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past president of the Dixon

Chamber of Commerce

and current president of the

Downtown Dixon Business Association. She also

recently served as presi-

dent of Native Daughters

of the Golden West. Ms.

Orr has given back to our Solano County commu-

nity as an elected official having served as a Dixon

City Councilwoman as

well as a Dixon Planning

Commissioner. Her ded-

icated involvement in

our community is com-

mendable. I am proud to

recognize her as Solano

County's Woman of

Recognition Ceremony was

started in honor of Women's

History Month to recognize

the service of women in our

communities. Orr was one

of six honored at an event

recently in St. Helena at

"About 95 percent of the

businesses in our downtown

are owned by women and I

Trinchero Winery.

The Woman of the Year

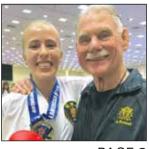
the Year."

#### **KAYLEE RAMIREZ** IS YOUNG WOMAN OF THE MONTH



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### KARATE'S **ANDERSON WINS GOLD**



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### Orr Chosen Woman of the Year By Debra Dingman DIXON, CA (MPG) - Jill Orr was chosen as the 2024



Jill Orr is honored as Solano County Woman of the Year by Rep. Mike Thompson. Photo by Victoria

know what they had to do to get there and how hard they've worked for everyone. What we do is our passion and I'm proud they are successful and I'm proud of our community," Orr told the audience.

Women's History Month has its origin in California's Fourth District. In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women coordinated a "Woman's History Week" during the week of March 8th to correspond with International Women's Day. In 1980, a group of Sonoma County women founded the

National Women's History Project (NWHP) in Santa Rosa, California. The goal of this organization was to highlight and recognize the historical national achievements made by women.

In partnership with other women advocacy groups and historians, the NWHP successfully lobbied for national recognition, with President Jimmy Carter declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. After this accomplishment, the NWHP began advocating for the entire month of March to be designated as Women's History Month. Seven years later,

Congress officially passed legislation designating the entire month of March as Women's History Month. Every year since, Women's History Month has been recognized in March to uplift and celebrate the incredible contributions and accomplishments of American

"I'm so grateful for everything and thankful they thought of me," she said. The other honorees were Ana Santana from Lake County; Maria Cisneros from Napa County: Karen Collins from Sonoma County; and Karen Urbano from Yolo County.

### **Dixon General Plan Brings Zoning Up** to Date

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The review of Dixon's General Plan 2040 Implementation is not sexy, but it's vital to local growth and development.

Still new, the 2040 high-level policy had two major initiatives in 2023, according to Community Development Director Raffi Boloyan. At the March Planning Commission meeting, Boloyan presented city officials with detailed updates to the Housing Element and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

According to Boloyan, Dixon's zoning ordinance needed updates after two decades of patchwork, which is why officials created a comprehensive update for a current, streamlined, and userfriendly ordinance.

"The main implementing regulation document for a city is a zoning ordinance," Boloyan said. "It is a big lift and project and such an important implementation step."

Mayor Steve Bird explained the importance of the General Plan Housing Element, one of the eight mandated elements every city's general plan must contain.

"The purpose of the Housing Element is to make sure that the city has an adequate housing supply to accommodate all of our residents," Mayor Steve Bird said. "The state requires each city to update its Housing Element every eight years and receive an annual update of its progress."

Boloyan said housing law and housing elements are highly involved.

"This is a pretty complex process, and if you look at the amount of legislation that comes out of the state on a yearly basis, you will see that they are trying to find ways to get more housing built and for it to be built easier and faster," Boloyan said.

Mayor Bird said the next full General Plan update will be in 2040 since its original adoption in 2021. Boloyan said any plans within it, whether minor or major, can get updated during the next 20 years.

"As with everything else, a comprehensive general plan update is an extremely expensive endeavor for a community to perform and comply with all the legal requirements," Boloyan said.

According to Boloyan, that cost can range anywhere from \$750,000 to \$5 million, depending on the size, extension of the

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# **Arranging Spring Flowers**

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Floral arranging is a favorite topic for the Dixon Women's Improvement Club members so will be welcoming back Courtney Kett, Co-Owner of Dixon Florist and Gifts, to present at their Wednesday, April 17, meeting at 1 p.m. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 209 East Jefferson. Kett is back by popu-

lar demand and will share her extensive knowledge of plants and flowers while demonstrating floral arranging techniques. She will share seasonal flowers available at the flower market in San Francisco and entertain with wonderful family memories of her mom and dad, Jean and Joe Williams, who raised five children while owning and operating the family business. Guests are welcome to attend.

In other news, the annual Scholarship Dinner held at Bud's Pub and Grill in



Women's Improvement Club on Wednesday, April 17.

February was highly successful in allowing the group to provide more scholarships to graduating seniors for the Dixon High School Class of 2024. They will be honored at the last meeting of the year which is a luncheon on May 15.

Applications available at the school

counseling office. In addi-

tion, the unique gift baskets,

both large and small, and products donated by the members raised more than \$2,000 for the DWIC Community Grant Program for funding special projects of local non-profit organizations. The club is excited to be able to fund more deserving projects than ever before. Contact Jewel Fink for grant application guidelines at (510) 301-1887.

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club meets the third Wednesday of each month, September-June. The dues are \$35 annually. Please email membership chair Binky Eason or Angela Remides at DixonDWIC@gmail.com if you would like to attend as a guest or would like more information about becoming a member.

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# Life's too SHORT

# Hang A Kite?

#### By Debra Dingman

Last year, we had all of March to enjoy St. Patrick's fun and plenty of time to clear the shamrocks in the house and replace them with Easter eggs and bunnies. This year, not so.

I wish America would make the date of Easter the way we do Thanksgiving. You know, the set Thursday in November. But Easter is based on a lunar month which, according to the Almanac, is 29.5 days. I don't know about you but having a leap year at nearly the same time as daylight savings time just simply made the calendar in my mind goofy.

Last week, when it was cloudy and very cold in the newspaper office, I folded up the leprechaun that was hanging on my door and gathered the shamrocks from around the office to replace them with bunnies and eggs—just like I did at home. Now, it's time to replace all the decorations again.

My husband thinks I'm silly. What else do older people look forward to if it isn't the holidays, I asked him with a laugh while dislodging a shamrock garland from an indoor plant and scattered small plastic eggs around the stem. These spring holidays have been on my mind a lot because I've been thinking of what holiday theme I wanted to do for my table at the Methodist Church Spring Tea. The women volunteers are decorating tables in different holidays.

Like I usually do, I had sent the grandsons a green package with silly cards, stickers, and green ballons. The son called a couple days later.

"Mom, the boys don't believe in leprechauns," he said flatly.

I always think of good comebacks after I hang up. I should have asked him about the leprechaun trap the middle one brought home from school last year and proudly

showed me how it worked.

I could have asked him simply if the boys liked their balloons -because I know for fact they love balloons.

I should have asked him when he stopped having fun. I could have told him about the St. Patrick's Day his father and his grandfather forbid me to wear green because they were Dutch. (They wear orange.)

I could have asked if that meant I shouldn't send anything 'bunny' for Easter...or I could have said that working with children all my life forbid me NOT to participate in holiday fun.

It's probably better that I just laughed and said, "Nooo way! Even the 3-year-old?"

So, I placed all the bunnies and eggs throughout the house and in the office so at least I could enjoy the fun. But here it is the following Monday, and it feels weird to be sitting amongst bunnies and eggs when Easter is over with. I never can think of anything for April Fool's Day and it's too early to get ready for the 4th of July.

So, I searched what's up in April and here's some of the special days: National Walking Day, National Gardening Day, Go Fly a Kite Day, National Exercise Day, and National Picnic Day, How does one deco-

a Kite Day, National Exercise Day, and National Picnic Day. How does one decorate for that? I guess I could hang a kite on my door.



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# **Dixon News Briefs**



Saturday, April 20, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tractor Supply parking lot, 2000 North First Street. For \$20 per meal, one gets sliced BBQ Tri-Tip, potato salad, beans, and dinner roll. All proceeds help fund Dixon programs. For tickets, please call Cassie Ciraulo at (707) 301-8483 or any Dixon Lions Club Member. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

#### **City Meeting**

The next City Meeting will be the Planning Commission on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 600 East A Street. Meetings can be watched on video at cityofdixon.us then click on the government tab, then click on planning commission, then on agendas. Finally, you should be able to access back meeting videos.

#### Sidewalk Art

Tweens and Teens are invited to create art on the sidewalk with colored chalk on Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. in front of the Dixon Public Library at 230 North First Street. This is part of the Solano County Public Library's activities for the month of April for the Dixon branch and more can be seen online at solanolibrary.com.

#### **Murder Mystery**

Tickets are now on sale for the 'Murder Mystery at the Dixon Manor' on Saturday, April 20, through Sunday, April 28, put on by the Dixon Community Theater. The event will be at the McCune House, 360 North First Street. Join the fun via www. dixoncommunitytheater.com/murder-myseetery.html. You can also find more information about the theater, casting calls, and show dates there.

#### **DFS Open House**

Dixon Family Services will host an Open House on Thursday, April 18, 4:30 to 6 p.m. to celebrate its 40th anniversary. There will be light refreshments and a ribbon cutting. The public is invited to a brief presentation and a tour of the building. They are located at 155 North Second Street in downtown Dixon.

#### **Business Training**

Join the Solano-Napa SBDC, the Workforce Development Board of Solano County and California Employers Association for a half-day professional development business+s summit on Thursday, April 18, in Vacaville designed to elevate leadership skills. This summit is free to all Solano County employers and business owners.

The 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon summit is at Travis Credit Union, One Travis Way in Vacaville, and will feature a training on developing your own employee handbook as well as an interactive training on problem solving and critical thinking. Learn more and register: www.solanonapasbdc.org.

#### Another Quick Quack Grand Opening

Join the crowd for one of the new Quick Quack Car Washes with their Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, at the Stratford/Lincoln location next to Denny's. They will be giving away 12 days of free car washes through April 14. For more information, go to DontDriveDirty.com.

#### Water Rate Workshops

There will be two water rate workshops offered by the City of Dixon in April. One will be on April 8 at 7 p.m. and the second will be April 25 at 7 p.m. (if needed.) They will be held at the Senior/Multi-Use Center at 201 South Fifth Street in Dixon from 6 to 8 p.m. Learn more about the water system process and provide input.

#### **May Fair Entry Deadlines**

Don't forget the deadline for many of the categories for the Dixon May Fair is coming up. RETURN your completed and signed entry form and entry fee to the Dixon May Fair office by 5 p.m. Friday, April 12, or mail your form by the deadline to P.O. Box 459, Dixon, CA 95620. One can also enter online at www.dixonmayfair.com. There is a fee for using the online service. (Market livestock entries have different deadlines see those sections for deadline dates) For more information call (707) 678-5529 or visit the website @www.dixonmayfair.com. ★





# **Dixon General Plan Brings Zoning Up to Date**

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update, controversy, or legal challenges.

The Planning Commission Staff Report confirms that the labor need for both the General Plan Update and Housing Element "required significant financial and staffing resources."

According to the report, "The time dedicated to these initiatives was in addition to the already significant amount of staff time responding to development inquiries, processing a high volume of development applications, and other daily tasks."

"They also consume a great deal of time and staff effort and typically take 1.5 to 3 years to do a comprehensive update," Boloyan said, adding, "We are currently

doing a minor general plan amendment that will be going to the council next meeting, along with the Zoning Ordinance

According to the staff report, "in the nearly three years" since the General Plan was adopted, areas identified for monitoring include Corridor Mixed Use, Campus Mixed Use, and Mixed-Use Land Designations.

Bolovan said the general plan update to be approved by the mayor and council would correct the land use designation for 40 properties.

"Errors were recently discovered, and we needed to clarify and clean up two land use definitions," Boloyan said.

# **Dixon High School Faces Changes**

## Administrators Resign



High School. Photo courtesy of

#### By DHS Principal Stephanie Marquez

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Two of our administrators announced their resignations in March. Both Assistant Principal and Kristen Brand and I are so grateful and blessed for the opportunity to work with parents and your students for many years, but we are also both moving on after this school year. While our situations are different, both of us have made careful, difficult decisions based on family, professional, and personal factors. Speaking for both of us, we appreciate your trust over the years, and we cannot express how much

your kids mean to us. Here is the text of the

email we sent to students: "Our Dear Rammies, we are taking this moment to

share some news with you.

come lightly or without great thought. Between the two of us, we have been lucky enough to work with DUSD students for over 45 years. We have learned so much from all of you. You have made our lives better, and we hope we have left a memory or two with you

We are both leaving for personal, professional, and family reasons but will always have a special place in our hearts and memories for our Dixon students and staff.

as well.

We wish you the very best of luck with all you choose to do as you continue your educational endeavors and with all that awaits you once you, too, leave Dixon High School. Please know that we are extremely proud of you and are better because of you.

As Ms. Brand says, "be smart about your dumb" and strive to live your very best life. As Ms. Marquez says, "Thank course, Saturday, June 8, you, beautiful people. You make my world go round." Gratefully and with mad respect, Ms.

#### 2024 Seniors and Senior Families

coming up for our Class of

are available to seniors. I sent a message to parents and another to students with all the details. Remember, there are thousands of other scholarships out there! Please encourage your senior to keep an eye out for opportunities beyond Dixon as well.

Please remember that you and your graduate need to complete the FAFSA. You can start the process at https://studentaid.gov/h/ apply-for-aid/fafsa.

is the DHS Class of 2024 starting at 9 a.m.

#### Marquez and Ms. Brand" Ms. Marquez and Ms. Brand are saying goodbye to Dixon High School Here are some things at the end of this school year. We want you to know that our decisions did not

Community Scholarships

Our senior awards nights begin later this spring. Currently, we have scheduled the following evenings:

Monday, May 13 is Senior Awards Night for Community Scholarship Recipients; Wednesday, May 15 is AVID Senior Night; Monday, May 20 is Distinguished Scholars Night; Wednesday, May 22 is FFA Banquet; Wednesday, June 5, is Senior Social; and, of Graduation Ceremony (open ceremony).

# **Hollands Celebrate** 50th Anniversary





Left: Patty and Wayne Holland walk on their wedding day. Right: Patty and Wayne Holland pose in a recent photograph. Courtesy photos

#### By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Patty and Wayne Holland celebrated their 50th anniversary in an appropriate place: the American Legion Post 208 Veterans Hall last Friday night where the two are members and where they have helped coordinate activities, events, and dinners for more than 15 years. Cupcakes and fun were shared throughout the popular fish-fry dinner.

The couple met through friends, they

"It was pretty much a blind date. We had

the same friends," said Patty with a laugh. They got married at the St. Stephens Catholic Church in Walnut Creek and spent most of their lives raising their two sons in Vallejo until they moved closer to family and got involved in Dixon's American Legion.

Patty said they've had a lot of fun over the years, but the most fun trip they ever took was going to Disneyland.

Her advice to making this long commitment: "Communicate and talk everything out. Just talk problems out (no fighting) and discuss things," she said.

# Parks, Recreation Fees Rise



Dixon Parks and Department Services. Image courtesy of City of Dixon

#### By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Rising city parks and recreation fees happen with inflation: not a fun fact for a department known for

The City of Dixon recently raised recreation fees effective July 1 to keep with the cost of living, according to Public Works Director Lauren Kotow, who detailed the annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) each year.

"The increased fees help account for the cost of regular park maintenance, as well as staff and facility attendants who are needed for rentals during holidays, weekends, or after hours," Kotow said.

The good news is that fee increases are minimal, only raising cents to no greater than \$30 from previous resident, non-resident, and commercial use rates at the Senior Multi-Use Center (SMUC), Jim B. Stevens Arena, city amphitheater, all lighted and multi-use fields, and barbeque

"The cost of maintaining these facilities increases each year as the cost of utilities, equipment, and labor rises, and the CPI adjustment helps to support these facilities as costs increase," Kotow said.

Recreation Manager Austin George said the SMUC provides resources to enhance the quality of life for seniors in Dixon. "It provides a welcoming environment where seniors can connect with their peers, participate in classes and programs, and share experiences," George said.

The facility, used for community workshops, meetings, CPR training, and Meals-on-Wheels operations, is also "the reservation," according to George.

largest indoor gathering place available for The venue, also used for graduation

parties, saw a \$14 rise in the damage fee

deposits for parties when food and alcohol are served. The highest fee raise is for the commercial use of the city's all-weather synthetic play, going up nearly \$30 for non-residents who use it for more than 2.5

Kotow said the city's recreation team works hard every day to improve the livelihood of Dixon residents by providing leisure activities and opportunities to all segments of the population by "scheduling city recreational facilities while promoting, organizing, and administering recreation programs for all members of the community."

The Pat Granucci Aquatics Center, the only aquatics center in the city, also sees increased fees. The center, which offers swim lessons, lap swimming, and recreation swimming, can also be rented by the hour for \$134.

"It is open to the community and provides recreational opportunities for everyone, ranging from young children who are just learning to swim, lifeguards starting out at their first job, and seniors who attend water aerobics," George said. "It's also used for the Dixon High School water polo and swim teams and Dixon Dolphins Swim Team."

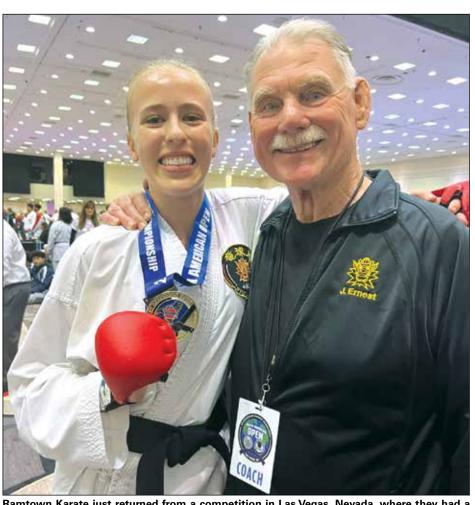
Kotow said the Dixon Parks & Recreation Masterplan survey indicated that the community prioritizes maintaining current facilities.

"It is important to us to maintain these facilities to ensure that the community has access to these parks for outdoor recreation providing mental and physical health benefits," Kotow said.

George agrees strongly. "Our parks and facilities are vital to the

community and give individuals, families, and community groups a place to gather and spend time outdoors," George said. ★

# Ramtown Karate's **Anderson Wins Gold**



Ramtown Karate just returned from a competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, where they had a team fighting in the AAU North American Open. It was an international tournament that had

women's gold medal (pictured with Sensei Jim Ernest). "We had five athletes competing both days and they won two bronze on Saturday for fighting, and on Sunday, they took two golds, one silver and two bronze for a different kind of fighting," said Sensei Kathy Ernest. The top two competitors in the advanced division will be asked to compete for the USA Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team in Mexico in July. "We're super excited for these kids," she added. The students are marking their calendars for this year's summer camp July 22-26. For more information, call (707) 678-4899. Ramtown Karate is located at 1680 North Lincoln Street Suite A in Dixon. Photo by Kathy Ernest

about 750 competitors this year, and Ramtown athlete Anna Anderson won the 16/17-age

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# Exemplary Educators Honored with City Seeks Mosquito Abatement Rep **Administrator of the Year Awards**

Solano County Office of Education News Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) proudly announces two employees have been named as recipients of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 4, Administrator of the Year awards. ACSA's Region 4 includes Mendocino, Lake, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano Counties. SCOE administrators Dr. Valerie Garrett and Lisa Eckhoff have each been honored with ACSA Administrator of the Year awards. These awards recognize outstanding educational leaders who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and commitment to serving stu-

dents and communities. Lisa Eckhoff has been honored with the ACSA Region 4 award in the Central Office category. Lisa's extensive experience and dedication have positioned her as a leader in educational services and administrative operations. As the Director of Early Learning for SCOE, Lisa has spearheaded countywide initiatives, including professional development workshops, collaborative networks, and data analysis efforts, aimed at enhancing the quality of early learning programs. Her tireless advocacy for student



success and ethical leadership makes her a true asset to the educational community.

"Lisa is an exemplary candidate for this award. She is very innovative and creative; always with a focus on improving student outcomes. In all my experiences with her, I have found her to be a true advocate for students and their needs," remarked Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Dr. Valerie Garrett has been recognized in the Continuation/Educational Options category for her exceptional leadership as the Director of Educational Options for SCOE. Serving students in juvenile court and community schools, Valerie has transformed the lives of countless individuals through her unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive environments and supporting students in realizing their full potential. Her advocacy for mental



honorees. Photo courtesy of SCOE

development, and innovative educational programs, such as construction trades and STEAM labs, reflects her dedication to providing diverse pathways to success for all students.

"Valerie believes in the potential and promise of every student. Her tenacity and perseverance have led to the development of numerous programs that empower students and prepare them for future success," expressed Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Solano County Office of Education congratulates Lisa Eckhoff and Dr. Valerie Garrett on their well-deserved recognition as Administrator of the Year awardees. Their exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication make a positive difference for Solano families and serve as inspirations to educators throughout our

region and beyond.

# Dr. Valerie Garrett, one of the health supports, life skills

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City of Dixon News Release

DIXON. CA (MPG) - The Solano County

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INTENTION TO ESTABLISH

CITY OF DIXON COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-1 (CITYWIDE SERVICES) AND TO LEVY SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at

7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as such matter can be heard, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dixon to be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Dixon, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, 95620, regarding the establishment of City of Dixon Community Facilities District No. 2024-1 (Citywide Services) (the "District" or "Community Facilities District No. 2024-1"). At that time the City Council will hear all evidence and testimony by all interested persons, property owners, voters and taxpayers for or against (1) the establishment of the District, (2) the extent of the District, (3) the levy of a special tax within the District, (4) the provision of the specified public services, (5) the designation of the future annexation area as territory that may be annexed to the District in the future and (6) any other matters as set forth in a resolution (the "Resolution of Intention") adopted by the City Council on March 5, 2024. Please see further information below under the heading Community Facilities District No. 2024-1 Information.

All persons interested, including property owners, taxpayers and registered voters, may appear at the hearing and present evidence and testimony orally or in writing for or against items (1) through (6) above. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings relating to the proposed issues described in items (1) through (6) above must be in writing and shall clearly state the irregularities or defects to which objection is made, and shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before the time set for the public hearing. If the owners of one-half (1/2) or more of the area of land within the District and not exempt from the special tax file written protests against any of items (1) through (6) above, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, the City Council shall abandon that portion of the proceedings pertaining to such item(s) and no further proceedings with respect to such item(s) shall be taken for a period of one year from the date of the determination by the City Council. The City Council may modify the proceedings if such majority protests are only against a specified issue.

Under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, the City Council may either conclude the public hearing on April 16, 2024 or may continue the public hearing to a later date if the complexity of the proposed District or the need for public participation requires additional time. If the City Council determines to submit for a vote the question of levying a special tax within the District, an election will be held within the District to approve the levy of the special tax. At such an election, each landowner within the District shall be entitled to cast one vote for each acre or portion thereof owned within the District. For a proposition to be adopted, two-thirds of the votes cast at the election must favor passage.

#### Community Facilities District No. 2024-1 Information

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on March 5, 2024, the City Council adopted the Resolution of Intention declaring its intention to form Community Facilities District No. 2024 1 pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, to levy special taxes within the District, and to designate territory proposed for annexation to the District in the future (the "Future Annexation Area"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Resolution of Intention.

The District is proposed to have the boundaries depicted on the map on file with the City Clerk and recorded with the Solano County Assessor/Recorder on March 19, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024-00011183 in the Book of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts at Book No. 26, Page Nos. 96-97.

In the Resolution of Intention, the City Council has declared its intention to establish the District, to levy special taxes within the proposed District for the purpose of financing certain public services and administrative expenses, as described below, and to designate the Future Annexation Area as territory proposed for annexation to the District in the future:

Eligible Services and Administrative Expenses. The costs of the types of services permitted pursuant to Government Section 53313, which shall include, but not be limited to, public safety services including police, fire protection and fire suppression; maintenance of parks, parkways, park lighting, sidewalks, signage, landscaping in public areas, easements or right of way and open space; flood and storm protection services; the operation of storm drainage systems; maintenance of streets and roadways, traffic signals and street lighting; graffiti and debris removal from public improvements; operation of library and recreation programs; operation of future museums and cultural facilities; and maintenance and operation of any real property or other tangible property with an estimated useful life of five or more years that is owned by the City (the "Services"), and administrative expenses to be incurred in connection with financing the Services and forming and administering the District (the "Administrative Expenses") to be incurred in connection with financing the Services and forming and administering the District.

Rate and Method of Apportionment. The Resolution of Intention establishes the rate and method of levy for the proposed special tax for each assessor's parcel within the proposed District (the "Rate and Method of Apportionment"). The Rate and Method of Apportionment proposes a maximum annual special tax for taxable property within Tax Zone 1 of the District. The maximum special tax rate for Single Family Detached Property is \$770 per Residential Unit for fiscal year 2024-25. The maximum special rate for Multi Family Property is \$600 per Residential Unit for fiscal year 2024-25. The foregoing rates for fiscal year 2024-25 increase on each July 1 beginning July 1, 2025 by an amount equal to 4.0% of the amount in effect for the prior fiscal year. The special tax rates to be approved for any property annexed to the District in the future may be

higher or lower than the rates set forth in the Rate and Method of Apportionment.

Items to be Financed by Special Taxes. The Resolution of Intention proposes that the special taxes may be levied on property in the District sufficient to pay for the Services and Administrative Expenses to be financed by the District. The Resolution of Intention further proposes that the special taxes may be levied in perpetuity until such special taxes are no longer necessary to pay for the Services, as determined by the City Council. The foregoing is only a summary of the Resolution of Intention which is on file with the City Clerk. The full text of the Resolution of Intention should be referred to by any interested party for greater detail.

#### INQUIRIES

The full text of the Resolution of Intention, which includes the proposed rate and method of apportionment of special tax for the District and the list of eligible services to be financed, and a copy of the map of the proposed District may be obtained from the person specified below.

For any questions relating to the proceedings, or any particulars, please contact the following designated person:

> Kate Zawadzki Finance Director 600 East A Street Dixon, California 95620 KZawadzki@citvofdixon.us (707) 678-7000

Dated: April 5, 2024

/s/ Kristin M. Janisch Kristin M. Janisch Elected City Clerk of the City of Dixon

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# Kings Korner Ry V.G. Harris



Wow, I am hearing fans and pundits alike talking about how the Kings will fare in the Play-in. What happened to just making the playoffs?

I am still firmly in the camp that the Sacramento Kings can make a run that lands on 48 wins and puts them in the playoffs without having to go through

the Play-in system. Without a doubt, the loss, temporarily, of Malik Monk is a gut punch and not to be overlooked, but what a blessing to have both Sasha Vezenkov and Trey Lyles back on the hardwood the very next game after Malik was sadly injured. That is fortuitous for certain, and Lyles looked as though he hadn't missed a game. Trey's three-point shooting should not be overlooked, and will help mitigate the loss of Malik's contribution that this team has come to rely upon.

Eight games to go, and if the Kings can find a way to win five of those games, I for one believe they make the enviable top six, and go into the playoffs with their heads held high.

Losing two games back-to-back to the Dallas Mavericks was, for many, the low moment of the season, and without a doubt made the trip to the playoffs a difficult one. Having said that, hold onto your seats, because these cardiac kids have a way of making believers out of you.

Domantas Sabonis continues his vaunted double-double streak, and Harrison Barnes seems to be finding some of the old magic that made the Kings feel he was someone that had to be signed in the off season. Although many believed the price was too high, all will be forgotten if Harrison can continue contributing 20 points per game as he just did in the victory over the Utah Jazz.

Pay attention to the victory over the Jazz, because it sends a message to all Sacramento Kings fans, that just when you want to count them out, their game rises to the top once again. Don't let mendacious pundits steal your zeal for this team. Yogi Berra said, "It's not over till it's over," and I'm with Yogi.

For the first time this season, both Keegan Murray and Harrison Barnes scored 20 points in a contest. Yes, the very first time, and if that is a dose of what's to come, bring it on.

Is anyone paying attention to Davion Mitchell, and his consistent outside shooting contribution? Davion continues to be a threat from the perimeter, and can take it to the hole with the best of our players.

The return of Trey Lyles looms large, and perhaps Coach Brown will realize what he's got in this under-appreciated talent. Lyles could be starting for this team, and at the very least has deserved many more minutes than he has received throughout the season.

The sudden loss of Malik Monk will no doubt create a need for more minutes on the court for Trey, and if ever there was a time to show what you've got, now is that time.

The same can be said for Keon Ellis, who has been looked upon much more favorably by Coach Brown, and with Kevin Huerter out for the season, has been granted the starting job.

Keon needs to keep up the tough defense, and add just enough offense to keep the defense honest. Ellis has game, and I believe, like Trey Lyles, that we haven't yet seen the ceiling of what he is capable of doing on the court.

Eight huge games to go, and fans are all over the board as to where the Kings will be at the end of this stretch. I say, for all of you die-hard Kings fans that have lived through a dozen years-plus of languishing on the sidelines, watching other teams in the playoffs every year, enjoy this enigmatic but ultimately dynamic group of basketball players that truly love taking the hardwood together. If you're not on the edge of your

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### Ellie Haycock is Totally Normal

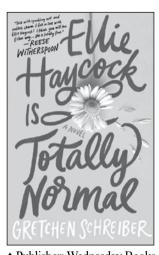
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"The Breakfast Club meets Five Apart."

Ellie Haycock's life has never felt normal, even though it's her greatest desire. Torn between two lives'- one as a typical teenager at high school with her friends and the other at the hospital and living in the Coffman Family Care home. Ellie knows where she would rather be.

Just when Ellie thinks everything is perfect, between her high school debate team and her boyfriend, Jack, Ellie's lungs bring everything crashing down. Now, back at Coffman Home, Ellie spends her time between doctors she doesn't trust, her hospital friends, and trying to hide from her mom's constant updates and posts on her blog. However, this stay suddenly becomes different when Ellie meets firsttimer Ryan, whose optimism is nauseating. What starts as open banter quickly becomes the thing she needs most.

As Ellie tries to juggle all the aspects of her so-called "normal" life, she realizes she can't do it alone, but not before everything falls apart. Now Ellie is left with a choice. Ellie can take the advice of her hospital friends Ryan and Caitlyn



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to stand up for herself and voice how she is feeling, or allow everyone else, including her parents, to have control. Then, of course, there is what to do about Jack, her upcoming surgery, and her new friendship with Ryan. Whatever she chooses, Ellie will indeed find out that life is anything but ordinary.

Filled with wit, candor, and real-life feelings, Ellie Haycock is Totally Normal is the story readers have been waiting for. Gretchen Schreiber brings real-life feelings, emotions, and vulnerability to a teenager living with the unknowns of a mysterious illness and the disabilities that come from it. In a story that follows a

real-life timeline along with real emotions and reactions, even if they aren't the "right" ones. Refreshing, unique, and well-thought-out characters add to the story, lending a realistic view to teenagers dealing with medical issues and cancer. Ellie Haycock is not reserved, doesn't always say the right things, and is even emotional, which allows readers an inside peek at what life may look like for the teens who get the outside stares. While Ellie has found security with her hospital friends, nothing makes them immune from their overwhelming feelings, fears, and how others look at

Gretchen Schreiber wonderfully highlights the relationship between daughter and mother and the powerful feelings that come from making a personal medical journey into a public one. Schreiber showcases the range of emotions along with the negative effects of social media delicately displaying the balance between empowering and healing versus detrimental and invasive. A stand-out story full of honesty and heart, Ellie Haycock is Totally Normal is a story readers can't help but



# Riley Reviews

"GHOSTBUSTERS" REVIVES THE FUN; "MR. BATES" SCANDAL ON PBS

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

#### "GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN **EMPIRE**" Rated PG-13

Forty years ago, the start of the "Ghostbusters" franchise began with perfect casting of Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and the late Harold Ramis as parapsychologists forced out of their positions at a New York university (maybe it was Columbia, just not sure).

Denied their research grant funding, the trio became ectoplasmic exterminators working out of an old firehouse in Manhattan, tooling up in a converted Cadillac ambulance for their forays throughout the city in response to distress calls.

The original 1984 "Ghostbusters" was ripe with humor and wisecracks, the latter coming mostly from Bill Murray's Dr. Peter Venkman with his knack for snarky remarks, often directed to the officious, arrogant EPA inspector Walter Peck (William Atherton).

Four decades later, Bill Murray's Venkman is joined by Dan Aykroyd's Dr. Ray Stantz, Ernie Hudson's Winston Zeddemore, and Annie Potts' Janine Melnitz as original members of the team, who also appeared in 2021's "Afterlife" installment with Sigourney

But first, the story of "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire" starts with a prologue in 1904 when New York firemen lead by a daring captain (Stephen Whitfield) discover frozen scientists, setting up the scenario implicit in the film's title that comes to fruition with the release of a demon god.

This fifth installment (if you count the all-female version from 2016) brings back from "Afterlife" members of the Spengler family, including Callie (Carrie Coon), estranged daughter of the late Dr. Egon Spengler (Harold Ramis), and her children Trevor (Finn Wolfhard) and Phoebe (Mckenna Grace).

The Spenglers, along with former science teacher Gary Grooberson (Paul Rudd), relocate from small town Oklahoma where they uncovered Egon's equipment to the Ghostbusters' firehouse headquarters in the original

For his part, Grooberson is a Ghostbuster and a father figure to the Spengler kids, while the whole family wheels around town in the old reliable Ecto-1 mobile in chasing the usual ethereal creatures with the help of Phoebe's new gear.

This kind of film works best with the right kind of villains. The return of Slimer brings welcome familiarity. But an ancient evil monster released from the prison of a metal orb results in the kind of fearsome creature similarly found in the climactic challenge of the

The loathsome Walter Peck (William Atherton) returns this time as the Mayor of New York City, even more obnoxious than when he was just an annoying environmental bureaucrat with a grudge.

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"Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," like most sequels in any genre, does not match the thrills and excitement of the classic 1984 original, but it does have enough nostalgic moments that fans of the franchise should find enjoyably entertaining.

What does the future hold for the franchise? The original Ghostbusters are getting long in the tooth, even though they remain delightful mainstays.

New characters on the scene would be welcome to return. Kumail Nanjiani's Nadeem, taking on the role of Fire Master, brings much needed comic relief, as does Patton Oswalt's library researcher.

It's also great to see the Stay Puft little Marshmallow Men wreak havoc (be sure to stay for the end credits), and one would hope these silly creatures (think Minions) would return and play a bigger role in future mayhem.

#### "Mr. Bates vs The Post Office" on PBS

How often does a miscarriage of justice prompt a swift reply by political leadership following a firestorm of public indignation? The answer may be found in what happened in the United Kingdom in a scandal involving the British postal system.

"Mr. Bates vs The Post Office" tells the story of one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in British legal history, and this comes from the unforgivable errors of the Post Office's own computer system.

Imagine the nightmare of being a sub-postmaster wrongly accused and charged with fraud crimes due to a faulty technical system. Hundreds of sub-postmasters within the system got caught up in a terrible situation years in the making.

Lives were needlessly ruined, but the four-part drama has British actor Toby Jones in the role of Alan Bates, a postmaster standing up in a David versus Goliath heroic story ripped straight from the headlines.

Following a broadcast of this program in the United Kingdom, the public outcry over injustice to the postal workers forced the hand of the British Prime Minister to announce a new law to pardon the victims who had been wrongly convicted.

When money started to seemingly disappear from local postal branches, the government-owned Post Office wrongly blamed their own managers for its apparent losses. For more than a decade, hundreds were accused of theft and fraud.

Many were even sent to prison, leaving lives, marriages, and reputations in ruins. With the problems triggered by their own computer system, the Post Office denied they caused these errors.

"Mr. Bates vs The Post Office" is the story of the fight for justice by the decent ordinary people who were relentlessly pursued, coerced, and vilified by a powerful government entity, and their ongoing battle against seemingly insurmountable odds.

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> **Ashley Hague, Accounting Manager Dixon Unified School District 180 South 1st St** Suite 6 Dixon, CA 95620 Ashley.hague@dixonusd.org

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Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before 12:00 p.m. on April 18, 2024, or appear in person at the hearing at 6:00 p.m. on April 18, 2024, at the following location: **Dixon City Hall** 

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Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 180 South 1st Street, Suite 6; Dixon, CA 95620, or online at the District's website www.dixonusd.org Dixon Independent Voice 3-29 and 4-5-2024

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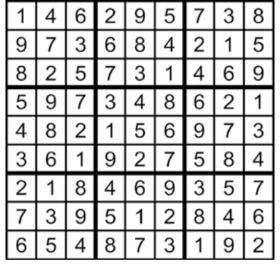


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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000404 The following persons are doing business as: Busy Bee Studios, 1115 Stratford Avenue Suite F, Dixon, CA 95620.

Katrina Marsh, 1115 Stratford Avenue Suite F, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: March 6, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 4, 2023

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 5, 2029. 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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 4-19-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000452 The following persons are doing business as: Sprout & Savor 1150 Weyand Way, Nutrition, Dixon, CA 95620. Lauren Michelle Krohn Hemje,

1150 Weyand Way, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: March 18, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 17, 2029. 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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001837 The following persons are doing business as: Air Mechanic, 1505 Sword Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Avuko Harris, 1505 Sword Street. Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: November 27, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration November 26, 2028. 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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000478 The following persons are doing business as: Chef Garrison's Academy, 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville, CA 95688. 2010-A Victoria Garrison,

Harbison Drive #654, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date filed in Solano County:

March 21, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 20, 2029. 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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000485 The following persons are doing business as: Mindful Movements & Healing Arts, 634 Webster Street Suite A, Fairfield, CA 95433. Lisa C.Y. Flynn, 183 Landmark

4-19-24

Lane, Lodi, CA 95242. Date filed in Solano County: March 21, 2024. The Registrant

commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted

by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 20, 2029. 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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 MINDFUL 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000489 The following persons are do-

ing business as: Mi Favorita Wholesales, 1601 Enterprise Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533. Alejandro Hurtado, 303 Hoyt Court, Suisun City, CA 94585. Date filed in Solano County: March 22. 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business

under the above business name

on: May 16, 2008

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 21, 2029. 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 4-26-24 FAVORITA

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU24-01144

Gogis Diaz-Valdez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Gogis Diaz-Valdez to Gogis Valdez. THE COURT ORDERS that all

persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must annear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. April 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 3, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533 Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer

Dated: March 1, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF **DOLORES HARRIET DERMAKE** CASE NO. PR24-00134

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dolores Harriet

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Hollie F. Ben-Yosef, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting John DePiazza be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the dece-The petition requests authority

to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however. the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 10 Room 305; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your obiections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or

a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file

kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Michael G. Abrate, 655 University Avenue, Suite 230, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-550-2688

Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 2024 DERMAKE TRUSTEE 23-66927 No. APN: 0113-071-040 NOTICE SALEYOU TRUSTEE'S ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/27/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: RAMON PERÉZ AND DEBRA PEREZ, HUSBAND **AND WIFE AS JOINT Tenants** duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 10/28/2016, as Instrument No. 201600096337, The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument 201900056447 and recorded on 08/21/2019 202300013157 and recorded on 03/31/2023., of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, Date of Sale:4/17/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$277,778.88Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 422 WEST F STREETDIXON, CALIFORNIA 95620Described as follows: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust A.P.N # .: 0113-071-

recorded as Instrument 4/29/2015. 040The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale, NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the

lien being auctioned off, before

you can receive clear title to the

property. You are encouraged to

investigate the existence, priority,

and size of outstanding liens that

may exist on this property by con-

tacting the county recorder's of-

fice or a title insurance company,

one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 976-3916 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-66927. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website tracker.auction.com/ sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 23-66927 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3/15/2024 ZBS Law. Dated: LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate

either of which may charge you

a fee for this information. If you

consult either of these resourc-

es, you should be aware that the

same lender may hold more than

constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 39684 Pub Dates 03/22, 03/29, 04/05/2024 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 4-5-24 No.: 20-24760 A.P.N.:

Suite 450Irvine, CA

www.auction.com

92606For Non-Automated Sale

Information, call: (714) 848-

7920For Sale Information: (855)

Michael Busby, Trustee Sale OfficerThis office is enforcing a

security interest of your creditor.

To the extent that your obliga-

tion has been discharged by a

bankruptcy court or is subject to

an automatic stay of bankruptcy

this notice is for informational

purposes only and does not

Park.

976-3916

0115-108-010 NOTICE OF YOU SALE TRUSTEE'S **UNDER** IN DEFAULT ARE A DEED OF TRUST DATED UNI ESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: JOHN M RADULOVICH AND NICOLE M RADULOVICH, HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services,

LLC Recorded 4/30/2015 as

Instrument No. 201500036310

in book, page Loan Modification

Instrument No. 201900007447

of Official Records in the office of

the Recorder of Solano County,

on

recorded

2/8/2019 as

California, Described as follows: AS FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST \* Date of Sale: 4/17/2024 \*Sale is being postponed to 5/1/24 at 9:00 AM Place Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$310,761.83 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 700 WALNUT PARK AVE DIXON, CA 95620 A.P.N.: 0115-108-010 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior

lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the proper-NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com and Tracker. auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 20-24760. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the

this case 20-24760 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### CITYWIDE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, to receive public comment and consider updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule based on the December 2023 All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 16, 2024, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule based on the December 2023 All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI). Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule. 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 regular 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 on the adjustment of City Fees. Written

comments are also accepted prior to the meeting by mail at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or electronically by emailing Iruiz@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

Copies of the agenda packet and supporting documents will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620, at least three (3) days before the meeting. If you have any questions, please call the Deputy City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, ext. 1116.

BY ORDER OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL, KRISTIN M. JANISCH, ELECTED CITY CLERK

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# California Insurance Market 'In Chaos'



Here are the remains of a burned home in Berryessa Highlands on Sept. 21, 2020. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

#### By Levi Sumagaysay CALMatters.org

With more California homeowners just discovering their insurance policies are getting canceled — and hundreds of thousands of others stuck with a pricey option of last resort state Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's efforts to fix the home insurance market can't come quickly enough.

Lara has introduced two main regulations, with more to come. The first, unveiled last month, aims to streamline rate reviews. State law gives the Insurance Department the power to approve or deny insurers' requests to raise premiums. Insurance companies complain the process has been holding up the increases they seek as a result of what they say are increased costs due to rising climate-change risks and inflation.

The second regulation will let insurers use catastrophe modeling — which combines historical data with projected risk and losses — along with other factors when setting their premiums. California is the last state to

allow for catastrophe modeling. "We're undertaking the state's largest insurance reform," Lara said during a press conference earlier this month. "We can no longer look solely to the past to guide us to the future."

He said catastrophe modeling will lead to "more reliable rates," "greater insurance availability" and "safer communities," because he said it would further encourage and reward wildfire mitigation by homeowners and communities. Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller said success will mean fewer homeowners needing to turn to the FAIR Plan, the state-mandated insurer of last

Insurance trade groups, which stand to benefit most from the new regulations, agree with Lara's support for catastrophe modeling and support his so-called sustainable insurance strategy. So do fire chiefs, to an extent. But almost everyone else — homeowners, consumer groups and former insurance commissioners — has lingering

U.S. Rep. John Garamendi, a Democrat representing parts of Solano and Contra Costa counties, had two stints as state insurance commissioner in the mid-1990s and early 2000s. He says the insurance market is "in chaos" - and that Lara should be holding public hearings and demanding insurance company executives testify to explain to Californians why

their premiums are rising.

"One of the critical things a commissioner does is to analyze the market and provide the public with information," Garamendi said in an interview with CalMatters. "(Lara) didn't use his power to control the industry and second, to inform Californians."

The criticism drew a retort from Soller: "Commissioner Lara is fixing decades-long neglected issues that have led to this crisis. He is focused on safeguarding the integrity of the state's insurance market, not second-guessing from predecessors who had their chance and failed to act."

Dave Winnacker, chief of the East Bay's Moraga-Orinda Fire District, said the upsides of catastrophe modeling include being able to credit what homeowners, communities and governments do to lessen wildfire risk. That includes being able to account for the numbers and proximity of firefighters in certain areas, Winnacker said.

"Depending on where you are in a state, and that's tied to population density, the number of firefighters available could affect the outcome (of a wildfire)," he said, adding that catastrophe models should reflect that.

He also said he and other fire chiefs are working to make sure the interests of consumers. fire professionals, insurers and the state are aligned. Insurers may not know what homeowners, communities and local fire departments are doing to reduce wildfire risk. One idea: a database to share that information.

"There is no future in which we can price our way out of this crisis with just premiums," Winnacker said, adding that everyone needs to work together.

Dave Jones, the state insurance commissioner for eight years before Lara took over in 2019, said he is "trying to avoid looking over the shoulder of my successor."

Jones is now director of the Climate Risk Initiative Center for Law, Energy & the Environment at UC Berkeley School of Law. He said it is good for consumers that the catastrophe-modeling regulation could take forest management into consideration. But he said he's not sure Lara's actions will be sufficient.

Before the end of the year, Lara is also expected to issue a regulation that will allow insurers to factor reinsurance costs into their rates. Reinsurance is insurance for insurance companies in the event of large payouts. That plus the other new regulations may "help in the short to mid term," giving insurance

companies the ability to raise



State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara speaks during a press conference with Los Angeles labor leaders and advocates in Commerce on Sept. 26, 2022. Photo by Alisha Jucevic for CalMatters

premiums, Jones told CalMatters. But he said those actions may "ultimately be overwhelmed by our failure to stop the fossil-fuel

industry, which is contributing to rising temperatures" and therefore insurance losses. Jones also pointed out that

Florida has long allowed insurers to use catastrophe modeling and has let them factor in reinsurance costs in their rates — yet its insurance market is in worse shape than California's.

"Florida has done what insurers are asking for," Jones said. Yet "Florida's rates are three or four times the national average."

Mark Friedlander, spokesperson for the Insurance Information Institute, an industry group, confirmed that the group estimates that Florida's average home insurance premium was \$6,000, or three-and-a-half times the national average, in 2023.

In addition, Jones said Florida's version of California's last-resort FAIR Plan — called the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. because it's funded with a surcharge on policyholders has more than 1 million policies. California's growing FAIR Plan, run by a pool of insurers, has 373,000 policies, its president told state lawmakers recently.

"That raises the question," Jones said. "Giving insurers (higher rates) and shifting the burden to all Californians... whether that's going to be enough in the face of growing background risk associated with climate change."

Meanwhile, last week State Farm said that it is not renew-

ing policies for 30,000 California

homeowners, as well as refus-

ing to cover all commercial

apartments by not renewing

42,000 of those policies. This is happening despite California approving State Farm's requests to levy double-digit premium increases last

"One of our roles as the insurance regulator is to hold insurance companies accountable for their words and deeds," said Soller, the Insurance Department spokesperson. "State Farm General's decision... raises serious questions about its financial situation — questions the company must answer to regulators."

State Farm spokesperson Sevag Sarkissian would not comment beyond the statement the company put on its website last week, which read in part: "This decision was not made lightly and only after careful analysis of State Farm General's financial health, which continues to be impacted by inflation, catastrophe exposure, reinsurance costs, and the limitations of working within decades-old insurance regulations."

Sarkissian also referred CalMatters to the Personal Insurance Federation of California, which counts State Farm as a member. The industry group's president, Rex Frazier, said in an email last week that allowing insurers to use catastrophe modeling would help with insurance availability. Yet in its statement, State Farm acknowledged the actions Lara is taking to try to fix the insurance availability and affordability crisis in California, even as it announced its decision not to renew tens of

June Lake in Mono County,

thousands of homeowners. Joyce Kaufman, a retiree in

recently got a notice of non-renewal for her homeowners insurance with Farmers, which she said she and her husband were dreading but expecting.

"I'm not really sure what the state's trying to do, both at the commissioner and legislative level," Kaufman said. And losing the ability to renew her policy is affecting her other insurance needs, she said. As her broker helps look for an alternative, her auto premium is now going up about \$300 a year because it will no longer be bundled with home insurance.

As the new regulations give insurance companies what they had asked for, one part of Lara's strategy — which he first laid out last year after an executive order by the governor — is conspicuously missing. Lara had said insurance companies would be required "to commit to writing at least 85 percent of their statewide market share in wildfire-dis-

tressed underserved areas." That provision is nowhere in the text of Lara's unveiled regulations so far — an omission not lost on consumer groups or former commissioner Jones.

"Where is that 85 percent?" asked Carmen Balber, executive director of Consumer Watchdog. Soller, the Insurance Department's spokesperson, said that part of the commissioner's strategy is coming.

Balber also said she is concerned that the catastrophe-modeling regulation "appears to not comply with the transparency requirements of Prop. 103," the voter-approved law that regulates the insurance industry.

According to the text of the regulation on catastrophe modeling, the public will be able to take part in reviewing catastrophe models before they're deemed acceptable. But anyone who helps review the models will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement.

"If a big chunk of your insurance rate is behind a 'black box,' then that's not what the voters passed," when they passed Proposition 103 in 1988, Balber said. "At the end of the day, if the commissioner passes something that hides something behind closed doors, we'll have to consider challenging it." Levi Sumagaysay covers

the economy for CalMatters. Previously, she was a senior reporter who covered worker issues, the gig economy, inequality and corporate accountability for MarketWatch. She also was a longtime reporter and tech and business editor at the Mercury News.



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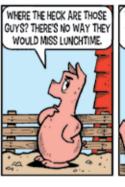




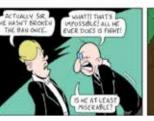
















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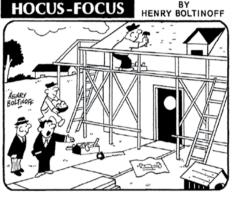


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# Kaylee Ramirez is March's Young Woman of the Month



Pictured left to right, Soroptimist President Brenda Walker, Maria Ramirez with her daughter Kaylee Ramirez, and Alaina Gibbons. Courtesy photo

#### By Amy Pretti, Dixon Soroptimist Club

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Kaylee Ramirez is the SI Dixon Young Woman of the Month! Kaylee was chosen by her teacher, Alaina Gibbons, Math Department at Dixon High School. Alaina Gibbons explained that it was an easy choice. Kaylee works hard, goes the extra mile, and encourages her classmates to do the same. She is a leader.

Kaylee is the daughter of Hector and Maria Ramirez. She has an older brother, Hector, and a sister named Perla. Kaylee has grown up in Dixon attending Silveyville, Anderson Elementary, C.A. Jacobs, and is now a senior at Dixon High School.

She is most proud of receiving the AP Scholar with Distinction Award. Kaylee also worked hard every year to ensure she made the honor roll throughout high school. She was also the captain of her JV Soccer team for Dixon High School.

Kaylee has volunteered to help at track meets for two years. She also worked in the Dixon High School campus cleanup. During her senior year, she has been an AVID tutor for the freshman and has been a mentor at the John Knight Middle School kindness seminar.

AVID has been an important club for Kaylee to participate in throughout high school. Kaylee has participated in FFA

for 2 years. She is also a member of Key Club and Club Unidos.

From a young age, Kaylee has always looked at the stars, fascinated by the glowing specks in the dark sky. While visiting her parents' hometown in Jalisco, Mexico, she was up in the mountains one night and seemed so close to the stars that she could reach out and touch them. The stars were brighter than anything she had ever seen. Knowing that Kaylee was captivated by the stars, her sister gave her a bunch of NASA stickers which she placed on her special places.

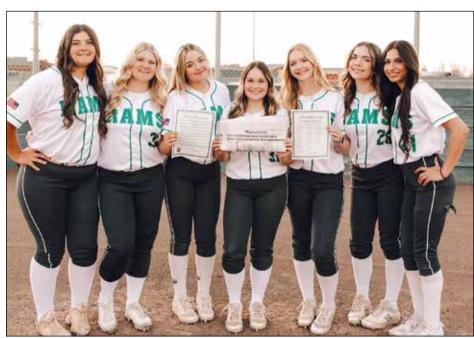
As Kaylee got older, she still had dreams of NASA. Because of her excellence in math, she looked for suitable careers to study in college. Engineering that involves space? Kaylee's junior year she was having a conversation with her AP Psychology teacher, Mr. Nelson, who showed her a Lego model of a spaceship. That was it, aerospace engineering!

Kaylee plans to attend either CSU Long Beach or UC San Diego.

After graduation from college, Kaylee plans on becoming an aerospace engineer. She would like to help the U.S. in the new space race. No matter how hard, Kaylee will one day realize her dreams as a first-generation Latina college student.

Congratulations Kaylee! We can't wait to watch you soar in and out of this world!

# Kaylee Ramirez is March's Young Softball Senior Night for Champions



DIXON, CA (MPG) - This group of Lady Rams softball players who have played together the past three years, celebrated 'Senior Night' at Dixon High School but also celebrated the fact they made history together. Their record on a huge banner that evening showed making the North Cal State Championship Game in 2022 and Section Championship last year. They hold the best 3-year Dixon High School history in softball and are the only DHS team to make section champions and a state championship game. Pictured L-R are: Lexi Mendes #9, Caitlyn Hendershot #32, Ashley Garcia #28, Audrey Graham #37, Aemonn Rosenberger #3, Camryn Elliot #26, and Felesha LePenske #21. Photo by Lela Spiva

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