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Downtown Dixon roared

to life on June 28 as the

annual Grillin' & Chillin'

Car Show & Rib Cook-

Off took over the streets,

drawing families and car

enthusiasts for a day of

chrome, barbecue and

Organized by Dixon's

Action Team, this marks

the 12th edition of the

community spirit.

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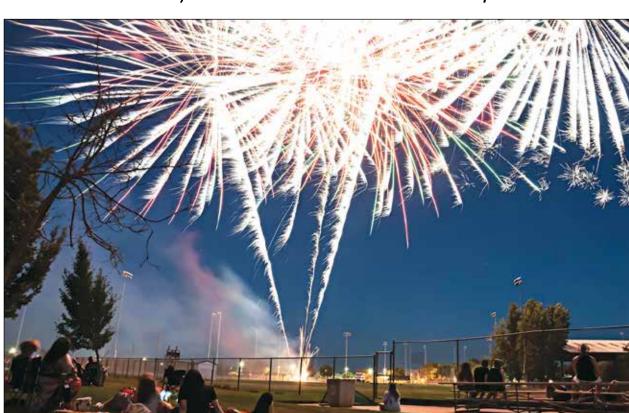
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The City of Dixon is hosting a Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks show on Friday, July 4 at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive. Attendees should bring picnic blankets, chairs, sunscreen and towels. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, was established in 1776

after the original 13 colonies of the United States adopted the Declaration of Independence. Established as a federal holiday in 1941, the celebration

commemorates the birth of American independence through community events, concerts and fireworks throughout the United

The City of Dixon, alongside the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, intends to continue this nationwide tradition Continued on page 3

Farewell to **Pastor Pablo**

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Sunday, June 22 might have been an average day to many Dixonites, but to the Dixon United Methodist Church members, it was the end of an era.

On this day, Pastor Henry Pablo III, who has been with the church since 2022, hosted his final service. Pablo is moving to Vallejo to complete his Master of Divinity degree and continue to support others through worship.

According to Pablo, he became a pastor to serve

"I became a pastor because I enjoy serving people, walking with them in their stories and serving the community," said Pablo. "People should be loved and cared for, seen and heard, and they should know they belong. Worship services and things of that sort support this goal."

Pablo began his path to pastorship in 2021. Coming from a religious family, Pablo grew up in the church, faith being an active part of his life.

a labor of love.

"It's just a love of

doing it because we love

to give. That's our goal:

to give to the commu-

nity. It's a lot of work and

there are only seven of us,

President, Megan Nieto,

and Vice-President, Allen

Nieto, are in charge of all

vendors and crafters,"

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o it can get tough. Our

Initially, Pablo pursued a mechanical engineering career, earning a degree at the University of Rochester in New York. Pablo said he worked as an associate engineer for a year and a half in California but was left unfulfilled. During this time, Pablo was also volunteering for the youth administration at his local church.

"I started feeling unfulfilled in my work as a mechanical engineer but was fulfilled by my time working in the youth administration," said Pablo. "I spoke with my pastor, went through a whole discernment process and quit my job."

This decision led Pablo to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. Pablo is moving to Vallejo to continue his master's degree at Vallejo United Methodist Church.

With Pablo's transition, members of his flock recount his service.

Mike Wood has attended Dixon United Methodist Church for 30 years. He considers Pablo's transition "a changing of the seasons" and said that he and the Dixon United Methodist Church members are fortunate to have attended Pablo's services.

"I liked the services where he made it more personal and shared his experiences," said Wood.

Carrie Senecal, the church secretary, also reflected on Pablo's time with Dixon United Methodist Church.

"We really enjoyed his time here. We are going to miss him and wish him the best in his future Continued on page 10

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Dixon Lights Up Hall Park

There was plenty of food for attendees to enjoy at the Grillin'

and Chillin' Car Show and Rib Cook-off on June 28. Photo by

street fair event. According

to Janette Barrango, who

co-directed the car show

with her husband, Rich

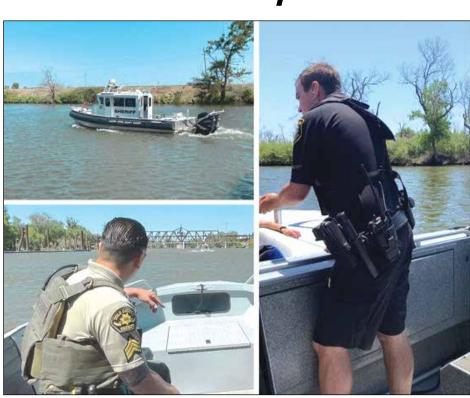
Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks Spectacular

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Beau Jeffers Band and a demonstration by Ramtown Karate. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Operation Dry Water for Fourth of July Weekend



Top and bottom left: Officers from Contra Costa and Yolo County sheriff departments are among many agencies participating in Operation Dry Run. Right: An officer conducts a routine vessel stop. Photos courtesy of Division of Boating and Waterways

California Department of Parks and Recreation News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is urging all boaters to boat sober this Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Division of Boating and Waterways and local law enforcement agencies are participating in Operation Dry Water from July 4 to July 6, a nationwide initiative to reduce boating under the influence (BUI) and to promote safe boating practices.

"Recreate responsibly: wear your life jacket, designate a sober operator and make safety the priority every time you're on the water," said Ramona Fernandez, deputy director of Division of Boating and Waterways. "Operating a boat under the influence is not only illegal, it's dangerous. Protect lives by staying sober behind the helm."

During the Operation Dry Water weekend, boaters can expect increased patrols and sobriety checkpoints on waterways, as well as outreach and education efforts, such as safety demonstrations and informational materials. There will also be collaboration with local marinas, boating clubs and community organizations to spread the message of sober boating.

Launched in 2009 by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, Operation Dry Water has drawn public attention to the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

According to U.S. Coast Guard 2023 Recreational Boating Statistics, alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 17% of deaths.

The Operation Dry Water campaign goal is to educate boaters about the dangers of alcohol and drug use while operating a vessel to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities that occur as a result of boating under the influence.

Alcohol can impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time. It can also be dangerous for passengers.

Intoxication can cause slips, falls overboard and other dangerous incidents.

In California, it is against the law to operate a boat or water ski with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 percent or more. Officers can also arrest boaters with a blood alcohol concentration of less than 0.08 percent if conditions are deemed unsafe.

Boating under the influence convictions can result in up to six months in jail and/or fines of up to \$1,000. Two convictions within seven years could add a jail term of up to one year. Boaters caught operating under the influence might also have their voyage terminated and their vessel impounded.

Participants in this year's Operation Dry Water in California include California State Parks' Auburn State Recreation Area (SRA) in El Dorado and Placer counties, Lake Oroville in Butte County, Lake Perris SRA in Riverside County, Silverwood Lake in San Bernardino County, and Pichaco (SRA) in Imperial County.

Additionally, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and several city police departments, including Blythe, Sacramento, South Lake Tahoe and Truckee, are participating.

County Sheriff Departments from Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba counties are also involved.

To ensure safe boating, California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways urges boaters to wear a life jacket, take a safe boating course and get a California Boater Card, file a float plan in case of emergency, carry proper safety equipment and implement clean and green practices such as proper disposing of trash and utilize shore-side recycling stations.

Life jackets save lives. Make sure everyone on board is wearing a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket that is appropriate for the intended boating activity.

For more information on Operation Dry Water or boat safety practices, visit www.nasbla.org/operationdrywater/ home or call 859-225-9487. ★



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Dixon News Briefs



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By MPG Staff

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 4th of July.

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

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. July 16. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at The Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. Official business meetings start at 7 p.m., but the hall opens for set-up and socializing at 6 p.m. Socializing will continue after the business portion of the meeting.

For more information, visit vfw8151. org or call 209-395-8019.

Dixon United Methodist Church Garage Sale

Dixon United Methodist Church is hosting a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19. Held at the church, 209 N. Jefferson St., the event offers participants the opportunity to support Dixon United Methodist Church and get some great deals. Interested parties can also rent a table to sell their wares. Tables cost \$20 for a long 8-foot table, \$15 for a large round table and \$10 for a small round

For more information or to rent a table, visit dixonumc.org or call 707-678-2191.

Safe and Sane Fireworks Booth Locations

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Weinersnitchel, 2500 W. A St., licensed by Living Hope Church of Dixon; Dixon Fruit Market, 7808 Batavia Road, licensed by Dixon QB Club; Safeway, 1235 Stratford Ave., licensed by American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; Walmart, 235 E. Dorset Drive, licensed by Soroptimist International of Dixon; CVS Pharmacy, 1057 N. First St., licensed by Dixon High Athletic Boosters; Michael's Market, 1100 Pitt School Road, licensed by J.A. Taylor Foundation.

For more information, visit www. cityofdixonca.gov/departments/ Fire/FireworksInformation or call 707-678-7000.

Independence in Dixon Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City of Dixon and the Lewis Group of Companies are hosting the unveiling of Dixon's newest home rental community at 4:30 p.m. July 8. The event, hosted at Independence in Dixon, 1905 N. First St. offers light refreshments

and remarks from the City of Dixon and Lewis Group of Companies. Various local organizations will also be honored for the difference they make in the community. The presentation will commence at 5 p.m. Onsite parking will be adjacent to the event tent.

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

Independence from Hunger Food Drive

Grocery Outlet is hosting a food drive alongside Dixon Family Services throughout July, ending July 31. Community members can donate \$5 and receive a coupon for \$5 off future purchases of \$25 or more. Those interested can donate either online or in-store, 2400 N. First St. All donations stay local, benefitting Dixon Family Services and the Dixon Rams Vault.

For more information or to donate, visit groceryoutlet.com/donate or call 707-676-5556.

Concerts in the Plaza

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is continuing its Concerts in the Plaza series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 17. The free event, hosted at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St. features the blues and country musical stylings of Smokehouse Reunion. Folding chairs and picnic blankets are recommended, but no alcohol is allowed as per city ordinance.

For more information, visit dixon-

chamber.org or call 707-678-2650. Dixon Moose Lodge Cornhole

Dixon Moose Lodge is hosting cornhole every Mondays at 6 p.m. Hosted by 4bagzin, a cornhole apparel shop, the weekly event offers drinks, snacks, music and competitive cornhole. Held at the Moose Lodge, 180 W. B St., participants can sign in using the Scoreholio app for \$10 per person. Newcomers can expect tutorials on cornhole from on-site personnel. Members and qualified guests are invited to play and support the lodge.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-9407.

Neighborhood Christian School Summer Camp

Neighborhood Christian School is still accepting enrollment for its kids' summer camps, ending July 25. Hosted onsite, 955 E. A St., the camp offers games, arts and crafts, walking field trips, weekly themes, special visitors and more. Children from preschool to 8th grade are eligible, and families can choose to either pay for part-time at \$150 a week or full-time at \$250 a week. Camps are Monday to Friday from either 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 8:30 a.m to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit the Neighborhood Christian School Facebook page or call 707-678-9336.

Lunch Bunch at Pedro's Cocina

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting another lunch bunch networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. July 15. Held at Pedro's Cocina, 1425 Market Lane, the free event offers guests a no-host lunch and networking opportunities.

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



Sizzling Fun and Classic Cars

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From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 28, visitors strolled among more than 200 classic cars and trucks, from restored hot rods to custom-builds to decommissioned military vehicles.

According to Barrango, there were nine eligible car and truck classes with nine judges, each picked for their 20 to 25 years of experience.

The car show drew in participants from throughout California, including Gordon Ball, who experienced Grillin' and Chillin' for the first time this year.

"I love the camaraderie out here with this group of people," said Ball. "Everyone has their interests and you meet so many people."

Ball entered his Volkswagen, having grown up with the brand.

Robert Meyer shares the same passion and history, entering with his blue convertible Volkswagen, which he has owned for 15 years. Meyer considers the sense of community that the event offers to be the best part.

"We all share similar interests. Everyone's a car guy out here, so it's good. I particularly like this event because the community is so involved. Dixon is just an awesome town," said Mever.

Other participants included Mike Neade, who entered his 1970 Chevelle. Neade said that he grew up around hot rods and now enjoys being able to compete and socialize.

Victor Harris, a three-year veteran of the car show, has worked in the car business for 50 years.

"I love being out here. The ribs are good, the cars are good and the drive here is good. Everyone is super nice and my wife likes the vendors," said Harris.

Vendors lined the streets, offering artisan crafts and local goods. One of these vendors was Robert Wilson of Robert's Custom Turnings, who crafts handmade artisan tools and instruments out of exotic wood. To Wilson, cars and camaraderie are what make the event.

"I like the interaction with all the people here. All the vendors get to know each other and I love the car show. The people who put this thing on always put on a good show. They're very nice and friendly to work with," said Wilson.

Live entertainment at Pardi Plaza was scheduled throughout the day, including performances by Smokehouse Reunion, the Beau Jeffers Band and a demonstration by Ramtown Karate.

Alongside the live music and cars, the event offered a rib cookoff showdown featuring more than 24 competitive pitmasters,





Organized by Dixon's Action Team, this marks the 12th edition of the street fair event. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The car show drew in participants from throughout California. Photo by



The Grillin' and Chillin' Car Show and Rib Cook-off took place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 28. Organized by Dixon's Action Team, this marks the 12th edition of the street fair event. Photo by Nicolas Brown

including T & S X-treme Bar-Bown Braddah's BBQ, sponsored by Super La Favorita Meat Market.

Anita Mangum of T & S X-treme has competed in the rib cook-off for three years and considers her tritip loaded fries her specialty. She enjoys meeting people and having a good time.

Parker Eastep, the owner of Parks Barks BBQ, has competed three times previously.

"It's probably one of our bus-Que, Parks Barks BBQ and Dixon's iest events. We cook 120 racks of ribs, 30 briskets, 16 pork butts, 80 pounds of chicken, 6 pounds of pork belly and we will sell all of that today," said Eastep.

Braddah's BBQ, a Dixonbased organization, was manned by Rob Magarrell and Randall O'Brion and led by Josh Banfield. The pitmasters have competed in the event about four times and enjoy the proximity of it to their



The annual Grillin' & Chillin' Car Show & Rib Cook-Off took over the streets, drawing families and car enthusiasts for a day of chrome, barbecue and community spirit. Photo by Nicolas Brown

event is good for the community because it allows more use of the downtown area.

Another Dixon organization represented at Grillin' and Chillin' was Farmstead at Dixon and Dixon Dance Studio. Lindsey Palmer, the studio's sales director, was raising funds for future dance competitions.

Dixon's Action Team oversaw

homes, living only a couple of the event entirely through local volblocks away. To the three men, the unteer efforts, most notably from Dixon Leon Soccer Club and Dixon Water Polo, which were instrumental in setup, beer booths and kids' activities. According to Barrango, events like Grillin' and Chillin' would not be possible without support from sponsors, volunteers and community participation.

For more information, visit online dixonactionteam.com or call 707-803-4505.

Dixon Lights Up Hall Park

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through the Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks show on Friday, July 4 at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive.

According to Dixon Chamber of Commerce CEO Shauna Manina, the event is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate independence.

"The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the City of Dixon Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks Show at Hall Park again this year," said Manina. "Attendees can expect great music, great food and a spectacular fireworks show in a great venue as we all celebrate Independence Day. Dixon is a wonderful community and this is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate that."

Festivities will kick off with family-friendly activities, such as recreational swimming at Pat Granucci Aquatics Center from 4 to 8 p.m. and pickleball in Hall Park from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 4. For pickleball beginners, instruction is offered from 5 to 6 p.m. before transitioning into open and round-robin play until 8 p.m. Food trucks arrive by 6 p.m. in the

aquatic center's parking lot.

The event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the holiday with the community, according to Dixon public information officer Madeline Graf. "Our Fourth of July event is perfect for



The fireworks show will begin at 9:15 p.m. Friday, July 4 and use 1,124 fireworks in total. Dixon officials remind the community to celebrate safely. Bringing fireworks, including safe and sane fireworks, is not allowed at Hall Park. Photo by Nicolas Brown

like pickleball, recreational swimming and a free concert. It's a wonderful chance to enjoy the holiday together while connecting with neighbors," said Graf.

families and friends, featuring activities

Graf recommends attendees bring picnic blankets, chairs, sunscreen and a towel on Hall Park's main stage. Sponsored by

if they plan to go swimming. More than 3,000 attendees are expected, so Dixonites might want to arrive early to secure parking.

At 6 p.m., a performance by the Davisbased oldies band Now & Then will begin the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, the concert will offer a mix of contemporary rock classics with elements of soul and

The fireworks show will start promptly at 9:15 p.m., acting as an explosive conclusion to the day's events. According to Graf, the fireworks show will use a total of 1,124 fireworks.

Ultimately, the City of Dixon intends to host a Fourth of July celebration that is safe and fun for the whole family.

"We look forward to welcoming the community to Hall Park for a day of family fun," said Graf. "From pickleball to recreational swim to the concert and fireworks show, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We would also like to remind the community to celebrate safely. Fireworks, including safe and sane fireworks, are not allowed in city parks."

The Dixon Municipal Code allows for the sale of safe and sane fireworks from June 28 to July 4. The code allows for the possession and use of safe and sane fireworks during a specified time from June 28 through July 6 of each calendar year. A violation of the fireworks ordinance is punishable by the issuance of an administrative citation with an accompanying administrative fine up to \$1,000.

For more information about the July 4th activities or fireworks laws, visit online cityofdixonca.gov or call 707-678-7000.★

Devon Camara-Soucy Promoted



Devon Camara-Soucy holds a Bachelor of Science's degree in career and technical studies from California Sacramento, and will graduate from the Pacific Coast Banking School in August. Photo courtesy of First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - First Northern Bank (OTCQX: FNRN), the region's Number One ranked local small business lender, proudly announces the promotion of Devon Camara-Soucy as its senior vice-president and director of Administration and Shareholder

Camara-Soucy has served First Northern Bank as a vice-president and corporate secretary since 2001, demonstrating dedication, exceptional skills and invaluable contributions.

In her role, Camara-Soucy will continue to be responsible for overseeing investor/shareholder relation activities and process related transactions, managing all aspects of board and committee meetings and maintaining corporate

Camara-Soucy will supervise administrative support staff and maintain property leases, as well as lead the bank's construction and remodel projects.

"Devon's strong organizational and leadership qualities will be instrumental in her expanding leadership role," said Jeremiah Smith, president and CEO of First Northern Bank. "I look forward to

seeing the positive impact she will make within our organization and the growth of shareholder relations for the bank."

Camara-Soucy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in career and technical studies from California State University,

Sacramento, and will graduate from the

Pacific Coast Banking School in August.

She is a member of the California Bankers Association's State Government Relations Committee and a director of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. Camara-Soucy is also the vice-president for Bids for Kids Solano, as well as a member of Soroptimist International

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000859 The following persons are doing business as: Taco Bell - 41354, 1420 Ary Lane, Dixon, CA 95620. Kumar Management Corp. II, Inc., 1118 Chess Drive, Foster City,

Date filed in Solano County: June 2, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 29, 2025

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 June 1. 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.) Publish: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025 7-18-25

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF TSG No.: 240244460 TS No.: 24-008192 APN: 0113-522-040 Property Address: 545 PHEASANT RUN DRIVE, DIXON, CA 95620 YOU ARE DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED UNLESS 08/21/2006. TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION 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 MORRIS, WALTER MARRIED MAN, WILL 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 conveved 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 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 paving 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

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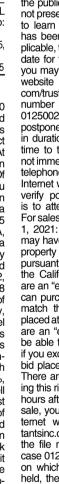
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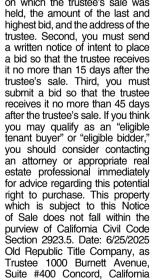
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First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website www.awest.us. using the file number assigned to this case 24-008192 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the 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 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 ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE TRUSTEES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 06/20/2025.

844-693-4761 NPP0475347 To: DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 07/04/2025 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 7-4-25 T.S. No. 0125002311 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. NA APN: 0109-190-010 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 3/3/2022. 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 7/28/2025 at 9:30 AM Santa Clara Street entrance to City Hall 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA, Old Republic Title Company, a California corporation, as the duly appointed Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on 3/10/2022 as Instrument No. 202200018148 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by: Suneel Sharma, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Trustor. Setal Judge, as to an undivided 50% and Rajbinder Singh Lidder, as to an undivided 50% as Lender/Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States by cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: as more fully described on said deed of trust. The street address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5787 Midway Road 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 is an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and

the total indebtedness due. 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. 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 or visit this Internet website https://mkconsultantsinc. com/trustee-sales/, using the file number assigned to this case 0125002311. 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. For sales conducted after January 1. 2021: Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property 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, or visit this internet website https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustee-sales/, using the file number assigned to this case 0125002311 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was





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DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 7-18-25

Debbie Jackson, Vice President

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:

PROJECT:

City of Dixon 5-Year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030 - The City of Dixon is updating it's CIP for the next five years. A CIP is a five-year forecast which identifies major (capital) projects requiring the use of public funds over and above routine annual operating expenses. A capital project creates, improves, replaces, repairs, or permanently adds to City assets including: land, site improvements, parks, buildings, streets, bike paths, bridges, utility improvements, major equipment, computer hardware, and communication systems purchases. The CIP plan and the Council's review for General Plan conformity is not subject to

the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 since it is not a "project" as defined under CEQA. Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be physically open to

HEARING DATE & LOCATION:

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

MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Jordan Santos, Junior Engineer at (707) 678-7030 or jsantos@cityofdixonca.gov. 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 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 recommendation on the application.

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. Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

to citycouncil@cityofdixonca.gov 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.

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

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) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Dixon Independent Voice 7-4-2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CaIPERS) AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON

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 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the agreement between the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Dixon.

The proposed ordinance would establish a change to implement the pension cost share provision in accordance with California Government Code section 20516, Compensation Plans and Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) between the City of Dixon and represented and unrepresented employee groups.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 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. This meeting will not be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting via video conference and teleconference. 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 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. Dixon Independent Voice 7-4-2025

LEGAL NOTICE

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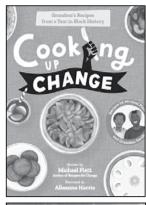
Summertime Reading and Cooking

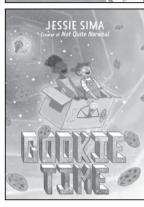
Summer is a time of joy, perfect for indulging in the pleasures of reading and cooking. These two books not only capture the heart of family cooking but also promise the thrill of a perfect adventure.

Cooking Up Change by Michael Platt with Recipes from Grandma Sarah, illustrated by Alleanna Harris, Magic Cat Publishing

"Just like a well-seasoned dish, history becomes richer when you understand its ingredients." Michal Platt

Embark on a journey of cooking and history as Michael Platt combines family recipes with notable moments in history. This book is a unique culinary experience that explodes with flavor from every page while also reading like a picture book. A wonderful full-page illustration graces each two-page spread, featuring notable moments in Black history, along with a recipe for each highlighted event. Dive right into January and Martin Luther King Jr Day with illustrations of Martin Luther King Jr's address in Memphis, Tennessee, paired with Grandma Sarah's comforting macaroni and cheese. Sit down around the table in 1963 with Dorothy Height, civil rights leaders and grandma's deep peach cobbler. As the summer months settle in, stir up a pitcher of Hibiscus Punch to enjoy on a hot summer evening. November and December are a time of family and togetherness, which can be enjoyed with Grandma





coconut cake, while also taking about Election Day and Kwanzaa.

No matter the season, there is a time for history and sharing a good homemade meal. Michael Platt delivers a beautiful celebration rich in history and flavor. This cookbook is the perfect family-style cookbook, featuring recipes that are easy to follow for young cooks and can easily become a new family tradition.

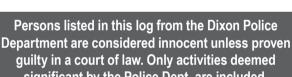
Cookie Time

by Jessie Sima, Simon and Schuster Kat and Ari love cookie time with Grandpa,

but waiting for cookies is a whole different story. Kat and Ari love Grandpa's cookies, but they didn't love waiting. But Grandpa said to wait, so Ali and Kat decided to build a time machine and fly to the exact time the warm, yummy cookies were done. However, something must have happened because when they arrived, the cookies had already been eaten. So, of course, the only thing they could do was get back in their time machine and go to the time before they ate the cookies. Easy plan! What could go wrong? But alas, when they showed up, it was too far before the cookies were made, and well, you couldn't interrupt that, so back into the time machine they went. After all, what could go wrong?

Will Ari and Kat ever get their beloved cookie time?

Follow this delightful adventure of cookies and family with Cookie Time. Blend the world of imagination, waiting, and cookies. This book is the perfect read for that time waiting for cookies in the oven, or inspiring young readers to create a magical time machine of their own, while also subtly teaching the value of patience and the joy of anticipation.



significant by the Police Dept. are included. DIXON POLICE LOG

Wednesday, June 11

Sarah's Green Gumbo and

0803 - Vandalism reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

1259 - Informational report taken in the 1200 block of Arizona Court. 1756 - A theft report was taken in the 2000 block of North First Street.

Tuesday, June 10

0808 - Vandalism reports in the 200 block of West A Street.

1504 - Warrant arrest in the 200 block of East D Street. Charlie McNeail (65), of Dixon, was found to have

multiple traffic warrants out of Yolo County. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

1957 - A brandishing knife and felony probation arrest report was taken in the 1100 block of Valley Glen Drive. Officers arrested a juvenile suspect. The suspect's identity is not being disclosed due to their age.

2302 - A traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of South Eighth Street. at Elm Drive.

0258 - A battery, vandalism and theft report was taken in the 200 block of West H. Street.

Monday, June 9

0649 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

0703 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

0958 - Vandalism reported in the 1000 block of North Adams Street. 1141 - Warrant arrest in the 100 block of North First Street. Oscar Orozco (34), was arrested on 2 outstanding

warrants. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

1240 - Threats reported in the 400 block of Berkshire Drive. 1604 - Hit and Run reported in the 200 block of Fuller Lane.

1718 - Found property located in the 100 block of North First Street.

Sunday, June 8

1133 - Warrant arrest in the 200 block of West Walnut Street. Richard Muller (41) of Vallejo, was arrested on two warrants for Burglary, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Probation Violation. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

1629 - Vehicle accident reported in the 1200 block of Dartmouth Circle. 2323 - A battery report was taken in the 600 block of North First Street.

Saturday, June 7

2002 - Warrant arrest in the 1400 block of North First Street. Suspect Shane Hagan (35-year-old out of

Dixon) was arrested for a felony warrant out of Solano County.

Friday, June 6

0833 - Vandalism report to Tesla chargers in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

1030 - Confidential report.

1307 - Hit and Run report in the 1100 block of Afton Way.

1338 - Vandalism report in the 700 block of Vaughn Road.

1745 - Fraud report taken in the Police Department lobby.

2051 - Information report in the 200 block of Dorset Court.

2058 - Information report in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

2151 - Non-injury collision at the intersection of West B Street and North First Street.

Thursday, June 5 0555 - Vandalism to a mailbox in the 600 block of North Washington Street.

0828 - Gary Victoria (34) of Vacaville was arrested for transporting and selling Marijuana and violation of

probation. 1030 - Theft from a retail store in the 1000 block of North First Street.

1340 - Norma Cuyyn (51) of Dixon was contacted at a business in the 2000 block of North First Street and cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

1937 - Antonio FloresBirrueta (40) of Dixon arrested for domestic violence in the 400 block of Mason Court. 2040 - Information report in the 200 block of East D Street.

Wednesday, June 4 1045 - Threats report in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

1810 - Female placed on mental health hold.

Tuesday, June 3

2006 - Stolen license plate reported in the 1100 block of Pembroke Way.



Riley Reviews

BRAD PITT IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT IN "F1: THE MOVIE" FORMULA RACING

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"F1: THE MOVIE" RATED PG-13

Age is not always a factor in the entertainment business. For instance, William Shatner is in his tenth decade and dealing with health concerns but he's apparently still active in the industry.

The charismatic Brad Pitt is closing in on being able to collect Social Security benefits and his latest role is that of a race car driver tempting fate. Age is not slowing him down; he hardly looks like someone now in his seventh decade.

Pitt's Sonny Hayes has seen better days as a racer. Surviving an accident on the track that nearly ended his life and career, Sonny turned into a nomadic racer-for-hire for the past three decades, living out of a crummy van during his

Once a promising Formula 1 racer during the 1990's, Sonny has been dubbed "the greatest that never was." a perhaps unfortunate portrayal but one that motivates him to seek redemption once former teammate Ruben Cervantes (Javier Bardem) convinces him to come back to Formula 1 racing.

While most of the filming's time is occupied, or so it seems, with heart-pounding Grand Prix racing action, a primary tension comes from the uneasy relationship between Sonny and budding racing star Joshua Pearce (Damson Idris), who's arrogant, cocky, and impetuous but undeniably talented.

Known to have spent his off-track time gambling and never going anywhere without a deck of cards, Sonny's blithe, rash and self-deprecating attitude that masks his self-confident infallibility would naturally clash with Joshua's irritation at sharing the track with what he deems a racing dinosaur.

Sonny's old friend Ruben is the owner of the APXGP team, which is struggling at the track and on the verge of financial collapse unless things get turned around. Ruben must also appease a board of directors, including member Peter Banning (Tobias Menzies), who may have his own agenda.

With his return to the Grand Prix circuit, Sonny must also endure media scrutiny that is dismissive of his abilities. Sonny proves to have a sly sense of humor at a press conference by responding to a series of questions with only one-word answers.

Viewed as an interloper way past his prime, Sonny displays a streak of carefree independence and a stubborn ego that is at once endearing and frustrating, and vet, he eventually wins over the pit crew and the APXGP technical team.

Despite multiple failed marriages and

his rebellious reputation, the Brad Pitt charm and winning smile comes into play with Sonny's flirtation with Kate (Kerry Condon), the team's technical director in a sport dominated by men. The romantic angle is a minor subplot,

which seems to do nothing more than

allow Brad Pitt to exude his sex appeal, and also serves like a short break in the action so that everyone can catch their Knowing that Sonny is supposed to be the mentor to the reluctant Joshua is central to their relationship, which is rocky

and initially fraught with jealousy and

contempt. You can probably guess how

their rapport on a professional level will eventually evolve. Sound also plays a major part in conveying the racing thrills. Nothing beats the roar of the engine as the race cars barrel down the track. Adding to the sound mix is the throbbing score by composer Hans Zimmer, which he describes as a hybrid between electronics and

"F1: The Movie" is a high-octane spectacle for its thrilling race scenes that dominate the screen, but it is also emotionally charged with the characters of Sonny Hayes and Joshua Pearce working through the travails of being an ostensible team.

One can easily imagine Steve McQueen's anti-hero persona and his love of auto racing would have once made him perfect casting in the Sonny Hayes role. The same could be said for motorsport enthusiast Paul Newman.

McQueen and Newman played race car drivers in "Le Mans" and "Winning," respectively, that looked realistic, with some actual race footage during Le Mans in France for the McQueen film.

"F1: The Movie" goes a step further with filming during real Grand Prix weekends to deliver a propulsively authentic racing experience that is arguably unmatched by similar cinematic endeavors.

That Brad Pitt and Damson Idris were trained to drive race cars at speeds up to 200 miles per hour is so amazing that Tom Cruise, master of his own daring stunts in the "Mission: Impossible" films, would be impressed by this feat.

Director Joseph Kosinski wanted to make the best racing movie ever made, knowing his actors would have to drive the cars to be authentic. If nothing else, "F1: The Movie" proves that the director's mission was successful.

Fans of auto racing will find that the pulse-pounding, gripping thrills of Formula 1 race cars running at top speed are best experienced on the big screen. If ever a film was made for IMAX, "F1: The Movie" stands out as a winner.



Dave Ramsev

Dear Dave, What's your advice on

asking for a raise in a delicate workplace situation? I've been with my company almost six years, and I make the same money as one of my co-workers, who has been with the company for an equal amount of time and holds the same title. I have no problem, all things being equal, but in my mind they're not equal. During our tenure with the company, I have consistently taken on more responsibility—asked for it, even—and produced bigger and better results than he has. All things considered, at this point I feel I have the right to complain about the situation, because I think I should be making more money than he does. Jacob

Dear Jacob,

Believe me, I understand how you feel right now. But no, you don't

Dave Ramsey Says

Make Your Case. and Don't Worry about the Other Guy

have the right to complain. You agreed on your pay when you took the job, and you should perform your duties with integrity and character. What someone else does, or in this case doesn't do, has nothing to do with your title or personal compensation.

Now, if you honestly feel like you deserve a raise because of your effort and performance on the job, that's fine. It's sounds like it may even be understandable, given the situation. So, if that's the case, sit down with your leader and make a logical, objective and reasonable argument for why you deserve more money. I wouldn't mention your co-worker, and especially don't bad-mouth him, because it's not relevant. Taking that approach could also make it come off as just a case of sour grapes to your boss. As a leader, I can tell you that's not an attractive look on anyone. What's relevant here is the value you bring to the company. Period.

Do you hear what I'm saying, Jacob? If you think you deserve a raise, and you've got the results to prove it, sit down and have a respectful conversation with your leader. Make your case. Show him or her the numbers in black and white, the value you bring to the company and explain why you feel you should get more money. I really think you'll have a better chance of getting your work recognized and rewarded if you'll approach things this way. Good luck!

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is a ninetime national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.



Shred It and Forget It

Story and photo by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Atkinson Self Storage is a family-owned self-storage and RV parking facility that celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2024.

Located at 1800 N. First St., the organization hosted a shred event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 14. According to Atkinson manager Stephanie Roe, the event is important because it keeps Dixonites safe. "Identity theft is on the rise, so it is

good to make sure there is no paper trail so others cannot access your personal information. It also helps with clutter around the home," said Roe.

Roe has managed Atkinson Self Storage since 2020, succeeding her aunt, Carol Parker, who had managed the location for

Parker originally established the shred event, which went on hiatus in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Roe revived the event in 2021, when social distancing and quarantine regulations were lifted.

Since 2023, Atkinson has partnered with Red Dog Shredz, a shredding service based out of Sacramento.

"We previously worked with another company that would take the proceeds from the event," said Roe. "We had to start paying out-of-pocket for shredding services but we tend to break even."

Corey Rohr, Red Dog event



According to Atkinson Self Storage manager Stephanie Roe, the annual shred event draws approximately 50 to 100 Dixonites with, on average, five boxes each. According to Red Dog event coordinator and truck operator Corey Rohr, the shredder can handle up to 25 tons of paper. At the end of the shred event, all shredded materials were taken to Sacramento for

coordinator and truck operator, has been in the business for 15 years. Red Dog uses a specially-designed truck with a shredder built into it. The shredder can hold up to 25 tons of paper. At the end of the June 14 event, all the shredded documents were driven to Sacramento for recycling.

"We secure your identity and protect the environment at the same time," Rohr

According to Roe, the event draws approximately 50 to 100 Dixonites with, on average, five boxes each. Shredding services at the time of the event cost \$10 per banker-sized box and both cash and card payments were accepted.

Outside of the shred event, Atkinson offers a multitude of services.

"We have storage space for home goods, cars and RVs, as well as inside and outside parking," Roe said. "We also have boxes, packing supplies and merchandise in the office. I believe what sets us apart is that we are family-owned, so we do whatever we can based on the customer's needs. I treat the site as my home and the tenants like family."

Roe and her staff, including Rachel Allen and Yesenia Mayo, are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, visit the Atkinson Self Storage Facebook page or call 707-693-9200.

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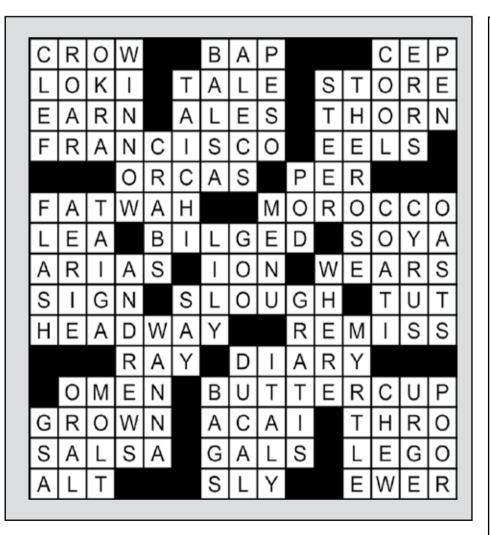
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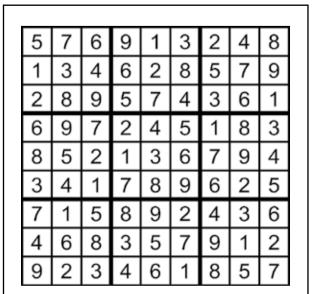


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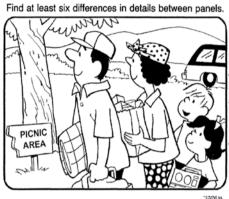












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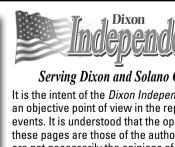


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Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



In the life of every NBA franchise, there are times that will try the patience of every fan and times of utter disillusionment. A series of moves last season by the Sacramento Kings put many fans in one of those boxes and trading away the face of the franchise didn't help.

Heading into last week's draft, "gloomy" hardly captured the mood around the Kings both for the franchise and its fans. A series of poor moves left them with just one pick and that at #42. Hardly cause for excitement.

As draft night approached, Kings fans had yet to see a glimpse of new GM Scott Perry's thought process, as virtually no moves had been made. While there was talk of him trying to land a first-round pick, hopes of that happening looked slim as the draft began.

When it appeared all was lost, commissioner Adam Silver announced that the Sacramento Kings had navigated a swap of draft choices, giving Sacramento the opportunity to pick a player at #24 of the first round. I immediately was excited, but at the same time wondering what we had to give up to acquire a first round pick.

To my amazement, Perry had orchestrated a swap of first round picks but giving up one of the two picks the Kings already had in the 2027 draft, meaning that Sacramento could realize a first round pick immediately. I waited to hear if there was more to the trade but to my delight, it was a straightforward swap of first round picks.

Perry's first move as the new GM of the Sacramento Kings made quite a splash. Little did I know there was more

At #24, Sacramento chose Nique Clifford, a fifth-year player from Colorado State. Last season, he averaged 18.9 points, 9.6 rebounds, 4.4 assists, and 1.2 steals, shooting 50% from the field. At 23, this 6'5" guard/ small forward brings strong versatility and is known for his defense and rebounding, making him an ideal fit for the Kings.

But Perry wasn't content on just reinforcing the backcourt. At pick #42, he grabbed 7'1" Maxime Raynand, a senior from Stanford. Stanford's head coach couldn't stop praising the 22-year-old center, and for the first time in recent memory, NBA pundits are showering the Kings with praise. Many are calling the 2025 draft one of the best in franchise history.

Basketball fans were treated to a highly competitive finals, highlighted by some of the best defense in years. I was especially impressed by center/ forward Chet Holmgren, who emerged as the series' x-factor. His versatility. handling the ball, shooting threes, blocking shots, and running the floor, left Indiana with no answer for the electric big man.

Surprisingly, when I watched the highlight clips of second round pick Maxime Raynand, I found myself looking at a close facsimile of Chet Holmgren, and with a full four years of college experience, Raynand is likely to see a significant amount of playing time in the upcoming season.

With Sabonis, Valanciunas and now Raynand, finding playing time will be a challenge for Kings coach Doug Christie but Kings fans have much to look forward to.

Raynand is being called a stretch 5, meaning in addition to his inside abilities, he is a capable 3-point shooter as well. Hard to believe he was still available at #42 but maybe the fates of the Sacramento Kings are finally changing. Changing at a time in which a new GM is giving Kings fans a glimpse of his capabilities.

It is refreshing to hear ESPN and others praising the Kings draft and most pundits are giving Sacramento an overall A, something that rarely if ever happens in Sactown.

Hope, euphoria, optimism. Pick your adjective but there is a definite climate change happening in Sacramento right now and Scott Perry is presenting himself as more than a capable GM. Are there more movies coming? I absolutely think so but I am hopeful that they will be as prudent and thoughtful as the ones we've just witnessed.

All eyes on summer league, Kings fans, and it will be interesting. I will be in Las Vegas and will be reporting on what I see with my own eyes but without a doubt, this upcoming season just got a lot more interesting.

Stay tuned, Kings fans.

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.



The Rioter's White Hood

Who is that masked man? Well, there's a chance he's an antisemitic

New York City and other jurisdictions are debating mask bans after face-coverings have become associated with acts of mayhem committed by people who hope to avoid recognition and evade criminal responsibility.

The most iconic image of the L.A. riots involves a man on a dirt bike waving a Mexican flag ... in a mask.

It's no surprise that he was wearing a mask. At this point, failing to wear a mask when engaging in lawless activity is a major faux pas. It's like wearing white before Memorial Day or showing up at L.A.'s upscale restaurant 71 Above in flip-flops.

Embattled New York City mayor Eric Adams has been emphatic that there needs to be a return to the broad ban on masks that was repealed during the pandemic (the state just passed a more limited measure creating enhanced penalties for people wearing masks to conceal their identities while committing crimes).

The meaning of the mask has changed in recent years. Prior to COVID-19, wearing a surgical mask in public likely meant someone had a compromised immune system; during COVID-19, it usually pressure; after COVID-19, it tends to indicate either someone is too neurotic to give up pandemic-era practices -- or wants to harass Jews or throw rocks at the cops.

In an era of ubiquitous facial reconciliation technology, a face mask is a bid to foil efforts by police to track down after the fact those who committed criminal acts. It's not a get-out-of-jail card -- masked rioters are sometimes arrested on the spot -- but it's a layer of protection for the person hoping to break or burn something and melt away without consequence.

This is why prior to COVID-19 masks outside of a medical context tended to have a negative connotation in the popular imagination. The Lone Ranger was the exception that proved the rule. Otherwise, the masked man was going to hold up the stagecoach, rob a bank or burn a cross on someone's lawn.

A 1990 Georgia Supreme Court ruling upholding a mask ban said, "A nameless, faceless figure strikes terror in the human heart.'

Certainly, after seeing what's gone down on the streets after the killing of George Floyd and on the campuses since Oct. 7, everyone should be on edge when encountering masked protestors. If nothing else, it's not reassuring when people are afraid of being associated with their own cause, or the means with which they are going to agitate

for it. New York first banned Synd., Inc.

meant someone was com- masks in the 1840s in replying with the pandemic sponse to protesters harules and associated social rassing landlords. Later, in the 20th century, states prohibited face coverings to address the depredations of the KKK.

> The bans were either not enforced or repealed during covid. Masks went from being a symbol of outlaw behavior to becoming the sine qua non of good citizenship according to Dr. Fauci and other public-health thorities. The snugly fitted N95, or even better, an elastomeric respirator with replaceable filters, showed a heroic commitment to your own health and the well-being of oth-

The clashing perspectives of the last two governors of New York indicate how the debate on masks turned. Then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2020 urged protesters to mask up. "You have a right to demonstrate," he declared, "You don't have a right to infect other people." Cuomo's successor, Gov. Kathy Hochul, went in the opposite direction after seeing masked protestors menace Jewish riders on the subway last year. She came out in favor of restricting masks and supports the watered-down change recently passed by the legislature. With a long, hot sum-

mer in the offing, the issue state's economy. won't go away in New York, or anywhere else. The mask is now part of and farmers are looking forthe kit of rioters, as useward to harvests, shipments ful, indispensable and em-

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Social Security Matters

When Will Funds Stolen from Social Security be Replaced?



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Dear Rusty: When will the funds stolen from the SS Fund be replaced? They used Social Security when the government ran out of money and used it for illegals. I think the funds should be replaced except for legitimate payments to Social Security recipients. This money was never meant to be used by the federal government to pay their bills. Signed: **Concerned Senior**

Dear Concerned Senior: I must tell you that no funds have ever been "stolen" from the Social Security Administration (despite the persistent myth). All money received by SS (from payroll taxes, interest on investments, and income tax on SS benefits) is - and always has been - immediately converted to special issue government bonds (investments) which are held in the Social Security Trust Funds, and which pay interest (at the current federal bond rate). Those bond investments held in reserve have been, and are, used only to pay benefits to those who have earned them by contributing to Social Security via payroll taxes for at least 10 years (40 quarters). Only US citizens and legal residents can get Social Security benefits (illegal aliens cannot receive Social Security benefits). For information, repay-

ment of the special issue bonds held in SS reserves occurs every day, because incoming revenue has been insufficient to pay all Social Security benefit costs for several years now, which means that the bonds must be redeemed regularly so that full benefits can be paid to all SS recipients who have earned them. There were about \$2.8 trillion in SS reserves as of the end of 2023, but that balance is steadily decreasing (due to being redeemed to pay full benefits). As of the last report by the Trustees of Social Security, the reserves will be depleted in about 2033, unless Congress passes reform legislation to restore SS to full solvency.

FYI. the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is working hard to prevent depletion of the Trust Fund, suggesting to Congress a way to reform the program so future generations can fully benefit from it, with AMAC's Social Security Guarantee proposal (see this). AMAC is constantly working to prevent depletion of the SS Trust Funds, which would result in an across the board cut in everyone's benefit by about 23%. AMAC works every day in Washington D.C. to ensure Social Security is here for many generations.

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Politicians Ignore Agriculture's Troubles but Boost Movie Business



By Dan Waiters, CALMatters.org

When James Marshall discovered traces of gold in the American River in 1848, he ignited the famous California Gold Rush that attracted a tidal wave of immigration and led to statehood just two years later.

However, not everyone who made the arduous trek to California in the mid-19th century was seeking gold. Many — including those in the ill-fated 1846 Donner Party — wanted farmland.

Completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 made immigration into California and shipping produce out of the state much easier. As the gold rush quickly waned, agriculture became the state's dominant industry, globally famous for fresh fruits and vegetables.

California's vast network of reservoirs to capture water and canals to deliver it was originally created to help farmers prosper. They still use, by a wide margin, most of the system's water.

While California is still No.1 in agricultural production among the states, generating about \$60 billion a year, other sectors, such as technology, health care and logistics now play much larger roles in the

This is the time of year when crops are maturing

and paydays. But agricultural leaders see this year as one of the industry's most trying periods, beset by economic and political factors that could significantly reduce production.

'When we talk about the things that are keeping me up at night, it really comes down to what is going to keep our members in business," Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau, said this month during a gathering of industry leaders.

She cited a federal census of agriculture which revealed California has lost 20% of its farmers in the last decade. The industry is at a tipping point, she declared.

She also pointed to a study by researchers at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo that detailed rising costs of producing lettuce in the Salinas Valley due to government regulations. It found that costs of environmental, labor and food safety regulation are \$1,600 per acre, up 63.7% since 2017, while income from lettuce has been virtually stagnant.

The list of factors affecting the industry also includes rising labor costs due to state wage regulations, new limits on pumping water from wells and demands from the state to reduce water diversions from rivers.

This year brought two new adverse factors President Donald Trump's tariffs that could generate retaliatory tariffs, depressing export markets, and Trump's sweeps of undocumented immigrants, who are a major portion of the agricultural labor force.

Alexi Rodriguez, president of the Almond

Alliance, told the gathering

that China had been the top market for almonds until 2018, when an earlier round of Trump's tariffs cut shipments. "After this year, China is likely to drop out of the top 10 export markets for almonds as a

result," she said. The state's labor costs also put California's grow-

ers at a disadvantage. "We're sitting here in California and getting our brains beat in with costs that are through the roof and going up against my competitors in the East Coast paying \$8 to \$9 an hour for labor, and we're dealing with the same customers," said Mike Way, a bell pepper producer in the Coachella Valley. "What's my choice? My choice is to shrink my acreage and go

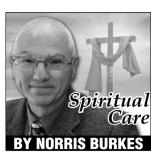
elsewhere." As agriculture's acreage declined, so too did its economic importance and its once-dominant political clout vis-à-vis other economic interests. Efforts by Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders to double state subsidies for the film industry underscore that decline.

Newsom, et al, say the subsidies are necessary to keep film production from declining further. The film industry pegs its economic contribution at \$30 billion a year, just half of agriculture's output.

Implicitly ticians believe that producing movies is much more important than producing food.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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As a retired Air Force chaplain, I find no greater meaning for Independence Day than in our constitutional right to freedom of worship.

I had firsthand experience observing this right challenged during my 2009 deployment as a USAF Protestant Chaplain in Balad, Iraq.

One afternoon the Senior Chaplain, Richard Hartwell, invited me to his office to introduce me to a chapel visitor. The man, a sergeant in his mid-30s, said he and his friends were being persecuted for their religious beliefs.

He explained how vandals had recently scribbled inflammatory words on the wall of their meeting place. Now, the sergeant said,

they needed to find a new and secretive place of worship. "Why not meet in our chapel?" I asked. My boss nodded at the

sergeant, inviting full disclosure.

"We are a small circle of Wiccans," the sergeant said. In case you're wondering, some Wiccans, but not all, are witches. Honestly, they are known as a peaceful bunch and are recognized as a legitimate religion.

They take their traditions from pre-Christian history but only became a religion as recently as the mid-1900s. They practice so-called "white magic"

and recognize male and female deities. They aren't devil worshipers, as the vandals likely believed them to be. Wiccans don't even believe in the devil.

If you question why Protestant chaplains should come to the aid of a pagan group, you wouldn't be alone. After all, Wiccans are a far cry from my Baptist brand or my boss's Methodist practice. Hartwell and I shared reasonable tension over the idea of helping Wiccans.

But we also shared a pledge called the oath of office. During the 28 years I served as a chaplain, I solemnly swore at least five times to "... support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

"Defend t h e Constitution?" you may ask. Exactly how does a chaplain defend the Constitution when the Geneva Convention prohibits him from carrying a gun?

I find the answer in the constitutional amendment that kicked off this whole Land-of-the-Free stuff. It's numeral 1 — "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'

"Yes, sergeant," my

commander promised. "We will help you find a place, a conference room perhaps, or a large office. We want you to be safe." In our next staff meeting, Hartwell elicited suggestions from his 20-person chapel staff regarding a place for the Wiccans. He made it clear that if we exclude room

room for all faiths.

He challenged his commissioned officers to "faithfully discharge the duties of the office..." by safeguarding the Wiccans' first amendment right to freely exercise their religion. Our boss told us that chaplains must defend the Constitution by protecting the religious rights of all, even those we disagree with. We would stand with the Wiccans, he promised. We would support the atheist. And, according to Geneva Convention, we would even allow an enemy combatant his place of worship.

"Had Hartwell been bewitched?" you ask. Why stand with those whose faith practice is so drastically different than ours? Because at the end of the day if we refuse to stand with them, we will most surely stand alone in future days.

By the way, our chaplains came up with an easy solution for the Wiccans. We found an understanding commander who allowed the group to meet inside his conference room during off-duty hours.

Simple solution. No magic to it.

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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-

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.

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.



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Farm Bureau Urges Common Sense and Compassion in Immigration Enforcement

Following immigration raids on California farms this month, the state Farm Bureau expressed solidarity with farmworkers and advocated for a sensible approach to immigration enforcement. "California Farm Bureau stands with the men and women who plant, cultivate, harvest and process the crops that make California the leading producer of fruits, vegetables and nuts in the United States," said Bryan Little, senior director of policy advocacy for the Farm Bureau, which represents more than 26,000 farm and ranch families in the state. "Indiscriminate deportations could disrupt California agriculture, rural communities and the broader economy."

California Cherry Grower Reflects on a Challenging Year

Tom Gotelli, who grows, packs and ships cherries in San Joaquin County, reflected on a difficult season for California cherry growers, many of whom lost as much as half their crop. "Pretty much all the varieties were affected. I think the warm temperatures in December and January affected the trees' dormancy," Gotelli told Ag Alert® in a field report. "Our cherries go all over the world, and we exported a decent amount, although the U.S. has been a really good market for us because Americans love cherries. A greater share of our cherries went to the domestic market this year. But because of the light crop, no one got what they wanted.

Everybody wanted more."

California Ranchers Adapt as Wolves Threaten Cattle

California's growing wolf population has caused significant challenges for the state's ranchers. Cattle ranchers such as Billie Roney in Tehama County have changed the way they operate to protect their herds. "We have weaned calves younger and earlier than ever before to try to minimize the damage done by the wolves," Roney told Ag Alert® in a field report, adding that the calves were "too easy prey" to be sent with the herd to graze this summer in the mountains. Roney said she also built corrals to protect her cattle from wolves at night. "It's really hard on the cattle when you confine them in a small space like that," she said.

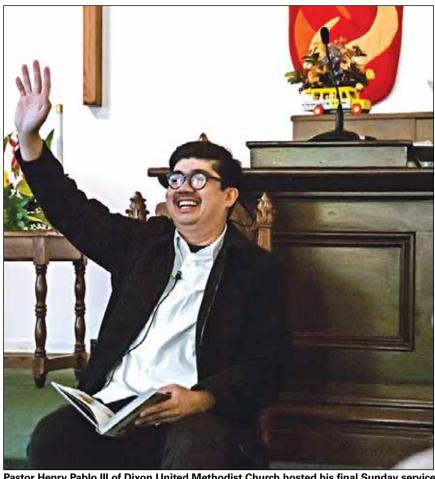
California Grown Launches New Agritourism Website

Californians and visitors to the Golden State hoping to experience a slice of farm life may find it a little easier this summer to find the U-pick, tasting room or farm stand that most catches their interest. That's thanks to a new website launched this month by the marketing organization California Grown. "California is more than the country's leading agricultural state—it's a living classroom and a place where food, family and farming intersect in powerful ways," said California Secretary of Food and Agriculture Karen Ross. "This new website makes it easier than ever for people to connect with the people and places who grow our food and steward our land."

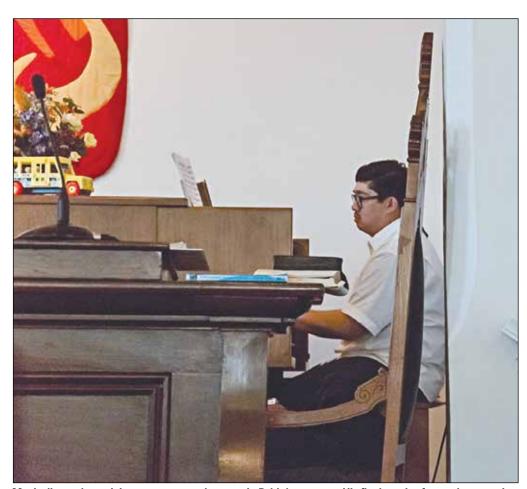
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Farewell to Pastor Pablo



Pastor Henry Pablo III of Dixon United Methodist Church hosted his final Sunday service on June 22. He is moving to Vallejo to continue pursuing his Master of Divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Musicality and creativity are common elements in Pablo's sermons. His final service focused on creating spaces of inclusion and belonging, leaning into the diversity of others and leading with love, even in times of tension. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Continued from page 1 endeavors," said Senecal.

Senecal's grandson, Quinn Senecal, 8 and a church member for most of his life, talked about the impact of Pablo's final Sunday at the church.

"He was a good pastor because he let me play the organ and I really liked that. I liked him; he was pretty nice and the music was really good," said Quinn Senecal.

In his final sermon, Pablo spoke of creating spaces of belonging and inclusion. "Even in times of tension, love should be the answer," he said.

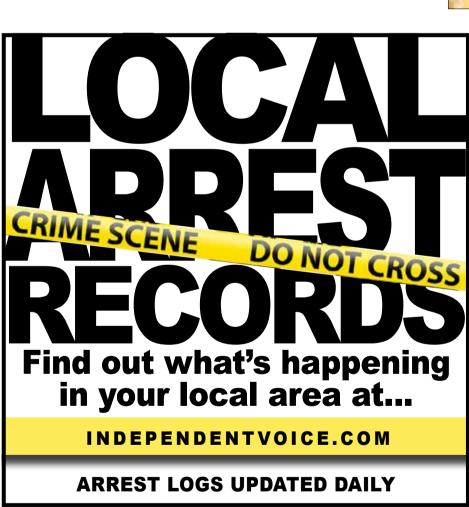
Through his musicality and words, Pablo has positively impacted Dixon United Methodist Church members. ★

A potluck was held immediately after the June 22 service to honor Pastor Henry Pablo III's time at Dixon United Methodist Church. Photo by Nicolas Brown



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