

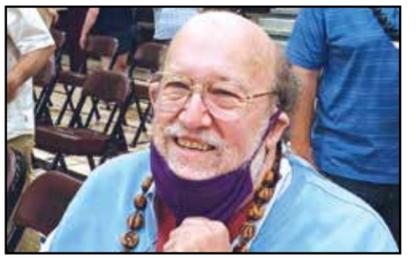


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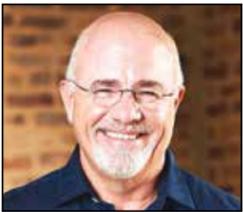
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Every Baking Moment to Carry On



AnneMarie Raymos is taking over for Janis Luzzo at Every Baking Moment. Photo by Jennifer Pagarigan

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Cake decorators all over Northern California have been coming to Dixon to purchase their cake baking and decorating supplies at Every Baking Moment in downtown Dixon since 2000. Now, they'll be coming from all over the world thanks to a new online store developed by AnneMarie with her husband, Rick Raymos, the new owners.

It is one of three changes AnneMarie is making at the store since taking over for founder Janis Luzzo, who has retired. She is also bringing children back for live decorating classes and will be starting a new class for teens to be the step in between beginner and adult-level skills.

AnneMarie was born and raised in Dixon and has raised their two daughters here so she just might have

the pulse of Dixon in her blood. She is the daughter of Vicki and Butch Azevedo who have provided a spirit of entrepreneurship for their daughter through Vicki's ownership of Mae's Attic, a downtown vintage boutique for many years, and through Butch's ownership of Azevedo's Hay & Grain.

It was about seven years ago that the seed of ownership was planted

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Meet Your Neighbors at National Night Out

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - If you don't already know your neighbors, Tuesday's 40th National Night Out offers a good time to meet them. It's also a time to reconnect with people in your neighborhood that perhaps over the pandemic, you've lost touch with.

Citizens are invited to join the Dixon Police and Fire Departments for this annual event August 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. by holding block parties or neighborhood activities. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie with a goal of preventing crime through awareness.

National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Dixon Police Department. This event will involve over 17,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world.

Residents in neighborhoods throughout Dixon and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors, police, and fire – a special opportunity to bring city personnel and residents together under positive circumstances. Neighbors can host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, and youth activities with registered activities getting visits from a firetruck or patrol car.

National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The last day to register for a National Night Out block party is Friday, July 28. There is an online registration form to download or you can pick one up at the front counter of the Dixon Police Department lobby. Once completed, please email the form and your map to specialevents@dixonpolice.org or bring them to the Dixon Police Department lobby.

For more information, call the Dixon Police Department (707) 678-7070. ★

City Lauds Malone, Approves Liens

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The last City Council meeting was a packed agenda with the 4th of July annual report, information on the lights and landscape expenses, and the approval of new limited parking signs at the Pardi Plaza.

In between those topics were reviews of citizens who have not paid their sewer and/or their garbage bills and the collection process to collect or place liens.

The meeting kicked off with an official commendation of Police Officer Jason Malone by Chief Robert Thompson. Malone has served the past four years as the School Resource Officer at Dixon High School. He has just completed the "inaugural first 4-year assignment," as Thompson put it, for a pilot program initiated by the Dixon Unified School District and the City for an officer on campus. "He



Dixon High School Police Resource Officer Jason Malone is flanked from the left by Adriane Laughter, Jason's sisters Brianna Malone and Nicole Tonelli, Lt. Jenna Cameron, and Superintendent Brian Dolan.

has excelled in that role," Thompson added recalling the first summer when Malone returned to regular duty, the phone would ring incessantly because of the relationships he had established with the students.

"The best part of my job

is to recognize exceptional performance of duty," he said. "Officer Malone has made a positive impact on our community." DUSD Superintendent Brian Dolan also offered accolades for Malone and the relationships made and that he was

"so proud of his work."

Malone thanked the Council for approving the assignment, stating it was a "fun assignment." There were several positive comments from the Council, the audience, and his family.

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Another HOT time for Grillin' & Chillin'!



Mike Christman of Fair Oaks and Sherri Coigny of Backyard Competitions in California are both backyard cook-off enthusiasts and had fun meeting other barbecue experts at the Grillin' & Chillin' in downtown. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

Maybe it's because I was on the group of DDBA Board members who talked Mike Hamilton into starting the street fair called Grillin' & Chillin' years ago – and working to create the foundation of guidelines, forms, and connections that would be used for another decade but I still enjoy the whole thing despite a zillion-degree heat. The cars, the kids, the vendors...but this year was particularly fun talking to the rib cook-off contestants that seemed to have doubled since last year.

I called my friend and told her we'd better hurry because from noon to 1 p.m., the temperature was going to jump 11 degrees hotter. I wanted to see who won the rib cook-off but that wasn't going to be until 4 p.m. The ribs weren't even due to the judges until 2 p.m. They need to change that...

So while waiting, I got to visit with contestants Fernando Ontiveros and Jose Ramirez who explained the ribs are judged on three criteria: flavor, taste, and tenderness (or texture.) They set up at 8:30 in the morning and had paid their \$100 entry fee.

They were ready with a big wad of cash (to bribe the judges.) Ontiveros joked. It would have been a small price to pay for bragging rights, but it was about the fun.

"It's always a fun time," he said, looking completely melted



Locals Jose Ramirez and Fernando Ontiveros relax in the heatwave while waiting for judges to test their ribs at the Grillin' & Chillin'. Photo by Debra Dingman

under the pop-up tent next to a barbecue grill. I've learned this is serious business to a lot of folks – mostly men – and it was great to see several couples grilling together. They must be all used to the heat from standing over a grill so much, I thought, as salt water dripped in my eye.

"The secret is in Blues Hog Barbecue Sauce, but I add to it," said Mike Christman of Fair Oaks who was competing for the third year. Oh, and no, that is not a typo. It is not Blue's Hog. All of their products are made with natural ingredients and have won more awards than any sauce on the market.

Christman has been in Dixon many times because he has done work for Altec and Superior Farms.

"I love Dixon," he said. This was a man who took the effort to heart for sure. He had his own trailer with pop-out bar stools made from tractor seats and had tables surrounding it with his plaques, trophies and

certificates displayed.

He is owner of his family's farm, about eight acres in Fair Oaks – "the last of land surrounded by homes," he explained. The ranch produces olive oil, and he raises his own animals. When I commented that he must be the big wig in the competition, he said no, but was delighted to introduce me to who was.

It was Sherri Coigny who recently moved to Tennessee so came out all this way just for us!

Dixon News Briefs



Elite Fitness at 400 Gateway Drive was given an official ribbon cutting ceremony by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce last week which welcomed new local owners Loren Dougherty and Dale Kitt. Photo by Robin Tully

MPG Staff

Half a Hog

The American Legion Post is raffling off a 'Half A Hog' thanks to a donation from Dixon Recology. The hog will be cut and wrapped, and funds will go to help support veterans and support the Veterans Memorial Hall.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. The drawing will be on Saturday, September 23. Purchase tickets at the hall on Friday nights.

DDBA Wine Stroll

On Saturday, August 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. the Downtown Dixon Business Association invites the public to enjoy their annual Wine & Art Stroll while visiting our downtown merchants and meeting business owners. Tickets purchased before Aug. 10 are \$30; afterward they will be \$35. Each ticket comes with a commemorative wine glass. For more information, go to www.downtowndixonca.com or call the DDBA phone at (707) 678-8400.

Girls Softball

To register for Fall Ball visit dixongirlssoftball.com and register today. The group is also looking for Fall Ball Coaches for ages 10 and under and 12 and under. Enroll on their website and someone will contact you to finish the registration process.

Car Wash Fundraiser

Girls Soccer Car Wash to support Dixon Leon SC – 2011 Girls from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. It will be held at Dixon Tractor Supply at 2000 North First St.

Book Bag Sale

The next Friendly Bookworm Bookstore Bag Sale is set for Saturday, August 5 at 2100 North First St., next door to the library. You can fill a bag with books (except children's books) for only \$5. Cash or check only and all proceeds support the programs at the Dixon Public Library.

Downtown Concerts

The City of Dixon and the Dixon District Chamber of Commerce present 'Concerts in the Plaza' on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6 to 8:30 p.m. On August 3, Hey Jude will be featured. There are tables but bring your own chairs or a blanket in case they are taken.

City Council

There will be no City Council meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 1 due to National Night out. The next City Council meeting will be on the regular schedule for the 3rd Tuesday of the month which will be August 17. It also starts at 7 p.m. and the agendas for all of the city meetings are usually available on the Thursday before the meeting on the cityofdixon.us website.

Back to School

Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m. to noon at The Creative Space in downtown Dixon at 160 West A St. will have free haircuts, free backpacks full of school supplies, snacks and more.

Dementia Care Workshop

A positive approach to Dementia Care will be offered on Tuesday, August 8 at Woodland Senior Center, 2001 East St. in Woodland. It is sponsored by YoloCares and will explore symptoms and progression of this disease and provide you tolls and strategies to improve daily interactions with your loved one. Free in-home respite care is available while you participate. Call (530) 758-5566 or visit yolocares.org to learn more.

On Thursday, August 3, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) will hold an event with local veterans to discuss the PACT Act, a new law that provides health care and benefits to veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances.

During the event, Rep. Thompson and representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs will highlight these new benefits and encourage veterans throughout California's Fourth District to apply. In order to receive backdated benefits, veterans must apply by August 9. ★

Prom for Moms

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Having a prom for moms just might be an annual thing, according to Sarah Johnson of The Creative Space, who has announced the new date of Saturday, July 29, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in downtown Dixon.

"Moms of all sorts are invited, even if you're a mom to your animal, that's okay," she said. This year's theme is 'Pretty in Pink' after the '80s movie so you have to

be dressed in pink but it doesn't have to be a dress, but you do have to dress up.

There will be photo opportunities and deejay Oscar Palencia will provide the music for the 50 guests. Price is \$50. To sign up, go to www.TheCreativeSpaceDixon.com.

"Last year, they really loved the environment, the music, and getting to meet other moms and other people," Johnson said. "It was just a fun night." ★

Murillo's Finally Opens!

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Finally! While it's true there are plenty of Mexican food restaurants in Dixon, we haven't had to wait for any of them as long as we had to wait for Murillo's.

Frances Murillo, owner of two Vacaville restaurants had plans to relocate the Merchant Street business to Ary Lane in Dixon, formerly occupied by IHOP and announced her intentions in November of 2020 hoping to bring to Dixon a history of authentic Mexican dishes. Then there were contractor's issues and COVID that pushed pause on the Dixon development but the iconic Merchant St. location in Vacaville seemed to hold steady.

"When I first started, I had to introduce Mexican food to Vacaville. It's really simple and not a lot of spices. It is the same now," Frances said.

Although she opened a second location on East Monte Vista Avenue in Vacaville, she sold that one to her daughter, Linda, in 1988, and recently, the other to her son. The restaurant was voted Best Mexican Restaurant every year since 2005 and rarely can you find a slow day even during

the week at either of those locations.

Dixon still feels like a small community to Murillo and said that Vacaville has become "overpopulated." She wants to be able to help the schools, the children, and the special programs like she used to do. She believes her volunteerism and donations will have a stronger impact in a smaller community. And besides, her nephews live here in Dixon. Now that she has 11 grandchildren and even a great grandchild, she has renewed optimism. Her age has not deterred her.

"I enjoy my work too much to retire," she said.

The restaurant opened last week to the public after a couple soft openings for friends and family.

"The food was delicious. I had the steak quesadilla with sour cream and guacamole and my wife, Renita, had the shredded beef taco with rice and beans. She sat down with us and spoke to us a lot," said Dixonite Jim Ward.

"I hope they'll be very successful in our community," said City of Dixon Economic Development Director Raffi Bolyan at the last Planning Commission meeting. ★

Caltrans Marks 50th Anniversary

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fifty years ago this month, the State of California established a new Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to unify a wide range of transportation functions under a single entity. Since July 1973, the department has managed one of the most complex transportation systems in the nation and helped play a vital role in creating the world's fourth largest economy.

Five decades later, Caltrans continues its mission to deliver a best-in-class experience for all Californians, regardless of the mode of travel they choose.

To honor the milestone, Caltrans has released an updated history page on its official website. This new content traces the state's transportation roots from 1895 when the Bureau of Highways was formed and



Department of Transportation signage at Caltrans Headquarters in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

chronicles key developments and noteworthy projects spanning to the present day.

Visit the Caltrans Historical Page at dot.ca.gov/programs/public-affairs/caltrans-history. ★

Newsom's Plan Could Strip Services

By Kristen Hwang,
CALMatters.org

A major proposal from Gov. Gavin Newsom to overhaul the state's behavioral and mental health system is likely to take nearly \$720 million away from services provided by county governments annually, according to a new analysis from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Although that money would be reallocated within the system, in part to house homeless individuals with severe mental illness and addiction disorders, the report authors note that Newsom and key legislators supporting the proposal have neither provided a complete justification for the changes nor have they published an analysis on how the changes may "negatively impact current services."

"Consequently, as the Legislature considers the proposal, we recommend asking the administration certain questions to assess whether the proposal is warranted," the report states.

Newsom wants the Legislature to put his proposal before voters next year in tandem with a \$4.68 billion bond measure to add psychiatric treatment beds. It would change how the state allocates money under the Mental Health Services Act, which levies a 1% tax on income above \$1 million to fund behavioral health services.

Homelessness has become one of the most high-profile challenges plaguing California, increasing 32% in the past four years. Newsom, who promised to reduce homelessness, announced his intent during his State of the State tour to divert nearly one-third of the state's Mental Health Services Act money to help address homelessness.

Since that time, local behavioral health providers and county officials have criticized the proposal because of its potential to cut services and pit mental health programs against homeless services. The state has spent more than \$20 billion on housing and homelessness since 2018.

Supporters, meanwhile, say reprioritizing how the money is spent is long overdue in light of the growing needs of the state's homeless population as well as the addition of new funding sources for mental health programs.

In a statement, Newsom's Deputy Communications Director Brandon Richards said "upsetting the status quo" was necessary in light of California's changing health care needs.

A recent study from UC San Francisco found that two-thirds of homeless individuals experience mental health conditions, although income loss is the driving force behind the state's homelessness crisis.

"What's more upsetting is watching people continue to suffer on the streets with ineffective interventions and inability to access much needed treatment," Richards said. "A California behavioral health system of care that is more focused, more transparent, and more accountable for results is what all Californians deserve and what this historic reform aims to achieve."

Roughly one-third of the county mental health infrastructure in the state is supported by the Mental Health Services Act, which was approved by voters in 2004 as a ballot initiative. Substantial changes to the act, like the ones Newsom proposed, require voter approval. Last year the tax generated about \$3.8 billion.

Critics of Newsom's proposal say the new analysis bolsters their argument that the changes will result in significant cuts to current programs, particularly those

that support children.

Newsom's office has so far "danced around" how much money would be cut, said Adrienne Shilton, a lobbyist for the California Alliance of Children and Family Services, which represents behavioral health providers in every county. The report is the first to quantify how the proposal would impact programs statewide.

"We're seeing in real dollars what the impact would be," Shilton said.

The analysis estimates spending on current programs would be reduced from \$1.34 billion to \$621 million under the plan.

The report identified a number of key changes and unanswered questions for the Legislature to consider in Newsom's plan:

- **Reduced flexibility:** Counties would have less flexibility to determine how money is spent. Based on current expenditures, counties would be required to increase spending on housing by \$493 million and on "full-service partnerships" by \$121 million. "Full-service partnerships" include intensive wraparound services like case management, housing and employment support as well as clinical care.

- **Program cuts likely:** In order to meet spending targets and caps, counties would likely need to reduce spending on current programs including "outpatient services, crisis response, prevention services, and outreach."

- **Less independent oversight:** The proposed restructuring moves much of the program implementation and oversight authority to the Department of Health Care Services. The change "significantly limits" the independent oversight of the current Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, who helped author the original law and who has been a key supporter of the changes, said the law was always meant to prioritize "the plight of people living with serious mental illness on our streets."

"It's appropriate, in fact, it's necessary to set priority status," Steinberg said.

Steinberg and Newsom's office also contend that the state has invested heavily in the mental health safety net in other ways, including changes to the Medi-Cal system and a \$4.4 billion one-time infusion into the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative.

"It's no longer a funding source that stands alone," Steinberg said. "(Now), the opportunity is to weave all these pieces together so that everyone has access to care, and nobody is left out or left behind."

Still, advocates say it is premature to assume those investments have had a positive impact and that many have not yet been implemented. In an opposition letter, Lishaun Francis, senior director for behavioral health at Children Now said the state "has yet to demonstrate that it has delivered" on its promises and that the proposal deprioritizes children and youth.

Advocates also say those funding sources, particularly Medi-Cal, won't reimburse for the non-clinical programs like classroom interventions and family resource centers that have historically been supported by the Mental Health Services Act. Medi-Cal is the state's health insurance program for extremely low-income Californians.

"Families need flexibility," said Christine Stoner-Mertz, chief executive officer of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services. "We need community-designed practices, and we haven't been successful in doing that with just Medi-Cal." ★

Esteemed Educator John Knight Passes

Story and photo
by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - John Knight, namesake for Dixon's John Knight Middle School, quietly passed this last Sunday evening in the hospital.

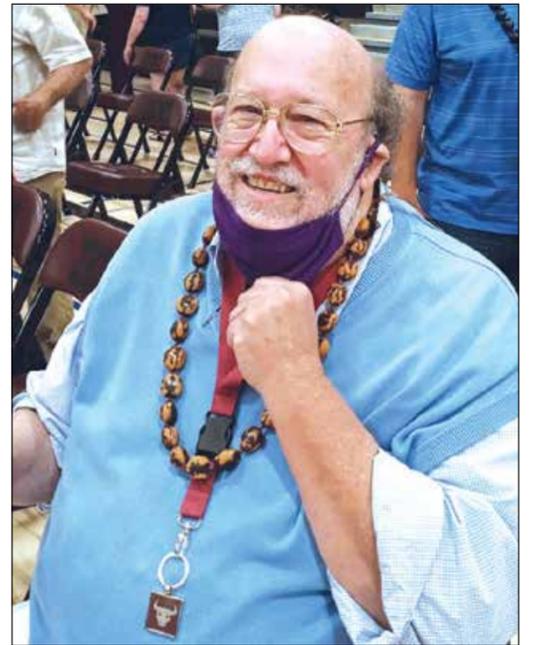
Knight was born in 1948 in Sacramento, just one week to the day before Dan Rott, a childhood classmate, long-time friend, and fellow educator.

"John was my first friend," said Rott, a former Dixon Unified School District teacher and principal. "We met when we were 6 years old and played a lot of baseball together. John was a tremendous fan especially as it relates to the San Francisco Giants. He was a pitcher on the DHS baseball team." Until recently, the men would often get together for lunch and visit.

Knight's father and mother married in 1946. His father, Virgil Knight, was the local dentist and his mother was a stay-at-home mom. John was their first born, followed by brother Jim in 1951, and sister Anne three years later. He attended Dixon schools, graduating from DHS and lettering all four years in the sport of baseball.

Following graduation, he went to Stanford, where he met his wife, Sharon Sisk, at Stanford's exchange program in England during their sophomore year. John joined the USAF Reserves at Hamilton AFB in Marin in 1971. He married Sharon that same year, and had two daughters, Heather, a columnist for the S.F. Chronicle and Beth, a teacher in San Rafael.

When Knight accepted his first teaching position in Dixon, he told his father it would be for one year. Then, 37 years later he retired from Dixon Unified School District. He spent his first five years teaching English;



John Knight at the dedication and grand opening of John Knight Middle School back in August 2021.

was Vice-Principal for three years; then principal for 12 years. After DHS, he was the Maine Prairie High School principal for 13 years; then district personnel director before he retired in 2006.

"In the school district, we worked together, and it appeared to me that everyone had respect for him," Rott said. "From those in a little bit of trouble to the very best students and the staff, they all respected him and felt comfortable with him. Nobody felt threatened by John and he was able to get people to talk and discuss issues – even baseball."

Bob Giannoni, another long-time friend who also went through Dixon schools with Knight, shared similar sentiments.

"He was a good all-around guy," he said. "He worked wonders with those kids and got respect with them really quickly. He must have had almost every job in the district but most importantly, the students cared about him and he cared about them. You could bounce any idea off him and he had an opinion and would be right. He was smart as hell and...a very good pitcher." ★

Rott shared the story about when he came to teach in Dixon after teaching 15 years in the Travis School District and was 'warned' about Knight.

"I was figuring out who was who and the gentlemen who was the principal at the high school told me 'you're going to do just fine but whenever we have a large event at school, never follow John Knight.' That was because he was so funny and so engaging with whatever he said that anybody else coming up after him was a vanilla flavor," Rott explained with a chuckle.

"John was always just nice to everyone," said another classmate and friend, Jeanne Fry-Bei. "He was a great guy when I was in high school with him and he never changed. He was smart, friendly, and genuine."

Many friends visited over the weekend with Knight and word spread sadly of his passing. Knight touched the lives of countless individuals. When the renovation of the old Dixon High School was completed in August of 2021, it was named the John Knight Middle School in his honor. ★

DDBA to Hear on Fraud Prevention

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Shaun Farrell, Vice President/Treasury Management Relationship Manager at First Northern Bank, reported that considering there are 14 branches, it's not unusual for banking fraud to happen daily. Merchants are invited to learn how to prevent banking fraud at the next Downtown Dixon Business Association Meeting on Thursday, August 3, at 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Creative Space, 160 West A St. The Dixon Police Department will also offer advice.

"Every check you write, you are providing a routing number and a check number. You can buy blank checks at any office supply store and criminals print them out and use different ways to cash them," said Farrell. Criminals can pass them using counterfeit identification. He will be talking with the DDBA merchants along with Cathy Gorham, FNB Senior Vice President of Operations Administration works in the day-to-day operations and will help merchants understand what they can do to prevent such crimes.

According to Dixon Police, banks do not guarantee forged documents, so the business that accepts the check suffers the loss, although Farrell encourages merchants to get 'Positive Pay,' a

service that First Northern Bank offers that helps protect merchants. He also said they need to always call the bank immediately.

Then, call the Dixon Police Department. Investigations Sgt. Lex Egbert for DPD will talk about the function of the follow-up investigation in cases of check forgery, counterfeiting, and credit card theft.

Patrol officers take the initial reports on all these crimes and are able to close most cases. They also assist in educating Dixon businesses and residents in fraud prevention.

Forgery, which is often part of other crimes, is a huge problem, according to the Dixon Police Department's website. Criminals will steal checks or counterfeit checks by using easily obtained commercial software.

"When it happens to you, it is very upsetting and you feel violated," Farrell said. Two downtown Dixon merchants have had these situations recently.

The DDBA is a non-profit organization that serves to enhance and promote business on Historic Main Street through special events and activities that attract visitors to the historic downtown business district. It has approximately 50 members.

For more information, call (707) 678-8400 or go to DowntownDixonCA.com. ★

City Lauds Malone, Approves Liens

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Chief Thompson then gave the Operational Review of the 4th of July and cited an increase of about 1/3 more calls – a total of 65 – compared with last year. The Chief showed videos from the Police Department drone used that enabled them to see which houses were setting off the illegal fireworks and ultimately be able to identify the people to cite. The fines were up to \$1,000. There were seven additional officers plus two Community Officers on duty plus the pilot and the drone that day.

He reported there was one major injury where a legal firework detonated while still in a person's hand.

"It was an honest mistake; no inebriation," he said.

Another topic on delinquent sewer accounts reported there were 66 private residences and businesses in debt totaling \$46,000. There have been attempts to collect and the Council voted 5-0 to approve placing delinquencies on the property taxes of the identified properties.

In matters relating to similar problems only these through Recology, the refuse collection contractor for the City of Dixon, unpaid amounts will also be placed against the properties. This involves only residential as the service continues, however, businesses simply just get "cut off" for non-payment.

Scott Pardini of Recology said there are nine opportunities for late bills to be paid.

At the end of March, there were 419 customers totaling \$98,000 in the rears. After more attempts to collect, and as of that day, there were 160 customers

totaling \$54,388 owed.

Nearing the end of the meeting, the Council heard the Engineer's Report from Public Works Director, Louren Kotow, on the Lights and Landscape Maintenance Districts which will require \$225,127 general fund contribution because most of the city's residents are either not in a district where there is an assessment or the assessments that are in place did not allow any increase. Valley Glen is the only neighborhood that is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and therefore allows annual increases in fees to cover expenses.

No plans were made to change anything about this problem at this time due to more pressing priorities such as the water issue and Parkway Boulevard Overpass, explained City Manager Jim Lindley.

Item 11.1 was approved for no parking between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m. signs to be posted at the Pardi Plaza.

Lastly, and also approved 5-0, was the new 12.3 ordinance that requires a city business license for sidewalk vendors and establishes a plan to create a "sidewalk vending program" that will be compliant with state law and will deal with only public property.

The areas of concern are traffic, safety, and health. The Council talked about both sides of the issue. Dist. 2 Council Rep Jim Ernest did ask to add to the ordinance that the one-year license would not be issued to anyone with a record of committing crimes against children.

For a complete review of this City Council Meeting, one can go to the cityofdixon.us website and watch the recording. ★

Medicaid Enrollment to Plummet. What Beneficiaries Need to Know

Commentary by Janet Trautwein

Millions of Americans will soon lose Medicaid coverage, as some pandemic-era provisions that kept people continuously enrolled in the program expire.

But those who find themselves newly ineligible for Medicaid have plenty of other options for affordable coverage. Licensed, professional agents and brokers can ensure they secure health plans that meet their needs and budget.

The looming exodus from Medicaid is a product of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which Congress passed in March 2020. It offered additional federal funding for Medicaid as long as states did not disenroll anyone from the program for the duration of the public health emergency.

This continuous coverage provision, and the enhanced federal funding, swelled Medicaid's rolls. Total enrollment in December 2022 was 85 million – up from approximately 64 million in February 2020.

This past December, Congress gave states the green light to review the eligibility status of people enrolled in their Medicaid programs beginning in April. States have 12 months to return to “normal,” pre-pandemic eligibility and enrollment rules.

The federal government will gradually scale back the extra Medicaid dollars it has been sending to the states – until that enhanced match disappears entirely at the end of this year.

As a result, millions of people may have to find new health plans. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that up to 15 million people may lose Medicaid and CHIP coverage.

About 45% of this group – 6.8 million people – will likely remain eligible for Medicaid. They'll just need to reconfirm their eligibility for the program with their state Medicaid agency.

Many beneficiaries are unaware of this requirement. They may ignore phone calls or letters from the state seeking to

verify their eligibility. Or they may have moved and neglected to update their address with the state. In the end, they can be purged from Medicaid without knowing.

About 8.2 million Medicaid enrollees will need to find replacement coverage. Many will be able to do so through work. HHS projects that about 5 million will migrate from Medicaid to employer-sponsored insurance.

Another 2.7 million will likely be able to get subsidized coverage through the Affordable Care Act's exchanges. More than 60% of that group, HHS estimates, could qualify for zero-premium plans.

Of course, it can be difficult to wade through all the insurance options on the exchanges – or to figure out how to confirm eligibility for Medicaid.

Licensed, professional agents and brokers can help these millions of folks weigh their health insurance options. They have the knowledge and expertise to assist people with re-enrolling in Medicaid, if eligible – or to claim all the subsidies to which they may be entitled through the exchanges. Better yet, their services are generally free for consumers.

According to the most recent data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, agents and brokers account for 71% of exchange enrollees. Consumers find their advice extremely valuable. A study from the Urban Institute found that 80% of adults who received external information about the exchanges said insurance agents and brokers were more helpful than other resources.

As states begin to cull their Medicaid rolls, it's critical that those who have relied on the program over the last few years understand all the affordable health insurance options that remain available to them. Agents and brokers can ensure that they do.

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Luzzo's Cake Decorating Legacy

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The long-time founder of Every Baking Moment has retired again. Her first retirement was from the United States Air Force when her and husband Duane settled in Dixon to raise their two sons, Damien and Luc. It was the year 2000.

She wanted a new career and took inventory of her skills, determining her long-hobby of cake decorating was something she enjoyed and one that she could teach. She decided to open her own cake decorating store in the heart of downtown Dixon in a small space that housed Thornton's Jewelry store for more than two decades.

Enter Renee Gray who was brought on by Janis a year after the store opened.

The business quickly developed a 'cake community' where decorators shared ideas, recipes, and even equipment. Gray has been Janis' "right-hand woman" ever since. (And, why new owner AnneMarie Raymos insisted Gray stay with the company.)

In 2006, she was honored as international instructor of the year by Wilton, a world leader in cake decoration instruction, patterns and materials, and was inducted into the Wilton Method Instructor Hall of Fame.

In 2012, Luzzo purchased the building next door which formerly housed a gymnasium and dance school and with her husband Duane, renovated it to add both inventory space as well as classroom space to their own business.

From the financial viewpoint, her business model was effective in that she created her own market with students needing to purchase



Janis Luzzo at her Retirement Party in Every Baking Moment. Photo by Jennifer Pagarigan

supplies to create their designs. She did not have to rely on a single group of people [from Dixon] for sales. And the classes quickly filled with students who came from as far away as Fresno, Napa, Roseville, and Bay areas cities.

"My daughters loved Janis and enjoyed all the kids classes," said Raymos. "She always had anything I needed and when I had questions, she always had an answer and was very willing to share her knowledge with me. And she is so knowledgeable! In between her and Renee, I have learned so much and I keep learning."

For a small town such as Dixon, there were few places to provide a child's indoor birthday party but with the expansion, Janis made sure there was now plenty of room.

"Janis continuously made things for children in our community to enjoy," said Downtown Dixon Business Association President Jill

Orr. "She was so innovative during COVID and put together kits that you picked up at the back door and took them to your house. As a grandparent, I ordered them and then spent time with my grandchildren. It made me feel good and then they got to eat them."

The business was a long-time member of the Downtown Dixon Business Association and for a while, the Chamber of Commerce. She offered gift certificates for various organizations and school fundraisers.

"They were major players in our community. We say a great big 'thank you' for being part of our downtown," Orr added.

In retirement, Janis plans to do some travelling and after her husband retires, they plan to move closer to their sons; one lives in Las Vegas and one in southern California. She is wished well by the community of cake decorators far and wide. ★

Every Baking Moment to Carry On

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when AnneMarie commented that she simply would not know what to do if Luzzo ever closed the store. Not only was AnneMarie a faithful customer since a couple years after Luzzo opened her store, both her daughters had also taken classes and were involved in cake decorating.

"She told me that one day she'd retire and would sell the store and asked if I'd be interested. I told her I just might be," said AnneMarie. "I gave her my phone number and now, fast forward..."

AnneMarie was forced to retire from her job with the county due to a rare muscular disorder that affects her hands, but she wanted to stay busy and productive. At the same time, Luzzo was ready to retire. They struck a deal and everyone wins – including Renee Gray, Luzzo's long-time staff and resident 'Cake Lady.'

"I am excited. There's a new different kind of energy coming with the joy of AnneMarie," said a happy-sounding Gray. "She's younger. She has the skills, and she is constantly posting [inventory and classes at the store.] People are noticing." Gray came into Luzzo's shop only at her husband's insistence when they

were getting Scout items from Robben's Department Store next door.

"I was the youngest of five daughters in my family so I grew up baking and cake decorating. As a kid, I was really good at making roses," Gray explained. "When we moved up north from being raised in southern California, I fell into a depression, and I think my husband was trying to get me out of it and chatted up a storm with Janis that day. I took my first class in February 2001 and was teaching by November." She's been teaching at the store ever since.

Cake lovers everywhere are waking up to this personal yet enriching class. The art of cake decorating is reigniting thanks to shows like Amazon's Cake Wars, Sugar Rush, Ultimate Cake Off, and Extreme Cake Makers.

"I can't decorate but I can bake," AnneMarie said. "It is a family adventure. I still love cakes and my two daughters, one 15 and one 20, have been through all the classes with the youngest excelling. We held a family meeting to determine everyone's roles and my husband will be the maintenance guy...I think we're ready," she added. ★

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Breeding May Boost Machine Harvests for Peaches

With the rising cost of labor and a shortage of skilled workers to hand-pick fruit, California canning peach growers are looking to science for solutions. They are breeding new varieties that are firm and flavorful and could lead to greater adoption of mechanization at harvest. Thomas Gradziel, a geneticist at University of California, Davis, says new varieties are essential to make peach farming economically sustainable. For more than 30 years, growers have funded breeding by Gradziel to develop new and improved clingstone peach varieties.

Colleges Prepare Agricultural Workers for High-Tech Future

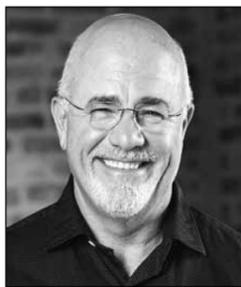
California has led the way in developing cutting edge agricultural technologies, enabling farms to do more with fewer workers and to make farm work safer and more efficient. But these advances are also creating a challenge. “We need more skilled employees to be able to run this technology,” says Johnnie White of Piña Vineyard Management, which manages winegrapes in Napa Valley. College systems and public and private agencies are collaborating to teach experienced farmworkers new skills and support farm interns working with new technologies.

Federal Lands Plan Could Limit Grazing, Public Uses

Ranchers, foresters and others who use public lands have urged the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a proposed rule they fear would radically restrict activities such as grazing and timber harvesting. The new BLM proposal emphasizes conservation as the predominant land management priority. Those who hold permits on federal lands also say they were blindsided by the proposal. A coalition including the California Farm Bureau said BLM defines conservation so broadly that it creates unnecessary conflict among users of public lands.

Despite Weather Challenges, Slight Increase Expected In Almond Crop

California almond farmers are expected to harvest a slightly larger crop this year, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 2023 California Almond Objective Measurement Report published last week estimates the crop will come in at 2.6 billion meat pounds, 1% above last year’s 2.57 billion pounds. The estimate is up 4% from USDA’s subjective forecast in May and comes after one of the wettest winters on record, limited bee flights because of rain and wind, and a cool spring. The slightly bigger crop comes partly because of larger nut size, USDA reported.★



Different Personality Types Can Be a Good Thing

Dear Dave,

My husband is an entrepreneur. He has a very hard driving, energetic personality and way of doing things, while I’m more laid back and soft spoken. How can I support him best in terms of encouraging and communicating with him? I want him to know I care, that I want to help and that I’m proud of him.

– Grace

Dear Grace,

I think you’ve already taken a good first step toward all of that by recognizing and identifying your personality styles. If he’s a hard-charging entrepreneur, there’s a good chance God sent you into his life to slow him down a little, and help him keep it between the ditches. That’s what my

Dave Ramsey Says

wife does for me, and I’m so thankful she does.

Once in a while, I’ll get so wrapped up in a project or opportunity that I can’t stop thinking about it or turn it loose—even after hours or on weekends. That’s when she knows to step in and say, “Honey, did you ever think about this possibility?” Sometimes she’s a little more straightforward, and I’ll hear something like, “You know, you really need to just slow down and chill.”

The fact that you two are wired a little differently, and that you can be thoughtful and calm when he’s all over the place, is one of the most valuable benefits you bring to your relationship. Once he understands this, he’ll begin to respect it more. And when it happens, you folks are going to win in your relationship and in business. It’s going to make such a positive impact on your lives, because you’ll be making steady progress that’s more predictable and reasonable, rather than things launching into the stratosphere and being

followed by the inevitable crashes that are bound to happen from time to time.

As you grow to better understand the other’s thinking, and how each is necessary for success, a great thing will be created. Your quieter, thoughtful side, and his energy and passion to pull things forward, will become the key to you two reaching heights together that you never would’ve achieved apart from each other.

I love these discussions about family relationships and business. Great question, Grace!

– Dave

**Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 the company Ramsey Solutions. ★*

Balance of Nature to Pay \$1.1M for False and Misleading Advertising

Solano County DA News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County District Attorney Krishna Abrams announced on July 26, 2023, a settlement in the consumer protection action brought against Evig, LLC doing business as Balance of Nature. The case was filed in Napa Superior Court in concert with the District Attorney offices of Napa, Alameda, Marin, Monterey, Orange, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Solano and Sonoma counties, which together comprise the California Food, Drug, and Medical Device Task Force.

Balance of Nature sells dietary supplements, which purport to be fruits and vegetables that are freeze-dried, powdered, and placed in a capsule. The company engaged in extensive radio, television, and internet advertising in California. The filed complaint alleged that Balance of Nature made false or misleading claims regarding the effectiveness and attributes of their products in violation of California’s False Advertising Law.

For example, the following claims were not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence:

One serving of its Fruits product, which weighs approximately 2 grams, contained the “nutritional equivalent of over 5 servings of fruits per dose;”

“When you take the recommended 3 capsule dosage of Balance of Nature Fruit and Veggies, your body receives as much nutrition as it would from eating more than 10 servings of a salad made with 31 different fruits and vegetables.”

The complaint also alleged that Balance

of Nature made claims that its products could prevent, treat, mitigate, or cure serious disease conditions, including diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, fibromyalgia, and cancer. The company went so far as to recommend that customers take 12 capsules each of its Fruits and Veggies supplements if they had been “diagnosed with life threatening illness[.]” Balance of Nature also used customer testimonials to make scientifically unsupported claims that the products could treat or cure disease conditions such as lupus, ulcers, gout, congestive heart failure, Hepatitis C, and multiple sclerosis.

The complaint further alleged that Balance of Nature enrolled customers into an automatically renewing subscription program, and charged them a recurring monthly fee, without clearly disclosing the terms of the program, giving customers an adequate acknowledgement of their enrollment in the program, or allowing customers to cancel online, all in violation of California’s Automatic Renewal Law.

As part of the settlement, Balance of Nature agreed to enter into a judgment, which includes a monetary payment of \$1.1 million. Under the terms of the judgment, Balance of Nature must pay \$250,000 in customer restitution. Any California resident who purchased a Balance of Nature product in the past 6 years will receive a notice on how to claim a refund. Balance of Nature will also pay \$850,000 in civil penalties and investigative costs. Further, the judgment prohibits Balance of Nature from engaging in any of the unlawful conduct described in the complaint. Balance of Nature did not admit liability. ★

California Democrats Keep Spending Money But Fail To Make Sure It’s Helping



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Steve Glazer is a former political consultant who served as mayor of Orinda before being elected to the state Senate in a 2015 special election.

Glazer is a Democrat who usually votes with others in the party’s overwhelming Senate majority. However, Glazer has a rare maverick streak, not unlike that of his one-time boss, former Gov. Jerry Brown.

Glazer has most often displayed that tendency in clashes with labor unions, his party’s most important ally, but it extends to other aspects of governance.

This month, just as the Legislature began its month-long summer recess, the Los Angeles Times published an op-ed by Glazer highlighting his party’s inability to effectively use its unfettered political power on California’s knottiest issues.

Glazer cited the state’s newly enacted, \$310 billion state budget, describing it as “a reflection of our values, dedicating spending to getting homeless people off the street, supporting schools, keeping public transit afloat and treating mental illness,” but adding, “as many Californians know, we’ve already spent billions of dollars on the same problems – with very little to show for it.

“Our failures are

evidence that good intentions and lots of money are not enough to fix what ails the Golden State,” Glazer continued. “To make our progressive beliefs mean anything, the Legislature must ensure that the money we spend is actually improving the lives of the people we say we are committed to helping.”

Glazer cites the state’s chronic housing shortage and homelessness levels, mental health programs and California’s embarrassingly low public school achievement as examples of issues that have festered for years without noticeable progress.

“Democrats know that hundreds of our schools are failing and far too many kids are unable to read, write or do math at grade level,” Glazer declared. “And we know that those struggling students are disproportionately low-income children of color. But that issue gets almost no attention from Democrats in the Capitol, who have made no recent efforts to discover why schools are falling short and what can be done to improve them.”

Glazer’s overall theme is something that’s rarely mentioned in California political circles: competence, or the lack thereof. The Democrats who control virtually every lever of political power in California tend to measure achievement by how much money they spend on particular problems, rather than outcomes.

That’s very evident in California’s highest-in-the-nation level of homelessness. The state has spent upwards of \$20 billion on programs meant

to reduce the amount of unhoused Californians, but the numbers continue to climb as Gov. Gavin Newsom and local government officials squabble incessantly over who should be accountable.

The implosion of the Employment Development Department that allowed fraudsters to pocket tens of billions of dollars in unemployment insurance payments, while legitimate claims were delayed, is another stark example. So is the state’s chronic inability to design and implement technology.

Recently, CalMatters reported that California has spent \$600 million on programs meant to prevent former prisoners from committing new crimes after release but has not tracked whether they have succeeded.

“The state does not collect data on whether parolees who participate in the program have found jobs or whether they are returned to prison for another crime,” reporter Byrhonda Lyons wrote after spending a year investigating the issue. “What state data does show is that only 40% of participants completed at least one of the services they were offered.”

As shocking as that lapse sounds, we shouldn’t be surprised because, as Glazer points out, the state’s political leadership – those in his own party – is prone to spending money on a problem without accountability that ensures results.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

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Sen. Dodd's Presidential Election Bill Becomes Law

Office of Sen. Bill Dodd
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed legislation from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, in partnership with Secretary of State Shirley Weber, to increase transparency in presidential elections, helping to ensure the integrity of the democratic process.

"Now more than ever, we must ensure our presidential elections are fair and

transparent," Sen. Dodd said. "With Gov. Newsom's signing of my bill, we protect the free election process that has become a bulwark of democracy. In a time of rising polarization and division, it will bring additional safeguards to this important tradition."

The California Elections Code specifies procedures for political parties to use when submitting the names of presidential and vice presidential candidates to the California secretary of state,

who's charged with generating ballots. However, current law does not provide a submission deadline. Also, the law lacks a provision for candidates to correct any mistakes to their names on the ballot. These issues could result in voter confusion.

Senate Bill 437 sets a clear deadline for submission of presidential and vice presidential names. Parties must submit the names to the secretary of state no later than 75 days before the general election. Additionally,

the bill clarifies that candidates for the two offices can change their names if they appear incorrectly.

SB 437 was signed Thursday, July 13th by Gov. Newsom after receiving overwhelming support in both the Assembly and Senate. It becomes the 101st law written by Sen. Dodd since he was elected to the Legislature in 2014.

"This bill would help ensure that political parties provide timely notice of nominee names

and eliminate confusion about the candidate name change process," said Secretary of State Weber. "I appreciate Sen. Dodd championing good governance for California's role in presidential elections."

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties. More information on Senator Bill Dodd can be found at www.senate.ca.gov/dodd. ★

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 Date filed in Solano County: June 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 2, 2018.
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 The following persons are doing business as: L & H General Contractors, 696 Hillcrest Circle, Vacaville, CA 95688.
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The Military Doesn't Need Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

House Republicans voted to end diversity, equity and inclusion programs and personnel at the Pentagon, and one wonders whether the U.S. military will ever be the same.
 The provision was one of a number of anti-“woke” measures in the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act – including reversing the Pentagon's new abortion-enabling paid travel and leave policies – that have occasioned sputtering outrage.

According to National Security Council spokesman John Kirby, there's no way that President Joe Biden would ever sign such legislation “that would put our troops at greater risk or put our readiness at risk.”

America's leaders used to worry that we wouldn't have enough stopping power to defend against Soviet tanks potentially pouring through the Fulda Gap or a survivable nuclear force in the event of a nuclear first strike; now they worry servicemembers might not be learning enough about microaggressions.

Last year, Bishop Garrison, serving at the time as the senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense for human capital and diversity, equity and inclusion, said that diversity, equity and inclusion needs to be part of every decision that the military makes—it's a “force multiplier,” and will make the military more lethal.

It's not clear how this could possibly be true. Is the Marine operating a howitzer going to be more proficient if he's familiar with the work of Ibram X. Kendi? Will our fighter pilots be better at aerial warfare if they think the U.S. is defined by systemic racism? Are our submariners lacking so long as they don't know that it's supposedly offensive to ask someone with an accent where he or she is from?

If diversity training is so crucial to a fighting force, maybe we should stop sending so many munitions to Ukraine and ship the embattled country PowerPoint presentations on equity instead?

The U.S. military has been a model for decades of how to build a racially diverse institution that is united by common purpose and standards. That doesn't mean it is perfect – nothing is – but it was notably diverse long before anyone thought it needed diversity, equity and inclusion training.

Thankfully, by its standards, the Pentagon doesn't spend much on diversity, equity and inclusion. It requested just \$115 million in 2023, although that was an increase of nearly \$30 million.

This suggests that the personnel and programming around diversity, equity and inclusion can be easily axed, and they should be.

Diversity, equity and inclusion is a scammy fad that has ballooned into a more than \$3 billion industry even though there's no solid evidence that it works, and it may well make things worse.

As the left-of-center author and podcaster Jesse Singal writes, diversity, equity and inclusion programs often “seem geared more toward sparking a revolutionary re-understanding of race relations than solving specific

problems. And they often blame white people – or their culture – for harming people of color.”

Why does the military, of all institutions, need that?

At the very least, diversity, equity and inclusion is another administrative burden. A recent report on the fighting culture of the U.S. Navy prepared at the direction of Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton and several Republican congressmen noted that “non-combat curricula consume Navy resources, clog inboxes, create administrative quagmires, and monopolize precious training time.”

At worst, it is injecting a poisonous ideology into a fighting force that needs to look past racial and other divisions and needs to believe in this country's worth.

Those who want diversity, equity and inclusion in the armed forces either can't distinguish between the military and an elite liberal arts college, or want it to be corrupted by the same rotten ideas.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said the National Defense Authorization Act shows “that extreme MAGA Republicans are willing to even detonate the ability of our military to do what it needs to do to keep us safe.”

To the contrary, it is progressives who want the military to bend to their ideological imperatives. We aren't going to deter or – if it comes to that – defeat an adversary like China with diversity, equality and inclusion trainers or self-flagellating nonsense about our society's supposed irredeemable flaws.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: **331/333 South 1st Street (Robinson Condominium Map)** - Request for a Rezone (RZ22-01) and Condominium Map (PM22-02) to rezone the property from Multi-family Residential (RM) to Multi-family Residential – Planned Development (RM-PD) and convert the existing three units on the existing single property into three condominium air space parcels that can be sold individually. No new construction, additions of increase in the number units is proposed as part of this project. The Planning Commission will serve in an advisory capacity, making their recommendation to the City Council. Following Planning Commission review and recommendation, the City Council will hold a public hearing to render a final decision on this application, and separate notice of this hearing will be provided; APN: 0116-051-100; Zoning District: Multi-Family Residential (PMR); Rebecca Robinson, owner and applicant; File No: PA22-32, RZ22-01/PM22-02.

The California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Section 15315, [Class 15; Minor Land Divisions]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact **Scott Greeley, Associate Planner** at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or sgreeley@cityofdixon.us. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the application.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments **remotely** during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on “raise hand,” or 2) via teleconference press “9.”

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

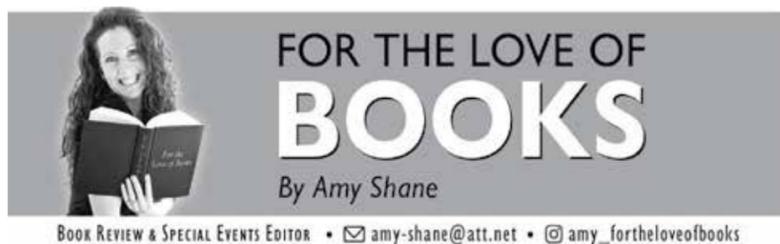
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House of Roots and Ruin

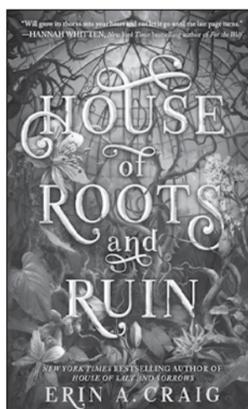
by Erin A. Craig

It all started with a manor by the sea and the twelve cursed sisters who lived within it. Now only four sisters remain, and one is still cursed.

Verity dreamed of leaving the shores of Salann. She dreamed of adventures anywhere beyond the doors of Highmoor if only her sister Camille would let her go.

Then one day, Verity receives a letter, a formal request from The Duchess of Bloem, commissioning Verity to paint a portrait of her son, the future Duke. Yet, once again, Camille would have nothing to do with allowing her to leave, forcing her to tell Verity the truth behind her curse. Shocked and devastated, Verity leaves in the night, casting away her family home, the curse, and everything that ever tied her to Highmoor. Hoping that leaving the salty air of Salann will free her.

The moment Verity steps foot upon Bloem, she can feel its beauty. Lush, extravagant botanicals flank every inch of Chautilalie inside and out as Verity is quickly emerged within the language of flowers. But the moment Verity meets



◆ Publisher: Delacorte Press
◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
◆ Rating: ♥♥♥♥
◆ Release Date: July 25, 2023

the charming, witty Andrew, she is swept up in strange new feelings that stir within her, that quickly blossoms into a delicate new romance.

However, Chautilalie is not without its dark hidden secrets, and all too soon, Verity realizes that it's not Highmoor who held the curse; it's her. And the stunning, opulent manor might just be a facade covering the dark roots of deceit that snarl within. Now, Verity must decipher the difference between what is real and what is an illusion before she becomes part of the mansion and its dangerous flora forever.

House of Roots and Ruin enchants its readers like the delicate scent of a rose, floral and inviting, but before they know it, the story will take hold of them like an unexpected prick from a thorn. Erin Craig once again takes her readers to the brink of a gothic fairytale and leaves them dangling just on the edge. Fanciful, intense, and dark, Verity's story will wrap around readers like a delicate vine, and before they know it, they have succumbed to the madness within.

Erin Craig delicately planted the story of Thaumias sisters within the salty sea air of *House of Salt and Sorrow*, and now the story unfurls its tempting bloom within the pages of *House of Roots and Ruin*. With her ability to write a story with tangible magic, Erin Craig's rich imaginary pours off the pages with beautiful lyrical writing that is as bewitching as it is dark.

While this story is part of the same world as *House and Salt and Sorrows*, *House of Roots and Ruin* can be read as a standalone or without a reread of the first book. ★



Riley Reviews

“OPPENHEIMER” THE GRIPPING TALE OF A NUCLEAR SCIENTIST

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“OPPENHEIMER” RATED R

In his inimitable style, director Christopher Nolan favors complex storytelling of theoretical themes with eccentric narratives that are strangely audacious in a blockbuster manner with an oddly art-house sensibility.

His brain-bending heist film “Inception” took audiences deep into the inner space of the dreaming mind. The space odyssey “Interstellar” was a trippy journey into the outer limits and twisting whirlpool of the universe.

Nolan put his stamp of originality, what Joseph Bevan of the British Film Institute called “a new brand of intelligent escapism,” on a trilogy of “Batman” films starting with “Batman Begins” and ending with “The Dark Knight Rises.”

In the bold wartime epic “Dunkirk,” Nolan captured the harrowing experiences of soldiers trying to survive the deadly horror of World War II on the beaches of Normandy. Not so terrific was “Tenet,” a metaphysical sci-fi thriller about the present under attack from the future.

With his body of work well-known to many moviegoers, Nolan brings to the screen in “Oppenheimer” a most ambitious and sweeping epic thriller that delves deep into the psyche of the singular American mind of a brilliant scientist.

A Time magazine cover story proclaimed J. Robert Oppenheimer “the father of the atomic bomb.” As much he may have wished later in life to escape that enormity, Oppenheimer would forever be remembered for his role in bringing an end to the war with Japan.

One may wonder what the theoretical physicist would think about “American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer,” the more than 700 pages Pulitzer Prize-book by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin and the film's source material. I didn't have time to read it beforehand.

At a running time of three hours, “Oppenheimer” can only paint the broader picture but with enough details to be riveting. We glimpse Oppenheimer's (Cillian Murphy) early years in the 1920s studying in Europe and showing promise of his brilliance.

While the focus is on Oppenheimer, who seems to be in almost every frame of this picture, heading up the top-secret Manhattan Project at the hastily-constructed outpost of Los Alamos, New Mexico, the story does not unfold in linear fashion.

There are numerous flashbacks and flashforwards to the life of the physicist, from professor at UC Berkeley before the war, and then post-war, his position as director of an institute at Princeton to losing his security clearance before a hearing of the Atomic Energy Commission.

A bundle of contradictions, Oppenheimer

does not fit neatly into a hero role. While hardly orthodox in his religion, the scientist's Jewish heritage certainly motivated his desire to develop the weapon that would topple the Nazi regime.

At the time, Germany was believed to be ahead of the allies in terms of developing a nuclear weapon. Oppenheimer was joined in the New Mexico desert by scientists of similar heritage to his own. Stopping Hitler was the logical imperative.

Oppenheimer was recruited by General Leslie Graves (Matt Damon), who understood the stakes but the nevertheless wondered if pushing the button would destroy the world. When Oppenheimer says the chance is near zero, Graves replied that “zero would be nice.”

Facets of Oppenheimer's life and political views proved to be problematic for many. Intellectually arrogant and aloof, Oppenheimer was described as someone who “couldn't run a hamburger stand.”

What was troublesome but overlooked because of the necessity of developing a weapon to drop on Japan was Oppenheimer's Communist sympathies in his early years, though he associated with a lot of party members including his wife Kitty (Emily Blunt) and lover (Florence Pugh).

Being a notorious womanizer was underscored by his intense, torrid affair with psychiatrist Jean Tatlock (Pugh). The nude scenes of their tryst seem gratuitous but suggestive that maybe Oppenheimer strayed far and wide from his marriage.

After the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the post-war era is just as spell-binding with Oppenheimer ending up in the crosshairs of his nemesis Lewis Strauss (Robert Downey, Jr.), chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Weirdly enough as the progenitor of the nuclear bomb, Oppenheimer fell out of favor for his opposition to developing the hydrogen bomb, putting him in conflict with Dr. Edward Teller (Benny Safdie).

After the fact, Oppenheimer wanted to reign in his invention, not understanding the nuclear age had taken on a life of its own and the Soviet rush to nuclear armament led to the Cold War era of doomsday angst.

“Oppenheimer” may be viewed as a cautionary tale of the existential fear in the lives of people everywhere given what's happening now on the world stage with a rogue nation that remains a nuclear power.

The scientists at the Manhattan Project may have been troubled as they sought the secrets of fission to make a fusion bomb, a fear that Oppenheimer dubbed “the terrible possibility.” After watching “Oppenheimer,” a little escapism may be necessary. “Barbie,” anyone?

“Oppenheimer” is an epic thriller well-worth the experience and best seen in IMAX if possible, though an intermission would have been nice. ★

DIXON POLICE LOG

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



Thursday, July 20

0850 - Suspicious Person report 900 block East A Street.
1020 - Traffic Stop 1200 block Stratford Ave. Armando Lizarraga (59) of Davis was arrested for an outstanding warrant and booked into the Solano County Jail.
1045 - Fraud Report 700 block Jasmine Court.
1208 - Hit and Run Collision report West H Street at North Almond Street
1240 - Collision reported at McDonalds, 1410 Ary Lane. Resulted in the arrest of Deonta King (37) of Dixon for an outstanding warrant. He was booked into the Solano County Jail.
1250 - Information Report at Dixon PD.
1640 - Found property 1300 block Angela Court for a bicycle left in a front yard.
2024 Hours - Shoplifting investigation in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.
2100 Hours - Hit and Run investigation in the 700 block of West F Street.

Wednesday, July 19

0630 - Vehicle Burglary report 1300 block North Lincoln Street. Vehicle burglary was discovered when an officer returned a found tool bag to the owner.
1330 - Abandoned vehicle towed 1000 block Sunset Drive.
1130 - Agency Assist for Davis PD who detained a subject related to an outstanding warrant out of Dixon. Officers took custody and booked the subject into the Solano County Jail.
1852 - Hit and run traffic accident reported in the 400 block of North Adams Street. 2346 Information report taken in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.

Tuesday, July 18

1125 - Fraud reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1317 - Vandalism reported in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
1550 - Suspicious circumstance in the 1100 block of Afton Way. 1552 Traffic collision reported at North 1st Street and I-80
1557 - Late report of a theft in the 1000 block of North 1st Street.
2141 - Traffic stop in the 1100 block of West H Street resulted in the arrest of Erika Vizcarra (28) of Dixon for a no-cite misdemeanor DUI warrant. She was taken to county jail.

Monday, July 17

0930 Hours - Incident report for motorcycle who fled traffic stop.
1356 Hours - Forgery investigation in the 1100 block of Pitt School Rd.
1500 Hours - Assisted the Winters Police Department with locating wanted subject.

Sunday, July 16

0905 Hours - Stolen vehicle report in the 600 block of South First St.
1414 Hours - Vehicle accident investigation in the area of North 1st and East Dorset.
1530 Hours - Female placed on mental health hold.
1634 Hours - Information report taken in the 500 block of Schooner Ridge.
1800 - Report of a verbal argument in the 500 block of West C Street resulted in the citizens arrest of Ismael Estrada (47) of Dixon for vandalism. He was transported to the county jail.

Saturday, July 15

0010 - Officers conducted a pedestrian stop near the intersection of North Washington Street and Sierra Drive. Humberto Herrera-Rangel (47) out of Dixon was contacted. Herrera-Rangel provided officers with a false name and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Herrera-Rangel was placed under arrest and transported to the Dixon Police Department where he was released with a citation.

Friday, July 14

1523 - Traffic stop 1100 block North First Street resulted in the cite and release of the driver for a misdemeanor offense.
1545 - Stolen Vehicle LPR hit in the area of North first and I-80. The vehicle was located and recovered in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

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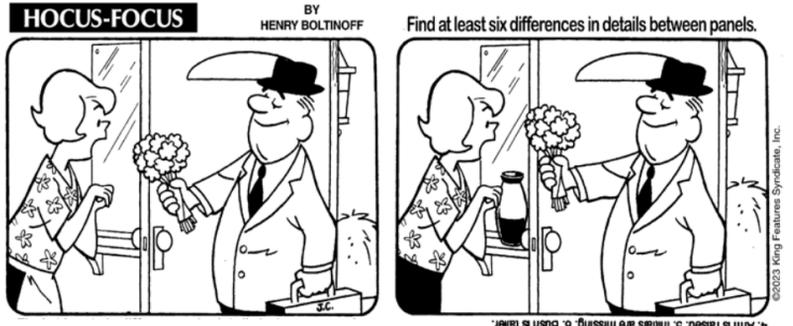
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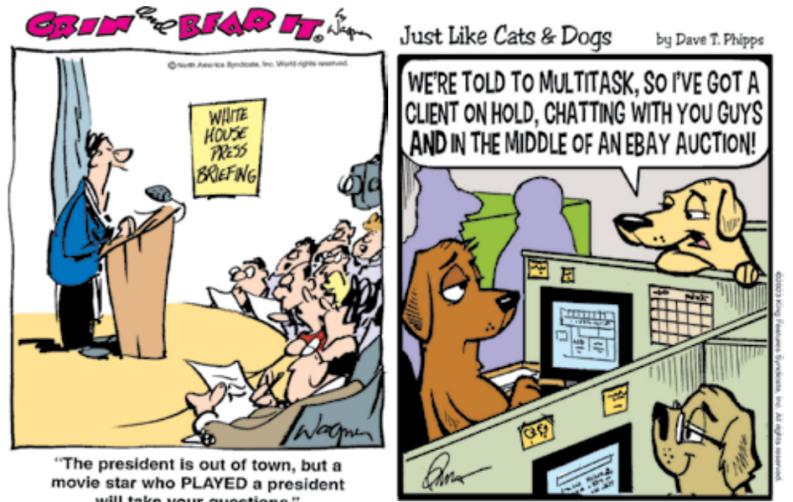
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Legislation Introduced to Protect American Farmland and National Security Sites from Foreign Adversaries

Office of Congressman Mike Thompson

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- On July 12, 2023, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) and Select Committee on Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party Chairman Mike Gallagher (WI-08) introduced bipartisan legislation to strengthen and expand protections around national security sites, critical infrastructure, and farmland.

"Protecting national security and food security go hand in hand in our region - which is why it is vital to know who owns land around national security sites," said Rep. Thompson. "The bipartisan legislation I am introducing with Chairman Gallagher will help identify foreign actors who are seeking to purchase land near military installations while maintaining food security throughout our country."

"The United States cannot allow foreign adversaries like the Chinese Communist Party and its proxies to acquire real estate near sensitive sites like military bases or telecom infrastructure, potentially exploiting our critical technology and endangering our service-members. This bill gives CFIUS jurisdiction over foreign adversary real estate transactions to guard against the threat of the CCP and other adversaries purchasing land for malign purposes, and it also encourages CFIUS to consider food security issues as it evaluates the national security risk of a given transaction," said Rep. Gallagher.

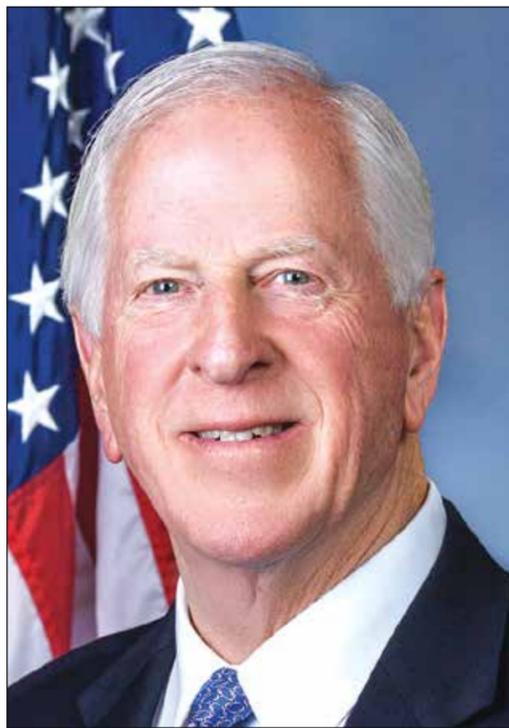
"Safeguarding our food supply chains and national security from foreign adversaries like the Chinese Communist Party will always be a top priority of mine. We must ensure our government agencies have the necessary resources to stop bad actors from gaining a foothold in our homeland. I am proud to introduce this legislation as a continuation of my efforts to stop the CCP and all foreign adversaries from putting our food supply and national security at

risk," said Rep. Newhouse.

"As the proud Representative of Travis Air Force Base in Congress for over a decade, the recent land purchases near the base by unknown investors raise serious questions and concerns. Travis, also known as the 'Gateway to the Pacific,' is one of the most strategically valuable installations within the U.S. military. We must do everything in our capacity to ensure Travis is fully protected and supported," said Rep. Garamendi. "Though Flannery Associates claims that it is not controlled by foreign entities, they have shockingly failed to provide any proof to local and federal officials. This issue raises serious security concerns for our community and the critical military operations at Travis. That's why I greatly appreciate this important bipartisan legislation and look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to protect our communities and defend our national security."

"Food security is national security, and I've been fighting to get the Secretary of Agriculture a seat at the table for a long time - this bill builds on that fight. As we witness growing threats from foreign adversaries on American soil, Congress should work overtime to ensure our military bases, food sources, and research facilities are protected. Our bill provides CFIUS will the tools needed to keep America's enemies away from our most sensitive areas," said Rep. Johnson.

"The People's Republic of China has an alarming history of leveraging foreign investment to gain access to sensitive information," said Rep. Case. "This type of foreign espionage is a serious threat to national security. This bill will help close the gaps in our oversight of foreign purchases and their use of agricultural land, especially near our military bases and training sites. This will help ensure that the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States can fully assess investments that can compromise our security and intelligence sites."



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"Food security is national security. Communist China buying up U.S. agricultural land is just one of the CCP's many attempts to subvert our sovereignty and threaten our national security. I will continue to fight to protect our agricultural land and to ensure that our country's food security and national security are prioritized. I am proud to support this legislation that will mandate heightened scrutiny over adversarial land purchases near our military installations," said Chair Stefanik.

"Food is a national security issue. Increasing foreign ownership of American farms and farmland is a threat to our food security," said Rep. Costa. "We need to prevent foreign adversaries like China from undermining the American agricultural industry. This bill will ensure American agriculture is operated by American businesses."

"A resilient food supply is essential to national security, which is why the rise of foreign investments in our nation's farmlands deserves increased scrutiny. I have long supported adding the Secretary of Agriculture on CFIUS, which will equip the Committee with the expertise needed to

identify potential threats to our national security," said Rep. Lucas. "I'm pleased to be an original cosponsor and commend Congressman Gallagher for his work on this important legislation."

"Our geopolitical adversaries are exploiting loopholes in regulations to purchase farmland and other agricultural assets, threatening our national and food security," said Rep. Panetta. "I'm proud to join this bipartisan effort to ensure CFIUS has the jurisdiction and mandate needed to properly vet these foreign purchases as in the best interest of the United States. This is a necessary step to counter any malign efforts to weaken U.S. agricultural independence and security."

"The scope and scale of the Chinese Communist Party's activities in the United States is deeply alarming," said Rep. Wittman. "Entities with clear ties to foreign adversaries should not be permitted to purchase land near U.S. military bases, intelligence facilities, or national laboratories. I'm proud to join this effort to equip the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States with the tools it needs to protect our national interests."

American farmland belongs to American farmers - period. For the sake of our national, energy, and food security, we cannot let China, or any other foreign adversary, buy our fertile farmland, prevent our young producers from planting their roots, or jeopardize our agricultural supply chains," said Rep. Feenstra. "I am proud to work with my colleagues to introduce legislation to protect American farmland from foreign acquisition, particularly the Chinese Communist Party, and keep American farmland where it rightfully belongs - in the hands of American farmers."

An entity called Flannery Associates has spent nearly \$1 billion over the last five years to become the largest landowner in Solano County. The land purchases go up to the fence of Travis Air Force Base, the home of the largest wing of the Air Force's Air Mobility Command.

The United States Department of the Treasury Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) is an interagency committee authorized to review certain transactions involving foreign investment in the United States and certain real estate transactions by foreign persons, in order to determine the effect of such transactions on the national security of the United States. However, there are significant gaps in the current process.

The Protecting U.S. Farmland and Sensitive Sites From Foreign Adversaries Act would:

Give CFIUS jurisdiction over all land purchases (with exceptions for real estate in urban areas and single housing units) by foreign adversary entities; This would avoid a repeat of the "FuFeng incident" where, despite a clear national security concern to a military installation in North Dakota, CFIUS claimed it was unable to even review (let alone block) the transaction because the land was outside the scope of CFIUS jurisdiction;

Authorize CFIUS to consider U.S. food security, including via

biotechnology acquisition, as a factor in its national security reviews and require the Secretary of Agriculture have a vote in CFIUS reviews of transactions that involve farmland or agriculture technology;

Establish a "presumption of non-resolvability" by CFIUS that raises the approval threshold for CFIUS transactions by a foreign adversary entity purchasing near sensitive sites (e.g., major military sites, acknowledged intelligence facilities, etc.); CFIUS will be required to review these transactions with the presumption that the national security concerns cannot be resolved.

Mandatory CFIUS filing for foreign adversary entities making land purchases near sensitive sites. This will ensure CFIUS remains apprised of ongoing real estate purchases by foreign adversary entities;

Expand the list of sensitive national security sites designated for CFIUS jurisdiction; Require CFIUS to expand the list of sensitive national security sites to all military facilities, acknowledged intelligence sites, national laboratories, and defense-funded university-affiliated research centers, critical telecommunication nodes, and more. Current CFIUS regulations only cover a limited number of sensitive sites, and does not include all military facilities, national laboratories, and other sites. CFIUS is also limited to sensitive sites that are US government property.

The bill is led by Rep. Mike Thompson, Chairman Mike Gallagher, Reps. John Garamendi (CA-08), Dan Newhouse (WA-04), Ed Case (HI-01), Bill Johnson (OH-06), Jim Costa (CA-21), Elise Stefanik (NY-21), Jimmy Panetta (CA-19), Frank Lucas (OK-03), Jason Crow (CO-06), Rob Wittman (VA-01), Salud Carbajal (CA-24), Randy Feenstra (IA-04), and Mary Sattler Peltola (AK-AL).

The bill text can be found at Congressman Thompson's website mikethompson.house.gov/

Rep. Thompson sent a letter to CFIUS calling for a review of the purchases in Solano County. ★

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