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Council Seeks Details on Entertainment Zones



Dixon Management Analyst Sam Correll explains details behind entertainment zones to members of the Dixon City Council on Oct. 20.

Story and photo by Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The city of Dixon is gathering information about establishing an “entertainment zone,” a designated outdoor public area where patrons could drink alcohol sold by eligible businesses during specified periods.

Dixon City Council asked city staff during its Oct. 20 meeting to research the concept and report findings in the coming months.

Earlier this year, the city received a proposal from the Downtown Dixon Business Association proposing the establishment of a Downtown Dixon Entertainment Zone to boost activity and revenue for local businesses.

An entertainment zone has the potential to boost downtown business activity, which has been down over the past six months, said Jill Orr, president of the Downtown Dixon Business Association.

“It’s concerning for us because most of us downtown don’t work on a big margin,” she said. “Any downturn is going to affect us quite a bit.”

However, there are concerns from other city residents that an entertainment zone would boost bureaucracy while doing nothing more than letting people meander about outside with cups of alcohol.

During the meeting, City Council gave city officials approval to conduct additional research on entertainment zones, including meeting

with members of the Downtown Dixon Business Association.

Entertainment zones are areas where consumers are permitted to leave a licensed establishment with open containers of alcohol to walk and drink within a defined area. Entertainment zones are only active during designated hours or events, set by the city.

The concept behind entertainment zones became law in California nearly two years ago with the passage of Senate Bill 969.

Since then, a number of municipalities across the state have created entertainment zones, including Suisun City, Woodland and Vacaville. Sacramento has at least

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City Council Approves Construction Contract for New Fire Station

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the Oct. 20 meeting, the Dixon City Council considered a continued contract with Rachel Ancheta as human resources director.

Assistant City Manager Kate Zawadzki said Ancheta “has done good work for the city. She’s established a professionalism in the human resources department that has allowed us to move forward with a lot of our recruitments. Things have increased in speed substantially since Ms. Ancheta has been with us.”

Based on a salary market study, Zawadzki proposed a three-year contract for Ancheta, with an annual salary aligned with the market median at \$211,803 and a 3 percent increase in September 2027 and another in 2028.

The council voted unanimously to approve the contract.

The council then considered a construction contract with Broward Builders, Inc. for the construction of Fire Station 82, which will be located at 653 Pitt School Road.

Dixon Fire Chief Randy Shafer said this project has been in the works for many years, but it was delayed due to economic challenges. Now, after a re-design, the project is finally ready to move forward.

Chief Shafer said the location was selected to maximize response time within the community – particularly to the southwest side of Dixon, which has seen continued development and expansion.

The new 7,504-square-foot facility will feature two drive-through apparatus bays, staff dormitory rooms, offices, a fitness room, a kitchen and dining area, day room and additional operational support spaces.

Contractors were vetted through a prequalification process before they could submit project bids. Staff identified Broward Builders, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, with a construction contract totaling \$7,914,578, plus a 10 percent contingency of \$791,45.

Other project costs will include \$576,595 to Cartwright Nor Cal for project management, construction management and inspection; \$364,040 to Lionakis for construction

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Another Bond Likely After Measure U

Story and photo by Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Even if the \$49 million school bond issue on the ballot next week is approved by voters, Dixon taxpayers can expect to see another request for money in the not-too-distant future.

Measure U, the fourth bond issue placed on the ballot by the Dixon Unified School District since 2002, won’t be the last general obligation bond to come before voters, at least one board member has said.

“I would see this (Measure U) as the first maybe one or two steps,” DUSD Board President Julian Cuevas said during a June 18 school board meeting. “It will help us knock out the projects of highest need, and then we might have to come back in a few years, and I don’t even know what that looks like. Is it four years, is it eight years to go back and do the other portion of the work?”

“I don’t want folks to



John Knight Middle School, on East A Street in Dixon, was renovated using funding from Measure Q, the 2016 bond issue

feel that just because it does pass that all of the facilities will look state-of-the-art,” he added.

Cuevas, who is running for re-election to the board this year, said the district is working off a master plan, passed in 2024, that lays out estimated costs for repairs and modernization projects over the next 10 years at approximately \$200 million.

Money from Measure U would go to repairing and upgrading aging classrooms, roofs, plumbing, technology and electrical infrastructure; upgrading disabled access; and installing security systems, fire alarms and fencing, District Superintendent Brett Barley said.

The three schools in the most need of repair and refurbishing are Anderson

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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



Thursday, October 15, 2026
0720 Confidential Report at Dixon PD.
1353 Compliance Check at Dixon PD. Robert Lira (74) of Dixon was arrested for a violation of sex registration compliance. He was booked into the Solano County Jail.
1430 Theft report 1200 block Hillview Drive.
1453 Traffic Stop 1000 block Vaughn Road. Edgar Bojorquez-Gastelum (39) of Dixon was cited and release for driving on a suspended license and a violation of probation.
1500 Citizen Assist at Dixon PD Lobby.
0029 Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of Newgate way.

Friday, October 16, 2026
0840 Traffic Stop, 1200 block of Stratford Ave. Candace Wristen (43) of Woodland was arrested for an outstanding warrant and booked into the Solano County Jail.
1251 Suspicious Person 300 block West Chestnut Street. David Hernandez (36) of Dixon was arrested for violating a court order and booked into the Solano County Jail.
1340 Confidential Report 600 block Cypress Street.
1824 Officers took an information report in the 1700 block of Whiting Ct.
2100 Officers initiated a traffic stop in the area of West A St and Gateway Dr. Oliver Young (40 year old male of Dixon) was arrested for DUI.
2122 Officers responded to the 6100 block of Dixon Ave at the request of the Solano County Sheriffs office for a report of an assault with a deadly weapon.
0258 Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Heritage Ln. Brendan Armstrong (27 year old male of Dixon) was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Saturday, October 17, 2026
1225 Harassment report in the 1100 block of Columbia Dr.
1503 Found property report at the Dixon Police Department Lobby.
1537 Jorge Ibarra-Camacho (31) of Vacaville was placed under arrest in the area of Westbound Interstate 80/ Schroeder Rd. for 12500(a) CVC.
1816 Officers responded to a court order violation in the 1100 block of N First St.
2358 Officers were contacted regarding an assault that had occurred in the 900 block of Justin Way.
0041 Officers received a report of a fight in progress in the 100 block of South First St. Jorge Nieves (30 year old male of Dixon) was arrested for public intoxication.
0147 Officers responded to a welfare check in the 1300 block of Fairbanks Ct. John Quitugua (35 year old male of Dixon) was arrested for domestic battery and possession of a handgun in a public place.

Sunday, October 18, 2026
1032 Theft report taken in the 900 block of Patwin Court.
2100 Found property in the 200 block of North First Street.

Monday, October 19, 2026
1028 Fraud Report 800 block Green Drive.
1309 Collision Report Newgate Way at Ellesmere Drive.
1540 Welfare Check 1500 block Marenda Drive.
1523 Citizen Assist to turn in firearms at the PD.
2349 Controlled substance booked for destruction.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
0740 Confidential Report at Dixon PD.
1022 Lost Property 300 block East A Street.
1130 Theft Report 2100 block Mourning Dove Dr.
1430 Confidential Report 100 block Heritage Lane.
1715 Suspicious Circumstances 800 block June Court.
1750 Hit-and-run investigation in the 300 block of North Adams Street.
0225 Information report regarding suspicious circumstances.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
0911 Lost Property 1200 block Revelle Drive.
1330 Traffic Stop 2800 block East A Street. Zachary Laframboise (35) of Concord was arrested for 23152(f) VC and booked into the Solano County Jail.
2357 Officers responded to a check the welfare in the area of Parkway Blvd and South First St. an information report was taken.
0039 Officers responded to a false report of a crime in the 700 Blk of N Lincoln.

Dixon News Briefs

The Veterans Memorial Hall on North First Street is one of three locations where individuals can vote in person in Dixon on Nov. 3. Photo by Kevin Dietrich

By MPG Staff

Polling Places, Ballot Return Sites Detailed

Dixon will have three polling places open for individuals seeking to vote in person on Nov. 3.

Individuals can cast ballots at Veterans Memorial Hall, at 1305 N. First St., Dixon Senior Center, 201 S. Fifth St., and Maine Prairie High School, 200 N. Lincoln St., depending on which polling place they're zoned for. Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

Ballots can be dropped off at the above locations and also at Dixon City Hall, 600 E. A St., the Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., and the Pat Granucci Aquatics Center, 450 E. Mayes St. Ballots can also be returned by mail.

Individuals can check their voter registration status online at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>.

James Moves to Empower Arts-Dixon

Former Dixon Community Theater Board member Kelly Pidgeon James has moved to Empower Arts-Dixon, a new community-focused arts organization dedicated to increasing arts accessibility in the area.

"We are working hard to expand arts opportunities throughout Dixon by bringing more creative and performing arts programs, classes, workshops and community events to people of all ages and abilities," James said on social media. "One of our biggest goals is to expand arts access, education and opportunities for the children in our community."

James, who had served on the Dixon Community Theater Board of Directors since the organization's incorporation in 2024, ended her time at the theater with the production of The Addams Family Musical, which finished its run on Oct. 18.

For more information about Empower Arts-Dixon, call 707-350-8338 or email info@empowerartsdixon.org.

Dixon Dropped by Woodland, 35-24

The Dixon High football team fell to 1-7 on the season with a 35-24 loss to Woodland on Oct. 23 in their final game of the season at Finney Field.

Woodland, 5-4, got a strong performance from senior Alex Van Dam, who rushed for 109 yards and three touchdowns.

The Rams, 0-4 in league play, are back in action on Oct. 30, when they travel to Orangevale to play Casa Roble, which is 2-6 on the season.

Trunk or Treat on Oct. 30

Trunk or Treat will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30.

Children wearing costumes are invited to visit businesses in downtown Dixon, which will be handing out treats.

Afterward, they're invited to the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, 220 N. Jefferson St.

Day of the Dead at Dixon Cemetery

The Silveyville Cemetery District and

Friends of the Dixon Cemetery will celebrate Dia de los Muertos from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 1.

The free event at 800 S. First St. in Dixon will feature food, music, dancers and vendors.

Davis Expands Paid Parking in Downtown

The city of Davis will charge for parking in three downtown parking lots, beginning Nov. 2.

The move is described as part of an effort to increase parking availability, encourage turnover and make it easier for customers to visit downtown businesses. A one-week educational period begins Oct. 26, with vehicles parked in the paid lots receiving reminders that the program begins Nov. 2.

Paid parking will begin in the F Street lot between Third and Fourth Streets, the G Street lot between Second and Third Streets and the Amtrak Station lot. Paid parking hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The existing paid parking lot at E Street Plaza will also be included in this parking program.

Disaster Workshop Set for Nov. 4

A disaster preparedness workshop will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 4, at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 S. Fifth St., in Dixon.

Free emergency kits will be available to the first 50 attendees. Refreshments will be available.

Register at <https://uwba.org/get-involved/events/dixon-verizon-disaster-preparedness-workshop>.

Travis CU Donates to Habitat for Humanity

Travis Credit Union recently made a \$5,000 donation to Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity.

For more than a decade, Travis Credit Union and Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity have worked to help local families achieve long-term financial stability through homeownership.

The credit union has been supporting Habitat homeowners through financial education, coaching, and resources that help build a strong financial foundation since 2015.

Davis Seeking Input on Transportation Plan

The city of Davis is developing an active transportation plan and invites residents and visitors to share their experiences and priorities for moving about Davis.

Community members are encouraged to complete an online survey at www.cityof-davis.org/DavisATP to help identify areas where improvements are needed and ways for people to safely share paths. The survey closes Dec. 15.

The transportation plan is a 10-year plan focused on walking, bicycling, rolling, using mobility devices and accessing transit stops and stations. The plan will recommend policies and design guidance, as well as identify and prioritize physical improvement projects in Davis and the surrounding planning area.

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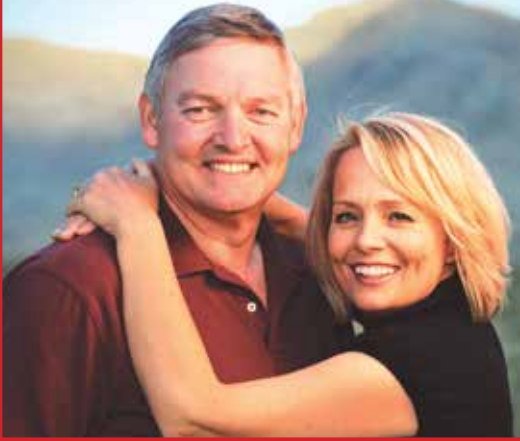


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CHRISTINA CERNA

Occupation: Education Compliance Specialist/ Businesswoman

Education and Qualifications: I graduated from Dixon High School and went on to college, graduating from UOP (University of the Pacific) with a B.A. degree.

Raised locally in Dixon on our family ranch, I have a strong commitment and connection to the community. I care about community concerns and want folks to feel that they are really being heard and have a voice on matters of interest, including large-scale development projects, and what that may mean to their way of life. Increased Traffic and Safety Impacts are important,

I want to ensure we can contribute effectively to decisions, as growth is upon us. Infrastructure requirements are needed for safe living in a small town bi-sected by the railroad in emergencies. Safe roads and pathways for children bicycling/walking to school and pedestrian safety matters, including safe sidewalks.

Enhanced financial efforts to seek additional extramural funding sources are important. Protecting our Farmland, Open Spaces, Natural Habitats and peaceful community matters, for a healthy quality of life.

I will work hard, and can do a terrific job for our community, as a locally grown candidate for City Council.

Ocupación: Especialista en cumplimiento normativo educativo / Empresaria Educación y cualificaciones: Me gradué de la escuela secundaria Dixon High School y continué mis estudios universitarios, obteniendo una licenciatura en la UOP (University of the Pacific).

Criada aquí mismo en Dixon, en el rancho de mi familia, tengo un fuerte compromiso y conexión con la comunidad. Me importan las inquietudes de la comunidad y quiero que las personas sientan que realmente se les escucha y que tienen voz en asuntos de interés, incluidos los proyectos de desarrollo a gran escala y lo que estos pueden significar para su estilo de vida. El aumento del tráfico y los impactos en la seguridad son temas importantes; quiero asegurar que podamos contribuir eficazmente a las decisiones a medida que la ciudad crece. Se requieren infraestructuras adecuadas para garantizar la seguridad en una ciudad pequeña que queda dividida por la vía del tren en situaciones de emergencia. Son fundamentales las carreteras y caminos seguros para los niños que van a la escuela en bicicleta o a pie, así como la seguridad de las personas que caminan incluyendo banquetas seguras.

Es importante reforzar los esfuerzos financieros para buscar fuentes de financiación externas adicionales. Proteger nuestras tierras agrícolas, espacios abiertos, hábitats naturales y la tranquilidad de la comunidad es esencial para una buena calidad de vida.

Trabajaré duro y realizaré una labor excelente para nuestra comunidad como candidata al Concejo Municipal criada en Dixon.

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Riley Reviews

HALLOWEEN SPARKS A SLEW OF HOLIDAY-THEMED PROGRAMMING

**A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley**

HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

According to AI, widely celebrated Halloween is a cultural and seasonal holiday, though not an official federal or public holiday anywhere in the United States. To the dismay of children everywhere, schools remain open unless it’s the weekend.

Thanks to “The Simpsons” animated franchise, the FOX network holds the title for the longest running Halloween television special program, which this year is “The Simpsons Treehouse of Horror XXXVII.”

Roman numeral XXXVII, representing the number 37, is a system used for the Super Bowl, and certain monarchs and popes, such as King Charles III and Pope Leo XIV. Hence the fun fact that XXXVII results in “Treehouse of Horror” having launched in October 1990.

For “Treehouse 37” fitting sinister plots wait for Halloween in unsettling sketches. Tribute to the beloved holiday classic film “The Nightmare Before Christmas” becomes a stop-motion parody thanks to the creative team of Stoopid Buddy Stoodios, best known for “Robot Chicken.”

For good measure in spoofing “Nightmare,” the characters belt out a goofy version of the song “This is Halloween,” while Bart becomes Jack Skellington, Homer is the two-faced Mayor, and Marge turns out to be Sally.

The plot of the book “The Husbands,” where a woman’s husband goes up into the attic one day and comes back as someone completely different, creates a horrifying new perspective on marriage for Marge.

Homer goes into a magical shed and emerges as an entirely new guy each time. Is there any chance that the “new” Homer is better than the “original?” Maybe the host of the “Survivor” series might be an improvement, or maybe not.

Who would think that combining the plot lines of the comedy “Freaky Friday” with Stephen King’s “Pet Cemetery” horror story would be an option? When he accidentally kills the dog and Bart, Homer buries them both and they come back to life in a body swap.

When Homer gets trapped in the frightening driver’s education film “Dimension of Death,” teenaged Lisa and Bart must save their father from this horrible fate imposed by a pair of witches.

CBS delivers Halloween-themed episodes in three series. In “Georgie & Mandy’s First Marriage,” Georgie (Montana Jordan) and Mandy (Emily Osment) are caught in the crossfire between their moms over CeeCee’s Halloween costume, and Missy (Raegan Revord) and Mary (Zoe Perry) clash over Halloween plans.

Up for a promotion at her teaching job in “Eternally Yours,” Liz (Allegra Edwards) invites her boss and his wife over for drinks on Halloween, arriving dressed in vampire costumes, much to Charles’ (Ed Weeks)

annoyance.

Also, the coven fears Max (Jaren Lewison) has placed them in danger of a werewolf attack when he inadvertently uses an ancient protective relic as a candy bowl for trick-or-treaters and it goes missing.

In the popular “Ghosts,” a couple of months after Pete’s (Richie Moriarty) disappearance, while Sam (Rose McIver) is in Australia on the set of her new film, Kyle (new series regular Ben Feldman) steps up to help babysit the ghosts.

Additionally, Hetty (Rebecca Wisocky) is unexpectedly reunited with her estranged sister, Margaret (guest star Maria Thayer), and Bela (Punam Patel) throws an unconventional Halloween bash at Woodstone.

Antenna TV is brewing up two full days of magical comedy with a two-day marathon featuring television’s most beloved witches, Sabrina Spellman (Meliss Joan Hart) and Samantha Stephens (Elizabeth Montgomery).

In “Sabrina the Teenage Witch,” celebrating its 30th anniversary, the classic comedy quickly became a pop-culture favorite, following a teenage Sabrina as she navigated high school, family, and the discovery she comes from a long line of witches.

Bringing back the Halloween tradition of “Bewitched Witch-O-Ween,” featuring a full day of episodes from the iconic comedy “Bewitched,” viewers can spend Halloween with Elizabeth Montgomery’s Samantha, the charming suburban housewife who just happens to have a little magic in the twitch of her nose.

Freeform has already taken over the entire month of October with its “31 Nights of Halloween,” filling its schedule a lineup of classics that include “Casper,” “Hocus Pocus,” and “Tim Burton’s The Nightmare Before Christmas.”

What’s new at Freeform are the short-form episodes of “Coven Academy,” set at an elite magic boarding school located in the haunted heart of New Orleans. The drama follows three teenage witches and their charming warlock peers.

Halloween weekend also brings a holiday film of a different kind, namely “Christmas at the Kringles,” a story that follows the Seversons, a family starting fresh in a quiet suburban neighborhood, whose next-door neighbors, the Kringles, celebrate Christmas year-round.

What begins as charming quickly turns unsettling, as Mark (Ron Livingston) and Julie (Rachel Bilson) grow concerned about their son’s growing attachment to this family. After a heated confrontation, Mark heads next door to bring his family home only to discover the Kringles’ true intention.

On second thought, “Christmas at the Kringles” fits in with Halloween. The Kringles harbor sinister plans, and what follows is a dark comedy/slasher horror film, with Mark teaming up with a rogue Santa in a high-stakes, action-packed fight to save his family. ★



Ag Program Aims to Upskill Farmworkers

A program launched two years ago in California aims to teach farmworkers new skills. The Agricultural Technology and Education Collaborative, or AgTEC, program is offered at six colleges in the Central Valley. So far, the program has seen more than 800 enrolled students and about 150 graduates spread across the participating colleges. The program, launched in late 2024, aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive amid agriculture’s evolving technologies and needs. While it’s open to students of all backgrounds, it’s particularly oriented towards farmworkers interested in expanding their agricultural skills. Karen Aceves, AgTEC’s regional director, said the program can help fill a need in the changing world of agriculture while retaining workers already in the industry. “We don’t know where our industry is going,” Aceves said. “We need someone who’s adaptable and can adapt to those changes.”

Immigration Raids Slow Farm Work in the Central Valley

A surge in immigration enforcement in the Central Valley during the past two weeks stalled agricultural work in parts of the nation’s top farming region as some workers were detained and others stayed home. “We are certainly seeing a dramatic uptick in activity over the last week or so,” Heather Riden, program director at the Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, said last week. “The level of stress in many of our agricultural communities

is really high.” Kevin Herman, owner of Madera-based The Specialty Crop Co., said the raids were causing about half of the roughly 100 workers hired to harvest figs in his orchards to miss work for more than a week. As a result, the farm was unable to ship its full volume of fresh-market figs to retailers it supplies across North America. Farmers said a prolonged operation, as has been reported to be taking place in the state through next month, could significantly disrupt food production.

Growers Harvest Short Pistachio Crop as Costs Mount

A March heat wave and the natural tendency of pistachio trees to alternate-bear combined for a perfect storm that may reduce the 2026 harvest to less than half the record 2025 crop. While the market has responded with higher grower prices, they may not make up for the short crop, said Jeff Nichols, vice president of supply chain and grower relations with Nichols Farms in Hanford. “It’s a challenge for the industry overall because the crop is half of what was expected, but the (grower) price isn’t going to double,” he said. “Overall, the crop revenue to the grower is going to decrease.” In January, pistachio industry members estimated a 1.2-billion-pound crop because 2026 is an “off” year in the trees’ alternate-bearing production cycle. With harvest nearly finished, the crop appears to be about 655 million pounds. During 2025’s “on” year, growers harvested a record 1.57 billion pounds. ★



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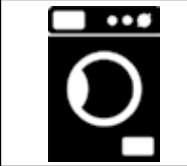
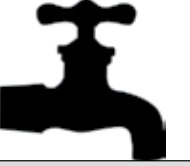
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Why do worms come out when it rains?

– Courtney, Idaho

This updated Ask Dr. Universe story originally published May 2018.

Dear Courtney,

I love exploring in the rain. It’s fun jumping in puddles. And I really like seeing wriggling worms.

I talked about it with my friend Tarah Sullivan. She’s a soil scientist at Washington State University.

She told me that, when it rains, earthworms sometimes leave their homes in the soil. They squirm their way to the surface.

But nobody knows exactly why they do that.

Soil isn’t just lifeless dirt. It’s teeming with life. A handful of soil contains worms, plants, insects and billions of itty-bitty microbes. They need water to survive.

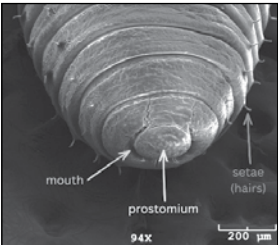
But too much water can be a problem.

“One theory for why worms come to the surface is so they don’t drown,” Sullivan said.

It turns out earthworms don’t have lungs. They breathe through their skin.

The outer layer of an earthworm’s body is the cuticle. It’s a non-living sheath secreted by the skin layer underneath. Worms don’t have skeletons like we do. The cuticle protects the worm’s insides and helps give the worm’s body structure.

The cuticle is slimy with mucus. That slime—plus the damp environment—



This is an earthworm’s face up close. The prostomium above its mouth is like an upper lip. It helps push food into the worm’s mouth. The setae are stiff hairs made of cuticle. They help the worm move. Image: Hannah G Watson et al. CC BY 4.0, arrows and labels by Dr. Universe

keep the worm from drying out.

That’s crucial because earthworms exchange gases like oxygen and carbon dioxide across the cuticle.

It works by diffusion. There’s lots of oxygen in air pockets in the soil. There’s not much oxygen inside the worm. So, oxygen molecules flow from the air pockets into the worm—from a place with gobs of oxygen to a place with less oxygen. It moves through the cuticle and into the earthworm’s blood.

Carbon dioxide is a waste product. It goes the opposite direction. There’s more carbon dioxide inside the worm than out in the environment. So, the carbon dioxide molecules flow out of the worm.

The cuticle must be wet for diffusion to work. If an earthworm dries up, it can’t breathe.

But when it rains super heavily, the soil can get too wet. Waterlogged soil has fewer air pockets—because many of those spaces fill up with water. Under those conditions, earthworms might move out of the soil temporarily, seeking a better place to breathe.

Sullivan told me it’s also possible that worms are traveling when it’s raining. That’s when the soil is nice and wet. It’s probably easier to wiggle around dirt clods, roots and other underground stuff.

Plus, it’s likely cooler and less sunny. That would help worms stay moist and protect them from getting fried by the hot sun. Rain might make for safer travel conditions.

If an earthworm needs to find a new home, a cloudy, wet day might be a good time to do it.

The best way to help those worms is to let them do their thing. They’re probably out catching their breath or going somewhere. After all, they have a big job, snarfing up food and pooping out nutrients that keep the soil healthy.

I guess when it comes to helpers, worms are really down to earth.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

Council Seeks Details on Entertainment Zones

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11 different entertainment zones. Each municipality can set its own guidelines for how its entertainment zone is operated, such as what areas are included in the zone and when the zones are in effect. “There isn’t one standard across the board,” Sam Correll, a management analyst with the city, told City Council members.
The law behind entertainment zones contains an array of provisions, such as requiring an entertainment zone to be connected to at least one business selling alcohol, and the zone can only be in operation as long as that business is open. Because state law prohibits the sale of alcohol between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., no entertainment zone could operate during

that period, for example.
Entertainment zones come with additional costs and requirements, which can include additional security, signage or barriers for designated areas and wristbands for alcohol consumption.
Given that entertainment zones have only been in existence for a couple of years in California, it’s difficult to assess long-term impacts of the law. But the concept has detractors, including Daniel Stiles, a policy consultant at the Institute for Public Strategies, a San Diego-based public health-focused advocacy organization.
“Research shows entertainment districts are associated with more alcohol-related harms,” he wrote in November 2024. ★

Another Bond Likely After Measure U

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Elementary School, the old Silveyville Elementary School, which is now home to the Dixon Montessori Charter School, and Tremont Elementary School, Cuevas said.
If passed, Measure U would result in an estimated \$30 tax increase per \$100,000 of property for area residents, according to district officials. With the median sale price of a home in Dixon at approximately \$640,000, that would mean an additional \$192 a year in property taxes if the measure is approved.
That amount would be tacked onto what residents are already paying for Measure J, the 2002 general obligation bond which raised \$29.4 million, and Measure Q, the 2016 general obligation bond which secured \$30.4 million.
Measure J added about \$34.71 per \$100,000 of a property’s assessed value to local homeowners’ tax bills in 2026. Measure Q added about \$27.57 per \$100,000 of a property’s assessed value in 2026.
What that means is if Measure U passes, the combined burden for the three bond measures would be nearly \$600 annually on a house assessed for \$640,000. Dixon homeowners already pay a considerable amount for property taxes. An area home assessed at \$640,000 carries an annual property tax bill of more than \$10,000.
Regardless of how Measure U does at the polls, area property owners will continue to pay on Measure Q through 2043

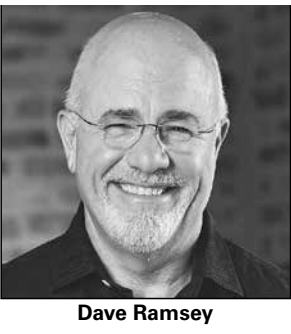
and Measure J through 2044.
Measure D, which sought to raise \$32 million in 2010, did not pass.
Dixon Unified School District serves approximately 3,060 students at three elementary schools, a middle school and two high schools. It is also connected with the Dixon Montessori Charter School.
All homeowners and business owners within the district area are taxed for the repayment of general obligation school bonds. A 55 percent vote is required for approval of Measure U.
Dixon Unified School District has an annual budget of approximately \$50 million, but as much as 85 percent of that goes to salaries and benefits, leaving roughly \$7.5 million for everything else, from repairs to electricity to supplies, Barley said.
District officials believe that if Measure U passes, they will be able to secure additional funds from the state through Proposition 2, passed two years ago, which approved a \$10 billion bond to pay for upgrades at K-12 schools and community colleges.
California provides matching funds for certain types of local school district funding, including repairs and modernization.
“We believe that with matching state dollars that are available, we can get about \$128 million,” Cuevas said. “That would still leave us short in terms of doing everything in the master plan, but it will go a long way in helping us meet our goals.” ★

Dixon Eyes Extending Data Center Freeze

By Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon officials are considering extending a moratorium on data centers and battery energy storage systems through the end of September 2027.
The matter will be discussed at the Dixon City Council meeting set for 7 p.m., Nov. 3, at Dixon City Hall. Officials will look at extending the 45-day temporary moratorium passed in late September for an additional 10 months and 15 days, according to a legal advertisement placed in the Independent Voice by the city of Dixon.
“Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the application,” according to the legal ad.
The meeting will be open to the public, and all individuals can participate remotely, as well.
The moratorium is designed to give the city time to study potential impacts involving water and energy use, along with the effects of noise and emissions, connected with data centers and battery energy storage systems.
Dixon has not received an application for either a data center or battery energy storage system project, but city officials are trying to put a planning process in place in order to be ready if it happens.
Data centers, which can vary in size and purpose, are physical structures that run large numbers of computers securely and continuously. Battery energy storage systems store

energy for later use with the idea of boosting grid reliability and supporting renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.
The effort to impose a moratorium was prompted by recent City Council discussions regarding Dixon’s regulations and ability to manage specific types of development, as well as a noticeable statewide increase in the development of data centers and battery energy storage system facilities.
These include the Corby Battery Energy Storage System project proposed by NextEra Energy on 40 acres near the intersection of Kilkenny Road and Byrnes Road in Solano County, just west of Dixon, and efforts by Middle River Power of Chicago to build two battery energy storage systems on 10 acres in Vacaville, called the Vaca Dixon Power Center project.
The Dixon Municipal Code currently does not identify data centers or battery storage systems as permitted uses. When a proposed use is not defined, city officials must classify it as a use substantially similar in character to a listed use.
Absent specific regulations for data centers or battery storage systems, Dixon faces uncertainty in processing, entitling and conditioning proposed project sites.
An applicant could, for example, seek to classify a data center as similar to a utility or telecommunications facility, whose standards were not designed to address the electricity, water, noise and infrastructure impacts of large-scale data centers. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I’ve spent most of my marriage not being involved in our family finances. To be honest, I’ve not been a very good husband. After being introduced to your show and your books by a friend, I realized how irresponsible I’ve been. When I talked to my wife about it and apologized, I heard for the first time that we have about \$100,000 in debt, plus \$55,000 in debt on a new car and motorcycle I did know about. Of course, we also have a mortgage on our home. She apologized for making a mess of things, but I know it wasn’t all her fault. She hadn’t been sneaking around spending and taking out debt, she just made mistakes and was afraid to tell me. Together, we make about \$150,000 a year. Do you have any advice for us?
– Caleb
Dear Caleb,
Brother, I am so proud of you. You made some

Dave Ramsey Says Healing Problems... Together

mistakes, sure. But now you’ve made the decision to man up. And that’s a huge step in the right direction for you *and* your marriage.
To me, what you described is a lot different than her lying and hiding stuff. The truth is you weren’t plugged in. Maybe she wasn’t doing a great job, but then, she didn’t have anyone to talk to about it, did she? Things got worse, and she probably felt ashamed about how ugly it got and didn’t want to tell anyone.
Now you’re at the point where you’ve got to look at all this, and figure out how to fix it with a \$150,000 income. It’s going to mean beans and rice, rice and beans. It’s going to mean a scorched-earth lifestyle and living on a budget, which also means you’re not going out to eat, and you’re not going on vacations.
I’d sell the car and the motorcycle. Get into a couple of very basic, inexpensive cars, and spend about two years being crazy intense to pay off everything but your home. You can clean this up, but you’re basically going to

have no life during that time.
The two of you also have some relationship work to do. It sounds like you’ve already gotten a good start on that, with you owning your part and her owning hers. The thing is not to point fingers. From this point forward you need to always sit down *together*, and make all your decisions—financial and otherwise—*together*. I want you to hug on each other a lot, too.
If you’re both willing, you can heal the math problem, the debt problem and the marriage problem all at the same time. God bless you both!
– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time 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. ★

Addison Conrad-Whitehead is October Young Woman of the Month



From left are Nikki Monk, president of Soroptimist Dixon; Addison Conrad-Whitehead, Georgia Fedler and Ashland Williams. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Ag Science Department at Dixon High School selected Addison Conrad-Whitehead as the October Young Woman of the Month. Georgia Fedler and Ashland Williams, both teachers in the Ag Science Department, presented Addison at the Oct. 15 Soroptimist meeting. Ms. Fedler noted Addison’s professionalism far beyond her years and that she always carries herself with grace and kindness.
Addison is the daughter of Nicholas Whitehead, Dakota Conrad and Gabbie Whitehead and has a sibling named Kaylee Jenkins. Addison has lived in Dixon for six years, attending John Knight Middle School before attending Dixon High School.
Addison is an active member of FFA. After attending her first leadership conference and taking some ag classes, she became deeply committed to the FFA program. In her sophomore year she held the office of sentinel; following this she served as the environmental committee liaison where she spearheaded projects, such as the school garden and school cleanups.

She is now chair of the community service committee. In the spring the plan is to implement an “Ag in a Classroom” program where FFA members will go through local elementary schools to expose younger children of agriculture. Addison has also represented Dixon at various leadership conferences and a national convention.
Coming up shortly, Addison will be attending her second national convention as a delegate for the State of California. Addison is beyond grateful to have this opportunity and will have an opportunity to vote and make changes in the national constitution. She is one of the only two delegates selected from the north coast region.
Addison figure skates and works at the Vacaville Ice Skating Rink. She has done so for the last two years. She has competed in two competitions and finds competing amazing experiences. Addison serves as a coach alongside hosting birthday parties which includes a lesson on the rink.
Addison’s future plans include studying marine science at CSU Monterey or UC San Diego.
Soroptimist International of Dixon members wish Addison ★

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by Jeff Pickering

I WONDER WHY THEY'RE CALLED HUMMINGBIRDS?

BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW THE WORDS.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

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by KENDY MILKLAND

CASTOR, I HAVE A DATE WITH A WOMAN WHO IS GORGEOUS AND KIND AND FUNNY AND AMAZING. BUT D'YA KNOW WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT HER?

HER LOWERED STANDARDS?

A PRETTY LADY WHO WILL MAKE DO!

MY DREAMS COME TRUE.

THANK YOU FOR WALKIN' ME HOME, HAROLD.

PLEASE, CALL ME HAM, AND THANK YOU FOR GON' OUT WITH ME.

YOU LIVE IN A DARK, FOREBODING NEIGHBORHOOD.

FINDING AFFORDABLE RENT IS HARD.

BUH, COZY NEIGHBORHOOD.

DO YOU LIKE ME, HAM?

I'M CRAZY ABOUT YA! I WANNA BE YOUR BOYFRIEND! (D' DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!)

THEN FEED ME YOUR SOUL.

OKIDOKO. BEG YOUR PARDON?!

IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO BE YOUR BOYFRIEND, GO FOR IT.

THIS IS NOT THE USUAL REACTION YOU'D GET THAT I'M A RAVENOUS ENTITY OF EVIL, RIGHT?

EVERY RELATIONSHIP HAS CHALLENGES.

BESIDES, I'M JUST HAPPY TO FIND A WOMAN WHO WILL WILLIN' BE SEEN WITH ME IN PUBLIC.

YOU COULDA STILL EATEN HIM, Y'KNOW.

WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR NOT WANTING MY DINNER TO BE SAD!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS HALLOWEEN IS SURE TO BE OUR BIGGEST SCORE! REMEMBER BIG SMILES!!

WELL, LOOK AT YOU GUYS. HERE YOU GO.

WHOEVER CAME UP WITH "FUN SIZE" FOR SMALLER CANDY WAS JUST CRUEL.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

THEN...

SIMON SAYS, TOUCH YOUR NOSE AND JUMP ON ONE LEG!

NOW...

SIRI SAYS, PROVE THAT YOU'RE NOT A ROBOT...

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

PASS INTERFERENCE!

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"I've since come to realize that forever is, like, too long."

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I TOLD YOU I DON'T LIKE SHOPPING FOR CLOTHES. LAST TIME I FOUND A SHIRT THAT FIT, I WAS IN THE MATERNITY SECTION.

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17. Belgian port city

18. *The Birds' producer and director

20. *Mourning' bird

21. Kicks out

22. *Birds do it, ____ do it," sing.

23. "Hot" prefix

26. Suggest

30. Treaty of Rome org.

31. Dump

34. *Horus' mother

35. Spills over a container edge

37. Hole puncher

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39. Type of balsam

40. Thumb, anatomically speaking

42. *New Zealand parrot

43. Suppresses

45. *Big Bird, e.g.

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60. Affirm with confidence

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62. Number cruncher, acr.

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9. Green Gables resident

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23. MCAT and LSAT, e.g.

24. Serf

25. Cause for food recall

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28. Sand clock, e.g.

29. Test form

32. Vietnam's neighbor

33. *Parliament member

36. *Barbara's ____ Cereal

38. Glorify

40. Mightier than sword

41. Oblong cream puff

44. British sailor, slangily

46. Conventional

48. Garlic unit

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Win a Game

By V.G. Harris

There is good news and bad news. The bad news is that the hometown Sacramento Kings have not won a single game in either the preseason or the regular season. Discouraging, yes without a doubt.

The stands were perhaps 75 percent filled in last night’s contest with the Memphis Grizzlies, and to the Kings credit for most of the contest it was actually a game that could have gone either way.

Fans responded with a standing ovation with five minutes to play in the fourth quarter as the Kings knotted the score at 106 apiece. There was genuine pandemonium in the arena, but it was soon to be dashed.

One of Memphis 24 three-pointers came next, and the grizzlies never looked back, eventually winning by 11 points 123-112.

So, where’s the good news?
For one, Domantas Sabonis is playing like the all-star he is at both ends of the floor. Domantas along with Zach Lavine have been carrying the team with stellar play and a defensive effort that smacks at the criticism that neither can play defense.

What I saw Sunday night was two veterans who gave it their all, and their effort gave the Kings a genuine chance to win. Couple that effort with that of both Darius Acuff Jr., and Emmanuel Sharp and you have two rookies that are raising eyebrows.

Although Sharp scored only three points in limited action, his intense defense reminded me of former King Davion Mitchell, and it was a joy to see someone on the floor that gave it 100 percent. That is exactly what the Kings need, and it needs to be the ubiquitous energy that is the staple of this team.

Sadly, the preseason was a collage of players that will probably never again be on the court together, and any chance of developing a chemistry was simply lost. Coach Christie and his coaching staff are in all likelihood on a short leash, and the preseason is but one reason why.

Reportedly Keegan Murray was sidelined with a swollen ankle, and now in his fifth season, it’s time for Keegan to shine.

The idea that Murray is a power forward needs to be forever abandoned, and finally he should be played at the position he is most comfortable.

Murray is a natural small forward, and he has made it known that is where he is most comfortable.

For once stop pounding a square peg into a round hole. If a power forward is what you need, Precious Achiuwa or Jonathan Mogbo fit the bill, and allow Murray to show the staff what he can accomplish at the position that fits him best. Simply put, this team needs to put players in positions where they can thrive.

Both Sabonis and Lavine are firing out of the blocks, and along with rookie Darius Acuff Jr. are making noises like the second coming of De’Aaron Fox.

Sacramento was in both of the last two games, and with just a little luck could be 2-1 instead of the tepid 0-3 they find themselves in. With a rookie point guard at the helm, closing out games is still on the teaching agenda.

Coach Christie loves to talk about defense while his best defender, Emmanuel Sharp saw 14 minutes of action all night. Foul troubles contributed, but sometimes you need to let them play and live with the results.

Defense aside, where is the offense that led the entire NBA just four years ago?

Once again 3-point shooting is the Achilles heal of this team, and giving up 24 3-pointers will rarely win a game. The focus needs to be on how to effectively guard the 3-point line and do it!. Other teams have no problem guarding it against us, it’s high time we committed to defending the line.

Coaches represent more than just X’s and O’s. They are motivators, leaders, and they challenge players when needed. We need this coaching staff to step up and take accountability for what has happened thus far, and then do something about it.

It has been said before and it’s true, this team has NBA talent on it and has every opportunity to turn this losing streak around. Dream the dream and give the fans a reason to buy tickets and stand to their feet.

All the best Kings fans! ★

Californians’ Support for Cutting Carbon Emissions Wanes as New Climate Warnings Arrive



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Earlier this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom and former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger staged a low-key celebration marking the 20th anniversary of Assembly Bill 32, the landmark legislation committing California to immense reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

It was the most notable achievement of Schwarzenegger’s governorship, not only setting a series of deadlines for emissions reductions, but creating as one of its major tools a system for industry buy-in known as “cap-and-trade.”

Environmental groups were opposed, favoring direct regulations, but Schwarzenegger insisted. Since then, the state has auctioned off a gradually diminishing number of emissions permits, thus, in theory, incentivizing industries to reduce greenhouse gases.

The Los Angeles Times has calculated that early goals were met. But in recent years reductions have slowed, and the 2030 goal of being 40% lower than 1990 emissions levels is highly unlikely.

Popular and political support for the state’s commitment to reach virtual zero emissions by 2045 also has been waning.

Public Policy Institute of California pollsters found that while Californians still support emissions reductions in concept, views on specific

programs have slipped. That’s particularly true of Newsom’s desire to ban the sale of new gasoline-powered vehicles by 2035. Support for that has dropped from 49% in 2021 to just 32%.

“Affordability has become a dominant theme in public discourse today — and it’s affecting the public’s views on the environment,” the PPIC says. “Most Californians choose cost of living as the top issue facing the people of California today; few name environmental concerns.”

The declining popularity of climate change programs is visible in the political arena.

Newsom spent months portraying gasoline refiners as price gougers and polluters, but when two refineries announced plans to shut down in 2025, raising the possibility of fuel shortages, he quickly changed his tune.

“We are all the beneficiaries of oil and gas. No one’s naive about that,” Newsom said at a press conference. “So it’s always been about finding a just transition, a pragmatism in terms of that process.”

Defying environmental groups, he and the Legislature passed bills designed to increase oil production, and this year the state even redesigned the cap-and-trade program to provide no-cost emissions permits to refineries.

The flip side of declining popular and political support for emissions reduction policies is a new warning from Newsom’s administration that California faces a slow-motion apocalypse.

“Climate change is increasing the frequency, intensity, duration, and impacts of climate related events in California, including short- or long-term hazard events like wildfire, extreme heat, drought, flooding, and sea

level rise,” the administration’s 109-page Fifth Climate Change Assessment declares.

It is the latest in a series of such reports issued since AB 32 passed. Newsom endorsed its findings while, as might be expected from a likely presidential candidate, taking a shot at President Donald Trump.

“As the Trump administration turns its back on science, California is doubling down on climate action, on protecting our communities, and on building a safer future,” Newsom said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the climate assessment report’s warning of potentially catastrophic effects is re-energizing those who prescribe aggressive actions.

UC Berkeley’s Center for Law, Energy and the Environment issued what it describes as a “roadmap” of steps that must be taken.

“California is at a critical moment in its efforts to protect residents from the extreme weather caused by climate change,” Louise Bedsworth, the center’s executive director, said. “The next governor will need to demonstrate strong leadership to help the state navigate the intersecting challenges of worsening climate impacts, affordability, and federal hostility to the state’s goals.”

Xavier Becerra, the former attorney general almost certain to succeed Newsom, has been noncommittal about the issue, especially about the 2035 halt on sales of gas-powered vehicles. It’s smart politics given the reversal of popular support.

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. ★

Social Security Matters

My Brother Died on December 23rd – Does he Get Social Security for December?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My question concerns the passing of my brother on December 23, 2025. Since he passed away before the month was over, does that mean he will not receive a Social Security payment for December 2025? Does the fact he passed before the end of December negate him receiving benefits for December 2025? **Signed: Executor of my Brother’s Estate**

Dear Executor Sister: Please accept our sincere condolences on your brother’s passing. FYI, according to Social Security law, all SS benefits are paid in the month following the month they are earned, which means

two in things in this circumstance: 1. Any SS payment your brother received during the month of December (his month of death) is legally his (or his estate’s) because that payment was for the month before he died (November 2025).

2. Any SS benefits received thereafter (e.g., SS benefits paid in January 2026 for the month of December 2025) must be returned to Social Security (the bank which received his SS payments would normally handle this automatically if they were notified of your brother’s death).

Social Security benefits are not paid for the month of death because the beneficiary did not live the entire month, and SS benefits are not paid for partial months. So even though your brother lived about 3/4ths of the month of December, he (his estate) will not get any SS benefits for the month of December. Indeed, even those who pass shortly before midnight on the last day of the

month do not get Social Security benefits for the month they died.

For additional information, if your brother was married and his wife is still living, she would be entitled to a one-time, lump sum death benefit of \$255 (if she is also eligible for her own SS retirement benefit). And, depending on her own SS retirement amount, she might also be eligible for a surviving spouse benefit as your brother’s widow.

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“All my life,” Charles de Gaulle famously said, “I have had a certain idea of France.” This, though, was presumably not what he had in mind. France has been wracked by riots targeting public buildings and symbols of the nation, as well as ordinary commercial concerns.

Of course, France has a long tradition of unrest on the streets. If someone isn’t setting a car alight somewhere in the country in protest, you almost wonder what’s gone wrong. In 1968, President de Gaulle himself briefly fled Paris for fear that student protesters were going to topple the government, before finding his nerve.

So, it’s not unusual that things are getting wrecked and burned, but the disorder is portentous all the same. It started as demonstrations against underfunded schools and has morphed into a red-green campaign of mayhem ranging much more widely.

Palestinian flags and the slogan “Free Palestine” are ubiquitous. It’s not clear what either of these things has to do with burning down the elegant, 19th-century town hall building in Limoges or looting a Louis Vuitton store. But the Palestinian banner has become the equivalent of the North Vietnamese flag in the 1970s -- a symbol of resistance to the West, and in this case, fierce opposition to Zionism and so-called settler-colonialism.

The Anti-French Revolt in France

The flag also speaks to the immigrant component of the riots. France has done a poor job of assimilating immigrants and their children, a large portion of whom are Muslims from North Africa, thanks to France’s colonial history and, in particular, its incorporation of Algeria into France for a period of time (an insanely unrealistic project).

The problems that France has been creating for itself were foreseeable and, indeed, foreseen. As long ago as March 1959, de Gaulle is reported to have warned: “The Arabs are Arabs, the French are French. Do you think that the French can absorb 10 million Muslims who will tomorrow be 20 million and after tomorrow 40?”

One way to look at these riots is as Frantz Fanon’s revenge. What the great mid-20th century theorist of anti-colonial resistance called “the wretched of the earth” are living in the downtrodden suburbs of Paris and, in effect, seeking to colonize the colonizers.

Make no mistake, though -- white radicals, too, have taken a large hand in the disorder. Jean-Luc Melenchon, the leader of an ascendant left-wing party, has participated in the protests and condemned police for their supposedly brutish tactics. He celebrates the “creolization” of France and views immigrants and their children as part of a potential “bloc de rupture” that can revolutionize French politics and shift it radically to the left.

What’s ultimately in play is French identity. The country has tradition-

ally had a universalizing mission (whether advancing Christianity or evangelizing for enlightenment values, depending on the regime) joined to a deep pride in the French nation. The rioters, who are illiberal and unpatriotic, aren’t much interested in either. Melenchon has said French identity cannot be “a tradition,” but is “a creation in permanent evolution.” And here, as has often happened in France’s history, it is evolving in the streets.

The unrest also serves as a warning that should the French public reject this left-wing vision and turn to the nationalist Marine Le Pen in next year’s election, the country will be made ungovernable. With the disorder spreading elsewhere, other Western European countries will also have to take note.

A key element of de Gaulle’s “certain idea of France” was its inherent greatness. His beloved France, though, is already a second-rank power. Its debt-to-GDP ratio is 120%, while much of the public apparently believes it is living under intolerable austerity and there is no political will to pull back on spending. An overmatched President Emmanuel Macron, presiding over a restive country, represents an exhausted center that has done much to bring the nation to this point.

Whatever France’s immediate future, greatness is not going to be part of the picture.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

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City Council Approves Construction Contract for New Fire Station

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phase design support; \$75,000 to PG&E for new electric service; \$115,000 for furniture for the station; \$30,000 for administrative, legal, and other fees; and \$110,000 for a special inspector.

The project will be funded primarily through the city’s development impact fees.

Vice Mayor Jim Ernest was

excited to finally be moving forward with the project: “This is a really important day.”

The council voted unanimously to approve the construction contract. Construction on the fire station will start in November, with expected completion in April 2028.

Chief Shafer said this project has been a huge priority for the fire department, and “it’s going

to greatly improve our service delivery to the community.” He appreciated the council’s support throughout the process.

Finally, staff asked for approval to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for contractor services for tile and plaster repairs at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center.

The pool’s existing plaster has reached the end of its useful

life and is beginning to deteriorate, cracking and separating from the pool surface. Delaying the repair could jeopardize swimmer safety and damage the underlying pool structure.

The repair project is already included in the budget for this fiscal year and can be coordinated with repairs to the pool deck, drains, and concrete that are already underway. Both

projects require the pool to be fully drained, so coordinating the timing will be most efficient.

The council voted unanimously to approve RFQ, and staff will bring the recommended contract award to council in December for consideration.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Nov. 3. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001679
The following persons are doing business as: Red Lion Wildfire Defense, 47 Monte Vista Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Kvon Wildfire Mitigation and Forestry Consultancy LLC, 47 Monte Vista Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Date filed in Solano County: September 25, 2026. 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 September 24, 2031. 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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RED 10-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001688
The following persons are doing business as: Superior Heating and Cooling, 5130 Fulton Drive Suite K, Fairfield, CA 94534. R.L. Fuller, Inc., 5130 Fulton Drive Suite K, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Date filed in Solano County: September 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 28, 2031. 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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SUPERIOR 10-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001738
The following persons are doing business as: Integrity Bookkeeping and Notary, 1843 Shirley Drive, Benicia, CA 94510
Laura Krause, 1843 Shirley Drive,

Benicia, CA94510.

Date filed in Solano County: October 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 5, 2031. 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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INTEGRITY 11-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001736
The following persons are doing business as: IRP and Drug Testing Services, IRP Services, 1335 Oliver Road, Fairfield, CA 94534

Masuta Logistics Inc, 65 Quinta Court Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95823.

Date filed in Solano County: October 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 5, 2031. 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: Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 2026
IRP 11-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001772
The following persons are doing business as: Discovery Land Care, Inc., 5778 Dixon Avenue West, Dixon, CA 95620.
Discovery Land Care, Inc., 5778 Dixon Avenue West, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: October 14, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of

section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 13, 2031. 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: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
DISCOVERY 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001577
The following persons are doing business as: The Delinquent Urchin, 443 Larkin Drive, Benicia, CA 94510.

Julia Bernard, 443 Larkin Drive, Benicia, CA 94510.
Date filed in Solano County: September 8, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 6, 2026

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 7, 2031. 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: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
DELINQUENT 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001787
The following persons are doing business as: East Bay Screenprint LLC, 1110 Colusa Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.

East Bay Screenprint LLC, 1110 Colusa Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Date filed in Solano County: October 15, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on September 1, 2026

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 October 14, 2031. 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: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
EAST 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001818
The following persons are doing business as: Passion to Heal Family Counseling, Inc, 2750 North Texas Street Suite 350E, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Passion to Heal Family Counseling, Inc, 2750 North Texas Street Suite 350E, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: October 19, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 18, 2031. 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: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
PASSION 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001717
The following persons are doing business as: Abel To Do It Construction, 2110 Mariposa Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.

Abel Chavez-Tovar, 2110 Mariposa Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: October 5, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on September 28, 2026

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 4, 2031. 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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ABEL 11-20-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE # 2021002417

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the

Fictitious Business Name: Rapid First Plumbing, 5013 Roberts Avenue Suite B, McClellan, CA 95652.

The Fictitious Business Name referred to above was filed in Solano County on December 15, 2021, File Number: 2021002417
Rov Enterprises, Inc., 5013 Roberts Avenue Suite B, McClellan, CA 95652.

This business is conducted by: A Corporation

Filed with the Clerk of Solano County on September 8, 2026.

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RAPID 10-30-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SSUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #CU26-08663

Sarah Woehler and Anthony Wharton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Rylie Rae Woehler to Rylie Rae Wharton.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court, unable to read.

Dated: September 17, 2026
Publish: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
WHARTON 10-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-08483

Kelly Lynn Mac Pheators Martinez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kelly Lynn Mac Pheators aka Kelly Lynn Seaton aka Kelly Lynn Martinez to Kelly Lynn Cosio.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. December 3, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty
Dated: September 30, 2026
Publish: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
MARTINEZ 10-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-08565

Teresa Pham filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Teresa Pham to Teresa Pham Lam.
THE COURT ORDERS that all

persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 5, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty
Dated: September 30, 2026
Publish: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
PHAM 10-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-08846

Matthew Miles Riley filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Matthew Miles Riley to Nox Nyx Zyer.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Unable to read on document.
Dated: October 9, 2026
Publish: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
RILEY 11-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-09582

Charles Joseph Tamondong Ching filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Charles Joseph Tamondong Ching to Charles Manuel Tamondong Soriano.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. December 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: October 13, 2026
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
CHING 11-20-26



CITY OF DIXON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that a mandatory site visit will occur on **November 5, 2026 at 9:00am**, sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express on **November 19, 2026**, until 3:00 p.m., at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read by the City Clerk. All bids will be considered for award by the City of Dixon City Council at their regular meeting on Tuesday, **December 1, 2026**, for the following project:

COMPETITION POOL REPLASTER PROJECT #100597

LOCATION OF WORK: Pat Granucci Aquatic Center, 450 E. Mayes St., in the City of Dixon, Solano County.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work will consist of obtaining all required permits and replastering the competition pool at the Pat Granucci Aquatics Center. The existing plaster will be stripped down to the concrete substrate and removed. The contractor will remove and replace the floor return caps, 6-inch by 6-inch standard waterline tile, A-7250 gutter cap tile, eight 12-inch racing lanes, VGB-compliant main drain covers, sixteen 12-inch targets, stainless-steel gutter caps, waterline depth markers on the cantilever face, deck depth-marker mosaics, 8-inch by 8-inch international “No Diving” markers, the 4-inch tile band at the 4-foot-6-inch depth, tile surrounding the floor returns, three wall steps, trim tile on the shallow-end steps, and all tile on the top step. Existing pool lights and handrails will be carefully removed and reinstalled. The gutter will be resealed, and the pool will receive new white plaster in accordance with the project requirements. Scope of work to be verified by contractor. The estimated cost for this project is \$225,000.00.

All work is to be done in accordance with said Plans and Specifications. A copy of the Plans and Specifications, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained by logging on https://dixonplanroom.com or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593. Bid sets may be obtained for a non-refundable price of \$60.00 (additional fee if mailed). All bidders must purchase a complete bid set from BPXpress Reprographics to be considered responsive and to receive addenda notifications.

All bidders must submit their bids online through the BPXpress bid portal to be considered responsive. All bidders must attend a mandatory site visit which will occur on November 5, 2026 at 9:00am.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ONLINE STORAGE AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Atkinson Self Storage at 1800 N. First Street / 150 Atkinson Ct, Dixon, CA 95620** intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and Provisions of the Civil Code.

The Auction will be conducted online at www.Bid13.com starting Friday, October 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and ending on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly.

Property to be sold as follows:

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| #1 – Amelia Waqa | #6 – Cody Hall |
| #2 – Rosemary Walsh | #7 – Jasmine Price |
| #3 – Montserrat Limon | #8 – Lori Harris |
| #4 – Jeremy Reynolds | #9 – Johnny Hartwell |
| #5 – Jennifer Trujillo | |

All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and removed within 72 hrs. of the end of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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