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This is a rendering created by Deborah Barr, PE, Dixon City Engineer to show how Parkway Boulevard will help make Dixon safer for emergency response and help reduce traffic on South First Street. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - By 2025, there will be another 1,587 housing units approximately bringing approximately 5,000 people which will grow our population by about 25%, according to a report from Deborah Barr, P.E., City Engineer/Director of Utilities.

These numbers, along with Dixon having no grade separated rail crossings and a history of rail safety in Dixon having two fatalities in the last ten years, brings Dixon to a higher risk level. There is limited emergency access and evacuation routes.

Dixon and Solano County Transportation Authority are looking to minimize this "unacceptable" risk and will expedite the Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing Project if the Council chose to adopt the resolution authorizing consulting

services for an amount not to exceed \$1,567,564. The City will contract with TY Lin for additional engineering, environmental document plans, specifications and estimates, bidding support and construction support services all relating to the project.

"There are up to 40 trains traveling up to 79 miles per hour," said Barr. "Our goal is to construct a new 'Complete Street' grade-separated railroad crossing at Parkway Boulevard." Numerous steps have already been accomplished beginning in 2008 despite delays in 2016 due to Union Pacific Railroad changes in requirements which sent plans back to a starting point.

With the completion of the Western Embankment Project with construction beginning this week and done this year, the City has reached the point required so it can move ahead for funding. Plan and design permits

will be done in 2023; seek state and federal funding in 2024; and construction proposed to begin in 2025 contingent on funding availability, of course.

"We need the additional support, and their bid includes a lot," she explained. City Council agreed 5-0. To see a timeline of this plan and the renderings showing how the project will look when completed, one can watch Barr's entire presentation that is recorded of the July 19 City Council Meeting.

In other city news, Operation Red, White, and Boom was the title of Dixon Police Chief Robert Thompson's report after the 4th of July which included time from 6 pm to 2 am that evening.

"We had 46 calls and it has gone down every year since 2020," he said. The response time last year

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Know When to Hold 'em



Tickets are now on sale for the tournament that will be held in the Ye Olde Vet's Hall in downtown Dixon on Saturday, August 27. Image by David from Pixabay

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - One of the most popular versions of Poker is the Texas Hold 'Em and your chance to win at the Lions Club's 14th annual tournament will not only give you bragging rights, but it will help support service projects in Dixon.

Tickets are now on sale for the tournament that will be held in the Ye Olde Vet's Hall in downtown Dixon on Saturday, August 27. Cocktails start at 5 p.m. and the games start at 7 p.m. Donations are \$100 per person and there will be prizes on the Winning Table.

Texas Hold 'em is a community card game, one of the three variations of poker. Other variants include Stud and Draw Poker. All poker games are played by two or more players who compete to try and make the best hand by using a defined hand ranking system.

"Community card game is a good description of the game because you get your two cards and you have to use the 3 cards on the table, but you do play against another player," explained Chair Bill Allard. "It's a game of skill in how one can read other people but also chip management." He admits he's learned these things from playing with pal Realtor Kevin Johnson.

"We filled it up and sold-out last year and right now we're set for 100 but we hope to sell 200 tickets. We play with 10 people at each table and play for bragging rights. I always see people who say, 'Hey, I took second place,' or 'I took first' but we'd love to get a Dixon winner," he said. Rebuys are available. Also, there is a no-host bar.

Proceeds benefit youth sports and activities, elementary and middle school programs; Dixon High School scholarships; and the Lions Club Vision Program.

The Hall is located at 231 North First Street. You must be 21 to attend. To get more information, call Allard at (707) 685-1433. Tickets are available from Lions Club members. ★

Rock n' Roll Band Playing at Wings Kick Off

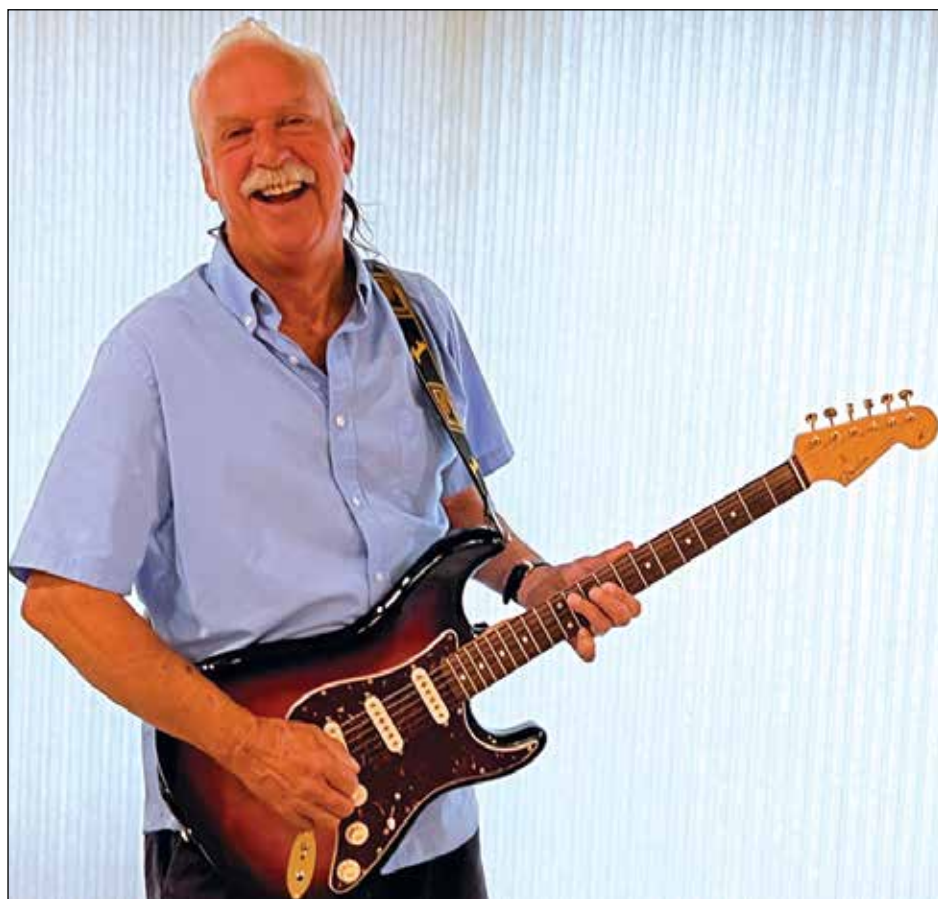
By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Live music from More on the Floor, a long-time, popular local rock band will be part of the fanfare re-branding celebration for the new Dixon Wings N Things that was formerly BurgerIM in the Walmart Shopping Plaza.

There will also be snacks, beverages, raffle prizes and even a wing-eating contest. The fun is set for this Friday, August 5 from 5 to 9 pm.

Diane Long and sons are doing their best to make sure everyone in Dixon knows they are still open. Long called Eric Christiansen who has also re-branded the band from 'Four on the Floor' originating in 2010 to 'More on the Floor' which is made up of surviving members from the original band from Davis that was actually formed in 1978. The group played at dozens of events over the years in Dixon and elsewhere.

The new band members



Eric Christiansen, original Rhythm Guitar Player and Vocalist and Mark Youngs, original Lead Guitarist for Four on the Floor, recruited new members Kris Ayala and Richard Urbino to create 'More on the Floor,' a rock and roll band to play at the Wings rebranding celebration. Photo courtesy of Eric Christiansen

are Mark Youngs, original Lead Guitarist and Eric Christiansen, original

Rhythm Guitar Player and Vocalist plus new members Kris Ayala from Dixon on

the Drums and Richard Urbino Bass Guitar Player

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Life's too SHORT

Don't Walk in the Park

By Debra Dingman

With my grandson in tow, we headed off to Northwest Park to explore several things like a new shade structure and some digging for new pipes because there are plans for the city to install new drinking fountains.

After parking on H Street, we walked across a very large patch of dry, dead grass that cracked and crunched. In fact, it didn't look like dead grass at all. It looked more like mowed weeds, and I was disappointed at the condition of our park that used to be the pride of Dixon.

When I moved here in 1992, the parks in Dixon were something to behold. They were beautiful and so well cared for. I had come from Fairfield where we lived close to Allan Witt Park, and back then, that was nice but nothing as lush and cared for as these in Dixon.

After watching the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting recently, I was surprised to find beat-up and broken A-frame barriers around (maybe) water valves. One was by an open, large dirt hole and another had an old piece of plywood over it. Both were near children's playgrounds. There were more around the park. One grandmother watching her grandchildren said they'd been that way for months. In fact, several people at Northwest and Hall Park saw me taking pictures and commented about the sad condition of the park lawns.

In the past five years or so, while my husband and I took in Hall Park to play tennis, we noted that the grass would be really high and with lots of weeds before someone would mow it.

I know I've said this before, and I hate to harp on it, but I just don't understand

why we can't solve this situation. If we pay our city manager more money than our governor makes (\$218,556), we should have better city management.

Jim Lindley was the city manager for Dunsmuir, a tiny town about an hour north of Redding on I-5, when the people of Dixon hired him in March 2012. The population of that city right now is 1,707 people. He served less than two years in his role as Dunsmuir city manager at a salary of \$90,000 a year.

Lindley started with a contract costing the City of Dixon a total of \$169,911 which included a contribution to the Public Employees Retirement System. I bet he was ecstatic to get the job here. But was he prepared for that big of a jump with 10 times the people in his town?

Lindley has a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree with honors in public administration from CSU San Bernardino. He worked in government and even was a city councilman for eight years in Hesperia, another Southern California town, and that was after 25 years in the private sector. This man seems to have the skills to figure things out. His new recently approved salary is \$242,500 plus an annual raise based on the Consumer Price Index percentage rate. He's hired really good people now. It just seems wrong that we can't get this right.

In a magazine article about Dixon just a couple months ago, it gave credit for Lindley helping Dixon get "poised for growth." After a trip through Hall Park and seeing similar poor conditions, it is apparent that our parks aren't part of that positioning. His focus seems to be solely on growing, not maintaining. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Some sprinklers have been shut off for several weeks at Northwest Park so large swaths of grass are dead and yellow. The plan is for three new drinking fountains to be installed near the playgrounds and the basketball court. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

City Bits

New concrete paths are being laid at Northwest Park, and the new shade structure is already up. Next on the City's To-Do-List at Northwest is repairing two drinking fountains that are each near the playgrounds and installing a new drinking fountain by the basketball court. They have to dig a trench for the water pipe first but it's on its way. Lastly, the City is getting a remodel of their lobby.

City Planning

Next Tuesday, August 9, at 7 p.m. is the next Planning Commission Meeting in the Council Chambers, 600 East A Street, right next to the brand-new trailer/office that is now fully operational for City staff. Interested citizens may also participate via Zoom listed at the beginning of the agenda or can watch via Granicus livestreaming by logging onto the City website and clicking on Government then clicking on City Planning then on 'agendas.'

Senior Club

The local senior citizens are kicking up their heels on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center Line Dancing Classes. They are free and start at 9 a.m. A Summer Ice Cream Social is set for August 19 at noon and surely will be sweet but please sign up by the 15th. They also have plans for a class called 'Travel Training' on August 23 and an indoor garage sale set for September 17. For more information, call (707) 678-7022 between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or go onto cityofdixon.us and click on the Recreation tab which opens to the Senior page and then click on 'Dixon Senior Calendar.'

Driving Smart

Take part in the California Highway Patrol's Age Well, Drive Smart senior driver education class for 65 years or

older to continue to drive safely. It's a free course, taught by CHP, which addresses topics like aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health, self-assessment, and more. It's on August 24, 10 a.m. to noon at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 South Fifth Street. Call (707) 639-5600 to reserve your spot.

School Start Date

The special date for Dixon schools to start is Wednesday, August 10. If you need to register new students, you can pick up a packet at the school sites (John Knight Middle School as well as Dixon High School) as of July 25th. The school calendar is now available at DixonUSD.org or on their Facebook site: Dixon Unified School District. The first holiday will be Labor Day on Monday, September 5. Out of the full school year, there are five entire weeks with no school. It may be wise to take a look now and plan vacations accordingly.


Bag Sale

The Friendly Bookworm Bookstore, ran by the Friends of the Dixon Public Library volunteers, will host another 'Bag Sale' on August 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 200 North First Street, next door to the library downtown. For cash or checks only, patrons may fill a bag with books for only \$5. Note that not all books are included in the sale. Children's books inside are not part of the sale, for example. All proceeds will support the programs at the Dixon Public Library.

Veterans Dinner

Chicken was last week, and we apologize for the confusion. This week there will be breaded pork chops, oven-fried potatoes, broccoli, and a roll at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street. This dinner is \$10, and the atmosphere is informal and fun with live music, as well. Time is 6 to 8 pm. They help support the veterans and keep the hall open. There is also an open, no host bar. ★

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Mother Becomes Mother; Houseplant Boutique Closing

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The last fun Vendor Fair at Mothers House Plant Boutique is also a farewell to the store. Shar Alvateesiri has become a "real mother" and will be spending more time with her new baby.

"When I first opened the shop, I never planned on being an actual mother. It was named for the mother plant - the original one that propagates from," she said. "The universe has a funny way of working because within a year of being open, I ended up being a mother myself."

The charming houseplant boutique opened in the beginning of the pandemic and after Alvateesiri had experienced the loss of her father. She found the nurturing plants helped her feel consoled and she became somewhat of an expert at them. The store was a way for her to help bring peace and joy to others. She eventually added some clothing, jewelry, and specialty items and discovered hosting vendor fairs was a hit in the community.

Alvateesiri made the



Mother Houseplant Boutique's popular vendor fairs will have one last event this Saturday, August 6, then the store will close for good Sunday.

decision to close after an evaluation of several other businesses she owns.

"I re-prioritized and evaluated what I wanted to cultivate and nurture for the most for growth," she said. "The answer became clear."

"The shop has been an incredible experience. I am so humbled and grateful for the support we have received and the grit my team has displayed through some trying times," she said, adding that they, together, had created a safe and welcoming community within their walls.

"Strangers have become friends. Small business owners have had the opportunity to showcase their art and shine,"

she said. "Thinking about everything we have done in the few years we have been open brings me such joy and I hope that whatever comes next, the community will continue to embrace it and grow. Not everything that ends is over. It just gives way to new things like our plant babies have shown us, all we have to do is just keep growing."

The Vendor Fair will have a dozen artisans, foods, and crafters on Saturday, August 6. It will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 350 West A Street. Everything in the store will be on sale that weekend as well. The final day of the store will be Sunday, August 7. ★

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also improved. It was 17 minutes, but he reminded all of two-house fires last year and this year, the response time was barely 8 minutes.

“The number of calls has been declining. We were not inhibited so we were able to do more robust enforcement,” he said. The Council was pleased to hear the report and cited the fireworks display

in Hall Park could account for that. This newspaper also published stories of life and property lost in last year's 4th of July fireworks in the edition before the holiday.

“We are moving in the right direction, and I'd like to see a more robust Hall Park celebration next year with more food trucks and music,” said District 2 Rep Jim Ernest. “We can work at getting more citizens out there.” ★

Wings Kick Off

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[of the bands Cold Shot and According to Bazooka] from Davis. The band plays cover tunes ranging from Country to Rock and Roll. They will play from 6 to 9 p.m.

After the Grand Opening, Long says the restaurant will open back to its regular hours of Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

“We will re-open with

our new concept and some of your old favorites will remain such as Spanish Beef, Lamb, Angus Beef and Cowboy,” she posted on social media along with asking patrons to be flexible. “You will see some of the other items come off the menu as we run out and simplify the menu until we can get through this post-pandemic time. There will be some management changes as well that will

bring the best service and food to our customers,” she explained.

Learning the support of this small town who are rallying behind the family, she thanked Dixon.

“I'm so excited about the journey with Dixon,” she said. The restaurant is located at 115 East Dorset, Suite E in the Walmart Shopping Center. For more information, call (707) 693-6727. ★

Parks and Rec Considers Tennis League



Hall Park tennis courts seem to always have people playing on them whether it is for tennis or the newest game of pickleball. Starting a Tennis League was proposed for Dixon at the last Parks and Rec meeting. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Parks and Recreation Committee meetings are usually quiet with no one attending but this past week, there were several citizens there to support Caitlin O'Halloran's pitch, complete with a PowerPoint, to create a Dixon Tennis League.

“More than 20 percent of Americans picked up a racquet in 2020 which is up 22.4 percent,” she began in the presentations portion of the meeting. Bringing up the fact that there are a smaller number of children coming into Dixon and noting no children in her neighborhood, she said, “It was time to refocus on adult activity and support a tennis league.” O'Halloran is the President of the Dixon Unified School District and plays several games a week in nearby towns. She noted the need for the nets to be repaired and complained about the pickleball tape being a problem but also recommended introducing the League in Dixon by hosting a ‘Tennis Day in Dixon’ that would be ‘tennis social.’ Her goal is to see League play by 2023.

Valerie Miner, a local teacher with four adult daughters, spoke in favor of not only a tennis league but also pickleball that is up to 18 players on the Monday night games at Hall Park.

“I'm a widow, an empty nester, and need to exercise. I had to find something healthy to fill the gaps and pickleball is perfect for me,” she said. “It is very social, active, and inclusive because you change players and get to meet others.” Pickleball games use the tennis courts but use green tape to outline the smaller courts needed. The tape seems to be a problem, but the public response is going great, Miner said.

The full cost of recovering expenses for recreation is the purpose Louren Kotow, public works director, presented a detailed history on fees and a comparison of other cities that included Hayward, Oakland and San Francisco.

“It's about what the market will bear,” she said. She recommended that the aquatics and SMUC fees be added to the Master Fee Schedule (all City Department fees) where it will go before Council for a public hearing each year to have a CPI increase, effective each July. “The increase is variable and is tied to an economic factor. This is the practice for the majority of current City fees except transit,” Kotow explained.

Lastly, the City has reached out to numerous ‘stakeholders’ to create a Park Master Plan Update which may include more aquatics and a trail system. ★

Going to the Dogs



Dogs like these two friendly pals will be plentiful at the upcoming Richmond Dog Fanciers Dog Show at the May Fair. Photo by Jennie Strickland

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Richmond Dog Fanciers Association will hold an AKC licensed All Breeds Dog Show in Dixon on August 6 and 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dixon May Fair.

“There are 1,200 entries and we're very excited,” said RDF President Jennie Strickland. Not only is this an interesting activity for families, but it is the perfect place to talk to breed experts about topics such as training, grooming and the right breed for your lifestyle. An AKC dog show is also a great place to start your search for a responsible breeder.

In addition to watching the dogs compete for ribbons in the various judging rings, there are other competitions as well. There will be a Barn Hunt where dogs get to hunt through hay bales to find rats. Yes, they are live rats, but they are enclosed in tubes and hidden in the haystacks. Apparently, Dobermans love this task. The dog that finds the most in the allotted time, wins.

There is also a Canine Good Citizen competition which is all about manners and Trick Dog Testing – a show for dogs that do a trick, but then the tricks get harder each time they succeed. Another attraction at the show will be the Cardio Clinic which is a health checkup for dogs.

Over the weekend, spectators can enjoy specialty shows for Great Danes, Dalmatians, Dobermans, English Pugs, Icelandic Sheep Dogs, Corgis, and breeds in the Sporting, Hound, Working and Herding Groups. Terrier, Toy, and non-sporting dogs will be judged in Madden Hall.

The primary objective of the Richmond Dog Fanciers Association is to encourage, promote, and protect the quality of purebred dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

Admission is free; there are vendors selling dog supplies; and day of show parking is \$5. Only dogs entered in the shows are permitted on the grounds. The May Fair is at 655 South First Street. ★

Heeney's History Black Sunday

Commentary by Ed Heeney

April 14, 1935, was a day to be remembered by those of us who lived in the Great Plains of Kansas and Oklahoma. This was the day that was called ‘Black Sunday’ and one of the world's most devastating dust storms.

After church that Sunday we had stopped by our grandparents Heeney for Sunday dinner. We enjoyed chicken and noodles, and all the trimmings, followed by chocolate pie. And as the women folk finished up the dishes, the men stretched out on the couches and took a Sunday afternoon nap. Us kids had fun playing in the new barn and didn't notice that the sun was dimming until later when it seemed like nightfall.

Us kids ran into the house to report the “nighttime” phenomena as the grown-ups realized all is not well, everyone got in gear. my Dad said “hurry up” we need to get home. (about 3 miles) And as the Model A Ford was loaded, we started down the road. The wind was increasing, and the dust was thickening. It seems that this storm had started up in Nebraska and was building momentum as it traveled South across Wichita Kansas and not stopping while crashing across our farm.

As we were about 1 mile from home my Mom suggested that my Dad turn on the headlights. He replied he had had them on since passing Alford Burger's place about a mile back. The dust was just so thick that a 6-volt electric system just couldn't penetrate. We limped on home in the darkness and upon entering our house, discovered

that dust had sifted and drifted in all the windows. The beds were covered with a coat of “silty” dust and everywhere you looked you saw dust, dust, dust.

A couple days later we had most of the dust removed, but ready for more that was on the way. And sure, enough it came rolling from the North headed for Oklahoma. Sometimes the dust cloud was so thick the birds couldn't fly and fell out of the sky.

Livestock nostrils became clogged and couldn't breathe and just lay down and died. Mom dipped sheets of water and hung in doorways to help us endure the dust. And still the dust came.

Associated with the blowing dust was a crop killing drought. We did not have irrigation water available, so crops withered and died. Some of our farmstead wells dried up and many of us had to haul water from some other source We hauled from an Artesian well about 2 miles from our farmstead. It didn't taste very good, but it was wet.

Out of this disaster came a lifesaver, it was the US Soil conservation service with, financial assistance, soil conserving practices, and in general just a “helping hand up” You can still see the results of terracing, windbreaks, waterways, and other good farming practices still today and the whole landscape is “garden green”. Black Sunday is a distant memory.....Gone but not forgotten.

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. ★

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Newsom's New Gun Control Bill Just a Stunt



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

Senate Bill 1327 has to be one of the strangest pieces of legislation to ever be passed by the California Legislature and signed into law.

The brainchild of Gov. Gavin Newsom and modeled after an anti-abortion law enacted a year ago in Texas, the measure he signed last week would, at least on paper, subject manufacturers of unlawful firearms to steep civil damages.

The Texas law allows private citizens to sue a provider, patient or anyone involved in an abortion after six weeks of gestation. The new California law would sanction private party suits against arms makers for selling what California defines as "assault weapons," plus "ghost guns" that are assembled from parts without serial numbers.

"Texas and [Gov.] Greg Abbott and their Republican leadership, if they're going to use this framework to put women's lives at risk, we're going to use it to save people's lives here in the state of California," Newsom declared.

In that sense, SB 1327 is just a political stunt, a piece of Newsom's very obvious campaign to raise his national political

standing by taking potshots at Texas and Florida and their Republican governors, rather than serious policymaking.

As he was signing the bill in Los Angeles last Friday, three Texas newspapers were publishing ads taken out by Newsom's re-election campaign sniping at Abbott for restricting abortion while not reducing gun violence – a little gesture to help Abbott's Democratic challenger, former Congressman Beto O'Rourke, as well as garner some more national media attention for Newsom.

The conclusion that SB 1327 is merely a publicity stunt is bolstered by the details of the legislation itself.

First of all, SB 1327 would self-destruct if the Texas Supreme Court or the U.S. Supreme Court invalidates the Texas law.

Secondly, there is very little chance that there would be a successful lawsuit. The firearms that are specifically targeted by the legislation are already illegal under California law and the major arms makers that Newsom implies would be punished take great pains not to sell the prohibited products.

Makers of black market "ghost guns" could be sued – but only if one could find them, and even if they were identified, they are not likely to be wealthy enough to attract the attention of a fee-motivated attorney.

Various elements of the bill try to make it impossible for anyone sued to mount a defense, including one passage that

would require damages – at least \$10,000 per gun – to be awarded even if a judge declared the law to be invalid. And if the lawsuit provisions of SB 1327 are declared unconstitutional, the measure would substitute civil penalties instead.

Finally, a federal law – rightly or wrongly – protects firearms manufacturers from liability suits.

The bill is so obviously drafted as a political gesture that the American Civil Liberties Union opposed it for using the "flawed logic" of the Texas statute.

"We believe it is a serious misstep to further entrench that flawed logic," the organization said when the bill was going through the legislative process. "In doing so, California will be promoting a legal end-run that can be used by any state to deny people an effective means to have their constitutional rights protected by the courts. This will continue to be replicated in states across the country – and with California's endorsement."

Gun control is a serious subject involving a specific right to bear arms in the Constitution, one that the Supreme Court has recently bolstered in a way that Newsom dislikes. It deserves thoughtful political discourse, not interstate political oneupsmanship.

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



UC Davis scientists Identify Strawberry Genes to Fight Fusarium Wilt

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have discovered genes in strawberries that may help ward off a deadly soilborne disease. The soil fungus Fusarium wilt has long been a concern for growers in California, where the state's annual 1.8 billion-pound crop supplies nearly 90% of America's strawberries. Davis scientists, who screened thousands of strawberry plants, identified a gene that is resistant to the fungus. The discovery means breeders can introduce the gene into future strawberry varieties.

Renowned Farm Advisor Who Helped Cotton Growers Retires

A veteran farm advisor, who is credited with helping the growth of California's cotton industry, has retired. Daniel Munk worked 36 years for University of California Cooperative Extension, including serving as farm advisor in Fresno County since 1990. He was renowned for his work on drought-resistant cultivation. "Dan has played a pivotal role in the success of cotton that has been grown in California," said Roger Isom, president of the California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association.

Almond Forecast Worsens, Production Expected To Drop by 11%

California's almond production for 2022 is expected to be 11% lower than last year. That's according to the state almond forecast published this month by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. In 2021, California produced 2.92 billion meat pounds of almonds. This year the forecast calls for 2.6 billion. The 2022 forecast was revised downward from a more promising report in May. California's top almond-growing counties are Fresno, Kern, Stanislaus, Merced and Madera. **State Urges Precautions Due to Algae Blooms at San Luis Reservoir**

The California Department of Water Resources is urging the public to keep livestock and pets from drinking or entering the water at San Luis Reservoir in Merced County. The warning comes due to blue-green algae blooms that can be particularly harmful to animals that drink the water and lick their fur. Boating is allowed on the reservoir, but people are advised against swimming or water-contact recreation due to potential adverse health effects. ★

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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

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement

pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business Name statement must be filed before the expiration July 5, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: July 29, August 8, 12 & 19, 2022
EDUCATIONAL 8-19-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001261
The following persons are doing business as: Dixon Suspension & Smog, 790 N. Adams Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Dixon Suspension & Smog, 790 N. Adams Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Date Filed in Solano County: July 22, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business Name statement must be filed before the expiration July 21, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: August 8, 12, 19, 26, 2022
DIXON 8-26-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-001240
The following persons are doing business as: Empowered Instructors, 4191 Summer Gate Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94591. Kelsey Anne Power and Timothy Michael Power, 4191 Summer Gate Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94591. Date Filed in Solano County: July 19, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name

on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business Name statement must be filed before the expiration July 18, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: August 8, 12, 19, 26, 2022
EMPOWERED 8-26-22

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. Solano Solar Cleaning, LLC, 942 Cedarcrest Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date Filed in Solano County: July 21, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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SOLANO 8-26-22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL ADDING CHAPTER 9.05, NOISE CONTROL, TO TITLE 9, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OF THE DIXON MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONTROL DISRUPTIVE, EXCESSIVE AND OFFENSIVE NOISE 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, August 16, 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 limit disruptive, excessive and offensive noise associated with parties and gatherings in residential and specific mixed use zones within the City ("Ordinance"). Under the Ordinance, noise associated with parties or gatherings is declared a nuisance where it exceeds specific noise limits established for noise measured both outdoors and indoors in residential and specific mixed use zones. The Ordinance's provisions, if adopted, would be enforced using the City's existing administrative citation process. The City would also be able to seek recovery of its costs in specific circumstances where there are repeated violations of the proposed Ordinance.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, August 16, 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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Riley Reviews

FOX SCHEDULE BUILDS ON DRAMAS, ANIMATION AND UNSCRIPTED

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

Long before anyone gives much thought to a new season of television programming, the major networks always pitch their slate for a coming season to the national advertising community.

In showcasing new series, Charlie Collier, CEO of FOX Entertainment, claimed his network entered the unveiling of programs as “the only company, no matter the platform, with advertising at its core.”

With Collier telling advertisers that “building barriers between our best content and our brand-partners isn’t our business model,” it’s the bottom-line that FOX holds back nothing from being available for free to viewers.

In another sense, FOX is holding back most of its new series for the midseason, including dramas and animated comedies, and fans of “9-1-1: Lone Star” will also have to wait for later in the season.

Animation remains a cornerstone of programming as FOX arguably got a big boost in its early days to become a viable fourth network when it launched of “The Simpsons,” which is now the longest-running American scripted primetime series.

All-new animated comedy “Grimsburg” will star the voice of Jon Hamm (“Mad Men”) as Marvin Flute, the greatest detective ever to catch a cannibal clown or correctly identify a mid-century modern armoire. But there’s one mystery he still can’t crack – his family.

Back in the town of Grimsburg where everyone has a secret or three, Flute will follow every lead he’s got to redeem himself with the ex-wife he never stopped loving, even if it means hanging out with the son he never bothered to get to know.

Set in mythical Ancient Greece, “Krapopolis” is an animated series that centers on a family of flawed humans, gods and monsters that tries to run one of the world’s first cities without killing each other.

Richard Ayoade voices Tyrannis, the benevolent King of Krapopolis, who tries to make do in a city that lives up to its name. Tyrannis’ mother, Deliria (Hannah Waddingham), is the goddess of self-destruction and questionable choices. Other members of the family are a hot mess.

Gordon Ramsay, the volatile British chef and restaurateur, finds his “Hell’s Kitchen” cooking competition still running on FOX, and coming at some point will be brand-new competition series “Gordon Ramsay’s Food Stars.”

Hunting for the most exciting and innovative new food and drink entrepreneurs, Ramsay is now prepared to put his money where his mouth is, by backing the winner in an investment to take their idea to the next level.

To win Ramsay’s support, it will take more than just a great idea. As he pushes

contestants to their limits through a series of relentless challenges, they’ll have to prove they possess drive, dedication, creativity, passion and talent to succeed.

Being the last entrepreneur standing will earn the winner a life-changing reward. That person will just need to survive Gordon Ramsay, the only angel investor. All we can say is good luck.

An American musical soap opera television series is nothing new. Only in the last decade, ABC’s “Nashville” chronicled the lives of various fictitious country music singers, with Connie Britton as a legendary superstar whose stardom began to fade.

FOX’s first new series to start in September will be “Monarch,” a Texas-sized, multi-generational musical drama about America’s first family of country music, in which Susan Sarandon plays tough as nails Queen of Country Music Dottie Cantrell Roman.

Dottie and her beloved husband Albie Roman (country music star Trace Adkins) have created a country music dynasty, and even though the Roman name is synonymous with authenticity, the very foundation of their success is a lie.

And when their reign as country royalty is put in jeopardy, heir to the crown Nicky Roman (Anna Friel) will stop at nothing to protect her family’s legacy, while ensuring her own quest for stardom.

“Alert” is a character-driven police procedural about the Los Angeles Police Department’s Missing Persons Unit. When officer Nikki Parker’s son goes missing, she joins the Unit to help other people find their loved ones, even as she searches for her own.

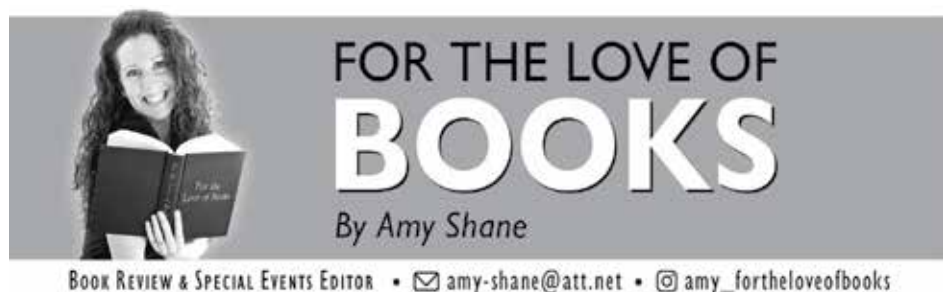
Six years later, her world is turned upside-down when her ex-husband, Devon Zoellner, shows up with a proof-of-life photo of their missing boy. Or is it? A heart-pounding, life-or-death search for a missing person takes place in each episode.

It’s a case-of-the-week show with a case-of-a-lifetime story running through it – a story that alternately brings the two main characters gut-wrenching heartache and heart-pounding joy.

Based on a British crime anthology comes the provocative series of “Accused” that takes one on the journey of the defendant. Each episode opens in a courtroom of the accused, with viewers knowing nothing about their crime or how they ended up on trial.

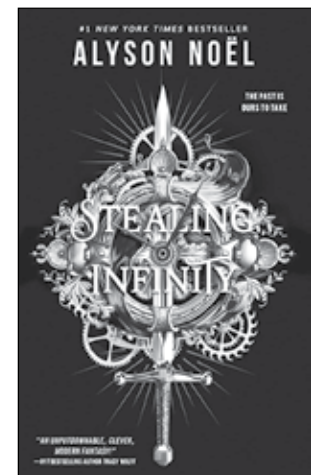
Told from the defendant’s point of view through flashbacks, “Accused” holds a mirror up to the current times with evocative and emotional stories.

Michael Chiklis (“The Shield”) guest-stars in the premiere episode as Dr. Scott Corbett, a successful brain surgeon, who faces the limits of unconditional love upon discovering his teenage son may be planning a violent attack at school. ★



Stealing Infinity

by Alyson Noel



- ◆ Publisher: Entangled Teen
- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ★★★★★
- ◆ Release Date: June 28, 2022

Natasha’s Life was completely normal, it wasn’t a glamorous or popular life, but it was hers. Until the day she met the perfect, blonde, princess look-alike Elodie. Even though her best friend warned her to stay away, she could help but be enamored by her charm. Then on a night out, she meets the handsome and alluring Braxton, and everything quickly gets turned upside down. In what seems like moments, Natasha is arrested, kicked out of school, and sent to the elusive Grey Wolf Academy.

But what exactly is Grey Wolf Academy? At first, it just seems to be one of those fancy boarding schools filled with the riches of fine art and artifacts until Natasha gets her first look into what is really going on and the man behind the school. With a closet of designer clothes and a stack of academy sweat-shirts, Natasha isn’t sure where she has been taken, but everything comes to light all too quickly. The academy is a specially designed school filled with time travelers. Now, before

she knows it, Natasha is fitted for authentic period fashion and sent back in time on a mission, but can’t help but to think there is more to the hunt than just a few priceless jewels. With time being just a mere object to be played with, Natasha also realizes that time is the one thing that has the power to control her, and those with the power of time have the ability to rule it all.

Stealing Infinity is a bold, powerful story that blends time travel, hidden agendas, art, and history into one fast-paced hunt. Alyson Noel will send readers

on a historical adventure filled with ancient astrology, numerology, Antikythera mechanism, tarot, and priceless fine art all combined for one man’s power over time. Readers will have the opportunity to discover their own numerology life path number while also being encouraged to look deeper into hidden objects, trinkets, and even the face of tarot cards. A story that is part story, part enlightenment, and part adventure.

Alyson Noel once again delivers a story that will captivate the reader’s mind and soul. Noel is back in the world of young adult stories, penning a story that is so captivating, gripping, and exciting that is as if no time has passed. Which can only make readers wonder if she is writing this story from within the walls of Grey Wolf Academy?

With high-stakes adventure, a strong-willed main character, a love interest that will make readers swoon and question, and so many hidden agendas, *Stealing Infinity* will leave readers looking at time in a whole new light. ★

**NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL ITEM SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT
CITY OF DIXON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 7:00 pm on August 17, 2022, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Transportation Advisory Commission of the City of Dixon (“City”), will conduct a meeting at the Dixon City Council Chambers, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, to discuss the “Dixon Read-Ride Short Range Transit Plan FY 2023 - FY 2028”, and potentially recommend that the City Council of the City of Dixon approve and adopt said Plan.

All members of the public may participate in the meeting on August 17, 2022 to speak during public comment. Questions and comments may be emailed to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us. The agenda and the documents will be available on the City’s website (www.cityofdixon.us) in advance of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk Department at (707) 678-7000.

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Seniors Missing Out

By Grace Gedye, CALMatters.org

Some 23 million Californians' bank accounts will get a boost of \$200 to \$1,050, thanks to a new round of payments approved by state lawmakers.

But the payments, aimed at mitigating higher prices for gas and other goods, will leave out lots of low-income Californians. Among those passed over are some seniors, many living on disability benefits, and some of the lowest-income adults.

That's because the direct deposits and debit cards – expected to begin arriving in late October and conclude in January 2023 – will be sent out based on tax returns.

About 3 million Californians are in families that earn little enough that they aren't required to file taxes, according to research by Public Policy Institute of California for its 2019 California Poverty Measure. The poverty rate among people who live in families that don't need to file taxes is 60%, the institute estimates. Neither the state Department of Finance nor the Franchise Tax Board, which is responsible for collecting state personal income tax in California, knew exactly how many Californians will be left out of the rebate.

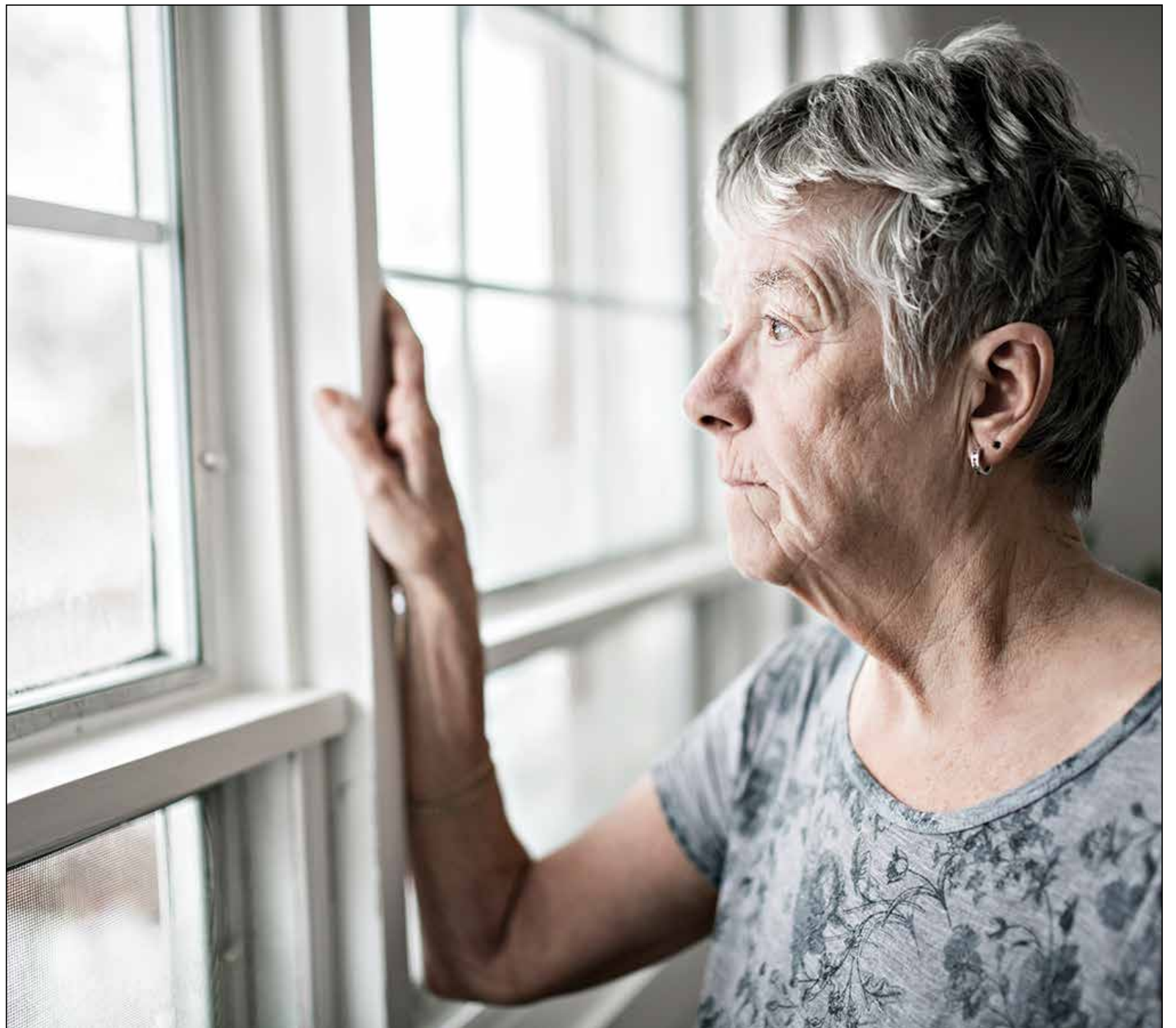
The Legislature wanted to create a program to send payments to people who don't file taxes and aren't enrolled in safety net programs that received a boost in the budget. But after negotiations with the Newsom administration, that proposal didn't make it into the final budget.

H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the Department of Finance, said that he couldn't offer specifics on why the proposal didn't make it into the final budget, but that proposals from both sides didn't make it into the compromise.

Representatives for Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said nobody could figure out how to administer such payments.

"Ultimately, the configuration of the rebate was subject to three-party negotiations as part of the final budget, and there were concerns that there wasn't an efficient and secure way of accomplishing a grant program to non-tax filers," said a statement from the office of Atkins, a San Diego Democrat.

The Legislature "really wanted to get help to these



Some seniors and disabled people will miss out on new California state payments. Californians who don't file taxes — because they don't earn enough to owe any — won't receive the new round of state payments. That includes some seniors and disabled people, as well as some of the lowest-income adults. Photo courtesy iStock LS0photo

people, but ... we were not able to do it logistically," said a spokesperson for Rendon, a South Gate Democrat.

The payments will go out to Californians who filed 2020 tax returns by October 2021, according to the Franchise Tax Board, which has a tool for calculating how much you are eligible to receive based on how much you earn and other factors.

But in California, people earning less than \$19,310 who don't have a child or someone else depending on them — one of many different gross income thresholds — aren't required to file income taxes. The state also doesn't count Social Security retirement or disability benefits as taxable income, meaning people who receive those benefits aren't required to pay taxes, so long as they have minimal other income.

Lawmakers tried to aid some low-earners who may not file taxes by increasing payments for people receiving CalWorks benefits, a program for needy families. They also increased benefits for people who receive Supplemental Security

Income — a state-supplemented version of social security benefits for senior or disabled people who would otherwise not qualify for, or have extremely small social security payments.

The boosts for people in those two programs are good, said Trinh Phan, a senior staff attorney focused on economic security at Justice in Aging, which advocates for low-income older adults. But, she said, the budget package still leaves out some people who are very low-income.

For example, someone getting by just on Social Security Disability Insurance could miss out on this rebate and the boosts to CalWorks and Supplemental Security Income: They might earn little enough that they don't have to file taxes, but if they don't have kids they likely won't qualify for CalWorks. And, if their disability benefits pay more than \$1060.21 per month, they wouldn't qualify for Supplemental Security Income either, said Phan.

About a quarter of Americans over 65 live in households where 90% of the family income is

Social Security, according to the Social Security Administration. The average retired worker benefit in California is about \$1,500 per month, or \$18,000 per year. The average SSDI benefit is about \$1,300 per month, or \$15,600 per year.

Some low-income Californians won't receive the rebate, Department of Finance spokesperson H.D. Palmer said. But he pointed out that many people who aren't required to file taxes still choose to do so, sometimes to receive other benefits distributed through the system. In 2020, an additional 500,000 low-income tax returns were filed in California, Palmer said in a statement, "presumably to qualify for a Golden State Stimulus payment or perhaps even a federal relief payment." Palmer also pointed to other forms of financial assistance in the budget, such as \$1.4 billion in aid for people with unpaid utility bills.

People who don't pay taxes and aren't in a benefits program run by California are hard for the state to reach quickly with aid. Social security benefits are administered by

the federal government, and the state doesn't have data on recipients, said Jesse Rothenstein, a professor of public policy and economics at University of California, Berkeley, and faculty director of the California Policy Lab.

"It's obviously not great that we're missing people, and many of them are some of the most vulnerable people in the economy," said Rothenstein. But, he said, "It's not as if there's a mechanism available that reaches everybody." Given a set of imperfect options, using the tax system was the best choice, Rothenstein said.

It's also the choice lawmakers made when distributing two rounds of Golden State Stimulus payments in 2021. After that move, they faced criticism from disability advocates, and seniors who were left out.

"To see that they have done it again this year is just further proof that nobody's paying attention to people who need the most help," said Charis Hill, a disability advocate who lives in Sacramento. California's government

doesn't know much about the people who don't file taxes. The Franchise Tax Board doesn't track the number of residents who aren't required to file taxes, or what share of those people live in poverty, according to statements in response to CalMatters' questions. A spokesperson for the board said that no state agencies appear to track that information.

The difficulty of reaching people with this payment exposes a weakness in the state's system "that needs to be addressed on a longer-term basis," said Chris Hoene, executive director of the California Budget and Policy Center, which advocates for targeting aid to lower-income people. Part of the solution would be better data sharing between the federal government and the states, he said.

But, given the options policymakers were considering — including giving money to car owners, as Gov. Newsom proposed, and cutting the gas tax — he thinks the payments based on income are a good outcome. ★

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Trump Authorized National Guard for Jan. 6 but Congress, DC Didn't Request Its Use, Former Aide Says

Under the law, a president can't order domestic deployment of Guard; local officials must request it

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A claim by the vice chair of the House Jan. 6 Select Committee that President Donald Trump didn't order the use of National Guard troops in the District of Columbia on Jan. 6, 2021, is true because that would have been a violation of the law, former Pentagon chief of staff Kash Patel says.

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) told Fox News' Bret Baier that Trump "never issued any order to deploy the National Guard to protect the Capitol."

Patel said that Trump authorized up to 20,000 National Guard troops for use in D.C. or elsewhere on Jan. 6, 2021, but the use of those troops was later rejected by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and the U.S. Capitol Police.

Under the law, the president can't order the deployment of the military for use inside the United States, Patel said. At the time of the Jan. 6, 2021, unrest, Patel was chief of staff for Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller.

"She knows the truth—45 [Trump] authorized the National Guard days before Jan. 6, and Pelosi and Bowser rejected it," Patel told The Epoch Times. "Cheney knows it's unconstitutional for any president to ever order the military to deploy domestically. He may only authorize their use, then there must be a request.

"By her own quote, she has cleared Trump of the very thing she has accused him of from Day 1—an insurrection," Patel said. "So, yes, Trump never made that illegal order. He followed the law."

Authorized 20,000 Guard Troops

As Patel explains in the new EpochTV documentary, "The Real Story of Jan. 6," Trump authorized as many as 20,000 Guard troops for use on Jan. 6, 2021, during a meeting several days earlier. The offer of troops was rejected by Bowser and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), he said.

Under the 1878 Posse Comitatus Act, the U.S. military can't be used domestically for enforcing laws or keeping order. Part-time citizen-soldiers can only be used under certain conditions.

"The Supreme Court said two things must happen," said Patel, the host of "Kash's Corner" on

National Guard troops assemble outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 16, 2021.



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[Liz Cheney] knows the truth— [Trump] authorized the National Guard days before Jan. 6, and Pelosi and Bowser rejected it.

Kash Patel, former Pentagon chief of staff



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Former President Donald Trump at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Fla., on Jan. 31, 2022.

EpochTV. "One: the President of the United States has to authorize, not order, the use of the National Guard.

"Once that happens, step two has to happen as well before they can be deployed," he said, "and that is a request from the head of state, the governor, or in this case, Mayor Bowser because it's Washington, D.C. Or federal law enforcement needs to request the National Guard to be deployed.

"If those two things don't happen, then any issuance of the National Guard would be literally unconstitutional."

According to the U.S. Department of Defense Inspector General's report regarding the events of Jan. 6, 2021, the use of National Guard troops was discussed during a White House meeting on Jan. 3, 2021.

In attendance were Miller, Joint

Chiefs of Staff Chair Gen. Mark Milley, presidential chief of staff Mark Meadows, and Patel.

"The President told Mr. Miller that there would be a large number of protestors on January 6, 2021, and Mr. Miller should ensure sufficient National Guard or soldiers would be there to make sure it was a safe event."

Patel said at the end of the meeting that Trump brought up Jan. 6, 2021.

"President Trump pivoted and said, basically, 'Hey, what are you guys doing for security'—I'm paraphrasing here—for anything that might happen on Jan. 6?"

"He said, 'If you need up to 20,000 National Guardsmen and women, not just in Washington, D.C., but anywhere in the country, you have my authorization,'" Patel recalled.

The Defense Department then took the presidential authoriza-

tion to the U.S. Capitol Police and Bowser.

"Mayor Bowser, in writing, pursuant to her own letter that we released from her, sent to the Department of Defense, declined to issue any more National Guardsmen and women," Patel said.

The same authorization was taken to the Capitol Police, which declined additional National Guard personnel, Patel said.

Official Jan. 6 Timeline

According to the Capitol Police's official Jan. 6, 2021, timeline, the Pentagon contacted USCP on Jan. 2, 2021, to "determine whether USCP is considering a request for National Guard soldiers for Jan. 6, 2021, event."

A day later, Capitol Police Deputy Chief Sean Gallagher responded that "a request for National Guard support is not forthcoming at this time after consultation with COP [chief of police] Sund."

During a June appearance on the Fox News program "Hannity," Miller recalled the meeting in which the use of the National Guard was discussed.

"The president said while we're leaving, 'Hey, one more thing,' and we all sat back down and discussed what was going on on Jan. 6th," Miller said.

"The president was doing just what I expect the commander in chief to do, any commander in chief to do. He was looking at the broad threats against the United States and he brought this up on his own. We did not bring it up."

Judge Orders Air Force Not to Punish Members Seeking Religious Exemptions to COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

ZACHARY STIEBER

Air Force officials were ordered on July 27 not to discipline airmen who are seeking religious exemptions to the military's COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

U.S. District Judge Matthew McFarland, a Trump appointee, entered a preliminary injunction against the military branch.

McFarland two weeks earlier issued a temporary restraining order. He asked the military to make its case as to why he shouldn't enter a preliminary injunction, a longer-lasting measure.

In a 16-page filing, government lawyers said blocking the military from punishing

unvaccinated members "would interfere with ongoing legal proceedings and would otherwise be improper, particularly in light of significant new developments."

Among the developments, they pointed to U.S. drug regulators authorizing a COVID-19 vaccine made by Novavax. Unlike the three shots previously available in the United States, the Novavax vaccine doesn't use fetal cells in its development, manufacturing, or production.

"Those class members whose religious objections were based on mRNA technology or the use of fetal-derived cell lines are no longer substantially burdened by the COVID-19 vaccine re-

quirement because this option is now available," the lawyers said.

Included in the opposition was a declaration from Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider, the director of staff for the Air Force's headquarters. He claimed that unvaccinated members "are at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 and substantially more likely to develop severe symptoms resulting in hospitalization or death" and that exempting a large number of airmen "would pose a significant and unprecedented risk to military readiness and our ability to defend the nation."

Of the 14 members who died with COVID-19 since March 14, according to Schneider, 12 were unvaccinated.

McFarland wasn't convinced. "Defendants fail to raise any persuasive arguments," he said.

Chris West, an attorney representing the plaintiffs, called the ruling "such a big win" on Twitter.

Thousands Affected

The Air Force has approximately 497,000 members. Of those,

97.1 percent have received a primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine as of July 11.

About 1,440 exemptions to the mandate have been granted, including 104 religious exemptions. Another 2,847 are pending, and 6,803 have been rejected.

The small number of religious exemptions granted is "farfetched," McFarland said earlier this year. He said that the Air Force "has effectively stacked the

deck' against service members seeking religious exemptions."

Under the new order, the Air Force can't take disciplinary action against, or attempt to kick out, members who have requested a religious exemption on or after Sept. 1, 2021, and were deemed by a chaplain as having a "sincerely held religious belief." Most military members who apply do and were either denied or haven't had action on their request.

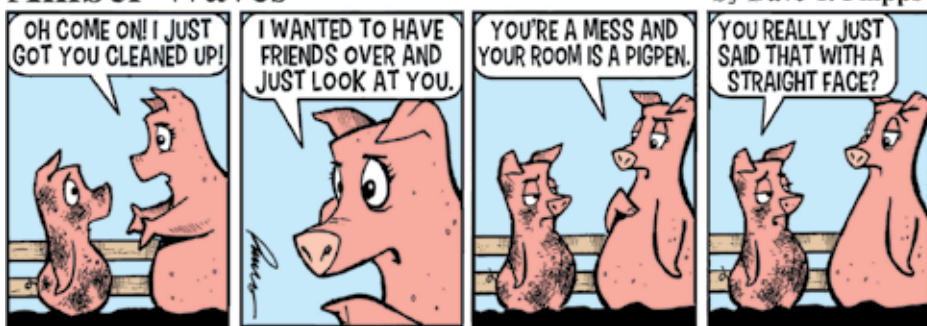
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Members of the U.S. Air Force prepare to receive the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, on Dec. 29, 2020.

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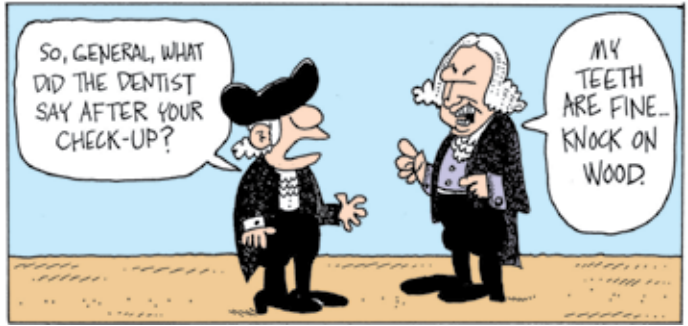
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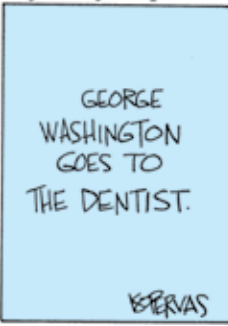


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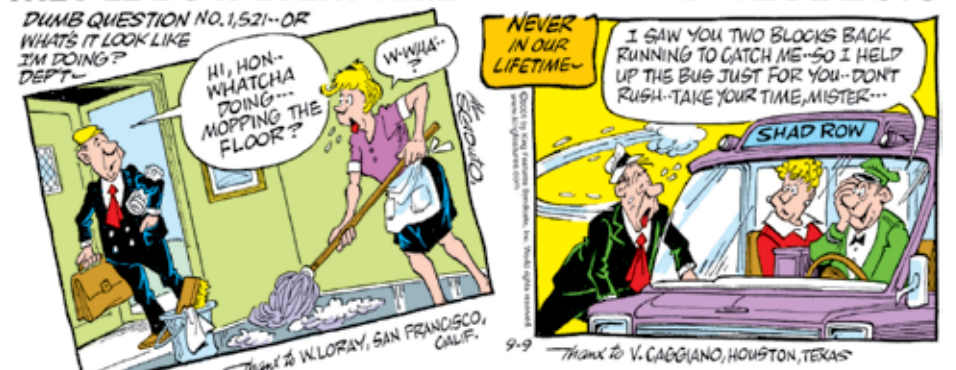
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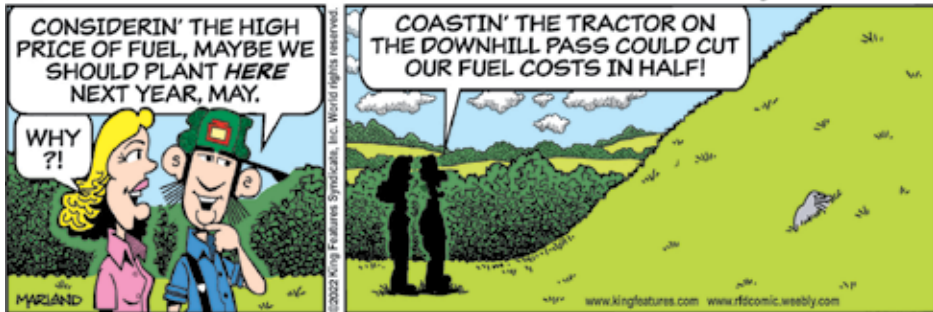


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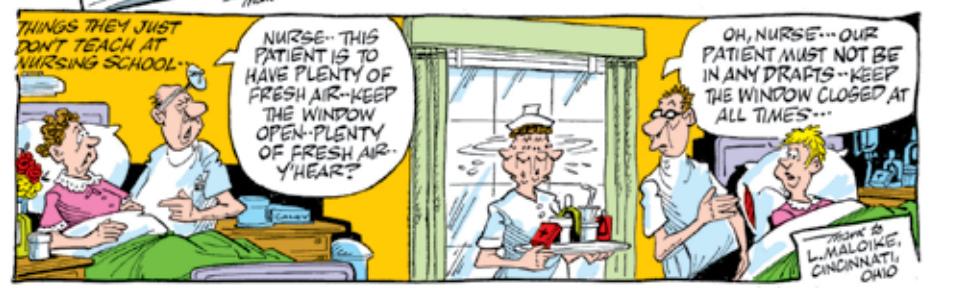


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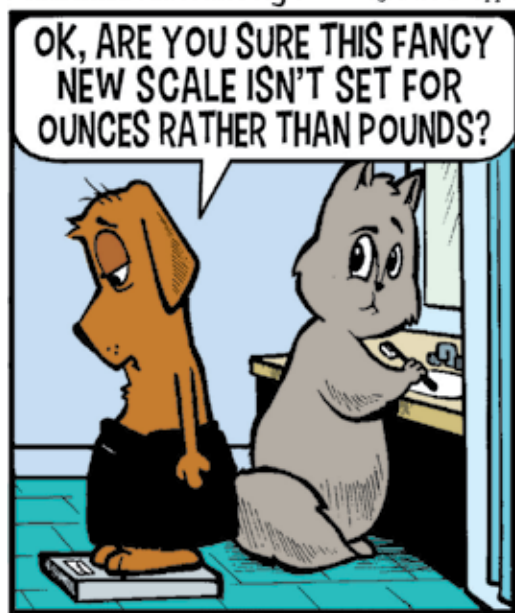
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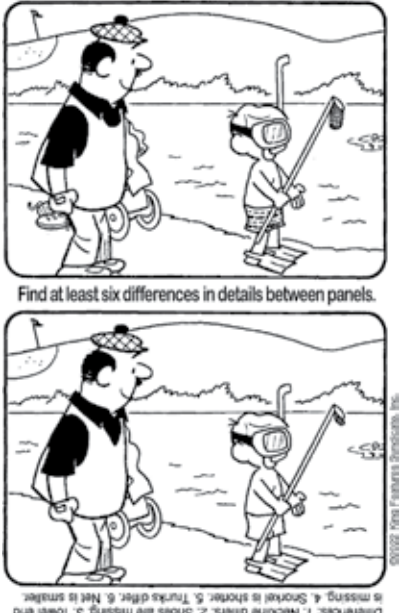


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5 Sacramento-Area Locals Selected in MLB Draft

Susac, Hjerpe, Vogt, Harvey and Saul chosen

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

LOS ANGELES, CA (MPG) - Five Sacramento-area baseball players were recently selected in the 2022 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft that was held over three days at L.A. Live in Southern California from July 17-19.

Daniel Susac, a 6-foot-4, 218-pound catcher, was the first Sacramentan taken off the board with the No. 19 overall pick in the first round by the Oakland Athletics. Susac played collegiately at the University of Arizona for two seasons from 2021-22 where he was the starting backstop.

Prior to Arizona, Susac played at Jesuit High School in Carmichael before graduating in 2020. His senior season with the Marauders was drastically cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Susac isn't the first catcher in his family to be drafted to an MLB team in the Bay Area. In 2011, Daniel's older brother Andrew was selected in the second round of the MLB Draft by the San Francisco Giants. Andrew played six MLB seasons for four teams and won a World Series with the Giants in 2014.

Cooper Hjerpe, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound left-handed pitcher, was the second Sacramentan taken off the board with the No. 22 overall pick in the first round by the St. Louis Cardinals. Hjerpe played collegiately at Oregon State University for three years from 2020-22 where he was one of the Beavers' best arms. Hjerpe came out of the bullpen in his shortened freshman season before becoming a starter in 2021.

Prior to Oregon State, Hjerpe attended Woodland High School where he pitched and played first base before graduating in 2019. He threw a perfect game for the Wolves against Mira Loma on March 26, 2019, striking out all 15



Oakland Athletics catcher Daniel Susac, amid his time at Jesuit High School, stands in the box and awaits a pitch during a 4-1 victory against De La Salle on March 12, 2020, in Carmichael. Photo courtesy of Allene Salerno/Lenie's Pictures™ (leniespictures.smugmug.com)



New York Yankees pitcher Ryan Harvey, amid his time at Woodcreek High School, throws a pitch during a 6-5 win over Napa in a CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division II First Round home playoff game on May 15, 2018, in Roseville. Photo courtesy of Allene Salerno/Lenie's Pictures™ (leniespictures.smugmug.com)

batters he faced in a dominant 11-0 win in five innings.

Hjerpe now joins the Cardinals organization which is noted as having one of the best fan bases in MLB according to some. Nick Vogt, a 6-foot-1, 185-pound outfielder, was the third Sacramentan taken off the board with the 210th overall pick in the seventh round by the San Diego Padres. Vogt played collegiately at the University of California, Santa Barbara for three seasons from 2020-22 as an outfielder.

Prior to UC Santa Barbara, Vogt attended Davis High School until 2019 where he was not only an impressive athlete on the baseball and football fields, but also a "model student" in the classroom according to Davis Athletic Director Jeff Lorenson.

"Nick was an amazing baseball player for us, but more importantly a model student athlete with the highest degree of character," Lorenson told MPG via email. "He always put his team first and made his school community a better place!"

In addition to his time at Davis, Vogt also spent time playing for another local team, the Yuba-Sutter Gold Sox, who are based in Marysville. Vogt is the grandson of Gold Sox Managing Partner, Al Montna.

According to Gold Sox General Manager Tommy Lininger, over 75 collegiate athletes have moved on to the pros from the Yuba-Sutter-based program. Vogt most recently played for the Gold Sox in 2020, where he played alongside Ryan Harvey.

"It is great to watch these college ball players develop and move forward in their careers," Lininger said in a recent news release. "We had a solid roster in 2020 and it is no surprise both Vogt and Harvey went so high in this year's draft."

Harvey, a 6-foot-3, 195-pound right-handed pitcher, was the fourth Sacramentan taken off the board with the 340th overall pick in the 11th round by the New York Yankees. Harvey played collegiately with Vogt at UC Santa Barbara for three seasons from 2020-22.

were always there to support him, and he was blessed with some great coaches, Ryan's dedication, commitment and love for the game got him to where he is today, and we are incredibly proud of him."

Eli Saul, a 6-foot-5, 215-pound right-handed pitcher, was the fifth and final Sacramentan taken off the board with the 378th overall pick in the 13th round by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Saul played collegiately at Sacramento State for three seasons from 2020-22.

Prior to Sac State, Saul attended Prince of Wales Secondary School in Vancouver, British Columbia. According to Sac State Athletics, Saul is the seventh Hornet pitcher taken in the MLB Draft over the last four years. Additionally, this is the second consecutive year that Arizona has selected a Sac State pitcher joining Scott Randall who was taken in the seventh round by the Diamondbacks in 2021 and is currently at High-A Hillsboro.

Saul and Randall join Chris Kinsey in 2003 as the three Hornets drafted by Arizona. According to Sac State Athletics, the Hornets have now had at least one player selected in 10 of the last 11 MLB Drafts, with a player chosen every year except for the pandemic-shortened 2020 draft. Additionally, at least one Sac State player has been drafted or signed as a free agent in each of the last 15 years and in 19 of the last 20 seasons.

One Sacramentan who anticipated hearing his name called and never did is McClatchy High School alumnus, Malcolm Moore. The highly touted 6-foot-2, 210-pound catcher, is committed to play collegiately at Stanford. Due to his strong commitment, MLB teams shied away from risking a draft pick on the 18-year-old who was likely going to Palo Alto regardless of where he may have been selected. ★

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