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Breakfast with the Bunny



Chipper from the California Highway Patrol and Mr. Bunny pose for pictures at last year's Kiwanis Easter celebration but this year, the Breakfast with the Bunny is back and will be this Saturday, April 9 from 9 to 11 am at the Dixon Moose Lodge. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Celebrate spring with a floppy-eared friend at the upcoming annual Kiwanis 'Breakfast with the Bunny,' an event sure to delight children of all ages, hosted in downtown Dixon at the Dixon Moose Lodge on Saturday, April 9. It will start at 9 am with the last breakfast served at 11 am.

The big, white furry rabbit has a sweet smile and loves children and

although the date and place have changed this year, Mr. Bunny will happily greet children just as the many years before. Families are invited to attend the pancake breakfast which will include plenty of pancakes, sausage, orange slices, milk and coffee. According to the Moose Lodge Cooking Crew, the pancakes will be perfect.

The Dixon Kiwanis Club got some big help this year from the Dixon Moose Lodge and Grocery Outlet

along with the Dixon High School Key Club students.

This year, the club is having Mr. Bunny be more interactive out on the dining floor and letting parents take more candid photos with cell phones with him but they will also have a spring backdrop area, too, for little ones who prefer simplicity and not overly large rabbits, according to Kiwanis president Mike Liu who is looking forward to his first bunny

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Downtown Dixon Gets New Board

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - After two years of a skeleton crew of volunteers keeping downtown Dixon promoted, eight business men and women were voted to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Dixon Business Association and immediately got busy setting the calendar of their popular events.

Jill Orr, owner of Dawson's will serve as President, Susan Motley of Motley Realty is Vice President, and Tye McDaniel of Almond Tree Mortgage will be Secretary/Treasurer. Board members at-large will be Rebecca Robinson of Uptown Collective, Edith Virgen of First Northern Bank, Angela Meisenheimer of Remark Realty, Tonyah Everhart of Dixon Financial & Insurance Services, and Mykayla Guerra of Dawson's.

They will begin work on ensuring bylaws are followed and/or updated if needed and will be meeting with the City of Dixon Police Department with regard to handling traffic and safety requirements for the downtown gatherings.

They also confirmed dates of events after hearing member comments and ideas. Those dates for the Wine and Art Stroll will be Saturday, August 20, the BeerFest will be Saturday, October 15, and the Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Thursday, December 1.

Matt Andrews, owner of Frosty's and La Familia Food Truck along with Andria Aguilera of A-List Boutique will team up to coordinate the Wine and Art Stroll and the Beerfest. Both businesses are in the heart of the downtown core, and both have ideas of events they've wanted to see here, they said, so happily stepped up to create a duo-team effort for both events.

The date for the Halloween Treat Trail was not yet set pending verification of school in or out of session and coordination with the Chamber for their event held in their parking lot.

The mission of the DDBA is to enhance the business environment and promote the revitalization of downtown as the cultural center of the community.

Membership and its benefits will be emailed with an update for new businesses or ones with new emails. For more information about the DDBA, call (707) 678-8400 or contact one of the above Directors. ★

Senior Resource Fair Coming



These are the folks that help coordinate the annual Senior Resource Fair that helps connect senior citizens with a variety of services. Sitting are: Cookie Powell, Barbara Long, and Peggy Beebe. Standing in back are: Sara Villec, Mary Lou Batchelor, Nancy Wells, Phillis Nixon, Dave Johnson, Virginia Fletcher, Yvonne McCluskey and Duane Worden. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Concerned with the elderly of Dixon who may not be aware of the many resources available to them, a group of a dozen folks—all seniors themselves—are working to put together the 19th annual Senior Resource Fair which is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 10 am to 1 pm at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center.

Information and resources from a variety of participants including recreation, benefits, utilities, transportation,

fitness nutrition, health care, safety and elderly law to name a few. Participants are usually treated to free blood pressure and diabetes checks, eye exams, and hearing checks.

"This year will be a little different because it is the first time out after the pandemic so we are allowing more room," said event coordinator MaryLou Batchelor who got involved with the group several years ago when her husband was the mayor and he asked her to go 'sit in' on a few meetings when he had conflicts in his schedule.

"So I went and when he was done, I just stayed," she said. "I like it because I've developed new friendships—because we walk in different circles. They are people who really care about seniors and really want to reach out to them." Originally, the Dixon Advocates for Seniors used to be a subgroup of Dixon Family Services but became their own entity and would get together once a year to organize this one event.

But then, that group was getting small and so was the Dixon Senior Club which offered an

official non-profit status helpful to the Resource Fair. So, they decided to join forces.

"Bessie Miller (who has since passed) used to do everything when I moved here in 2011," said Barbara Long, Dixon Senior Club Membership Chair. "We were all trying to do the same thing but with us all working on it, it made it a little easier and MaryLou does a great job. She's very organized!" They've learned a few things and have it all down to a science of three pages of 'tasks' which they

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Life's too SHORT



U.S. Treasury Refund now at 30 Years

By Debra Dingman

The United States Treasury is taking very good care of everyone's money. We know this because they have done such a great job of tracking my husband down for at least 30 years—since we've been married 25 years, and he was divorced 5 years prior.

In their attempts to refund him 30 cents, the original tax refund, they have spent a first-class postage rate under permit G-4 every year and have added interest—believe it or not. This year's check is now up to \$1.02.

It is clearly addressed to my husband but also the maiden name of his ex-wife. We would contact his ex-wife but we don't know her remarried last name or where she lives nor do we really think this amount of refund is worth any effort. But, no doubt, the IRS thinks it is...

I never planned to have an annual ritual of inventing various ways to destroy a check, but we always have fun with it now. We gave up trying to return it,

call them, or write them years ago. It didn't do any good. Maybe they also felt the amount was too little to warrant their attention.

At first, we tried to return it by writing different things across the front, but it always came back or disappeared entirely and we'd think it was finally resolved but then the following year, there it was again. One year, in exasperation, I wrote "Deceased." That didn't work either.

We have had show-it-to-all-our-friends parties, rip-it-to-shred parties, burn-it parties, run-over-it parties, pin-the-torch-on-Lady-Liberty parties, and let's-make-our-own-stationery parties.

What I wish we would have done, though, now that I have hindsight, is I wish we could have saved them all. They would have made a colorful fan to use during the summer months. Or, we could have made a poster with decoupage. It would have been a topic of conversation for sure.

You would think if it wasn't cashed within 60

days like most businesses do, they would wipe it off their books. This is how we know the U.S. Treasury can be trusted. They want to make sure you get your tax refund—no matter how small.

It does say right on the check that it is void after one year, but it keeps coming back year after year after year. Hubby wants to know why it is not fully voided.

If you fill out any tax forms long hand, we want to encourage you to be very precise with your handwriting and make sure your numbers can be read by the Treasury because all of this was probably just because my husband has poor penmanship. I can never tell the zero from a six, etc. I'm sure that was the case. They probably just misread it because he is very good at calculating numbers and taxes although he stopped using long hand years ago. Other than special cards, of course.

This year, I've decided to start saving them in a special file so I can make that poster when I'm 80. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Shop owner Andria Aguilera shows a sweet sampling of children's Easter books which can be found at the new retail store, A-List Boutique Women's apparel and accessories, at the corner of First and A Streets. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Easter Books

A sweet selection of adorable Easter books is for sale at the A-List Boutique—perfect for putting in Easter baskets. This is the new store located at the corner of First and A Street formerly housed by a Barber Shop. Andria Aguilera wanted quality books with sweet messages for children at reasonable prices. You'll find them there.

City Planning

Planning Commission meets this Tuesday, April 12. at 7 pm at City Hall. Learn more about what is happening in Dixon by attending City Council, City Planning, Parks and Recreation Commission or the Transportation Advisory Commission and comment. Your thoughts and opinions want to be heard and do matter, according to a couple of the City Council reps. See agendas on the City of Dixon website.

Spring Vendor Fairs

The new business, The Creative Space, is hosting an 'Eggciting Easter Market and Crafts,' on Saturday, April 16 at their new location at 160 West Street in downtown Dixon. Time will be 11 am to 3 pm. There will be free Easter bunny pictures and Easter crafts for children, too.

There is another vendor fair planned for April 23, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Tremont Elementary Parking lot. There will be books for all ages to purchase and other goods as well. Booth space is a \$30 donation and Kona Ice will be present as well. Contact Jennifer Roman via Facebook.

Lawyer Downtown

Jaimee Jones, a lawyer serving Dixon for several years now has recently

relocated to downtown Dixon next to Bud's Pub in the front part of the building that used to house Jay's Safety Lane at 160 South First Street. The back part of the building is rented by an Electrician.

Scholarship Fundraiser

A choice of Prime Rib, Tri Tip, Fresh Salmon, Chicken, or Pasta Primavera is on the menu of the International Order of Odd Fellows Fundraising Dinner at Bud's Pub on Monday, April 18 from 4 to 9 pm. Tickets are only a \$30 donation with proceeds going to the club's Scholarship Fund for Dixon high students.

There will also be raffle prizes awarded that evening and you don't have to be present to win so enjoy bidding on the great selection before or after your dinner. Tickets are available at Bud's Pub, 100 South First Street or from any Odd Fellow from Montezuma Lodge 172 Dixon.

Lions Barbecue

The Lions Club will be hosting another Barbecue Fundraiser on Saturday, April 23 from 4 to 7 pm. This is a great value of \$15 per meal which includes Tri-tip, beans, potato salad, and a dinner roll. All proceeds help fund scholarships for Dixon High School students.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Scott Smith at (916) 806-7451 or contact any Lions Club member.

Dinner at Vet Hall

This Friday, the regular veterans dinner at the Veterans Memorial Hall will be Fish Fry. Dinner is from 6-8 pm but regulars know food has been sold out in the past so if you want some great dinner; sooner is better for a very affordable donation of only \$10 unless it's steak, then it's \$15. The address is 1305 North First Street, right next to Central Auto Parts. ★

Senior Resource Fair Coming

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reviewed at an organizational meeting last week.

"It is a good feeling for all of us to put this on," said Batchelor. "The last two years have been really hard on [our seniors] and if nothing else, they can get out and talk to other people. This is a good way to step back in and see how it is received," added Batchelor. Some are expected to come in wheelchairs, and they want to make sure they provide plenty of room so this year there will be about 20 vendors and the center of the room will be open, she explained, adding that Jean

Houseman from the City of Dixon has been especially helpful.

The advocates encourage everyone to talk to their senior relative, friend, or neighbor that could benefit from the day of information and fun.

"People need to get out; it's important," emphasized Long. "Nobody wants to get sick but we need to be able to do these things and socialize." There will also be a raffle, some simple refreshments, and a live instrumentalist or two. The Dixon Senior Center is located at 201 South 5th Street near the public pool. For more information, call Jean Houseman at (707) 678-7022. ★



Dixon senior setter Ernesto Arias spike the ball over the net during a 3-0 win against Casa Roble on Wednesday, March 30 in Dixon. Photo courtesy of Nicolas Brown

Dixon Boy's Volleyball Team's Win Streak Reaches 7

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon High School boy's varsity volleyball team won their seventh match in a row on Wednesday, March 30, sweeping all three sets from Casa Roble.

The Rams (8-1, 5-0 Golden Empire League) have been dominant recently, going five straight matches without dropping a single set. Casa Roble

(5-5, 4-2) came into the match on a winning streak of their own at five, before losing in straight sets.

Dixon now currently has the week off for spring break. The Rams will return to the court on Monday when they play at winless Woodland (0-5, 0-5) at 6 P.M. The next home game at the DHS gym is a week later against Vacaville Christian (6-4, 5-2 Sierra Delta) on Monday, April 18 at 6 P.M. ★

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Breakfast with the Bunny



Kiwanis members share the spotlight with the Easter Bunny at last year's Bunny photo ops. But this year, the Bunny Breakfast is back and will be April 9, from 9 to 11 am at the Dixon Moose Lodge. Photo by Debra Dingman

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breakfast in Dixon. Last year, and due to COVID, the club held a large Bunny Photo Backdrop event at Almond Tree Mortgage that created some happy memories, he said.

The Kiwanis members are participating in an international mission to get more children reading for joy with their program called, 'Read Around the World.' The Dixon volunteers, including Dixon High School's Key Club, will have a variety of books on spring and Easter on the dining tables as well as color crayons for

children to decorate their placemats.

The event will be held rain or shine at 180 West B Street across from First Northern Bank's parking lot.

Meals are \$5 each and children under two are free with families who purchase meals. There is a \$10 all-you-eat plate for extra-big eaters. Proceeds benefit local endeavors for children and youth. For more information, call Club President Mike Liu at (707) 635-3303 or email dixonkiwanis@hotmail.com. There is also information on the Kiwanis of Dixon Facebook site. ★

Foot Loose Meets Urban Cowboy in ABC Showdown

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The bright promise of an upscale Whiskey Bar to bring a potentially thriving regional nightlife spot to downtown Dixon is dimming thanks to a voiceful elderly resident of downtown, downtown neighbors, and the pastors of Calvary Chapel Church to stop it.

The Whiskey Barrel 707 was planned for the former Bank of America location that has sat empty for the past five years and would offer music and dancing on Friday and Saturday evenings.

"We are preparing to open a brews, blues and whiskey tasting room, and live music venue. While we will have a fully stocked bar, the specialty whiskey/whisky tasting will be in the old bank vault, equipped with a fireplace and old rustic lounge furniture (think 1940's cigar club)," posted Tiffany Fabiani-Renger, who with her husband Edward own the business. Edward Renger applied for the alcohol permit.

When Ginger Emerson, a former City Council candidate, spoke against the venue at the City Planning Commission, her 11-page letter with 21-page supporting documents had a focus on wrongful notice to the public and more so, the over saturation of liquor licenses in the downtown core citing there were already too many. She also complained of "drunkards urinating on her front porch."

Emerson is a downtown resident living a few blocks from the Pardi Plaza, which is actually a block closer to her home. The new bar will be used for numerous events and assemblies in the near future, many of which will feature alcohol. Currently, Bud's Pub, Dawson's, Luke's Lounge, Pip Wine Bar and

The Frying Pan all have permits to serve alcohol.

Fabiani-Renger, who served four years on Dixon's Planning Commission and who also served on the Northeast Quadrant and the Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committees, was more than prepared to address any issues and with the Commissioners feeling satisfied the concerns that had been addressed, all but one approved. Commissioner Loraine Hernandez-Covello wanted more public oversight to the makeup of the sound wall/property boundary, to come back for approval to ensure it was an efficient barrier.

When the project went to the City Council for approval on March 15, with endorsement from Raffi Boloyan, Community Development Director, most comments were expressed with optimism and excitement for the establishment to bring new "synergy" to the downtown core. It passed 4-0 with Dist. 2 Rep Jim Ernest absent.

There were nine letters appealing to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Concerns included children walking to school on B Street which is designated a "safe route for schools," the residential apartments on the other side of the alley, and traffic on busy highway 113 among others. They have been reviewed and four will be presented in a hearing with ABC this week, according to Fabiani-Renger.

The four letters are from Emerson, Deborah Allen, and two are from the same church, Calvary Chapel, that was able to purchase a long-abandoned movie theater in 2003 in the center of the main block of downtown, despite some business organizations felt it was an inappropriate place for a church. It has thrived although it is sandwiched

between two liquor-serving businesses: Pip Wine Bar that serves charcuterie board refreshments and The Frying Pan that serves Japanese cuisine.

"A night club just doors down will create excessive noise in our venue and interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the church property," Donna Brock, the Pastor's wife, wrote. She also noted that a pastor lives on site and music till 2 am would be disruptive to sleep. Allen wanted a traffic study.

"So much of our proposed business is related to entertainment and creating a safe gathering place for adults in Dixon," said Fabiani-Renger. "We're very limited if we can't get an approval on our use permit. It would be very difficult to create our primary atmosphere without our ABC license that would bring revenue and tax dollars to the city."

Fabiani-Renger said Emerson has picked up on some words that in another era meant dirty and perhaps in this generation, "skanky," but was meant to be a "fun Facebook announcement" alongside photos of elegant velvet green lounging seats and crafted cocktails she posted on Facebook.

Emerson did not want to comment.

"I'm really frustrated," she said. "Our lot is private. It will be beautifully landscaped and have an abundance of security. We intend to operate a classy establishment. For us, a regional draw is significant. If you can't have music or dancing or karaoke, it wouldn't make sense for us to continue. We're facing adversity but it doesn't mean we're defeated. There is a public process for a reason and we'll go through it - and the end goals for downtown will prevail." The hearing for their appeal is April 19. ★





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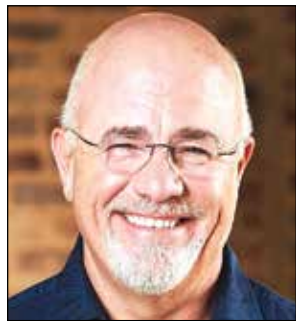
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Dave Ramsey Says

financial responsibility and the importance of education are great things. It sounds like your son is a bright, motivated young man, too.

I talk to adults all the time who are decades older, but still don't grasp the concepts of maturity and responsibility like this kid does already. With the kind of start you're giving him, I think he's going to grow up to be a very successful adult. Keep up the good work, and let that young man know how proud you both are of him!

– Dave

The Idea's the Same

Dear Dave,

I own a small business. How much should I have in a business emergency fund when my annual sales are around \$100,000? Currently, I have two months of expenses set aside.

– Theresa

Dear Theresa,

Generally, I like the idea of small businesses having about six months of expenses on hand. That kind of cushion usually eliminates the need for borrowing money. It also

provides peace of mind. And if you've been an entrepreneur very long, you know that's an invaluable thing.

Having a personal emergency fund set aside is a little different than having one in place for your business. When it comes to personal finance, I recommend having three to six months of expenses set aside. The basic idea is the same, though. A fully-funded emergency fund gives you an option – besides debt – when unexpected things happen!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

I Wouldn't Go That Far

Dear Dave,

Our son is in high school, and he has a part-time job. He makes good grades, and we have always tried to teach him how to save and handle money according to your advice. He has even managed to set aside a few thousand dollars for college. My wife and I were talking the other night, and I brought up the idea of charging him a small amount for rent, maybe just \$20 or \$25 a month, to help him be even better prepared for the real world. What do you think about this?

– Keith

Dear Keith,

I appreciate the fact that you're looking for teachable moments. But making a high school kid pay rent? No, that's a little over the top.

Listen, you and your wife are already way ahead of a lot of parents. Teaching him



State Allocates Funds for Repairs to Friant-Kern Canal

The California Department of Water Resources allocated nearly \$30 million this month to repair segments of the Friant-Kern Canal. The 152-mile-long canal delivers water to 1 million acres of farmland from Fresno to Bakersfield. A critical 33-mile stretch in eastern Tulare County has been damaged by land subsidence, which threatens the canal's carrying capacity. Repairs are expected to total nearly \$300 million, with completion in 2024.

Farmers Markets Get State Grants for Healthy Foods

Farmers markets are receiving \$750,000 in state grants to facilitate purchases of California-grown fruit and vegetables for low-income residents, including seniors. Funds from the state Department of Food and Agriculture's California Nutrition Incentive Program will go to 100 farmers markets in the Los Angeles area, the Bay Area, and San Bernardino, Tulare, Butte, Shasta and Tehama counties. The grants seek to increase access to healthy foods and expand markets for farmers.

Chico State Agriculture Team Wins in 'Export Market Challenge'

Agriculture students from California State University, Chico won top prizes this month in competitions in which students evaluate export opportunities for food and other farm products. Chico State team members Kurt Sheppard, Zion Brigham and Erin Harley combined to win regional and national awards in the 2022 Agricultural Export Market Challenge, hosted by the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service. The team won for a fictitious project on cattle feed to reduce methane emissions.

Viticulture Students from UC Davis get a Surprise Victory in Beer Making

Viticulture and enology students at the University of California, Davis have produced the winning beer entry in the campus' 2022 Iron Brew competition. The team, which also included a chemical engineering student, formulated a complex, easy-drinking Scottish export ale to win the annual event. Their entry was a dark, malty beer with caramel and toffee flavors. The triumphant brewing exercise surprised the teammates. "We study wine," said team member Moises Gomez. "All of this is new to us." ★

Spring Fling Coming to Winters

By Linda Glick

WINTERS, CA (MPG) - The Winters Theatre Company is celebrating Spring with a live joyous performance of five short light-hearted plays by new playwrights.

Live musical interludes by the Yolo Ramblers, will fill out the program. Come

join us at the historic 1886 Winters Opera House, in Downtown Winters, April 23rd at 8pm.

Reserved tickets can be purchased at our website www.winterstheatre.org. Limited tickets will be available at the door on a first come first basis. All seats will be \$12. Call 530-795-4014 for more info. ★

New Business Owners Invited to Apply for Dream Grants

SBDC Press Release

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - Grants of up to \$10,000 will soon be available to new business owners in California through a new initiative called the Dream Fund. The NorCal SBDC Network is teaming up with the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz) to provide eligible small businesses the opportunity to apply for a grant award of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The \$35 million NorCal SBDC Dream Fund Training Program is open to all businesses that started on or after July 1, 2019. All businesses that meet the eligibility criteria are required to complete a small business training program provided by NorCal SBDC before applying for a microgrant of up to \$10,000.

Eligibility requirements include: 1. Must be a business registered in California after July 1, 2019. 2. Must be currently in business by the end of this program, meaning the business has made a first sale, hired at least one employee, has created a business banking relationship, or has spent money on business expenses. 3. Business must complete all required training. 4. Business must complete at least one one-on-one counseling session with a SBDC advisor

There is no deadline to apply for the Dream Fund, but the grant program will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. The

first training series, set to include approximately 500 business owners, starts on April 7. Once that class is full, applicants will be enrolled in the June training session. If funding is still available in the fall, there will be a third training session in October.

For those that enter the Dream Fund Training Program, training sessions will occur as live webinar broadcasts. There will be seven webinars of between 90 minute and three hours in length, offered over a course of five weeks.

All eligible participants who complete training and counseling before funds are fully expended will be recommended to apply for a Dream Fund grant through the state's funding partner, Lendistry. Completing the training does not guarantee a business owner a grant award.

Businesses will be able to apply for up to \$10,000. The grant amount is predetermined by the program rules and is based on business type: \$10,000 each for Brick-and-Mortar; Childcare; Construction Trades; Green Technology/Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Professional/Scientific/Technical; and Agriculture, Wildfire Mitigation/Forestry.

There is \$5,000 each available for E-Commerce/Marketplace; Service/Cottage Industry; and Small Lab/Makers Space. For more information on the Dream Fund, visit www.norcaldbdc.org/dream. ★





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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000383

The following persons are doing business as: MY FRIEND'S HOUSE YOUTH SERVICES 267 Bennett Hill Court Vacaville, CA 94688. Vacaville Solano Services Corporation, Date Filed in Solano County: March 4, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A 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 March 3, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022
 FRIENDS 4-8-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000388

The following persons are doing business as: JAMZ CONSTRUCTION 1101 Horizon Drive Suite 106 Fairfield, CA 94533. The Window Guild, LLC, Date Filed in Solano County: March 4, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business

under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 3, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022
 JAMZ 4-8-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000396

The following persons are doing business as: BULLSEYE OUTLET 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue #215 Fairfield, CA 94533. Bullseye Outlet, Date Filed in Solano County: March 7, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 6, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022
 BULLSEYE 4-8-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000425

The following persons are doing business as: Perseus Automotive 225 Concord Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533. Miguel Angel Sanchez., 225 Concord Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533. Date Filed in Solano County: March 9, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A 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 8, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 1 8, 15, and 22, 2022
 PERSEUS 4-22-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000582

The following persons are doing business as: Maganda Media Management 509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620. Katrina Marsh, 509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620 and James Young, 909 Breton Drive Fairfield, CA 94533. Date Filed in Solano County: March 30, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/25/2022 This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. 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 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022
 KATRINA 4-29-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000261

The following persons are doing business as: Busy Bee Yoga 1115 Stratford Avenue Suite D Dixon, CA 95620. Katrina Marsh, 1115 Stratford Avenue Suite D Dixon, CA 95620. Date Filed in Solano County: February 15, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 10/25/2021 This Business is conducted by: A 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 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022
 BUSY 4-29-22

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 2022 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

April 1, 2022

In April 2021, the City of Dixon (City) surpassed the 3,000-customer connection threshold for classification as an urban water supplier and is therefore required to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Section 10610 et seq.). The UWMP is a planning document, which reports, describes, and evaluates water deliveries and uses, water supply sources, and conservation efforts. The UWMP also includes the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The WSCP includes a discussion of the City's management and planned actions to respond to actual water shortage conditions.

Materials: The City's Draft 2022 UWMP and WSCP are now available for public review and comment. A copy of the draft plans and update are available for review on the City's website at www.cityofdixon.us.

Public Hearing: City Council will hold a Public Hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to take public comment on the Draft 2022 UWMP and WSCP. The City Council is anticipated to consider adoption of the City's 2022 UWMP and WSCP at their following meeting on May 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Meeting details will be posted on the City's website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Public Comments: We welcome public comments, either written or spoken. You may send questions or comments regarding the Draft 2022 UWMP and WSCP to Josh Hudson, Water Operations Supervisor for the City of Dixon, at jhudson@cityofdixon.us or call 530.682.3265. All comments must be received by the City by the close of the Public Hearing on April 19, 2022.

Dixon Independent Voice 4-1 and 4-8-2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

CITYWIDE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

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 19, 2022, 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 2021 All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 19, 2022, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule based on the December 2021 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 Council district boundaries. 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 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

DATED: April 8, 2022

Dixon Independent Voice 4-8-22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

In accordance with the Government Code section 54953(d) and City of Dixon City Council Resolution No. 22-018, the Dixon City Council will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: **178 North First Street (Whiskey Barrel 707)** - Appeal of the Dixon Planning Commission's March 8, 2022 decision conditionally approving a Conditional Use Permit (PA 21-36/UP 21-02) to allow for a new pub/lounge that would also have a permanent outdoor seating area in downtown Dixon; APN: 0115-082-090; Zoning District: Downtown Commercial (CD); Tiffany Fabiani (owner)/Edward Renger (applicant); Ginger Emerson/Old Town Neighbors (appellant); File No: PA 22-15, APL-01.

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Sections 15301 and 15311, [Existing Facilities and Accessory Structures]. If the City Council determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm.** This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact **Scott Greeley, Associate Planner** at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or sgreeley@cityofdixon.us. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing either in person or remotely to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the appeal.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, City Council, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the City Council and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand" 2) via teleconference press "9, or 3) email comments/questions to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us

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

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

Dixon Independent Voice April 8, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DIXON AMENDING SECTION 2.09.020, REMOVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER, OF CHAPTER 2.09, CITY OFFICIALS, OF TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION, AND ADDING SECTION 2.09.110, REMOVAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO CHAPTER 2.09, CITY OFFICIALS, OF TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE DIXON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE PROCESS FOR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR REMOVAL FROM HOLDING AN APPOINTED OFFICE OF CITY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE 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 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.), and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Section 2.09.020, Removal of the City Manager, of Chapter 2.09, City Officials, of Title 2, Administration, and adding Section 2.09.110, Removal of the City Attorney, to Chapter 2.09, City Officials, of Title 2, Administration, of the Dixon Municipal Code to establish the process for termination of employment or removal from holding an appointed office of City officials by the City Council (the "Ordinance").

The Ordinance will amend the Dixon Municipal Code ("DMC") to provide that certain appointed City Officials, the City Manager and City Attorney, cannot be terminated from employment or removed from holding an appointed office with the City within a period of the first six (6) months after a general municipal election. The purpose of this change in the DMC is to allow any newly elected member of the City Council or a reorganized City Council to observe the actions and ability of the City Manager and City Attorney in the performance of the powers and duties of his or her office. After the expiration of the six (6) month period, the City Manager and City Attorney may be removed pursuant to the City's procedures for removal.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the approval of the Ordinance. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on 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 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.

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. Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be provided to interested individuals upon request. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

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

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 - *Vonn and Miller Olympic sport
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 - Wise Men
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 - Printer contents
 - Volcano in Sicily
 - Poetic although
 - Paella pot
 - Dictation taker
 - Like April 1st target
 - Locker room supply
 - Dirty or sleazy
 - Fuddy-duddies, for short
 - Stir fry pan
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 - *Pelé and Ronaldo sport
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 - Luau greeting
 - ____ my party, and I'll cry if I want to...
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- DOWN**
- Oolong, e.g.
 - Crumbs
 - *#25 Down piece
 - Off-the-cuff
 - Mylar filling
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 - Adult alver
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 - Like Darth Vader's side
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 - Eugene O'Neill's piece
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 - Dirty money
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 - Large violin family member
 - *Bolt and Owens sport
 - *A trap in #29 down
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 - Bambi's mom
 - Sewing machine brand
 - Do like phoenix
 - Accustom
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Riley Reviews

“THE ENDGAME” THRILLER ON NBC; LIFETIME APRIL MOVIES

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE ENDGAME” ON NBC

A new crime drama series on NBC, “The Endgame” is basically a psychological thriller involving two female adversaries on opposite sides of the law in a cat-and-mouse game playing out during a number of coordinated bank heists throughout New York City.

On the wrong end is Elena Federova (Morena Baccarin), recently captured international arms dealer and brilliant criminal mastermind. Her antagonist is Val Turner (Ryan Michelle Bathe), the principled, relentless and outsider FBI agent determined to foil any criminal plots.

Flashbacks abound to sketch details of both women’s backgrounds. Noticed as a child in war-torn Ukraine, Federova proves smarter and more cunning than those who wish her harm.

Driven by a desire to avenge her mother’s death, Turner is coping with the fact her moral rectitude required her to turn in her fellow agent husband Owen (Kamal Bolden) for taking bribes.

Depending upon one’s viewpoint within the agency, Turner is either viewed with suspicion by her superiors wondering if she is complicit in her husband’s alleged crimes or merely ostracized by fellow agents for breaking a code of loyalty.

In the first episode, Federova is brought by federal agents to a secure location at Fort Totten in Queens, New York, for an interrogation by high-level cabinet members of the U.S. government that ends up swirling around layers of obfuscation and deceit.

As Turner once had an encounter with Federova on a mission in Africa, only the outcast FBI agent has any real chance of breaking through the mystery shrouding the motives of the Ukrainian crime boss.

The smug Federova, often smirking her disdain for her captors, is tight-lipped about the series of well-orchestrated bank robberies taking place around the city but is more than eager to drop veiled threats against high-powered officials concealing their corrupt misdeeds.

On the inside of the FBI, Turner’s only ally is her partner Agent Flowers (Jordan Johnson-Hinds) who cautions her to avoid needless confrontations with their boss Patrick Doak (Noah Bean), who does not appreciate Turner’s insightful approach to dealing with Federova.

“The Endgame” might be a sexier version of the long-running “The Blacklist,” another NBC series with a strong resemblance to the concept of a sharp criminal mastermind focused on dealing with only one FBI agent.

In brief, Morena Baccarin, dressed glamorously in her imprisonment as if headed to a gala event, is, well, a whole lot more erotic than any of the criminals in that other series.

The question that only the viewer may

answer is whether the battle of wits in the chess game between the two female adversaries holds enough suspense to hang for every chapter in this saga.

The jury remains out after the first couple of episodes as to what exactly is the endgame of the cat-and-mouse diversion and if we have the patience to find out.

THRILLERS AND CRIME DRAMA MOVIES ON LIFETIME

The month of April brings more crime drama and thriller movies to the Lifetime channel. “Fatal Fandom” finds pop star Eden Chase (Chaley Rose) enlisting the help of bodyguard Jackson Reed (Pete Ploszek) when she’s almost kidnapped by a crazed fan.

The handsome, brooding bodyguard moves into Eden’s home to become her full-time security. Soon, Eden realizes that Jackson has an unhealthy attachment to her as he turns out to be a predator harboring a dark secret from the past.

In “She Went Missing,” when investigative reporter Maya (Corbin Reid) learns that her childhood best friend has gone missing, she decides to cover the story herself.

But just as Maya’s return to her hometown unearths memories and rekindles past relationships, it also brings out a stalker. As her investigation deepens, the danger strikes closer and closer to home.

Will Maya uncover the truth about her friend’s disappearance? Or will Maya herself wind up being the next tragic news story? “She Went Missing” is apparently in the wheelhouse of Lifetime’s penchant for crime dramas.

Single lawyer Chastity Jeffries (Michelle Williams) meets Xavier Collins (Antonio Cupo), who appears to be everything she is looking for in a partner – handsome, smart and a lawyer as well – in “Wrath: A Seven Deadly Sins Story.”

As his affection turns to obsession, Chastity realizes she has been swept up by Xavier’s passion and abandoned her principles. Xavier’s jealousy and wrath lead to suspicious actions and dangerous threats.

Chastity confides in her mother Sarah (Tina Knowles-Lawson) and turns to her former childhood boyfriend Roger Thompkins (Romeo Miller) for help. In the end, Chastity will have to fight to save herself.

“The Walls Are Watching” may be prophetic for the actions of unemployed Theodore (Branscombe Richmond), who after losing his wife and son begs the bank to give him one more chance to keep his custom-built house.

Despite his pleading, the bank forecloses and auctions off his home to newlyweds Erica (Lana McKissack) and Mitch Brody (Brandon Ford Green). But before they can live happily ever after, Theodore unleashes a cat-and-mouse game of terror on the couple when they refuse to leave the home. ★

What We Harvest by Ann Fraistat

Wren has always loved living in the picture-perfect town of Hollows End, famed for its miracle crops and healing properties. The founding families of Hollow’s End were all successful, but Wren’s family’s rainbow wheat was an iridescent show-stopper, pulling in curious travelers from all around the country.



◆ Publisher: Delacorte Press
◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
◆ Rating: ★★★★★
◆ Release Date: March 15, 2022

Then everything changed. A silvery “blight,” as the townspeople called it started creeping throughout Hollow’s End. First, it was the infamous crops from the founding families’ farms that succumbed to the quicksilver substance that pooled from the earth. It was if the silvery blight, bled from the ground and poisoning the crops from the inside out. Then, as if the earth’s bounties weren’t enough, it infected every animal it touched, from the rabbits to the bears, and then it took the livestock.

Once it took the land and the animals, it came for the townspeople. As Wren’s neighbors succumbed to the blight, her family secretly struggled to find a cure for those infected. While those blighted mysteriously vanished during the day,

they returned each night, eyes glazed over, rotting from the inside out, searching for anyone left untouched.

Now, the only ones left unscathed are Wren and her ex’s family, and without anyone else to turn to, Wren knows she has to ask them for help. A descendent of Hollows End’s founding families, Wren knows Derek will do anything to save his family’s farm and their town. However, being united again poses setbacks, as Wren balances resurfacing feelings and guilt. Yet, above all, Wren and Derek will learn that paying the price of their ancestors’ debt might cost

more than just their families farms, but their lives as well.

What We Harvest beautifully explores the price we could all pay for our ancestors’ debt. Ann Fraistat takes her readers on a heart pounding race for answers, where no one is safe and anyone can succumb to the “blight.” With lush writing that will call her readers to the nearest wheat field, Fraistat will have them running their hands across the stalks, but at the same time checking the soil for blight.

A story that combines the age-old idea of a zombie story and completely turns it on its’ head, with family secrets so ancient they become mere whispers passed down generation to generation. This book will have readers falling headfirst into the eerily, atmospheric story that will have them staying up late into the night, but also fearing to look out the windows for what might be peering back. While this story has its tense, fearful moments, it is gorgeously written and easily spans all reading genres. This story feels like it is meant to be read outdoors on a hot summer night. ★

‘Job killer’ List Tests Capitol’s Ideological Bent



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

California is a deep blue state, markedly and proudly hewing to the left of the nation’s political centerline.

California’s Legislature, utterly dominated by Democrats, leans a little further to the port side of the political scale.

That said, there are ideological fault lines within the Democrats legislative supermajorities, some fairly obvious, others faint. Their existence explains why outcomes are not always as predictable as one might think, given one-party domination.

A prime example of that unpredictability is what happened, or didn’t happen, on legislation to overhaul medical care by having the state assume total control over its provision — a long-standing holy grail for the Democratic Party’s progressive activists.

The state Senate had passed a version of the single-payer legislation in a previous session, but it was bottled up in the Assembly. Last year, a new version, Assembly Bill 1400, moved fairly easily through Assembly committees to reach the floor, but when the Legislature reconvened

in January, it ultimately died there without a vote.

“I don’t believe it would have served the cause of getting single payer done by having the vote and having it go down in flames and further alienating members,” the bill’s author, San Jose Democrat Ash Kalra, told disappointed supporters later. He added that the measure, needing 41 votes to pass, was short by “double digits.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom, who had been a strident advocate of single-payer health care while campaigning for the governorship, didn’t make any effort to secure votes for it in the Assembly and most members were apparently unwilling, in an election year, to vote for something that would require an immense tax increase to implement.

The demise of AB 1400 was, among other things, another win for the California Chamber of Commerce’s “job killer” list, an annual exercise by the state’s business community to identify and block legislation that it considers to be the most onerous.

For a quarter-century, the list has served as a guide to the Capitol’s ideological temperature because it generally includes the highest-priority legislation of those on the left, such as labor unions and environmental and consumer protection advocates.

Although the Legislature has trended to drift leftward since the list was first issued in 1997, the chamber and its allies have rung

up an impressive kill ratio. Typically, several dozens bills are placed on the list and it’s rare for more than one or two to be passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

In 2021, for instance, 25 bills were targeted, and just two made it to Newsom’s desk. He vetoed one and signed the other, Senate Bill 62, which eliminates piece work payment for garment industry workers.

The chamber’s 90%-plus record in stopping bills it designates as “job killers” faces another test this year. It has issued a preliminary list of 11 bills with more to be added later.

The 2022 list includes a new “wealth tax” on the state’s richest residents, a bill that would allow workers to refuse to perform their jobs if they feel unsafe and an extension of the California Environmental Quality Act’s mitigation provisions to effects on disadvantaged communities.

The latter two, along with several others, would expand opportunities for lawsuits to enforce their provisions — thus renewing the annual jousting between business groups and personal injury attorneys over who can sue for what action, dubbed “tort wars.”

Fundamentally, the fate of bills on this year’s list will be another indicator of just how far left the Legislature is willing to go.

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

CORRECTION

In my anger at what I believed was Councilman Pederson grandstanding at the Dixon City Council meeting on March 15, 2022, in order to gain favoritism with voters for his possible re-election campaign by saying that his #1 goal is a safe community for Dixonites and pushed for most of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received by Dixon to be given to police and fire, I misstated the amount and its utilization. While the council did approve \$4M to be allocated, only \$3.3M was allocated to police and fire and the amount included both personnel, equipment, and building.

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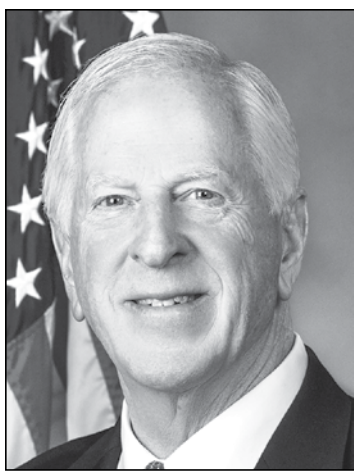
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Thompson Secures \$10.8 Million for California's Fifth District



By Jack Stelzner, Congressman Mike Thompson

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On March 9, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-05) voted to secure over \$10.8 million in Community Project Funding for California's Fifth District. This funding, included in H.R. 2471 Funding For The People, will provide our communities with the resources they need to build a bright future.

"One of my top responsibilities as a member of Congress is to ensure our communities have the resources they need to live health and successful lives — and this year's spending bill includes every community funding project that I submitted to improve the lives of my constituents," said Thompson. "This spending bill also includes some of my top priorities to prevent gun violence, research the effects of smoke taint on our vineyards and other agricultural products, increase

the federal share of cost for disasters from 75 percent to at least 90 percent, and reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

"The FY2022 funding bill also contains Emergency Supplemental funding for Ukraine and key funding for domestic priorities like Pell Grants, cancer research, and more.

"The legislation will also ensure that government agencies have the funding they need to effectively serve the American people throughout the year, helping people get their tax returns, health care, passports, and more. It's past due to deliver a spending bill, and I look forward to seeing the impact of this bill for the people of California's Fifth District."

The Funding For The People Act also includes some of Congressman Thompson's top priorities, including: Extending telehealth flexibilities for 150 days beyond the end of the public health emergency. The Federal Disaster Cost Share Act to increase the federal share of cost for disasters that occurred in 2020 and 2021 from 75 percent to 90 percent to ease the financial burden on our local governments in the face of wildfires and other disasters. Reauthorizing the United States Anti-Doping Agency. Increasing funding for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

The bipartisan funding bill also includes: \$13.6 billion in emergency funding for security and humanitarian needs for Ukraine, as Russia wages its brutal war. Increasing funding for key domestic priorities,

including strengthening Pell Grants and establishing President Biden's new Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) cancer initiative. Securing major bipartisan legislation, including reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act and creating new cybersecurity protections to fight against vicious cyber-attacks to our infrastructure by Russia and other bad actors.

The funding amounts for each project in California's Fifth District are as follows: \$1,840,000 for the Napa County Deer Park/St. Helena Water System. This project would improve water infrastructure and increase onsite water storage at Adventist Health St. Helena Hospital, which owns and operates water storage, treatment, and distribution facilities that provide potable water to approximately 660 residents and hospital facilities. \$1.8 million for the Napa County Public Safety Radio and Communication (PSRC) upgrade project. This project would fulfill state and federal mandates to improve protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in public safety radio communication. \$1.6 million for the Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency project in Santa Rosa that will allow Sonoma County to expand the existing ACCESS program so the team there can better help vulnerable residents after disasters and other local crises, such as Public Safety Power Shutoffs. \$1 million to create a Permanent Emergency Operations

Center for the City of Santa Rosa. This project would improve the speed of response to disasters like wildfires and improved coordination amongst agencies. \$1 million for Touro University to make crucial investments in campus improvement that will boost class size, increase the number of health providers on campus and boost health care across the region. \$1 million for Petaluma Health Center, Inc to renovate the Rohnert Park Health Center site to boost access to care for 5,000 local residents. \$900,000 for the Vallejo Police Department Community Mobile Mental Health Response Unit. This program will provide trauma-informed mental health response and social services to reduce arrests in Vallejo and better respond to individuals experiencing crises and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. \$900,000 for the Contra Costa County Collaborative Care Implementation project to boost both primary and mental and behavioral health care across the county. \$450,000 for the Lake County Kelseyville Sidewalk Project to create one continuous sidewalk along the south side of Konocti Road in Kelseyville in order to implement the county's Safe Routes to School Program. \$320,000 for the Lake County Full Circle Effluent Pipeline Preliminary Design Report Update. This project would evaluate which of the existing wastewater treatment facilities in the project area would provide source water for the effluent pipeline the

planned project features. With technological advances made since the completion of the 2004 Preliminary Design Report, this project will review alternatives for the final use of the treated effluent including geothermal energy production and agriculture irrigation.

The twelve-bill government funding package will help middle class families with the cost of living, create American jobs, supports the vulnerable, and works to help small businesses that are key to our economic future. Taken together, the funding for California's Fifth District and the funding increases for critical government programs will reverse decades of disinvestment in our communities and strengthen our nation.

A full summary of the 12 regular appropriations bills is here. A summary of the Ukraine supplemental is here and a one-page fact sheet is here.

Congressman Mike Thompson is proud to represent California's 5th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Contra Costa, Lake, Napa, Solano and Sonoma Counties. He is a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means where he chairs the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures. Rep. Thompson is Chairman of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. He is also Co-Chair of the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Wine Caucus and a member of the fiscally-conservative Blue Dog Coalition. ★

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A Return to the Stage

SCSO to Debut in Renovated Concert Space

Story by Shauna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra (SCSO) are celebrating their 26th year performing in the Sacramento Region with a debut concert in the newly renovated SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center (1301 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814) on Saturday, May 14 at 8 PM.

The SCSO will partner with guest chorus Schola Cantorum of Sacred Heart Church in Sacramento to perform the dramatic and romantic Requiem by Giuseppe Verdi, which is billed as a work of virtuosic brilliance. Verdi wrote the work in Latin, and the performers will sing it in Latin with the English translation printed in the programs and projected above the stage. "It's a powerful and operatic work that demands large choral forces," said SCSO President and CEO Jim McCormick. So, SCSO Music Director Donald Kendrick will conduct 175 chorus singers, four accomplished soloists, and 52 orchestra members – for a total force of 232 performers on stage.

The artists are eager to finally perform in the renovated concert venue after the forced hiatus due to COVID-19. During the shutdown, the SCSO members were planning their comeback, raising more than \$120,000 to pay for new choral risers. McCormick said the investment was "a legacy for the future," showcasing the courage and dedication of the SCSO to put in that work without any indication of when they'd be back on the stage. "It says something



The Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra (SCSO) will return to the stage on May 14 for their first performance since 2019, debuting in the newly renovated SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. Photo of past performances by Ronald B. Johnson

about our resilience," said McCormick.

And now, with the upcoming performance on those new risers, McCormick said it feels like SCSO is "rising again." The risers will wrap around the orchestra, which McCormick said will create an incredible "balance of sound." With the sopranos behind the violins, the tenors and altos behind the brass and woodwind instruments, and the basses singing behind the cellos, the complementary tones will blend together seamlessly on the stage. And a new Constellation Sound System will amplify all the performers with a natural, high-quality sound. McCormick said these new features will "raise the quality and level of professionalism."

The concert will be dedicated to the people of Ukraine and all oppressed people, and it will open with a performance of the Ukrainian National Anthem.

McCormick said that "music is so healing" and Requiem is often referred to as "the Mass for humanity," expressing great sadness but also great hope, so the performance is fitting "at a time of war when people are in need of solace."

The SCSO recorded a performance of Verdi's Requiem 11 years ago at the Mondovi Center in Davis, CA, and those CDs will be available for sale for \$10 each, with proceeds going to Ukrainian relief. Additional donations for Ukraine will also be accepted.

The performance will also honor the memory of Sacramento's celebrated restaurateur Biba Caggiano, who passed away in August 2019. "She put Sacramento on the map when it comes to food," said McCormick. "She was fiercely Italian, and no one was more Italian than Giuseppe Verdi," so the SCSO felt the Requiem

they held Zoom meetings to practice, it couldn't replicate the joy of singing together in one space. McCormick said this community of singers have dearly missed "the journey" of regular rehearsals and performances, and they are excited for their return to the stage.

After the concert, a reception will be held in the lobby so attendees can meet the talented orchestra members and singers – including distinguished soloists Jennifer Forni, Soprano; Linda Baird, Mezzo Soprano; Robert Breault, Tenor; and Timothy Jones, Baritone who are flying in from across the country for this performance. SCSO Music Director

Donald Kendrick, who has been conducting for more than 30 years, said, "We're very excited to bring this piece of music, the best thing [Verdi] ever wrote in his life, to the newly refurbished theater, debuting the new risers, and employing the new sound system. ...

This performance promises to be one the most significant things we have done in a long time."

Kendrick said it will be an "unbelievable, unforgettable evening."

Through its performances, the SCSO seeks to transform our communities through the power of music, believing that the performance and appreciation of live music are vital to the well-being of society. Music elevates our experiences; it evokes the deepest mysteries of life and inspires all who hear it. And live music in particular creates a sense of shared experience that cannot be replicated: "That's what great music does; it provides a platform to bring people together," said McCormick, "it's a coming together of a community."

Tickets are on sale now. For more info, visit <https://sacramentochoral.org>. ★



SCSO will perform Giuseppe Verdi's Requiem, with a full force of chorus singers, orchestra members, and accomplished soloists. Photos of past performances by Ronald B. Johnson



performance would be an ideal time to honor her legacy.

McCormick said the concert will be a significant moment for the audience, coming back to experience live orchestral and choral music after the lengthy shutdown, and also very therapeutic for the performers, who haven't been able to sing together in person for the last two years. Although



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