself when I entered his hospital room at Houston Northwest Medical Center in 1992.

I reciprocated his formality by introducing myself as "Chaplain Burkes."

At first, I thought he was using titles in recognition of our age difference. But eventually it seemed like it was more about him wanting to distance himself from the three-piece-suited chaplain who matched his stereotypical idea of the "preacher."

Doctors told Penny he had inoperable brain cancer, but he didn't want to talk about that. The balding, bony man just wanted to chat.

During his next several hospitalizations we talked sports – either the Houston Oilers or my lunchtime basketball games with local clergy. For Penny, the greater the emotional distance

we could maintain from reality, the better.
Finally, though, on his last hospitalization,

his nurse summoned me from lunch to tell me Penny had a favor to ask. Thinking this sounded like the call to a

deathbed confession, I made a quick exit from the cafeteria toward the ICU. I walked into his room to find his wife strok-

ing his fevered head.
"Oh good," she said. "I'm glad you're here

today and not playing basketball."

"Knee problems," I said.

"He wants to ask you something."

I looked at the figure on the bed, twisted and ghostly. His raspy breathing suggested he wouldn't have much strength for this

conversation, so I leaned over the bed and called to him as if announcing my presence through a dense fog.

"Mr. Penny, it's Chaplain Burkes," I said. "Is there something you want to ask me?"

He nodded. "Teach me..." he said, his voice trailing.

He took a fuller breath and added, "Teach me

Confused by his sudden approach to an intimate moment, I searched his wife's face for context.

She was chewing on her thumbnail. "He's embarrassed."

"Embarrassed?" I asked.

"He's afraid he's being hypocritical to wait until his death to talk to God," she added.

I nodded. It's a common reasoning I hear from patients.

Jesus summarily dismissed this poor logic in his conversation with two insurgents occupying

crosses on either side of his.

The first man spent his last hours mocking
Jesus and goading him to use his power to save

But the other guy was quite the opposite. He felt shame for his past life, so he asked Jesus, "Remember me when you enter your kingdom."

Jesus swiftly responded. "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Instead of disqualifying the dying man for being hypocritically tardy, Jesus assured him that he would be rewarded in the promptest fashion.

"Mr. Penny," I said. "I think you'll find that God cares very little about your past.

He mostly cares about what you'll do with the next minute of your life."

Penny nodded. "Prayer is just talking to God," I added. "It's

everyone.

not theologically complicated. Just talk from your heart."

Penny closed his eyes and began moving his

lips. I couldn't hear what he was saying, but when he opened his eyes his expression told me that he'd heard God's voice.

Lipson this because the "mister" who had

I know this because the "mister" who had been so dependent on titles to gain distance from spiritual matters shifted his heart to say one last thing to me.

"Thank you, Pastor. Thank you."

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## Easter lily Producers Prepare to Ship Flowers for Spring Holiday

California's Easter lily producers are preparing to ship the flowers specially grown for the holiday. Rob Miller, a nursery operator and flower grower in Del Norte County—also known as the nation's Easter lily capital—said he expects to start making deliveries around April 7, with Easter falling this year on April 20. Easter lilies naturally bloom in the summer. To get them to flower for Easter, growers must manipulate the plants in the greenhouse. "Pushing lilies or plants earlier or holding them off later is a function of temperature," Miller said. "If you need them to be earlier, you have to force them at a warmer temperature. If you're going to hold them a bit later, you can run the greenhouses a little cooler."

#### Farmers Encouraged to Use Livestock Grazing to Mitigate Fire Risks

By increasing the use of livestock to manage vegetation, also known as targeted grazing, California farmers and ranchers may be an overlooked potential ally in preventing future wildfires. That's according to new research by University of California Cooperative Extension livestock and natural resources adviser Dan Macon and UCCE specialist Leslie Roche. "Farmers and ranchers are in a great position to adopt targeted grazing because of their lifelong and often multigenerational understanding of their location, along with their ability to balance livestock needs with landscape goals," Macon said.

#### Salinas Valley Vegetable Production Ramps Up As Season Changes

With winter turning to spring, vegetable production in California is shifting from the Imperial Valley—the primary region for winter vegetables-back to the Salinas Valley, which dominates the state's vegetable production for much of the year. "March, April, May is when we start to ramp up once the rain winds down," said Jonathan Merrill, a Monterey County vegetable grower. "We specialize in partner contracts and grow for bigger brands that you'll see in the grocery stores. The vast majority of what we do is driven by our customers, the shippers. They tell us certain amounts or acres per week."

#### California Farm Bureau TV Program, Host Win TASTE Awards

California Bountiful TV, the long-running lifestyle program produced by the California Farm Bureau, and its host and executive producer, Aubrey Aquino, won two TASTE Awards at the 16th annual event held last month in Beverly Hills. Aguino was named Best Producer, while California Bountiful TV earned the award for Best Green/Organic TV Program. "It's truly an honor to receive these awards, and I feel fortunate to be able to share and tell the many stories of California's agriculture with a television audience," Aquino said, adding this was the first time the show entered the TASTE Awards.



# April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Dixon Family Services News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Family Services (DFS) has a banner in front of its building this month to remind the community that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and that everyone can help reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse, in its many forms, happens every day and has major impacts on the futures of those victimized. Solano County percentages are higher than California averages. According to the Child Welfare Services data for 2024, Dixon had a total of 165 child maltreatment allegation cases, for children 0 to 17. Forty-three (26%) of the 165, were children ages 0 to 5.

Studies show that there is a direct link between child abuse and a greater risk later in life of depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, smoking, eating disorders, obesity, sexual promiscuity, certain chronic diseases and suicide.

Dixon Family Services does all it can to help ensure the safety and well-being of Dixon's children all year long. As a Family Resource Center, it is a priority goal to reduce the incidences of child abuse and/or neglect in homes and in the community at large by enlightening and informing people of the signs to watch out for,



building this month to remind community members that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and that everyone can help reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect. Photo courtesy of **Dixon Family Services** 

reporting suspected abuse and steps to take to create an environment that can reduce the possibilities for abuse or neglect of children.

Although Dixon Family Services' main focus is to assist households living at or below poverty, the organization wants to make clear that child abuse knows no boundaries and is found in families of all socio-economic backgrounds and cuts across lines of ethnicity, culture, socioeconomics and education. There are several factors that can create increased

risk of child abuse including lack of parenting skills, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, mental illness, poverty and substandard housing conditions, domestic violence and a parent's history of child abuse. These same risk factors can be barriers to abusers' acknowledgement of the problem and ability to seek programs or services intended to stop the abuse such as parenting classes, counseling, peer support or other approaches. As a community, Dixonites have a responsibility to

nurture and protect the children, as well as other people's children to ensure they can become healthy and productive adults.

Do not hesitate to report what you think might be abusive behavior to local police or county child protective services. Let professionals determine if your concerns are worth investigation.

For more information about child abuse, ways to help prevent it and how to report it, visit dixonfamilyservices.org, the Children's Network website childnet. org, the Partners in Prevention website partnersinprevention.org or call Solano Child Welfare Services at 1-800-544-8696.

# 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 St.. 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 St.. 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 St. Email andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

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

**Boy Scout Troop 152** – Meets Tuesdays, 7 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 Scoutmaster 152@ 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.chiefsolanoken-

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 or Transportation Dept.

Clerk's office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., City Council – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of

**Planning Commission** – Meets the second Tuesday of

every month at 7 p.m.

every month at 7 p.m. December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, 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 4 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. St., 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 https://scotsindixon.us/. 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 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 stimulat-

ing 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

**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. Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday

of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Fairfield Business Center Drive. 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

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.nsdc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernsolanodems/.

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 St.

Sexual Assault Support Group – Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., 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 Barbara Rigdon at 408-306-7390. 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 St. (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 St. 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.

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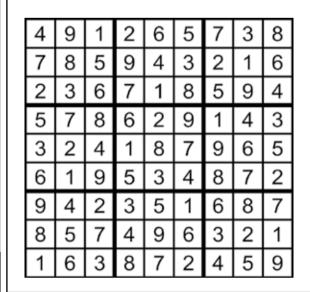


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18. Modify 19. \*Mitchell Pritchett's sister Claire

21. \*Alex P. Keaton's 23. Lao-tzu follower

\_ it like it is 25. Banned insecticide

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52. Stitch 53. Belted out

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70. Public house, for

short 71. Fill with optimism

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the Lonely," song \*One "Sister, Sister"

8. Bouquet garni ingredient 9. Sushi choice

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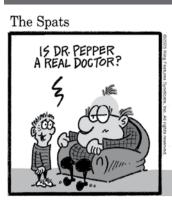
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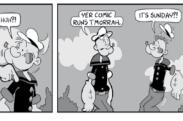
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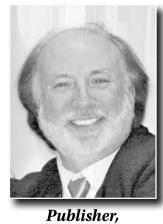
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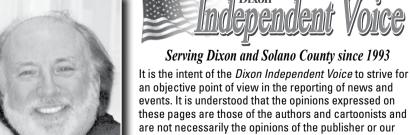
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000291 The following persons are doing business as: Ride on Powersports. 1900 N Lincoln Street, Suite 104, Dixon, CA 95620.

Gone Fishin' Marine, Inc., 1880 N Lincoln Street, Dixon, CA 95620 Date filed in Solano County: February 19. 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1. 2016

Business is conducted This by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration February 18, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

(1) Bid price (50%).

May 9, 2025.

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bidders who tied.

Lupe Ruiz

Dated: April 11, 2025

Administrative City Clerk

accordance with this Request for Proposals ("RFP").

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be in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

(2) Number of days newspaper is circulated per week (50%).

Clerk. No late Bids will be considered. Bidders may mail Bids at their own risk.

Each Bid must be submitted using the forms provided in this RFP packet.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000400 The following persons are do-Advanced business as:

Equipment Rental, 260 West Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Bryan Weber, 260 West Street, Dixon, CA 95620

Date filed in Solano County March 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 13, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration February 18, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ. business, and professions code.) Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000381 The following persons are doing business as: Live Rich, 490 Chadbourne Road, Suite A114,

**CITY OF DIXON** 

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLICATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DIXON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") is requesting sealed bids ("Bid" or

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

LOCATION OF PUBLICATION: Eligible Bidders must be qualified newspapers of general

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The printing to be done hereunder will consist of printing and

publishing all legal notices for the City required to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation,

including, but not limited to, ordinances, resolutions, legal notices, regulations, and advertisements

**FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELECTING BIDS:** 

A successful Bid shall be based upon a weighting, as shown below, of all the following factors (the

Each factor shall be weighted based on the percentage indicated. In the event of a tie, the City

PROCESS:

SUBMISSION OF BIDS: Qualified and interested parties may submit Bids to the Administrative

City Clerk at City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, no later than 3:00 p.m. on

May 9, 2025, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened and read by the Administrative City

GENERAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Each Bid submitted to the Administrative City Clerk must

QUESTIONS: Questions may be submitted by email to the Administrative City Clerk at

Iruiz@cityofdixonca.gov or by mail to City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, until 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2025. The City cannot guarantee that it will be able to respond to every

AWARD OF CONTRACT: The award of the contract will be made to the Bidder who the City determines is most capable of providing services that fulfill all of the listed Factors. Each of

the Factors will be weighted by the City Council by the percentages indicated above. The City

reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids received in response to this RFP, to negotiate

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City to do so. Bidders may be required to submit revisions to their Bids, as may result from contract

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data, and material ensuing from the Project shall be the sole property of the City and shall not be

reproduced and published without the written consent of the City. The City Council reserves the right to waive Bid errors or to reject any and all Bids and re-advertise for Bids. By responding to

this RFP, the Bidder agrees that the City may audit the Bidder's records and files to verify that

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the event of a tie, the City Council will have the absolute discretion to award the bid to any of the

Proposal for Official City Newspaper for Advertising to be opened at 3:00 p.m.,

Council will have the absolute discretion to award the bid to any of the bidders who tied.

Once a Bid has been submitted to the Administrative City Clerk, it may not be withdrawn.

Fairfield, CA 94534. Golden State Enterprise, 490 Chadbourne Road, Suite A114, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Date filed in Solano County: March 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 20, 2017

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000136 The following persons are doing business as: Peace of Mind Remodels, 267 Cooper School

Mark J Binion, 267 Cooper School Road, Vacaville, CA 95688. Date filed in Solano County: January 27, 2025. The Registrant

Road, Vacaville, CA 95688.

commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 16, 2025

This Business is

by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration January 26, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal. state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000475 The following persons are doing business as: Wild 'N Chic, 910 Norton Court, Dixon, CA 95620. Donna Lopez, 910 Norton Court, Dixon, CA 95620.

filed in Solano County: March 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025 This Business is

by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 23, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal. state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000538 The following persons are doing business as: Lucky Garden, 860 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.

V Torres LLC, 860 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590. Date filed in Solano County: April 2, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on:

This Business is conducted by:

subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration April 1, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-01322 Yessenia Alvarado filed a petition

with this court for a decree chang-

ing names as follows: Yessenia Alvarado to Yessenia Villegas. 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 petition 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. May 12, 2025, 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 Judge of the Superior Court: Tim

Dated: March 14, 2025 Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2025

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PETER KISICH CASE NO. PR25-00144 To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-

tors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Peter Kisich.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Diane Marie Kisich Davis. in the Superior Court of California. County of Solano, Diane Marie Kisich Davis be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 10: Superior Court of California County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

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kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Dan Beatty, Attorney at Law, 1771 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061, 650 367-1799

Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 2025



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Dixon Independent Voice 4-11-2025

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### **SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

Dixon Independent Voice 4-11, 4-25-2025

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-001, approving a Development Agreement between the City of Dixon and Dixon Venture, LLC for the "Campus/ Dixon 257 Project" (Project). The Project involves development of a 260-acre site located in the Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan area, consisting of 48 acres for industrial development, 2.5 acres for commercial uses, up to 1,041 residential units, and accompanying drainage, parks, and infrastructure improvements. The Development Agreement establishes certain obligations between the City and the developer for the duration of the Project concerning vested rights, infrastructure, payment of fees, creation of financing districts, and public benefits. The Development Agreement and all supporting exhibits are available for review with the City Clerk.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 18th day of March 2025, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 1st day of April 2025, by the following roll call vote:

ERNEST, HENDERSHOT, JOHNSON, BOGUE, BIRD AYES: NOES: NONE ABSENT:

NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixon.us.

> Kristin M. Janisch **Elected City Clerk**

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## SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-002, adopting a Planned Development (PD) Overlay Zoning District in connection with the "Campus/Dixon 257 Project" (Project). The Project involves development of a 260-acre site located in the Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan area, consisting of 48 acres for industrial development, 2.5 acres for commercial uses, up to 1,041 residential units, and accompanying drainage, parks, and infrastructure improvements.

The site for the Project was originally zoned "Campus Mixed-Use-Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan Overlay." The PD Overlay Zoning District adopted by this Ordinance rezones the site to "Campus Mixed Use - Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan Overlay - Planned Development" (emphasis added). The PD Overlay Zoning District establishes the development, use, and design standards for the Project, as contained in the amended Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan and the design guidelines adopted for the Project.

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# Storms Increase Water Allocation to 40 Percent

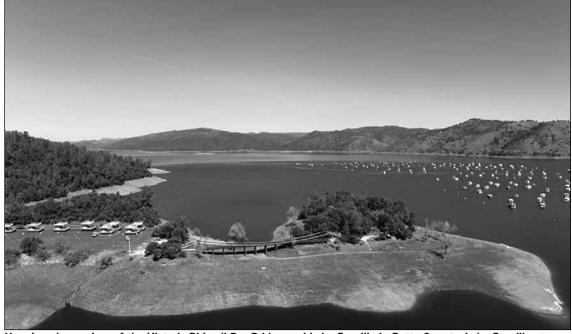
Department of Water Resources News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - On March 25, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that wet and cold storms in March have allowed for another increase to the State Water Project (SWP) allocation forecast for 2025.

The allocation has increased to 40 percent of requested water supplies, up from 35 percent last month. The State Water Project provides water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland.

The latest allocation forecast is based on increases in precipitation, snowpack and reservoir storage in the past month. The allocation increase comes ahead of the April 1 snow surveys next week, when Sierra Nevada snowpack typically peaks.

"As we near the end of the wet season, our focus shifts to snowpack runoff and whether temperatures allow for a slow melt so we can capture as much of that runoff as possible," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "Despite periods of extremely dry conditions this season, water managers have been able to effectively capture, move and store water for use later this year while also maintaining flood protection."



Here is a drone view of the Historic Bidwell Bar Bridge and Lake Oroville in Butte County. Lake Oroville storage is now up to 86 percent of capacity and 121 percent of historical average for this time of year, according to the California Department of Water Resources. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

The State Water Project was able to increase storage this month at its largest reservoir, Lake Oroville, and nearly fill the State Water Project's share of storage at San Luis Reservoir in Merced County. That storage will help meet the needs of State Water Project contractors and their customers this year as well as provide some water supply next year if dry conditions return.

Lake Oroville storage is now up to 86 percent of capacity and

121 percent of historical average for this time of year. Department of Water Resources has been releasing water from Lake Oroville to maintain enough empty space in the reservoir for flood management. As spring progresses, the need for flood space will diminish and storage could increase.

In the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, April and May are ecologically important times and the State Water Project will need to adjust operations accordingly. Pumping rates will likely fall to minimum levels during those months to protect endangered fish species. Releases from Lake Oroville for endangered species and water quality protection also might be necessary, depending upon precipitation and other factors.

These constraints reinforce the need for California to invest in additional water supply infrastructure to provide operational flexibility. The proposed Sites Reservoir and Delta Conveyance Project would have been hugely beneficial to water supply had they been in place this season. The Delta Conveyance Project could have captured more than 750,000 acre-feet of additional water supply this winter, which would have translated to a 20-percent increase in the current State Water Project allocation, on top of the increase announced on March 25.

Each year, Department of Water Resources provides State Water Project allocation forecasts based on available water storage, projected water supply and water demands. Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack, rainfall and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June. Any additional increases in the 2025 State Water Project allocation will depend heavily on the water content and runoff of the Sierra Nevada snowpack.

Learn more about how the State Water Project allocation process works at water. ca.gov/News/Blog/2025/Jan-25/Get-the-Facts-About-the-State-Water-Project-Allocation.

The allocation forecast notice to State Water Contractors and historical data on State Water Project allocations are available at water.ca.gov/programs/state-water-project/management/swp-water-contractors.

# California Farm Bureau Highlights Urgent Challenges

California Farm Bureau News Release

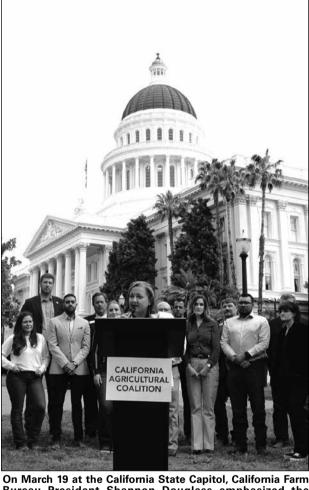
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass identified critical issues facing the state's farmers and ranchers, stressing immediate action is needed to support small and mid-sized farms, streamline regulations and invest in innovative water management practices.

"Agriculture has been the backbone of California's economy for generations," Douglass said. "However, today, our sector is facing significant challenges that (not only) threaten our state's economy but the very future of

food and farming." On behalf of the California Agricultural Coalition, Douglass spoke during a press conference Wednesday at the California State Capitol. She was joined by fellow coalition members Michael Miiller, director of government relations for the California Association of Winegrape Growers, and Roger Isom, president/CEO of the California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association and Western Tree Nut Association.

Association.
California has lost 15,000 farms between 2012 and 2022, according to the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture, Douglass said. Pointing to the rising regulatory pressures facing farmers, she cited a Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, study that found regulatory costs and the cost of compliance by agriculture have increased nearly 1,400% in less than 20 years.

"We must examine and streamline the regulatory framework that governs agriculture. While there are regulations that are needed, they should be tailored to support farming and not drive-up costs," Douglass said. "We need



On March 19 at the California State Capitol, California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass emphasized the importance of agriculture to the state's economy and outlined the challenges farmers and ranchers face. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

to find a better balance that supports sustainable farming practices without putting an undue burden on our growers."

Citing high costs of labor, energy, transportation, litigation and water availability challenges, Miiller of California Association of Winegrape Growers said, "California is no longer affordable for many growers." He added there is a commitment from many state lawmakers to make affordability part of the conversation when crafting legislation.

"Our farmers face challenges that nobody else in the world faces," Isom said. "Frankly, we can't compete on a level playing field with states across the country or other nations."

The coalition, which includes 32 statewide agricultural organizations, Isom said, is asking

the California Legislature for \$600 million a year for five years to fund programs to help farmers through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. "This is a win-win to help ag and the environment," he said.

Douglass concluded that the challenges facing California agriculture are urgent but not insurmountable. "By working together, with farmers, regulators and policymakers, we can create a more sustainable and resilient agricultural system that continues to feed our state and nation."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members.

# California Seizes 650,000 Fentanyl Pills



The public education campaign Facts Fight Fentanyl informs Californians about the dangers of fentanyl and how to prevent overdoses and deaths. This effort will provide critical information about fentanyl and life-saving tools such as naloxone. Photo DEA.gov

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Continuing an enhanced focus in 2025 to combat the scourge of illegal fentanyl trafficking, the California National Guard (CalGuard) seized 1,045 pounds and more than 650,000 pills containing fentanyl, with a street valuation of more than \$6.8 million, in January and February.

Through its Counter Drug Task Force operations, the Cal Guard Task Force members have been strategically deployed statewide, including at ports of entry, to combat transnational criminal organizations and trafficking illegal narcotics like fentanyl, in support of federal, state, and local law enforcement partners.

"By disrupting the trafficking of the 1,045 pounds of fentanyl so far this year, Cal Guard's Counter Drug Task Force continues to save countless lives across our state. I cannot thank them enough for their support in keeping deadly fentanyl out of our communities," said Governor Gavin Newsom.

Service members helped confiscate 488 pounds of powder-laced fentanyl and 331,069 pills of this dangerous drug in February, adding to the efforts in January.

In addition, Cal Guard service members continue to transform drug prevention in elementary, middle, and high schools statewide through the Task Force's Drug Demand Reduction Outreach program. Since October 2024, servicemembers visited 112 schools across the state and engaged with 57,442 students. By conducting in-person outreach and understanding students' beliefs about their own health using a Health Belief Model, Cal Guard is implementing an impactful initiative in the fight against opioid abuse.

Latest laboratory testing from the federal Drug Enforcement Agency indicates five out of 10 pills tested in 2024 contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl, which is down from seven of 10 pills in 2023.

In 2024, Governor Newsom doubled down on the deployment of the Cal Guard's Counterdrug Task Force by more than doubling the number of service members supporting fentanyl interdiction and seizing other drugs at California ports of entry to nearly 400. Fentanyl is primarily smuggled into the country by U.S. citizens through

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Cal Guard's coordinated drug interdic-

California's \$60 million investment over four years to expand Cal Guard's work to prevent drug trafficking by transnational criminal organizations. This adds to the governor's efforts to address fentanyl within California, including by cracking down on

fentanyl in communities across the state.

The state has launched various initiatives in recent years to combat illicit opioids through the governor's master plan for tackling the fentanyl and opioid crisis, which provides a comprehensive framework to support overdose prevention efforts, hold the opioid pharmaceutical industry accountable, crack down on drug trafficking, and raise awareness about the dangers of opioids like fentanyl.

Recently, through funding designated by the governor in the 2022-23 budget to develop the Fentanyl Enforcement Program, the Department of Justice recently announced a significant fentanyl bust worth \$55 million and leading to the arrest of three major fentanyl traffickers.

The Campus Opioid Act, signed by Newsom in 2022, requires that every public college campus in California distribute a federally-approved opioid overdose reversal medication, such as naloxone, and include information about opioid overdoses in their orientation process. Building on this effort, the governor last year signed AB 2429, requiring that fentanyl education be included in high school health classes starting in the 2026-27 school year.

Serving as a one-stop tool for Californians seeking resources for prevention and treatment, the website opioids. ca.gov provides information on how California is working to hold big pharma and drug traffickers accountable in this crisis.

The public education campaign Facts Fight Fentanyl informs Californians about the dangers of fentanyl and how to prevent overdoses and deaths. This effort will provide critical information about fentanyl and life-saving tools such as naloxone.

Through the Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP), over-the-counter CalRx, branded naloxone, is now available across the state. The CalRx-branded over the counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, 4 mg, is available for free to eligible organizations through the state and for sale for \$24 per twin-pack through Amneal. Since 2018, there have been more than 334,000 reversals reported from Naloxone Distribution Project since 2018. ★

