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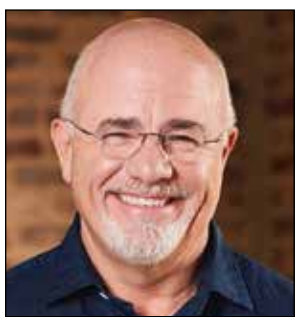
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Student Test Scores Plunge



State test results show California students overall performed much worse in math and English language arts than pre-pandemic. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

By Joe Hong And Erica Yee, CALMatters.org

California's Education Department released student test scores showing a statewide decline that nearly wiped out the academic progress made since the state overhauled how it funds education in 2014.

The gist of the scores, the most extensive measure so far of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on student achievement: The percentage of California students meeting state math standards plummeted 7 percentage points to 33%, and the percentage meeting English language standards dropped 4 percentage points, to 47%.

Some scores for students of color and those from low-income households dropped less dramatically than their counterparts, an indication that the state's funding formula, which

sends more money to high-needs districts, worked to soften the blow of two years of disrupted learning.

As if to prove that pandemic learning loss is not just a California problem, officials released the state data to the public on the same day that results of a different test, nicknamed the Nation's Report Card, revealed an unprecedented score dive among a sampling of students nationwide.

Gov. Gavin Newsom swiftly issued a press release headlined "California outperforms most states in minimizing learning loss...." Various state officials credited the state's investments in summer school and other recovery efforts for minimizing the blow to pupils. Yet the national test, in contradiction to the state test, indicated that the achievement gap among students of color widened in California.

"California focused on keeping kids safe during the pandemic," Newsom said in a statement, "while making record investments to mitigate learning loss and transforming our education system."

The test upon which the Nation's Report Card is based is older and was given to only about 4,000 California students, while the state's Smarter Balanced tests are administered every spring to virtually all Californians in grades three through eight and grade eleven. The states set those tests, prompting some criticism that they encourage "teaching to the test". The goal of those Smarter Balanced tests: to measure how well students have mastered the state's Common Core standards.

The initial reluctance of state officials to promptly share the Smarter Balanced test data raised questions

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Sacramento Locals Prepare For Baseball's Biggest Stage



Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Rhys Hoskins celebrates while playing for Sacramento State. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Despite the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics missing the playoffs this season, Sacramentans still have a lot to look forward to with the 2022 World Series beginning this Friday, October 28.

Three Sacramento-area locals will be participating in this year's Fall Classic, with two on the field and one in the dugout. Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Rhys Hoskins stands on one side representing the 916. On the other side stands utility player Mauricio Dubón and manager Dusty Baker for the Houston Astros.

Hoskins has played for the Phillies his entire career since being drafted in the fifth round of the 2014 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft out of Sacramento State. Before becoming a Hornet, Hoskins played locally at Jesuit High School in Carmichael. This is Hoskins' first playoffs and World Series appearances as Philadelphia snapped an 11-year postseason drought this year.

Baker is back for more after reaching the World Series with Houston last year. After playing 19 years in the big leagues, Baker is in his 25th year as an MLB manager. He led the Giants to the World Series in 2002 and now the Astros to back-to-back appearances in 2021 and 2022.

Baker holds the record for most wins among managers who have yet to win a World Series. He went to Del Campo High School in Fair Oaks and still has a Sacramento residence to this day. His son, Darren, played at Jesuit until 2017 and was drafted by the Washington Nationals in the 10th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

Dubón has had two stints in Sacramento, both as an amateur and as a professional. After growing up in Honduras, Dubón moved to Sacramento as a 15-year-old to play baseball at Capital Christian High School in

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Recology Raises Rates, Adds Services

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the July City Council Meeting, the City of Dixon and Recology reported on its review of the city's contract extending it ten years, increasing rates due to inflation, and providing new options available for residents that we would hear more about in our October bills but that hasn't happened yet.

Recology Manager Scott Pardini told the council that citizens would be educated with regard to what should be put in each toter via information in their bill, door hangers, and updates on Recology's website. He also told the council that they will be offering smaller gray toters and senior discounts. As of Recology's October billing, no information was included. Fortunately, those who attended the Council meeting and took note are spreading the



Long shadows defy the true size differences in the new, smaller toters that are now available through Recology and are ideal for seniors.

word. "I got one and it's so cute," said Mary Ann Pothier with a chuckle. "I was delighted because the rates were going to be \$97 every three months and with my senior discount, it will only be \$71." Pothier explained she doesn't have a lot of garbage because of the way she shops.

"I buy a lot of fresh produce and what I buy, I eat," she said.

Like in the past, every household will have a grey toter, a green toter, and a

blue toter. The blue toter is for recycling materials like paper, bottles, cans, aluminum, and most plastics but no plastic bags. The grey toter is for 'garbage' such as anything unrecyclable and non-compostable. That could include materials such as thin plastic bags and plastic wrap, cat litter, ceramics, and broken glass. The green toter is for grass clippings, tree and shrub prunings, branches, leaves, fruit, bread, and vegetables. Interestingly, compostable bags are not

acceptable and citizens are to simply place food waste on top of any yard clipping or trimmings in their green toter.

The Dixon Recology's website does show that there are new services available for residential customers including senior rates, 32-gallon carts, and a free 2023 landfill pass but no details as to how you can request these.

Doing our research and talking to frustrated citizens who spent extended

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By Debra Dingman

The gorgeous fall season arrived and the traditional delivery of a truckload of pumpkins and gourds arrived at the office ready for us to disperse throughout downtown for decorating and in time for a fun BeerFest. Sadly, I was not able to share in the tasks.

I spent a day contacting friends and family canceling our long-planned-for 25th wedding anniversary celebration after learning my brother was in his last hours. I knew it was the right thing to do to fly over to be with my sister-in-law who has been one of my best friends for 50 years. I hate flying. I hate driving in strange territory. But, sometimes you just have to do it anyway.

Fortunately, God never leaves me. He knows my every fear and saves me. I was put toward the front of the plane between a giant hulk of a man sleeping against the window and a courteous, friendly man on the aisle seat.

He was a young engineer-type professional the same age as my oldest son who seemed to enjoy talking and sharing about his work and family—even whipping out his phone to show me pictures. When we departed, I discovered he lives in the same city as my son. I never had a chance to think about flying or feel an uptick in my heart rate.

Additionally, I followed the signs in the Denver airport to baggage claim until suddenly there weren't any. I looked everywhere and asked two kind people where it was and traveled on two lengthy walkways plus trams before finally getting the correct location from a janitor. I did, however, manage to get

in 7,000 steps in the process.

I just kept praying and the angels blew me away with the final step of the journey when the Uber driver pulled up in a large black 4 x 4 nothing less than a tank. The vehicle looked freshly waxed and he was clean-shaven. I complimented his driving, and he told me all about when he was in the military; He drove for Generals and he owns his own driving company plus he drives for Uber and Lyft. We visited all the way to my destination.

The newspaper business reminds me of ocean waves. There is always more news. You have to keep on it because if you stop, it all comes washing over you. And, that's what happened this past week when my brother died.

I wore a mask and got on a plane and made it through one day of grieving with my Colorado family when I fell terribly ill. I don't know if it was the altitude sickness that I've fought the past few visits or if I caught something on the plane but for the next several days, I holed away in an upstairs bedroom under the covers feeling every hair follicle hurt. I was no help to anyone.

Finally, I got better but found the grieving experience had not changed from when I first encountered a death in the family as a child: Shock, disbelief, sporadic and uncontrolled crying, and a lot of staring out the window. No matter if it was my grandparents, my parents, a close friend, or a sibling, you can do nothing but stop... and the waves will crash over you. E-mails, texts, and phone messages piled up and I apologize but know there was good reason. ★

California Gets Green Light for EV Charging Network

Caltrans and CEC Joint News Release

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Kings Exercise Team Option on Davion Mitchell

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Kings announced on October 5 the team has exercised its team option for the 2023-24 season on guard Davion Mitchell, according to Kings General Manager Monte McNair.

Selected by the Kings with the ninth overall pick in the 2021 NBA Draft, Mitchell earned 2021-22 NBA Rising

Stars team honors as he averaged 11.5 points and 4.2 assists while shooting .418 percent from the field. Mitchell played in 75 games (19 starts) and averaged 27.7 minutes per game during his rookie campaign.

The Hinesville, Georgia, native finished his first season ranked in the top 10 among all rookies in points (11.5 ppg, 10th), assists (4.2 apg, 5th) and minutes per game (27.7 mpg, 10th). ★

Dixon News Briefs



The house at 910 Sommer Drive owned by Carl Webber received a great decoration treatment for Halloween and invites citizens to enjoy the view. Photo by Nicolas Brown

MPG Staff

Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. you can have all kinds of fun at Dixon High School, 555 College Way. There will be a car show, food, games, prizes, and more. No entry fee.

Church Treats

At least two churches are hosting Trunk or Treats on Halloween night. Living Hope, located at 410 Gateway Drive invites folks to join them for some fun. Decorated trunks will be open to trick-or-treaters from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a well-lit, traffic-free candy stop. The best decorated trunk wins a prize!

Revive Church, located at 955 East A Street is also hosting a Trunk or Treat on Halloween. If you're looking for an alternative to trick or treating, or you want to do something fun before going out that night, come join them for this free event. They will have food, costume contests, some prizes, games and lots more fun.

Parks Masterplan

The City of Dixon is currently in the process of updating the Parks & Recreation Masterplan. The goal of the Masterplan is to develop a collaborative vision for the ways Dixon will implement future recreation facilities and programs that meet the needs of the community. It is a strategic document that studies the existing parks system and recreation programs and identifies a blueprint for the future.

The City is hosting two more workshops to collect input on the Masterplan. "These workshops are a vital part of the public engagement process. The community is encouraged to attend each workshop to learn more about the Masterplan and share their vision for the future of Dixon," said Public Works Director Louren Kotow.

Workshops will be held at the Senior/Multi-Use Center: 201 S. 5th Street from

6 to 8 p.m. on November 9 and December 8. The workshops will build upon each other, and community members are encouraged to attend all if possible. To register for workshops, or learn more about the Masterplan, community members can visit: www.cityofdixon.us/ParksRecreationMasterplan.

Halloween House

Dixonite Carl Webber has done a great job of decorating for Halloween and invites citizens to enjoy the view at 910 Sommer Drive. He says the children will like it and that the lights are only on from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. but longer on Halloween night.

Hall Park

The City will be hosting a volunteer clean-up event on Saturday, November 5 starting at 9 a.m. The event will be held at Hall Park. Please bring plenty of water, gloves, and any tools that you might want to use, as there will be limited tools provided by the City for this landscape and clean-up activity. Please mark your tools so they make it back home with you.

Volunteers can sign up by contacting Linda Babb at (707) 693-2224 or lbabb@cityofdixon.us.

Please complete a volunteer form that will be provided on the day of the event. If you are under 18, please have your parent or guardian complete the form.

Book Sale

The Friendly Bookworm Bookstore run by the Friends of the Dixon Public Library volunteers will host another 'Bag Sale' on November 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 200 North First Street, next door to the library downtown. For cash or check only, patrons may fill a bag with books for only \$5. Note that not all books are included in the sale. Children's books inside are not part of the sale, for example. All proceeds will support the programs at the Dixon Public Library. ★

Three Sacramento Locals Prepare For Baseball's Biggest Stage



Houston Astros utility player Mauricio Dubón swings at a pitch while playing for the Sacramento River Cats. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento River Cats

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Rosemont. He was drafted in the 26th round of the 2013 MLB Draft by the Boston Red Sox. He returned to Sacramento in 2019 to play for the Triple-A affiliate of the Giants, the Sacramento River Cats.

Regardless of who wins, Sacramentans have multiple individuals to root for in this year's Fall Classic. The 2022 World Series begins Friday with the first pitch scheduled for 5:03 p.m. PST. ★



October Young Woman of the Month is Katelynn Shipley

Soroptimist International News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Katelynn Shipley is the daughter of Julie Hutchison and Chris Shipley. She is a senior at Dixon High School. Katelyn has a sister Cheyenne Shipley (24), and three brothers: Coleton Shipley (14), Kaden Hutchison (14), and Theo Rogers (13). She was nominated by her Spanish Teacher, Ligia Martinez.

Ms. Martinez has watched Katelynn excel during three years of Spanish and now in Spanish for Native Speakers Level 1. Katelynn has shown a willingness to step out of her comfort zone to succeed. She is a role model in her class, helping her peers with grace.

Katelynn has worked hard in the classroom and on the volleyball court. She has maintained a 4.25 GPA throughout high school. Volleyball is a passion that Katelyn has participated in throughout high school and Club Solano Volleyball. She is ranked 4th in all of



Katelynn Shipley, Soroptimist Young Woman of the Month, is flanked by her mom, Julie Hutchison and her dad, Chris Shipley. Photo courtesy Soroptimist International

California for volleyball digs.

Katelynn is very proud that the DHS Volleyball team is in 1st place in their league, the first time in many years. Katelynn is President of FFA and has worked hard to develop her leadership skills.

She is also Solano Alameda Section President, AVID Student Council Vice President, and Barnyard Co-President. Katelynn plans to attend a 4-year

university as a pre-med or biology major and to attend med school after earning her bachelor's degree. Her goal is to become a pediatrician or sports medicine physician. And, Katelynn's biggest goal is to one day have a family of her own.

Katelynn is an outstanding young woman. She exemplifies what SI Dixon strives to do, taking action to empower herself and helping her peers to do the same. ★

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about whether elected state schools superintendent Tony Thurmond and others were trying to minimize the impact of bad news landing before voters cast November ballots.

"Democrat policies get an F," Senate GOP leader Scott Wilk of Lancaster declared in a statement. "It is no wonder these scores were kept under lock and key. They are a clear referendum on the failed policies advocated by the governor, legislative leaders, and the state superintendent of public instruction for years – not just during the pandemic. After shuttering schools for the better part of two years, student failure is on steroids."

In spring of 2020, the first year of the pandemic, the state canceled its testing. In 2021, only one in four eligible students took the tests because not all students were back on campuses. In 2022, nearly all eligible students participated, making these results a key data point for understanding widespread pandemic-triggered learning loss in California.

There had been concern that the pandemic would completely undercut California's efforts to close a persistent achievement gap among certain groups of students. The results show that all students and economically disadvantaged students dropped the same 4 percentage points in English language arts, although that leaves economically disadvantaged students lagging their peers, with just 35% meeting standards. The rates for English learners and students with disabilities both dropped less than a single percentage point, from 12.8% to 12.5% and 16% to 15% respectively.

For math, rates for economically disadvantaged students actually dropped slightly less than the average drop for all students, falling 6 percentage points but still resulting in an abysmal 21% meeting standards. English learners went from 13% to 10%. Students with disabilities went from 13% to 11%.

When separated by grade level, third-grade students saw the largest drops in both subjects. In 2019, 48.5% of third graders met English language arts standards. Compare that to 42.2% in 2022, a 6.4 percentage-point decline. For

math, the rate for third graders meeting standards dropped by 6.7 percentage points.

Megan Bacigalupi is the executive director of CA Parent Power, a parent advocacy group that rallied parents to fight for school reopenings earlier in the pandemic. She said these scores aren't just the reckoning for prolonged school closures but a wake-up call for parents. California's test scores were always abysmal, and they couldn't afford to sink any lower, she said.

"We're not a state that's performing well, so for kids to backslide ... We were never in a good place," Bacigalupi said. "What I hope is eye-opening to parents is that, guess what, prior to all this, our kids weren't doing that well."

The Local Control Funding Formula gives additional money to school districts and charter schools for their English learners, foster children and students from low-income households. Districts with high percentages of students who fall into at least one of these student groups get an additional pot of money called a "concentration grant."

The state's funding model also gives districts more control over how they spend their money. Lance Christensen, who's running against incumbent state superintendent Tony Thurmond, said the state needs to play an even smaller role.

"The state has done enough to destroy our kids' education," he said. "I think the state needs fewer education programs and more getting out of the way."

But this surge of funding won't last forever. And the recent increases to state education funding might not be enough to make up for the disappearance of the federal money.

Bacigalupi, the parent advocate, said there's been little explanation to parents when it comes to how districts are spending this money. She said the lack of transparency has been an alarming trend throughout the pandemic, from the rationale behind prolonged school closures, to even the release of these test scores.

"It's a pattern that parents are very aware of when it comes to public education," Bacigalupi said. ★

Recology Raises Rates, Adds Services

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periods of time on hold, we learned that homeowners can easily e-mail Recology at customerservice005@recology.com if they want a smaller toter or apply for a senior discount—both available effective October 1. They need to include an account number and address. If they are over 62 years old and qualify for the senior discount, they can request the discount by including their age in the request.

The new rates are as follows: Residential Services for all three 96-gallon toters are \$32.48 per month. The rate for the smaller toters is \$28.74. The Senior Rate for those age 62+ or disabled for the large 96-gallon toters is \$25.98 per month. The Senior Rate for the smaller, 32-gallon toters is \$22.99.

For hazardous waste, residents may drop off accepted items at the Recology Vacaville Solano Recycling Center every Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ★

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American Pickers Return to Film in California



The American Pickers are coming to California in January 2023 and are looking for leads to explore hidden treasure. Photo courtesy of Cineflix Productions

Cineflix Productions News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The American Pickers are excited to return to California! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in January 2023.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary

items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646) 493-2184.

American Pickers is produced by Cineflix Productions for The History Channel. New episodes air on Mondays at 9pm EST on History. ★

Federal Funding to Help California

DOT News Release

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California water agencies, farmers offer to conserve Colorado River water

Farmers in America's largest growing region for winter vegetables are bracing for cuts in water supplies as anxiety mounts over the 2023 growing season. The Imperial Irrigation District, which delivers water from the Colorado River to farmers in the Imperial Valley, has joined other California water agencies in offering to take less water from the river between 2023 and 2026. Their offer to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is a concession to protect water levels in the drought-impacted river and dangerously shallow Lake Mead.

Hydroponics debate: Can crops raised without soil be organic?

A debate is raging within the organic farming community over whether crops grown in hydroponics systems can be sold as organic. Two recent court rulings backed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's position that foods raised in hydroponic growing systems are eligible for organic certification. Some farmers argue that hydroponic crops cannot be organic because they are not grown in soil. A group of organic farms sued the USDA after officials refused to prohibit organic certification of hydroponic farms.

Comment period extended for proposed organic livestock and poultry standards

The public comment period has been extended on proposed changes to U.S. organic regulations for organic livestock and poultry production. A proposed rule, published Aug. 9, clarifies living conditions, healthcare, transportation and slaughter practices. Recommended changes would also establish indoor and outdoor space requirements and stocking-density limits for poultry. The USDA has extended the deadline for comments from farmers and the public to Nov. 10.

Climate-smart farmers in California win grant awards from USDA

Twenty California projects have received grants under the first pool of \$2.8 billion in funding from the USDA's Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities program. The grants support efforts such as manure management to reduce methane emissions, regenerative farming practices for almonds and data collection for developing a national soil inventory. California grant recipients recently discussed individual climate-smart programs in a meeting of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture. ★

Yolo and Solano County FSCs Seek Licensed Contractors for Resident Resources List

FSC News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The Yolo County Fire Safe Council (FSC), coordinated by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD), and the Solano County FSC, coordinated by the Solano RCD, are developing a bi-county online resource directory for residents to easily access local licensed contractors and consultants who provide services relating to wildfire protection and preparedness.

Yolo County FSC is currently requesting qualifications information from all interested businesses

that provide home retrofitting and wildfire fuels reduction services to residents in Yolo and Solano counties.

Home retrofitting work includes services such as gutter cleaning, vent blocking, zone cleaning, window replacement, home siding replacement, roofing replacement, deck board replacement, garage retrofitting, chimney retrofitting (metal step flashing installation), installation of noncombustible fencing, and ember resistant retrofitting.

Wildfire fuels reduction services include services such as defensible space

assessments, arborist consulting, specialty tree work around homes, mowing, limb removal and chipping (or other debris disposal), tree felling, brush removal, chainsaw work, general vegetation management, and clearing.

Credentialed professionals including certified arborists, licensed herbicide applicators, registered professional foresters, licensed contractors and licensed timber operators are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration of inclusion in the directory by filling out this Google Form: www.tinyurl.com/yolofiresaferefq. ★





Dixon's Annual "Trick or Treat" & "Trunk or Treat"

FRIDAY, OCT. 28TH

Costumed Children are invited to
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'TRICK OR TREAT' at Businesses

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Riley Reviews

'THE SOUND OF 007' CELEBRATES BOND MUSIC; LIFETIME MOVIES

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The James Bond film franchise celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. Hard to believe that it was so long ago when President Kennedy, an avid fan of Ian Fleming's Bond novels, was in office for the debut in 1962 of "Dr. No," starring Sean Connery.

"The Sound of 007" is an impressive feature documentary on Amazon Prime Video that pulls back the curtain on the remarkable history of six decades of James Bond music.

Viewers are taken on a journey from Sean Connery's "Dr. No" through Daniel Craig's final outing in "No Time to Die." Billie Eilish, who performed the song in Craig's last Bond film, opines that "Bond music is the most iconic thing on the planet."

Over the course of the twenty-five Eon Productions franchise the range of singers has been quite remarkable, and though it is hard to argue that no one did it better than Shirley Bassey.

Dare to listen to Shirley Bassey belt out the theme songs for "Goldfinger" and "Diamonds are Forever" and then try to form a coherent case that she was not the absolutely greatest of them all.

Interestingly, while Bassey was the only person to sing three Bond theme songs, she claims the last one for "Moonraker" did not work, and that she hated it and would not sing it in any of her acts.

A strong runner-up would have to be Paul McCartney, who composed and sang the song "Live and Let Die." McCartney recounts how he read the Ian Fleming novel and wrote the song in the same afternoon.

Sam Mendes, director of "Skyfall" and "Spectre," observes most perfectly that "everyone goes into every Bond movie waiting for the most famous piece of music in film history."

That reference, of course, is to John Barry, who composed the scores for eleven Bond films, as well as re-arranging and performing the iconic "James Bond Theme" in "Dr. No," even though Monty Norman wrote the signature theme song.

Seemingly unrelated to the Bond films is the story about actors Terence Stamp and Michael Caine being roommates, and there was "a little too much female traffic going in and out of the flat, and Caine was tossed out," except Caine had a brief stay at John Barry's apartment.

"No Time to Die" composer Hans Zimmer summed up the appeal of the Bond music, noting that "there's a seductive quality in all the songs."

THRILLER MOVIES ON LIFETIME

Lifetime continues on in late October with its "Ripped from the Headlines"

movies that are thrillers inspired by true events that expose criminal stories or dive into current events.

"Swindler Seduction" features Colton Haynes ("Arrow" and "Teen Wolf") in a dual role of crooked twin brothers who are romantic con artists earning their living off women who they fool and steal from.

When Louisa (Gabrielle Graham) meets handsome and sweet Steve (Colton Haynes) at a bar in Chicago, he seems like the perfect guy – an angel investor and entrepreneur who just sold a company for millions.

Forty-eight blissful, sexy hours and countless lies later, Steve disappears, and Louisa realizes she's been swindled out of thousands of dollars. The police won't help her but after Louisa finds out she's pregnant, she sets out to track down the runaway lover.

She discovers that Steve has an identical twin in Mitch, who is also a con artist. As she digs deeper, Louisa uncovers how women have been hurt by the swindler twins and decides she must fight back.

Using her wits, courage and determination to not be fooled again, Louisa tries to outsmart the evil twins and serve justice for all their jilted and duped victims.

The short-form special "Beyond the Headlines: Swindler Seduction" explores the phenomenon of evil and criminal twins and the environmental and genetic circumstances that can lead twin siblings to a life of crime.

As part of this special, a forensic psychologist deconstructs and analyzes a true crime case of identical twin sisters who turned on each other.

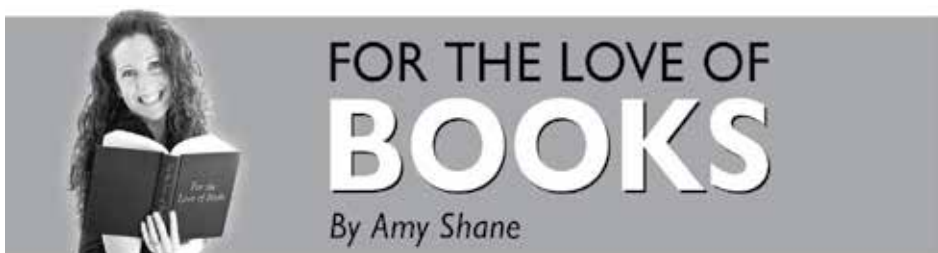
"An Amish Sin" explores the Amish world that has always fascinated outsiders with its insular community and 18th century lifestyle that shuns the temptations of modernity.

But all is not as wholesome as it seems. Inspired by true stories, "An Amish Sin" follows Rachel (Dylan Ratzlaff), an Amish teen who refuses to obey her parents' command that she marry the man who abused her as a child.

When she attempts to run away, Rachel is caught and sent to a "rehab" for Amish girls who don't follow the rules. Managing to escape from the facility, she makes her way to a neighboring city where she has to learn to live and find her place in our world.

Kellie Martin also stars as Rachel's mother Sara and Rukiya Bernard is in the role of Grace, who befriends Rachel when she leaves the Amish community.

"Beyond the Headlines: An Amish Sin" talks to real women who have left the Amish sect, how they got out and what their lives are like today. ★



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This Season's Spooky Reads for Young Adults

Camp Scare

by Delilah S. Dawson, Delacorte Press

Parker thought summer camp would be the perfect escape from school and the bullying. But Parker's nightmare is about to come true when she discovers the mean girl she's trying to escape happens to be in the same cabin. Now, everyone has turned on Parker except for one, Jenny. Jenny seems to understand precisely how Parker feels and quickly becomes the one person she can trust, but then Jenny tells her about what happened in 1988. Now, Parker is determined to uncover the truth and why no one talks about it.

Delilah S. Dawson delivers a great haunting story while tackling something even more terrifying, the horrible loneliness and isolation due to bullying and the lack of support for the victim. *Camp Scare* is a great scary read for the younger audience while also being a gateway to discussion.

Wait Till Helen Comes: A ghost story Graphic Novel

by Mary Downing Hahn, adapted by Scott Peterson, Meredith Laxton, and Russ Badgett, Clarion Books.

Molly and Michael's new step-sister Heather is horrible. Heather doesn't listen, she constantly causes trouble, and she always passes the blame on Molly and Michael. But when they move into a house by an old graveyard, Heather starts to get even weirder, claiming she has made a ghost friend named Helen who is going to come for them. Is Heather causing more trouble, or is there some truth to her threats?

A Graphic Novel Adaptation of the well-known middle-grade novel from the 80s, *Wait Till Helen Comes*, will awaken the nostalgia of adults who read it as children while also being a great introduction to scary stories for reluctant readers.

Dark Room Etiquette

by Robin Roe, Harper Teen

Sayers Wayte has lived a privileged life, and he knows it. He gets everything he has ever wanted and more. But then his world crashes around him when he is kidnapped



and thrown into a windowless dark room. Now he must change his reality to survive. Does Sayers have it in him to fall into the altered world created by his captor while also hanging onto shreds of himself? Or will he lose all resemblance of the boy he once was?

A haunting story of a boy who is captured and slowly loses himself to the darkness. Robin Roe will shatter every ounce of her reader's resolve and leave them guttural crying in the corner. While this is a harrowing story, it also explores trauma and its effects on the mind while allowing the reader to come out of it with a new look on life.

Over my Dead Body

by Sweeney Boo, Harper Alley

When Abby's student pair, Noreen goes missing, she will stop at nothing to find her. Everyone quickly casts her disappearance aside, leaving only Abby to search. As the clues lead her into the woods, Abby uncovers another missing girl from years past, oddly similar to Noreen's.

A witchy graphic novel perfect for fans of the *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*. Beautiful illustrations and a compelling story will keep readers flying through the story, curious about how it will end. ★



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices mentioned below to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Dixon, California, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The nominees are listed below in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

- For Elected City Clerk** (Elected At-Large representing entire City) Full Term of Four Years
1. Kristin Janisch
- For Member of City Council, District 1** Full Term of Four Years
1. Michael Ceremello
2. Jim Ernest
- For Member of City Council, District 2** Full Term of Four Years
1. Thom Bogue
2. Scott Pederson

Measures to be Voted On:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following measure is to be voted on at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Dixon, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Measure D: Dixon Quality of Life/Essential City Services Measure

Shall the measure to maintain Dixon's essential services such as fire prevention; rapid 911 emergency response/neighborhood police patrols; disaster preparedness; crime/gangs/drugs prevention; street/pothole repair; attract/retain local businesses/jobs; and for general government use; by establishing a 1¢ sales tax until ended by voters, providing approximately \$3,100,000 annually, with independent citizen oversight and no money that can be taken by the State, be adopted?	YES
	NO

Information relating to the district boundaries for the City of Dixon Election Districts is available in the Elections section of the City of Dixon website at www.cityofdixon.us.

Notice of Polling Places:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following polling places will be used at the General Municipal Election and will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022:

- C. A. Jacobs Middle School, 200 N. Lincoln Street, Dixon
- Dixon Senior Center, 201 S. Fifth Street, Dixon
- Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First Street, Dixon

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PROJECT: Development Agreement Ordinance - An Ordinance of the City of Dixon adding Chapter 18.32, Development Agreements, to Title 18, Zoning of the Dixon Municipal Code, establishing procedures and requirements for Development Agreements. The Ordinance, if adopted, would: 1) codify the City's procedures and requirements for consideration of development agreements, as allowed under Government Code section 65864 et seq, and 2) provide clarity and certainty in the planning process by establishing procedures for review and approval of a development agreement. The City would be formalizing the process that it already follows related to development agreements, ensuring that land use development applicants and the public are informed of the process.

The Ordinance is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) since it does not have the potential to cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (Pub. Res. Code, § 21065), therefore no CEQA review is required

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 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 **Raffi Bolyan, Community Development Director at (707) 678-7000 x1114** or rbolyan@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 a recommendation to the City Council on the Draft Ordinance. A future City Council meeting will be scheduled and noticed following the Planning Commission's review and recommendation.

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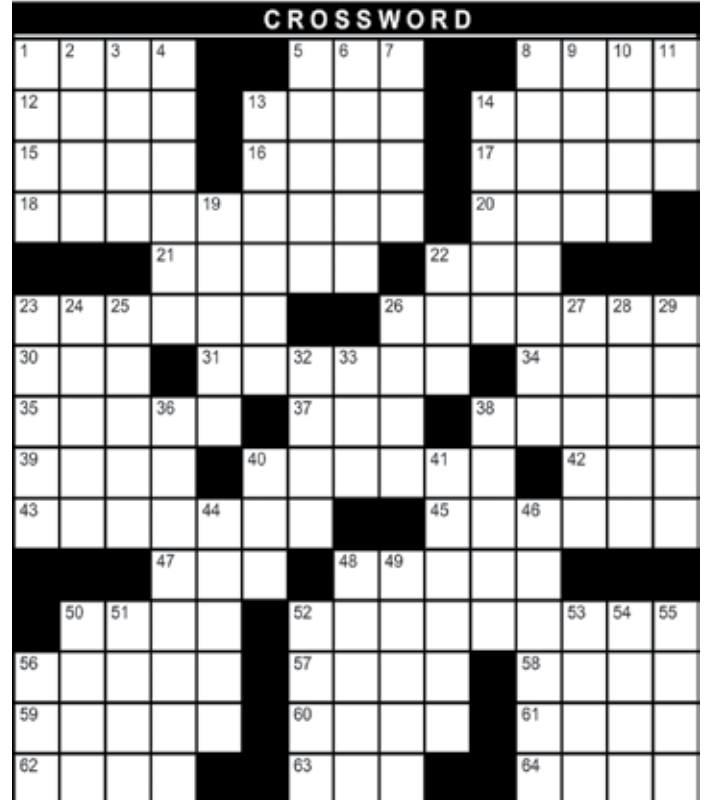
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

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

PROJECT: **Vacant Lot at 200 East Dorset Court (Quick Quack Car Wash)** - Request for a Design Review to construct a new 3,358 sq. ft. carwash, along with a detached 238 sq. ft. "quarterback" building, a 1,705 sq. ft. canopy (east vacuum area), 1,399 sq. ft. canopy (west vacuum area), 537 sq. ft. queuing canopy, and 213 sq. ft. trash enclosure on a vacant 1.6-acre site; APN: 0108-100-080; Zoning District: Highway Commercial (CH); Sarah Lebastchi, owner, Vance Shannon, applicant; File No: PA22-23, DR22-07.

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 Sections 15303 and 15332, [Classes 3 (New Construction) and 32 (In-fill Development)]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

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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: **Vacant Lot at NW Corner of Stratford Ave and North Lincoln St (Quick Quack Car Wash)** - Request for a Design Review to construct of a 3,358 sq. ft. carwash, along with a detached 238 sq. ft. "quarterback" building, a 1,861 sq. ft. vacuum canopy, 350 sq. ft. queuing canopy, and 213 sq. ft. trash enclosure on a vacant 0.99-acre site. ; APN: 0113-364-040; Zoning District: Highway Commercial - Planned Development (CH-PD); Kuldip S. Grewal, owner, Vance Shannon, applicant; File No: PA21-18, DR22-06.

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 Sections 15303 and 15332, [Classes 3 (New Construction) and 32 (In-fill Development)]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 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" 2) via teleconference press *9, or 3) email comments/questions to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001644
The following persons are doing business as: Casimere Events, 1237 Sprig Court, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Tiffany M. Casimere, 1237 Sprig Court, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Date Filed in Solano County: September 23, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 22, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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CASIMERE 10-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001219
The following persons are doing business as: Dawsons Bar & Grill, 105 N. 1st Street, Dixon, CA 95620.
Historic Dawsons Est 1908 LLC, 105 N. 1st Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Date Filed in Solano County: July 15, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 14, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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DAWSONS 10-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001660
The following persons are doing business as: EP Solutions, 4160 Suisun Valley Road, #E, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Michelle Griffin, 960 Topaz Court, Vallejo, CA 94590. Date Filed in Solano County: 9/27/2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 26, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2022
EP 10-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001533
The following persons are doing business as: Zeros, 254 Redstone Circle, Suisun City, CA 94585.
Yasim Butler, 254 Redstone Circle, Suisun City, CA 94585 and Alec Wilson, 191 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590. Date Filed in Solano County: September 2, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 1, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 2022
ZEROS 11-4-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001757

The following persons are doing business as: Flutterfly Teas 'N Treats LLC, 1101 Burton Drive APT 123 Vacaville, CA 95687.
Flutterfly Teas 'N Treats LLC, 1101 Burton Drive APT 123, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date Filed in Solano County: October 17, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 17, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 2022
FLUTTERFLY 11-11-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001699
The following persons are doing business as: Kwik Serv, 2601 Springs Road, Vallejo, CA 94951. Fill & Bytes, Inc. Date Filed in Solano County: October 5, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 3, 2022.
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 5, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 2022
KWIK 11-11-22

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. NO. 22-01370-LC-CA TITLE NO. 2179662 A.P.N. 0113-071-040 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/27/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Ramon Perez and Debra Perez, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 10/28/2016 as Instrument No. 201600096337 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Solano County, CA. Date of Sale: 11/30/2022 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Santa Clara Street Entrance to Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA. 94590 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and street charges: \$257,736.43 Trust Address or other common designation of real property: 422 West F Street Dixon, CA 95620 A.P.N.: 0113-071-040

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 22-01370-LC-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-01370-LC-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 10/11/2022 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Gabriela Sanchez, Trustee Sales Representative
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Veterans and Suicide

Commentary by Scott Knight

Veterans Day, November 11th, is an important day for every American and is intended to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love for their country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. This day of remembrance celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. Communities across the country plan events to honor those who have served and are currently serving. As we celebrate and recognize these brave men and women, we should also consider the struggles that they go through with mental illness.

Suicide is a national problem in the U.S. and a major concern for active-duty service members and military veterans. Members of the military may experience a variety of difficult and traumatic events including combat, natural disasters, and physical assault. According to the 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, there were 6,146 Veteran suicide deaths in 2020. That is 31.7 deaths per 100,000. During that year, suicide was the second leading cause of death among Veterans under age 45. The suicide rate for Veterans was 57.3% greater than for non-Veteran U.S. adults.

Veterans can come home from service carrying a weight they did not go in with. Without the right help, that weight can seem like too much, leading some Veterans to consider, or carry out, suicide. Some of the warning signs that Veterans exhibit include feelings of hopelessness, acting agitated, struggling with anxiety, insomnia, outburst of

anger or rage, an increase in substance use or abuse, and isolating themselves from the people close to them. Other factors related to the higher risk of suicide among Veterans are related to undiagnosed or untreated conditions, such as PTSD or mood disorders, which can increase a person's overall risk of suicide.

The VA offers a wide range of treatment programs for Veterans and their families. Also, "Vets for Warriors" is a peer support network with Veterans answering the phone for those in need. The number is 1-855-838-8255. Veterans may also use the Veterans Crisis Line Number where there is 24/7 crisis support. Dial 988, then press 1.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource for those struggling with suicidal ideation. Many times, a Veteran will exhibit clear warning signs prior to an attempt. By knowing the warning signs, and knowing how to help, you could save a life. Visit The Jason Foundation's website to learn more about suicide, the warning signs, and how you can help make a difference. You can find the website at www.jason-foundation.com.

Scott Knight is an Education Specialist for The Jason Foundation, Inc., an organization dedicated to the prevention of the 'Silent Epidemic' of youth suicide through educational and awareness programs that equip young people, educators/youth workers and parents with the tools and resources to help identify and assist at-risk youth. ★



Help! I'm Behind on Everything

Dear Dave,

I need help. I am way behind on my basic utilities and my taxes. I have tried to start the Baby Steps, but everything is so overwhelming right now that it is easy to get discouraged. I am 33, I live in Los Angeles, and I average around \$30,000 a year doing behind-the-scenes work in the entertainment industry. My total debt is about \$10,000. Can you give me some advice?

- Cameron

Dear Cameron,

I know you're in a scary place right now, brother. But I'm glad you're getting on board and that you want to move in the right direction with your finances.

Before you start the Baby Steps, you should get current on all your bills. Make a list of all the bills you're late on and how much it will

Dave Ramsey Says

take to get current on each one. Then, create a written, monthly budget. Once that's done, and all your expenses and income are accounted for, you're going to squeeze every penny you can from there and work your late list from smallest to largest until everything's current. You're going to feel a sense of relief—and accomplishment—every time you flip one of these bills. And believe it or not, the act of simply making a list will help reduce the stress you're feel, because just by doing that you've established the size of the dragon. This dragon must die, and you are the knight who's going to kill it.

But listen, there are two sides to this equation – income and outgo. No offense, but \$30,000 a year as an income in Los Angeles stinks. You've got to do something to make more money. Hey, \$10,000 would literally change your life. Not everyone can say that. The bad news is, you've got \$10,000 worth of debt. The good news is, you've got only \$10,000 worth of debt. I'm not talking about some little minimum wage deal, either. I want you making

some real money. Don't do anything illegal, or something that would compromise your morals, but get after making some good money.

And long term? Dude, you might want to think about taking a step up in your industry or even a full-blown career change. I mean, you don't want to be making \$30,000 a year and still working a side job when you're 50, right?

You could be debt-free, and have a much better life, in a year or less, Cameron. Go do this.

I want you to win!

- 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. ★

California Takes Action to Combat Illicit Cannabis Grows



Gov. Gavin Newsom has directed the creation of a new multi-agency, cross-jurisdictional taskforce of enforcement agencies designed to better coordinate agencies combatting illegal cannabis operations and transnational criminal organizations. Courtesy photo

CDFW News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Taking aggressive action to protect communities, consumers and the environment alike, Gov. Gavin Newsom has directed the creation of a new multi-agency, cross-jurisdictional taskforce of enforcement agencies designed to better coordinate agencies combatting illegal cannabis operations and transnational criminal organizations.

This new "Unified Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce," which has been actively working since late summer, is co-chaired by the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and is being coordinated by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) through its Homeland Security Division. The taskforce has been charged by the Governor to better align state efforts and increase enforcement coordination between state, local and federal partners.

"The State of California is committed to combatting illicit commercial cannabis activity which is causing pervasive harm to California communities, the environment, consumers and legal cannabis businesses," said Nicole Elliott, Director of DCC.

"We cannot allow harmful, illicit cannabis operations to lay waste to the environment or threaten our communities," said Mark Ghilarducci, Director of the Cal OES and the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor. "We are bringing together the combined law enforcement resources of our state, local and federal agencies in a coordinated enforcement action against these bad actors and criminal organizations."

"California has an abundance of public lands set aside for conservation, recreational use and the enjoyment of the people of this state," said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. "Unfortunately, criminal organizations are impacting these areas by exploiting some of our most pristine public lands and wildlife habitats as grow sites for cannabis."

Since its inception, the taskforce has been actively coordinating with federal, state, local and tribal agencies to disrupt this illegal market, including: Combatting

the non-linear threat of transnational crime that extends to areas of California beyond the border and into some of most rural parts of the state. Establishing a new data sharing agreement which allows state and local enforcement officials to more broadly share information and cross-match data across jurisdictions. Leveraging and better aligning the authorities and legal provisions of federal, state and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies in conducting search warrants, indictments and maximizing arrests and prosecution of perpetrators, while also maximizing administrative, regulatory and civil penalties for bad actors. Disrupting human traffickers and illegal firearm and drug smugglers. Interdicting illegal cannabis shipments crossing California's borders. Coordinating with local police chiefs, sheriffs and federal officials to deploy personnel and equipment where needed.

By investigating, removing and reclaiming illegal grow sites as well as shutting down illegal manufacturing, distribution and retail operations, and by apprehending and applying meaningful repercussions to offenders and traffickers, state, local and federal law enforcement agencies are protecting consumer and public safety, safeguarding the environment, and depriving illegal cannabis operators and transnational criminal organizations of illicit revenue that undercuts the regulated cannabis market in California.

Large scale, illicit outdoor cannabis cultivation can be harmful to the environment. Non-compliant cultivation sites can negatively affect wildlife, vegetation, water, soil, and other natural resources when they utilize chemicals, fertilizers and terracing, and even poach local wild animals. Illegal cannabis cultivation results in the chemical contamination and alteration of watersheds, diversion of natural water courses, elimination of native vegetation, wildfire hazards, poaching of wildlife and harmful disposal of garbage, non-biodegradable materials and human waste.

Untested cannabis products also pose safety hazards to consumers, while all illegal activity undercuts the regulated market and hurts licensed cannabis business owners. ★

All Aboard: Caltrans Has New Passenger Trains

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Rail passengers in Northern California and the Central Valley will start enjoying a more comfortable and modern ride after Caltrans accepted into its fleet the first of seven Siemens Mobility single-level intercity trainsets at the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission facility in Stockton.

"With train ridership recovering from the pandemic drop, these new trainsets will provide Californians with enhanced comfort and convenience as they move around the state," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares.

The new trainsets will operate on the San Joaquin rail corridor between Sacramento/Oakland and Bakersfield, connecting riders to jobs, education and leisure along the way. Passengers can expect spacious and modern interiors with amenities that include enhanced onboard Wi-Fi with power and USB ports at all seats as well as enlarged windows. The passenger cars also feature wider aisles and more comfortable seats, additional leg room, larger tray tables and expanded luggage storage



Charger locomotive leading a Siemens Mobility Venture trainset. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

options, with oversized baggage and bike racks. The trains are ADA accessible, including weatherproof gangways between cars, wider aisles, retractable steps, and state-of-the-art touchless and much larger restrooms. Each coach car seats up to 70 passengers.

"These trainsets were designed with Californians in mind, both in terms of job creation here in Sacramento and next-generation passenger rail throughout the state," said Michael Cahill, president of Siemens Mobility Rolling Stock in North America. "Together with Caltrans, we've created a trainset that is both safe and modern to keep passengers connected and on the move."

With Caltrans officially

taking ownership, the department anticipates the trainsets soon will enter service. These additional trains will help restore service to pre-pandemic levels, resulting in schedule improvements throughout the state's rail service.

The Venture Trainsets for Caltrans were ordered from Sumitomo Corporation of Americas and are being designed and manufactured by Siemens. They are Buy America-compliant and built at the Siemens Mobility rail manufacturing facility in Sacramento. Powered by the California sun with two megawatts of solar energy and 2,400 employees, the facility has been in operation for more than 30 years. ★

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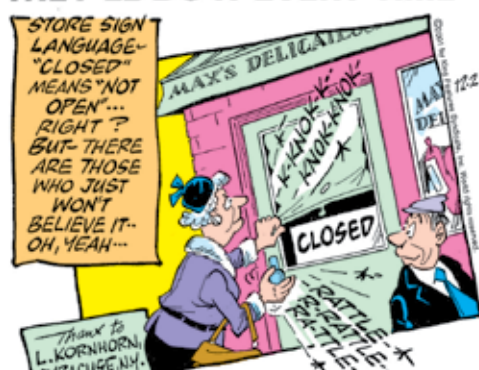
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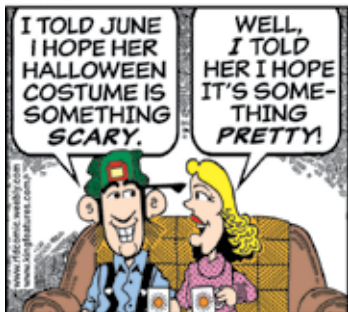
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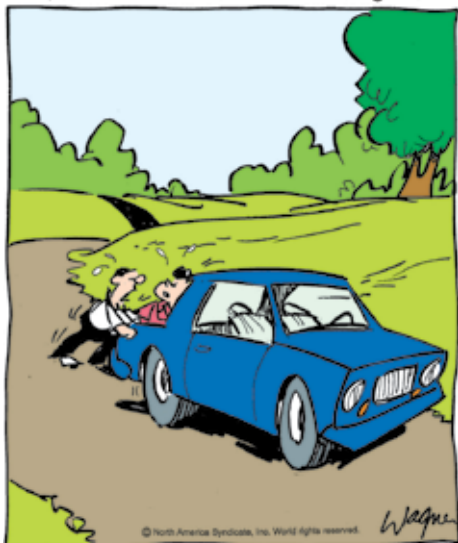
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Rams Score Season-high in Win at Mesa Verde



Dixon senior running back Braden Baumbach rushes for a first down during a 21-18 win against Pioneer on October 13 in Dixon. The Rams won on the road at Mesa Verde on Thursday, October 20 by a score of 60-27. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - After allowing an opening-drive touchdown to Mesa Verde, the No. 25 Dixon Rams outscored the Mavericks 60-20 in route to a one-sided victory.

The game took place at San Juan High School, as Mesa Verde's new sports complex is currently under construction. The Rams executed in all three phases Thursday, scoring at least one touchdown on offense, defense and special teams, respectively.

With a win next week at Casa Roble, Dixon (8-1, 4-0 Golden Empire League) will repeat as champions of the GEL. The Mavericks (5-4, 0-4 GEL) began the season with five wins in a row but have since gone

winless with four straight defeats in league play.

On an evening that Mesa Verde was celebrating its seniors, the Mavericks were able to score first. Senior Jermaine Johnson rushed in from 12-yards out for the opening touchdown about two minutes in. Nearly a minute later, Dixon senior quarterback Jett Harris found senior wide receiver Luis Torres for a 60-yard strike. The Rams rushed for the two-point conversion and were successful, giving Dixon a one-point advantage, a lead that the Rams never let go of.

Harris found Torres again a minute later, this time on a 40-yard pass that went for six. Harris scored the next touchdown with his legs, rushing in from eight yards out. With two minutes left in the first, Harris

completed a 67-yard touchdown pass to junior wideout Jordan Sengmany. Dixon led 29-7 after 12 minutes of play.

Mesa Verde cut into its deficit with a two-yard rushing touchdown from junior Ryan Jorgensen halfway through the second period. Harris then found Torres a minute later for a 25-yard touchdown toss. Torres scored the next Rams' touchdown with his legs, rushing 50 yards into the end zone. Dixon held a controlling 43-14 lead at halftime.

The versatile Torres, who plays on offense, defense and special teams, opened the second half scoring with a field goal, not to mention that he nailed all five of his extra-point kicks in the first half. The Mavericks scored six minutes later with a 30-yard rush from Johnson.

The Rams scored their next touchdown on a 70-yard punt return from junior wide receiver Easton Valenzuela. The defense got involved after that, as junior outside linebacker Tyler Morey returned a fumble 45 yards for the score, which ultimately was Dixon's final scoring play of the game. Torres was 7-for-7 on point after tries.

Three minutes into the fourth quarter, Mesa Verde scored its final points of the game on a 40-yard pass from Jorgensen to Johnson for the score. However, the two-point conversion failed. Dixon went on to win 60-27.

Harris completed 14-of-22 pass attempts for 319 yards and four touchdowns. Harris' lone rushing attempt went for the eight-yard score. Torres had a game-high five receptions for 151 yards and three touchdowns

through the air and one rush for 50 yards and a score on the ground. Sengmany finished with two catches for 79 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, senior middle linebacker Matthew Whitaker had a team-high nine tackles, followed by six teammates who had at least five. Seniors, defensive tackle Cole Hensley and defensive end Elijah Hairston, each had one sack. Seniors, free safety Brent Green and linebacker Braden Baumbach, recorded one interception a piece. Junior defensive end Zachary Hodel forced the fumble that Morey picked up and took to the house.

Next Friday in Orangevale, Dixon will play Casa Roble in a Battle of the Rams which will be for the GEL crown. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. ★

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