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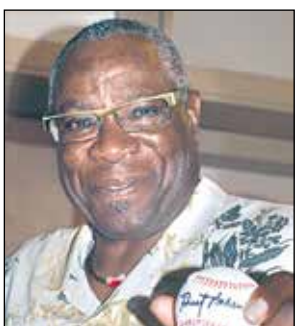
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Women's Auxiliary Supports Vets



Women's Auxiliary member Carla Schafer, center, pulls a raffle ticket for one of many prizes at an earlier Veterans fundraiser where fun is served along with dinner. The Women's Auxiliary works to support the veterans and the Dixon community.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - When people think of supporting veterans, they often think of giving financial support, not realizing how veterans still serve their fellow citizens through their families, especially their wives and daughters.

The Women's Auxiliary in Dixon, for example, does food drives, Christmas toy collections, hosts fundraising dinners for high school scholarships and raises funds for other needs. They also serve in various administrative capacities to keep the

Veterans Memorial Hall doors open.

The organization is open to the mothers, wives, widows, grandmothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of veterans and female veterans who are currently serving or who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States, including the National Guard and Reserve components.

Patty Holland signed on 12 years ago after her husband Wayne got signed up for the American Legion. They had been in Los Angeles and moved up here.

"And I got involved," she said. "I like having the Friday night dinners

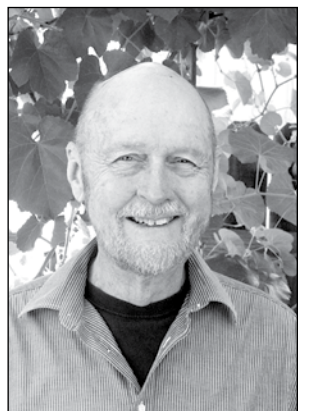
best because we get to see people. A lot of them are really nice people and are very friendly and I get to see them all."

Patti is the one who usually takes your money at the Friday night dinners. She enjoys the camaraderie with the other women in the organization and reports there are about 20 of them.

"When the kids are young, you have other obligations and you're working and doing stuff but when they grow up and go, this gives us something to do instead. When I retired, I got more time."

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Local Author's New Book Helps Celebrate Veterans Day



Dixon author bil paul. Courtesy photo

Schiffer Publishing News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon author bil paul, who purposely does not capitalize his first and last names, heard his father tell stories about his World War II naval service in the Aleutian Islands, but didn't get serious about the subject until after his dad's death in 2008. After writing a magazine article about a sailor who served with his father, paul got the ball rolling for a book-length project.

The Aleutians are a thousand-mile-long chain of volcanically formed islands stretching from mainland Alaska toward the northern Japanese islands. They played a wartime role which most Americans are unaware of. Prior to the war, they were virtually undefended, but in 1942, after Japanese forces invaded and occupied two of the outermost Aleutian islands, a large American buildup of forces began to occupy the other large islands in the chain. Eventually the Japanese troops were either defeated in battle or left.

paul set out to pull together a quote-intensive book where soldiers, sailors and airmen told their own stories about living and fighting in one of the worst-weather theaters of the war. Beyond visiting several archives, the author listened to hundreds of online interviews with Aleutian enlisted men and officers.

Approximately 300 sources were used, with the addition of numerous archival photographs and New Yorker-style cartoons from a GI newspaper on Adak island edited by author Dashiell Hammett. Quotes from Aleutian letters sent by the author's father are included.

The book contains several chapters about active combat, but most of the chapters offer vignettes of daily life in an area with few women, and where many GIs lived in tents year around. Their food was often poor, with

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Traveling with Your Pet

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Just in time for holiday travels, members and their guests at the next Dixon Women's Improvement Club meeting on Wednesday, November 16, will learn tips and tricks for traveling with a pet by Dr. Carol Marshall, who is also the DWIC President.

"I have given many talks and lectures to residents and medical students during my career at UC Davis Med Center and I wanted to share travel hints and stories from 18 years of traveling to compete with my dogs in Agility Trials," Marshall said. "My information about staying in hotels and traveling in airplanes with a pet comes from internet research and shared stories from agility competitors and I hope others will share their stories about travel as well."

Some of the information will cover the unique requirements when transporting your pet, especially regarding airplanes and hotels. There will also be a talk on leash laws and keeping your pet safe. Participants are welcome to bring photos of their 'fur babies.'

The meeting is 1-3 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall, 209 North Jefferson.



Dr. Carol Marshall and her husband, Daniel Ferrick, have travelled across the world to participate in dog agility competitions. Dr. Marshall will be speaking on travel tips with your pet at the November DWIC meeting. Photo courtesy of DWIC

Reservations for the December meeting, which will be a catered Christmas luncheon on December 21, will also be taken at this meeting so check your calendars for availability and invite a friend.

This non-profit social organization was established in 1899 in Dixon and the

founders were women from families that had settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 who were interested in beautifying and improving the little town.

Projects, such as the rose garden on the corner of North First and C Streets, are voluntary and

supported, and funded by the Club's activities, membership dues, grant funding, and donations.

For more information, reach out to Membership Chair Mary Kay Callaway via the Dixon Women's Improvement Club (DWIC) Facebook page. The address is P.O. Box 25 in Dixon. ★



What would you have done?

By Debra Dingman

I begged my husband to go get us a lottery ticket last week when no one had won, and it had climbed to a humongous pot. We didn't win and it was a good thing because I hadn't had a chance to really think about if we won so when there was no winner again and the amount jumped to one billion, this time I drove us to Michael's Market and played.

"You can't dream if you don't play," I said. And, I had been so sick with bronchitis, and had taken NyQuil for several days, I hadn't dreamed at all, but I was getting better and really wanted to dream...

My first idea was to help finish building a 34-mile stretch of freeway connecting Interstate 5 in Elk Grove to Highway 50 in Folsom that my oldest son has worked so hard on and that could transform Sacramento County, but my husband said it was a government project so a billion would not be enough. So, then I brought in my vision to Dixon.

I'd build a new church.

We need a new church. We have lots of new people in town and I would love to start something NEW that has the best children's ministry program ever and a super fun Youth Group where they have sock wars and burger bashes and give our future citizens a foundation in the Ten Commandments.

I'd love to build a park like the one they built in Vacaville that is "accessible" to all children--including people who are much older but have the mind of a child. And, I'd have the best security system ever aimed right at it so no evil-driven person can get away with vandalizing it.

Another thing I'd love to build in Dixon would be a business office co-op like the one I worked at when I was a young woman (before children) where there was a main secretary and a dozen offices all around that main entry so people who needed just an extra office space because working at home was too crazy with children or maybe, too crazy with the spouse. I work well in my

little office but truly appreciate having other offices surrounding me for A, I lock myself out; B, I want to bring in holiday cookies; or C, I need another person to help me figure out the word I'm trying to think of or something that happened in Dixon's past.

I'd also pay for murals to be painted on buildings around town and bring in statues or artwork that could be admired by all and I'd want those to have a focus on our local agriculture (that is shrinking but should be preserved and honored for the state and national food market Dixon provides).

One other thing I dreamed of was to build a state-of-the-art theater/community art center. One that would be enclosed so performances, meetings, or art shows could take place year-round. I'd love to see children's plays back and open mic nights and local talent highlighted.

Well, no one won that lottery so now the jackpot is larger! I guess I can keep dreaming at least for a few more days. What would you do if you won? ★

Dixon News Briefs



This couple are getting an early start on their Christmas shopping. These warm hoodies boasting of the iconic Dixon Milk Farm are now on sale at the Dixon Historical Museum and make perfectly made local gifts. Milk Farm Baseball Caps, ceramic mugs, magnets, and T-shirts are some of the popular items offered at great prices. The Museum is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am to 2 p.m. at 130 West A Street in downtown Dixon. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Fairfield Parade

Since the Veterans Dinner in Dixon doesn't happen till the evening, we are posting you on a Veterans Day Parade and commemoration in Fairfield on Friday, November 11 with the commemoration ceremony and concert beginning at 10 a.m. at the Downtown Theater, 1035 Texas Street. The parade will begin at 12:30 along Texas Street in downtown Fairfield.

Montessori Fundraiser

Dixon Montessori Charter School is hosting a 'Dine & Donate' fundraiser at Mary's Pizza Shack on Tuesday, November 15, all day. Mary's Pizza Shack serves homemade pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, salads and soups and will donate 20-percent of Dine In, Take Out, or Delivery orders all day. To participate, please mention the Dine & Donate for DMCS.

Senior News

Senior Bingo is every Monday at 12 noon at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 South Fifth Street. It is a nickel per card/per game and anyone is welcome. There needs to be at least six people to play. Bring your change and plan on fun. Call 678-7022 for more information. Need a ride? Call Readi-Ride at 678-5020. They'll pick you up at your house and bring you to the Center and return you home when you're ready. Call (707) 678-7022 between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for info.

DHS Class Reunion

Friday night! Class reunions are so much fun and this one will be especially so since it is a multi-class one. The 1982 Dixon High School Class Reunion--which will include 1979 through 1985--is set for tonight, November 11. Classmates, faculty, and friends are invited www.dhsrams1982.com email dixonhigh-classof82@yahoo.com or call Suzi (Haase) LaChance Reunion Committee Chairperson at (209) 418-8796.

Youth Basketball

Registration is now open for January thru march 2023 Youth Basketball. Games will be on Sunday at John Knight Middle School gymnasium and registration cost is \$15. Practices will be held at other schools. There are four divisions from age

5 through 8th grade. For questions, email secretary@dixonoyouthbasketball.com.

Craft Swap

The Dixon Public Library is hosting a free event to exchange old and/or unused craft supplies and decorations. The donations are limited to one grocery bag per person. It will be Tuesday, November 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at our local library, 230 North First Street. See more at solanolibrary.com/events.

Pickleball

On Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., don your tennis shoes and have fun playing Pickleball at hall Park. There is free instruction offered and they say, it is easy to learn and fun to play. Paddles and balls are provided and it is fun for all ages. For more information, email Pickleball4dixon@gmail.com.

Tree Lighting

Plans for the annual Downtown Dixon Business Association's Tree Lighting are underway with lots of fun planned for the whole family. There will be Christmas carolers and choirs singing in the park, a visit with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies by the Dixon Fire and Police Departments, pony rides, and more. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 1.

Volunteer Drivers

If you are one of those people who are 'driven' to volunteer, 'Faith in Action' needs drivers to volunteer to help get Solano County seniors transported to medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, and other important destinations. If you can help, please call (707) 469-6675 to learn more.

Veterans Support

Supportive services for veteran families is a program offered through Roads Home, a Berkeley Food and Housing Project. Call the hotline for Solano County at (855) 862-1804 if you know a veteran experiencing homelessness.

Phone Correction

Social Services Registered Nurse Yolanda Smaldino who gave the presentation at the Dixon Public Library on dangerous lead paint in housing built before 1978 can be reached for more information at (707) 784-8070. ★



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80th Birthday Turns into DHS Mini Class Reunion



Diane Schroeder, center, and Dixon's most recent Mother of the Year was celebrated at her 80th birthday party last week hosted by her family. It also turned into a mini class reunion as several graduates from the class of 1960 attended. They are (L-R) Terry Dyer, Meme Milligan, Richard Fuschlin, Pat Inderbitzen, Diane Schroeder, Jess Jones, Binky Eason, and Marchelle Henderson. Photo by Debra Dingman

Learn How to Find Your Ancestors, Family History



Dixon History Museum volunteer and Membership Chair Denise McBride looks over old yearbooks, one of many tools for Ancestry search which will be the topic of next week's coffee hour.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - No better time than now to find your ancestors! A special 'Coffee Hour' by Dixon Historical Society member Denise McBride will be held on Wednesday, November 16, from 3 to 5 pm at the Dixon History Museum, 125 West A Street in downtown Dixon.

The presentation will expose individuals to the free FamilySearch website and app by an experienced Docent and Membership Committee volunteer. Within the website and app, a family tree can be created and viewed. Participants can search individuals, search and access historical records, and view contributions made by others. Participants are asked to bring their electronic devices and Wi-Fi will be provided for participation.

"In 2019, I discovered the FamilySearch website and app after I had been researching on Pinterest and discovered the free genealogical search site," McBride said. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides FamilySearch free of charge to everyone and their resources help millions of people around the world discover their heritage and connect with family members.

FamilySearch is dedicated to preserving important family records and making them freely accessible online. It is worldwide and has involved collaborations with more than 10,000 archives and partners in over 100 counties, according to the website.

"They also track an individual's contributions," she said. "I have added 3,643 individuals over 3 years and during my overall participation of accessing FamilySearch, I have added 964 pictures." Here is an example of McBride's contributions:

"My great-grandfather, William Johnson, was born April 6, 1827 in Halam,

Nottinghamshire, England. William Johnson married Sarah Weldon on April 23, 1843, at the age of 16. Sarah Weldon was born in Southwell, Nottingham, England in 1823 and died February 19, 1887. William and Sarah had a total of thirteen children, all born in England. William immigrated in 1867, age of 40. William Johnson built the Place Hotel in Dixon, CA in 1876 on the corner of First and B Street. After the death of William's first wife, he married Sophia Grundel August 15, 1887, in Solano, Dixon, CA at the age of 60. Due to William's second wife's death, William married his third wife Martha A. Tyler."

William's obituary in the Dixon Tribune newspaper read: "On Sunday, April 16, William Johnson passed away, and he was buried in the Dixon Cemetery on Tuesday. Mr. Johnson was born in Northumberland shire, England, and came to this country with this family when a young man, located in San Francisco. After two years, he bought a ranch in Maine Prairie, and moved south of town, where he lived nearly forty years. Through his honest and straightforward life, the deceased made many friends. He has been married three times; all his wives having passed before him. His death occurred on the anniversary of his first wedding day. The remaining relatives are Mrs. William Troxel of Dixon, Mrs. Hughes Willows and Sam Johnson of San Jose, George of Rio Vista, and Arthur Johnson of Dixon. The pall bearers at the funeral were six grandsons. Mr. Johnson was 84 years and 16 days."

Participants to the Dixon History Museum Coffee Hour are asked to please bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Coffee, bottled water, and light refreshments will be provided. To reserve your spot, email info@dixonhistoricalsociety.org or call McBride at (707) 693-3044. ★

City News and Council Decisions

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - While October saw busy city meetings, November started with a flatline, and the December 20 City Council Meeting will be cancelled. Here's what else happened.

In October, Dixon Fire Chief Todd McNeal welcomed and introduced three new Firefighter/Paramedics Ricky Rodarte, Terry Kuntz, and Jimmy Perry. It was also announced that Detective Brent Dawson was honored as the 2022 Officer of the Year at the October 21 Night of Honor ceremony.

A Public Hearing on Issuance of Tax-Exempt Bonds for Silvey Villas at Homestead Apartments took place. That involved:

1. Conduct a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act Hearing in consideration of the issuance of tax-exempt bond financing by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority for the benefit of Silvey Villas Partners, L.P., to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, improvement, and equipping of a 72-unit senior multifamily rental housing project generally known as Silvey Villas at Homestead Apartments;
2. Adopt a resolution approving the issuance of Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority not to exceed \$18,000,000, for the benefit of Silvey Villas Partners, L.P., to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, improvement, and equipping of a 72-unit senior multifamily rental housing project generally known as Silvey Villas at Homestead Apartments.

The City accepted a donation of \$3,100 for pickleball court striping at the existing Hall Park tennis courts and approved the corresponding FY 22-23 budget amendment.

"This donation will go to striping one existing court in a contrast color to existing tennis (will make 4 pickleball courts). The existing court will still be usable for tennis. This eliminates the chalk/tape method of striping currently used by the group," said Louren Kotow, City of Dixon Public Works Director. "The existing courts will be demolished in spring, along with this "gift." The donating group is aware and accepts this."

In probably one of Dixon's shortest City Council Meetings ever,



Dixon's City Treasurer and retired CHP Officer Jim Ward prepares to give his quarterly reports to the City Council. Ward attends almost every city council, planning, and commission meetings and reviews lists of enumerations to stay up on the City of Dixon expenditures.

the Dixon City Treasurer Jim Ward gave his first quarter report to the Mayor and City Council during the public comments portion of the November 1 meeting as apparently, he had been left off the agenda.

"Inflation increased 0.4% in September, more than expected despite rate hikes by the Feds. Consumer prices rose 0.4% in September and were up 8.2% from a year ago, according to recent data," he began. "Prices consumers pay for a wide variety of goods and services rose more than expected in September as inflation pressures continued to weigh on the U.S. economy. Another large jump in food prices boosted the headline number. The food index rose 0.8% for the month, the same as August, and was up 11.2% from a year ago. The rising cost of living is squeezing households to the brink with food prices seeing the largest increase since 1979. You all already know the bad news...the economy is in a tough spot and it's taking a toll on everyone." He shared an estimation from a senior economist at Moody's, a renowned investor service, that "surging prices for food and fuel are costing American households an extra \$460 per month." Ward added that inflation is showing little sign of slowing down, as it's now been above 8% for seven months in a row, plus core inflation, which is prices minus the volatile categories of energy and food, rose 6.6 percent in

September on an annual basis. That number was the same in August.

"Our 1st Quarter 2023 Investment Summary is as follows: Our cash and investment held by the City of Dixon has slightly increased. However, our expenditures have exceeded our revenues. Our General Fund balance decreased \$2.9 million dollars, but our overall fund type balances increased \$2.7 million dollars - mostly due to an increase in Capital projects revenues. Inflation remains red hot as feds are expected to raise interest rates again. Again, I caution spending," he said.

While Ward did not mention his frustration with not being put on the agenda like he requested, Community Activist Michael Ceremello, did.

"It was my understanding that Councilman Johnson and Councilman Hendershot asked in July after Ward did his 4th Quarter of 2022 presentation for Ward's presentations be included on the agendas but again, it was not, and I find that offensive," he said.

Ward did express his concern after the meeting about certain Councilman's comments and said, "Go back and review what Councilman Scott Pederson said, and people will be smart enough to make their own determinations."

There were many Dixon High School students in attendance completing required government class requirements but will have to return as the meeting was not long enough. ★

Local Author's New Book Helps Celebrate Veterans Day

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complaints about too much Spam. The GIs were usually in their late teens or early twenties, and Aleutian service was often their first trip away from home. Homesickness was common and letters from girlfriends and family

were as good as gold.

The book is published in a hardbound edition by Schiffer Publishing's military division, located in Pennsylvania. It is Paul's sixth non-fiction book. His last book, published in 2015, was The Train Never Stops in Dixon, the story of a woman

Pied Piper who had many in Dixon convinced she was going to build a \$2.5 billion movie studio complex. She is now serving time.

The new book is currently for sale on Amazon and the author hopes to make presentations to veterans' groups in the area. ★

Women's Auxiliary Supports Vets

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Patti was one of the first friends Carla Schafer met after moving locally.

"I was new to Dixon and went to the dinners on Friday nights because it was safe. Leah [Marlin] and Pat [Holland] always talked to me," she said. "They invited me to a meeting, and I didn't think I'd like it but, I discovered it was warm and welcoming - and not prim and proper. We had so many projects and it sounded good to be out in public and raising money for a good cause for the veterans." She's been involved for five years now and serves on the Board.

Schafer's Dad was in the Navy and served in Korea.

"He was on a ship and was a mailman and when he got out, he was a mailman in Woodland. When you think of a ship you don't think of anything but war, but every job was important - even getting those letters," she explained. "My favorite activity that we participate in is the Grillin' &

Chillin' [downtown street fair] because you get to see everyone there and it's wide open, so you not only meet the local public, you also meet people and veterans from other cities."

The next activity is a 'Drive-thru and Drop-off Food Drive' at the Veterans Memorial Hall for Cornerstone Church Food Pantry. It will be Saturday, November 19, and Saturday, November 26, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1305 North First Street.

If you or your spouse was in the military and are interested in joining American Legion Post 208, call Leah Marlin for more information, at (530) 304-5385 or email alp208@aol.com.

Tonight, Friday, November 11, is the annual Veteran's Day Dinner and the menu is barbecue Tri-tip or chicken, broccoli salad, and chili beans. Dinner for a single person is \$15 and a couple is \$25. There will also be a large raffle with a separate drawing for a half a hog and a 50-inch LED television. ★

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Dusty Baker Wins First World Series as Manager

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

HOUSTON, TX (MPG) - In the aftermath of the 2022 World Series conclusion, one statement has been said synonymously by people all around the country in various forms: "I'm so happy for Dusty."

Sacramento local Johnnie B. "Dusty" Baker Jr. finally got the

proverbial monkey off his back on Saturday night, winning his first World Series title as a manager after 25 seasons. Baker's Houston Astros defeated the Philadelphia Phillies in six games, clinching the series victory with a 4-1 win over the weekend.

At 73 years and 143 days old, Baker is the oldest manager in Major League Baseball history

to win a World Series, surpassing Jack McKeon who was 72 when he won the title with the Florida Marlins in 2003. Dusty is now a two-time World Series champion, along with the ring that he won in 1981 as an All-Star on the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I just knew it was going to happen, sooner or later, you stick around long enough, and you got good

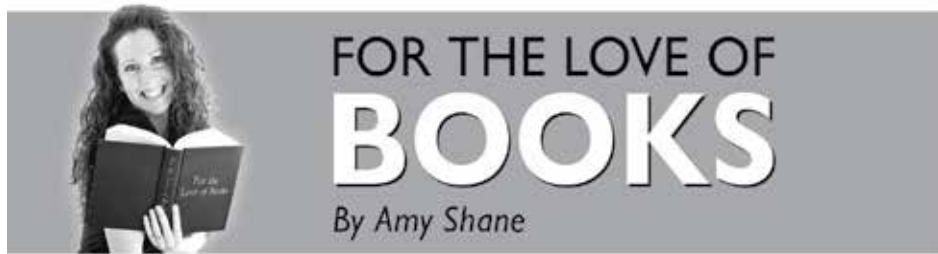
teams, its going to happen sooner or later," Baker told ESPN minutes after the triumph. "I said if I win one, I want to win two, so I might as well go for two, we'll see!"

Before beginning his MLB career, Baker graduated from Del Campo High School in Fair Oaks in 1967 where he was a four-sport athlete playing baseball, basketball, football and track and field. He still lives in

the 916 during the offseason.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg recognized Baker's accomplishment with a tweet on Saturday night.

"I hereby declare Dusty Baker Day in Sacramento," Steinberg tweeted. "We'll make it official sometime very soon. Dusty is a great Sacramentan. So happy for him!!" ★



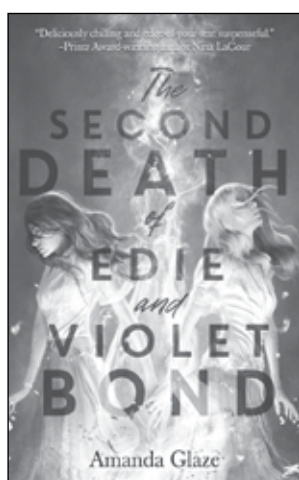
The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond

by Amanda Glaze

Sacramento, 1885, a time when spiritualism was for the uneducated young girl with empty thoughts and room in their heads to allow the spirits to roam. But Violet and Edie were quite the opposite. What sets them apart was the fact that they were powerful mediums full of determination and knowledge, but after their mother's unexpended death, Edie and Violet knew they would have to flee from their father in order to save themselves from being committed to the asylum.

Luckily, Violet and Edie find refuge within a traveling Spiritualist show where they can hide their true talents within a group of actresses. Although, everything quickly falls apart when they arrive in Sacramento and Violet discovers the spirit responsible for their mother's death has crossed into the living world.

Now, Edie feels compelled to investigate, which unwittingly throws her into the path of a particularly handsome reporter, Laws. At the same time, Violet gets the



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opportunity to audition for the life of her dreams.

Now, at the crossroads of life, Violet and Edie's twin bond will be tested to their limits while the secrets that lie hidden deep in the basement of the Sacramento Asylum finally threaten to be unearthed.

With a blusher of darkness that gives just the right amount of mystery, *The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond* takes place amongst the historical streets of Sacramento. In a time where society was dictated by men and spiritualists and seances were all the rage, Violet

and Edie's twin bond is only intensified. As intelligent young girls with a true gift, their determination to make their place in the world drives them to be an unbreakable force.

Amanda Glaze delivers a story that delicately unfolds around its readers like a low-lying fog. Before they know it, readers will be completely emersed in the time period, the story, and the mystery. The author incredibly takes inspiration from her great-grandmother Edie, her twin sister Violet and their time as spiritualists in the nineteenth century. Like a steam locomotive, this story takes its time to build delicately, only to take off a powerful force straight to the end.

Readers will fall in love with a story that dances between the threshold of life and death and the delicate romance intertwining a strong-willed girl and a boy with ink-stained fingers always on a quest for the next big story. A Barnes and Noble book club pick, this story is a beautiful blend of historical fiction, mystery, and a touch of paranormal. ★



Riley Reviews

TV LEGAL THEMES FOR 'FAMILY LAW' AND 'SO HELP ME TODD'

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"FAMILY LAW" ON THE CW

There's something oddly humorous about a dysfunctional family engaged in the practice of family law. That's exactly what happens when attorney Abigail Bianchi (Jewel Staite) ends up unwillingly having to work at her father's firm on a probationary basis.

The new "Family Law" series on the CW network opens with Abigail dozing in her car outside a bar after a night of heavy drinking. It's morning and she wakes up with only minutes to make it to court before her case gets dismissed.

Stumbling into the courtroom where a group of students are filming on their phones, Abigail can barely steady herself before vomiting right into the lap of her startled client. Of course, the student videos go viral and Abigail proves to be toxic.

Apparently not a novice boozier, Abigail is suspended from practicing law and can only redeem her career through a mentorship with a seasoned lawyer. The only person willing to take the assignment is her estranged father Harry Svensson (Victor Garber).

An old-school lawyer, Svensson runs a top family law firm, which also employs Abigail's half-siblings Daniel (Zach Smau) and Lucy (Genelle Williams), the firm's psychologist. That Abigail had never met her half-siblings before adds to tension at the office.

Harry walked out on Abigail's mom Joanne (Lauren Holly) when their daughter was only seven, and fathered two more children that Joanne refers to as the "rainbow-colored siblings."

As the oldest of the three Svensson offspring, Abigail is rather condescending to Daniel and Lucy, belittling their accomplishments and status as a coping mechanism for her low standing in the office.

Eager to jump into a case, Abigail is almost certain to run afoul of her father's condition that she stick to menial office tasks and not make waves or interject herself into litigation.

Before the first episode lays bare all the family dysfunctions, Abigail plunges into the case of a teenager desperate to find her biological father who was a sperm donor found on Craigslist.

The unaware father turns out to be a successful developer who ends up being sued for 13 years of child support, and during the trial Abigail veers off into a tangential diatribe against her own "lousy parent, an emotionally stunted and unavailable human being."

Abigail has other issues to deal with, namely that her husband Frank (Luke Camilleri) tossed her out of the house, and

her teenage daughter Sofia (Eden Summer Gilmore) remains aloof while younger son Nico (Brenden Sunderland) is more forgiving.

Since "Family Law" is a pickup of a Canadian series that's been announced for a third season, we'll see if it has staying power with an American audience.

"SO HELP ME TODD" ON CBS

The CBS network has an affinity for procedurals, and "So Help Me Todd" might fit into that category if it could figure out whether it is a detective drama or a comedy about a dysfunctional family relationship.

Show creator and executive producer Scott Prendergast informed critics during the summer press tour that the show is based on his own true story about his mother's husband disappearing and how he helped find him.

That personal inspiration is the foundation for the first episode in which Marcia Gay Harden's Margaret Wright, a lawyer in a Portland firm, enlists the help of her wayward son Todd (Skylar Astin) to track down her missing spouse (Mark Moses).

Todd is first seen in a supermarket stalking a single mom suspected of insurance fraud on a phony disability claim. He's relegated to this grind after losing his private investigator license for illegal surveillance work.

Even worse, he's living in his sister's (Madeline Wise) garage, and his mother Margaret thinks it's time that her errant son needs to get his professional life back on track.

There may be doubts about Todd doing investigative work for a law firm, but he soon proves his worth in unorthodox ways beyond locating a vanishing spouse.

At the firm, Todd is reconnected with old flame Susan (Inga Schlingmann), now engaged with a huge rock on her finger. He's also sparring with overbearing researcher Lyle (Tristen J. Winger) who is more uptight than Tony Randall ever was as Felix Unger in "The Odd Couple."

According to Scott Prendergast, his main inspiration was the quirky private detective agency in "Moonlighting," and he counts his new series as a throwback to classic procedurals like "Hart to Hart" and "Remington Steele."

Like others in the genre, "So Help Me Todd" has a new case every week, with plenty of red herrings and twists, and the end of each episode brings a big resolution, and Todd will be goofy at times and skate close to the edge.

Above all else, "So Help Me Todd" is a show with a light touch wrapped into a series of mysteries that work best because Marcia Gay Harden and Skylar Astin are a great team thoroughly invested in the humor and frustration of the generational divide. ★



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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #FCS058803
Isaac Samuel Webb filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Isaac Samuel Webb to Isaac Samuel Sharp.
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. November 30, 2022, 8:30 a.m. Department 12, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: October 7, 2022
Publish: Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2022
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #FCS058802
Bethany Marie Lamb filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bethany Marie Lamb to Bethany Marie Sharp.
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. December 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Stephen Gizzi
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-007, adding Chapter 4.10, Funding Agreements, to Title 4, Revenue and Finance, of the Dixon Municipal Code to Establish Procedures and Requirements for Agreements Related to Development Project Costs in the City of Dixon

The ordinance establishes requirements and procedures for funding agreements related to development project costs within the City ("Ordinance"). Under the Ordinance, the City would be able to require land use development applicants to deposit funds with the City to be used for application processing and other costs associated with the project, subject to the terms and conditions contained in an agreement, referred to in the Ordinance as a funding agreement. This Ordinance will allow the City, through a funding agreement, to require land use development applicants to deposit additional funds when the deposited funds fall below seventy-five percent (75%) of the previously deposited amount. Where a developer fails to deposit additional funds once the deposited amount has fallen below eighty-five percent (85%) of the previously deposited amount, after providing notice and a time to cure the insufficient fund balance, the Ordinance allows the City to deem the project abandoned, cease all work, and return any remaining deposited funds to the land use development applicant. Upon completion of the City services associated with the development application, any remaining funds on deposit with the City would be promptly returned to the land use development project applicant.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 18th day of October 2022, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 1st day of November 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ernest, Hendershot, Johnson, Pederson, Bird
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.

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - First Northern Community Bancorp (the “Company”, OTCQB: FNRN), holding company for First Northern Bank (“First Northern” or the “Bank”), today reported net income of \$11.2 million, or \$0.80 per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, up 1.5% compared to net income of \$11.0 million, or \$0.77 per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2021.

Net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 was \$4.6 million, or \$0.33 per diluted share, up 1.3% compared to net income of \$4.5 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2021.

Provision for loan loss totaled \$300,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to a reversal of provision for loan losses of \$1,800,000 for the same period in 2021. Provision for loan loss totaled \$900,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to a reversal of provision for loan losses of \$1,500,000 for the same period in 2021. The current period provision for loan loss is primarily due to current year loan growth. The prior period reversal of provision for loan losses was primarily due to a decrease in specific reserves on loans to one borrower.

Total assets as of September 30, 2022 were \$1.93 billion, an increase of \$8.2 million, or 0.4%, compared to September 30, 2021. Total deposits as of September 30, 2022 were \$1.80

billion, an increase of \$49.9 million, or 2.9%, compared to September 30, 2021. Total net loans (including loans totaling \$0.5 million made under the SBA’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)) as of September 30, 2022 were \$971.2 million, an increase of \$145.6 million, or 17.6%, compared to total net loans (including loans held-for-sale and loans totaling \$72.0 million made under the SBA’s PPP) of \$825.6 million as of September 30, 2021. The increase in net loans was primarily driven by originations of commercial real estate, agriculture, and residential mortgage loans, which was partially offset by payoffs, and the forgiveness and SBA reimbursement on loans made under the SBA’s PPP.

Excluding PPP loans, net loan growth as of September 30, 2022 was \$217.10 million, or 28.8%, compared to September 30, 2021. The Company continued to be “well capitalized” under regulatory definitions, exceeding the 10% total risk-based capital ratio threshold as of September 30, 2022.

Commenting on the Company’s financial results, President & Chief Executive Officer Louise Walker stated, “We remain focused on executing our strategic initiatives and are closely monitoring risks related to the continued impact of high inflation on both consumer and business clients. Given our strong capital, consistent earnings, solid credit portfolio and excellent liquidity, we believe that we are well positioned to help our clients navigate the challenging economic environment.” ★

Follow-up to Handgun on the John Knight Campus

Office of DUSD Superintendent, Brian Dolan

As widely reported in the community, a 13-year-old student was found in possession of a semi-automatic pistol and multiple magazines on the JKMS campus during the school day on Monday, October 31st. The student and backpack that the weapon was in were quietly removed from a classroom by administrative staff without incident, and a team of officers from the Dixon Police Department arrived on site to lead the investigation into the incident and arrest the student. The campus was placed into a lockdown as a precautionary measure while police and school staff ensured that the incident was an isolated one. Regular operations were restored within 50 minutes of the lockdown being initiated.

The remainder of the day Monday, and the entire day Tuesday, was devoted to investigating the situation, which was done jointly by Dixon PD and school administrative staff. More than a dozen students were interviewed, security camera video was reviewed, and other investigative measures were taken. The purpose of this message is not to summarize the outcome of the investigation as much as it is to describe to you what happened among other students who were on campus on Monday. We want to explain to you how the actions of many students created a much more dangerous situation on campus, and how we need to work together in the future to prevent this from happening again.

To restate the incident, we had one student bring a gun to campus on Monday, and the situation was made more dangerous by many other students, none of whom (to the best of our knowledge), ever possessed it. Clearly, the presence of the gun on campus was the single most dangerous aspect of the day and was the responsibility of the student who brought it with them. The danger of the gun was intensified by the fact that students became aware of it prior to the start of school - yet not a single student reported its presence until more than two-and-a-half hours later.

The investigation conducted on the site yesterday revealed that the student who brought the gun showed it to approximately twenty other students on the blacktop on the east side of campus before school between 8:15 and 8:30 A.M. We watched the video of the primary incident in which the gun was shown, and had numerous students confirm that the student withdrew the gun from their backpack and showed it to others. Following the showing of the gun, all of the students who had seen it went to their 1st period classes as usual. And to their 2nd. And to their 3rd.

We know how things happen with kids. That initial group of students who saw the gun instantly messaged their friends what they had seen and named the student who had. This second layer of students who were told about the gun but did not see it also went to their 1st period classes as usual. And their 2nd. And 3rd.

Not a single student - and by this time we believe that many dozens had at least heard about the gun - said a single word to any adult on campus. Restated, a student with a gun was able to easily move about campus for more than two-and-a-half hours because not one of the dozens of students who had seen or heard a report about the gun felt comfortable enough to say something to an adult.

Finally, during 3rd period, a student who had seen the gun before school and had a second contact with the student, texted their mother to report it and asked to be picked up to go home. That mother went to school

and reported it to the office. That contact, along with a message from a teacher to the administration, led to the student with the gun having their backpack taken and being escorted out of class. Again, this happened more than two-and-a-half hours after the gun was first shown to other students.

Following mass shootings at schools in the country - and what a horrible phrase that is to have to write - an element of the investigations is always the timeline of who knew what and when, relative to when the gunman began to open fire. Should the unthinkable have happened at JKMS on Monday, we would be additionally distraught and angry because students knew about the gun early in the day but did not report it to anyone. We would be asking why just one student couldn’t have done the right thing by speaking with an adult right away.

There is no intent here to bash our middle school students for not reporting the gun on Monday. We desperately wish that they had, but also know that our students are between 11 and 14 years-old, overwhelmingly inexperienced with observing weapons of any kind on campus, and subject to intense social pressures about what they say to whom, and how their standing amongst their peers might be affected by reporting something at school. As proven on Monday, students are not comfortable reporting a dangerous situation to school staff, unintentionally adding to the danger that they are in. Realistically, many adults would have made the same decision if they were in the same situation.

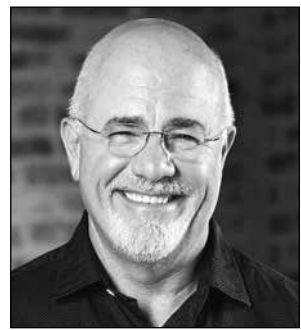
As we heard from some students in interviews yesterday, they simply did not know how to do what they knew the right thing to do was after learning about the gun.

We asked the students we spoke to about why they did not tell anyone about the gun, and very few could find the words to explain it to us. They could recognize that they should have said something and that people could have died because they didn’t, but could not explain why they didn’t speak up.

We - and the pronoun in this use includes those of us who work in the schools and all of the families that send their children to us every day - have to do more to help our young people understand why they have to speak up when they see or hear something. Intentional discussion and teaching at both home and school is called for. This document should be the basis for a conversation between our students and their families in every home in the District today. Each of our school sites will be tasked with addressing why and how students can report dangers in age appropriate ways with their students in the coming days.

Dixon, or any of our schools, could easily join the list of schools and communities devastated by mass shootings that we have come to know too well over these last decades. Sadly, this is true for every community and school in the country. Safety measures such as school resource officers, locked doors, controlled entries, video cameras, etc. are important steps to take in preventing incidents. Incident after incident, however, shows that having an environment where people share information, learn about and teach best safety practices, and readily report suspicious and concerning individuals and situations is what provides the highest degrees of safety.

Safe schools exist because everyone involved in them - students, staff, families, and community - commit to having them. One of the most important components of this is the simple statement that we wish would have been followed on Monday, and always; if you see something, say something. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

truth. Sit down with him, and have a friendly – but real – conversation where you let him know you’re working hard to get out of debt [2] and don’t have any cash to spare. Explain that you’ve decided being in debt is dumb, you want a better life and that you don’t plan to borrow or loan money anymore.

You’ve got to look at the big picture in situations like this. You’re not helping someone if you participate in their misbehavior with them.

Sometimes, especially when it comes to family, you have to love someone enough to tell them the truth. And in some cases, that can mean saying no and telling them to grow up and get their act together.

You’re not responsible for your brother’s reaction to all this, James, but you can control your words and use them in a caring

manner. Do this with a kind spirit, and remember we all make mistakes. He may take it well, or not so well. But you’re not really helping someone who’s immature or irresponsible with money when you give them cash. At that point, you’re an enabler. It’s like giving a drunk a drink.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Remember, Everyone Makes Mistakes

Dear Dave,

I am on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and I am about four months away from being debt-free. My younger brother is a good person, but he is very careless with his finances. He is always asking to borrow money from me.

I don’t want to be mean or damage our relationship, but what is the best way to respond to a sibling who continually asks for money?

– James

Dear James,

Honesty is always a good thing. If I were in your shoes, I’d just tell him the



Cotton plantings increase in California, led by demand for pima cotton

Despite water shortages, California farmers planted 17% more acres of cotton this year. Out of 131,801 acres planted, 113,858 were for pima cotton. Pima plantings increased by 20%, while upland cotton climbed by 11%. Farmers planting new acreage remain optimistic about the market outlook, even as global prices have softened since record highs for cotton earlier this year. California grows most of the nation’s pima cotton supply, with Fresno County the center for pima cultivation.

Napa, Sonoma winegrape growers turn to higher trellis to beat heat


Winegrape growers in Napa and Sonoma have tried various methods to mitigate effects of heat on their crop. Recently, a handful of Sonoma County farmers started growing cabernet sauvignon grapes on high-wire trellises. The system, more common to the Central Valley, shades grape clusters with vine leaves. Now researchers at the University of California, Davis and California State University, Fresno say the technique may result in dramatically less sun damage to winegrapes, particularly during heat waves.


Madera farmers protest at Capitol over water supply cuts

Frustrated farmers from Madera County and nearby areas recently marched on the California Capitol, protesting water cuts to San Joaquin Valley farms. Many of the protesting farmers rely on groundwater supplies, which have become increasingly depleted as state and federal water officials have cut off surface water deliveries to the region. Meanwhile, water tensions have mounted locally after the Madera County Board of Supervisors approved a \$100 per-acre-foot penalty for farmers who pump more than their groundwater allocation next year.

CFDA seeks to create research grant program for curbing dairy, livestock emissions

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is seeking to create a new program that will award a total of \$10 million in research grants for projects that may reduce methane emissions from dairy and livestock operations in the state. The CFDA is currently seeking public comments on its request for proposals for a new California livestock methane mitigation and research program. More information is available on the CDFA website. ★





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Pelosi Neighbor Says Security Alarm Didn't Sound at Time of Hammer Attack

DARLENE MCCORMICK SANCHEZ

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—A neighbor living across the street from the home of Nancy and Paul Pelosi was awake when the House speaker's husband was assaulted but didn't hear an alarm or anything unusual.

"No, not a thing, and you know we were awake at that hour in the morning; my husband was awake. We didn't even hear sirens," neighbor Sally McNulty told The Epoch Times.

McNulty, who has lived in the neighborhood for 20 years, said everything was quiet around the time of the 2 a.m. attack on Oct. 28.

"This is one of the quietest streets in the city," she said. "You can hear a pin drop at night."

McNulty said she doesn't recall ever hearing the Pelosis' alarm go off in the past, though she has occasionally heard others in the neighborhood.

She said that Paul Pelosi had no enemies she knew of and was well-liked.

"He's a lovely guy, very popular and nice," she said. "I can't imagine anyone having animosity towards Paul Pelosi."

The neighbor, who was out for a walk, said he knew "just what everybody else knows."

Other neighbors declined to comment.

Questions remain about the lack of an alarm or security at the Pelosi home at the time of the attack. Cameras are visible at the front and side of the brick residence from the street.

The U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) in Washington actively monitors the speaker's home only when she is there, according to a statement by USCP issued on Nov. 2 after questions arose about the cameras.

The speaker was in Washington on the morning of the attack. The cameras at her home "were not actively monitored as they



DARLENE SANCHEZ FOR THE EPOCH TIMES

▲ **Two black SUVs with U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's security detail wait outside her San Francisco home on Nov. 2, 2022.**

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Sally McNulty, resident

are when the Speaker is at the residence," the statement said.

"The Command Center personnel noticed the police activity on the screen and used the feeds to monitor the response and assist investigators."

Marjorie Campbell, a former neighbor of the Pelosis for 10 years, told the Daily Mail she recalled fleets of black SUVs surrounding the house around the clock when she stayed there.

Everyone in the neighborhood has alarms on their windows, and if glass were smashed, an alarm would sound, she told the publication. Campbell recalled her computers getting scrambled by alleged security measures to protect the congresswoman.

Nancy Pelosi was at her Pacific Heights home, the site of the attack, on Nov. 2 while several dark SUVs were parked outside. Capitol Police were present, too, as were multiple San Francisco Police Department cars.

Paul Pelosi had surgery to address a skull fracture and other injuries at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, after 42-year-old

David DePape allegedly fractured his skull with a hammer on Oct. 28.

DePape pleaded not guilty to an attempted murder charge during a brief appearance in San Francisco Superior Court on Nov. 1.

According to San Francisco Assistant District Attorney Allison Garbutt Macbeth, DePape smashed his body through a window to break into the Pelosis' home while carrying a hammer and several plastic zip ties. After breaking in, he allegedly confronted Paul Pelosi at his bedside at around 2 a.m. and began asking for the whereabouts of the congresswoman.

According to court documents filed on Nov. 1 by the office of San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, DePape was on a "suicide mission." The court filing was first obtained by The New York Times.

DePape was ordered held without bail. His next court hearing is scheduled for Nov. 4.

The defendant allegedly forced his way into the Pelosi home, intending to take the person second-in-line to the presidency of the United States as a hostage and

seriously harm her.

Although the speaker wasn't home, the defendant "continued on his quest and would not be stopped, culminating in the near-fatal attack on Mr. Pelosi," the court filing said.

DePape told medics and officers at the scene that he was "sick of the insane [expletive] level of lies coming out of Washington, D.C.," according to the court filing.

"I didn't really want to hurt him, but you know this was a suicide mission," DePape allegedly said. "I'm not going to stand here and do nothing even if it cost me my life."

DePape allegedly "named several targets," including a local professor, prominent state and federal politicians, and their relatives.

The defendant allegedly told the police he intended to hold the speaker hostage, interrogate her, and "break her kneecaps" if she lied to him.

DePape allegedly said, "they are all corrupt" and "we've got to take them all out."

Paul Pelosi reportedly called 911 from a bathroom. But before the police arrived, he "reached out and put his hand" on the hammer.

Two police officers arrived and saw that the men each had a hand on the hammer. One of the officers reportedly ordered DePape to drop it, but he allegedly didn't comply.

DePape then allegedly wrestled the hammer away from Pelosi, stepped back, and lunged at him, "striking Mr. Pelosi in the head at full force with the hammer."

The court filing said that the officers rushed into the house, tackled the defendant, and disarmed him.

"Mr. Pelosi remained unresponsive for about three minutes, waking up in a pool of his own blood."

Police allegedly found another hammer, a laptop, and more zip ties in DePape's backpack.

Frank Fang contributed to this report.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Orders Undated, Wrongly Dated Ballots to Not Be Counted

MIMI NGUYEN LY

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered counties to not count any ballots that are in undated or incorrectly dated envelopes in the upcoming Nov. 8 elections, siding with national and state Republican groups in a lawsuit filed just over two weeks ago.

"The Pennsylvania county boards of elections are hereby ORDERED to refrain from counting any absentee and mail-in ballots received for the November 8, 2022 general election that are contained in undated or incorrectly dated outer envelopes," the court said in its order.

It added, "We hereby DIRECT that the Pennsylvania county boards of elections segregate and preserve any ballots contained in undated or incorrectly dated outer envelopes."

Court justices were split 3-3 on whether not counting these ballots would violate 52 US Code section 10101 (a)(2)(B), a voting provision under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The provision states that "no person acting under color of law shall deny the right of any individual to vote in any election because of an error or omission on any record or paper relating to any application, registration, or other act requisite to voting, if such error or omission is not material in determining whether such individual is qualified under

State law to vote in such election."

Chief Justice Debra Todd, and Justices Christine Donohue and David Wecht—all Democrats—would find a violation of federal law if ballots were thrown out based on requiring a date, the court order states. Meanwhile, Justice Kevin Dougherty, a Democrat, and Justices Sallie Updyke Mundy and Kevin Brobson, both Republicans, would not find a violation of federal law. The court is down one member after Chief Justice Max Baer died in September.

The court said that opinions for the decision are "to follow."

Republicans Sought Expedited Review

The latest court decision comes after the Republican National Committee (RNC), the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), and the Republican Party of Pennsylvania in October joined in filing a lawsuit to block undated mail-in ballots and absentee ballots from being counted, even if they are received on time.

In a petition, the group asked for an expedited review, which requires the court to use its special power to bypass the lower courts in taking up the case. On Oct. 21, the court granted the request, a move that suggested it regards the matter as urgent and important.

Pennsylvania Department of

Pennsylvania state law requires that voters handwrite a date on the outer envelope when they send in mail ballots.



ED JONES/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

A voter casts their ballot at a drop box outside Philadelphia city hall on Oct. 24, 2022.

State officials argued that state law between 1945 to 1968 had directed counties to set aside mail-in ballots when the date on the envelope was later than the election day. But in 1968, the state law was changed, resulting in the deletion of a section in the law that required counties to set aside ballots based on the date on the return envelope, the officials noted.

Republicans asked the justices to rule on the language of Pennsylvania's law, which states that an absentee or mail-in voter "shall ... fill out, date and sign the declaration" printed on the outer envelope of the ballot. They asked the court that if it doesn't order counties to throw out the undated or incorrectly dated ballots, then it should at least order counties to segregate the ballots.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the individual petitioners from the case due to lack of standing, while determining that the RNC, NRCC, and the Pennsylvania GOP have standing.

Prior to the latest legal fight, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled in May that having dates on the return envelope is not mandatory, and that mail-in ballots without the date had to be counted in a 2021 Pennsylvania judge race.

The ruling was welcomed by Democrats, including the Pennsylvania Department of State under the administration of Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat. It immediately adjusted its nonbinding guidance to say that counties should count undated ballots.

But the U.S. Supreme Court in October vacated the decision by the appeals court, and dismissed the case as moot.

Pennsylvania state law requires that voters handwrite a date on the outer envelope when they send in mail ballots. However, the date that's handwritten on the envelope is not used to verify whether a ballot has been received on time for the election, because the ballots are supposed to be time-stamped when they arrive at county offices.

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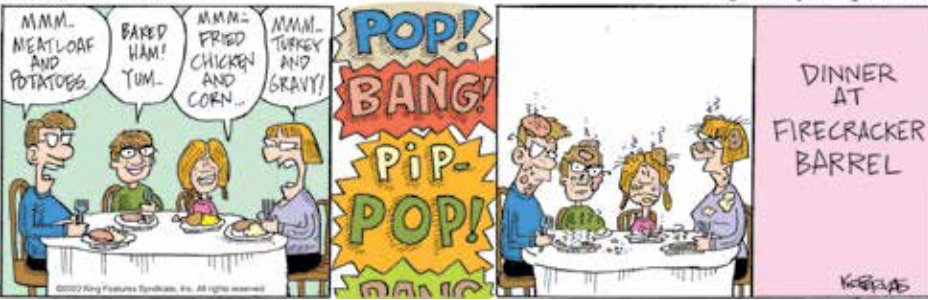
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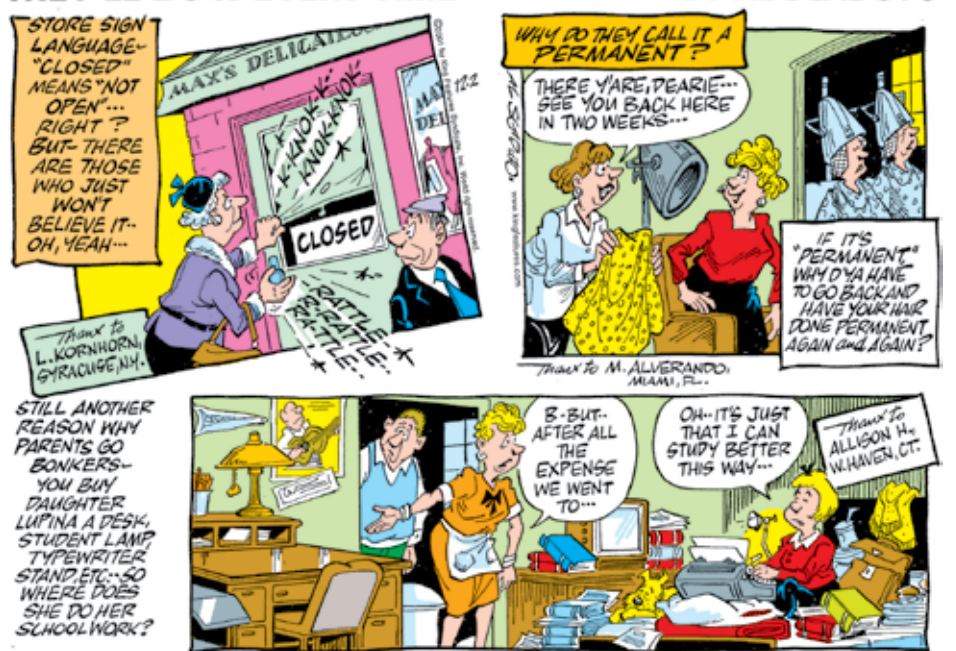
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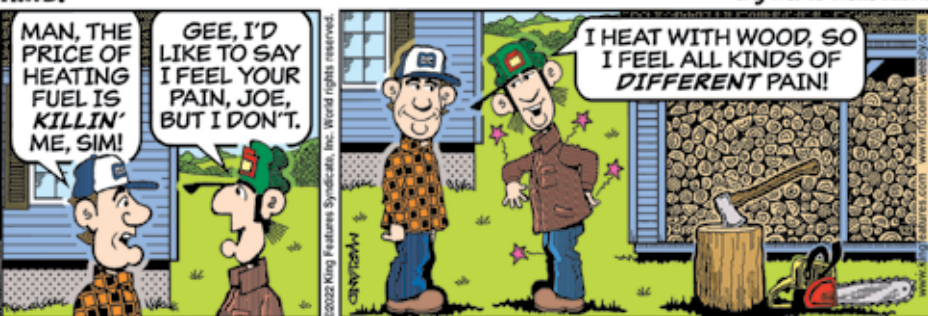
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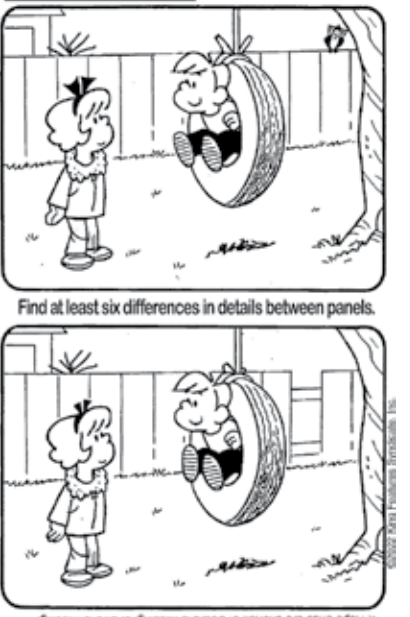
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Rams Begin Playoffs with Win against Foothill



Dixon senior running back Braden Baumbach makes a cut towards the right sideline during a 24-6 win against Florin in the first round of the 2022 Division V CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Football Playoffs on Friday, November 5 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon junior wide receiver Jordan Sengmany runs up field after making a catch during a 24-6 win against Florin in the first round of the 2022 Division V CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Football Playoffs on Friday, November 5 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon senior kicker Luis Torres kicks an extra point during a 24-6 win against Florin in the first round of the 2022 Division V CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Football Playoffs on Friday, November 5 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon senior quarterback Jett Harris sprints for a first down during a 24-6 win against Florin in the first round of the 2022 Division V CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Football Playoffs on Friday, November 5 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By **Shaun Holkko**,
sports editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) -The Dixon varsity football team bounced back this week with a 24-6 win against Foothill in the first round of the 2022 Division V CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Football Playoffs.

The No. 6 seed Rams (9-2) were coming off a 41-14 loss at Casa Roble in the Golden Empire

League Championship game on October 28 in Orangevale. Foothill (6-5) entered the playoffs as the No. 11 seed.

Dixon led 17-0 at halftime and never looked back. Foothill scored its lone points of the game in the third quarter. The Rams added a touchdown in the fourth quarter and ultimately won by 18 points.

"That senior class can achieve anything it wants to if it can bring everybody with them,"

Dixon coach Wes Bessighini told the Independent Voice following the loss at Casa Roble.

The Class of 2023 showed out for their head coach on Friday night. Senior quarterback Jett Harris completed 15-of-25 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns. Harris also rushed four times for 26 yards.

Senior running back Braden Baumbach bruised his way to 22 carries for 129 yards and a

touchdown, averaging nearly six yards a rush. Senior wide receiver Luis Torres caught six passes and racked up 138 total yards receiving.

Junior wide receiver Leo Iglesias represented the Class of 2024 with two receptions for 25 yards and a touchdown. Iglesias and senior free safety Brent Green each had an interception on defense.

Torres and senior cornerback

Tristan Sanchez led the way with a team-high seven tackles each. Seniors, middle linebacker Matthew Whitaker and defensive tackle Seyyid Smith, followed closely behind with six, respectively. Whitaker had 2.5 tackles for loss and Smith had 1.5.

Dixon will now travel to Galt to play No. 3 seed Liberty Ranch (10-0) in the quarterfinals of the D5 section playoffs on Friday night at 7 p.m. ★

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