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Ventriloquist and puppeteer Steve Chaney engages the audience with a simple juggling act with his pal, Corny the Crow. Chaney's assistant is Piper Sheldon. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman with Granddaughter's Narrative in Italics

DIXON, CA (MPG) - After announcing an upcoming Ice Cream Social at the Dixon Public Library to a host of delighted children and their parents last week, the Children's librarian Corinne McCoy introduced Steve Chaney, a ventriloquist from Roseburg, Oregon.

We were outside and it was hot but not scorching and we found two seats that we moved to a better place in the shade like other moms were doing. After Steve introduced himself saying he is also a teacher, he said that teachers and ventriloquists have a lot in common as they like to talk to themselves.

He started the program by bringing out from an old trunk a large, orange and floppy monster that he said was 'Foster.' But then he was really trying to get out his other puppet but that 'Corny the Crow' was taking a shower and wouldn't come out...yet. Everyone was laughing.

The ventriloquist then taught the children how he makes the puppet move and speak.

I liked how he wanted to sing but the puppet would interrupt with something really funny, but it wasn't the words to the song. That was my favorite part. Like Mary had a little... nose and Twinkle, twinkle, little snail, now I wonder where's your tail. He also taught us how to make a puppet with a red sock, big eyes, a tuft of orange hair, a dress, and a small ball

for a nose. That was nice because now I'm going to make one. It was actually really easy.

He also told them that they needed to have a few jokes, like "Why did the woman throw the cube of butter out the window? So, she could see a butterfly," he said.

He also taught us how he uses his voice without moving his lips. He instructed us to smile really big, hold one finger up to our lips, then sing the ABC song. The chorus from the audience then followed with giggles in between.

Chaney also enjoyed entertaining the children with sounds of animals and had the children give him examples of what a 'moo' would sound like coming from a big cow, tiny

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Webb Tragedy Hurts at Home

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA(MPG) - Members of a large family in Dixon grieved this past week when learning of the accidental death of their family member, Spencer Webb, 22, after he slipped at a popular cliff diving spot in Oregon, hit his head and went under water, according to the Lane County Sheriff's Department. The tragedy occurred at Triangle Lake, near Eugene, Oregon. Witnesses were able to pull him out but were not able to revive him and not in enough time for emergency rescue to reach him in the 100-yard steep terrain.

Spencer was a grandson of the late Donald 'Spido' Webb. 'Spido' was a famed Dixon High School football player from the class of '44 and was inducted in the Dixon Hall of Fame in 2005 and continued to thrive in athletics including the State of California Senior Olympics and was named Solano Athlete of the Year before he passed in 2015. His grandson was following the same passion.

Spencer was raised by extended family most of his youth in Dixon. After moving in with his half-brother, Cody Webb, in the Sacramento area, he played for Christian Brothers High School and earned a reputation for being a positive role model who had overcome adversity by his coaches and teammates.

The 6-foot, 6-inch young man was starting his 5th year playing tight end in college football for the Oregon Ducks and social media lit up with tributes especially by multiple Oregon and Sacramento players and coaches.

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Spencer Webb," Oregon Football said in a statement on social media Thursday. "Our hearts go out to his family, teammates, and friends at such a difficult time. We will miss Spencer greatly."

Oregon Ducks head coach Dan Lanning posted on Twitter, "So full of life in every moment of the day. Your smile and energy will be missed Spencer. I love you!"

Spencer was also well known for his Tik-Tok postings of his personal life and his athletics achievements. He had more than 700,000 followers.

A memorial will be planned for some time in the future at Christian Brothers High School. ★

Bogue Starts Campaign Season

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Campaign season officially opened on Monday in the City of Dixon for the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for two District Representatives on Council, the Elected City Clerk, and on a one-cent sales tax increase.

No doubt voters will be confused with the change in Districts they are voting in as the Council adopted Map 104 at their April 5, 2022 meeting which flips district representation of Councilmen Scott Pederson and Jim Ernest effective November.

Up until the election, Pederson continues to represent Council District 1 but after the election, that area will be District 2. Likewise, the current District 2 representative held by Ernest will become District 1. Candidates running for City Council must also reside within the District for which they



Thom Bogue will be running in this election for Councilman Scott Pederson's new position. Photo courtesy of Thom Bogue

are running. A candidate must also include nomination papers showing a minimum of 20 signatures from friends, neighbors, etc., vouching he or she is a worthy citizen to run for office.

Pederson will be seeking re-election but will be challenged by former Mayor Thom Bogue who announced his campaign a few days ago.

"We as a community

are facing difficult times both personally and as a city," Bogue said. "With the increasing cost of living, cost of basic goods, fuel, rent, groceries, etc., it is going to take leadership tempered with compassion to see us as a community through these troubling times. I have proven as a former councilman and mayor that I possess the experience, leadership, values and compassion for the

people of our community."

Ernest has not announced whether or not he will seek office. Council positions carry a \$400 stipend and offer health insurance.

The Elected City Clerk position that is open for a full 4-year term is currently occupied by Kristin Janisch who was elected to the Temporary City Clerk 1-year term last fall in order to get that position onto the 4-year calendar voting cycle this year. There is a \$250 stipend for that position. Calls to Janisch about re-election have not yet been returned.

If one is interested in running for any of the three offices, official nomination documents for eligible candidates will be available at City Hall, 600 East A Street in Dixon. The nomination period for these offices closes on August 12, 2022 at 5 p.m. Each term is four years. Candidates must be 18 years old or older, reside

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This Town is Happening

BurgerIM

Saved! After running the story about the potential demise of the local BurgerIM restaurant near Walmart, a private investor met with Owners Diane, Matthew and Ryan Long to help them rebrand and stay open. They are officially rebranding to Dixon Wings N Things and are hosting a ribbon cutting on Friday, August 5, 5 pm at 115 East Dorset Drive. Go by and try out their foods as they are delicious and tell them whether or not you want them to go with the barbecue wings option.

Importance of Trees

The average Joe just doesn't realize how important the selection of trees are to making a community lush and thriving. At the last Planning Commission Meeting, a Citywide Dixon Street and Front Yard Tree List was updated with a lengthy discussion that was enlightening.

Randy Davis, who is now retired but served Dixon at least a decade as the City of Dixon Recreation and Community Services Director and who is now a Planning Commissioner, spoke about spending a number of years watching the unfortunate landscape situation in Valley Glen because there was no thought to proper trees.

"It's been a really big issue. I just hope that we're on track now and that as a commission, we are working together." He told of about 20 homes that now do not have front yard trees because the homes were put in with trees too large for the space and ultimately owners removed them.

"Instead of seeing a row of trees, we have none," he said. "I hope that it never happens again. No other neighborhood has to go through that." Vice Chair Janet Koster – who is an arborist – said that she had worked on the 2010 General Plan Update and said that in the City Code,

there is a list which tells what trees are prohibited. If you're considering adding trees to your yards – especially the front yard, please check that out.

Car Wash

According to Raffi Bolyan, a Quick Quack Car Wash is planning to move into the space next to Denny's on Stratford Avenue. (Yay!) That lot has been a fire risk from tall, dry weeds for way too long, so I am happy to hear about development there. If anyone has seen the car wash just off Leisure Town Road where you can get a drive-thru wash but also do the vacuum and cleaning inside yourself, you know what it will look like.

Anxiety

To deal with one element of my anxiety issues when someone else is driving, I keep my eyes down. I can still visit that way and my head is facing my lap. This way, if I'm with my relative who likes to drive fast in his big truck, he does not see how afraid I am. This technique works for me even if my hubby is driving us to Woodland.

You might wonder why I don't "woman-up" and just tell the driver to please drive a little slower, but I have learned from painful experience, that no one likes to hear that their driving isn't perfect. If I even hint that I'm uncomfortable, I have been made fun of, mocked, and even scolded.

Being treated this way makes me feel embarrassed and like a child. It makes me want to stay home. The feeling of not being accepted is a terrible one. I think of all the children and young people who struggle with not being accepted and my heart feels heavy. Please take the time to hear people and try understanding instead of judgement. Robin Williams said, "Everyone you meet today is fighting some kind of battle; Always be kind." ★

Dixon News Briefs



A child gets to select a backpack for himself at last year's free school supply give-away at Grace Fellowship annual Backpack Give-away held this year on August 6. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

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) beginning the week 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.

School Supplies

Grace Fellowship Church will be hosting their annual 'Float Back to School Event' on Saturday, August 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. They will be handing out free backpacks stuffed with school supplies for school-age children ages Kinder through 5th grade while supplies last. They will also have free ice cream floats, games with prizes, a water obstacle course, and a bounce house to add to the festivities. It is sponsored by Grace Fellowship, Grace Fellowship en Español, and Grace Kids Ministry Team. The church is located at 535 West H Street. To donate, email debbycoogan28@gmail.com or call (707)249-9206

Free Haircuts

Another Back-to-School event is slated for Kindergarten through 12th grade which will feature free haircuts by Nino's Cut & Shave and Sister's Salon & Boutique as well as backpacks with school supplies, snacks, and toothbrush kits. It will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 1 p.m. at The Creative Space, 160 West A Street in downtown Dixon.

Christmas in July

Christmas Decor, Christmas gifts, drinks, snacks, and more will be on a special sale on Saturday, July 31, at the

Uptown Collective, 120 North First Street in downtown Dixon. The Uptown Collective is owned by Rebecca Robinson and hosts numerous vendors and artisans under one roof. For more information, call (707) 693-3009 or see her Facebook site.

Beginning Social Media

Social Media for Beginners: Creating Content for your Audience will be held July 22 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. online thanks to the Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center. This webinar will introduce you to popular social media channels, covering the strengths and challenges of each, and how they allow you to communicate with your audience and grow your business. Discover the importance of 'evergreen content' in your social media marketing, best practices to attract new followers, and free tools you can start for your business marketing today. For this class and a large variety of other helpful free classes, contact the SBDC, 500 Chadbourne Rd., Fairfield or call (707) 646-1071 or go to www.solanonapasbdc.org.

Parks & Rec

The City of Dixon is looking to hire a Senior Maintenance Worker for Parks. If you are interested, please apply by August 14, 2022. Want to know what is going on in our parks and recreation? This coming Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. there will be a City of Dixon Parks and Recreation Meeting inside the Council Chambers, 600 East A Street. Agendas come out on the Thursday before (usually.) Check the city website for any possible changes.

Meatloaf Dinner

The Veterans Friday Night Dinner for this week will feature meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans plus a roll. It's at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street. This dinner is \$10 and the atmosphere is informal and fun with live music, too. Time is 6 to 8 pm. Dinners help support the veterans and keep the hall open. There is also an open, no host bar. ★

Find Your Community: Become a Museum Docent!



Dixon Historical Society Board Members along with docents share the surprising benefits from working at the Dixon History Museum. They are (starting from left side of table and around to the right) Diane Schroeder, Wendy Riedel, Kelly Evans, Kim Schroeder-Evans, Denise McBride, Bill Schroeder, Carolyn Rannefeld, and Darla Wear. Photo by Debra Dingman

Dixon History Museum News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Join a community that loves their town history – become a Dixon History Museum Docent! At the Dixon History Museum, docents are a dedicated group of volunteers who support the educational programs. Not only do docents help bring history to life on school tours, they also extend the Museum into the community, present spotlight talks, and facilitate interactive based activities.

"We believe docents need to be as diverse as the community they serve," Rannefeld said, "because docents have the most impact when they can connect with visitors through shared experiences."

Join the Museum on Sunday, July 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. or Wednesday, July 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. for a Docent Open House to learn everything you need to know about the application process, touring, and service commitments. The Open House is not mandatory, but it will be extremely helpful and informative for

anyone interested in applying, she added.

There are many benefits of becoming a docent. It is so much more than just volunteer work. Many of the docents at the Dixon History Museum talk about the unexpected benefits of being a docent. Here are just a few:

(1) One can find their community! Docents come from a variety of backgrounds, but they share a common enthusiasm for history, learning, and people; (2) Making new friends! From classmates to mentors to colleagues who share your schedule, docents often make new friends who last a lifetime; (3) Professional development! It's not just the volunteering that looks good on a resume; Public speaking, leadership skills, and networking can really take one's career to the next level.

For more information, email Carolyn Rannefeld at CIRannefeld@outlook.com call (707) 416-6747 or leave message on the museum phone: (707) 693-3044. The museum is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ★

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City Treasurer Out and About



Jim Ward, Dixon City Treasurer. Photo courtesy of Jim Ward

Commentary by Jim Ward, City of Dixon Treasurer

At the July 5, 2022, Dixon City Council Meeting, concerns were brought forth by Senior Club members over an industrial kitchen stove that has been inoperable for the past two years so Dist. 3 Councilman Kevin Johnson and I attended their next meeting on July 12, at 11 a.m.

I told them who I was and what my job responsibilities are, and that I will be their voice and do what I can. We met Senior Club President Phyllis Nixon and Recreation Supervisor Austin George and several members. This is a great place for many activities for seniors including exercises, ice cream socials, Bingo, meetings and more.

Yvonne McCluskey explained that the stove was approved and budgeted two years ago and asked where the money went, but we had no answers for her. (At the City Council Meeting, City Manager Jim Lindley had

said there was a problem with bidding...) We toured the kitchen that needs to have major upgrades. You cannot just put in an industrial stove; You have to put in a fire suppression unit (by law) also and the one that is in there now is not compatible with the new standards of the fire suppression unit – including the exhaust fan. There are also plumbing and other appliance issues. So, basically, they need a whole, new kitchen – it's a significant safety issue because they also rent out the facility. I also encouraged them to attend Council meetings.

On Thursday, July 14, I met with 11th District Assemblywoman Lori D. Wilson in downtown Dixon. She is the former Mayor of Suisun and has only been in the Assembly a few months. After introductions and describing herself as an 'incrementalist,' explaining that in politics, it takes baby steps to get stuff done. She cared about the infrastructure and the community of Suisun and now all of Solano County. There was a group of about 15 citizens – business and non-business people including from the City of Dixon and the Chamber of Commerce at this meeting. There were several questions asked about mental health, grants, and some about infrastructure including the Parkway Overpass. My constituents have asked me to ask her questions which I did. One

was about the Safe Needle Injection Site passed by the Assembly and now on its way to Congress.

She said she thought a lot about it and at first didn't want it because it would attract more problems; however, after more input and research, she decided to vote for it. She said she did this because it is a pilot program for four or five very large cities that wanted it (LA, SF, San Jose, for example.) Also because it is one part of a piece of a puzzle for helping with mental health issues like suicides, drug overdoses, and that you have to look at it from the big picture, she said. I also asked about homelessness, and she said it was a multi-prong concern and encompasses a lot of issues including drugs, crime, joblessness, and housing so there are no easy solutions.

In regard to the subject of infrastructure, "16.3 million dollars is for local projects for the whole county," she said. In that, city governments have to put in their requests to allocate that money. I brought up the 'unfunded mandates' such as SB 1383 for reducing food waste and a few of us asked if she knew of resources that we could get help from and do they consider the impact on the citizens. Field Representative Kai Eusebio and her District Director Tiffanee Jones were there and helpful with some answers. ★

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Photos by Nicholas Brown

Stargazing in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

Yolo Basin Foundation News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Enjoy a stargazing tour of the night sky in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area with astronomers from the Davis Astronomy Club on Saturday, August 6 from 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

This captivating nighttime tour includes a short talk and viewings of constellations, star clusters, galaxies, and some unusually colored stars! View the first-quarter moon with its stark craters, setting planet Venus, and rising planet Saturn with its beautiful rings. As the sun sets, the group will enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

The Davis Astronomy Club is comprised of local amateur astronomers who love to share their passion for astronomy. They bring astronomy events and information to the public through lectures and stargazing parties at Explorit Science Center in Davis and outreach events in Yolo County and surrounding areas. For more information about the Davis Astronomy Club, visit www.explorit.org/astronomy-club.

For more information and to register for this special event that benefits the Yolo Basin Foundation, visit <https://www.yolobasin.org/explorer/>. Registration will close on August 3.

About the Explorer Series
The Explorer Series is a series of science-based field trips and workshops for adults who want to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the world around them. Our guest hosts include experienced naturalists, professionals and leaders in their field who enjoy sharing their talents and knowledge with others. The Explorer Series is a series of fundraising events for the Yolo Basin Foundation, which helps to support environmental education programs for all ages.

About Yolo Basin Foundation: Yolo Basin Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding public appreciation and stewardship of wetlands and wildlife in the Yolo Basin through education and innovative partnerships. Learn more about their environmental education programs for all ages at yolobasin.org. ★

Recology Contract Rates to Rise

Commentary by Debra Dingman

Over the past four years now, a local citizen has been asking when the contract with Recology was going to be renewed. I was that citizen.

I had contacted Recology after seeing my friend's mini toter at her home in Vacaville, which is served by Recology and asked if I could get one instead of the giant one they provided in Dixon.

At that time, it was just me living in my home and I did not generate but a fraction of garbage to fill a toter. I also found it difficult to haul out my blue recycle toter AND the gray garbage toter. Often, I would simply give up on recycling. I spoke with several older residents in my neighborhood about this and most of them would love having smaller toters as they are widows and/or older people.

At first, I was told I could get smaller toters and a senior rate but then the clerk discovered I was in Dixon and that the smaller toter/decreased fee was not available here. So I talked with my District 3 Council representative Kevin Johnson. I wound up asking from the podium and no one could tell me.

I called Recology Manager Scott Pardini who tried to convince me that Dixon had the best contract and the cleanest 'rating' for any of the cities they serve and he felt it was because they standardized every resident getting large toters. Knowing that Vacaville had the options of small toters and me not caring about reduced fees, I felt ignored and so was every other voice I had spoken to.

After reminding the council and staff

another time or two, asking a few more times with months in between, City Manager Jim Lindley, said from the dais, that he was 'working on that' and I got really hopeful.

A full year later, and after I had given up, the California legislature passed SB 1383 to help prevent food waste and the Council heard at least two presentations if not more about how this 'unfunded mandate' was going to impact our city. Low and behold, the Recology contract got looked at and amended. I was never communicated with or learned anything new about Recology until it was presented July 5 at a City Council Meeting where rates would be increased for all Dixon. Mr. Pardini was in the audience and did answer questions to the City's presentation by Louren Kotow, Public Works Director.

A citizen in the audience brought up the fact that Vacaville residents had more toter options and reduced rates for senior citizens, but the Council did not explore this further by asking for the contract to be re-negotiated. The changes are to be in effect October 1. Acting upon the City's recommendations for approval, city council voted the amendments in for another ten years.

The good news is that in their agreement, Recology did concede to allow smaller toters and, of course, a smaller fee. (Note: Dixon's smaller fee is still 30-percent higher than what Recology charges Vacaville seniors.)

As a citizen, I find it extremely disappointing that this took years and worse, it would have NOT changed at all if not for the forced unfunded mandate we had to deal with. ★

Corny Crow Entertains

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cow, happy cow, and sad cow. Several parents told us that they come to the library events every week and that the activities are "great!"

Chaney was only a child when he saw his first ventriloquist/puppet show and became enthralled.

"I knew he wasn't real but wondered how he made him talk and thought about it for a long time," he said. "I was in junior high when I started getting books on how to do it and when I joined the Air Force, I did shows in England for orphanages." He graduated from college with a degree in social work and counseling, and he worked with police departments, putting together programs to help youth with self-esteem issues.

He's now been doing 300 to 400 shows a year like this for libraries, schools and fairs – usually three shows a day – for more than 20 years and has been a guest of the Dixon Public Library before. He likes to do libraries best because they are smaller groups, he explained, and fairs are farther away from the children so you can't engage them as well. Chaney is the father of two grown children and just got a brand-new grandson, he said. He can be reached at (408) 329-2336 or see his website at cornycrow.com.

The Dixon Public Library is now a part of the Solano County Library system and is located at 230 North First Street in downtown Dixon. The phone is (866) 572-7587. ★



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Southern Cal Ports and Warehouses Face Threats



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

As California's post-World War II industrial economy slumped during the 1970s, civic and business leaders in the state's two major metropolitan areas made some momentous bets on their economic futures.

While the San Francisco Bay Area opted for the emerging sector of digital technology, Southern California – Los Angeles particularly – believed that its future lay in logistics, tying the region to the fast-growing economies of Asia.

Southern California expanded and modernized its twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to handle what became a flood of container ships from China and other Asian nations. Rail and highway connections were improved and the region's "Inland Empire" became a massive logistics center of warehouses and distribution centers serving the entire nation.

It's estimated that 40% of U.S. imports and 25% of the nation's exports pass through Southern California's ports.

Although logistics industry salaries are not high in comparison to those of the Bay Area's tech industry, its warehouses and other facilities have provided much-needed jobs for the wave of immigrants, mostly from Latin America, that Southern California

experienced in the 1980s and 1990s.

However, despite its importance, Southern California's logistics industry faces an uncertain future as the movement of goods becomes increasingly competitive and, as industry leaders complain, new state laws and regulations raise operational costs that could encourage shippers to go elsewhere.

As shipping volume increased in recent years, new Inland Empire warehouses proliferated to handle the traffic, creating a backlash of opposition from local residents and environmental groups.

Attorney General Rob Bonta sued the city of Fontana for approving a warehouse close to a high school and Assemblywoman Eloise Gómez Reyes, a San Bernardino Democrat, introduced legislation requiring new warehouses in Riverside and San Bernardino counties to be located at last 1,000 feet from "sensitive receptors" such as schools.

Business groups have opposed the measure, saying that its setback requirements and a provision of the bill requiring unionized labor on warehouse projects would hamstring development of facilities needed to handle ever-increasing amounts of cargo. The bill has passed the Assembly and is pending in the Senate.

Meanwhile, John McLaurin, president of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, told Gov. Gavin Newsom in a letter last month that several new state policies also threaten to curtail the logistics industry's ability to handle increasing amounts of cargo.

He specifically cited new

rules from the California Air Resources Board that prohibit older trucks from handling cargo at the ports and require replacement trucks to be zero-emission vehicles "that are currently unavailable due to the shortage of semi conductors and other equipment."

McLaurin also noted that while a just-passed state budget trailer bill purports to "invest in port-specific high-priority projects that increase goods movement capacity on rail and roadways serving ports and at port terminals," it also bans spending for "fully automated cargo handling equipment."

The prohibition is supposedly aimed at protecting port jobs from being automated but McLaurin told Newsom that unions have already agreed to provisions allowing automation, which is needed to keep Los Angeles and Long Beach ports competitive in the battle for shipping business vis-à-vis other ports.

"California's ports have no more room to grow – except up," McLaurin said. "If we are to meet the needs of California consumers and exporters, support hundreds of thousands of supply chain related jobs and function as a competitive gateway, innovation along the waterfront should be encouraged – not stifled."

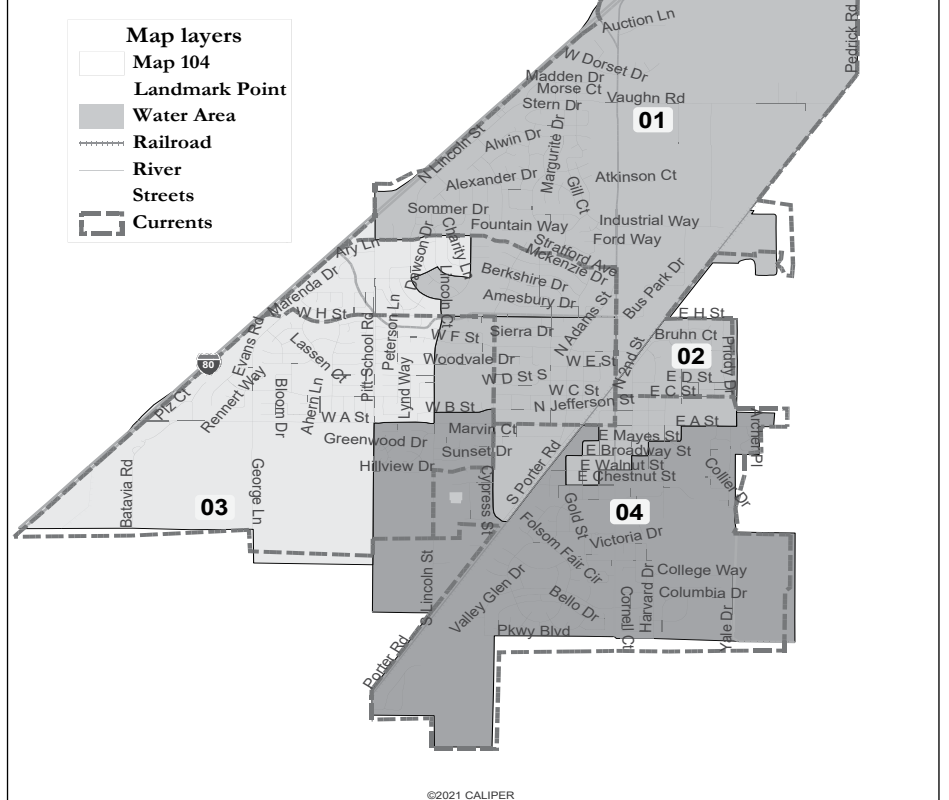
These issues are a warning that as logistics have become so important to Southern California's economy, the industry's future should not be taken for granted.

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

Bogue Starts Campaign Season

Dixon 2022 Redistricting

Map 104



The four Districts that citizens will use to cast their votes for City Council in Dixon have been redrawn. The above graphic shows with broken red lines the current districts but the colored areas show the new boundaries that will be for the upcoming elections. Graphic courtesy of City of Dixon

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and be registered to vote within the City of Dixon. Candidates running for City Council must also reside within the District for which they are running.

Every candidate is given an orientation by the City Clerk along with a binder with complete details of running for office so one does not have to feel overwhelmed in the process. To make sure one lives in an open-seat district, refer to Map 104 on the City of Dixon website.

The City of Dixon charges candidates the following Election Fees: Candidate Filing Fee \$25; Candidate Orientation Fee \$65; Candidate Binder Fee \$65; and an optional Ballot Statement Fee for published written statements in the sample

ballot which is mailed to all registered voters in Dixon and have been as high as \$400 in years past. To have it provided in Spanish is another available option. Fees are set by Government Code.

The issue of the one-cent sales tax increase will be a future story. According to the U.S. Constitution, Voting Day will be Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Voters qualify for registration by being a U.S. citizen, aged 18 years or older, a resident of Dixon, and neither in prison nor on parole for a felony conviction. Re-registration is required if one has moved since last registered, changed name, or changed political party affiliation. The registration deadline is 15 days before an election. One may register to vote online at the California Secretary of State's website. ★

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**'MINIONS' ARE STILL JOKESTERS;
'TERMINAL LIST' THRILLS**

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

**"MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU"
RATED PG-13**

Beginning with 2010's "Despicable Me," Gru and the Minions, with Kevin, Stuart and Bob front-and-center, the pill-shaped international icons of mischief, mayhem and joy have delighted audiences in their elaborate criminal master plans.

An origin story of how Gru became a villain and allied with the banana-colored, goggle-eyed creatures, "Minions: The Rise of Gru" takes us on a wild trip suffused with 1970s pop culture.

The year is 1976, and the fashion trends that were all the rage in California come vividly to life in an explosion of brilliant colors, resulting in spectacular animation.

Long before he becomes the master of evil, Gru (voiced by Steve Carell) is just an 11-3/4-year-old boy in suburban San Francisco, plotting to take over the world from his basement.

During career day at school, while others aspire to be doctors or firemen, the mischievous Gru, with his precocious bent to the evil side, proudly announces that he wants to be a supervillain, and of course, gets mocked by his classmates.

Still too young to have mastered villainy, young Gru finds his incipient evil plans are not going particularly well, but then he crosses paths with the Minions and they join forces for a lasting bond.

The trio of Minions featured prominently (though I am unable to tell one from the other even if differentiated by having either one or two eyes) has a new member in Otto, sporting braces and a desperate need to please.

Meanwhile the infamous supervillain crew known as the Vicious 6 journey to a jungle to steal the powerful Zodiac Stone. The aging group leader Wild Knuckles (Alan Arkin) suffers a betrayal from his cohorts, presumably left to die.

The Vicious 6 won't be the same with Belle Bottom (Taraji P. Henson), sporting an afro even bigger than that of Angela Davis and swinging a lethal disco-ball mace, who looks like she belongs in a blaxploitation movie.

Remaining members of the Vicious crew include Lucy Lawless' Nun-chuck, dressed in traditional nun's habit; and Danny Trejo's Stronghold, whose giant iron hands are both a menace to others and a burden to him.

Nordic roller-skating champion Svengance (Dolph Lundgren) dispenses his enemies with spin kicks from his spiked skates; and the nihilistic Jean-Clawed (Jean-Claude Van Damme, the perfect fit) is armed literally with a giant robotic claw.

With Wild Knuckles dropped from Vicious 6, the most devoted fanboy Gru interviews to become their newest member, but they are not impressed by the diminutive, wannabe villain.

The Vicious 6 underestimate Gru, who outsmarts them by stealing the ancient pendant that gives them enormous power. With Gru on the run, the Minions try to master the art of kung fu, and things just get nuttier from there.

"Minions: The Rise of Gru" is family-friendly entertainment that the kids are bound to enjoy, knowing the popularity of the little yellow jokesters, while adults may enjoy the sight gags, such as three Minions hilariously filling in as the flight crew on a passenger jet.

**"THE TERMINAL LIST" ON
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Normally cast in roles where an easygoing manner and a sense of humor matters, Chris Pratt demonstrates serious chops in the tense, dramatic part of a Navy SEAL caught in a web of betrayal by sinister forces in "The Terminal List" on Amazon Prime Video.

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Reese's recall of the mission differs widely with the official version of events, but as soon as he's attacked by masked henchmen during an MRI scan, it's obvious something nefarious is afoot. Or is he just imagining an assault?

Things take an even more serious turn when harm comes to his wife Lauren (Riley Keough) and young daughter Lucy (Arlo Metz), and Reese will go to great lengths for bloody, brutal and unrelenting revenge.

The commander soon runs afoul of Navy Admiral Pillar (Nick Chinlund) and some other officers, most of whom seem to be desk-bound jockeys without the slightest appreciation of what Reese had to endure in a faraway land.

While suffering symptoms of a concussion, Reese becomes aware that he and his platoon may have been subjected to a failed experiment, which leads to a shady corporate tycoon (Jai Courtney) as one of many villains along with corrupt government officials.

Stirring the pot is investigative journalist Katie Buranek (Constance Wu) looking into the conspiracy theory angle. Meanwhile, Reese gets support from his CIA friend Ben (Taylor Kitsch) and fellow veteran Liz (Tyner Rushing).

It's interesting how the public rates "The Terminal List" an extremely high score that is wildly divergent from the ratings given by critics on Rotten Tomatoes.

The people have it right, as they often do. Chris Pratt delivers the goods in this suspenseful thriller series with high-octane action that is on target as an audience pleaser. ★



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Stranger Things Reads

The new season of *Stranger Things* has taken the world by storm, even crashing Netflix's site worldwide, leaving fans grappling for any sign of remaining storylines. Luckily, Random House Publishing has the official *Stranger Things* story arcs, and character backstories that will keep fans satiated until news of the Season 5 release.

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State Requires Sharing Your Data

By Kristen Hwang, CALMatters.org

In March 2020, as Californians hunkered down for what many expected to be a two-week lockdown, high-ranking health officials were scrambling to find out how many COVID-19 patients were hospitalized, how many were in intensive care and how many beds remained available.

With no system in place for hospitals to report this information to the state and share it, Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state's public health director and other staff had to call 426 hospitals to assess the situation.

Now, officials hope to avoid similar scenarios in the future by changing the way patient data is collected and shared. Legislation passed last year requires all health and human services providers to sign a statewide data-sharing agreement. This includes hospitals, doctor's offices, nursing homes, public health agencies, laboratories, mental and behavioral health providers, substance use treatment facilities, insurance plans, public health departments and emergency services.

The final version of the agreement was published July 1. Most participants will have six months to sign the agreement and a year to begin sharing data.

If implementation goes as planned, a doctor or case worker could request a patient's full medical and social services history in real time. Patients could view their own records easily, and government agencies would also have access to more reliable aggregate data on patient outcomes and demographics — rendering the pandemic scramble obsolete.

The health care industry already amasses incredible amounts of patient data. John Ohanian, chief data officer for the state Health and Human Services Agency, likens it



California will require health facilities to start sharing patient data with each other. Photo courtesy Doctor Patients © Oleh Veres Dreamstime.com

to "freeways of information." The problem is, not everyone has an onramp to the freeway.

"Our goal was — and the governor's goal was — to make it mandatory that people exchange information and provide rules of the road and guidelines so it can be done well," Ohanian said.

It's a huge endeavor for the state, and not everyone is on board.

In a public comment responding to a draft of the agreement, the California Hospital Association and California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems complained that the requirements exceed the statutory authority of the law that established the data-sharing requirement. When contacted for clarification, hospital association spokesperson Jan Emerson-Shea said there was nothing to add beyond what was in the letter.

The California Association of Health Plans also commented that parts of the draft proposal go beyond the scope of the new data-sharing law, including the proposed governing body that

would oversee compliance. The association also pointed out potential conflicts with a parallel federal effort to create a national data exchange for health data.

Other groups, including the County Welfare Directors Association of California, County Behavioral Health Directors Association and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, raised concerns about data privacy and security. They also want patients to be given the ability to choose whether their data is shared and noted that addiction and mental health records are more strictly protected than other health data. In a letter to the state, Planned Parenthood asked to delay implementation by one year.

According to a state analysis, the proportion of medical and social services organizations that currently use digital records and share that information with other providers varies widely based on sector and location.

While 97% of family physicians used electronic record-keeping methods in 2020,

those who didn't tended to be small independent practices or they were in rural areas. Likewise, 90% of medium and large hospitals also used electronic-only patient records, but only 70% of small hospitals in the state used digital records.

The report found a little more than a third of addiction treatment centers used electronic records to document treatment plans and view laboratory results. Less than half of nursing homes used electronic records and only 10% reported that their systems connected with local hospitals.

Some of the organizations with the fewest digital record-sharing systems are government agencies like county public health and social services departments. The state Legislature's approved budget includes \$50 million over two years to help small doctor's offices, rural hospitals and community organizations invest in the technology needed to comply with the law.

Even before the pandemic, community clinics and social services providers like homeless shelters

say disconnected record-keeping systems caused chronic problems.

On a broader scale, the patchwork of digital accessibility has made it difficult to reduce health disparities for conditions like heart disease and diabetes, both before and during the pandemic, said Kiran Savage-Sangwan, executive director of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network and a member of the data exchange advisory group.

Communities of color make up 63% of the state's population but represent more than 80% of all enrollees in Medi-Cal, the state's health system for people who can't afford health insurance. According to a California Health Care Foundation report on health disparities, Black and Latino residents are far more likely to experience preventable hospitalizations for conditions like asthma, heart failure and diabetes than white residents. The same groups are also the most likely to report delaying health care due to cost or lack of insurance.

In recent years, the state has launched ambitious plans to transform the Medi-Cal system through an initiative called CalAIM, which aims to address the root causes of failing health, like food insecurity and housing instability. It offers coverage for services not typically thought of as medical needs, such as housing. CalAIM, along with the state's Healthy California for All Commission, which is exploring what a single-payer health care system could look like in California, relies on data.

"I can't think of a thing on our list of huge transformations that won't either depend on or benefit from this effort," Ghaly said. "All of these data systems having some ability to come together around the individual is going to accelerate — whether it's a social worker or an emergency room nurse — their ability to provide more comprehensive and coordinated services." ★

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on August 3, at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620 to discuss placing past due City of Dixon accounts on property tax bills. California Health and Safety Code Section 5473 give the City the authority to collect past due wastewater collection accounts by placing an assessment/lien in the amount of the past due balance on the annual property tax rolls. This process makes the past due amount subject to the County's property tax collection methods and late property tax fees.

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Federal Judge Orders Biden Administration to Cooperate in Social Media Collusion Lawsuit

'Government can't outsource its censorship to Big Tech,' Missouri attorney general says

MATTHEW VADUM

A federal judge ordered the Biden administration on July 12 to comply with information requests in a lawsuit brought by Missouri and Louisiana officials about alleged federal government collusion with social media companies to suppress important news stories in the name of fighting so-called misinformation.

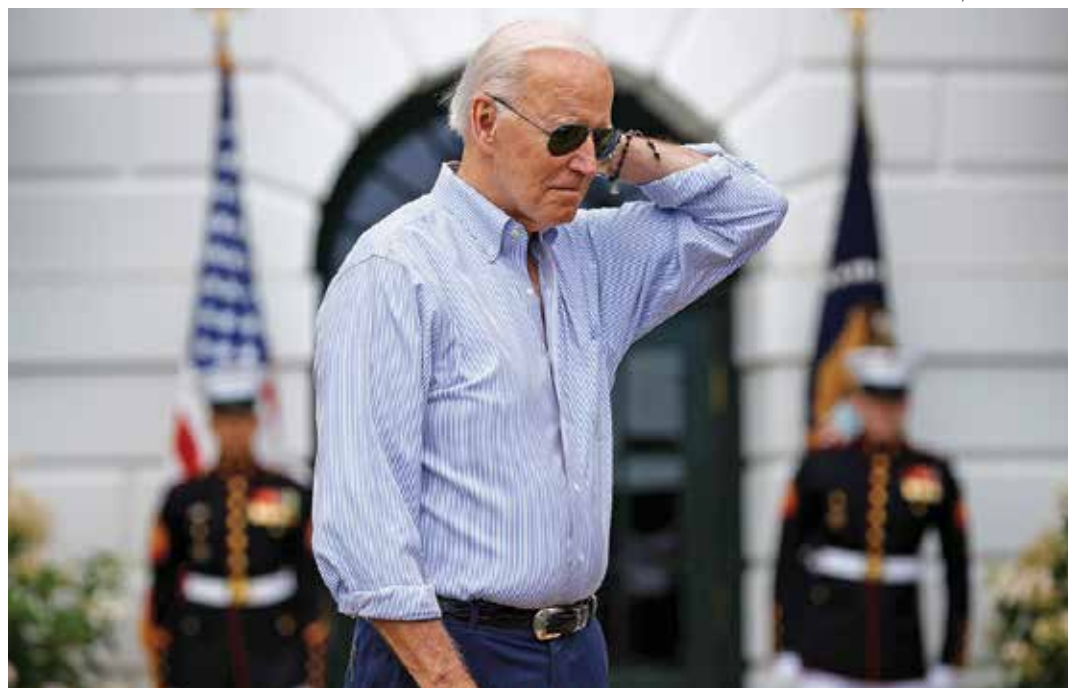
The lawsuit could help bring to light the Biden administration's behind-the-scenes efforts to discourage the dissemination of information related to the advent of the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 and the ongoing Hunter Biden laptop scandal, according to Eric Schmitt, Missouri's Republican attorney general.

Supporters of former President Donald Trump claim that if the story about the laptop belonging to the president's troubled son hadn't been suppressed, President Joe Biden would have lost the 2020 presidential election. Republicans say the laptop provides evidence of the son's misbehavior and of the Biden family's corruption.

Facebook and Twitter infamously restricted the distribution of information related to the computer's contents. Biden supporters claimed the story was manufactured by the Russian government as disinformation.

Social media also suppressed numerous stories related to the origins of COVID-19, possible medical treatments to prevent, treat, or cure the disease, and discussions about government and corporate policies implemented to deal with the virus, many of which curbed personal freedoms. Many government and corporate employees have been fired in the pandemic era for refusing to take government-approved vaccines, which they say have limited effectiveness and potentially severe side effects.

The lawsuit could also provide fodder for Republicans who promise multiple in-



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▲ President Joe Biden arrives at the Congressional Picnic on the South Lawn of the White House on July 12, 2022.



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Hunter Biden attends the Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House on April 18, 2022.

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Eric Schmitt,
Missouri attorney
general

vestigations into government wrongdoing should they retake Congress in the November elections.

Among the defendants are President Joe Biden, his former White House press secretary Jen Psaki, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, former Disinformation Governance Board executive director Nina Jankowicz, and Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser to the president and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

According to court documents, the states allege that the administration "colluded with and/or coerced social media companies to suppress disfavored speakers, viewpoints, and content on social media

platforms by labeling the content 'disinformation,' 'misinformation,' and 'malinformation.'"

The states "allege the suppression of disfavored speakers, viewpoints, and contents constitutes government action and therefore violates Plaintiff States' freedom of speech in violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution."

The complaint also alleges that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Disinformation Governance Board was created "to induce, label, and pressure the censorship of disfavored content, viewpoints, and speakers on social-media platforms."

When he filed court papers on June 14, Schmitt said, "The federal government's alleged

attempts to collude with social media companies to censor free speech should terrify Missourians and Americans alike."

"We may have forced the Biden Administration to forego its Disinformation Governance Board, but there is still a very real threat to Missourians and Americans' right to free speech."

"Government can't outsource its censorship to Big Tech," Schmitt added in a tweet.

Schmitt celebrated the new court ruling in a series of Twitter posts.

"A federal court granted our request for discovery & documents from top ranking Biden officials & social media companies to get to the bottom of their collusion to suppress & censor free speech," Schmitt said.

"No one has had the chance to look under the hood before—now we do."

"In our lawsuit, we allege that top-ranking Biden Administration officials colluded with those social media companies to suppress speech about the Hunter Biden laptop story, the origins of COVID-19, the efficacy of masks, and election integrity."

Judge Terry A. Doughty, a Trump appointee, granted the states' motion for expedited preliminary injunction-related discovery. The request for an injunction itself will be ruled on at a later date.

Doughty noted in his order that the states have asked the court to block the government "from taking steps to demand, urge, encourage, pressure, or otherwise induce any social-media company or platform to censor, suppress, remove, de-platform, suspend, shadow-ban, de-boost, restrict access to content, or take any other adverse action against any speaker, content, or viewpoint expressed on social media."

U.S. Department of Justice officials didn't respond by press time to a request by The Epoch Times for comment.

The case, Missouri v. Biden, court file 3:22-CV-01213, is pending before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

John Durham Requests 30 Subpoenas in Trial Against Steele Dossier Source

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Special counsel John Durham asked a federal court to send out 30 subpoenas for testimony in the pending trial against research analyst Igor Danchenko, who was the alleged main source for the discredited "Steele dossier" that targeted former President Donald Trump.

In a June 13 filing, Durham's team said, "It is respectfully requested that the Clerk of said Court issue subpoenas as indicated below for appearance of said Court in Alexandria, Virginia ... to testify on behalf of the United States" on Oct. 11.

The judge in the case is U.S. District Judge Anthony Trenga, who was appointed by former President George W. Bush in 2008.

Danchenko, who has pleaded not guilty, is charged with lying to the FBI. Durham alleges that he made five false statements to the FBI in connection to information he provided to former UK spy Christopher Steele, who was hired by an opposition research company on behalf of a law firm working for Hillary Clinton's 2016

presidential campaign.

According to Durham's indictment, Danchenko's alleged fabrications "were material to the FBI because ... the FBI's investigation of the Trump Campaign relied" on the dossier to obtain secretive warrants to spy on former Trump campaign aide Carter Page.

"The FBI ultimately devoted substantial resources attempting to investigate and corroborate the allegations contained in" the dossier, including whether Danchenko's sub-sources were reliable, the indictment states. The dossier and information provided by Danchenko "played a role in the FBI's investigative decisions and in sworn representations that the FBI made to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court throughout the relevant time period," according to last year's complaint.

Steele Dossier

Memos compiled by Steele—collectively known as the Steele dossier—claimed that Trump colluded with Russian officials to help him defeat Clinton in 2016. Trump has categorically denied the al-

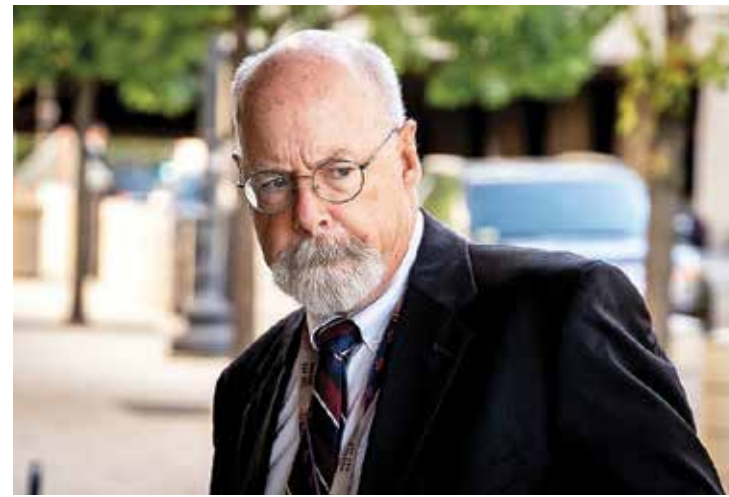
legations, saying they're part of a longstanding Democrat-backed narrative designed to discredit him.

And a number of allegations contained within the dossier turned out to be false, sparking inspector general, criminal, and congressional investigations.

Durham said Danchenko made up a conversation that he claimed was the source of some of the more sordid claims contained within the dossier. The dossier also alleged that Russian intelligence officials were blackmailing Trump, which the former president has denied.

The indictment suggests that the claim came from a Democratic public relations executive, Charles Dolan Jr., who toured a suite in Moscow in 2016 that was once used by Trump. But Dolan and another witness told investigators that there was no mention of inappropriate behavior in the suite, according to the indictment, casting further doubt on Steele's claims.

In a 2019 report released by Department of Justice Inspector General Michael



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Special counsel John Durham arrives at federal court in Washington on May 18, 2022.

Horowitz, Danchenko told the FBI that he obtained his information via word of mouth and hearsay from sources in Russia. But some of his sources denied that they provided him with information that was contained within the Steele dossier, according to court filings submitted in 2021.

Danchenko is the third person to be charged by Durham's team. The second, former Democratic lawyer Michael Sussmann, was found not guilty of lying to the FBI several weeks ago.

As he appeared at the federal court in Alexandria last year, Danchenko's former lawyer, Mark Schamel, issued a statement saying that his client's work as a researcher is "above reproach."

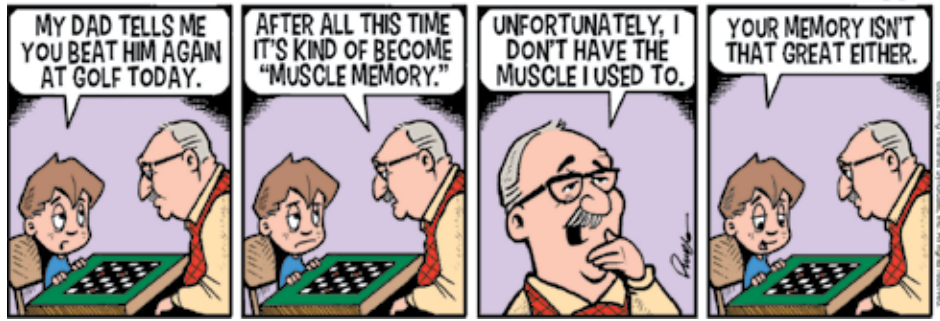
"For the past five years, those with an agenda have sought to expose Mr. Danchenko's identity and tarnish his reputation while undermining U.S. National Security," Schamel said.

One of Danchenko's lawyers, Stuart Sears, didn't respond to a request for comment by press time.

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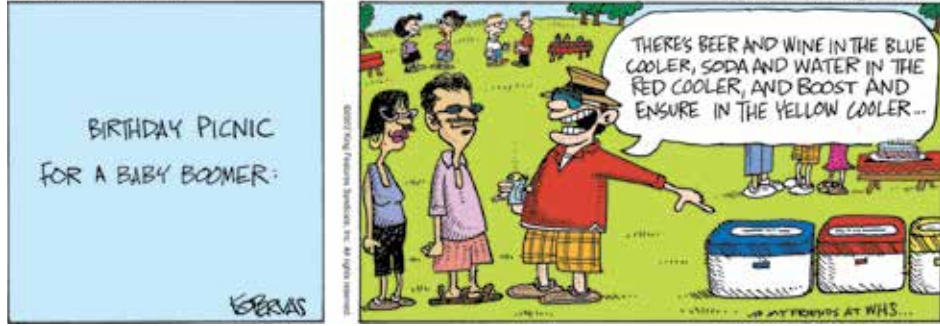
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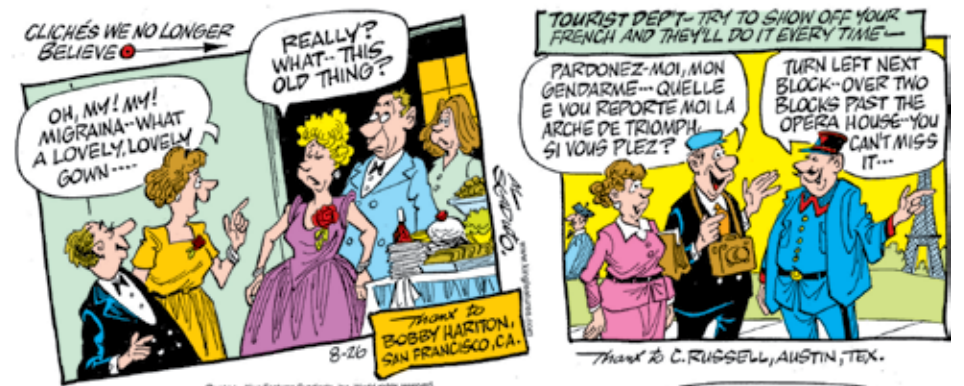
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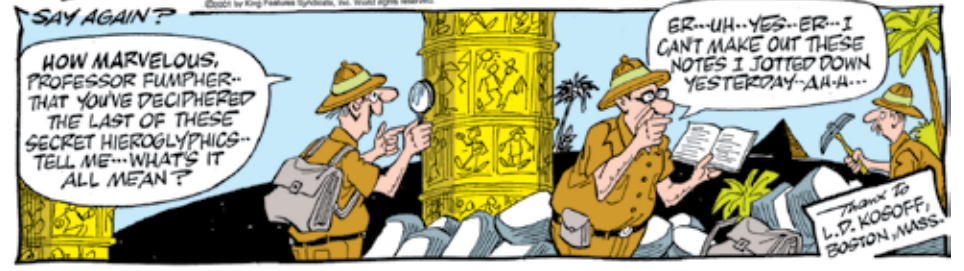
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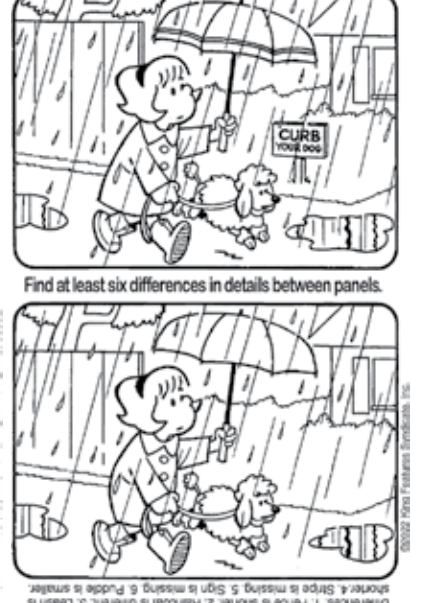
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Classic *Cirque du Soleil*, *Alegría*, to Enchant Sacramento



From July 28 to August 28, audiences are invited under the Big Top at Sutter Health Park (400 Ballpark Dr.) to experience the pure theatrical magic of *Alegría* – an entirely redesigned fan favorite. Photo courtesy of Matt Beard/Costumes by Dominique Lemieux/Cirque du Soleil 2021

**Prismatic Communications
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Following the success of *Amaluna* in 2020, *Cirque du Soleil* is excited to announce its return to Sacramento with its internationally-acclaimed production *Alegría*. From July 28 to August 28, audiences are invited under the Big Top at Sutter Health Park (400 Ballpark Dr.) to experience the pure theatrical magic of *Alegría* – an entirely redesigned fan favorite.

Undeniably the most iconic *Cirque du Soleil* production, *Alegría* is an all-time classic reimagined for a new generation to fall in love with. An uplifting immersive experience, *Alegría* whisks audiences away to a mystical world sprinkled with visual poetry and acrobatic extravagance.

At the heart of a once-glorious kingdom

that has lost its king, *Alegría* witnesses the power struggle at play between the old order and a new movement yearning for hope and renewal.

With its unforgettable soundtrack, exciting acrobatics, surreal costume designs, vibrant sets, and playful humor, *Alegría* joyfully touches the soul and lives up to its global reputation of quintessential *Cirque du Soleil* spectacle.

To watch the official trailer, visit <https://youtu.be/snZ1yDnVhfU>

For more information, visit cirquedusoleil.com/alegría

Tickets for the Sacramento engagement of *Alegría* are available now at cirquedusoleil.com/alegría.

In A New Light

Alegría ('joy' in Spanish) first premiered in 1994 and has since become

one of the most beloved *Cirque du Soleil* shows, mesmerizing over 14 million spectators in 255 cities across 40 countries in over 19 years of touring. Its Grammy Award-nominated soundtrack – including the iconic title track '*Alegría*' – is still the most purchased and streamed *Cirque du Soleil* album to date.

In 2019, in celebration of its 25th anniversary, *Alegría* was restaged under the Big Top in a whole new light, ensuring that all its components – stage direction, music, acrobatics, sets, costumes, lighting, and makeup designs – would be as inspiring for today's audiences as they were at the time of the original creation. Reenergized by a cast of 53 acrobats, clowns, musicians, and singers, *Alegría* remains timeless and imbued with a joyous magical feeling.

The revival of *Alegría* is the 44th

Cirque du Soleil original production since 1984, and its 19th presented under the Big Top.

Cirque du Soleil wishes to thank SAP, its official partner, and Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte, the official Premiere partner of *Alegría*.

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