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Tour Dixon's Historical Homes



Wes and Alena Standfill of Standfill Custom Construction pose in front of the restored Victorian Row Home originally built in about 1887 for the Senator McCune family. It is one of the homes featured on the Dixon Historical Society Historical Home Tour in October. Photo by Debra Dingman

Story by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There are several stunningly restored homes in Dixon and at least three have been confirmed for the Dixon Historical Society's Historical Home Tour for Saturday, October 28.

Wes Standfill's Victorian Home also known as the Kilkenney House or the McCune Mansion at 360 North First St., Dave and Darcy McKenzie's home, that is also known as the Rossi home at 300 East Mayes, and Mike Killen and Helene Petrascu at 230 East

Mayes St. have all been confirmed.

Tickets are now on sale for \$40 and can be purchased online at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org or in person at the Dixon Florist or at the Dixon History Museum located at 125 West A Street in downtown Dixon. They are open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

On the day of the tour, ticket holders will pick up their Home Tour Guidebook between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Standfill Victorian Home next to the railroad tracks. The guidebook is currently being created and

there are opportunities for sponsorships that will be publicized inside. Contact Ashley Alvarez at dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more information on those.

Lunch is included in the experience and will be served at St. Peter's Social Hall on the corner of Second and Mayes Streets and will feature soup, salad, and dessert between 11:30 am and 2 pm.

Time will be 10 am to 4 pm and reservations will be required. It will happen rain or shine. No photography, *Continued on page 3*

Do You Know a Dixon Centurion?

Solano County Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Board of Supervisors needs the community's help in identifying centenarians living in our community for recognition at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting later this fall as part of the 17th annual centenarian commemoration celebration.

For the past 16 years, the Solano County Board of Supervisors has recognized and honored centenarians by hosting a celebration for them during a Board of Supervisors meeting. The commemoration serves to capture and share the stories of some of Solano County's oldest residents, while bringing attention to some of the issues facing the senior population.

This year, as part of the commemoration event, the Board will receive a video presentation of Solano County's centenarians, sharing stories from their amazing lives. The Board has hired a professional videographer who will come to your home (or place of your choosing) to conduct the video interview. Information collected at the interviews will also be included as part of a commemorative yearbook, distributed to all centenarians shortly after the commemoration event. Centenarians who wish not to conduct an interview are still encouraged to submit information, including a biography and photographs to help tell their life story.

To date the Board has honored more than 225 centenarians in Solano County. Two centenarians reached super-centenarian status, including Marie West in 2011 and Reta Wills in 2021. Super-centenarians are those individuals who have reached the age of 110 years or older, which only occurs at a rate of about 1 in 7 million people.

According to the Boston University School of Medicine, 2022 New England Centenarian Study, out of a population of 336.9 million people, there were approximately 89,739 centenarians living in the United States, or a prevalence of 0.27 percent of the total population. The prevalence of centenarians living in the United States has been increasing over time and nearly doubled in the past 20 years. In addition to genetics, physical activity and social support, scientists liken our ability to prevent and treat diseases like cancer, pneumonia and stroke to be a strong indicator this trend will likely continue.

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Dixon High Starts Fall Sports

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Fall Athletics have kicked off at Dixon High School and include Cross Country coached by Brett Peterson; Varsity Football by Wes Besseghini and Junior Varsity by Coach Rick Tully; Girls Golf by Frances Garcia; Tennis by Kevin Judson; Volleyball by Nikki Garcia; and Girls and Boys Water Polo by Kraig Katzenmeyer. Dixon is in the Golden Empire League (GEL). Even sideline cheer with Amber Drewnowski is in season. Here's what we learned about games next week.

** Friday, August 25 the Dixon Junior Varsity Football will play at 5:15 p.m. against Winters High School in Winters and at 7:30, the Varsity Team will play. The following week on Friday, September 1, we will be playing against Armijo High School (Fairfield) and will play on our home turf.

** On Monday, August 28 at 5 p.m. the Dixon High School Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball Team will be playing against



Coach Kevin Berg has kicked off the inaugural season of Girls Flag Football at Dixon High School. Their first varsity game is against the Pirates at Pioneer High School in Woodland on Monday, Sept. 11 at 6 pm. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Will C. Wood in Vacaville with the Varsity Team at 6 p.m. For the Boys team,

** Also on Monday, August 28, DHS Girls Junior Varsity Water Polo will play against Benicia High at Benicia at 5 p.m. and Varsity will start at 6 p.m. Boys Varsity Water Polo plays at 7 p.m. and Junior Varsity will play at 8, according to the online schedule.

** The DHS Girls

Flag Football Team will play Mesa Verde (Citrus heights) on Wednesday, September 13; Sacramento Adventist (Carmichael) on Monday, September 25 and again at Pioneer High in Woodland on Wednesday, October 4. All games will start at 6 p.m.

** The Dixon High Rams Football team's first game was last week against Will C. Wood in Vacaville. On Friday, August 25,

the team will play against the Winters Warriors at Winters High School starting at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 and \$5 for military, seniors, and students.

The first home game will be against the Armijo Indians from Fairfield starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 1, and that night will also be 'Salute to Service Night' honoring first responders, military, *Continued on page 2*



A Must-Do: Amtrak Trek



That is not a painting this man is sitting next to. It is a real window and that is a true view of a river, a redwood and the beautiful California hills. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

Whether or not you're delivering students to school, going for a concert or to the farmers market, mailing something at the post office, or simply enjoying a dinner in downtown, there are good chances you've stopped and watched an Amtrak whiz by.

It may seem silly, but I try to wave at the windows as they pass and occasionally, I get someone to wave back. I do that because I took my son when he was 5 or 6 on a train to see my brother's family in Denver and it was an awesome experience.

Last month, I went on my fifth trip – this one with my hubby – and this was our third time to Grand Junction. We were both ready for something other than airplanes. I've written about the blight we saw but that was only a very small dot in a long sentence of pleasure and beauty we got to experience on our trip.

We left on a Wednesday out of Davis after parking our car free just steps away from the depot. I brought my

fleece lap blanket, a neck pillow and sleep mask – essentials for spending the night on a reclined chair on a train. I also had ear plugs but didn't need them because at night, all usually grows quiet anyway.

Travelling through the rest of California with almost every train stop reminding us of Dixon because train depots are the same style and color, the views were especially beautiful, especially around Donner Lake. We were crossing the Great Salt Lakes at dusk, and also enjoyed the peaceful beauty presented.

We had bought Subway sandwiches in Dixon for dinner and brought our usual snacks of granola bars, nuts and apples which worked well for breakfast the next morning with a purchased piping hot coffee.

We both took turns in the 'Observation Car,' which has huge windows and lots of people chatting. By 1 p.m. though, I had to have something more than snacks and admit I sprang for a hotdog and a seltzer water from the snack bar down below. Our train

arrived at about 4 p.m. The Enterprise rental car people were great and brought the car to the station and off we went for a stay with my in-laws.

We enjoyed morning breakfasts on their peaceful patio overlooking miles of quiet Colorado land. There were assorted birds taking refuge from the warm weather in what I dubbed 'the Dingman oasis' among the most stunning array of flowers. My mother and father-in-law keep themselves busy planting things in their large lot and creating koi ponds and small vignettes everywhere.

Evenings were just as magical with fantastic views of the mesas and watching the sunset. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting, and I was reminded of how much I love these people.

Then, too soon, we were back on the train heading home with more fantastic views. This time we upgraded to a 'roomette,' a private room, that includes all meals in the dining car and believe me, there are 5-star selections and service!

I had steak, he had salmon. You chose a complimentary alcoholic beverage as well as a dessert. So, there I was in my top bunk hours later feeling the most relaxed human being ever and the train gently rocking me like a baby.

On the rest of the way home, I finished writing several articles and read magazines or newspapers just before arriving back in Davis. After a week, it was good to get back home to Dixon but honestly, I can't wait to take a train trek again! ★

Dixon News Briefs



There are many new faces in Dixon schools this year and here are the ones who attended the New Teacher Welcome Luncheon courtesy of the Dixon Rotary, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club, and the Dixon Historical Society. Pictured L-R are Ashely Cordeiro, Monica Johnson, Emma Levy, Jeremy Scherr, Judy Eldridge, Rebecca Ford, Ricardo Ledesma, Daniella Hazan, Taron Sicker, Irvin Soltero, Maria L. Torres, Lara Laugero, Michael Lopez, Bernatte Guerrero, and Adan Arroyo. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Lions Club Poker

Dixon's 15th annual Poker Fundraiser, the Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be Saturday, August 26 at the Downtown Olde Vets Hall, 231 North First St. Cocktails start at 5 p.m. and Poker is at 7 p.m. Donation is \$100 per person and you must be over 21 to play. Tickets can be delivered. One hundred percent of the proceeds go right back to those in need in Dixon. It is a very fun night for all, members say. It is Poker with professionals dealers who will help you play, a no host bar, prizes to winning table, prizes to bid on, a great venue and there is a rumor that they might be serving their world-famous Tri-tip. For more info, call Joe Bruch at (209) 305-5930 and tickets are available from Lions members.

City Meetings

Active citizens get a Tuesday break this next week as it is the 5th Tuesday of the month (August 29) so there will not be another City Council Meeting until Tuesday, September 5, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 600 East A Street. You can also watch online or use Zoom. Go to the cityofdixon.us website and click on government, then click on City Council.

Home & Garden Show

The Solano County Home and Garden Show will be at the Vacaville Nut Tree on September 16 and 17 behind Fenton's Creamery. Mark your calendars for when 'Gifts B Cause Arts and Craft Show' will be back at the Dixon May Fair, 655 South First Street for one day only, Saturday, December 2.

Dixon High Sports Fans

The athletic department has created their annual season pass for all DHS sports. This pass will get parents and fans into any DHS regular season home game. Pass is not valid for away games, play-offs, tournaments. Go to: <https://gofan.co/event/1074265?schoolId=CA22535> Please reach out to Dixon High School if you have any questions by calling (707) 693-6330.

Fraud Prevention

Seniors are the most targeted group for scams and fraud with one in five being a victim. The Solano Senior Fraud Prevention and Scam Prevention will be discussed at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth Street on Wednesday, September 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more details, call (707) 678-7441 or email ageorge@cityofdixon.us.

Food Truck & Fun

The Dixon Action Team will present a Food Truck and Family Fun event on Sunday, August 27, from 11am to 3 pm at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street. There will be fun for the whole family with food, shopping, and kids play. This is the same organization that does the annual Grillin' & Chillin' event.

Downtown Meeting

The next Downtown Dixon Business Association meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 7, at 8:30 a.m. at Angela Meisenheimer's Remark Realty office at 350 West A Street on the side of the green building. Business owners welcome!

Parkway Overcrossing

Safety is the top priority in Dixon. With continuous development over the past decade, the Parkway Blvd Rail Safety Project will provide a vital safety connection over a highly used passenger and freight rail corridor.

The western embankment has been constructed near Porter Rd. and Pitt School Rd. The project is now in the design and permitting stage. For more information on the project and to view the full timeline visit: www.cityofdixon.us/media/Engineering/parkwayblvd

Valley Glen/Orchards Sale

The first – and hopefully will be annual – Community Garage Sale in the Valley Glen area is this Saturday, August 26, starting at 8 a.m. Please note that participation in the yard sale is voluntary, and residents are responsible for their own sales and transactions. It is coordinated by Realtor/resident Claudia Durksen. ★

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etc. Admission is \$10 for general and \$5 for military, seniors, and students. A season pass is \$45.

There is also what's called a 'Barnyard Student Pass' that is good from August through June 1, 2024 that gets a student into all HOME games plus they get a new Barnyard shirt. After purchasing the pass online at GoFan.com, a student should present the pass to the administration office

to receive a shirt. If you're new to Dixon, the school is located at 555 College Way.

The Dixon Quarterback Club would like to thank the following sponsors who helped get banners out on the field: Johnson Group/Remax Gold, Mike's Marine, Chavez Auto Body, AIM Manufacturing, Kiki's Wings and Tenders, Pizza Guys, Jazmine Delgado Realtor Coldwell Banker, Reed Made Speed, and Almond Tree Mortgage. ★

Registration Open for Annual Early Childhood Education Conference

SCOE News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County Office of Education, in collaboration with community partners including First 5 Solano, is sponsoring the 2023 Quality Counts Solano Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference. Educators working with children from infant to age 8 are invited to participate. This year's conference will host a pre-conference as well as collaborative opportunities with early learning professionals in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and 1st-grade classrooms.

"Building a solid foundation for learning in early childhood fosters curiosity, creativity, critical thinking and so much more. Early learning educators play a vital role in preparing young learners for a future filled with great possibilities and potential for success," said Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

For over 30 years, the Quality Counts Solano Early Childhood Education Conference has been a key event for education in Solano County. The conference caters to a wide range of early learning professionals, including preschool,

kindergarten and transitional kindergarten teachers, infant/toddler teachers, family childcare providers, center-based directors, supervisors, and others working with young children. Attendees can choose from 21 interactive sessions covering various topics, such as supporting children with special needs, play-based STEAM activities, and self-care for educators. The event will also feature vendors and community agencies sharing early learning and childcare resources.

The pre-conference will take place on Friday, September 8th at 4:30 p.m. at the Solano County Office of Education located at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield. The full day conference will follow on Saturday, September 9th at 7:30 a.m. at Solano Community College, located at 4000 Suisun Valley Rd. in Fairfield. Ron Mohl from Lakeshore Learning will deliver the keynote, emphasizing how educators can enhance young children's learning experiences through play.

To register for this event, visit <http://bit.ly/23QCSCConf>.

For more information about the 2023 Quality Counts Solano ECE Conference please contact Briana Marino at bmarino@solanocoe.net or (707) 399-4471. ★

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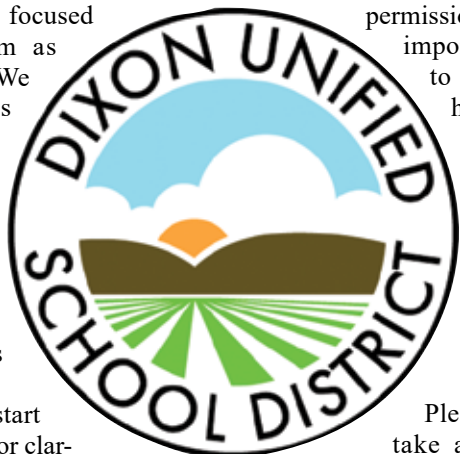
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The New School Year and Communication Concerns

From DUSD Superintendent's Office

DIXON, CA (MPG) - We kicked off the 2023-24 school year, and by all observations and accounts, things went well across the District. It is inevitable that there are small complications and challenges that arise, but our staff is focused on addressing them as quickly as possible. We ask for patience as we do work to fully understand a situation and respond to you, but also commit to being responsive to your needs and informing you of outcomes as soon as possible.

The first place to start asking for assistance or clarification is at the school site. Some issues are at the teacher level and others at the principal level. Bringing issues to the District Office before working with staff at the site will result in you being referred back to the site, so it is always best to start there. For those active on social media who have questions or concerns, it is not effective to start addressing your situation there. Direct contact with the school – where accurate information and assistance is available – should always take place before making a post with partial or incorrect information. Similarly, a question seeking information is usually best posed to the school, but there are many helpful families in the



District who can provide basic information or where to find it on the website.

REMINDERS

1. We are requiring all of our families to complete the Parent Data Confirmation (PDC) process electronically right now. This process gives us the most accurate information. It also provides us with permission or authorization for important areas that relate to your children. If you have not completed this, please go to your personal email that is on file with us to see the directions on how to do so. If you have any questions, please contact your school site.
2. Traffic is terrible! Please try to leave early, take alternate routes, and consider dropping off a block or two away from school to help minimize congestion. We should all also drive as if a police officer was directly behind us at all times – slowly, following all traffic rules, and emphasizing safety above all else. We do have the support of the Dixon Police Department with additional enforcement as school opens, so that police officer behind you might actually be real.
3. We want the very, very best for your students. We cannot serve them well enough without the involvement, support, and follow through from all of our families. Together, our students can learn and develop in the most important ways and at the highest levels. ★

Order On the Court



Coach Kevin Judson practices with one of the girls on Dixon High School's tennis team. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon High School Tennis Coach Kevin Judson is trying not to overexert his girls tennis team during the heat so he is taking practice a bit slower this week while the new players are being introduced and learning to keep score.

“You want to keep the sport fun, but you also know the game is competitive,” he said. Judson has always been a good athlete and played Little League Baseball up until he was 12.

“That’s when I started up tennis and my tennis coach taught me lessons from 13 years old on. We’ve been good buddies since,” he said. He attended McClatchy High School in Sacramento and played on the team there.

“I didn’t have much of a serve then as I wasn’t real big. But I was essentially like a wall when it came to hitting balls back.” After attending Chico State and enjoying tennis as well as theater, Judson was an assistant tennis coach at McClatchy High School a few years before moving to Dixon. Here, he was an assistant for one

season before the other coach moved on. That was about six or seven years ago, he said.

“I’ve been with them since and time flies nowadays,” he added. “I have taught the boys team for a few years as well. I’m able to communicate with the girls a little better but I enjoy working with both teams.”

Judson started this year with a goal of 12 girls and has about eight right now including two seniors, a couple sophomores and three freshmen with most of those returning.

“I feel I’m a positive person and I like to see the potential in the younger players, but I lean on the upperclassmen who have been on the team to help with scoring,” he explained. “I want to teach the basic instruction and the basic forehand and backhand skills to get them up technique-wise, but you have to get the point system down. The number one thing I find with regard to doing tennis matches is students trying to keep score and tie-breaker coaches try to practice but it gets lost sometimes in the fundamentals. So, I want them

to know how to keep score.”

Sophia McNaughton, Nina Santini, Lita Moran, Alina Vera, Lauren Henderson and Maria Santos. Sierra Fong and Gabby Keller will be captains. He’s hoping Val Gamino will return this year and help them nab one of the Golden Empire League’s trophies.

The matches start on Tuesday, September 5, and Dixon will be hosting Mesa Verde that day. Then there will be two or three road matches the following Tuesday and Thursday. They will be back on the road for the September 12, 14, and 21 matches. Details will be published in future editions.

In Judson’s ‘other life’, he works as a tennis pro giving lessons on weekends and does some theater acting occasionally at the Theater in the Heights in Citrus Heights.

“I’m just trying to bide my time. Nothing stressful. Sometimes I play on the weekends with friends, otherwise I’m coaching little kids or coaching the high school team. But I am a proud uncle of five,” he said. ★

Tour Dixon's Historical Homes



John and Deal Kilkenny and their children Kathryn, James, Watson, Leo, and Ed in front of their home circa 1913 now owned and renovated by Wes and Alena Standfill. Photo courtesy of Dixon Historical Society

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strollers, small children, backpacks, or pets. For more information, call (707) 685-0802.

All proceeds from the home tour and lunch will benefit the Dixon Historical Society and the Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy.

Dixon Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of Dixon through educational events, research, oral histories, website archives, artifact exhibits and photos. Annual membership dues are:

\$30 - Individual Membership (per person); \$100 - Includes Individual Membership and a free polo shirt; and \$300 - Includes Lifetime Individual Membership

and free polo shirt. Dixon Historical Society is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit California corporation. If you are interested in volunteering at the DHS Museum, they would welcome your time. They have volunteer opportunities throughout the year. If you would like to assist at the museum, fundraising events or wherever assistance is needed, fill out the volunteer application with your interests and special skills so they can find the opportunity that is best suited to you. They thank all in advance for your interest in the Dixon Historical Society and encourage you to come by and visit. There is no admission fee but donations are gladly accepted. ★

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Another Scary Reminder of the Superbug Crisis

By Dr. Rachael Lee

More than 80 Americans across 18 states have been struck with a serious bacterial infection thanks to contaminated eye drops. Several have suffered permanent vision loss. Four have died. The contaminated drops housed a strain of the bacterium *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, which, due to a rare gene, is immune to almost all antibiotics. Though the drops are now off the shelves, the larger crisis of drug resistance is far from over. Antibacterial-resistant pathogens claimed more than 1.2 million lives in 2019. That number will continue to increase if we don't act now.

Antimicrobials are a miraculous tool in the fight against infections. Human life expectancy increased by eight years between 1944 and 1972, largely attributable to the development of antibiotics. Even so, bacterial infections are still the second-leading cause of death worldwide, responsible for one in eight deaths.

Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, occurs when pathogens like fungi or bacteria become immune to our existing medicines. We've been using antimicrobials to fight infections since 1937. After nearly 90 years under antimicrobial attack, it's no surprise that pathogens have developed the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them.

By 2050, it's estimated that AMR will cause 10 million deaths per year. It's more important now than ever to course correct.

Antimicrobial stewardship, or improving how antimicrobials are prescribed, is a key part of the solution. When antimicrobials are prescribed only when needed and for the shortest durations possible, it

ensures patients receive the best treatment and also slows a pathogen's ability to develop resistance. But stewardship alone won't solve the problem when infections are becoming increasingly difficult, and sometimes impossible, to treat.

New antimicrobials are another piece of the solution. The next generation of antimicrobials needs to attack and kill germs better, and in new ways, than current ones.

Unfortunately, the current drug business model does not work for antimicrobials due to the unique way they are used. Prescribing antimicrobials only when appropriate is critical for public health because it slows resistance, but it also keeps sales volume low. Investing in drug research and development is a significant risk as few products receive FDA approval, so the potential financial outlook needs to be stable enough to attract investors. Antimicrobials aren't a lucrative enough proposition to pique such investor interest.

Legislation under consideration in Congress could revitalize antimicrobial innovation, giving us a major leg up in the fight against AMR. The PASTEUR Act would establish a system in which the government enters into contracts with antimicrobial developers via a subscription model rather than paying by unit sales. This would help guarantee companies some stability for their investment in new treatments, even if the sales volume is low.

Infectious disease specialists like me see the devastation of antimicrobial resistance too often. In the race against superbugs, our innovation is up against their evolution. We must regain the lead. ★

Thompson, Fitzpatrick, Higgins, Kiggans Introduce Bipartisan Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act

From the Office of Congressman Mike Thompson

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - On August 1, 2023, Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-04), Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01), Congressman Brian Higgins (NY-26), and Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02) announced the introduction of the *Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act of 2023* to ensure tax-status parity between the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and Nurse Corps programs by amending the Internal Revenue Code to create parity in tax treatment for these two scholarship and loan repayment systems. Senators Jeff Merkley (OR), Roger Wicker (MS), Patty Murray (WA), and John Boozman (AR) have introduced companion legislation in the Senate.

"Nurses are the front line of our health care system. We should do everything we can to encourage people to pursue a career in this indispensable field, a field currently facing severe shortage," said Congressman Thompson. "This commonsense bill eliminates a totally unnecessary tax penalty on people entering the nursing profession, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance the bill this Congress."

"Nurses are dedicated, diligent caretakers in our communities, and we owe it to them to prioritize their ability to obtain financial benefits promised to them by Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) programs," said Congressman Fitzpatrick. "Our bipartisan, bicameral *Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act* fixes an unnecessary disparity between two widely-utilized scholarship and loan repayment programs, and I am proud to lead this effort to support nurses alongside my colleagues."

"Nurse Corps members working in underserved communities provide life-saving care to people experiencing some of the greatest health disparities. They deserve the same benefits offered to the National Health Service Corps members they work alongside each day," said Congressman Higgins. "I am proud to

join my colleagues in introducing this bipartisan legislation expanding income tax exemptions to Nurse Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs. It is a commonsense bill that will create greater income equity among the front-line workers serving our most vulnerable communities.

"It's our duty to explore every avenue to address the healthcare workforce shortage facing our nation," said Congresswoman Kiggans, Vice Chair of the Congressional Nursing Caucus. "As a geriatric nurse practitioner, I'm well aware of the level of dedication it takes to work in healthcare. Discouraging aspiring professionals who are willing to step up and serve their communities as healthcare providers is the last thing we should do. I'm proud to join my colleagues to introduce this bipartisan, bicameral bill which will tackle these barriers and improve patient care across the country!"

"As the husband of a nurse, I know frontline nurses are the backbone of communities, helping patients and families through both joyous and challenging times," said Senator Merkley. "Nurse Corps members build healthier communities in the areas of greatest need, and it is terrible public policy and frankly offensive that nurses are singled out for extra taxation as compared to other health professionals, it's long past time to put an end to this."

The bill is endorsed by the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA), the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), the Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN), the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS (COA), Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR), and the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). ★

California Comment on Latest National Small Business Findings

NFIB News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On August 8, 2023, release of the National Federation of Independent Business' (NFIB) monthly Small Business Economic Trends report showed a few tiny upticks in the outlook Main Street enterprises have for a better future, but nothing that would indicate the beginning of a reversal of its continuing two-year slide.

"A lot of what it will take to move small-business owners across the nation from this current era of just coping to one of thriving will depend on what Congress does with the Small Business Deduction on their federal tax forms: to let it expire or to make it permanent," said John Kabateck NFIB's California state director. "Closer to home, our Legislature has already rendered its decision on small business by doing absolutely nothing about its outstanding loan debt with the federal government over the unemployment insurance trust fund.

"When the pandemic surprised the nation, it was understandable California was one of 22 states that needed to borrow from the federal government to keep its unemployment insurance trust fund solvent and benefits going to those in need. What is not understandable is why it remains one of only two states (New York, the other) that has not paid its UI loans back, unless, of course, our state leaders don't care about small business."

The SBET (Optimism Index) is a national snapshot of NFIB-member, small-business owners not broken down by state. The typical NFIB member employs

between one and nine workers. This latest Index rose 0.9 points in July to 91.9, but it marked the 19th consecutive month below the survey's 49-year average of 98. The SBET is released the second Tuesday of every month.

From NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg

"With small business owners' views about future sales growth and business conditions dismal, owners want to hire and make money now from solid consumer spending. Inflation has eased slightly on Main Street, but difficulty hiring remains a top business concern."

Highlights from today's report

Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months improved 10 points from June to a net negative 30%, 31 percentage points better than last June's reading of a net negative 61%. This is the highest reading since August 2021 but historically very negative.

Forty-two percent of owners reported job openings that were hard to fill, unchanged from June but remaining historically very high.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased four points to a net 25% seasonally adjusted, still a very inflationary level but trending down. This is the lowest reading since January 2021.

The net percent of owners who expect real sales to be higher improved two points from June to a net negative 12%, a very pessimistic perspective.

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DIXON POLICE LOG

Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.



Monday, August 14, 2023

- 0924 - Confidential Report West H Street at Pheasant Run Drive.
- 1042 - Theft report at 2500 block of North First Street. Suspects stole an unknown amount of fuel from Chevron by tampering with the fuel pump controls.
- 1330 - Battery report 1300 block North Lincoln Street.
- 2330 - Hours - Incident report in the 1900 block of Folsom Fair Circle

Sunday, August 13

- 0924 - Confidential Report West H Street at Pheasant Run Drive.
- 1042 - Theft report at 2500 block of North First Street.
- 1330 - Battery report 1300 block North Lincoln Street.
- 0230 - Hours - Vehicle Towed in the area of Porter Road and South Almond.

Saturday, August 12

- 0845 - D.U.I arrest report was taken in the 1100 South Lincoln St. Officers contacted (S) Rebekah Dial (23) of Arizona. Dial was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1259 - Found property report was taken at the intersection of North 1st B St and East B St
- 1758 - Officers responded to the area of Revelle Drive and Valley Glen Drive for a male opening vehicle doors. Upon the officer's arrival they contacted Moises Leyva (33) out of Oakland. Moises was placed under arrest for tampering with vehicles and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.
- 1833 - Grand theft report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 2005 - Officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop in the 800 block of North Adams Street. Gustavo Cerros (33) out of Dixon was contacted. Cerros refused to provide officers with his name. Cerros was also found to be driving under the influence. Cerros was placed under arrest and booked into the Solano County Jail.

Friday, August 11

No reports were taken.

Thursday, August 10

- 1057 - Information report was taken in the 300 block of Pheasant Run.
- 1225 - Warrant arrest report was taken on Milk Farm Rd. at Curry Rd. Officers contacted (S) Daron Knight (46) of Richmond. A records check revealed he had an outstanding warrant out of San Joaquin County. Knight was arrested and cited and released.
- 1403 - Confidential report was taken in the 1500 block of Ferrero Dr.
- 0421 - Grand theft report in the 2000 block of North First Street.

Wednesday, August 9

- 0715 - Traffic Collision North First Street at East Dorset Drive.
- 0820 - Vehicle Burglary 400 block La Esperanza Drive.
- 0920 - Theft report 800 block Alexander Drive.
- 1245 - Information Report 400 block La Esperanza Drive.
- 1800 - Hours - Traffic Accident in the area of Pitt School Road and West A Street, led to the arrest of Robert Corrales (34) of Dixon for DUI.
- 1900 - Hours - Counterfeit bill used at a business in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave.

Tuesday, August 8

- 1200 - Hours - Fraud reported in the 100 block of N 1st St. RP reported suspicious dispute claims being made on an account.
- 1330 - Hours - Information report taken in the 100 block of N 1st St.
- 1340 - Hours - Subjects contacted in the 100 block of E. Dorset Dr. during a call for service. Isis Haas (40) and Ryan McCann (30) both of Woodland were contacted. Both were cited and released for possession of narcotics paraphernalia.
- 1449 - Hours - Fraud report at the PD lobby.
- 2130 - Hours - Hit and Run investigation in the 1200 block of Pitt School Rd.
- 1225 - Hours - Nichole Diaz (37) of Sacramento was contacted in the area of West A Street and I80 during a traffic stop and arrested for possession of a controlled substance and displaying false tabs.

Monday, August 7

- 1025 - Theft report 1300 block West H Street.

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Delayed Planting For Processing Tomatoes Leads To Harvest Backlog

As California growers harvest this season's processing tomato crop, there is concern that canneries could struggle to keep up with a backlog of fruit deliveries. Heavy rains left tomato fields wet and muddy through spring, disrupting planting of processing tomato transplants, which continued through May. With much of the crop now being harvested at once, growers are worried about risks to fruit that can't be processed right away. Bruce Rominger of the California Tomato Growers Association said some growers may be encouraged to harvest early when tomatoes are a little green.

Klamath Farmers Hope To Finish Harvest Before Water Supplies Run Out

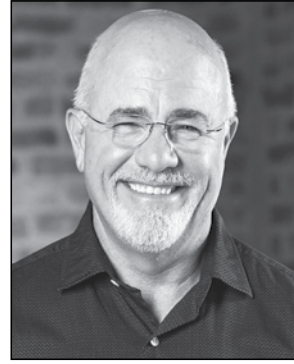
Farmers relying on water supplies from the federal Klamath Water Project say they are trying to finish harvest before their water supply is cut off in the coming weeks. Scott Seus of Tulelake-based Seus Farms, which grows horseradish, onions, mint and grain, said the growers face water shortages again this season, despite a plentiful water year. That's because the Klamath Water Users Association had expected a water delivery of 285,000 acre-feet this year. Instead, irrigators got an initial allocation of 215,000. Still, that is vastly improved over last year's 50,000 acre-feet supply

Napa Valley Winegrape Grower Testifies Before House Panel On Wildfire Dangers

As the 2017 Tubbs Fire was bearing down on his vineyards, sixth-generation Napa Valley winegrape grower Johnnie White battled the blaze with the St. Helena Fire Department. White testified last week before the House Committee on Natural Resources about the consequences of the fires on rural communities, urging proactive steps including increasing removal of wildfire fuels. He told lawmakers that "our industry continues to witness damage and destruction to our livestock, commodities, farms, ranches, wineries, farm homes, employee housing and equipment."

Almond Board Announces New Members After Elections

The Almond Board of California has announced the election of five voting members for the panel that directs global market development for the almond sector. New member Kelli Evans is a co-op grower from Evans Farming in Live Oak. Members re-elected were: Paul Ewing, an independent grower from Los Banos, Alexi Rodriguez, an independent handler with Campos Brothers in Caruthers, Alicia Rockwell, a co-op handler with Blue Diamond Growers in Sacramento, and Darren Rigg, an independent handler from Minturn Nut Co. Inc. in Le Grand. ★



It's a Guideline, Not a Rule

Dear Dave,

Is there any flexibility in your rule about not spending more than 25% of your take-home pay on rent or monthly mortgage payments? I live downtown in Washington, D.C., and I'm finding it's pretty hard to do here. I make about \$90,000 a year, but I'm spending a little over \$2,000 a month in rent. Rent is my largest expense by far, and I don't spend a lot of other money, so I'm still able to save a little and do other things. Can you give me your opinion about this approach?

— Tanner

Dear Tanner,

True, I advise people to spend no more than 25% of their take-home pay on housing. Math still works in every city and state in the country. You don't get a pass on math just because you live in Washington, D.C., even though Congress and a lot

Dave Ramsey Says

of other people there think you do.

But there's really nothing magical about 25%. The purpose behind it is, I don't want you to be house poor. If you find yourself still able to save and invest because you keep other financial aspects of your lifestyle so low, then you're okay. The problem with most people starts when they've got a high cost of housing, and those payments put a real squeeze on their budgets. It doesn't leave them enough room to save up to buy the next car, so that car becomes debt. The same thing happens with Christmas and vacations and everything else. They don't have enough extra money to save for things because a huge chunk of their income is flying out the door every month wrapped up in rent or a house payment.

Now, you're telling me your situation works for you because you've made room in your budget and live a very frugal lifestyle by choice. That's cool. I'm not mad at you about that. But here's the thing: Whatever you spend on rent disappears. And the more money you burn, the less you've got on hand for other things.

I'm not exactly sure how you adjust that in your situation. Maybe you move outside the city and commute, or perhaps you add a roommate into the equation. Or, maybe you're fine with how things are and that's the way you want to live. That's okay too. But my reasoning behind the 25% figure—which is actually more of a guideline than a rule—is so you don't become house poor. I want you to be able to save, invest and give generously. Plus, I want you to own your own home one day.

And you won't be able to do that if everything you make is going toward big payments!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions. ★



How Eric Adams Has Vindicated Immigration Restrictionism

The public intellectual Irving Kristol famously said that the definition of a neoconservative is "a liberal who has been mugged by reality."

By the same token, the definition of a convert to immigration restrictionism is a big-city mayor dealing with a surge of illegal immigration in his city.

In his desperate pleas for federal help to deal with about 100,000 migrants who have come to New York City since the spring of 2022, Mayor Eric Adams is vindicating the hawkish position on immigration with almost every utterance.

All that it has taken to explode the lazy cliches that have defined the progressive position on the issue is a heavy flow of illegal immigration.

If immigration is an unalloyed good, this influx should be a boon to New York City and its future. Why stop at 100,000 if the city could have 200,000, or 300,000? If immigration has no cost, why is New York spending \$5 billion this year absorbing this flow?

According to Adams, New York City "is being destroyed by the migrant crisis."

There you have it — immigration, in and of itself, has the power to bring a great city to its knees.

Long gone are the days

when Adams pledged during his campaign to "lift up immigrants as high as Lady Liberty lifts her torch in our harbor, as a beacon of hope for all who come to our shores." Now, he sounds a lot like Donald Trump, or a late Roman emperor getting undone by an influx of Vandals and Goths.

New York has been actively discouraging immigrants, or, to use the progressive line, "slamming the door on new migrants." Flyers distributed by the city at the border say, "Housing in NYC is very expensive," and no one can say that isn't truth in advertising. "Please consider," the message pleads, "another city as you make your decision about where to settle in the U.S."

In other words, why not try Philadelphia?

What Adams is learning is that the key questions when it comes to immigration are: how many, from where, with what skills, and what will they do once here.

The fact is — as border areas already realized — low-skilled migrants with few connections in the community showing up en masse constitutes an intolerable fiscal and social burden.

It is true that there are unique circumstances at play for Adams. Asylum seekers can't work until their applications have been considered for six months; New York City has a right-to-shelter law that has added to the expense.

If asylum seekers, many of whom are making bogus claims, were instantly handed work permits, though, it'd be

another incentive for illegal immigration. And even places without New York's shelter laws are strained by the arrival of the Biden-era illegal immigrants and have been declaring states of emergency.

The wave of migrants over the last couple of years aside, immigrants to the U.S. are heavily reliant on public resources since they tend to be poor and have low levels of education. An analysis of Census Bureau data by the Center for Immigration Studies shows that 58% of households in New York State headed by immigrants use at least one welfare program. Even if illegal immigrants aren't technically eligible for some of these programs, their U.S.-born children are. And as we see in the current crisis, if people show up who need housing, medical care, and education, no one is simply going to say no.

To his credit, Mayor Adams has been focusing more attention on the federal failures at the border, but a key component of the Adams immigration plan was blocking federal enforcement.

Now, immigration enforcement by the feds isn't such a bad thing. What New York City is seeking, after all the rote invocations of the Statue of Liberty, is fewer migrants competing with people already living in the city for resources and attention.

That really shouldn't be too much to ask. Welcome to reality, Mayor Adams.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Gavin Newsom Channels Jerry Brown With Constitutional Amendment Proposal



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Proposition 13, California's iconic property tax limit measure, went before voters in June 1978, the state's governor, Jerry Brown, denounced it.

"It's a ripoff," Brown declared. "It's a long-term tax increase."

Two months later, after voters overwhelmingly endorsed the measure, Brown did a 180-degree pirouette, declaring himself a "born-again tax cutter."

"No new taxes," Brown promised. "Voters have told us they want a tax cut. They don't want a shell game."

Facing re-election to a second term later that year, Brown sponsored a state tax cut to obey, he said, the popular mandate.

Two months after winning re-election, Brown delivered his inaugural address and proposed an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring the federal government's budget to be balanced.

"A constitutional convention to propose an amendment to balance the budget is unprecedented, but so is the political paralysis that prevents necessary action," Brown said, blaming deficit spending for a sharp increase in inflation "as destructive to our social well-being as an invading army."

Thereupon, Brown

beseached the state Legislature to pass a resolution supporting his call for a constitutional convention, touching off a circus-like round of legislative hearings.

It was carefully orchestrated political theater, clearly aimed at carving out a platform for Brown's second run at the presidency in 1980 by portraying incumbent President Jimmy Carter as a spendthrift out of touch with popular support for austerity and tax cuts.

Brown garnered much media attention for his newly minted cause but his 1980 presidential run was a disaster, winning exactly one delegate to the Democratic convention. Carter later lost the presidency to Brown's predecessor as governor, Ronald Reagan.

This bit of political history is offered because it seems to be repeating itself 45 years later.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is obviously trying to raise his national political profile for whatever reason, is now embracing his own amendment to the U.S. Constitution, adding gun control provisions emulating those in California.

It would raise the legal age for gun ownership to 21, require universal background checks, impose minimum waiting periods and institute an assault weapons ban.

"We want to go on the offense and be for something and build a movement that's bottom up, not top down," he told Politico in advance of his announcement in June.

More recently, as a resolution was drafted in the Legislature to support Newsom's crusade, he castigated the U.S. Supreme

Court's gun control decisions, much as Brown had pinned inflation on Carter 45 years earlier.

"This Supreme Court is that bad," Newsom said. "The Bruen decision was that bad. When I say code red, this is code red. California's led the nation on common sense gun safety laws."

"And we have the receipts," Newsom added. "The efficacy of those laws is demonstrable. The data bears out — California's gun death rates significantly declined since California's leadership in this space."

The cause-and-effect relationship Newsom poses is questionable, because there are many other factors affecting violent crime. Moreover, the state's gun control laws are not as bulletproof as he implies.

California's assault rifle ban is something of a joke. The targeted firearms are readily available in gun stores after undergoing a few cosmetic alterations that do nothing about their lethality. While law-abiding gun owners must go through paper hoops to buy new firearms, there's a vigorous illicit market that allows the feloniously inclined to buy all the guns they want.

Like Brown's effort, Newsom's gun crusade is just a political stunt designed to garner him more national media attention. He has zero chance of getting his gun control amendment introduced, much less adopted, and he knows it.

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

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Test of Time



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Nearly 30 years ago I was an aspiring writer. Doug Lory was an aspiring actor.

Ken Hendricks was an aspiring filmmaker.

Call it what you will. I prefer to call it a God thing that brought us all together.

I wanted to write, Doug wanted act and Ken wanted to make movies.

Ken was a native North Dakotan so he wanted his movie to highlight our state's wonder and beauty.

A group of New York

actors and North Dakota actors were assembled to make 'Dakota SunRise'. A fledgling writer signed on as the film's public relations agent.

North Dakota's own Native American flutist and traditional storyteller Keith Bear brought to the production the Native culture for which Ken was looking.

While the movie ended up on a shelf somewhere, the bonds of friendship it created was its real success.

Doug, Keith and I became family. It's a family bond that has lasted these many years.

This past week, Doug returned to North Dakota to perform a his one-man show 'Merton and Me a Living Trilogy'.

The production was wonderful.

Doug brought with him his wife Alex and stepson Tom so that he could introduce to them the

people and the place he fell in love with so many years ago.

In turn we fell in love with them.

I am so very proud of the spiritual man Doug has become.

I knew a 25-year-old boy who didn't know how to shape a cowboy hat or ride a horse.

A young man wearing the now shaped hat returned to us. A writer, actor and NYC tour guide returned to us.

Keith shared powwow with the family. This New York City family were in awe of the event and of the magic that is Keith.

By the end of our visit we were assured that although the movie didn't make us famous it did launch our future careers.

Most importantly it gave to us each other. It was meant to give us the gift of each other for a lifetime. We are thankful.

Life is good today. ★

Chasing Joy

with Jeff Myers



Masterful Art

Commentary by Jeff Myers

I enjoy art. I'm not an expert by any means, but I know what I like. I've had the opportunity to visit a few of the world's great museums. Enjoying a museum can be tricky, especially if it's crowded. Most museums have an order and a flow that you're expected to follow and if you're not careful you'll find yourself walking out the exit with regrets. Why did I walk so fast? Why didn't I spend more time really soaking up that masterpiece?

When you allow yourself to be present before great art, it can move you in ways that stay with you. I've sat before art by Michelangelo and been moved to tears. The colors. The angles drawing your eyes where he wants them to focus. The emotion in the faces and definition in the figures. If you view the great works long enough you can begin to recognize the artist's other works instinctively.

God, in my humble opinion, is the greatest artist of all! I recognize his art all around me. There's no cathedral in Europe that can hold a candle to a cathedral grove of coast redwoods. No orchestra can come close to the music of the Pacific Ocean. No sculpture can

capture the beauty of humanity found in the laugh of a toddler or the forgiving of an offense.

The Apostle Paul put it this way. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

There it is. YOU are God's art! If there's a refrigerator in heaven, you're proudly displayed on it.

But we're not simply created to be displayed; we're created with a purpose. God pours all his artistry into each of us so that we can do good in this world. Each of us are completely original masterpieces. He's not churning out exact copies like many of today's artists. No, he creates each of us to uniquely accomplish his purposes. No one can do good the way you can do good!

Don't let anyone make you over into different or lesser art. Allow God to work through you in ways that he won't work through anyone else. You are beautifully and wonderfully made. This world needs the good works that you can bring to it. So go be the amazing art that God created you to be! Nobody else can do it.

Jeff Myers is Lead Pastor of Living Hope Church in Dixon, CA ★

Do You Know a Dixon Centurion?

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about centenarians – If you know of a centenarian, please email Centenarian@SolanoCounty.com and/or call (707) 784-3004 by or before September 4,

2023. Please relay the following information over the phone or in an email to the Supervisor, including (1) name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) and best contact email address. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001139

The following persons are doing business as: Vallejo Clay Workshop, 304 Georgia Street, Vallejo, CA 94590. Whitney Smith, 1559 El Dorado, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Date filed in Solano County: July 21, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 7/1/2023

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 July 20, 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: August 11, 18, 25, Sept 1, 2023

VALLEJO 9-1-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001226

The following persons are doing business as: SKI, 2576 Hutcheon Place, Fairfield, CA 94533. Satish Kumar Inc., 2576 Hutcheon Place, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: August 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 8/4/2023

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

after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 6, 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: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023

SKI 9-8-23

Phlebotomy, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G, Dixon, CA 95620.

Monarch Mobile Phlebotomy LLC, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G, Dixon, CA 95620 Date filed in Solano County: August 15, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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

the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 15, 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 August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023

MONARCH 9-15-23



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, AMENDING SECTIONS 5.01.030, 5.02.020, 5.02.030, 5.03.010, 5.03.020, 5.04.010, 5.04.020, 5.06.202, AND 5.06.050 OF TITLE 5, CONTRACTS, OF THE DIXON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY LIMITS AND TO UPDATE THE CITY'S CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT LIMITS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.) and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Sections 5.01.030, 5.02.020, 5.02.030, 5.03.010, 5.03.020, 5.04.010, 5.04.020, 5.06.020, and 5.06.050 of the Dixon Municipal Code ("Ordinance").

The Ordinance would increase the City's Purchasing Officer's authority to authorize and execute purchase agreements up to an amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Purchases beyond that amount would require City Council approval. Currently, the City's Purchasing Officer is the City Manager or a City employee authorized to act for the City Manager, and the Purchasing Officer is authorized to execute purchase agreements up to an amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The Purchasing Officer remains the same under the Ordinance, but the Ordinance would amend the sections of the Municipal Code that address the specific types of purchase agreements that the City enters into: the purchasing of supplies and nonprofessional services, professional services, and real property, to reflect the new purchasing limit of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The Ordinance would also update the City's requirements for the bidding and award of public projects, as defined in Public Contract Code section 22002, in compliance with the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, September 5, 2023, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against approval of the Ordinance. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking any action or making any recommendation related to the Ordinance. Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

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

Copies of the proposed Ordinance will be available, upon request. If you have any questions, please call the City at (707) 678-7000. Dixon Independent Voice 8-25-2023

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-004 amending Section 6.02.020, Business License Required and Section 6.02.030, Definitions, and adding Chapter 6.13, Sidewalk Vending to Title 6, Business Licenses and Regulations, of the Dixon Municipal Code to establish a Sidewalk Vending Program.

The Ordinance allows the City to regulate sidewalk vending in compliance with the requirements of Senate Bill 946. The Ordinance establishes the permitting process for sidewalk vendors, grounds for denying a permit, the ability for appeal, sidewalk vending operating requirements, and penalties for violations of the sidewalk vending program. The Ordinance also amends provisions of Chapter 6.02 to include sidewalk vendors as entities required to obtain a City business license, and to add and update pertinent definitions to the chapter.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 18th day of July 2023, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 15th day of August 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bogue, Ernest, Hendershot, Bird
NOES: None
ABSENT: Johnson
ABSTAIN: None

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixon.us.

Kristin M. Janisch
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Haunted Mansion Storm & Shade by Claudia Gray

Anyone who has visited any of the Disney Theme Parks knows the popularity of The Haunted Mansion ride. The large mansion, looming in the middle of New Orleans Square or even sitting atop a hill in Liberty Square, has been an icon to the parks and is now a feature of the major motion picture in theaters. Now pairing everything together, fans will be excited to grab a copy of *The Haunted Mansion Storm and Shade*.



◆ Publisher: Disney Publishing Group
◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
◆ Release Date: August 29, 2023

When Audrey Perez moves to a new neighborhood in New Orleans, she never expected there to be an actual haunted mansion down the street. But this house isn't like the typical run-down old house that ghost stories are told about; this mansion holds 999 ghost stories, to be precise.

Even though Audrey sometimes feels paralyzed by her anxiety, Audrey feels a pull to check out the mansion, as if she is being called from inside. Yet everything changed the moment she entered. At first, it was the weird wallpaper and a room that seemed to stretch, then the looming staircase above her, and

antique treasures around every corner. The mansion itself quickly became disorientating until she met the mansion's inhabitant, a young man named Sterling.

All too quickly, Audrey and her friends became swept up in the mansion's allure, opening themselves up to more than just a few haunting tales. As Audrey gets even more entangled, she must rely on her two new friends to save her. But just as they start to feel that they are solving the mansion's mystery, a dark storm arises, and they quickly learn that there is more to fear in the shadows, than the

ghostly inhabitants. Now it is up to Audrey and her friends to save Sterling and the mansion's ghosts, all while she tries to navigate a new school, new friends, and her changing relationship with her boyfriend, Chase.

"Welcome Foolish Mortals," to a story that will leave you with more than just a few grim grinning ghosts. Claudia Gray tantalizes her readers with a story of haunted proportions, complete with its own ghost host, floating crystal ball, and few familiar materializing ghosts. While this story takes place in the New Orleans haunted mansion, the storyline takes its own unique direction, introducing readers to new ghosts, new stories, and a whole cast of characters. The main character is a wonderful representation of a young woman struggling with anxiety, which leads to the character's growth and strength while being easy to identify with. Readers do not need to be fans of the movie or the ride to enjoy this story; this fun ghostly story will take readers on its own ride, no doom buggies required. ★



Riley Reviews

“STRAYS” RAUNCHY CANINE COMEDY;
“JACK RYAN” ON AMAZON PRIME

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“STRAYS” RATED R

A cute canine may be the star of “Strays” but that doesn't make for a family-friendly entertainment. With far more profanity than the average Samuel L. Jackson film, this one is rated R so hard that it veers to the edge of being an X.

Who knew that dogs could be ruthlessly potty-mouthed? Not the naive, hopelessly optimistic Border Terrier named Reggie (voiced by Will Ferrell). Wait until he is stranded in the big city and meets a new four-legged friend who drops F-bombs almost every other word.

Living with jobless bum Doug (Will Forte), Reggie happens to be oblivious that his uncaring, drug-addled owner is a miserable lowlife with no regard for his well-being.

Doug calls Reggie names that one might save for a profanity-laced tirade. Reggie enjoys a daily routine of playing fetch with a tennis ball, which is really Doug's intention of abandoning his pet far from home.

Dissatisfied with Reggie always finding his way home, the heartless sleazeball owner drives for hours to drop Reggie on the mean streets of a distant city. Ever the optimist, Reggie is certain his beloved owner would never leave him on purpose.

However, Reggie falls in with a fast-talking, foul-mouthed Boston Terrier named Bug (Jamie Foxx), a stray who loves his freedom and believes owners are for suckers, especially when the owner is a total dirtbag like Doug.

With newfound friends, Reggie comes to realize that he was in a toxic, abusive relationship with his owner and becomes determined to seek revenge that Bug is only too thrilled to encourage.

Reggie and Bug are joined by Bug's pals – Maggie (Isla Fisher), a smart Australian Shepherd who has been sidelined by her owner's new puppy, and Hunter (Randall Park), a nervous Great Dane who's stressed out by his work as an emotional support animal for seniors.

A former police dog who failed on the job, Hunter's great size is deceptive because he's pretty much petrified by any form of confrontation and looks silly wearing a cone. If only he had the swagger of the diminutive Bug.

Some of the wild antics have already been seen in the trailer, but there is much to be said for the physical performances of the pooches, to say nothing of their giddy crudeness in plotting retribution.

Hatching the revenge plot reveals a scheme that would result in a sense of dread as the dogs want to make Doug pay by biting off his favorite

appendage. We're not talking about body parts connected to extremities.

“Strays” is the antidote to sappy canine films like “Marley & Me” and “A Dog's Journey.” To be sure, there is plenty of crude humor but also a lot of funny gags and the absurdity derived from canine comportment.

Whatever your choice, don't take young kids to this movie. You may have a hard time explaining why Bug likes humping a ratty old couch and other inanimate objects.

“JACK RYAN: SEASON 4” ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

All good things in a popular series come to an end eventually, and that's the case for “Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan: The Final Season” streaming on Amazon Prime Video. John Krasinski's Dr. Jack Ryan takes his fourth and last turn as CIA analyst climbing the ranks of the Agency.

In the first season, Ryan starts off at a desk job before going into the field chasing an Islamic extremist, and then ends up in the midst of political intrigue in a corrupt Venezuela in the second season.

The third season took the more conventional route of a spy thriller of us versus the Russians. It might be Putin's dream to revive the Soviet Union by starting a nuclear war in Europe. We're uncomfortably close to that now in the assault on Ukraine.

A key player at the CIA is Ryan's mentor and former boss James Greer (Wendell Pierce), who should be cashing in for a nice retirement but is seemingly drawn to the action like a moth to the flame.

The opening of the final season is most uncomfortable for Ryan, as he's seen bound and cloaked in a Myanmar black site to be tortured by unknown terrorists. Does this have anything to do with the flashback to the assassination of the Prime Minister of Lagos?

Meanwhile, the murder plot carried out by assassins linked to Bill Tuttle (Michael McElhatton), an ex-CIA operative and Army Ranger, is connected to Chao Fah (Louis Ozawa), a Myanmar drug kingpin and casino owner who wants the port of Lagos being used by his Silver Lotus Triad.

Political intrigue enters the picture when Ryan, as Acting Deputy Director, and his old Rome station boss Elizabeth Wright (Betty Gabriel), Acting Director, face Senate confirmation to make their positions permanent.

Michael Pena's mysterious Chavez brings a twist to this chapter with his infiltration into a Mexican cartel with ties to a terrorist outfit. His involvement with the CIA adds another layer of intrigue that makes “Jack Ryan” a truly watchable finale to the series. ★

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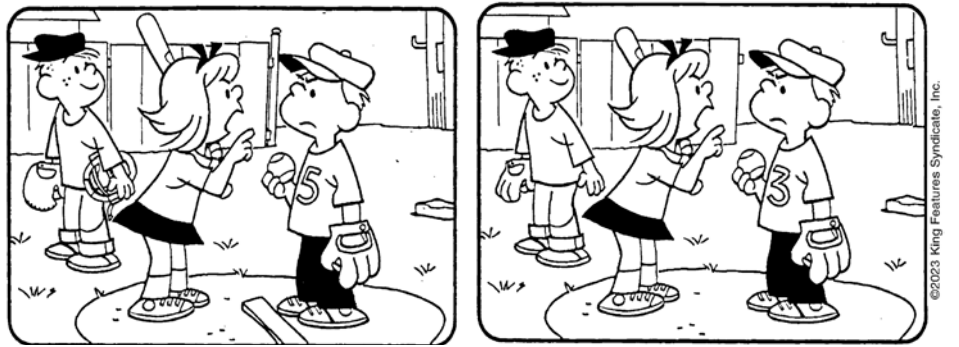
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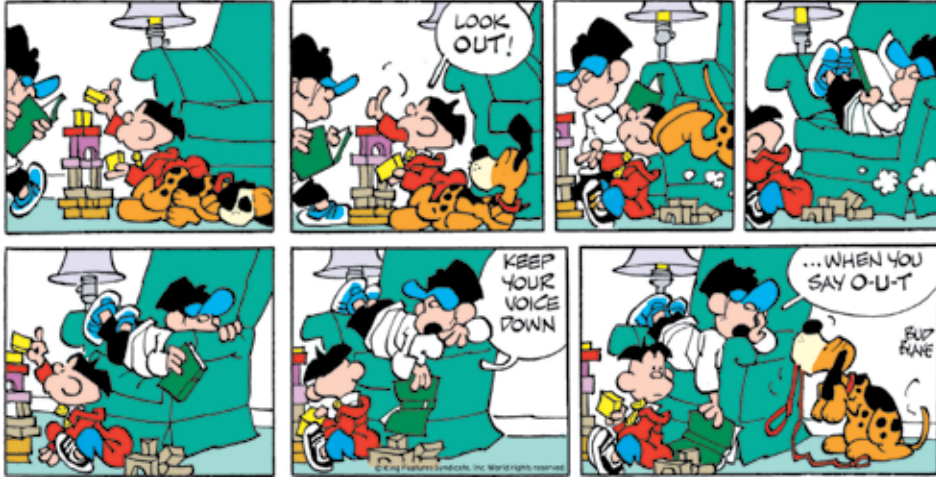


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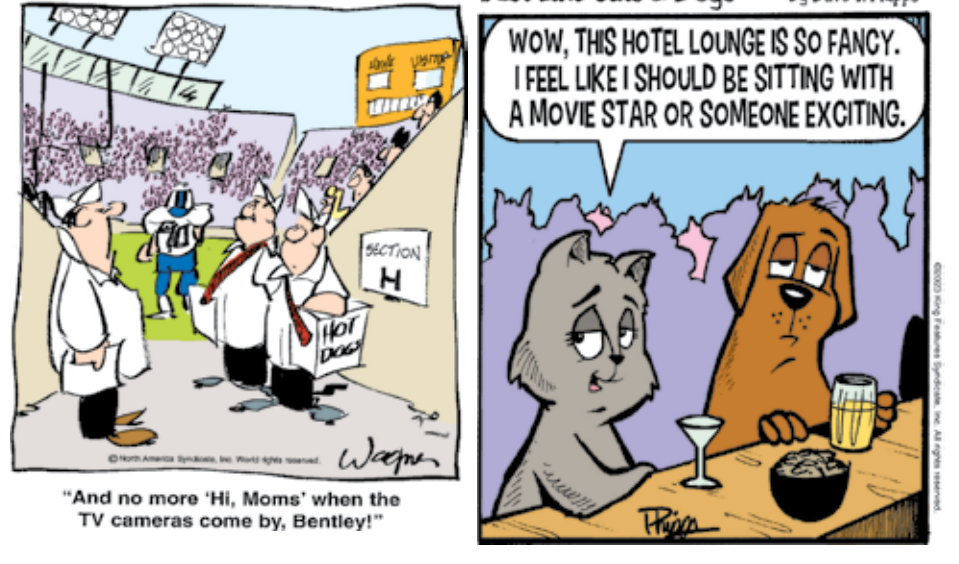


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California Capital Airshow Flies Back at Mather

By Tamara Warta

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The popular California Capital Airshow is back at Mather this September, featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds as its headlining act. The airshow was founded in 2014 and, with the exception of a pause for COVID-19, has been entertaining enthusiasts annually with a variety of modern and historic planes.

This year's airshow is happening on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24. Admission costs are \$40-\$50 per ticket, but each ticket comes with up to 6 free admissions for youth aged 15 and younger, making it a reasonable deal for entire families who want to enjoy the marvels of air travel and military planes. Tickets are valid for only one day of the airshow, with most acts performing on both days.

Unlike prior years, 2023 tickets are only available online. There will be no onsite sales, and space is limited for both general and VIP ticketing options. High-end tickets used to include a grandstand and bleacher option, but this year has been converted into a new location called The Hangar. This brand-new chalet offers both indoor and outdoor seating areas along the front line of the shows, and also includes private restroom access, beer tasting, and access to food truck purchases. Those willing to spend more can also join the Flight Line and Capital clubs, both of which provide catered food and beverages, as well as premium seating areas.

If you're attending the show on a budget, don't worry. While you must find your own seating, there are plenty of perks to still enjoy both on the ground and by gazing up at the sky. Ground level entertainment this year includes vintage combat aircraft and trainers including warbirds that date back to the 1930s. Beale Airforce Base will also be represented at the show, bringing a Lockheed U-2 'Dragon Lady' and T-38 Talons to admire. Children and families will enjoy the opportunity to walk through a large military transport plane as well as the impressively large cargo holds of the FedEx and UPS planes parked onsite. Lastly, public safety workers and first responders will be interacting with guests, teaching young guests how planes and helicopters are used to save lives.

While there's certainly a lot to do on the ground, the real show is overhead. The airshow features both individual plane hobbyists and professional fighter jet pilots. This year's headliner, the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, will roar through the sky in their F-16 Fighting Falcon jets. Their close formations are captivating but new airshow attendees be warned



Above: The Thunderbirds show off in the sky during 2022's air show. Inset: Young air show attendees learn how military planes fly. Photo courtesy of California Capital Airshow

— these planes get loud. Consider bringing noise-canceling headphones for young viewers as well as those of any age that are sensitive to sound.

The rest of the airshow lineup includes the US Air Force C-17 Globemaster III Demonstration Team, a US Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet TacDemo, a US Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II, a 1920s-era Barnstormer, and stunt flyer Jim Peitz in a rare Beechcraft F33C Bonanza.

The California Capital Airshow is meticulously organized in order to successfully welcome thousands of guests each year but is also powered strongly by volunteers. Adults aged 18 and older are invited to join in on the fun of volunteering.

"Airshow volunteers play a vital role in supporting CCA's mission to inspire young people using the power and magic of flight," says Darcy Brewer, Executive Director of California Capital Airshow. "They build a great deal of community around this, all while experiencing the behind-the-scenes excitement of producing a massive event."

Volunteers run booths, direct parking, provide information to guests, and so much more. All volunteers receive food vouchers and a commemorative airshow crew t-shirt. Both individuals and groups volunteer each year, but not always without a bit of controversy. The airshow committee actively recruits non-profit groups to raise funds for their own causes by working the parking lot on both Saturday and Sunday. The non-profits receive \$45 per day, per volunteer. The shifts are 11 hours long and no split shifts are permitted.

Tonia Clark was one to call out the airshow on social media. In responding to a recent post asking for non-profit help she said, "That's less than \$5 hour...while it is great that you're helping nonprofits, it appears that it is a pretty good deal for the airshow, considering minimum wage is \$15.50/hr. Are you helping nonprofits or taking advantage of them?"

The airshow has publicly responded in the past, reminding critics that they themselves are a non-profit and are doing what they can to give back to the community, including the aforementioned funds disbursement and also a scholarship program.

Overall, the California Capital Airshow is a quality outing for all ages. Consider coming out and exploring the world of aviation and air defense. But bring your sunscreen and hats, as the warm Sacramento sun will likely be in attendance, too. Tickets can be purchased at californiacapitalairshow.com. ★

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