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The Track Season That Didn't End



Above: Katie Peterson won the hammer throw during the Junior Olympics and is pictured here throwing discus during a Dixon High School track meet. Right: Jesse Seville competed in the Junior Olympics in the pole-vaulting competition. Photos courtesy of Nathan Peterson

By Debra Dingman,
Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Track and field is traditionally a spring sport but when summer came, several Dixon High School students wanted to keep training, so head coach Tony Pottier and assistant coaches Andy Bloom and Nate Patterson kept meeting, almost daily.

That might be why five DHS students just competed in the Junior Olympics National Championship in Sacramento last weekend, an event that took over Sacramento State with competitors from across several

states and why they did so well.

They competed in the throws and pole vaulting.

"We are the only sport that kids want to continue on during the summer. It's a blessing having coach Bloom with us and having a guy who competed in the Olympics All-Star," said Pottier, who was an assistant coach under Tom Crumpacker, who is now retired. "It's not about winning; it's about seeing the kids grow."

Many of the team's students play other sports and it isn't until February that their season officially starts.

"It was the first time that I had

a group of athletes who didn't want to stop," said Bloom, who is a teacher at Solano College and has summers free. "We had a really good meet. They competed individually."

Katie Peterson is the school record holder in the discus. She was also the Sac-Joaquin Section (SJS) champion both in the shot put and the discus. She competed for the Golden State Throwers over the summer and was recruited by Princeton. This summer, she competed against three college freshmen and finished fourth in

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2022 Candidates Verified for Election

By Debra Dingman,
Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixonites in District 1, a large area encompassing North Lincoln all the way out to Pedrick, along the railroad and ending at H Street, will have a choice between Jim Ernest who is currently serving as District 2 Council Representative, and former City Councilman Michael Ceremello on Voting Day, November 8.

District 2 residents, which covers a large swathe through the center of town from H Street to the other side of East and West A Streets and all downtown, will choose between Scott Pederson, who is currently serving as District 1 Council Representative, and former Mayor Thom Bogue.

Districts have been detailed on the cityof Dixon website. Follow the government tab to select 'Election Information' and scroll down to the listing of the individual districts. When each tab is open, it shows a colored map of which streets are included in that district.

No one challenged Kristin Janisch in the role of Elected City Clerk, and she was the only one to enter the race so will most likely be re-elected into the position again. All the above have submitted candidate's statements according to the Solano County Registrar of Voters.

School Board candidates have until August 17 at 5 pm to file, according to the Solano County Registrar of Voters website. There are three open seats with currently five candidates vying for them: Incumbents Jewel Fink and Lloyd McCabe; Julian Cuevas; Ian Arnold; and former school board trustee John Gabby. Arnold and Gabby have not yet filed candidate statements.

Local voters will also be determining with a yes or no vote the outcome for this 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 patrols; disaster preparedness; crime/gangs/drugs prevention; street/pothole repair; attract/retain local businesses/job; and for general government use; by establishing a 1-cent sales tax until ended by voters, providing approximately \$3,100,000 annually, with oversight and no money that can be taken by the State, be adopted?" ★

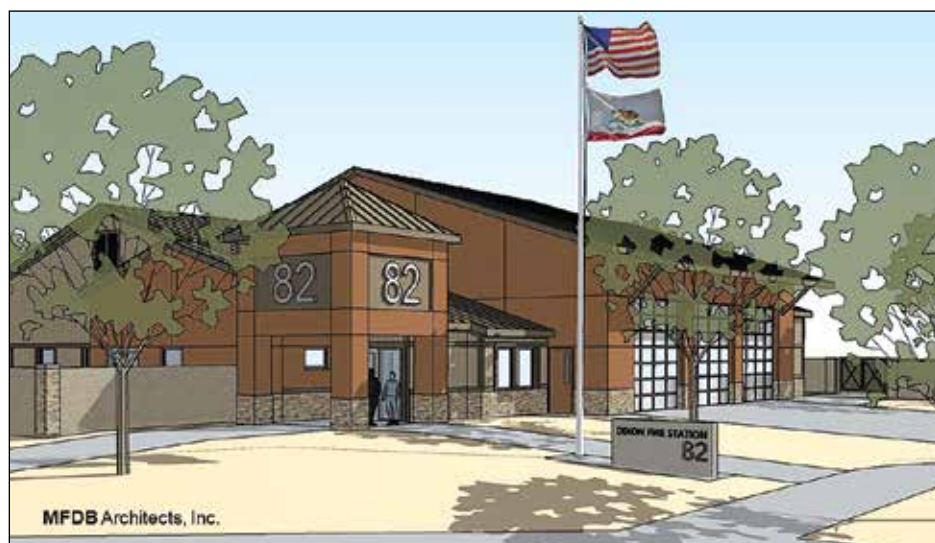
New Fire Station Plans Revealed

By Debra Dingman,
Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - City Planning Commissioners heard a presentation on a new fire station introduced by Dixon Fire Chief Todd McNeil and presented by Andrew MacDonald, Consultant Engineering/Project Manager.

This second fire station, named Station 82, has been slated for construction in the southwest area of the City since the 1990s. The project was delayed numerous times as it was based on development in that area but is now part of the Southwest Dixon Specific Plan.

The fire station will be built on the corner of Pitt School Road and Lavender Lane in the Southwest Development. It sets on a large parcel that is two-thirds surrounded by a new park and is in the middle of newly-built single family homes.



The Fire Station 82 rendering showed an early conceptual design that is still in progress. It is intended to give a snapshot of the progress of the project at this time. The design team and the City are still actively working on the design and scope of the project. Graphic courtesy of MFDB Architects

"This placement was specifically decided upon to achieve multiple missions but the first and most important was to maintain appropriate response time as we expand in that side of town," said Chief McNeil. "What we are striving to achieve is a 90-percent level or greater [for various ratings with the state and

insurance.]" He explained that the fire service has to adhere to response standards that are different for the city as opposed to the rural areas and with equipment located at the new site, it will "greatly enhance service" to that side of the District as well.

Commissioner Randy Davis brought up that this

location places both fire stations on the same side of the tracks to which McNeil responded that the Parkway Boulevard Overpass is a "major and important component."

"With the rapid increase of slowing down, it is imperative that the

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Dixon News Briefs



Members of American Legion Post 208 Wayne and Pat Holland along with Carla Schafer have been busy getting raffle prizes collected and wrapped up for Saturday's raffle at the annual Veterans Hand Up Fundraising Dinner. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

NCS Starts
 There are three days of 'First Day of School' for Neighborhood Christian School families. The first day of school for grades Kindergarten through 8th was this past Wednesday but the first day for preschool for 4-year-olds is August 22; and the next day, Tuesday, August 23, is the first day for 3-year-olds/preschool. Back to School Night will be Thursday, August 25 at 6:45 and school will let out at noon on that day. The school is located at Dixon Community Church, 955 East A Street.

Hand Up
 Don't forget the big, annual dinner this Saturday that benefits homeless and at-risk Veterans taking place at the Veterans Memorial Hall starting with cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Call quickly if you plan to go because tickets are \$25 for your choice of Tri-tip or Chicken with all the fixings. Call (707) 301-0941 if you want to go or just out of the great goodness of your heart, you'd like to donate to the cause. It is sponsored by the American Legions Post 208 and the North Bay Operation Hand Up. The hall is at 1305 North First Street.

Pip Mingle
 In case you don't get enough wine at the DDBA Wine & Art Stroll on Saturday, come sip some more at the Chamber of Commerce's next Mingle at Pip Wine Bar next Wednesday, August 24, at 116 North First Street in downtown Dixon, 5 to 7 p.m. It's free admission and there is business networking, raffle prizes, and always fun!

Why Zoning?
 If you plan to live in Dixon for more than a little bit, you might want to take a look at the Zoning plan as there are some changes coming and certainly if you are planning to grow a business here or expand the one you've got. Look at Zoning as the valuable template for city growth. The workshops have already happened but you can still review everything online and give your input. There is a survey also available for anyone to take until the end of August. For those who like to write instead of tap, you can print a hard copy and drop it off at the City offices. See www.cityofdixon.us/zoningupdate.

Frank Salamone
 You might not know that a favorite Cornerstone Church Pastor, Frank Salamone, is also a talented musician. He will be playing at the Vacaville Jazz Festival over the weekend of September 17 and 18 at the Nut Tree Main Stage. The opening night will be Friday, September 16 at the Town Square in downtown Vacaville at 6 p.m. Over the weekend it will be at the Nut Tree, 1661 East Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville. It is free to the public.

Library Crafts
 Registration is now open to participate in an evening of arts and crafts geared towards adults and teens, ages 14 and up on Thursday, September 1, from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Dixon Public Library, 230 North First Street. Another September event will be a cold processed soap-making class using goat's milk from a local Dixon farm. Contact Rhea Garner at (707) 784-1382 or email her at rfgardner@solanocounty.com for registration or more information. ★

Did I Become a Groupie?



Justin Kraeer was happy to hear he had the best time for downing six barbecue wings seasoned with super-hot peppers in an eating contest at the Wings N Things rebranding celebration.

Commentary and photo by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

As we pulled into the parking lot, memories of dancing to some great rock and roll music lit me up when I caught sight of Eric Christiansen setting up the 'More on the Floor' band at the re-branding celebration of Dixon Wings N Things. I never thought of myself as any kind of 'groupie' but I think I have become one for this group because seeing and hearing them again made me realize I had really missed them.

The evening was perfect as the heat had left for the day and there was a slight breeze. I saw many familiar faces when we were sitting around outdoors with a large crowd of fellow Dixonites. We were the ones who went to all the dances in Dixon and especially ones that Four

on the Floor played at. The guys were always so friendly and played our kind of music plus Eric lived around the corner from me.

It seemed suddenly that our family's high school graduations left us empty nesters and not too long later, grandchildren – all moving us into a different stage of life. Hubby and I danced at the Chamber's spring dinner dance, and I was shockingly sore for nearly a week. I consider myself in good shape but apparently not as well as I'd like so I didn't get out on the concrete this time, but I sure enjoyed watching Kris Ayala on the drums. Kris was a lanky youth when I lived next door to his family and I'm sure he never dreamed he'd be playing in this band with white-haired Eric, but they did a great job together with fellow original musician Mark Youngs, and newbie Richard Urbino.

Several folks were singing along with the songs but soon I found my throat ached. Wow – I wondered how Eric was doing it! His voice is that scratchy-sounding style and all those songs he sang swept us back into the best rock and roll years of music. (70s, 80s, and 90s!) My 27-year-old said maybe like Bailey Zimmerman, so I listened to whoever this Bailey guy is and yep, like that.

But that wasn't the only thing that warmed my heart. Seeing the long line to order food and the full booths made me feel happy. There were old and young and even families with children. I told my husband; this is what Dixon does. We show up to help good causes. I was impressed with the many tables and chairs out, the photo booth, and even the wings-eating contest.

They did that right. Instead of stuffing oneself with something like 67 hotdogs, they had a timed contest. How fast could anyone eat six hot barbecue wings – like Carolina Reaper and Ghost Peppers hot? Justin Kraeer, 33, won with the best time of 2.03 minutes. If you want to try them, they are known as Dylan's Evil Special, I was told. It hurt my stomach just watching him devour them. It was a great night and hopefully enough to keep the restaurant alive for a long time. ★

Hearing Examines 2 Sports Betting Initiatives

Office of Senator Bill Dodd

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, said August 10's informational hearing on California's two competing sports-betting initiatives provided the public with a clear opportunity to receive an objective review of both measures from the state Legislative Analyst's Office ahead of the Nov. 8 election.

The hearing also allowed supporters and proponents of both measures, including members of the public, to voice their positions.

"Today's hearing reinforced key points about two proposals

to legalize and regulate sports wagering in California," Sen. Dodd said. "We held the measures side by side, reviewed them in detail and heard input from stakeholders. The hearing underscored that illegal sports wagering is happening now without regulation, safeguards or benefits to our state. This illegal activity should be taken out of the shadows, generating revenue to improve our state, and I believe this hearing highlighted issues the voters should weigh in that regard."

The information about Propositions 26 and 27 came at a joint hearing of the Assembly and Senate Governmental

Organization committees, co-chaired by Sen. Dodd. The Legislative Analyst's Office presented details on how the measures would legalize sports betting. The LAO found:

Proposition 26 would authorize on-site sports wagering at facilities operated by federally recognized Native American tribes and large horseracing tracks. The measure would generate tens of millions of dollars, a portion of which would be used for K-12 education and community colleges. The LAO estimated enforcement costs to the state Department of Justice would also be in the tens of millions of dollars.

Proposition 27 would authorize statewide online and mobile sports wagering for gaming tribes. The vast majority of illegal sports betting currently takes place online, and to address that market proponents asserted the need for legalizing and regulating mobile wagering. Revenue was estimated to be up to \$500 million per year and funding would be dedicated to programs in three areas: homelessness, gambling addiction and tribal development. Enforcement costs were also estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars.

Speaking in support of Proposition 26 were Anthony Roberts, chair, Yocha Dehe

Wintun Nation; Lovina Saul Redner, chair, Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians; and Jeff Butler, general counsel, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

Speaking in support of Proposition 27 were Jose "Moke" Simon, chair, Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California, and Jennifer Friend, CEO, Project Hope Alliance

Committee members asked questions but did not take positions on the measures. Both propositions go before voters Nov. 8.

A recording of the hearing can be found here: <https://agov.assembly.ca.gov/>. ★

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Save on Wine Stroll Tickets



Hillary Burley, Hair Stylist at Cynde's Salon and Spa, invited guests to refreshments at the last DDBA Wine and Art Stroll in downtown Dixon.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Tickets are still available and it's not too late to get the discounted price for this Saturday's Downtown Wine & Art Stroll. Sip a variety of delicious wines and champagnes, enjoy some interesting artwork, and visit with good friends and neighbors from 4-8 p.m.

There will also be live music by Hattie Craven and The Moon Howlers

according to Downtown Dixon Business Association's President Jill Orr, owner of Dawson's Bar and Grill. DDBA volunteers have been working to get the event off the ground after the past few years without it.

"We have several new merchants and wineries who are anxious to host this fun event," said Orr. "This is a great opportunity to showcase the diverse businesses and services we have to offer in downtown Dixon."

The DDBA sports about 25 businesses in the downtown core area and has a mission of enhancing the business environment while promoting the revitalization of downtown as the cultural center of the community. Orr says the event has grown into a favorite for locals and visitors alike. It is also a great way to expose the local vineyards to our residents, she said.

People can save money by buying tickets in advance for \$30 online by scanning the QR Code on the DDBA Facebook site or on the posters around town including the post office. The price includes a commemorative wine glass and tasting map. The day of the event, cost is \$35, and admission will be at the new Pardi Plaza in the center of town, corner of First and A Streets. Participants have to be at least 21 years of age and this event is not recommended for children.

For more information, call the Downtown Dixon Business Association at (707) 678-8400 or any of the many downtown merchants. ★

The Season That Didn't End



Jesse Seville competed in the Junior Olympics in the pole-vaulting competition and is pictured here competing for Dixon High School. Photo courtesy of Nathan Peterson

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the hammer. "It was pretty amazing. She's got a really bright future," Bloom said.

Luke DeDora competed in shot put, the spherical weight thrown from the shoulder, as well as discus. He was the SJS champion for Division IV. He recorded a lifetime-best mark of 152-feet, 5-inches to finish in ninth place.

"When he first came to us, he was a little guy and was a soccer goalie. He had never seen a javelin before," Bloom said. "But with training, he qualified for a national (competition), and improved by 40-feet, coming in seated 34th and finishing ninth. On his first throw he hurt his knee, so he struggled and fought his way through the competition despite it. It was an amazing performance."

DeDora is now off to the University of Puget Sound to compete in track.

"It was his top choice and found an event that fits in his body, and I think he has a really good future in javelin," Bloom added.

Both DeDora and Peterson graduated in June.

"We have an unsung track program that has sent a lot of kids off to college," he said.

The other two stars who competed in the event are incoming DHS sophomores this year: Emily Penery and Andy's son, Nathan Bloom.

"Emily chose track as her first sport she ever did," Bloom explained.

She had never been a part of organized sports and her technical event was a discus. At her first meet, she threw 50-feet and at the Junior Olympics, she threw 80-feet, 5-inches and subsequently improved to 82-feet, 6-inches. She finished 32nd place.

"She has come so far in one season it's

exciting to think where she'll come in the next three years," Bloom said.

Nathan Bloom's number one event is the discus. He won the first Golden Empire League meet at the first varsity meet last year, so he's already seen a little bit of success.

"He's really focused, and he's worked so hard this summer. It's been fun to watch," said his Dad, Coach Bloom, whose oldest daughter started throwing at 16 when he joined in to coach.

"Nathan's very proud that he's beaten my marks that were mine as a freshman and he makes sure I know that all the time," Bloom said with a laugh.

Nathan finished in 22nd place with marks of 109-feet, 10-inches but improved to 115-feet, 6-inches.

"It's brought us really close together and it's been a lot of fun to watch him fall in love with a sport that has been a part of my life since 1987," the elder Bloom stated. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of it."

Jesse Seville, a senior this year, also participated in pole vaulting in the 17-18 age group under Patterson, who pole vaulted in high school and in college Sacramento City College, and UC Davis under Coach Bloom.

"Jesse has a lot of potential. He cleared 13-feet, 7-inches and ranked in the top 20. He's put in a lot of work in the last two years. He's really dedicated, and he also runs cross county," Patterson said.

Pottier is excited for the future of the Rams' track and field program.

"Now that they have seen that our program is so successful, it's going to come out that the track program at Dixon High has more students competing at the next level than any sports," said Pottier. ★

Dixon Unified School District Superintendent's Message



By Brian Dolan

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Welcome to the 2022-23 school year!

Whether you are returning to Dixon Unified, or one of our many new families, we welcome you to our new year. We have thoroughly planned and prepared for this year and expect many successes, some challenges, and opportunities to engage with us in supporting your students, as well as the school district overall. We will be most effective when we keep you informed and involved, and you do the same for us. Communication between all of us is the key to getting results, so look for and read everything that we send home, follow us on social media if you like using it, and stay in contact with teachers and administrators as you have questions and concerns. We are looking forward to a terrific year – and need your help to

make it happen.

Along the lines of the thoughts above, each site will be holding its Back to School Night in the coming days and weeks. Please be sure to look for the specific details for your schools and be sure to attend.

While COVID is still a big presence in our area and outside it, there are limited restrictions in place as we start the year. We are anticipating that the Centers for Disease Control will be issuing new guidance for schools within the next week. While we do not have the specifics yet, big changes are not expected to take place. For now, here's what to expect in Dixon: 1. Masks are not required, but they are highly recommended. They will be available at no cost on campus. 2. Students remain encouraged to clean their hands frequently. Sanitizer is available in classrooms. 3. Social distancing has been de-emphasized, but encouraged, nevertheless. 4. Vaccines are highly encouraged for all students but remain as a family decision. 5. All normal student activities are allowed to take place. 6. Family members and other outsiders are not allowed full access to campuses yet. There are a few exceptions: Dropping

off or picking up a student; dropping off an item that a student needs for the school day, such as their computer, books, or other necessary materials; and volunteers are allowed in classes one at a time and must show either proof of vaccination or a negative test taken that day.

The requirement for parents to be vaccinated or provide a negative test is the same one that our staff members are required to meet, so this practice is not limited to parents and outsiders only.

We are starting the year with 3059 students enrolled in the District. This is about 40 fewer students than last year.

We have a number of teaching positions at almost every school that we have not been able to hire people for. Every school district in our area, and the majority across the state, are in the same situation. We are making every effort to find qualified candidates to fill our vacant positions and are using substitute teachers as needed. We also have a number of classified positions that we are still looking to fill, as well as substitute teachers and classified staff. Please go to our website and click on "Work Here" to see a link for all of our available jobs. ★

New Fire Station Plans

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City begin the design process to maintain response times and provide emergency services to the growing community," the report prepared by MacDonald read. "Additionally, in order to be prepared for possible state and federal funding, design of Fire Station 82 is starting now." A contract was approved with MFDB Architects, Inc. for the design in March and three public meetings were part of that agreement.

"The design is intended to provide a highly functional facility for the Fire Department, that is responsive to their needs, is durable and efficient to maintain and operate, and is scaled to provide an appropriately Civic presence for the fire station while also fitting seamlessly into the neighborhood at the corner lot adjacent to the existing City Park," reported

Tyler Babcock, AIA, LEED AP, of MFDB Architects, Inc.

The renderings showed a few different angles of a building with three, large pull-though lanes to accommodate four pieces of fire apparatus that will exit onto Pitt School Road. It will be approximately 8,000 square-feet, all in one story. Four dorm style accommodations, two shower spaces, a kitchen and other living areas are included. Also included are a small office space, a public lobby, a fitness room, and five apparatus bays with associated utility spaces.

Interested parties and neighbors residing in the area of Lavender and Pitt School Road in the Southwest Development have time to attend another presentation that will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on August 23, 2022. ★

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Solano Symphony Orchestra Announces 2022-2023 Season

Solano Symphony Orchestra News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - With great anticipation, the Solano Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Semyon Lohss, looks forward to presenting its 36th season, featuring five concerts at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theater and a new community event in Andrews Park! The wide-ranging selection of music this season guarantees something for everyone's tastes, including Bach's beloved Violin Concerto in A minor, Schubert's timeless melodies, John Williams's heroic themes, the infectious jazz stylings of Duke Ellington, and Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, The Nutcracker.

New this year, the Solano Symphony Orchestra will open the season with a community "Play-In" event during the highly anticipated Vacaville Arts Week, Sunday, Sept. 25 from 3-4:30 pm in Andrews Park. Community members of all ages are invited to bring their instruments and sit alongside orchestra members to sight-read through some fun, easy and recognizable music. Non-musicians are encouraged to bring the family and a picnic blanket and enjoy the music in the park.

The regular season kicks off with a classical concerto and a beautiful, but lesser-known symphony. The performance will open with Mozart's D Major Flute Concerto and will also feature Danish composer Carl Nielsen's exciting first symphony.

In the orchestra's December program, selections from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker ballet will fill the hall for the Holiday Celebration performance, which also features the orchestra's own concertmaster, Max Baluyev, playing Bach's first Violin Concerto in A minor.

The annual Salute to Youth concert in February will showcase winners of the

upcoming Young Artists Competition, as well as youth ensembles from Vanden High School and Vacaville High School performing side-by-side with orchestra members.

In March, at the World's Greatest Classics performance, the orchestra will play Beethoven's classic Fidelio Overture and Schubert's tuneful 'Unfinished' Eighth Symphony.

Finally, for lovers of popular music, the May Annual Pops Concert presents an eclectic range of musical styles, from the marches of John Philip Sousa to the jazz riffs of Duke Ellington.

Check out the details on the orchestra's website at solanosymphony.org and stay posted for future events on our Facebook page. The Solano Symphony Orchestra is actively seeking volunteers, board members, and community musicians. Email info@solanosymphony.org to express interest!

- Opening Night - October 9, 2022
- Holiday Celebration - December 4, 2022
- Salute to Youth - February 5, 2023
- World's Greatest Classics - March 26, 2023
- Annual Pops Concert - May 21, 2023

All concerts take place Sunday afternoon at 3 PM at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville.

Season ticket subscriptions can be purchased online at www.solanosymphony.org, or by mail at Solano Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 154, Fairfield, CA 94533. Season and individual concert tickets can also be purchased at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville (707-469-4013, website: www.vpat.net). Individual concert tickets go on sale Sept. 1, 2022.

Please visit the symphony website at www.solanosymphony.org to learn more about the Solano Symphony Orchestra. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001092
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Ryan Darrall Wine LLC, 3154 Highway 128, Unit B, Calistoga, CA 94515. Date Filed in Solano County: June 27, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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The following persons are doing business as: Brother & Sister Handyman, 524 Tipperary Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Francisco J. Varilla, 524 Tipperary Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688. Date Filed in Solano County: June 8, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001154
The following persons are doing business as: Educational Records Evaluation Service, 2480 Hilborn Road, #106, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Educational Records Evaluation Service, 2480 Hilborn Road, #106, Fairfield, CA 94534. Date Filed in Solano County: July 6, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/5/2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001250
The following persons are doing business as: Solano Solar Cleaning, LLC, 942 Cedarcrest Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.

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Crossfit Vacaville North @ The Compound LLC, 3777 Vaca Valley Parkway, Vacaville, CA 95688. Date Filed in Solano County: August 5, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 8/1/2022

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'BULLET TRAIN' A TRUE NON-STOP ACTION THRILL RIDE

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"BULLET TRAIN" RATED R

Action films are frequently constructed as thrill rides due to the surfeit of the non-stop clashes involving gunplay, explosions, wild car chases, and overall mayhem that often proves to be electrifyingly entertaining.

In the case of "Bullet Train," where assassins battle on the world's fastest train, almost the entirety of the action is, in fact, a wild, non-stop thrill ride on the Shinkansen through modern-day Japan.

With an overall disheveled appearance and wearing a bucket hat, Brad Pitt's Ladybug looks more like a tourist than the intuitive and skilled assassin whose string of bad luck has taken a toll on him when his jobs went off the rails.

Boarding the high-speed train in Tokyo, Ladybug moves at the commands through an earpiece from his handler Maria (Sandra Bullock), an unseen presence who reassures him that he's up to task of retrieving a briefcase containing ransom money.

Even though killing targets has been a way of life for Ladybug, he's going through an existential crisis of confidence, mostly due to his current desire of seeking a harmonious Zen-like state of mind and renouncing violence.

The newest assignment of a simple theft convinces Ladybug that he has no need of a weapon, even though his handler thinks otherwise, and her concern soon turns out to be prescient.

Unknown to Ladybug is that the sleek train has onboard several of the most elite lethal adversaries from around the globe, each with an agenda that is seemingly connected and yet with differing objectives.

The briefcase is in the possession of colorful British assassin brothers, Tangerine (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), and Lemon (Brian Tyree Henry), who are ironically called twins even though one is white and the other black.

Next to Ladybug, Tangerine, a Savile Row-tailored killer with slicked back hair and flashy jewelry, and the unkempt Lemon, who possesses a guileless demeanor and moral compass honed mostly from the lessons of "Thomas the Tank Engine," are the most interesting characters.

It's hard to tell if Tangerine is a sociopath or just a psychotic nutcase, but along with Lemon, he's an extremely dangerous trained assassin. The twins make an amusing pair as they bicker like a married couple while dispatching a foe.

Snatching the briefcase is an easy task when it's left in the luggage compartment, and Ladybug is instructed to disembark at the next stop, but circumstances interfere with the plan.

Detailed in a flashback to a Mexican

wedding gone horribly wrong, it becomes clear that the unhinged Wolf (rapper Bad Bunny), who lost his bride, is on the train to settle a score with Ladybug for his perceived involvement in her death.

Even when Wolf and Ladybug are beating on each other, Ladybug is confused and uncertain, and in his defensive moves, he's trying to assess who this guy is and why this is happening, while Wolf has allowed an unbridled rage to overcome any sense of reason.

Meanwhile, a sweet-looking young woman known as The Prince (Joey King) uses her demure schoolgirl appearance to mask her true desire of fierce cruelty for the sheer pleasure of killing.

Family drama emerges when Kimura (Andrew Koji), a low-level Tokyo criminal in a perpetual alcoholic haze, boards the train to exact his revenge on the unknown culprit who tossed his young son from the rooftop of a department store.

Kimura's stoic, unyielding father, known as the Elder (Hiroyuki Sanada) takes on the multi-layered character of the modest florist who is fiercely protective of his grandson, but remains a lethal assassin skilled in swordsmanship.

The Hornet (Zazie Beetz), involved in the theft of a deadly viper from the Tokyo Zoo, is a master of disguise who travels under the radar on every job she takes. Her intended victims seem to be everyone else.

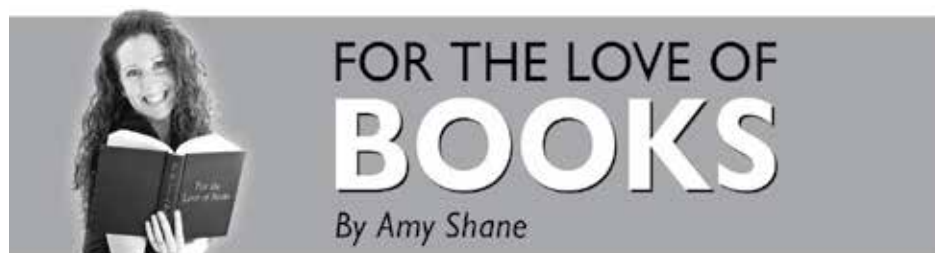
Is it a matter of coincidence that so many assassins ended up on the same train, or are they being manipulated by an elaborate plan? The answer may come from the underworld boss known as the White Death (Michael Shannon) who shows up late in the game with his henchmen.

At a running time of roughly two hours, "Bullet Train" could have been better served with a little more judicious editing, but this is a minor quibble when there is so much carnage and craziness that jolt the senses with an energetic blast of delirious bedlam.

Brad Pitt's nonchalant charisma turns the existential angst of his character into the familiar turf of roles played in films like "The Mexican," the British crime caper "Snatch" and the "Ocean's Eleven" franchise.

Part of the fun in "Bullet Train," directed by David Leitch whose credits include "Atomic Blonde," "Deadpool 2" and the original "John Wick," is the obvious pedigree of high-octane action mixed with dark humor.

"Bullet Train" will have its share of detractors, but one must enter the multiplex primed for the kind of action-fueled diversion that was once the province of directors like Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez. ★



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What Books Are In Your Back-to-School Backpack?

Head off to school with these fun new children's picture books, perfect for home and in the classroom.

Puppy Bus by Drew Brockington

Starting a new school in a new town can be scary, but what would happen if you got on the wrong bus? When the new boy gets on the wrong bus, he ends up at Puppy School! At first, everything is terrifying. They speak a different language, the lunch is disgusting, and their bathrooms are a little weird. Then the boy makes some new friends and the day quickly turns around. Maybe things will be ok, unless he gets on the wrong bus again tomorrow.

Puppy Bus is a laugh-out-loud story perfect for those first days of school jitters. This story will instantly melt any fears and is the ideal book for parents and classrooms.

Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome by Kat Zhang, Charlene Chua

When Amy's class gets a new student from China, she is overjoyed and instantly tries to be friends. While Amy tries to make friends and make him feel included, Lin will only smile. Then, Amy hears him talking to his little sister in Chinese, and she begins to understand. That night, with a little bit of help from her family, Amy invites everyone over for a dumpling party. Will this help Lin finally feel comfortable enough to be friends?

Amy Wu returns with another delightful story exploring the excitement of meeting new friends and ways you can make a new student feel comfortable. Complete with How-to instructions in the back for making your own welcome banner.

Not Yet, Yeti

by Bethany Freitas and Maddie Frost

Yeti is so excited for his first day of school. There are new friends to make, new toys to play with, and so many things to learn. Then, Yeti gets to school and realizes that not everything is as easy as he thought it would be. But with deep breaths, a helpful teacher, and his



classmates, Yeti learns that trying and not giving up are essential parts of learning.

A perfect story to highlight The Growth mindset while celebrating the joy of seeking new challenges while also learning strong mental habits. *Not Yet, Yeti* also addressed highlights and validated real feelings while opening the door to a read and ask section in the back. Follow Yeti and all of his first-day adventures.

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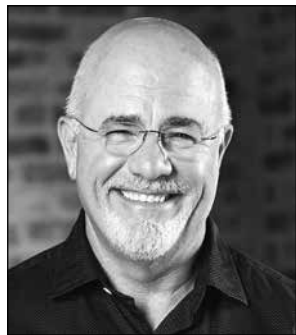
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Dave Ramsey Says

Pay off the mortgages? Not so fast...

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are retired. I receive a small pension, and we are both on Medicare and Social Security. We have about \$25,000 left to pay on our mortgage, along with a second mortgage of \$18,000. These are our only debts. We also have a nest egg of \$30,000 set aside, and a small annuity that's worth about \$20,000. Would you recommend paying off our mortgages with our savings?

— Jane

Dear Jane,

If you know me at all,

you understand how much I'd love to see everyone in control of their finances and living debt-free. But being broke, even in a house that's paid for, isn't a good idea. Believe me, I understand. The idea of paying off the house and everything is awfully tempting. But if you two did that, you'd be left with very little. To me, that's a scary thought when your small pension — along with Social Insecurity and Medicare — are all you have coming in.

No offense, but your nest egg is kind of small to begin with, so I don't think I'd be raiding it right now. On the other hand, if you'd told me you had \$400,000 or \$500,000 saved up, I'd tell you pay off the house and second mortgage today.

If you're not doing this already, I'd advise you two to start making and living on a regular monthly budget. Give every dollar a

name on paper before the month begins, because if you don't, your money will control you instead of you controlling it. Make sure you're living on less than what's coming in, and hopefully you can devise a plan to have the house and other debt paid off in a few years.

God bless you two!

— 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. ★



Drought Impacts Deepen for California Agriculture

In a third year of drought, California farmers and ranchers have planted fewer acres, fallowed fields or reduced livestock herds as water supplies diminish. State farmers last year fallowed 395,100 acres of cropland, resulting in more than 14,000 lost farm jobs and \$1.7 billion in lost revenue, according to the California Farm Water Coalition. The organization predicts this year will be worse, with 594,000 to 691,000 acres fallowed, up to 25,800 lost jobs and \$3.5 billion in lost economic output.

Cling Peach Acreage is Way Down, and Peach Prices are Surging

Farmers produce more durable cantaloupes for changing market

California cantaloupe farmers have largely transitioned from producing long-familiar melons known as Western shippers. Now farmers are concentrating on producing newer varieties, known as

long-shelf-life or LSL cantaloupes. They have firmer flesh and harder shells and, importantly, can stay fresh up to 20 days after harvest, a key factor for grocery retailers. The earlier generation melons had reduced longevity and ripened over drawn-out periods, requiring more-extensive harvesting.

Lodi Vineyards Build a Brand Based on Sustainability

In 1992, winegrape growers in San Joaquin County embraced a holistic farming approach as they created the Lodi Rules Sustainable Winegrowing Program. Now that effort, a voluntary initiative to help fellow farmers adopt sustainable agricultural practices, is world renowned. Growers in the program commit to conserving water, improving soil quality and protecting bird and wildlife habitat. In 30 years since the program's adoption, county winegrape acreage tripled and prices per ton more than doubled. ★

Heeney's History

Canyon de Chelly

Commentary by Ed Heeney

Long ago, Daryll Huddleston, Heifer Project International Northwest Region Director, asked if Mary and I would be available to take a load of sheep to the Dene' (Navajo) Indian reservation in Chinle, Arizona. We excitedly responded "you betcha," and began studying the Atlas to discover where the place was. We learned that this was a couple miles from Canyon deChelly, a national monument. (pronounced "Canyon de shay") where the Navajo have farmed for 5000 years. The cold winter months are spent up on top of the canyon and summer months on the floor planting and harvesting crops. This load of sheep seemed a perfect fit in the Indians' farming operation.

Late June in early morning, we arrived at the center in Ceres to begin our excursion in a Chevy pick-up towing a 16' livestock trailer carrying about a couple dozen sheep. We had studied the map, secured contact numbers, and even purchased a book about Indians of the Southwest. We were ready for this adventure.

The trip was uneventful down Hwy 99 to Bakersfield, then east on Hwy 58 over the Tehachapi. As we approached the town of Mojave, my navigator decided to take a nap. No sweat, I had flown over this area a "whole bunch" so what could go wrong? We were quite a bit past Mojave when I began to feel things were not quite right.... We should be passing Edwards AFB test facility but instead we were in a flat desert. Upon waking my Nav, I was informed by her that we were lost. I was supposed to turn left at the south side of Mojave.

After consulting maps, we selected an alternate route back up to Hwy 58. We discovered some unplanned cities: Lancaster, Palmdale, Apple Valley, Victorville, etc. This was ok since this

was a new route. We arrived at our first day's destination, Needles, a couple hours later than planned, but still some daylight left. We had been told that we would have a place to o'nite the sheep at the Needles Fairgrounds, so inquired where the fairgrounds were located. We found them, but no one was around. We contacted the HPI representative who advised us we needed to be at the "old" fairgrounds.

Off we went to the West side of town, we found the old, old fairgrounds and a withered old cowboy. We had to rebuild the pen pretty much with old sheet metal roofing and baling wire, but finally secured our flock for the night. This evening in a Needles Motel had me wide-eyed watching my sheep sneaking through holes in the fence and scattering across the town of Needles. I counted sheep and saw fluffy white sheep leaping across my bed all in a row. Thank goodness it was all a bad dream, for when we arrived at the fairgrounds, we encountered a pastoral scene of our flock contentedly awaiting our arrival and the resumption of our journey.

Our trip east on I40 and then North on 191 was uneventful. The young Indian boys that helped unload the sheep in a pen under a cottonwood tree were a real kick. They tried to impress us with their livestock prowess and did a pretty good job of it.

We toured the canyon rim and looked down into the canyon floor from several feet above. They do not allow tourists into the bottom land without a guide and since our time was limited, we bypassed that for another day. This simple trip to Arizona with a load of sheep had turned into quite an adventure. We earned our 'spurs!'

Ed Heeney 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. ★

Solano Land Trust Donates to DFS



Cherie and Ken Schroeder along with Tracy Ellison representing the Solano Land Trust, donated pork recently to Dixon Family Services. Also in the picture, Crystal Gutierrez and Fatima Alvarez.

Story and photo by Cookie Powell

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Long-time, multi-generation Dixon residents, Cherie and Ken Schroeder, purchased a May Fair pig, had it butchered and packaged, and donated it to the Dixon Family Services (DFS) Food Pantry. Tracy Ellison of Solano Land Trust (SLT) picked up the meat and delivered it to DFS. They talked a little about why the SLT exists and some of the successes they've had. Many acres of property owned by the Schroeder family is one of them. Go to their website www.solanolandtrust.org to learn more about the important work they do to preserve and protect local agricultural land.

The DFS Pantry serves those who indicate a need for supplemental food. Typically, 2-3 large grocery bags full of shelf-safe foods are provided to families

struggling with food instability. Since the pandemic and now with the inflation of food costs, the requests for food assistance have more than doubled.

Now, while the supply lasts, packages of fresh frozen pork will also be given with the non-perishables. Thank you to Tracy, Cheri and Ken.

At this time the Pantry has become more selective about donated foods. We do not accept arbitrary offers of donated foods when people call to say they cleaned out their cupboards or those of a loved one or moving and have canned goods to donate. We refer those donations to the Contra Costa Solano Food Bank or the Cornerstone Church. We do not have the staff or volunteers that are necessary for sorting out the expired or damaged packages that we cannot give out.

We also have new

guidelines for those who plan and organize food drives with DFS Food Pantry as beneficiary. These new policies were put in place to assist the DFS Food Pantry in providing only safe, unexpired and nutritious foods for the families we serve. We thank everyone in advance for helping us with this goal. To talk about having a food drive or learn more about the DFS Food Pantry, please contact us at info@DixonFamilyServices.org.

To access food from the DFS Pantry, Dixon residents can call 707-678-0442 to set up a pick-up appointment. We also currently have certain sizes of diapers to give out. As a reminder, DFS offers all services on an appointment basis only. If you call and we don't answer, leave your name and number to reach you. We will call you back. ★

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NOTICE OF RELEASE OF PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

The public review draft of the City of Dixon Housing Element is released for a 30-day public review period and the Dixon Planning Commission and Dixon City Council will hold **PUBLIC MEETINGS** to consider the project:

PROJECT: **Housing Element Update (2023-2031)** – A Housing Element is a state required element of a City's General Plan. The Housing Element must be updated every eight (8) years and includes goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs that address the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing in city limits. In addition, the Housing Element Update identifies sites appropriate for the development of multifamily housing. The Housing Element Update also includes other amendments necessary to comply with recent changes in State law. Prior to the submittal of the Draft to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review and comment, a Draft Housing Element has been prepared and now available for a 30 day public review and comment period. Following review of the Draft, the City will consider all comments, including those of the HCD and revise the Housing Element for consideration and final adoption by the Planning Commission and Council. Separate public notice for adoption hearings will be provided.

Once the Draft Housing Element is scheduled for adoption hearings, an assessment of the potential impacts of the Dixon Housing Element update, and associated updates to General Plan, will be completed and released for public review, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Raffi Bolyan, Community Development Director at (707) 678-7000 x1114 or rbolyan@cityofdixon.us. The Draft Housing Element is now available for review on the City's web site (www.cityofdixon.us/housingelementupdate). A physical copy of the Draft Housing Element is also available for public review at City Hall (600 East A St, Dixon, CA) or at the Dixon Public Library (230 N 1st St, Dixon, CA). Staff reports for this item will be available 72 hours before each of the two meetings at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

PROVIDING COMMENTS: The public comment period for the Draft Housing Element Update begins on **August 12, 2022, and closes on September 12, 2022 at 5pm**. Written comments on the Draft Housing Element Update must be submitted prior to the deadline, either in person or by first class mail to: City of Dixon, Community Development Department, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. Attention: Raffi Bolyan, Community Development Director or via Email at rbolyan@cityofdixon.us. Please include "Comments on Dixon Draft Housing Element" in the subject line of any communication.

MEETING DATE & LOCATION: The matter will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council at the respective meetings. The Planning Commission and City Council will discuss the context of the Draft Housing Element update and receive any oral public comments.

Planning Commission - Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
City Council - Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Both meetings will be conducted at Dixon City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA and will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending in person and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

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

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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NATIONAL NEWS *courtesy of THE EPOCH TIMES*

FBI's Trump Home Raid Improperly Intrusive, Circumstances Indicate: Lawyers

PETR SVAB

There's reason to suspect that the FBI search of the Florida residence of former President Donald Trump was improperly intrusive, according to several lawyers. The raid prompted a rebuke from Trump and Republicans more broadly and further escalated political tensions in the nation.

About two dozen FBI agents entered Trump's Palm Beach resort of Mar-a-Lago at about 9 a.m. on Aug. 8 and left about 10 hours later with "a handful of boxes of documents," one of Trump's attorneys on the scene, Christina Bobb, told Insight.

"I didn't actually get to oversee the search, they wouldn't let anybody see what they were doing," she said.

It isn't clear what legal basis the FBI had for the raid. The agents had a search warrant signed by a judge. However, the affidavit explaining the basis—its probable cause—was filed under seal, and Trump's lawyers weren't allowed to examine it, Bobb said.

In general, the agents were looking for "what they deemed to be presidential records," she said.

"I don't think there was anything of substance."

Trump's legal team will take steps to obtain the affidavit, according to Bobb.

There has been a dispute between the National Archives and Trump about whether he has documents that should be stored at the archives under the U.S. Presidential Records Act.

Trump has been cooperative on that front and had previously invited the FBI to Mar-a-Lago to examine the White House records he had in storage at the time, Bobb said.

"Nothing had been hidden, and nothing had been kept secret from them, which makes this all the more ridiculous," she said.

Potentially Illegal

"I'm stunned and dismayed," Marc Ruskin, a 27-year FBI veteran and former federal prosecutor, told Insight. "The disregard for traditional norms and apparent lack of concern with the appearance of impropriety is indicative of an abandonment of even a veneer of independence and objectivity."

Former federal prosecutor Mike Davis went even further, saying the raid may have been illegally invasive.

"Under the case law, you can't do a home raid if you can secure the documents through less intrusive means," he told "Bannon's War Room" on Aug. 9.

The FBI had to first determine that requests for the documents or even subpoenas wouldn't be sufficient, said Davis, who formerly advised Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) on judicial nominations and now heads The Article III Project.

"There's zero evidence" that Trump wouldn't have cooperated, Davis said.

"There was no allegation or evidence that he [Trump] was destroying any of this evidence or putting it into the wrong hands. This is banana republic-level tactics from the

Local law enforcement officers in front of Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla., on Aug. 9, 2022.



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Former President Donald Trump speaks at the America First Policy Institute Agenda Summit in Washington on July 26, 2022.



MANDEL NGAN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Biden Justice Department," he said.

Even if Trump took classified documents, he took possession of them when he was still chief executive and had the authority to declassify them, according to Davis.

Bobb suggested that the invocation of classified documents was a disingenuous attempt of "shrouding this in a national security blanket."

"They don't want to disclose what they're doing, because what they're doing is wrong. And so they want to hide it behind the premise of 'Oh, it's a matter of national security and classified documents, so we can't disclose to you what we're doing or why we're doing it. But just trust us. We're not lying to you,'" she said. "Well, no, the American people aren't going to stand for that anymore."

Even if the DOJ tried to charge Trump with withholding documents, it wouldn't hold up because the statute in question requires a "willful" violation, and Trump would have had to have "some malicious intent" to take specific documents, according to Bobb.

"They would have to lay the foundation that Donald Trump actually packed up his own office" or ordered somebody what specifically to take, she said.

History of Missing Documents

If Trump had documents that should go to the archives, it would add him to a lineup of former government officials.

Former FBI Director James Comey took his handwritten notes when he was fired by Trump in 2017. His home wasn't raided. He handed the notes to FBI agents who came to interview him.

The Obama administration didn't just fail to hand over documents; tens of thousands

of its documents went missing or were destroyed. No homes were raided.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton failed to hand over tens of thousands of emails and documents from her server, claiming that they were of a personal nature. The FBI was able to retrieve some of the documents, revealing that many were work-related. Moreover, the documents were under congressional subpoena at the time when a Clinton aide deleted them.

Immediate Skepticism

The raid prompted an immediate wave of skepticism, particularly because the FBI and the Department of Justice (DOJ) have a history of misrepresenting, breaking protocol, and even forging evidence in their case against Trump and members of his campaign.

"After six years of unfounded, absurd investigations of President Trump, the presumption is that any investigation of President Trump is politically motivated, and the burden of proof is on FBI/DOJ to prove otherwise," Will Chamberlain, senior counsel at the Internet Accountability Project, wrote in an Aug. 9 Twitter post.

In 2017, the FBI and DOJ obtained two extensions of a spying warrant on former Trump campaign aide Carter Page even though the warrant was based on false or unsubstantiated allegations. The FBI later acknowledged that spying based on the extensions was illegal.

The FBI also has a history of harsh treatment of people associated with Trump. His aides have been arrested at gunpoint, handcuffed, and "perp-walked," and their homes and offices have been raided in pursuit of trivial or nonviolent offenses, even when the targets were cooperating with the government.

Shoe on the Other Foot

The Trump raid increased the already polarized political playing field, as Republicans can now argue that home raids of former presidents are acceptable.

"They're setting a very dangerous precedent where you can do a home raid of a former president of the United States," Davis said, noting that such a thing has never happened "in our 250 years as a republic."

Already, Republican lawmakers are promising to subject the DOJ and the FBI to intense scrutiny, with the expectation of reclaiming the majority in the House after the November midterms.

"When Republicans take back the House, we will conduct immediate oversight of this department, follow the facts, and leave no stone unturned," House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) said in an Aug. 8 statement. "Attorney General Garland: preserve your documents and clear your calendar."

Judge's Epstein Connection

The search warrant was issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart in the Southern District of Florida. Reinhart was a senior prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida when the office reached a nonprosecution agreement with Jeffrey Epstein, who was later indicted for sex trafficking children and died by apparent suicide in a New York jail.

Upon leaving office, Reinhart went into private practice and represented multiple Epstein associates and employees in civil cases against Epstein by his alleged victims.

Reinhart was appointed a magistrate judge in 2018 by the district judges in the Southern District of Florida.

The warrant was issued on Aug. 5, the day after FBI Director Christopher Wray testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee and was questioned about multiple whistleblower reports alleging the politicization of the bureau. Wray cut the questioning short because he said he had to urgently travel. Flight records indicate he flew in the FBI private jet to his vacation retreat in the Adirondacks, according to New York Post columnist Miranda Devine.

Nothing had been hidden and nothing had been kept secret from them, which makes this all the more ridiculous.

Christina Bobb, attorney for President Donald Trump

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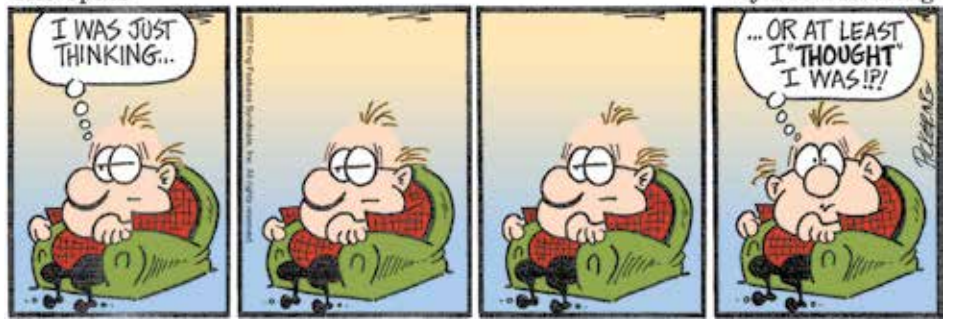
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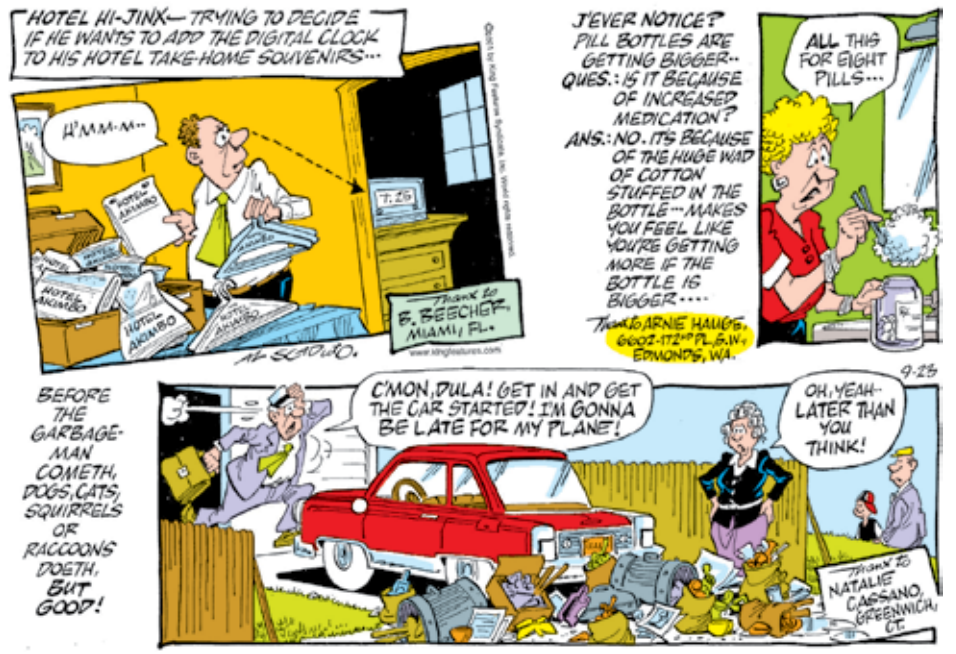
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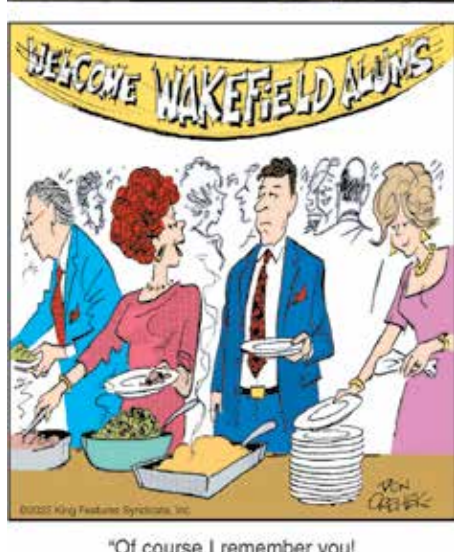


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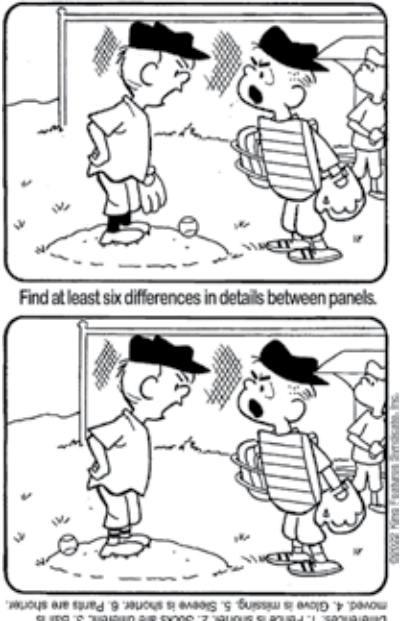


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High School Football Teams to Watch in Your Area



Rosemont junior quarterback Joseph Ortiz drops back to pass during a 31-20 loss to Argonaut in the D6 CIF SJS championship game on Nov. 21, 2021, at Sacramento City College's Hughes Stadium. Photo courtesy of Allene Salerno/Lenie's Pictures™ (leniespictures.smugmug.com)

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - It's that time of year again – football season!

At the Messenger Publishing Group, we have eight weekly newspapers: Carmichael Times, Grapevine Independent (Rancho Cordova), Citrus Heights Messenger, The News (Rio Linda), West Sacramento News Ledger, Dixon Independent Voice, Territorial Dispatch (Marysville) and The Gridley Herald. MPG has one biweekly newspaper, the American River Messenger, which covers Fair Oaks and Orangevale.

With football season upon us, it's time to examine who the top football teams are in the Sac-Joaquin Section. Senior sportswriter Joe

Davidson, who has been covering prep sports for The Sacramento Bee since 1988, recently released his Top 25 football rankings.

In the Sacramento region, Davidson's rankings for The Bee have been highly touted and respected for years. With all that said, it's time to review which teams to watch for in your respective area.

Carmichael Times

6. Jesuit: The Marauders went 10-2 in 2021 and lost 22-21 in the semifinals of the Division I CIF Sac-Joaquin Section (SJS) playoffs to eventual section champion, No. 1 Folsom.

Bubble team-

Del Campo: The Cougars finished 4-7 last season and were defeated 51-7 by East Union (Manteca) in the first round of the D4 CIF SJS playoffs.

Grapevine Independent

9. Capital Christian: In 2021, the Cougars were 7-3 overall and 6-0 in the Capital Athletic League but did not participate in the postseason due to playoff ban given by the SJS, which has since been ended.

23. Rosemont: The Wolverines, who will be led by first year head coach John Straw, went 11-3 last season and lost 31-20 in the D6 CIF SJS championship game to Argonaut (Jackson).

Dixon Independent Voice

22. Dixon: The Rams finished 7-4 in 2021 and lost 61-0 in the quarterfinals of the D4 CIF SJS playoffs to eventual section champion, Vanden (Fairfield).

Bubble teams-

Woodland: In 2021, the Wolves were 9-3 and lost 39-12 in the quarterfinals of the D5 CIF SJS playoffs to eventual section champion, Escalon.

Woodland Christian: The Cardinals went 11-1 overall and 5-0 in league play last season with their only defeat coming in the D7 CIF SJS championship game to Le Grand by a score of 35-12.

Territorial Dispatch

19. Yuba City: The Honkers finished 7-4 overall and 5-1 in Capital Valley Conference play in 2021, losing 52-48 to Patterson in the quarterfinals of the D3 CIF SJS playoffs.

Bubble teams-

Marysville: In 2021, the Indians were 5-5 overall and 1-4 in Pioneer Valley League matchups.

Sutter: The Huskies went 10-2 overall and 5-0 in Butte View League play in 2021. Sutter won the D3 Northern Section championship and then lost to San Marin in the regional finals of the CIF state playoffs.

American River Messenger

21. Casa Roble: The Rams finished 7-5 in

2021 and lost 41-8 to Hilmar in the semifinals of the D5 CIF SJS playoffs.

Davidson's Preseason Top 25

(With last year's records)

1. Folsom (11-4),
2. Rocklin (12-1),
3. Monterey Trail (8-3),
4. Elk Grove (8-4),
5. Granite Bay (8-3),
6. Jesuit (10-2),
7. Sheldon (8-4),
8. Vacaville (8-3),
9. Capital Christian (7-3),
10. Del Oro (7-5),
11. Antelope (10-1),
12. Placer (5-6),
13. Whitney (6-6),
14. Sacramento (9-3),
15. Christian Brothers (7-5),
16. Vista del Lago (8-4),
17. Oak Ridge (3-7),
18. Inderkum (5-5),
19. Yuba City (7-4),
20. Woodcreek (7-4),
21. Casa Roble (7-5),
22. Dixon (7-4),
23. Rosemont (11-3),
24. Lincoln (8-3),
25. Pioneer (8-2).

Follow Joe Davidson and the Sac Bee on Twitter at the following handles: @SacBeeJoeD, @SacBeeSports and @sacbee_news. ★



Casa Roble sophomore running back Daniel Renner rushes to the outside during a 40-33 win against Placer on Aug. 20, 2021, in Orangevale. Photo courtesy of Allene Salerno/Lenie's Pictures™ (leniespictures.smugmug.com)

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