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A Woolly Good Time



A variety of wood spinning wheels were displayed at one of the Lambtown booths in Denverton Hall. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Guests were met with a crisp and clean entry into Dixon's 34th annual Lambtown event with signage and arrows directing to various workshops, exhibits, food vendors, and to the many pens holding peaceful lambs at the Dixon May Fair this past weekend.

There was a 'Woolly Adventure' children's activity center covered with white canopy where children as young as three could enjoy coloring pictures of lambs and a miniature hay maze for children to romp through. There were families picnicking on the lush green grass in the middle of the fairgrounds and some in line at the four food vendors including a



A family shears their sheep in the livestock area at the fairgrounds. Photo by Debra Dingman

miniature Kona Ice truck. "I like the whole vibe of this event," said Fair Manager Pat Conklin. "It's relaxing and not rushed. People meander through at a

slow pace." This year may have been another one of those very successful events due to its absence during the pandemic.

"I can tell you this, I didn't hear a bad word from a single vendor, food or fiber vendors. Everybody said it was the best year they ever had there. I think that is a really good sign," said Roy Clemes who manages the event while his wife and father manage their booth for their company, Clemes & Clemes, Inc. which is in Palo Alto. They produce fiber art equipment, supplying premium fleece, and teaching and consulting on fiber preparation for hand spinning so Lambtown is a perfect fit for their expertise.

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Hispanic Authors Featured

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, The Pip Wine Bar in collaboration with the Dixon Library will present an Introduction to Hispanic Authors on Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 116 North First Street.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to American history, culture, and achievements.

It was originally observed as only a week-long celebration and was started in 1968 by President Lyndon Johnson but was increased to a month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 and enacted into law that same year.

Although Pip owner Amy Grabish is not Hispanic, her wine rep had some wines from Mexico and introduced her to them which led to some research as she does with all her wines.

"They were really good, so I featured them with our Wine Club. While investigating those wines, I learned about this month-long celebration. It forced me out of my normal comfort zone because I didn't know a whole lot about Hispanic heritage," she said while explaining how the idea came about.

"The library reached out to me to see if I could host one of the book club's meetings here and I said absolutely and then I parlayed that to see if any of the librarians would be interested in presenting this [introduction to Hispanic authors]."

The public is invited to hear about renowned Hispanic authors, from classical to modern. Guests will explore styles of literature as well as social issues addressed in each of the pieces. Considering the rich history of Hispanic literature, this will be simply an introduction, say organizers.

The Pip will offer vinos especiales that will be available 5 to 7 p.m. and participants are encouraged to consider donating to the Friends of the Library.

"Our library is such an awesome resource," she said. "Now they have access to the whole Solano network all the way up to St. Helena. I ordered three different movies for a movie night on Thursday, and they came in on a Friday so it's not like you have to wait weeks and weeks on end."

The Hispanic Authors presentation is bilingual, and questions will be

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Raise a Mug for DDBA BeerFest

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - While Jill Orr held up a giant beer mug so Craig Mahoney could strap it on the pole at the corner of Adams and A Street, the scent of hops and malted barley seemed to fill the air on a crisp fall morning where the skies were clear blue. It's almost time for the Downtown Dixon Business Association's BeerFest.

The event is set for Saturday, October 15, from from 4 to 8 p.m.

"The BeerFest is going to be just as much fun as the Wine Stroll was," Downtown Dixon Business Association President said. "People are just now waking up after COVID. Before, it was all just automatic for our events and residents who would come down but this year we've been working on building the event and know we should be doing this."

Some of the breweries participating are True



Craig Mahoney of Mahoney Construction helped secure one of the numerous BeerFest signs along with Downtown Dixon Business Association President Jill Orr.

Symmetry Brewing out of Suisun, Heretic out of Fairfield, Jack Rabbit from Sacramento to name a few.

Business participants so far include Bud's Pub, Dawson's, Luke's Lounge, Frosty's, Nino's, and the Pip Wine Bar. There will

be beer tasting, craft beers, music, appetizers and a whole lot of hanging out with friends.

Local Volunteers are Suzie LaChance, Jena Brann, Rebecca Robinson, Dana Besneatte, Suzie Motley, and of course,

Greg Orr, among others. More downtown merchants are encouraged to get in on the fun and call DDBA today at (707) 678-8400.

Special glasses can be picked up at the Women's Improvement Club Park

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Ten Pounds Down and Holding

By Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

My scale is reporting a solid 10-pound drop. This is not a sprint but a marathon, according to Jill Burns RD/CDCES, a patient Educator and Sutter Health who has been running (wait for it...) a support group for people in their health program.

I've been in it for four months now and really, I never saw myself slowing down my schedule enough to be in something like this but seeing 25-30 other people in a variety of ages, shapes, and sizes have the same frustrations over food and exercise as I do is a GREAT tool.

Each week, we get an instructional guide/worksheet on what our subject is and then in the first part of the class, we do the Zoom roundtable where we can all talk and see each other. The last half of the class is instructional from Jill and I have learned so very much--far more about things I never have read in books because they deal with choices, emotions, and frustrations. There is tons of encouragement.

I've learned that I used to eat to change the scene. Like after being on the computer for a while writing, I would go to the fridge. I learned that I truly--and I mean constantly--ate too much. If I didn't feel full, I didn't leave the table, but now I know that if I'm at a '3' which is the score for satisfaction, then the next number is feeling a little full which is uncomfortable. Once I recognized this, it was easy to stop at 3 even if I know I might be hungry again a bit sooner because I like that 'not full' feeling better. I don't use a big plate ever anymore.

I learned how and when to grocery shop and to be constantly mindful of healthier choices. Getting enough protein helps me not be hungry. I read labels and memorize calories easily.

I've learned that one tablespoon of peanut butter spread over a rice cake is just as enjoyable as a half turkey sandwich, so I get variety. I try not to eat after 7 pm and walk (almost) each night because I love that exhilarating feeling of breathing fresh air.

I'm not depriving myself, either.



I've lost 10 pounds! Photo by Debra Dingman

Deprivation was probably the main reason why I couldn't last on any diet. I felt deprived and would cave too soon and go back to old habits. Now, if I eat out, I order one taco at Bud's Taco Tuesday instead of two or an egg-thingy at Starbucks instead of banana bread. And I take tiny bites and savor each one. It works!

For groceries, I used to not buy 'as many expensive' veggies/fruits like asparagus, blueberries, avocados, or sweet potatoes but now I buy them anyway because I know they will make me feel healthy and because I'm NOT buying any empty calories. That goes for prepared salads also. More expensive but I eat less when I have them for lunch, they're low in calories, taste great, and are very satisfying.

It is a lifestyle now and I don't want to ever go back. Hopefully more will come off. I'm a little nervous about the winter months because it is easier for me to lose weight in the summer, so I'll be shopping (again) for a treadmill on Dixon Deals. Hope I've encouraged someone! ★

Dixon News Briefs



Julie Mustard shared information with visitors about the Dixon High Athletic Association at the recent non-profit Chamber Mixer. The group of loyal Dixon High sports fans inducts members into the Dixon Hall of Fame. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Hall of Fame

The Dixon High Athletic Association--an organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of local high school athletics, hosts an annual 'Hall of Fame' dinner and inducts nominees who must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character. It will be held Saturday, November 12 at 6 p.m. More information is available at www.dixonhighhalloffame.com or call (707) 592-1774.

City Planning

Tuesday, October 11, is the next Planning Commission Meeting at the Council Chambers, 600 East A Street. There are three ways a Dixonite can participate: You can go in person, you can use Zoom in real time and ask questions if you want, or you can watch via 'Granicus,' which is a live feed through the City of Dixon website. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. and the agenda is also on the website.

Fire Fundraiser

The Dixon Fire Department is hosting its annual all-you-can-eat prawns and ravioli dinner on Saturday, October 22 starting with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. The menu includes salad and bread as well. Tickets are \$50 and includes entry into the door prize raffle. They are available by calling Rachel Omegaard at (707) 678-7060. Other questions can be directed to Ricky Rodarte at (707) 862-1047. The dinner will be held at the Dixon Fire Station, 205 Ford Way.

Lions BBQ

2022 - The Dixon Lions Club will be having an authentic Texas BBQ Tri-Tip Drive Thru Fundraiser on Saturday October 15, at the Tractor Supply parking lot between 4 - 7 p.m. For only \$15 per meal, you get sliced BBQ Tri-Tip, potato salad, beans, and a dinner roll. New this year each sold ticket qualifies for a \$500 prize.

All proceeds help fund our high school scholarships.

For tickets, call Scott Smith (916) 806-7451 or Eric Kratzer (707) 321-2547 or any Dixon Lions Club member.

Since the club's chartering in 1954, Proceeds from past fundraising events have gone to Team Dixon, Dixon Unified School District, Dixon Toys for Tots, Dixon Schools Athletic Boosters, Dixon Relay for Life, Dixon High School scholarships, Wreaths Across America, Dixon Bids for Kids, Dixon Destination Imagination, Dixon Dolphins swim team, Dixon youth sports programs, DHS Open House, DHS Sober Grad Night, Dixon FFA, Dixon Elementary School outdoor education trips, and Lions Club vision programs.

For more information about the Dixon Lions Club or see their website: <http://e-Clubhouse.org/sites/DixonCA>

Away Game

Tonight's Dixon High School Rams football team will play against the Woodland High School Wolves beginning at 5 p.m. for JV and 7 p.m. for Varsity. Woodland High is located at 21 North West Street in Woodland. The Rams will be back at home next week when they play Pioneer High School, the other high school in Woodland.

Pork Dinner

The Friday night dinner at the Veterans Memorial Hall will be a pork dinner with macaroni and cheese, vegetables and a roll for only \$10. Time is 6 to 8 p.m. while supplies last. It is located at 1305 North First Street. You do not have to be a veteran to attend. The funds help support the hall and veteran activities.

Collector's Corner

A new business will be welcomed at 115 East A Street, the corner of South First and East A Street, this coming Tuesday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce will officially welcome the newest retail store in our downtown core. ★

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- Administrator, Career Technical Education Leadership Unit
- Administrator, Ag Education & Family and Consumer Sciences Unit
- Senior Policy Consultant, Career & College Transition Division
- Agricultural Education Consultant

Lecturer, University of California, Davis (2004-2020)

Community Involvement:

My wife and I have lived on a farm in Dixon for 23 years and I have participated in the following community activities:

- Member of Dixon Unified School Board of Trustees
- President, Dixon May Fair Board of Directors
- Clerk, Dixon Public Library
- Member of California Farm Bureau Federation
- President, Solano County Farm Bureau AgEd Foundation
- Member of Solano County Library Advisory Council
- Member of Dixon Historical Society

My Goals for the Dixon Unified School District:

- Maintain the fiscal health of the district by making sound decisions
- Recruit and retain outstanding teachers, staff and administrators
- Develop effective strategies that will help increase student performance
- Ensure an educational environment that is safe and secure
- Improve compensation and health benefits for all employees
- Continue to address the impact of the Pandemic on student learning
- Help increase parent involvement in their child's education
- Develop a school climate where all students can achieve their maximum potential and have fun doing it
- Maintain high academic and career technical education standards

Major Endorsements:

- Mayor Steven Bird, City of Dixon
- Dixon Unified School District SEIU #1021
- Napa-Solano Central Labor Council
- Solano County Republican Central Committee

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Taxpayers Association Update

By Mike Nolan, SCTA President

DIXON, CA (MPG) - When you receive your Voter Information Guide start thinking of the upcoming Election on November 8. Please read the arguments and the rebuttals of all Measures on the ballot.

This year the Solano County Taxpayers Association (SCTA) submitted arguments against several Measures which propose to raise sales tax in the County and cities and which impose school bonds.

The SCTA is a county wide association established in 1960. Our mission is to "secure by lawful means greater economy and efficiency in government; to stimulate the public interest in civic affairs; to effect reduction in taxes and to assist governments of a county region by studying and recommending regional policies directed at the solution of mutual problems that transcend the local jurisdictions, but affect all of them."

As President of this 62-year-old organization, it is my duty to comply not only with our Mission but to also represent the wishes of our members residing throughout Solano County. In that capacity it was my pleasure to sign the arguments against raising taxes through increasing "general fund" sales tax or imposing school

bonds. At a time of roaring inflation and economic uncertainty, the last thing the people of Solano County need is higher taxes.

A sales tax is the most regressive "flat" tax in existence. The poor and working class pay the same rate as the entitled and the rich, and corporations may write them off as a business expense.

Supporters of the tax claim that it does not affect the sale of food. But the oven used to bake a loaf of bread is subject to the tax, as is the truck and fuel necessary to transport that food to the store.

As prices inflate, the gross amount collected will also increase. As items become more expensive, the tax will accelerate a looming recession. Since Adam Smith wrote 'The Wealth of Nations' in 1776, increases in a sales tax in a declining economy works to speed the decline and to ultimately wreck the economy of a City, of a County, and of a State.

As for the School Bond measures, more borrowing in a declining economy will spell disaster for homeowners. If taxes on homes and property keep rising, no one will be able to afford to own them.

The old proverb 'Buyer Beware' should be in 'Voter Beware' of tax measures on the ballot. ★



A Woolly Good Time



Donna Beebe's dog rounds up the strays in one of the sheep herding demonstrations. Photo courtesy of Carol Marshall

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Some of the changes they did for this year was enlarging the children's sheep maze and increasing the sheep shows and demonstrations to every hour, he said, and there were 50 to 75 people every time.

Matthew Gilbert, a professional shearer, kept a rapt audience talking about sheep shearing and the different types of wool out at the livestock stadium. He and his wife own Mendocino Wool and Fiber and they process the fiber so are experts who enjoy sharing. The sheepherding demonstrations seem to fill with folks of every age listening and watching the steely-eyed dogs round up sheep.

Conklin commended them for keeping the event focused on their mission.

"That's a big draw that keeps it really simple," Clemes said. "We are here to celebrate sheep and wool. So, when people show up and expect only that and that's all they experience, they have a good time. We're here to educate and that's what all the vendors do. Visitors learn what sheep

are and what wool feels like. By really sticking hard core to the mission, this is who we are. My son is 3-years-old, and he was out there doing arts and crafts."

Both Madden Hall and Denver Hall were full of people browsing a variety booth of various yarns and other fibers but also clothing items made of wool and specialized items for knitting.

Kira Delaney of Kira Designs in Napa had a large booth selling very soft shawls and hats. She's been knitting and crocheting for about a dozen years after learning to knit at age 5 from her paternal grandmother. This was her fourth year as a teacher. Many vendors could be seen laughing and visiting as if it were a large reunion of special wool-loving friends.

"It wasn't overly commercialized. It was very relaxing with a small-town feel," said Dixonite Carol Marshall. "It was great to see people working in this agricultural industry and caring about what they do." Lambtown is usually held the first weekend in October. ★

Soroptimist Honors Grace Gabby

By Amy Pretti

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Grace Gabby was nominated by Dixon High School Principal, Stephanie Marquez. Grace is the daughter of Jana Gabby and John Gabby and has a sister, Lila. Grace has a very close family including her Grandma, Jocelyn Bair, whom she admires deeply.

Grace has lived in Dixon her whole life. She has attended Tremont Elementary, CA Jacobs, and is now a senior at Dixon High School. Grace has had many amazing teachers, but counts Peggy Harte, Rob Olson, and Steve Krebs as having the biggest impact on her educational experience.

Grace has a passion for music that includes, playing piano since the first grade, singing lessons, playing flute in the band, and teaching herself the ukulele. Her love of music is a strong part of who she is. Grace has played the flute in the school bands for the last seven years.

Grace is also an excellent student. She has maintained a GPA of 4.0+ since Junior High. As well as excelling in the classroom, Grace has thrived in athletics participating on the Varsity Volleyball team for the last three years as



Soroptimist Brenda Walker, Jana Gabby, September's Soroptimist Young Woman of the Month Grace Gabby, and Dixon High Principal Stephanie Marquez. Courtesy photo

middle blocker. She also was a member of the 3-club travel volleyball teams.

When Grace has some free time, being in nature is on top of her list. She enjoys nature and hiking, even hiking the half dome with her mom last year! Grace attended Camp Royale during the summer, sponsored by Dixon Rotary, which was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy nature and learn leadership skills.

Grace is a proud member of the Dixon United Methodist Church. She has volunteered in three service missions reaching as far as Spokane, Washington. During those

missions, she learned many life lessons that she uses today. She is also a vocal soloist and worship leader at Dixon United Methodist Church.

In the future, Grace would like to earn a bachelor's degree in Psychology and minor in music. After completing her degree, she wants to become a musical psychologist. Grace's first choice of college is UC Santa Barbara but may opt for a community college depending on where life takes her.

Congratulations to Grace. Soroptimist cannot wait to see where your hard work and dedication takes you. ★

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Dixon Dominates Rio Linda



Dixon senior kicker Luis Torres boots a kickoff during a 47-6 win against Rio Linda on Friday, September 30 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon senior running back Braden Baumbach prepares to hit Rio Linda junior defensive back Anthony Miralrio during a 47-6 win against the Knights on Friday, September 30 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - In the first game of Golden Empire League (GEL) play for both teams, Dixon dominated Rio Linda on Friday night, September 30.

The Rams (5-1, 1-0 GEL) won 47-6 for the second consecutive week. The Knights (2-4, 0-1 GEL) have now lost three games in a row and been outscored 135-12 combined.

Dixon senior quarterback Jett Harris had an efficient night against the Knights, completing 15-of-23 passes for 353 yards and four touchdowns. One of the passes went for an 80-yard touchdown to junior wide receiver Jordan Sengmany who maximized the opportunity in his only reception of the game.

Harris also added four carries for 15 yards on the ground. Senior running back Braden Baumbach had a team-high eight rushing attempts for 40 yards and a score, averaging five yards a clip. His younger brother, Ryan, topped him in rushing average with 8.3 yards a carry on three attempts (25 yards total).

Senior wide receiver Luis Torres, who is also the team's kicker, led the way receiving

for Dixon with four catches for 125 yards and two TDs. He was followed by fellow senior WR Brent Green who tallied a game-high six receptions for 98 yards.

Matthew Whitaker made the most of his opportunities Friday night. The senior wide receiver scored from three yards out on the ground in his only rushing attempt. Lightning struck twice as Whitaker reached the end zone on a three-yard reception, his only catch of the game.

The statistics for Rio Linda and the Dixon defense were unavailable as of press time.

After spending nearly the entire month of September at home, the Rams will now hit the road for three of their final four regular season games. Dixon will have one less day of rest this week as the Rams play at Woodland on Thursday night at 7 p.m. The Rams will return home the following Thursday, October 13, for Senior Night at 7:30 p.m.

Things don't get much easier for Rio Linda this Friday, as the Knights play at No. 15 Casa Roble (5-1, 1-0 GEL) at 7 p.m. in their final road game of the season. ★

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Dixon School District Accomplishments 2018-2022

- AVID In-school Academic Support Program District-Wide
- Career Technical Education (CTE) Program Support – County Partnership
- Comprehensive Extra-Curricular Programs (Athletics, Clubs, etc.)
- Credit Recovery Program for Students to Avoid Failure and Earn Academic Credit
- Designated English Language Development (ELD) at All Levels
- Dual Immersion Bilingual Program at Gretchen Higgins Elementary School
- Instructional Technology Platforms to Enhance Student Learning
- iReady Diagnostic Assessment System to Enable Teachers Evaluate Student Progress
- Mental Health Counselors at All Elementary & Secondary Schools
- Modernization Projects at Anderson, Gretchen Higgins & Tremont Elementary Schools
- Salary Increases for Classified, Certificated & Administrative Staff
- Science Specialists at All Elementary School Sites
- State of the Art John Knight Middle School – Complete Renovation & Remodel

Sex Offender Sentenced to 50 years to life

Solano County DA News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On July 22, in Department 23 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable John B. Ellis presiding, Defendant Mason appeared for judgment and sentencing.

Family members of the victims appeared at the sentencing and provided a powerful impact statement to the Court. After hearing from the family, the Honorable John B. Ellis then sentenced the defendant to a term of 50 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Furthermore, the Court ordered lifetime sex offender registration if ever paroled.

At trial, on June 1, 2022, the jury found Defendant Anthony Mason, age 43, Guilty of all counts. Defendant had been charged with two counts of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a minor under 14 years of age. The jury found true that the defendant committed the crimes involving substantial sexual conduct against two children. From March 6, 2014, through December

31, 2016, Defendant Mason began to commit these offenses against the children when they were 10 years old. During this time period, the children were placed in the defendant's trust and care. The victims were afraid to disclose initially because the defendant was an amateur boxer and had physically disciplined them and made threats. Eventually the children disclosed the abuse to each other. The older child came forward to a teacher on January 9, 2017, the first day back from winter break. Both victims courageously testified at the jury trial and the jury found the defendant Guilty of both counts.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Barry Shapiro and Victim Witness Advocate Shamar Lewis provided victim advocacy and support to the victim.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault and need the assistance of an advocate, please call 707-784-6827 or Family Justice Center at 707-784-7635. If you have an emergency, please call 911. ★

Travis Credit Union's Founding Member Lois S. Dittmer Passes Away



Travis Credit Union remembers the life of one of the organization's founding members, Lois S. Dittmer, who passed away on September 6th at the age of 103. Courtesy photo

TCU News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - Travis Credit Union (TCU) remembers the life of one of the organization's founding members and former member of the Board of Directors, Lois S. Dittmer, who passed away in Fairfield, California on September 6th, 2022, at the age of 103.

Dittmer was born on July 28, 1919, in Dalhart, Texas. Her curiosity and talent led her to become the Assistant Civilian Personnel Officer at the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base (currently Travis Air Force Base) in 1949.

While working at the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, she became a vocal advocate for the military members who wanted to join the civilian workers to formalize a new banking institution to charter a savings and loan for everyone on base. Dittmer found the first

depositor and helped create the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Force Savings and Loan, which later became Travis Credit Union. Today, the positive outcomes of her tireless efforts for the credit union and the community have helped Travis become the 12th largest credit union in California, with more than 225,000 members.

"It was Lois' bravery that enabled her vision to come to life. She will be remembered as a visionary and a woman of deep convictions," said Kevin Miller, President and CEO of Travis Credit Union.

"She embodied the "People Helping People" credit union philosophy and persisted for the betterment of our community. Travis Credit Union uplifts her legacy by continuing our collective work to create a more equitable and inclusive financial institution for every resident in the communities we serve." ★

Defendant Sentenced for Fatal Hit and Run

Solano County DA News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- On June 21, 2022, in Department 9 before the Honorable Carlos Gutierrez Presiding, Defendant Taje Holliman pled Guilty as charged in the criminal complaint, specifically Count 1, Felony Hit and Run Causing Great Bodily Injury or Death; Count 2, Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Count 3, Felon in Possession of Ammunition; Count 4, Felony DUI Causing Injury; Count 5, Misdemeanor Vehicular Manslaughter; Count 6,

Misdemeanor Possession of Heroin; Count 7, Misdemeanor Possession of Methamphetamine; and Count 8, Misdemeanor Driving without a Valid License.

On June 3, 2022, at 10 a.m., Defendant Taje Holliman was traveling westbound on I-80 near Lagoon Valley Road in Vacaville. At this same time and in this area, Q.M., a Caltrans employee, was standing outside of her work vehicle on the northern shoulder of I-80 wearing reflective gear and a helmet. As the defendant neared, he swerved onto the shoulder striking

the Caltrans worker. Unfortunately, she succumbed to her injuries at the scene. The defendant fled the scene, but with the help of good samaritans was eventually apprehended by the police. He was found to be on active parole and in possession of a firearm, ammunition and multiple syringes containing heroin.

At the sentencing, after hearing impact statements from the victim's family, the court sentenced defendant to 8 years of incarceration. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Christine De Leo. ★

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or the City of Dixon Plaza. One must be age 21 and over to participate and tickets are being sold in advance for \$30 at www.downtowndixon.com or for \$35 on the day of the event.

To get ready for this and other fall activities downtown including the Halloween Treat Trail, DDBA members will be decorating downtown with fall foliage and a

ton of pumpkins thanks to Matt Cooley.

"Pumpkins from Cooley Ranch should come next week and they've always been super supportive. The Cool Patch is a great neighbor of ours!" Jill said with enthusiasm. The Halloween Treat Trail will be Friday October 28 starting at 1:30 to 4 p.m. and the Trunk or Treat at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce to follow at 4 p.m. in the parking lot at 220 North Jefferson. ★

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happily answered in English or Spanish. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 5:30 p.m. If one does not

already have a library card, signing up for one is free at the event.

Per Alcoholic Beverage Control, no one under the age of 21 is allowed. ★

'California Marketplace' Set for Farm Bureau Conference

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the first time, the traditional tradeshow at the California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be transformed into an opportunity for members to show and sell the bounty and other artisan goods from their farms and ranches.

Called the California Marketplace, this interactive event will be held Dec. 4, from 1-7 p.m. The California Marketplace is one of several new features of the 2022 Annual Meeting, set for Dec. 2-7 at the Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey.

An estimated 700 attendees from both the Annual Meeting and Young Farmers & Ranchers State Conference will come together to explore the California Marketplace, traveling region by region at the Monterey Conference Center. The idea of the marketplace is to replicate the experience of tasting and shopping one's way across the Golden State.

Held in conjunction with the marketplace, a welcome reception also highlights how the state's diverse regions collectively propel California to the No. 1 spot among U.S. agricultural producers. Appetizers

and beverages served will give a nod to each region, with selections that showcase top commodities. Local chefs will feature California-grown ingredients in live cooking demonstrations.

Partners of Farm Bureau who operate in service- or education-oriented sectors will host exhibit booths at the California Marketplace, giving members a more traditional tradeshow experience.

The deadline to purchase a California Marketplace shop or exhibit booth is Oct. 31. For more information, visit cfbf.com/ag-events or contact Miranda Jachens at sponsorship@cfbf.com or 916-561-5594.

The California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting features sessions of the organization's House of Delegates and educational workshops on agricultural policy, advocacy, state and federal regulations and pesticide licensing issues. County Farm Bureaus from across the state will hold receptions, and regional farm tours are open to attendees of the Annual Meeting and the YF&R conference.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 31,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 6 million Farm Bureau members ★

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Riley Reviews

'DON'T WORRY DARLING' STEPFORD DRAMA; CRIME ON LIFETIME

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"DON'T WORRY DARLING" Rated R
Where to begin when talking about a film that has generated as much, if not more, drama off-screen? "Don't Worry Darling" has been plagued with rumors of on-set feuds and romantic entanglements, to say nothing of a major cast member change and other controversies.

Brushing any hullabaloo aside, what can be said about a psychological thriller set in a suburban tract where the women find happiness in housework to please their corporate husbands until cracks cause the blissful façade to crumble?

Set in the late 1950s in a retro world that looks an awful lot like the mid-century modernism of Palm Springs, "Don't Worry Darling" has a postcard perfect architectural look that belies what will prove as unsettling as "The Stepford Wives."

The insular town of Victory is gleaming with well-appointed homes where the wives live a daily routine of household chores, ballet classes, shopping expeditions in the company town, and ending the day waiting for their spouses with a martini in hand as they arrive home.

Florence Pugh's Alice Chambers and her husband Jack (Harry Styles) are seemingly living the perfect life. Like clockwork with all the other husbands, Jack heads off each morning in his Thunderbird convertible to work at the top-secret Victory Project.

The corporate honcho behind the mystery enterprise is Frank (Chris Pine), a smarmy operator and control freak whose daily radio broadcasts into Victory's homes amount to vacuous pep talk bromides.

The wives are absolutely clueless about their husbands' occupations, other than knowing they are engaged in the "development of progressive materials," whatever that means. Their lives are so controlled they can never venture past the boundaries of their town.

Alice may be too smart for her own good, as she starts to notice, with the help of some disquieting visions, that something is not right, especially when her neighbor Margaret (KiKi Layne) starts asking questions.

Unfortunately, Margaret meets a terrible fate that causes Alice to become more panicky and desperate, leading to her own enquiries about the fissures in this supposedly idyllic life.

As Alice begins to doubt her ostensibly flawless world, her best friend Bunny (Olivia Wilde) tries to offer reassurances, and her husband is unexpectedly given a big promotion that proves Frank is pulling strings to squash any potential rebellion.

Things come to a head at dinner party at the Chambers' home when Alice becomes bolder in challenging Frank with uncomfortable queries. This is not a good idea because

thugs in red jumpsuits eventually show up to kidnap dissidents.

A small plane falling out of the sky is noticed only by Alice, and because everyone else denies any such calamity, Alice develops a sense of paranoia that can only be abated if she chooses to investigate.

Probing interrogations, of course, can prove to be unhealthy and dangerous, the least of it being having the company's physician (Timothy Simons) trying to push pills. But peril may lurk in plot twists that won't be revealed here.

"Don't Worry Darling," even if it may not satisfy everyone as an emotional thriller, is undeniably stylish and a visual treat.

LIFE & CRIME MONDAYS ON LIFETIME

Following on its tradition of original movies based on true crimes, Lifetime is expanding its true crime content with new series "Meet Marry Murder" set to debut on Monday, October 3rd, as part of its "Life & Crime Mondays" programming.

Academy Award and Emmy winner and true crime enthusiast Helen Hunt lends her voice as the narrator of the series that explores what happens when the one you commit to spend your life with, ends up taking it instead.

"Meet Marry Murder" discovers several homicide cases of spouses insidiously killed by their partners. Each story is told by the family, friends, and colleagues who knew them best, and the investigators committed to finding out the truth of twisted lies.

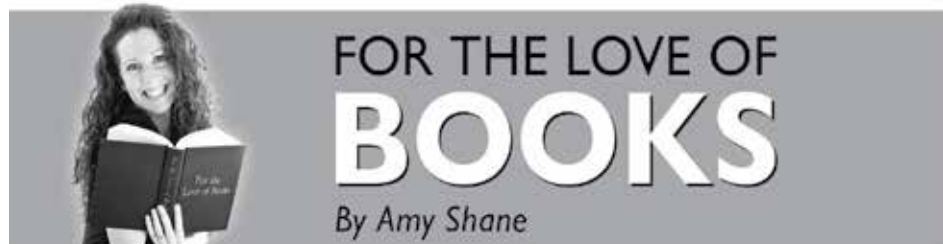
With chilling storylines of romance, betrayal and greed, detective intrigue, and more, "Meet Marry Murder" digs into relationships that have shockingly turned deadly.

The series takes a deep dive into several cases and uncovers a world of scenarios that end in murder – from a husband who broadcasts his intent to kill his wife on YouTube to a successful Louisiana attorney slain by the man she met after a car crash brought them together.

One of the cases is about a woman driven to commit murder for a life insurance payout. This story sounds a lot like a film noir plot similar to "Double Indemnity" or "The Postman Always Rings Twice," the 1946 Lana Turner and John Garfield version.

Now running on Lifetime's crime night is "Phrogging: Hider in My House." What is "phrogging?" It's the crime of people secretly living inside someone else's home. This sounds like an urban legend, but apparently not.

Each episode of "Phrogging: Hider in My House" features two first-hand accounts of survivors sharing their terrifying stories. It may take only one episode to make someone paranoid enough to compulsively check closets and crawl spaces. ★



BOOK REVIEW & SPECIAL EVENTS EDITOR • amy-shane@att.net • amy_fortheloveofbooks

Monster Mash-Up Author Lorien Lawrence



You might remember him from Syfy's *Face Off*. Tyler Green, special effects makeup artist and the mastermind behind *Monster Kidz Box*, has teamed up with author Lorien Lawrence to bring a monster to life. Lorien Lawrence, author of the middle-grade *Fright Watch* series, has just released her newest book, *Unmasked*, featuring a young makeup artist, Marion. Where this Halloween, Marion's monster mask - a sea monster named Winston is brought to life by the magical powers of the Super Blue Moon.

Now, with the incredible magical powers of *Monster Kidz Box*, readers will be able to make their very own Winston mask, along with many others all year long.

To learn a little more about the people behind the mask, here is a fun exclusive interview:

Tyler, Please tell us a little about Monster Kidz Box and the inspiration behind starting this company.

Tyler: I created the *Monster Kidz Box* as a kit where you can experience an entire activity in the comfort of your own home. It's like a workshop delivered right to your door! Each *Monster Kidz Box* comes with everything you need to recreate some of my favorite

Monster Mask Creator Tyler Green



monster designs, such as *Zombies*, *Creepy Dolls*, and *Mummies*, to name a few.

I will also be giving my customers access to a special video tutorial upon the purchase of the kit. In the video, I will be teaching you step-by-step how to use the materials so you can customize your very own monster mask.

This is not your typical DIY craft kit by any means. Conceptualizing, painting, and finishing these mask designs are steps similar to what we do as creature designers in my industry. This Kit offers a more simplified version of what I do as a creature designer for youngsters who are interested in the field of making monsters and characters. I also feel like completing a project and learning new skills results in more confidence & self-expression.

What was your favorite childhood Halloween costume?

Tyler: I dressed up as my own version of the devil. I applied my own horns, mustache & painted my face red. I also crafted my own cape!

Lorien: I love the *Bride and Dracula* - and of course the *Creature!!!*

For children interested in SFX makeup what advice would you give them?

I feel that everyone has

the ability to expand their minds when it comes to creativity. I have found that kids especially have more of an imagination and it is quite impressive to see what they come up with when the right tools are at their disposal.

Lorien, what was the inspiration behind this book's story?

Lorien: I LOVE special effects and old monster movies, and I always wanted to write about a kid monster maker. This was my excuse to nerd out over all the stuff I love!

Lorien, I love Marion's character and all the details you poured into her. What made you decide to make her a budding makeup up artist?

Lorien: I knew I wanted her to struggle with anxiety, and her art is the one thing that helps her to feel confident and sure of herself. I picked makeup and monster-making because those are areas that I've always been fascinated with - ever since I was a kid. It was really fun to dive into the special effects world to tell Marion's story.

For more information about Monster Kidz Box please visit www.monsterkidzclub.com The whole Fright Watch series is also available now where books are sold. ★



Drought takes an economic toll on Northern California rice region

Rice farming is the economic lifeblood for towns such as Williams, Maxwell and Colusa in Colusa County and Willows in Glenn County. The Northern California region is now suffering as fields lay fallow. Farms in the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District planted just 1,000 acres of rice this year due to water shortages. They typically grow 100,000 acres. Drought impacts are expected to result in the loss of some 14,300 jobs and \$1.3 billion in economic profit, according to the University of California, Davis.

Water year ends with reservoirs low and La Niña threatening another dry season

California's bleak 2021-22 water year officially ends on Sept. 30, with hope for the future still elusive. The California Department of Water Resources says another parched year may be in the works. That's because of a continuing La Niña atmospheric phenomenon in the Pacific Ocean, which generally translates to more warm, dry conditions. This week, Lake Shasta, the largest reservoir in the federal Central Valley Project, stood at 59% of its historic average levels, less-than-promising news for farmers.

State Supreme Court declines to hear appeals on bumblebee status

Are bumblebees fish? That interpretation stands after the California Supreme Court declined to review legal challenges to California's designation that will give four bumblebee subspecies protection under the state Endangered Species Act. Agricultural groups argue that protections for the bumblebees could affect growing crops and grazing, herbicide and pesticide applications, and use of commercial honeybees to pollinate crops. The Supreme Court signaled that it is up to lawmakers – and not the courts – to provide clarity on the rule.

Researchers turn to satellite technology to gauge water use in Central Valley

Researchers at the University of California, Merced, are turning to drones and NASA satellite technology to quantify water use in the Central Valley. Professors Erin Hestir and Joshua Viers are working with scientists at a Bay Area nonprofit, Point Blue Conservation Service, to gather data to help regional water resource agencies needing information on groundwater levels. They are partnering with the Grassland Water District, which manages 75,000 acres of wetlands in Merced County. ★



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- Chris Hemsworth's superhero role
- Come by without warning (2 words)
- Type of patrol
- You are
- "That is," Latin
- "Half man, half goat"
- German surrealist Max
- "One-eyed giants"
- "One part human, part divine"
- Eastward compass bearing
- Gauche or Droite, in Paris
- Bar bill
- Convenience
- "Stop right there!"
- 15th of March
- Loot
- State indirectly
- "Collected by the mythological ferryman at the River Styx"
- "Winged symbol of Zeus"
- Copied
- Give or take
- Indian Lilac tree
- Close by
- Inexperienced newcomer
- Beaks
- Genetic info carrier, a.c.r.
- Swamp stuff
- Bo Peep's follower
- "She opened an infamous box"
- "Poseidon's spear"
- Distant
- Bit of sun
- Tea variety
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- Make improvements or corrections
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- "Beowulf," e.g.
- Buffalo Bill's last name
- Petroleum exporters' org.
- Type of cotton thread
- Chant
- Pharaohs' vipers
- Reggae's cousin
- Indic vernacular
- Actress Spelling
- Like undecided jury
- Approximately (2 words)
- Retired, shortened
- Saudi's southern neighbor
- Peas, in Middle English
- Adam's biblical partner
- Chemical agent in a reaction
- "Cronus or Oceanus"
- Hacienda brick
- Under
- "One of Zeus' disguises"
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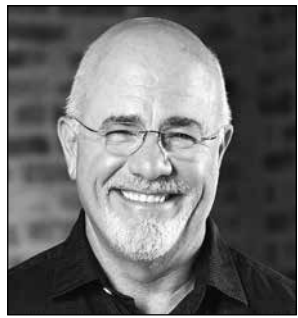
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Dave Ramsey Says

An Uncomfortable Situation

Dear Dave,

I need your advice. I just accepted a new job in a field I love three weeks ago. Yesterday, I was recruited and offered a position by a huge company for the same kind of position, and they pay more than twice what I'm making now. I did not send in a resume, or fill out an application for the job that was just offered. They came directly to me, and it was a huge surprise. I don't have a contract with my current employer, but they are good people and I want to handle things well and do the right thing. Can you help?

– Jenny

Dear Jenny,

Long story short, I think you take the new job. Now, how do you handle this with your present employer? With total honesty, respect and a

lot of gratitude. Walk into your boss's office, and lay out the whole situation truthfully. Let them know what has happened, how it happened, and while you feel awful about how things worked out, you had no intention of misleading them or causing problems. On top of all that, promise to do everything possible to make the transition as easy as you can.

In uncomfortable scenarios, it's always a good idea to try to put yourself in the other person's shoes. Let's pretend you own a business, and you just hired a young lady. A few weeks later, someone comes in, completely out of the blue, and offers her more than double what she's making with you. I can tell you what would happen at my company. I'd tell her to take it. I'm serious. I mean, as an employer I'm certainly not going to double her income that quickly. And while I'd be surprised, and a little disappointed, I'd be happy she has the chance to take such a big step up.

If an organization cares about its people, and one

of those team members has the opportunity to significantly increase their income – and they're not breaking a contract or promise in the process – this type of scenario is perfectly reasonable, even if it's a little inconvenient for the current employer in the short term. I know it'll be uncomfortable for you, Jenny, but they can't realistically expect you to pass up a chance to do what you love at double-plus what you're making now. Congratulations!

– 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. ★

Heeneys History Best Writing Class

Commentary by Ed Heeneys

As I roam around in my cranium looking for words to write, I recall lessons learned from my mother in the use of the English language. She was a high school English teacher and required the family to speak it at home. This also crept into any writing we might attempt. It also followed me to college where I was introduced to English composition, the written word. Our teacher insisted on us doing our research and getting the facts straight. She insisted that we could write anything if we had the facts straight. "you can state that the sun comes up in the west, but you better be out there at midnight watching the sunrise."

I also enrolled in a Agriculture Journalism class where we mostly wrote about farming and farm news. This was an interesting course that led to my lifelong desire to attend the American Royal Livestock show. My

teacher allowed that this might be good and that I could write a few copies for credit. So off to Kansas City I went, pen and notebook in hand. I attended a couple horse shows, a cattle show, and various other attractions and wrote about all of them. What a grand time. I was graded pretty good on my writing and kept those papers for years.

Another interesting writing chore was editing the US Flight Service newsletter in Europe. We monitored all flights in Free Europe and the newsletter published all new or changed information. I had a couple good trips to coordinate: Copenhagen, and Rome. Just a bonus with the job.

Though never a writer of renown, and despite the hard work, it has been a good ride.

Ed Heeneys is a long-time Dixonite who has been very active in the community over his lifetime. He enjoys sharing his missives with Dixon Independent Voice readers. ★

Vote No on Prop. 31 and Let Adults Make their Choices

Commentary by Jon Coupal

California has a lot of problems and not all of them are directly taxpayer related. But, as noted in last week's column, they all interconnect in one important way: Control. Our state's government and its boosters think they know better than you. They know better how to spend your money. They know better how to use your land. They know what's best for you. And, if you disagree, the nanny state will just make it illegal.

Look no further than Proposition 31 on this November's ballot. It's a referendum on Senate Bill 793, the state's total ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products. SB 793 was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor in 2020. It prohibits "a tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's agents or employees, from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product or a tobacco product flavor enhancer" and imposes a fine of \$250 for each violation of the ban.

Although the law bans the sale of flavored tobacco products to all customers regardless of age, lawmakers named it the "Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement

Act." They claimed it was needed to stop underage tobacco use – because only kids, apparently, like flavor. To be sure, no one wants children smoking or vaping, but it's already illegal in California to sell or give tobacco and vapor products to anyone under the age of 21. If prohibition worked, then we wouldn't have a problem.

It's also immensely hypocritical. At the same time California is lowering taxes on marijuana and debating bills in the Legislature to decriminalize psychedelic drugs, it is placing bans on menthol cigarettes, flavored smokeless tobacco, and other flavored nicotine vaping products that don't even contain tobacco. Those non-tobacco vaping products, mind you, were determined by an "expert independent evidence review" published by England's public health agency to be "95% safer" than smoking.

Plus, Californians are smart enough to make this decision for themselves. Our state already has one of the lowest smoking rates in the country. In fact, California has lower cigarette use among adults than any state other than Utah – where the state's predominant religion frowns on smoking. Only the fear of God can get you to smoke less than we do in California.

Youth vaping was down 59% before the ban and youth smoking rates are at 1.9% – an all-time low.

Also, while the issue, as I stated, isn't directly taxpayer related (and why HJTA hasn't taken a formal position on the proposition), a legislative analysis of a ban on these products found that it would lead to "significant revenue losses" (revenue is government-speak for tax money) that will exceed \$1 billion in the next four years. I'm sure the Legislature won't take that sitting down and will try to find more "revenue" in higher taxes elsewhere.

It's all about control and it's why voters should just say no to Proposition 31.

Why no? Because this measure is a referendum, which is one of the direct democracy powers that Californians have had since 1911, along with the power of initiative and recall. A referendum empowers voters to approve or reject at the polls any act or section or part of any act of the Legislature.

On Proposition 31, California voters will be deciding whether to approve ("yes") or reject ("no") the law that bans flavored tobacco products.

I'll be voting no – and I don't even smoke.

Jon Coupal is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. ★

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.) and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, to consider the adoption of:

An ordinance to establish 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. The Ordinance would 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.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, October 18, 2022 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against approval of the Ordinance. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking any action or making any recommendation related to the Ordinance. Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak in favor or opposition to the above proposed action. Written comments are also accepted prior to the meeting by mail at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or electronically by emailing lruiz@cityofdixon.us. Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be provided to interested individuals upon request. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance will be available, upon request. If you have any questions, please call the City at (707) 678-7000.

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NATIONAL NEWS *courtesy of THE EPOCH TIMES*

Government Disclosed Jan. 6 Activities of 5 Confidential FBI Sources: Defense Lawyer

ZACHARY STIEBER & JOSEPH M. HANNEMAN

The U.S. government has acknowledged for the first time that five FBI confidential informants were involved with the Oath Keepers on Jan. 6, 2021, but prosecutors failed to disclose that none of the sources provided evidence of guilt, a defense lawyer said on Sept. 26.

FBI officials have repeatedly declined in congressional hearings to say whether there were agents or confidential human sources (CHS) in the crowd when the U.S. Capitol was breached on Jan. 6. But in pre-trial communications in the Oath Keepers' seditious conspiracy case, prosecutors disclosed that there were five sources informing on the Oath Keepers, David Fischer, who is representing defendant Thomas Caldwell, said in the new filing.

"What the Government knew—but only recently disclosed to the Defendants—was that none of the CHSes provided evidence of guilt on the part of the Oath Keepers as an organization, or the individual Defendants in this case," Fischer said.

He said the fact was confirmed by the government telling defense lawyers that only one of the informants will take the stand during the Sept. 27 trial of former Oath Keepers leader Elmer Stewart Rhodes III and four others, including Caldwell.

Top FBI officials have declined to answer questions on how many, if any, informants were at the Capitol around the time of the breach.

"I can't answer that," Jill Sanborn, the FBI assistant director for national security, told Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) during one hearing.

But prosecutors in a recent motion disclosed that multiple sources have been involved in the investigation into the Oath Keepers, a group comprised of former and current members of the military, law enforcement, and first responders.

"At trial, the government or defense may call to testify certain CHSes who were either involved in the investigation that led to prosecution of the defendants, or who became CHSes subsequent to the initiation of the instant investigation," prosecutors said in the motion, which asked U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta, an Obama appointee overseeing the case, to impose a protective order.

Prosecutors want defense lawyers barred from asking any questions seeking personal identifying information from any informant witnesses, including their date of birth; any questions about the

Members of the Oath Keepers walk from President Donald Trump's speech to the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021.



LUKE COFFEE/SCREENSHOT VIA THE EPOCH TIMES

Oath Keepers founder Elmer Stewart Rhodes III, in a still from the documentary "The Real Story of Jan. 6." Rhodes says the group didn't attack the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021.



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The protections requested herein ... would ensure the integrity of any ongoing investigations.

Prosecutors

witnesses' participation in investigations outside of the probe in question; and any questions about training in the FBI's CHS program.

"The protections requested herein, while minimally restrictive, would ensure the integrity of any ongoing investigations and would reduce the security threat posed to any testifying CHSes," prosecutors said in the filing, which has not yet drawn a ruling from Mehta.

'Rhodes Plan'

Prosecutors contend that Rhodes and his co-defendants engaged in a seditious conspiracy to attack the Capitol on Jan. 6 and prevent the counting of Electoral College votes for the 2020 presidential election.

The federal indictment charges the Oath Keepers with stockpiling firearms in a Virginia hotel for use by quick-reaction forces to attack the Capitol. Rhodes has said the weapons were legal and for use only if President Donald Trump invoked the Insurrection Act and raised a militia to guard against Antifa.

None of the informants, however, reported the existence of

a "Rhodes Plan" and all of the sources have denied knowing any information about it when questioned by FBI handlers after Jan. 6, 2021, Fischer said, citing disclosures by the government to defense lawyers.

"The potential testimony of these CHSes, along with the corroborating testimony of their FBI handlers, will establish either 1) that the 'Rhodes Plan' was so secret that even members of Oath Keeper leadership who interacted regularly with Defendant Rhodes and others alleged to have been involved were kept in the dark both before and after January 6, or 2) that there never was any such 'Rhodes Plan,'" the defense lawyer said.

"The defendants are entitled to examine the totality of the Government's investigation and prosecution for the purposes of undermining the jury's confidence in the work done and the conclusions reached by the agents and prosecutors over the course of the past 20 months," Fischer added.

The FBI chose to ignore the exculpatory information and has, with prosecutors, "reverse-engineered" the existence of such a 'plan' through selective use of

'evidence' it has cherry-picked out of context, while ignoring all evidence to the contrary," the filing states.

The FBI has declined to comment on court cases, referring requests for comment to the Department of Justice, which has said it doesn't comment on ongoing cases.

Mehta recently granted a different motion, which asked to withhold certain information on civilian witnesses, after he reviewed the information behind closed doors. The judge said the information wasn't relevant to the trial.

The FBI chooses to use CHSes knowing that the sources might be cross-examined by defense lawyers in criminal cases and defendants want to probe "relevant information," such as the reliability and accuracy of information that originated with a CHS, Caldwell's lawyer said.

"The Defendants, moreover, do not intend to elicit testimony from a CHS for the sole purpose of exposing the CHS to possible retribution or otherwise place his or her safety at risk. However, given the physical proximity of certain CHSes to the Defendants, cooperators, and unindicted co-conspirators in this case, it is unrealistic to seek to prevent the geographic location of a testifying CHS from becoming known as a result of testifying in this case," Fischer added.

The piece in the government motion on preventing questions on the FBI CHS program also runs counter to the Supreme Court's ruling in *Kyles v. Whitley*, according to the defense. Lawyers want Mehta to reject that and all other portions of the government's motion.

Conservative Group Asks IRS to Deny Tax Exemptions to Zuckerberg for 2020 Election Grants

STEVEN KOVAC

A conservative activist group has filed a complaint with the IRS asking the agency to deny personal tax exemptions for Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, arising from the couple's funding of grant programs to help municipalities pay for the 2020 general election.

In a second complaint, the Center for Renewing America (CRA) requested the removal of tax exemptions for three Zuckerberg-supported nonprofits: the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL), the

Center for Election Innovation & Research (CEIR), and the National Vote at Home Institute (NVAHI).

The complaints allege that the Zuckerbergs and the three organizations pumped almost \$500 million into the 2020 election process in an effort to influence the outcome in favor of candidate Joe Biden and other Democrats.

CTCL alone distributed nearly \$350 million in grants to local election departments with a stated mission of helping them conduct safe elections during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Mark Zuckerberg, through various non-profit organizations, contributed hundreds of millions of dollars towards efforts to rig the 2020 election," the CRA wrote in a Sept. 22 Twitter post. "Today, we filed TWO formal IRS complaints against Zuckerberg to call him on this ILLEGAL activity."

CTCL brushed off similar allegations from conservative groups in December 2021 as "disinformation," stating in its final report on the 2020 COVID-19 response grant program that "partisan considerations played no role in the availabil-

ity or awarding of funding."

The report states that nearly 2,500 election departments spread over 49 states received grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$19 million.

For years, conservatives have accused the Zuckerbergs and the three organizations of directing millions of dollars in grant funding to Democrat-leaning localities.

They allege that most of the money was spent on voter registration drives and get-out-the-vote efforts in the large cities of several swing states instead of on public health.

Statistics published by CTCL

show that the city of Detroit, a Democrat stronghold, received more than \$3.5 million in grant money in the runup to the 2020 presidential election, while most Republican-dominated jurisdictions received \$5,000 grants or nothing at all.

Data from CTCL's report demonstrates that in Michigan, the top nine Democrat strongholds of Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, Lansing, Saginaw, Ann Arbor, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, and Benton Harbor received a combined \$6.4 million in CTCL grant funding, representing 86 percent of the \$7.4 million in grants distributed in Michigan.

Mark Zuckerberg couldn't be reached for comment. Representatives for CTCL, CEIR, and NVAHI didn't respond by press time to a request from The Epoch Times for comment.

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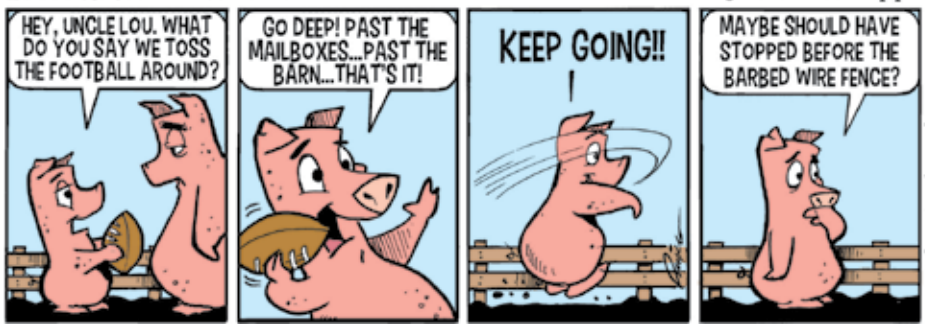
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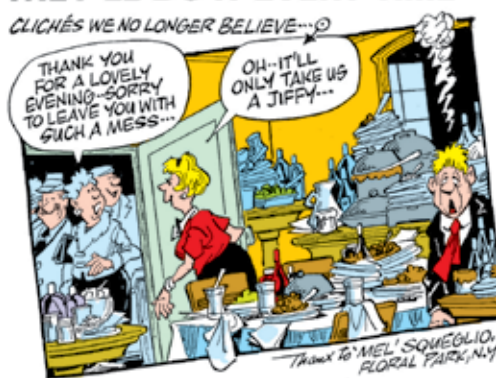


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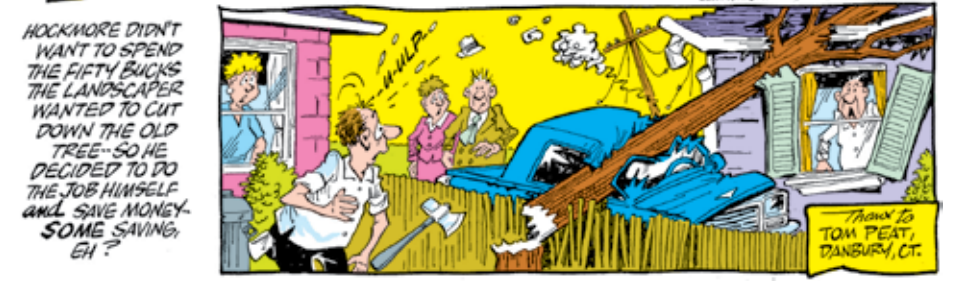
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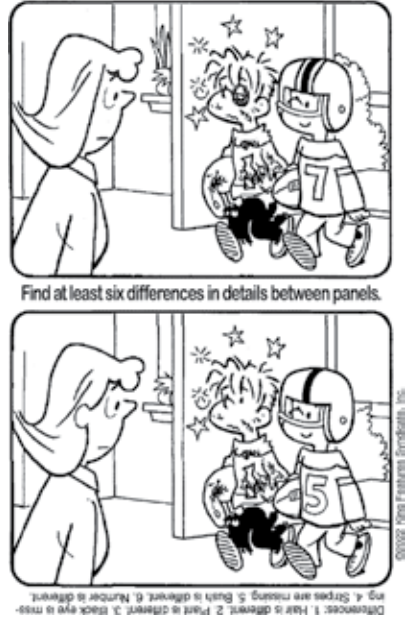
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City Stings Parent-led Basketball Group

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - It is rare that there is tension at the monthly City of Dixon Parks and Recreation Meetings but there was plenty of it at the last one over youth basketball.

At the beginning of the meeting, new Recreation Manager Austin George introduced Aaron Locks, CEO, and Ben Freeland, Area Captain, both from the National Academy of Athletics from San Jose. They gave a presentation on the youth basketball camps during Thanksgiving and during Christmas breaks as well as recreation basketball from January 14 through March 4 for 4th through 8th graders.

“Our number one goal is safety and number two is to have fun and learn to play the game,” said Locks who began doing camps in 2012 in Sonoma and has expanded his company to now include recreational youth sports camps and physical education programs for kids throughout California and regions of Nevada, Texas, Atlanta and Massachusetts.

Commissioner Aimee Villalpando inquired about fees and Locks said that they “do everything in partnership with a 75/25 split with the city.” The cost of their eight-week program is \$155 per child.

When the public was allowed to talk, Brian Jensen, President of the Board for the brand-new non-profit, Dixon Youth Basketball, then expressed shock and disappointment. Jensen and parents went to George early in the spring asking if they could take over the name Dixon Youth Basketball to start a new basketball league which George agreed to. The name was formerly used by the City of Dixon Recreation Department, but board members were told there were no plans to operate any basketball clinics



Parent-coach Misty Dalton lines her team up for a free throw at a Dixon Youth Basketball game years ago. She serves on the board of a parent-led non-profit group that reorganized the Dixon Youth Basketball earlier this year after the pandemic shutdown. They were given city support but now the city's recreation manager has contracted with an outside-of-the-area vendor that will run nearly the same kind of program and will be given use of the gyms at John Knight Middle School. Photo courtesy of Dixon Youth Basketball

or camps in the near future and that was backed in a meeting with Kotow.

The group went to work forming their own non-profit, soliciting parents and youth to be involved, train coaches and raise money for using a Dixon school gymnasium. Jensen went to more meetings including a school board meeting and was continually given the green light. The DYB program is 10 weeks for \$150.

“We first reached out in April and got their okay. I was optimistic for a collaboration, but I was told the city would not collaborate with me. The word was a business partnership but [instead,] the city partnered with people outside of Dixon,” he said.

“I’m thoroughly disappointed that the city is going to offer a program almost identical as ours,” he said. “We currently

have 173 kids signed up. We are going to have the majority of kids in Dixon playing basketball in DYB. We have gym costs of 40K figured into our pricing. We pay our own insurance. We vet all our people and do background checks and everything else. We can offer a program cheaper than what the city made a deal with [the other league] and we can still pay all that money out because we’re not trying to make a profit off the kids. We’re trying to offer them a program with the lowest cost possible.”

However, Jensen refused to disparage the other company.

“I won’t say anything bad about that company - they are a great company, but I will say that our organization in Dixon didn’t have a chance,” Jensen said. “We repeatedly didn’t get replies to emails. They questioned whether or not we were

a true non-profit and I replied to that email with proof but then got no reply.”

The group could only sit in limbo for weeks waiting to hear if they were able to get a gym and didn’t learn they were not going to be “partnering” with the city until a week ago.

“We are going to go forward but I ask two things: Why aren’t we keeping Dixon money in Dixon? And, if the Dixon program doesn’t get enough kids to fill up two gyms at JKMS, then will we be allowed to use some open gym space?” Jensen asked.

Resident Valerie Miner then stepped to the podium.

“Obviously there is some major gray area that is very disturbing. But this is our community. This is our kids... This man was trying to navigate through your system... someone is lying here,” Miner proclaimed.

Villalpando said the item was only informational and the meeting moved to the next item.

“I have to say that their experience mirrors mine,” Caitlin O’Halloran from the Solano Tennis Association said next when speaking under non-agenda items.

She approached the commission back in June with a formal PowerPoint presentation with hopes to build a tennis league in Dixon.

“I began in June asking how to get a program together and at the end of this week, it will be October, and I’m no closer despite three commission meetings, two meetings with staff, three emails and a comprehensive list,” O’Halloran explained. “I’m no closer to where I wanted to be. That concerns me as a community member.”

At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Rudy Balazar asked if the demand for youth basketball is there, why aren’t we using other facilities? Kotow explained that the city does not own the gyms, the school does. The only reason the John Knight Middle School gym is on the table is because of the joint use agreement with the school district and the city in exchange for the city pool use for high school sports.

Commissioner KC Baltz asked about cost recovery and George answered that the new company was “right at break even.”

Kotow reported that the city is open to partnerships. Jensen was called back to the podium and asked questions.

“Never when we started this was it ever going to be about competing programs,” he said.

Kotow wants to find a solution.

“There was miscommunication on many levels,” said Kotow. “With our expertise, we can fix what’s broken.” ★

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