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May Fair Names Scholarship Recipients



Seven Solano County residents are recipients of Friends of the Fair college scholarships totaling \$29,000. From left are Carrie Hamel of Dixon, scholarship committee chair; Payton King of Fairfield; Brianne Castelli of Dixon; Cody Barr of Dixon; Vincent Perry of Vacaville; Massimo Menicou of Vacaville; Elena Mendonsa of Vacaville; and Gil Molina of Vacaville, president of Friends of the Fair. Not pictured is Sam Esperson of Rio Vista, who won the Donnie Huffman Presidential Award of \$8000. Since 2000, the Friends have awarded \$306,750 in scholarships. Photo courtesy of Kathy Keatley Garvey

**Kathy Keatley Garvey,
UC Davis Department of
Entomology and Nematology**

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Friends of the Dixon May Fair has awarded a total of \$29,000 in college scholarships to seven Solano County residents who are majoring in an agricultural field.

Carrie Hamel of Dixon, chair of the Friends' annual Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program, presented the awards on June 4 at the Friends of the Fair Plaza, Dixon May Fair.

Since 2003, the Friends have awarded \$306,750 in scholarships.

The program, offering scholarships at both the university and community college levels, was renamed the Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program in 2022 in honor of the founding president Donnie Huffman (1940-2023), and his wife, Tootie, the founding treasurer. Donnie died June 17, 2023,

after a long battle with cancer.

Sam Esperson of Rio Vista, a California Polytechnic Institute (Cal Poly) Class of 2026 member and an agricultural systems management major, received the top award, the \$8,000 Donnie Huffman Presidential Scholarship. Esperson, a 2022 graduate of Rio Vista High School, is also a previous recipient of the presidential award.

Massimo Menicou of Vacaville won the \$5,000 JoAn Giannoni Scholarship, named for the Friends' former longtime secretary of Dixon. Menicou, a 2024 graduate of Vacaville High School and a student at University of Nevada, plans to become a veterinarian. He also is a previous award recipient.

Elena Mendonsa of Vacaville, a student at Chico State University, won the \$4,000 Ester Armstrong Memoria Scholarship. A 2024 graduate of Vacaville Christian High School, Mendonsa is majoring in animal science and plans to become

a veterinarian. She is a previous recipient. The scholarship memorializes a former director of the California Division of Fairs and Expositions who died in 2009 of cancer. Armstrong, a Rocklin resident, served as interim chief executive officer of the Dixon May Fair from 2006 to 2009.

Cody Barr of Dixon won the \$3,500 Joe Gates Memorial Scholarship memorializing the longtime auctioneer of the Dixon May Fair Junior Livestock Auction. Barr is a Dixon High School Class of 2025 member and will major in agribusiness, with an emphasis in farm and ranch management, at Utah State University. Gates, a Rio Vista resident, died from COVID-19 in February 2021.

Brianne Castelli of Dixon won a \$3,500 Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship. She is a Dixon High School Class of 2025 member and will attend Montana State University.

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New Air Quality Alert System Launched

**Sacramento
Metropolitan Air
Quality Management
District News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District), in collaboration with the air districts of the Sacramento region, has launched a new Air Alert system for the Sacramento Region's Spare The Air program.

Sacramento region residents are strongly urged to subscribe or resubscribe to the new Air Alert to maintain access to important air quality information aimed at safeguarding their health and the environment. Prior Air Alert subscriptions will not transfer to the new system, so resubscribing is essential.

The Spare The Air program is dedicated to measurably improving the region's air quality and helping residents protect themselves from air pollution by providing air quality forecasts, real-time readings and air pollution alerts. The program also offers educational materials for schools, businesses, residents and community organizations.

The Spare The Air campaign runs from May through October each year, which is known as the summer smog season. Ground-level ozone (smog) is the primary pollutant during this time of year and is monitored throughout the Spare The Air season. During wildfire smoke episodes, Spare The Air might provide PM2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less) forecasts rather than smog, as needed.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) is a measurement that helps community members understand air pollution levels and how they might impact the natural environment and human health. The higher the Air Quality Index, the greater the level of air pollution.

When the forecasted Air Quality Index for smog is expected to reach or exceed 126, the program will issue a Spare The Air Alert.

Spare The Air, which runs annually from May 1 through Oct. 31, encourages residents and businesses to take action to help reduce air pollution in the Sacramento region.

Subscribers have the option to receive the daily air quality forecast and Spare The Air alerts by email or by Short Message Service (SMS) text directly to their phones.

For more information or to sign up for the new Air Alert, visit www.SpareTheAir.com/signup. ★

Baltz Directs 'An Evening of Dance'



"An Evening of Dance" will premiere at Richard Brunelle Performance Hall, 315 W. Fourteenth St, Davis, from 7 to 9 p.m. June 20 and 5 to 7 p.m. June 21. Tickets are available online and at the door. Photo courtesy of KC Baltz/Applegate Dance Company

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Stephanie Baltz and her family have lived in Dixon for 23 years. Originally raised in Arcadia, Baltz realized early on that she had two main passions: dance and history.

Alongside being the owner, operator and creative mind behind Tutus Etc., Baltz is also the interim director for Applegate Dance Company in Davis. Due to the early retirement of owner Lisa Applegate, Baltz has stepped in to direct the organization's annual event, "An Evening of Dance."



Stephanie Baltz and her family have lived in Dixon for 23 years and have a passion for dance and history. Baltz owns Tutus Etc., a business focused on the production of professional-quality tutus, costumes and dance accessories. Photo courtesy of KC Baltz

"This is the first time I have directed an entire performance. I didn't plan to direct the whole show but I also knew the students needed to have something. I am 1,000 percent doing it for them. I know it will be a good show but I am nervous. It's a new venture for me and it's scary but I am sure the girls will be proud of it," said Baltz.

Baltz has been with Applegate Dance Company since 2007, joining at the same time as her children, now adults, Garrett and Emily Baltz. Baltz began teaching classical ballet

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Rotary Scholarship Awardees



Pictured are 11 of the 15 scholarship recipients awarded by Rotary Club of Dixon. The club awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to both Dixon High and Maine Prairie High School graduates. Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Dixon

Rotary Club of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Rotary Club of Dixon is proud to share that the club has awarded \$17,000 in scholarships this year to 15 students from Dixon High School and Maine Prairie High School.

These students were carefully selected based on their academic achievements, commitment to personal goals and dedication to community service.

Pictured are 11 of the scholarship recipients joined by club president, Marleen Vega. While unable to capture all the award recipients in the photo, Dixon

Rotary wants to recognize all 15 students for their remarkable efforts and bright futures.

Students include Christian Mata De La Paz, Tatiana Treisman, Paige Purcell, Gimena Cortez, Taylor Stow, Kai Reynolds, Savannah Coggins, Layla Rhodes, Anthony Ortiz, Kylee Gage, Jacob Davis, Makenzie Jacobs, Lena Ross, Joshua Davis and Lilyana Marlee Moore.

Dixon Rotary is honored to support these future leaders and looks forward to seeing the incredible things they will accomplish. ★

May Fair Names Scholarship Recipients

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She plans to become a veterinarian.

Payton King of Fairfield won a \$3,500 Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship. A Rodriguez High School Class of 2025 member, King will attend the University of Minnesota, Crookston, majoring in agricultural business.

In the community college category, Vincent Perry of Vacaville received the \$1,500 Jack Hopkins Memorial Scholarship. A Vacaville High School Class of 2025 member, Perry will attend Butte College, majoring in agricultural business. Hopkins (1922-2009), a fruit rancher and lifelong resident of Fairfield and Suisun, was a strong supporter of the Junior Livestock Auctions at the Dixon May Fair and Solano County Fair.

Esperson was unable to attend the ceremony, but his parents, Mark and Christina Esperson of Rio Vista, did so on his behalf.

Christina Esperson read his note to the crowd: “I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude or your generosity toward myself and my education. I am honored to be selected as this year’s recipient of the Donnie Huffman Presidential Scholarship Award. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend and accept your award in person. As my parents are reading this statement, I am currently in San Luis Obispo in the middle of an officers’ meeting for Cal Poly’s Agricultural Engineering Society (he serves as president). My time at Cal Poly has been a blast and I am looking forward to my final year. Thanks again for your support towards my academics over the past four years.”

In his essay, part of the application packet, Esperson wrote that he is seeking a bachelor’s degree in agricultural systems

management (ASM).

“ASM’s unique blend of bioresource engineering and agricultural business equips students with a versatile skill set vital for the evolving agricultural industry. Along with my major in ASM, I am also double majoring in agricultural business and crop science,” Esperson said in his essay. He seeks to apply his skills and knowledge “to contribute meaningfully to the agricultural industry.”

The Friends, an all-volunteer, service-oriented organization, is the fundraising arm of the Dixon May Fair. Headed by President Gilbert “Gil” Molina of Vacaville, the organization raises funds through the sale of beverages at the four-day fair and donates the proceeds for building and grounds improvements, college scholarships and exhibitor awards.

Scholarship applicants are scored on personal, civic and academic experience; academic standing; personal commitment and established goals; leadership potential; and civic accomplishment. Most applicants have experience in 4-H, FFA or Grange-criteria desired but not mandated. Continuing scholarship winners can apply up to four times, Hamel said. Scholarship checks can be used only for tuition, fees, books, materials and supplies, housing and meals purchased on campus.

The annual application deadline is March 1. The application form can be downloaded from the Friends of the Fair Facebook page at facebook.com/FriendsoftheDixonMayFair. For more information, contact Hamel at hamelc88@gmail.com or 530-219-8090.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Hamel, includes Tootie Huffman, Linda Molina, Kathy Keatley Garvey and Kristy Vasquez, all of Vacaville, and Sue Miracle and Michelle Robinson of Dixon. ★



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Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is continuing its Concerts in the Plaza series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 19. The free event, hosted at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St. features three bands: Vixen Strut, Normal Paranormal and Location Nowhere. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By MPG Staff

Veterans’ Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veterans’ Dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. June 20. The dinner, held at Veterans’ Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. offers an all-you-can-eat meal for \$12 per guest. Dishes include chicken cordon bleu, vegetables and a roll.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208’s Facebook page or call 707-678-6308.

Craft Supply Yard Sale

Fairy Crafty Creations is hosting a craft supply yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21. Held in Archer Plaza, 220 Archer Place, the event features multiple vendors, handmade items and craft supplies, including fabrics, yarns, beads and more. Because this is a going-out-of-business sale, all items are on clearance.

For more information, visit the Fairy Crafty Creations Facebook page or call 707-410-7620.

Dixon Moose Lodge Briskets and Ribs

Dixon Moose Lodge #1120 is hosting a brisket and ribs barbecue at 5:30 p.m. June 21. Held at the lodge, 180 W. B St., the event offers raffle prizes, a full bar and desserts. Tickets are available for \$30 per person.

For more information, visit the Dixon Moose Lodge Facebook page or call 707-678-9407.

Free Lunch at the Dixon Library

Dixon Library is offering free lunch to kids and teens from 11 a.m. to noon June 9 to July 31. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., free lunches will be available to youth 18 and under with no registration required. Meals are offered in partnership with local school districts, funded by the California State Library, and must be eaten on-site. Lunch will not be served on the July 4.

For more information, visit the Solano County Library Facebook page or call 1-866-572-7587.

Grillin’ & Chillin’

Dixon Action Team is hosting Grillin’ & Chillin’ from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 28. Held in Downtown Dixon, the family-friendly event offers a car and truck show, local vendors, food trucks, live music and a rib cook-off.

For more information, visit dixonactionteam.com or email dixonactionteam@gmail.com.

Dixon Dolphins Water Polo Clinics

Dixon Dolphin Swim Team is hosting a series of water polo clinics, the next of

which is from 4 to 6 p.m. June 20. Held at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center, 450 E. Mayes St., the clinic is available for children aged 6 to 19 for \$25 per session. Sessions are from 4 to 6 p.m. on June 20, 27 and July 11.

For more information or to register, visit dixondolphins.swimtopia.com or email dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com.

Unaccompanied Veterans Ceremony

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery is hosting funeral services for unaccompanied veterans at 2 p.m. June 26. Held quarterly at 5810 Midway Road, this event is meant to honor eligible veterans who passed away without family or military honors.

For more information, visit the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Committee Facebook page or call 707-693-2460.

Concerts in the Plaza

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is continuing its Concerts in the Plaza series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 19. The free event, hosted at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St. features three bands: Vixen Strut, Normal Paranormal and Location Nowhere. Vixen Strut is an all-women’s group that plays classic and modern rock. Normal Paranormal is made up of 12 to 15-year-olds who cover groups like Nirvana and the Beach Boys. Location Nowhere is a teen group that brings high energy and technicality to their music. Folding chairs and picnic blankets are recommended, but no alcohol is allowed per city ordinance.

For more information, visit dixon-chamber.org or call 707-678-2650.

Family Game Night at Joystick

Joystick Gaming Lounge is hosting a family game night from 5 to 8 p.m. June 20. Held on location, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C, the event offers unlimited access to around 200 board games for \$5 per family. Attendees can also order Cenario’s pizza and Joystick will cover the delivery fees.

For more information, visit joystick-dixon.com or call 707-676-5697.

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. on July 3. This free in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

For more information, visit dixon-chamber.org or call 707-678-2650. ★

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Baltz Directs ‘An Evening of Dance’



Applegate has hosted many performances over the years, including full-length ballets such as “Cinderella” and “Sleeping Beauty,” and mini-story ballets, such as “A Morning in Paris” and “Hansel and Gretel (pictured).” Photo courtesy of KC Baltz/Applegate Dance Company

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at Applegate in 2009. Her self-described dedication to art and history inspired her to start Tutus Etc. in 2011. Her business focuses on the production of professional-quality tutus, costumes and dance accessories.

“For the ballet costumes I do, certain historical elements come into play,” said Baltz. “There are a lot of things you don’t think about, the little pieces that make a design come to life. I love doing research and creating historical pieces. My business has grown over the last couple of years; everything is designed and cut by me but I have a team for rhine-stoning and a couple of gals that help me sew.”

All costumes are made by hand and are produced on a seasonal basis. According to Baltz, she produces approximately 250 to 300 costumes per season. Spring is dedicated to historical costumes and fall is for dance competitions.

Baltz has had many students over the years, including Bethnay Kepner, a 17-year-old who has been with Applegate since 2015. Inspired by “Angelina Ballerina,” one of her favorite books growing up, she got into ballet and plans on majoring in dance at either University of California, Irvine or University of California, Los Angeles.

“I’m very excited for ‘An Evening of Dance’ because it’s taken so much work

to get where we are. There will be some amazing ballet pieces, but also some contemporary pieces. My friends and I are choreographing one of the contemporary pieces and Baltz is choreographing the ballet,” said Kepner.

Kepner’s mother, Lori Kepner, is excited about the performance.

“We’re very proud of Bethany for her hard work and the return on investment that Applegate and Baltz have put into her. It is exciting to see her development,” said Lori Kepner.

Alongside more creative endeavors, Baltz serves her Dixon community by participating in events such as Dixon Montessori Charter School’s Pioneer Days, which is a fully immersive two-day historical experience for the school’s students and parents. Baltz works with students and parents from Dixon, Woodland, Davis and Vacaville.

“An Evening of Dance” will premiere at Richard Brunelle Performance Hall, 315 W. Fourteenth St, Davis, from 7 to 9 p.m. June 20 and 5 to 7 p.m. June 21. Tickets are available online and at the door. Standard ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$20 for youth (under 18). Premium tickets are available for \$30 and wing seats are available for \$22.50.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit applegatedance.com or call 530-767-3777. ★

Infrastructure Improvements Underway

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon is growing, and with this growth comes necessary infrastructural maintenance. California Water Service Co., or Cal Water, is integral to this development. According to the City of Dixon’s website, construction is taking place from May 19 to June 27. Starting at West A Street, construction stretches from First Street to Porter Street. According to Cal Water Dixon’s local manager, Ben Voight, this construction is part of their main replacement program (MRP).

“Cal Water has a proactive main replacement program that prioritizes mains to be replaced based on considerations such as age, leak history and risk of main failure,” said Voight. “This main is part of our ongoing, proactive main replacement program (MRP), which is a routine part of our operations.”

This project will include the replacement of approximately 600 feet of water main and 13 individual water service connections.

“The aging main we are replacing is 6” cast iron, and the new main will be 8” PVC,” said Voight. “A large portion of this project, including tie-in of the water services, is being completed at night to minimize interruptions to businesses in the area. The larger-size main will also enhance flow for both everyday needs and fire protection.”

The main replacement program aims to replace approximately 1% of water mains in



According to the City of Dixon’s website, construction is taking place from May 19 to June 27. Construction, conducted by Cal Water, starts at West A St. and stretches from First St. to Porter St. Photo by Kendall Brown

the district per year. In Dixon, Cal Water typically completes one major replacement project per year. Construction on West A Street in-particular is a function of Cal Water’s Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP).

“The Cal Water IIP is an infrastructure improvement plan that must be provided to the state every 3 years to ensure the rates reflect the cost of providing water service. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) oversees this process,” said Voight. “The current breakdown for our plan in Dixon is capital improvements (42%), water production (29%), centralized services (12%), local water professionals (8%), other operations and maintenance (7%) and conservation (2%).”

According to Voight, Cal Water prioritizes infrastructure improvements to keep customer affordability in mind. The organization is dedicated to improved water services, but Dixonites can help through considerate water usage.

“For Dixonites looking to use water more wisely, focusing on toilets and irrigation is a good place to start. For toilets, don’t let a small toilet leak go, as it can add up quickly. If you need help determining if your toilet is leaking, reach out to Cal Water, and we can provide leak detection tablets free of charge,” said Voight. “As for irrigation, especially with the hotter summer months coming, set an automatic timer so you only irrigate before dawn or after dusk, when evaporation is lower. Also, check to ensure you don’t have a leak in your sprinklers that could increase your water bill dramatically at night while you sleep.”

Construction on West A Street will continue until June 27, with work hours varying. Lanes have been reconfigured to suit the needs of the project.

For more information on the construction area, visit cityofdixonca.gov/trafficalerts or call 707-678-7000. For more information on Cal Water Dixon, visit calwater.com or call 707-678-5928. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000827
The following persons are doing business as: The Cheesesteak Shop-Vallejo, 764 A Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo, CA 94591.
UQZN Foods LLC, 612 Citrine Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: May 28, 2025. 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 May 27, 2030. 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.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000828
The following persons are doing business as: The Cheese Steak Shop 284 A Sunset Avenue, Suisun City, CA 94585.
UQZN Foods LLC, 612 Citrine Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: May 28, 2025. 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 May 27, 2030. 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.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000824
The following persons are doing business as: Railroad Avenue Self Storage, 515 Railroad Avenue, Suisun City, CA 94585. Thomas Management, LLC,

10608 Industrial Avenue, #100, Roseville, CA 95678.
Date filed in Solano County: May 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 23, 2025
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 May 26, 2030. 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.)
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH KAREN WALLACE JONES
CASE NO. PR25-00333
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Elizabeth Karen Wallace Jones.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Katherine Jones, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Katherine Jones be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 5; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jaimee A. Jones, 160 S 1st Street, Dixon, CA 95620; (707) 693-3350
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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF
JUDGEMENT

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO
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Old Solano Courthouse NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON SISTER-STATE JUDGMENT Case Number CU25-01509 PLAINTIFF: Fundamental Capitol, LLC DEFENDANT: Platinum Window Source, Inc. dba Platinum Window Source and Eddie Figueroa 1. TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR: Eddie Figueroa and Platinum Window Source, Inc. dba Platinum Window Source 2. YOU ARE NOTIFIED a. Upon application of the judgment creditor, a judgment against you has been entered in this court as follows: (1) Judgment creditor: Fundamental Capital, LLC (2) Amount of judgment entered in this court: \$ 47,826.72 b. This judgment was entered based upon a sister-state judgment previously entered against you as follows: (1) Sister state: New York (2) Sister-state court: Supreme Court of New York, County of Nassau, 100 Supreme Court Dr., Mineola, NY 11501 (3) Judgment entered in sister state on: July 29, 2024 (4) Title of case and case number: Fundamental Capital, LLC vs Platinum Window Source, Inc., Eddie Figueroa Supreme Court of New York County of Nassau Index No. 606098/2024A sister-state judgment has been entered against you in a California court. Unless you file a motion to vacate the judgment in this court within 30 DAYS after service of this notice, this judgment will be final.3. This court may order that a writ of execution or other enforcement may issue. Your wag-

es, money, and property could be taken without further warning from the court. If enforcement procedures have already been issued, the property levied on will not be distributed until 30 days after you are served with this notice.
Contact: Bruce W. Hogan, State Bar No. 66206, Attorney for Fundamental Capital, LLC, 1300 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805-963-585 Bhoganlaw@outlook.com
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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 240244460 TS No.: 24-008192 APN: 0113-522-040 Property Address: 545 PHEASANT RUN DRIVE, DIXON, CA 95620 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/21/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/10/2025 at 09:30 A.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/28/2006, as Instrument No. 200600108200, in book , page , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SOLANO County, State of California. Executed by: CHRISTOPHER WALTER MORRIS, A MARRIED MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street,

Vallejo, CA 94590 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 0113-522-040 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 545 PHEASANT RUN DRIVE, DIXON, CA 95620 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 478,818.08. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest

bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are sold "AS-IS". NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-693-4761 or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-008192 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR A DELINQUENT WEED ABATEMENT ACCOUNT AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT PROPERTY TAX BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 1, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, to receive public comment and consider placing a past due City of Dixon account on the property tax bill. California Health and Safety Code Section 14915-14917 provides the City the authority to collect past due weed abatement accounts by placing an assessment/lien in the amount of the past due balance on the annual property tax rolls. This process makes the past due amount subject to the County's property tax collection methods and late property tax fees.

The resolution to be considered will authorize the Finance Director, or her designee, to request that the Solano County Auditor enter each assessment on the tax roll against the respective property and to collect the assessment at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal and county ad valorem taxes and to further subject the property to the same penalties and the same procedure of sale in case of delinquency as provided for such taxes. Upon receipt of said funds from Solano County, funds will be applied against the delinquent balances.

Notices regarding this process were mailed to the delinquent property owner prior to this hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, July 1, 2025 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence demonstrating that you should be exempted from the lien process. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 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@cityofdixonca.gov. 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 Administrative City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, ext. 1116.

BY ORDER OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL,
KRISTIN M. JANISCH, ELECTED CITY CLERK
DATED: June 17, 2025

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NOTICE OF DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
MAINE PRAIRIE WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Maine Prairie Water District (the "District") shall hold a special election on September 29, 2025, for the following elective offices:

- Director, 3-year term: one position

To be qualified as a Director, a candidate must be a landowner or the legal representative of a landowner within the District. Official declarations of candidacy for eligible candidates desiring to file for a Director position may be obtained at the District Office at 6595 Pitt School Road, Dixon, CA 95620, and must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 3, 2025.

In the event that the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of available seats upon the filing deadline, and a petition for election has not been filed, then no election shall be held and the position shall be filled by appointment, pursuant to Elections Code section 10515.

DATED: June 10, 2025
Meda Benefield
Secretary of the Board of Directors
Maine Prairie Water District

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTION ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING ASSESSMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT PROPERTY TAX BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on July 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620 to discuss placing past due Recology Dixon accounts on property tax bills. Government Code Sections 38790.1 and 25831 and Dixon Municipal Code Section 9.06.110 give the City the authority to collect past due refuse collection accounts by placing an assessment/lien in the amount of the past due balance on the annual property tax rolls. This process makes the past due amount subject to the County's property tax collection methods and late property tax fees.

The resolution to be considered will authorize the Finance Director, or her designee, to request that the Solano County Auditor enter each assessment on the tax roll against the respective property and to collect the assessment at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal and county ad valorem taxes and to further subject the property to the same penalties and the same procedure of sale in case of delinquency as provided for such taxes. Upon receipt of said funds from Solano County, funds will be remitted to Recology Dixon.

Notices regarding this process were mailed to all delinquent accounts prior to this hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: are invited to attend the July 1, 2025 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence of why you feel the billing is in error or why you feel you should be exempted from the lien process. At the above noted time and place, testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 special 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 at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be viewed by interested individuals at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. 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 resolution will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, or stop by the office at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE DIXON LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 INCLUDING CONFIRMING DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS AND ORDERING LEVY OF ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on July 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Engineer's Report for the Dixon Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2025-26, including confirming diagram and assessments and ordering levy assessment.

The resolution to be considered by the City Council approves the City Engineer's Report which recommends levying an assessment on each of several lots and parcels of land within the Dixon Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District, each of which will be specially benefited by the maintenance of the improvements at least in the amount of the assessment apportioned against the lots and parcels of land, respectively.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: are invited to attend the July 1, 2025, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the approval of the resolution. At the above noted time and place, testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 special 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.

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Copies of the proposed resolution will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, or stop by the office at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

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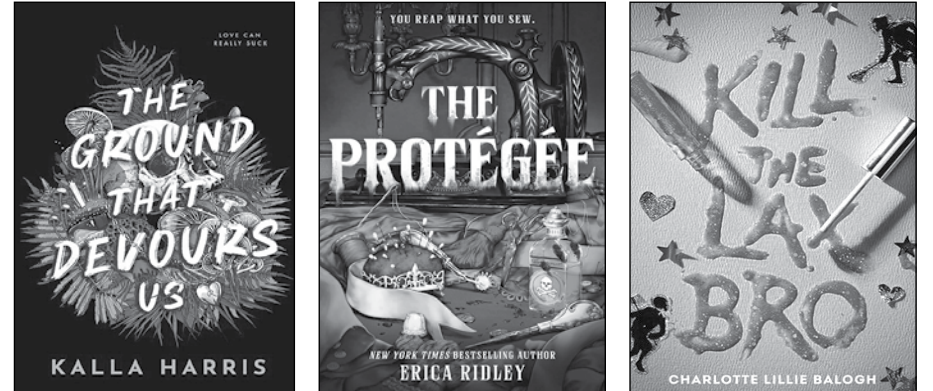
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Chilling Summer Reads

These chilling new reads are set to cool off even the hottest summer days



The Ground That Devours Us

by Kalla Harris, *Entangled Teen*

What would you do if Vampires took over the world? Ruby and her sister, Ripley, are stuck in that exact situation. Vampires arrived and took over the world, and now control everything. The only thing Ruby and Ripley can control - slaying vampires, and that's precisely what they intend to do. That was until the unthinkable happened, plunging them into a world of suspense and moral dilemmas.

Now faced with the moral battle of having a vampire for her sister, Ruby has to face some unthinkable choices. Ruby can let her go and return to slaying, or break the rules and save her sister, which means making a deal with a monster.

Making a deal with the head vampire X means opening the door to a monster and a whole different problem. X is not what they thought. Could a monster possibly bring up human desires? Either way, X makes her feel delicious and not in the way she thought.

This dark, dystopian, fantasy read will take readers slaying down dark alleyways and right into their living rooms. The Ground that Devours Us has all the romantic banter readers are looking for nestled within an enemies-to-lovers troupe. Sisterly bonds, moral dilemmas, and a monster who might not just be a monster leave readers feeling Reminiscent and wanting to watch Buffy the Vampire Slayer, especially in its early seasons. This is a great, fun, dark read that readers

might just want to sink their teeth into.

The Protégée

by Erica Ridley, *Delacorte Press*

Angelique dreamt of entering the world of high fashion, designing gowns for the elite. After the tragic death of her family, Angelique is determined to get revenge. So when the modiste announces a contest for a protegee position, she will stop at nothing to win.

Angelique begins to outshine everyone else while she continues to resort to any measure to win, even if it's deadly. But will it be too much?

Fall for the world of high fashion and revenge set in 19th-century Paris. This historical horror by Erica Ridley is a wickedly good time. Readers will come for the drama but stay for rich, imaginary, and well-written characters. While this story highlights how far someone will go to right a wrong, it also poses many profound questions; all shrouded behind the rich fabrics of high society's elite.

Kill the Lax Bro

by Charlotte Lillie Balogh, *Delacorte Press*

What happens when the star lacrosse player turns up dead? All heck breaks loose. Now, everyone is pointing fingers, from the dream girl to the geek, the rebel, and even the overachiever. What did they all have in common? They all hated Troy.

It's a 90s-style murder mystery that will turn out to be wickedly dark and comedic, taking a spin on high school stereotypes and those we love to hate.

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A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS” ON APPLE TV+

Best known for playing Madison Avenue advertising agency shark Don Draper in the “Mad Men” series, Jon Hamm is the perfect fit for the role of hedge fund manager Andrew Cooper in the “Your Friends and Neighbors” series on Apple TV+.

Coop, as known by friends and colleagues, finds his life in a downward spiral. It helps little that we first see him on a floor covered in blood next to a dead man presumably killed by gunshot.

There’s a flashback to four months earlier at a bar where alluring Olivia (Kitty Hawthorne), her shirt halfway unbuttoned, approaches Coop after ignoring a pair of obnoxious patrons she refers to as Patrick Bateman fanboys.

No longer married after 18 years, Coop claims to be old for someone who turns out to be 28 years old. It should come as no surprise that a consensual relationship would soon to follow.

A little introspection dawns when Coop recalls falling madly in love at a young age, moving quickly up the ladder at work and taking on greater financial burdens as he and his wife Mel (Amanda Peet) take on bigger mortgages for larger homes.

Then one day he comes home early from work to find his wife in flagrante delicto with his best friend Nick (Mark Tallman), a former NBA champion who lives in the neighborhood in his own mansion with trophies and artifacts of his career on prominent display.

Coop’s circle of friends and colleagues all seem to live in the exclusive fictional New York suburb of Westmont Village, an ultra-wealthy enclave where many residents belong to a country club and dress formally for cocktail parties.

Less than 15 minutes into the first episode Coop is sitting casually in the spa of a high-end gym with his slimy boss Jack Bailey (Corbin Bernsen), only to find out he’s being fired for having sex with Olivia, a subordinate at the firm.

Protesting that his tryst with Olivia was a weekend fling, Coop claims to not knowing of her position in the company, and then Jack drops the absurd notion that the young woman is on track to be a vice president.

Appearing to be vindictive, Jack arranged the visit to the gym so that the computer and proprietary information in Coop’s office could be seized, along with his capital account that is his only source of savings.

Sacked from his corporate perch, Coop loses his client list based upon a

non-compete clause that is in effect for two years. Making the rounds to other hedge fund firms goes nowhere for the now unemployed former managing director.

Living in a rented home and without job prospects, Coop is still paying to support his ex-wife and two children, Ivy Leage college-bound Tori (Isabel Gravitt), a top-rated tennis player, and high school drummer enthusiast Hunter (Donovan Colan).

Meanwhile, Coop has a volatile sexual relationship with Samantha (Olivia Munn), whose husband Paul (Jordan Gelber) has left her for a younger model. It’s Paul who was found dead when Coop woke up in a pool of his blood.

There’s now a mystery going on about who killed Paul, or did he commit suicide. The twists and turns on the probe into his death won’t be revealed here for fear of spoiling the eventual denouement.

Adding to his distress, Coop finds that his sister Ali (Lena Hall) is struggling with mental illness, and needs to move in with him to avoid an ongoing toxic relationship with their mother.

Things get interesting when Coop, knowing a lot about his wealthy neighbors, turns into a cat burglar with his first score of a wad of cash and a priceless watch that leads him to deal with an illicit pawnbroker in the Bronx.

A life of crime ensues because it’s the only way Coop can keep up mortgage payments on the mansion his ex-wife acquired in the divorce, along with buying a drum set for his son and ponying up college tuition money.

What does a hedge fund guy know about breaking into homes? He acquires an accomplice in Elena (Aimee Carrero), a housekeeper he encounters during a break-in who then hooks him up with some real criminal talent.

“Your Friends and Neighbors,” focused as it is on a bunch of privileged folks often whining about a lifestyle out of reach for most people, allows a voyeuristic audience to indulge either in a resignation to guilty pleasure or revulsion at some unlikable characters.

This series satiates a fascination with obnoxious buffoons and distasteful situations, and considering that odious persons populated popular TV shows like the ad men in “Mad Men” and the sleazy lawyers in “Suits” it is no wonder than the talented Jon Hamm is perfectly cast.

Controversy over the show has arisen as the result of the advocacy group CatholicVote and other Catholics expressing outrage at the scene where Coop and his ex-wife break into a church and commit gratuitously sacrilegious acts.

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conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-008192 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so

that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services, LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT

COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 844-693-4761 NPP0475347 To: DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE Publish 06/20/2025, 06/27/2025, 07/04/2025 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 7-04-25

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR DELINQUENT WASTEWATER COLLECTION ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING ASSESSMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT PROPERTY TAX BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon (“City”) City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 1, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, to receive public comment and consider placing past due City of Dixon accounts on property tax bills. California Health and Safety Code Section 5473 provides the City the authority to collect past due wastewater collection accounts by placing an assessment/lien in the amount of the past due balance on the annual property tax rolls. This process makes the past due amount subject to the County’s property tax collection methods and late property tax fees.

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BY ORDER OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL,
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1. Croat, e.g.
5. Reverential respect mixed with wonder
8. Island near Java
12. From where to eternity?
13. *"Land of the ____"
14. Rowed
15. Diabolical
16. Mideast bigwig
17. Unleashes
18. *Star-spangled banner (2 words)
20. Type of ski lift
21. *Day before Independence Day
22. Quilting party
23. Sherlock Holmes' confidant
26. Formal dinner
30. U.N. working-conditions agency
31. Sextet plus one
34. Cancel
35. Holey confection
37. Electric swimmer
38. Frame job
39. Comparison word
40. Type of deodorant
42. Skater's field
43. *Like "America the Beautiful" skies
45. Covered with a ceiling
47. Tennis do-over
48. Surfer's stops
50. Not guilty, e.g.
52. *Yankee Doodle's feather
55. *"To Freedom!", e.g.
56. Tel ____, Israel
57. B b 's mother
59. Pseudonym
60. *Cup at a picnic
61. Do like exhaust pipe
62. Late George Wendt on "Cheers"
63. Give it a go
64. *Betsy of #18
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DOWN
1. "He said, ____ said"
2. Russian left
3. Pomegranate seed
4. South African grasslands
5. Knight's protection
6. Odd and unusual
7. Like ghostly howls
8. *July 4th culinary tradition
9. ____ 51 in Nevada
10. Lecherous look
11. Dog tags
13. Felidae family member
14. As a rule
19. Casper, e.g.
22. Cricket club
23. Measurement
24. Hello, to Mr. Hand
25. Opposite of atonal
26. *Philadelphia's Liberty
27. "____ death do us part"
28. Draw out a conclusion
29. Drank too much
32. Lowly laborer
33. What lintel and mantel have in common
36. *Personification of the U.S. (2 words)
38. Show contempt
40. Decompose
41. In eighth, book format
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Student Artists Shine in 2025 Clean Air Calendar Art Contest

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Announces Winners

2025 Contest Winners
are as follows.
In first place are Amara



Hu, a third grader from Birch Lane Elementary in Davis; Emery Corwin,

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Isaiah Hu, a kindergartener from Birch Lane Elementary in Davis; Abraham Castleman, a first grader from Robert E. Willett Elementary School in Davis; Skylar Kiser, a first grader from Waggoner Elementary in Winters; Alex Seiler, a second grader from Davis School for Independent Study in Davis; Alexa Alanis and Sergio Julian Jimenez Arellano, both third graders from Shirley Rominger Intermediate in Winters; Nola McGinn, a fourth grader from Patwin Elementary in Davis; Addie Lou McLaughlin, a fifth grader from Davis Waldorf School in Davis; Audrey Hu, a fifth grader from Birch Lane Elementary in Davis; Clarissa Uribe

This contest is one of many ways the Air District engages local communities

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful

effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the district is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. ★

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.

DIXON POLICE LOG



Monday, June 2

- 1108** - School Resource Officer report at Dixon High School.
- 1652** - Petty theft report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 1808** - Non-injury traffic accident in the 100 block of South First Street.

Sunday, June 1

- 0900** - A missing person report was taken in the 300 block of Victoria Drive.
- 0013** - Report of domestic violence in the 200 block of West D Street.

Saturday, May 31

- 0755** - Female placed on mental health hold.
- 1440** - Female placed on mental health hold.
- 2349** - Felony battery report taken in the 1300 block of Ingrid Drive.
- 2353** - Information report taken in the 500 block of South First Street.

Friday, May 30

- 0840** - Vandalism report in the area of East Parkway and Harvard Drive.
- 0905** - Byron Thompson (29) of Tracy was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Thursday, May 29

- 0840** - Vehicle versus bicyclist in the 200 block of East A Street.
- 0846** - Theft report in the 100 block of Pegord Avenue.
- 1247** - Traffic stop in the 1400 block of Ary Lane led to the arrest of Allison Stanley (29) of Dixon for an outstanding warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia. Karina Monterrubio (26) of Woodland was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 1400** - Lost property report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 1558** - Found license plate in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 2245** - Warrant arrest at the intersection of Porter Street and West A Street Suspect Edwin Solano-Majano (20-year-old out of Sacramento) was arrested for failure to appear warrants out of Sacramento County, for rape and possession obscene matter.
- 0211** - Vehicle burglary in the 1300 block of Commercial Way.

Wednesday, May 28

- 0824** - Confidential report taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 0906** - Graffiti reported in the 700 block of North Adams Street.
- 0926** - Graffiti reported in the 200 block of West H Street.
- 2045** - Fraud report taken in the 700 block of East Court.
- 2147** - Information report taken from the 200 block of East D Street.

Tuesday, May 27

- 1020** - A license plate theft report was taken in the 1400 block of North First Street.
- 1551** - A domestic violence arrest report was taken in the 200 block of South 3rd Street. Victor Valdivia-Velasquez (45) of Dixon was arrested for domestic violence, false imprisonment and possession of a controlled substance.
- 1950** - Information report taken in the 200 block of Morning Glory Lane.

Monday, May 26

- 1104** - A confidential report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
- 1551** - A collision report was taken at the intersection of Stratford Avenue at Commercial Way.
- 1929** - Information report taken in the 100 block of Morning Glory Lane.

Sunday, May 25

- 1303** - A vandalism report was taken at Northwest Park.
- 1319** - A confidential report was taken in the 1000 block of Purdue Court.
- 1337** - A child endangerment arrest report was taken at 2100 block of Mourning Dove Drive. The investigation (S) Laura Mupin (34) was in violation of child endangerment. Mupin was arrested and transported to the Dixon Police Department, where she was cited and released. The juvenile was taken to another family member's residence.

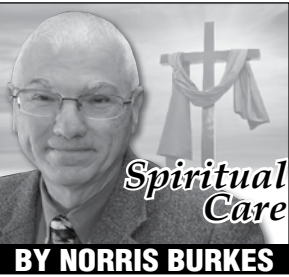
Saturday, May 24

- 1500** - Hit and Run investigation in the 1300 block of West F Street.
- 1917** - Public intoxication and obstructing an officer arrest in the 1300 block of West H Street. Suspect Alexis Leon (23) of Dixon was arrested and booked at Solano County Jail.
- 2042** - Information report taken in the 1800 block of Dorris Court.
- 2253 245 PC**, assault with a deadly weapon report taken in the 800 block of North Adams Street. Bar patron threw a glass bottle at bartender.

Friday, May 23

- 1942** - Information report in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.
- 2207** - DUI arrest in the 1900 block of North First Street. Suspect Maria Magdalena Morales (37-year-old, out of Woodland) was arrested and transported to Dixon Police Department.

Buying What People Ain't Sellin'



On a hot summer day in 2018, my wife, Becky, and I were moving into our new home in Auburn, California, when Becky's sister, Melissa, stopped by to help us unpack. A few hours into the job, Becky put down her boxes and started making sandwiches for us. A few hours into the job, Becky put down her boxes and started making sandwiches for us. "Hey," she said to me, "I think the neighbors down the street are getting ready for a garage sale. Go see if you can find the yard tools we're going to need." I peered out the window at our barren one-third of an acre. "What yard?" "Go," she ordered. I blinked. Given the opportunity to escape the tedium of unpacking, I needn't be told twice. I grabbed my car keys and suggested that Melissa come along. A few minutes later, we pulled into an empty driveway where I couldn't believe my eyes. These were quality products, yet oddly enough, there were no customers. Stranger still, the homeowners were also absent. "I wonder where they are," Melissa said as we got out. "Probably inside taking a break from the heat," I shrugged. "I'd rather shop without the seller barking prices every time I touch something anyway." She agreed and picked

up a pair of Keen sandals. "Hey, I think these are a fit." "Nice," I said. "How much?" "I don't know." She turned her attention to a bag of bedding. "They haven't priced anything yet." We shopped for another five minutes before I decided to give the door a light knock, then reported back. "No answer." Continuing our search, Melissa put aside the sandals to hide them from the mob we were expecting. My eyes quickly fell upon a nice selection of yard tools — Home Depot on a blanket. "Wow, this is everything I need. Rakes, pruning shears and even a leaf-blower." I laid aside the best and returned to the front door to make a lowball offer. I gave the doorbell an aggressive ring. This time, the dogs erupted with barking. I paused expecting human footsteps. Nothing. I returned to my pile of tools, spouting the old garage-sale cliché, "No price tags, no bodies, so it must be free." Melissa pointed to a small pile of sweepings at the edge of the garage. "Norris, I don't think this a garage sale. I think we've interrupted a garage cleaning." "That must mean ..." My voice trailed. "We're trespassing!" Melissa said. Just then the house curtains jostled, either by canine snout or human hand. I dropped the tools, and before anyone gave chase, we beat feet to the car. The garage sale gaffe brought to mind three common platitudes. First, the familiar triteness that says, "If the shoe fits, wear it," isn't necessarily true.

It only seems true because there are a lot of folks who'll force their images upon us trying to match their assumptions of us. They insist that the shoe fits us, so we chain ourselves to their preconceived impression. Just because the proverbial shoe may fit, doesn't necessarily mean you have to wear it or own it. If you don't see yourself in the shoe, then drop the shoe. The second platitude encourages us to pray that God will open doors for us. Well, the chaplain is here to testify that just because a door is open doesn't mean that God opened it. We need to ask God to help us discern whether the opening is a welcome pathway or a trap door. In other words, stay out of unmarked doors. Finally, you can't buy what people ain't selling. At least that seems to be the pesky thought behind the Tenth Commandment: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house ... your neighbor's wife, or ... or anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17 NIV). When Melissa and I returned to report our failed grand-theft attempt, my diplomatic wife profusely apologized for her erroneous tip — at least that's what I think she said in the midst of her hysterical laughter. *Sign up to receive this weekly column in your email box at <https://thechaplain.net/newsletter/> or send me your email address to comment@thechaplain.net.* *All of Norris's books can be ordered on Amazon. Autographed copies can be obtained on his website www.thechaplain.net or by sending a check for \$20 for each book to 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602.* ★



Decent Almond Crop Projected Despite Early Alarm about Bee Losses

Despite concerns earlier this year that there would not be enough bees to pollinate the 2025 almond crop, the shortage does not appear to have affected production, according to a forecast by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The department projected California farmers will harvest 2.8 billion pounds of almonds, which is less than average but slightly more than last year. "That's not an excellent crop, but it's a nice crop," Mel Machado, chief agricultural officer of Blue Diamond Growers, a cooperative of almond growers, told host Gary Sack on a recent episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, which is produced by the California Farm Bureau. Growers are "cautiously optimistic," Machado said.

Lemon Growers Struggle with Supply and Market Challenges

With peak lemon season winding down in Ventura County—the state's top producer of the citrus fruit—growers say ongoing challenges with low prices make it hard to earn a profit. While Central Valley growers have been able to produce quality lemons, those in coastal areas have struggled with unfavorable weather. "We haven't been making anything on lemons since the pandemic," said Craig Colton, a Ventura County grower. "Because of the age of our trees, wind damage and size issues, we can't get the fruit quality the packinghouse is asking for."

California Agriculture Official Highlights Priorities

In an exclusive interview with Ag Alert®, California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross spoke about challenges farmers face and her priorities for agriculture in the Golden State. "It is crucial that we understand where we can help provide relief or more efficient, effective ways of doing things," Ross said. "It's hugely important for our landscape and our climate goals to keep people on the land and for families in rural communities to have a thriving agricultural sector."

Legislation Allowing Schools to Serve Whole Milk Advances

A bill being considered by U.S. lawmakers would give schools the option of serving whole and 2% milk. Dairy groups applauded passage last week of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act out of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. The bipartisan legislation was already approved by a House committee. Since 2012, federal school meal rules have allowed only 1% and fat-free milk to be served in schools, despite those varieties being less popular in people's homes. The bill "is about making informed, science-backed decisions that prioritize the health and future of our children," National Milk Producers Federation President and CEO Gregg Doud said. ★



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Butch at 707-678-3622.
Dixon Downtown Business Association – Dedicated to enhancing the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information.
Dixon Game & Conservation Club – Meetings on second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.
Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.
Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children's lives meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.
Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954, the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dixonca>. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.
Dixon Rotary Club – Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. St., Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.
Dixon Scottish Cultural Association – Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit <http://scotsindixon.us/>.
Dixon Senior Club – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.
Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club – Need to speak in front of people? Want to improve your communication skills? Want to have fun learning? Check us out! We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Living Hope Church. For more info, call or text Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or Rose Cooke at 707-297-0918.
Dixon Women's Improvement Club – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the third Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings – The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.
Domestic Violence Support Group – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.
Dry Dock – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson St.
Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239.
Friends of the Dixon Public Library – Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447.
Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization – We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more information.
Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud's. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865. ★

The Challenge of Democratic Policing

By Steve Smith
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News of the fairly small federal enforcement action spread quickly amongst opponents of immigration enforcement, and based on the flags and signs, a host of other political causes as well, resulting in days of riots, assaults on police officers, arson, and vandalism.

The situation is made more confusing in California because here, state and local law enforcement officials are barred from enforcing immigration laws or cooperating with immigration authorities by SB 54, the so-called “California Values Act”.

Specifically, SB 54 prohibits California peace officers from participating in joint federal/state task forces that involve immigration enforcement. They may not arrest individuals for immigration law violations or hold inmates longer than their customary arrest and holding periods without a judicial order for the purposes of immigration enforcement. They must also ensure that schools, hospitals, or other public spaces remain open to all without consideration of the immigration status of anyone accessing those facilities. In all they do, they cannot ask the immigration status of an individual.

ICE actions thus create a strain on the social contract between some Californians and local and state law enforcement agencies who are viewed by many to be indistinguishable from their federal counterparts. Consequently, in Los Angeles, local officers are being attacked and property is being destroyed as protestors and criminal opportunists take advantage of the misconception of their role.

In addition, the tactical response to an emerging riot can be maddeningly slow.

Consider that the Los Angeles Police Department has just 8,900 police officers on staff to provide service to over 3.8 million residents, yet the number of officers actually on duty at any given time is a scant 315, or less than 1 officer per 12,000 residents.

Even with assistance from other local law enforcement agencies and the CHP, it is a challenge for the police to quickly marshal the resources to quell an organized and large civil disturbance. Along with tactical considerations, the law leaves state and local peace officers in Los Angeles in a legal gray area when devising their strategies to maintain peace and manage crowd control while at the same time not being seen to be assisting ICE agents.

Another challenge is the fact that immigration law is administrative and not criminal. Consequently, officers engaged in enforcing those laws may find themselves in difficult legal circumstances were an enforcement action to turn violent or even deadly.

History has shown that the slow police ramp up during the three major LA riots (the 1965 Watts riots; the 1992 Rodney King riots and, most recently, the 2020 George Floyd riots) allowed a considerable amount of crime to take place

before California’s governors utilized the California National Guard to assist in ending the riots and restoring order – a process known as “calling up.”

For that purpose and more, all US states and territories maintain a national guard, which in times of civil emergency can be called upon to assist local authorities. In some circumstances, the President of the United States can assume control of a state or territorial guard, such as when a state’s governor refuses to enforce federal law as famously happened in Alabama when President Kennedy nationalized the Alabama Guard based on Gov. George Wallace’s refusal to comply with the Civil Rights Act. Going back to 1954, President Eisenhower ordered elements of the 101st Airborne Division to protect the “Little Rock Nine” at Central High School in Arkansas.

This weekend (June 7 weekend), President Trump did the same when he ordered 2,000 California National Guard members to Los Angeles over the objections of Gov. Gavin Newsom, who said: “The federal government is taking over the California National Guard and deploying 2,000 soldiers in Los Angeles — not because there is a shortage of law enforcement, but because they want a spectacle.” On June 9, an additional 700 active duty Marines were sent to Los Angeles.

There appears to be ample evidence that, in the past, presidential authority to enforce federal law extends to ordering the US military and national guard to aid in carrying out law enforcement actions and the securing of facilities. California Attorney General Rob Bonta has filed a lawsuit challenging that authority alleging, among other things, the federalization deprives California of the guard in the event of an emergency and infringes on Newsom’s rights as Commander-in-Chief of the state guard.

Despite Gov. Newsom’s assurances that all was under control, there are a shortage of peace officers in Los Angeles and, for that matter, the rest of California. Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell reported after the first day of rioting that, “We are overwhelmed”.

It should be no surprise as the LA Times reported in January 2025 that LAPD was down hundreds of officers with little hope of returning to full staffing for several years. This situation is echoed by a recent peace officer staffing report by PORAC noting that statewide, law enforcement numbers are at a 30-year low.

There may be soon a day of reckoning in the Supreme Court not just over the extent of presidential authority vis a vis the use of troops to enforce laws but also over the constitutionality of state laws limiting cooperation with federal law enforcement authorities .

The question in Los Angeles today is that given these challenges, will the thin blue line hold?

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Kiley Developing Legislation Against Rioters



Kevin Kiley
Congressman Kevin Kiley
Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - As the anti-Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) riots continue to be violent and dangerous in Los Angeles, Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA) is developing legislation that would make Non-Governmental

Organizations involved in organizing unlawful riots ineligible for federal funding or tax-exempt status, along with legislation to increase penalties for disrupting federal immigration and law enforcement operations and assaulting federal officers.

Right now, the penalty for a simple assault of an officer is one year in prison and there is no specific financial penalty.

“The violence we have witnessed in Los Angeles is a threat to the safety of our communities and federal officers, and it undermines democracy by obstructing the policies of a duly elected president from being implemented,” Kiley said. “We need better tools to deter

and punish this lawless and anti-democratic behavior.”

In the wake of the L.A. riots, it has come to light that the nonprofit known as Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles received \$34 million in state funding.

The group, which has previously campaigned to abolish ICE, played a pivotal role in enabling the riots by broadcasting the precise location of ICE operations in real time.

Congressman Kevin Kiley represents California’s Third Congressional District, which includes Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties, and parts of Yuba, El Dorado and Sacramento counties. ★

Small Business Owners Describe Slightly-Improved Conditions



Small business owners expecting better business conditions and sales. Image by Ketut-Subiyanto pexels

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Small business owners expecting better business conditions and sales boosted the National Federation of Independent Business’s latest Small Business Optimism Index numbers, released on June 10, to 98.8, slightly above the 51-year average of 98.

The latest index also gave labor shortages and labor quality and inflation a break from their occasional rankings as the most important problems, replacing them with taxes. The last time taxes were ranked as the most important problem was in December 2020.

“California was already the highest taxed state in the nation, so the findings in the latest Optimism Index are not so much a surprise as they are a reminder of our crying need for better policies,” said John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business in California. “One such better policy would have been to pay off our \$20 billion debt to the federal government over our unemployment insurance loans when Uncle Sam was lading out gobs of cash a few years ago. Too late now, which means small business owners are on the hook for the increased costs associated with the unemployment insurance taxes, which only businesses pay, for many more years to come. And to think some lawmakers still want to award striking workers who already have jobs with unemployment benefits. More than most examples, this shows the mentality of the policymakers in charge of making decisions for California.”

The National Federation of Independent Business’s Index is the gold standard measurement of America’s small business economy. Used by the Federal Reserve, congressional leaders, administration officials

and state legislatures across the nation, it’s regarded as the bellwether on the health and welfare of the Main Street.

The Optimism Index, aka Small Business Economic Trends report, is a national snapshot of National Federation of Independent Business-member, small-business owners not broken down by state. The typical National Federation of Independent Business member employs between one and nine people and reports gross sales of about \$500,000 a year.

“Although optimism recovered slightly in May, uncertainty is still high among small business owners,” National Federation of Independent Business Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg said. “While the economy will continue to stumble along until the major sources of uncertainty are resolved, owners reported more positive expectations on business conditions and sales growth.”

Highlights from the June 10 Optimism Index included a net one percent, seasonally adjusted, of owners who viewed current inventory stocks as “too low” in May, up seven points from April and the highest reading since August 2022. This was the largest monthly increase in the survey’s history.

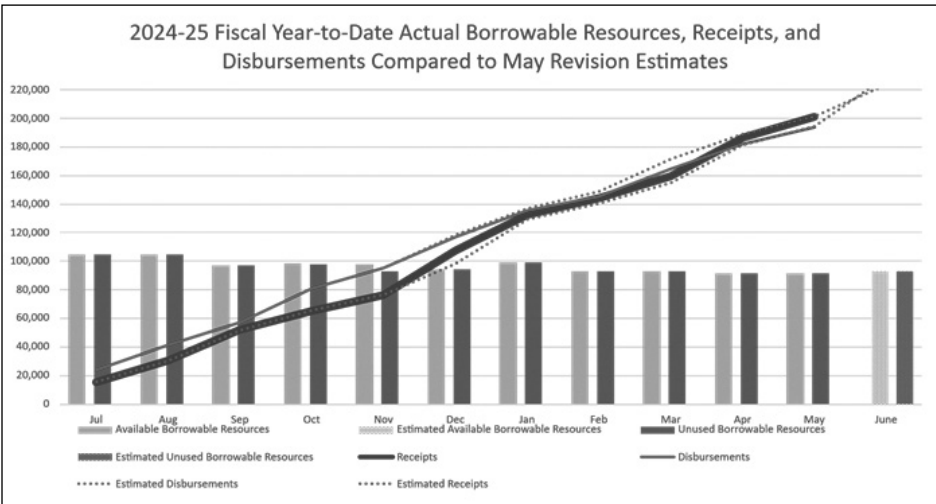
The net percentage of owners expecting better business conditions rose 10 points from April to a net 25%, seasonally adjusted.

The net percentage of owners expecting higher real sales volumes rose 11 points from April to a net 10%, seasonally adjusted. This component contributed the most to the Optimism Index’s improvement.

The percentage of small business owners reporting labor quality as the single most important problem for business fell three points from April to 16%.

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State Controller Issues May Cash Update



The State of California started the fiscal year with a \$14.7-billion General Fund cash balance and ended May with a \$21.7-billion balance, according to the California State Controller’s Office. Image courtesy of the California State Controller’s Office

California State Controller’s Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Controller Malia M. Cohen released her monthly cash report covering the state’s General Fund revenues, disbursements and actual cash balance for the fiscal year through May 31.

As noted in the controller’s monthly statement of General Fund cash receipts and disbursements, receipts for the fiscal year through May were higher than estimates contained in the 2025-26 May Revision by \$640.1 million or 0.3 percent. Fiscal year-to-date expenditures were \$3.3 billion, or 1.7 percent, lower than the governor’s budget estimates. The state started the fiscal year with a \$14.7-billion General Fund cash balance and ended May with a \$21.7-billion balance.

“Even with rising economic uncertainty at home and abroad, the state’s strong cash position and its ability to pay its bills on time and in full continue with revenues and spending meeting expectations,” Cohen said. “With the Legislature currently finalizing its spending plan for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, I encourage continued fiscal restraint coupled

with maintaining reserves in the event the state faces increased volatility in its revenues or spending.”

For the fiscal year through May, personal income tax receipts were \$374.4 million above May revision projections or 0.3 percent. Corporation tax collections were \$225.3 million or 0.8 percent above estimates. Retail sales and use tax receipts were \$255.3 million below recent projections or 0.8 percent.

The controller continues to note that while April 15 is the traditional annual personal income tax payment deadline, the Franchise Tax Board extended the current deadline for Los Angeles County individuals and businesses in response to the fires that began on Jan. 7. These individuals and businesses have until Oct. 15 to file and pay taxes.

As of May 31, the state had \$91.5 billion in unused borrowable resources. These resources are from internal funds outside of the General Fund that are borrowable under state law and that the State Controller’s Office uses to manage daily and monthly cash deficits when revenue collections are lower than expenditures. Internal borrowing from special funds is short-term and is repaid so that borrowing does not affect the operations of the special funds. ★



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