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May Fair Fun Ahead



The entertainment lineup for this year's May Fair is loaded with a variety of shows, including a Demolition Derby on Sunday, May 8. Photo courtesy of KE Spencer & CO Marketing

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Four days of top entertainment are planned for the Dixon May Fair and tickets are now on sale including admission tickets which can be purchased at the Box Office at the Fairgrounds from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. They can also be purchased online at dixonmayfair.com/tickets/.

The entertainment lineup looks full of variety. Starting Thursday, May 5, Sacred Fire – A Tribute to Santana will be on the Leber Garden Stage from 5 to 9 pm. Thursday is also called, 'Thrifty Thursday' as fair admission is only \$5 from the time the fair opens at 4 pm until 10 pm when it closes.

Friday, May 6 at 7 pm, the West Coast Rodeo Company CCPRA will host a Bull and Bronc Riding Event. Tickets are \$25 for all ages and will include fair admission if purchased

by May 5. After May 5th admission is \$25 plus fair admission.

On Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm, Maxx Kaki Powersports will bring the Tractor Pull Competition. Tickets are also \$25 for all ages, and also includes fair admission if purchased by May 6 but after May 6, admission is \$25 plus fair admission.

The last day of the fair, Sunday, May 8, the popular Demolition Derby will keep crushing cars for the viewers starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 for all ages and includes fair admission if purchased by May 7. After May 7, admission is \$30 plus fair admission, so you'll want to get your tickets early.

The Dixon May Fair is the oldest district fair and fairgrounds in the state of California. Supporting the communities of Dixon, Vacaville, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Elmira, Woodland and Davis, the Dixon May Fair offers the best of community and agriculture related activities throughout the year

but have been missed the past two years during pandemic restrictions.

All entries are closed except for the Cut Flower Entries which closes April 29. You can go online to register at www.dixonmayfair.com. Blue ribbons abound along with cash awards for many categories of fair competitions including entries by children and groups.

Volunteers are still needed to help make the May Fair a success. "In order for the Dixon May Fair to be successful, we need some help from our friends," said Patricia Conklin, Fair Manager. "We need help getting ready for the fair with painting, watering, planting and some minor repairs. If you would like to donate some time helping your fair, please call." Contact them today at (707) 678-5529 or email to info@dixonmayfair.com. The May Fair is located at 655 South First Street (Highway 113) in Dixon. ★

Experts Look for Solutions as Fentanyl Overdose Deaths Surge

Commentary
by Alvina Alston

There's no question that the pandemic caused a troubling upward trend in addiction disorders, with many people turning to substances like opioids to help them cope with the loss of a loved one, feelings of isolation or job stress. But amid the darkness came a sliver of light: the dawn of telehealth and tele-mental health services, which provide convenient ways for folks to seek help.

"We've also seen the rollout of naloxone, the opioid reversal agent that can save lives," said Dr. Paul Christo in a recent interview. "It doesn't have to be prescribed by a physician. It can be, but in certain states, pharmacists can dispense it without a prescription. Drugs like methadone, buprenorphine and suboxone, these drugs help prevent relapse, reduce craving and are really important."

Dr. Christo, Associate Professor in the Division of Pain Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, wants to remind those battling addiction to make use of these valuable telemedicine and tele-mental health services, and adds that it's important for clinicians to advocate to their patients that online treatment options, including telehealth prescriptions for critical medications are available.

The opioid epidemic today progressed in three phases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The first involves deaths caused by prescription opioids, the second, an increase in heroin use, and the third, a surge in the use of synthetic opioids or fentanyl. Experts say the U.S. is right in the middle of the third phase of the epidemic, due to the increasing availability of fentanyl and increasing rates of overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids.

According to a recent study there were 632,331 drug overdoses between 1999 and 2016. Most of these deaths (78.2 percent) were drug overdoses with known drug classification. Moreover, 21.8 percent were unclassified drug overdoses. A further investigation revealed that for unclassified drug overdoses, 71.8 percent involved opioids, translating to 99,160 additional opioid-related deaths.

There were over 70,000 drug overdose deaths in 2017, according to an

Bracing for the Future



The Sunrise Orthodontist staff includes (L-R) Cynthia Zamora, Dr. Matthew Sanders, Zaira Miranda, Stephany Orozco, Loreana Vornices, and Issa Manzur. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Wait no more parents of budding adolescent children who have noticeable overbites, underbites, or crooked teeth: Dixon has its first orthodontist.

Matthew Sanders, father of five and owner of three other offices, opened Sunrise Orthodontics at 2355 North Lincoln this past week already greeting families who have been waiting for him to arrive in

Dixon. His other offices are in Gold River, Placerville, and Elk Grove.

"I kept coming back to Dixon," he said. "I've come here several times and drove every street in town. I know Dixon didn't have an orthodontist." He was looking for possible cities and possible buildings when he saw the lot available across from the new Grocery Outlet.

Sanders received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery at Loma Linda

University School of Dentistry and earned a degree in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics with honors. He then completed a year of general practice residency at a VA Hospital before returning back to LLUSD to obtain his Master's in orthodontics and certificate in orthodontics.

Because he grew up in Humboldt, son of the only dentist in a small town, he said, he likes small towns and likes to find properties

that need to be fixed up. Reminding him of Humboldt, he was drawn to the redwoods and the half-buried building on the corner of Highway 113 and North Lincoln.

"I like taking something old and re-doing it," he said about his vision for the building. "Like creating the perfect smile... it's very exciting."

It has taken them over a year to remodel. Sadly, though, the redwood trees had to

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Life's too SHORT

An Exhausting but Wonderful Weekend

By Debra Dingman

I had a wonderful week-long preparation for Easter knowing the grandchildren were going to spend a few days with us. That means planning to sit down to home-cooked meals served on pretty Easter paper plates with napkins and re-reading the Bible stories about Good Friday and the Resurrection.

I love the family prayers before we eat and how Papa can remember perfectly to say at the end, "and all God's children said: Amen!" Out of the corner of my eye, I can see the children waiting to see if he's going to remember that part as it is really important to them to be involved. He never failed and they were happy to chime in their Amens.

After staying up late on Friday to watch a great movie about a talking dog that was supposed to be a comedy—but I cried through half of it—we got up Saturday morning and trekked off to volunteer at Living Hope Church Eggstravaganza. It was a blast, but I'll remember in the future not to be assigned a booth where one is bending over 10,000

times to pick up little bean bags...The children had a blast, too!

On Saturday afternoon, I went to get out the large pan to boil 18 eggs, but hubby stopped me and reminded me that never turns out well. He told me I need to use our little microwave egg boiler that cooks them perfectly four at a time in six minutes. I argued but he argued back so okay, that meant I had to first do the math of how many times I needed to reload the egg thingy but also remember to put them in the microwave and pull them out: Four times. But, because I still needed to do the two extra eggs, I pulled two more out of the fridge to make four for the last round.

In between the eggs coming out and cooling, we set up the coloring station with cups of pretty food dye and the children started in on their designs. Everyone seemed happy after minor arguing over who could use the purple dye at the same time. Then, we took naps.

On Sunday, after getting dressed up and listening to a great sermon at church, my youngest son and his wife joined us, and we had a delicious ham dinner.

It was great visiting and the oldest granddaughter telling about her first dance with her 8th grade pals before the eggs were hid while Nana and Papa stayed inside to make sure the children didn't peek.

The young couple did a good job, and it took about 45 minutes to find all the eggs including the gold one that had \$3 worth of coins at the far end of the walkway. It was found by the youngest and he was thrilled.

Later that night, I was dividing the eggs to make some into egg salad for sandwiches when one of the bright orange ones blobbed out all over my hand when I cracked it. Oh no! At first I asked hubby if he interrupted the microwave for anything when we were doing the eggs and he declared himself innocent so then I realized that if there was one that was not cooked, there had to be three more that were also not cooked. So my youngest granddaughter and I commenced cracking every egg to find them. Yep, we found them. How did they go through dying, hiding, and finding without ever getting broken: I'll never know. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Robben's Department Store, California's oldest department store at 111 North First Street in downtown Dixon, is braced for May Fair and parade season with official clothing and uniform supplies for 4-H and FFA but also got in these great sweatshirts touting our beloved hometown. Call (707) 592-7039 for more info. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Blues & Brews

A huge fundraiser, Blues, Brews, and Barbecue Cook-Off is planned for the Community Action North Bay, an organization that serves Dixon with a Veterans Home and Healthy Living Men's Home both near the Dixon Police Department. The Barbecue Cook-off and Beer Sampling event will be Saturday, April 23 from noon to 4 pm in Fairfield on the County Lawn at Texas and Jefferson, or 416 Union Avenue. There will be live music and all proceeds are to benefit CANB. The cost is set at \$45 for the event.

The Healthy Living Your Way Men's Program provides housing and supportive services to six men at the Dixon house. Clients receive case management services, access to benefit assistance, supplemental food, and transportation to appointments. Clients must be chronically homeless and disabled to be eligible for the program. All referrals to this program must come through Resource Connect Solano. Eligibility must be documented prior to entry into the program.

The Dixon Vet's Transitional Housing program provides transitional housing services to 12 male Veterans experiencing homelessness. The Veteran must have served one day of active-duty service to be eligible. All eligibility determinations are made through the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, call (707) 427-1148 or email info@canbinc.com.

Tremont Fair

This is a reminder for the Tremont Elementary School PTO-sponsored vendor fair on Saturday, April 23, from 10 am to 3 pm in the parking lot. There will be books for all ages to purchase and other goods as well. Kona Ice will be present for those who enjoy the snow cone treats. Contact Jennifer Roman via Facebook.

Dinner at Vet Hall

This is another popular favorite: Meat Loaf! This Friday, the regular veterans dinner at the Veterans Memorial Hall from 6-8 pm features a moist and tasty meat loaf even better than your mother used to make! You do not have to be a veteran to attend and the public is welcome. Regulars know food has been sold out in the past so if you want some great dinner; sooner is better for a very affordable donation of only \$10. Roger Schaller

usually provides nice instrumental and vocal music to the evening. The address is 1305 North First Street, right next to Central Auto Parts.

Lions Barbecue

This is your last chance to get your delicious, barbecue dinner from the Lions Club on Saturday evening, April 23, from 4 to 7 pm. in the Tractor Supply parking lot. This is a fundraiser with all proceeds going to help fund scholarships for Dixon High School students. This is a great value of \$15 per meal which includes Tri-tip, beans, potato salad, and a dinner roll. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Scott Smith at (916) 806-7451 or contact any Lions Club member.

Small Business

The California Hispanic and Solano-Napa Small Business Development Centers will commemorate National Small Business Week with an Access to Capital Summit on Wednesday, May 4, 5 pm to 9 pm, at the Vallejo Solano Community College campus, 545 Columbus Parkway, in Vallejo.

All attendees will have the opportunity to establish strategic, long-lasting partnerships through direct personal engagement, sharing of best practices, dialogue, networking, panels, and more.

Access to Capital will be offered to attendees at no-cost and will include opportunities to network and access intel from financial institutions and expertise from business advisors. For more information, please call 916-573-4808 or visit <https://www.solanonapasbdc.org/event/access-to-capital-summit/>

City Cleaning

The City has been hosting volunteer landscaping cleanups and is now planning another one. Volunteers worked with City staff to clean up the area between Syracuse Lane and Yale Drive and most recently on West A Street near Pitt School Road, but a lot more needs to be done.

The next volunteer event will be on April 30 and more community help is needed! Call (707) 693-2224 to sign up please. It will start at 9 am and last until noon. People will be meeting at the entrance of Dixon Estates on West A and Estates Drive and will work on West A Street to North Lincoln. They have been hosting these every other month. It gives the citizens opportunities to get involved and take pride in their community. ★

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estimate from the CDC. Based on findings from the new study, over half of those deaths, about 47,000 are suspected of having involved opioids.

Another study on opioid overdoses found that the number of drug overdose deaths decreased by 4 percent from 2017 to 2018. In 2018, more than 67,000 people died from drug overdoses, making it a leading cause of injury-related death in the United

States. Almost 70 percent involved a prescription or illicit opioid of those deaths.

"COVID-19 impacted the drug supply chain by closing borders on some regions, and it led to the higher death rate," Dr. Christo explained. He added that drugs become more challenging to get, and the potency of overdose goes up. It also impacts the price, everything goes up, and in that sense, it becomes more deadly each day, according to Dr. Christo. ★

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Rams Earn 6th Consecutive Sweep

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The dominant play from the Dixon High School boy's varsity volleyball team continued Monday night, April 18, at home with a sweep of Vacaville Christian.

The sweep was the sixth match in a row for the Rams (10-1, 6-0 Golden Empire League) without giving up a set to their opponent. This was also the team's ninth consecutive win after losing their second game of the season to Vanden (13-2, 8-0 Sierra Delta) of Fairfield.

Vacaville Christian (7-5, 5-2 Sierra Delta) came into the match winners of six of their last seven with their lone

defeat against Vanden as well. However, the Rams proved to be the far superior team on Monday evening.

The first set got the match off to an intense start, as Dixon senior libero Demetrio Acosta dove all over the floor numerous times to save bullet-speed serves from the Falcons attack. The senior captain's play earned him a new nickname: The Diver! The Rams led by at least five points throughout the entire set and ultimately won 25-16.

After the teams switched sides, the second set began with the Falcons starting out strong. Dixon began to struggle and missed several opportunities as they adjusted to their opponent's new strategy. Rams coach Jessica



Dixon senior middle blocker Ernesto Arias (#12) spikes a volley during a sweep of Vacaville Christian on Monday, April 18 in Dixon. Photo by Debra Dingman



Dixon coach Jessica Biesanz congratulates her team on their sweep of Vacaville Christian. Photo by Debra Dingman

Biesanz called a timeout midway through the set as her team trailed 17-13.

The second set was an opposite to the first, as Vacaville Christian controlled most of the set and maintained the lead by at least five points. However, Dixon began to click when it mattered most as the Rams perfectly gelled enough late to steal the set and win 25-23.

Following the thrilling second set, the Falcons began the third set of the match in desperation

mode attempting to stay alive and extend the match to a fourth set. Tension was high as Dixon senior outside hitter Dylan Diaz spiked a volley very hard over the net, but the Falcons saved the spike and returned it for a point to tie the set at 13 and send the crowd into a frenzy.

The set was neck and neck until the Rams began to pull away and a timeout was called with Dixon leading 18-14. The Rams never looked back as they controlled the set from there

and finished off the Falcons with a 25-18 third set victory, earning their sixth consecutive sweep.

Dixon had two more matches this week against Mira Loma (7-12, 4-3 Golden Empire) on Wednesday and at Woodland Christian (5-5, 3-4 Central Valley California) on Thursday. The results of each match were unavailable by press time. The Rams' next match is Monday, April 25 in league play at Casa Roble in Orangevale. ★

Dixon's Bracero Program Kicks Off at Museum

By Lorán Hoffmann

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Bringing millions of Mexican farm workers to the United States, the Bracero Program will be the topic of the next Dixon Historical Society meeting as well as a new display inside the downtown museum.

A national agricultural labor shortage during World War II gave birth to the Mexican Farm Labor Program in 1942. This program permitted millions of Mexican men to work legally in the United States on short term labor contracts. The program was called 'The Bracero Program' and ended in 1964 and during that time, brought more than four million Braceros to work in U.S. agriculture and on the railroads.

The public is invited to join the Dixon Historical Society to learn more about this at their next meeting on Sunday, May 24, at the Dixon Methodist Church at 209 North Jefferson from 2 to 4 pm. Fred Barry along with Maria Cornejo-Lopez and Tom Galindo will share their knowledge of the Bracero Program in the Dixon area. The program provided the needed agricultural labor to feed the nation, brought another culture and new families to Dixon and other communities across the United States.

Members and guests are invited to attend the presentation and share their memories of the Bracero Program. Light refreshments will be served followed by a membership meeting. Applications for



After World War II, Mexican men were recruited to help with the national labor shortage to work in the farms. Photos courtesy of the US Government

membership will be available at the meeting. The annual fee is \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a couple.

They are pleased to announce that the Dixon History Museum will open a new exhibit of the Bracero Program on May 5. The exhibit has been researched and developed by Maria Cornejo-Lopez, Maria's father and uncles came to the United States to work in the Bracero Program. The DHS leaders encouraged everyone to come by and view the new exhibit.

The Dixon Historical Museum has new displays quarterly and visitors will see and learn new and interesting details about Dixon's history with regular visits. It is located at 125 West A Street and is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with hours from 10 am to 2 pm. For more information, call or text (707) 372-7094. ★

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go with the roots that had wound into the water and sewer pipes.

"Dutch Bros sent me a thank you letter for cutting them down," he said. "They said the trees regularly had large branches fall on them." He worked with his wife, Joyce, who is a dental hygienist to redesign the inside and outside of the older building formerly housed by a credit union then a farm equipment dealer's association.

Almost all of the inside of the building was transformed into a gleaming white-walled, state-of-the-art orthodontist office. The main client room has a half-dozen reclining chairs, each having a view of the outdoors and its own television screen for distractions while the experts work, she said. There are other rooms that afford



Sunrise Orthodontics opened at 2355 North Lincoln in a redesigned building formerly housed by a credit union. Photo by Debra Dingman

more one-on-one consults with parents present.

Along one wall is a set of 10 framed color photos of smiling children—they are his family of five children with two poses: One smiling and one being silly. The couple have two boys, and three girls which include a set of twins.

Dr. Sanders wants to be part of the Dixon community and wants to do "community things" like his Dad who supported 4-H, FFA, and had students raising pigs, he said. They are very involved in their

communities and offer a completely free mouthguard program for local youth sports. They also sponsor many community-involved events, which helps them get to know neighbors in their community and their needs even better.

"We love kids and have a lot of fun with them," Sanders said. "We give lots of rewards for doing a good job and even being on time. Kids love it!"

For more information on Sunrise Orthodontics, call (916) 848-2947 or go to SunriseOrthodontics.com. ★



Dr. Matthew Sanders with a wall of pictures of his five children wearing their brightest smiles and their silly faces. Photo by Debra Dingman



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World's Most Extreme Pro-Abortion Bill Signed as World Recoils

Commentary by Richard Harris

CHRISTOPHER, HARRIET, ANGEL, HOLLY, AND PHOENIX

Those are the names given to five children allegedly killed by an abortionist near or at term – whose remains were recently recovered in the Washington, DC, area by pro-life activists. The five were among 115 babies' bodies allegedly discarded by an abortion clinic and scheduled to be incinerated at a Maryland power plant.

The extremely graphic, gruesome, and deeply disturbing images of those five children have now been made public.

The Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising organization, whose members turned the remains over to authorities, said in a press release, "Their late gestational ages as well as their apparent sustained injuries potentially show violations of the Partial Birth Abortion Act as well as the Born Alive Infants Protection Act which are federal crimes."

Pro-life activists and members of Congress are calling for full investigations. In contrast, Democrat lawmakers in states across America are working to rapidly pass laws granting immunity for the slaughter of babies in the womb up to birth, and in some cases after birth up to 28 days!

Democrats are feeling the pressure to enshrine radical abortion rights now out of fear that the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the pending case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization will reverse its infamous 1973 pro-abortion decision of Roe v. Wade. Since Roe, abortion has taken the lives

of at least 63 million children in America and has been the number one cause of death worldwide for many years.

In Colorado, only three days after news broke about the 115 aborted baby corpses in Washington, progressive Democrat Gov. Jared Polis brazenly signed into law North America's most extreme pro-abortion law, all the while celebrating the new law's grant of absolute unrestricted freedom to kill innocent babies.

Among the disturbing provisions of new Colorado law (deceptively called the "Reproductive Health Equity Act"):

Unborn babies are explicitly stripped of any rights under state law.

All babies can be aborted at any time up to birth with no civil or criminal legal consequences for anyone.

Minors are empowered to obtain unlimited abortions with no parental notification.

While a number of Republican-led states have passed laws protecting the unborn in anticipation of Roe's reversal, Democrat led states are following Colorado's lead.

California and Maryland are even considering measures allowing babies to be killed after birth – outright legalizing infanticide. It's a strategy to create abortion 'sanctuary' states ahead of the possible overturn of Roe.

Children are a gift from God (Psalm 127:3), and shedding innocent blood is an abomination to Him (Prov. 6:16-19).

In the Bible, Israel was forbidden from worshipping the false god Molech (Lev. 18:21), a practice which involved child sacrifice. Biblical scholars

believe Molech's priests would place live infants into the outstretched arms of the idol, which had been superheated by fire, cooking the child to death. The sacrifice was committed to earn prosperity from the false god.

How different are Colorado and other Democrat-controlled states these days from the cult of Molech? In just 50 years, activists have gone from claiming a "right" of abortion (not found in the U.S. Constitution), to demanding taxpayer funding and enthusiastically supporting the death of babies up to and well after birth.

Is the outright butchery exposed in images of aborted children in Washington any different than the detestable ritual of child sacrifice to Molech? Consider recent reports of women happily taking abortion pills on the Supreme Court steps while taunting pro-life activists – all for the attention of the adoring left-wing media.

The overturn of Roe is far from certain. But even if it is ultimately retracted by the High Court, states under Democrat control (like Colorado) will still be abortion havens. Americans who value the sanctity of life and want unborn babies protected must continue to stand for truth, insist that lawmakers protect life, work for the election of genuinely pro-life candidates, and resist all attempts to legalize the barbaric practice of child sacrifice.

Richard Harris is executive director of Truth & Liberty Coalition, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization based in Woodland Park, Colorado. <https://truthandliberty.net>

Water Supply Cuts Expected to Curtail Klamath Valley Farm Production

Food production along the California-Oregon border is due to suffer this year, with federal water cuts impacting farmers. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said it expects to deliver less than 15% of allocations from the Klamath Water Project. In good years, the Klamath Basin can produce 50,000 pounds of potatoes or 6,000 pounds of wheat per acre. But Ben DuVal, president of the Klamath Water Users Association, predicts vast acreage will be fallowed in 2022.

Federal Official Predicts Extensive Fallowing in Sacramento Valley

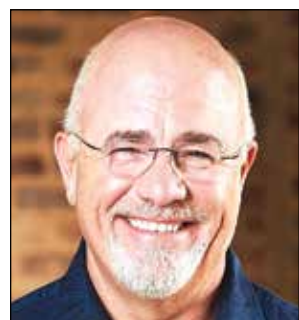
The drought is bringing hard choices for farmers throughout the Central Valley. Ernest Conant, the Bureau of Reclamation's regional director, said, "There's going to be hundreds of thousands of acres in the Sacramento Valley that have never been fallowed before that are going to be fallowed this year." Conant said the region is facing water challenges unseen in 160 years. The federal Central Valley Project is granting zero allocations this year.

Egg Producers Gear Up for Easter and 'Nice Little Bump' in Sales

California egg producers are gearing up for a boost in sales for Easter. But despite the lure of the Easter egg hunt, many producers say the holiday ranks well below Thanksgiving and Christmas in egg demand. San Diego County egg farmer Frank Hilliker says he sees "a nice little bump" in sales this time of year. Then again, the holiday isn't the driver it used to be for farm-fresh eggs. These days, he says, "those plastic eggs kind of rule the world."

Strawberry Demand Fuels Increased Planting in California

Strong demand for strawberries is encouraging California farmers to plant more. Strawberry acreage in the state is up by more than 6% since last year. A new report from RaboResearch says the U.S. market accounts for more than 2 billion pounds of fresh strawberries, with strawberries ranking just below bananas and apples in household consumption. RaboResearch predicts strawberry production will peak in May, led by harvests in California.



Dave Ramsey Says

basis that supersedes the power of mathematics. Stick to the plan, and pay off the cars first.

When you're still on Baby Step 2, you need to stop all saving and investing, and attack your debts with a vengeance. You've got a lot of money wrapped up in cars, and even with all the great work you two have done I know it's probably still a little hard to see light at the end of the tunnel. Debts that large can be intimidating.

But I'm afraid you'll lose focus and intensity when it comes to getting out of debt if you worry about your emergency fund and setting aside for retirement too soon. I've seen that happen to lots of people, and when it does it can end up taking several years to get rid of all that debt.

You guys have made great progress, and you're making good money. If you stay gazelle-intense about getting out of debt, those car

payments can be history in about a year and a half. Think about how fast you can get that emergency fund in place then, and how much money you'll have freed up to go into retirement.

Now is the time to roll up your sleeves, get mad about all that stupid debt and knock it out once and for all. You can do this, Paola!

– Dave

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

Focus on the Debt First, then Save and Invest

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have paid off all our credit card debt, and we are following your Baby Steps plan. We still owe about \$40,000 on two cars, and our combined income is around \$150,000. Since we have a good income, we were thinking about finishing our emergency fund and contributing to our IRAs while we finish off the car payments. Under the circumstances, is this okay?

– Paola

Dear Paola,

I understand the temptation you guys are facing. But there's a power in behavior modification on a short-term

Heeney's History

Flight Ordered to Return

Commentary by Ed Heeney

The sound of the telephone shook Captain Ed from constructing another OER. It was Captain John on the other end of the line with a proposal that just couldn't turn down. "I've got to run some Buffer Zone materials up to Copenhagen next weekend and thought you might go along as Pilot. I'll log on as IP so we both get pilot time."

Sounded like a winner so plans continued. We determined that I would contact the medical guys and air police and he would check with finance and personnel. When making trips around Europe, we knew the young airmen working in non-flying jobs didn't get a chance to travel, and since we had a dozen or so extra seats we invited them along to see more of the world.

Friday morning of our departure beamed clear and bright and it was a smooth ride to Copenhagen International Airport. We had 6 or 8 extra passengers and they were in a jolly mood, looking forward to a weekend in Denmark. Captain John and I had a little business beside delivering "paperwork", so we could look forward to doing the tourist thing the next day.

The next day we were off like tourists with cameras and sunglasses. We found our way to the little mermaid statue and I still have a photo on my piano of me and the little lady. We were ribbed later back home since the statue was de-headed a couple of months later.

We then took a ride on the Hydrofoil boat that operates about a foot above the water. The ride across the water to Malmo

Sweden and back was quite a thrill. Cpt John got up in the cockpit for a little "hands on" training. That ride was worth the trip.

Sunday morning found us all pleased with the trip and we loaded suitcases and packages full of souvenirs. We cautioned everyone to be careful in loading the baggage compartment and treat as precious cargo. Pilot Cpt Ed promised to fly as smoothly as possible.

Rolling out on the runway, engine and props, ready to roll. Air speed ok, lift off, gear up, when the tower cried "Air Force 52548 you dropped something from your aircraft and it is bouncing down the runway." A quick check revealed that the cargo door had opened and who knew what packages were adrift in the sea by the runway.

Meanwhile we could hear Copenhagen tower sending Lufthansa, Irish Air, etc., around for another landing attempt. Tower cleared us for a left turn and return to runway. As I was turning (gently) Cpt John hollered for me to turn faster, I replied that more bank just might spill more goodies from the open door and there is nothing but sea water below.

We landed uneventfully, picked the one suitcase from the ground crew and headed for Frankfurt. Upon inspection it was determined that the suitcase that closed Copenhagen airport, was..... MINE.

Ed Heeney is a long-time Dixonite who has been very active in the community over his lifetime. He enjoys sharing his missives with Dixon Independent Voice readers.

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Warmer Temps Bring Focus on Mosquito Awareness Week

Office of Senator Bill Dodd

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With warmer weather hastening the arrival of mosquito season, posing a public health threat to California communities, Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced his resolution marking April 17- 23, 2022 as Mosquito Awareness Week.

“Mosquitoes are more than a nuisance - they are a real public health threat,” said Sen. Dodd, who authored Senate Concurrent Resolution 93. “I encourage all California residents to take precautions to protect themselves and their families from mosquito-transmitted diseases. Dumping and draining standing water around your home and yard are easy ways to eliminate mosquitoes in your community.”

Mosquito experts say warm spring temperatures are prompting an early mosquito season and drought conditions may lead to increased West Nile virus activity. In general, mild winters have been associated with West Nile outbreaks, according

to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Spread by Culex mosquitoes, West Nile virus is the most prevalent and serious mosquito-borne disease in California. There is no human vaccine for West Nile virus, a disease which can cause debilitating cases of meningitis, encephalitis, and even death. In 2021, there were 127 human West Nile virus disease cases from 28 counties in California, including 12 human deaths. Since 2003, more than 7,000 human disease cases have been reported, including more than 300 deaths.

And as California residents brace for a third year of drought, mosquito experts are concerned that the lack of water is also conducive to the spread of invasive Aedes mosquitoes, whose eggs are resistant to drying out and can survive for many months. These mosquitoes are particularly hard to control and pose a public health threat because they have the potential to spread serious diseases like Zika, dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever to people, and animal heartworm to pets.

“Climate change is

magnifying the spread of invasive species, and we are seeing the effects first hand as invasive Aedes mosquitoes continue to spread throughout the state,” said Ken Klemme, president of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California. “As drought mitigation measures are put into place, it is important for residents to remember that mosquito production can occur in water sources as small as a bottle cap. Water storage containers need to be sealed properly, and swimming pools and ornamental ponds should not be left unattended.”

Mosquito experts say the future of mosquito control requires innovation to protect the public from mosquito-borne disease risks. Specifically, mosquito and vector control agencies in California are exploring the potential use of three innovative technologies: self-limiting mosquitoes, Wolbachia and irradiation.

More information about the need for innovative technologies and how they work is available on the MVCAC website: www.mvcac.org ★

California Duck Days Are Here!

Yolo Basin Foundation Press Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Join us at California Duck Days, Northern California’s wetlands and wildlife festival. This year, Duck Days will be an entirely outdoor event!

On-site activities for families include environmental education activities, wetland themed arts and crafts, live animals, hourly tours of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, and much more. The exhibitor area will host dozens local environmental organizations providing information about their missions and offering interactive exhibits. The California Raptor Center will be on-site with many of the birds of prey



Wildlife painting is a rewarding experience for kids and adults who love art. Photo by Joy Elson

commonly seen throughout the valley.

Activities for kids abound at Duck Days! Whether they help build wood duck boxes for conservation programs, learn about owls by dissecting an owl pellet, or put on galoshes to explore the invertebrate life lurking in wetland ponds, there is never a dull moment at the festival for those curious about the natural world.

The festival takes place

on Saturday, April 30, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters at 45211 County Road 32B, Davis, CA. For more information, visit <https://www.yolobasin.org/california-duckdays/>.

California Duck Days is collaborative effort of Yolo Basin Foundation, City of Davis, California Waterfowl, Yolo Audubon Society, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. ★



Even the smallest amount of sitting water in the wild sustains a myriad of life forms. Photo provided by the Yolo Basin Foundation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000425

The following persons are doing business as: Perseus Automotive
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Publish: April 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2022
PERSEUS 4-22-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000562

The following persons are doing business as: Maganda Media Management
509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620. Katrina Marsh, 509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620 and James Young, 909 Breton Drive Fairfield, CA 94533. Date Filed in Solano County: March 30, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/25/2022 This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with

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Publish: April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022
KATRINA 4-29-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000261

The following persons are doing business as: Busy Bee Yoga
1115 Stratford Avenue Suite D Dixon, CA 95620. Katrina Marsh, 1115 Stratford Avenue Suite D Dixon, CA 95620. Date Filed in Solano County: February 15, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 10/25/2021 This Business is conducted by: A Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section

14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022
BUSY 4-29-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000548

The following persons are doing business as: Chonies Express
366 Crimson Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Alba Kipers, 1720 Green Acres Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513 and Jordan Krehlik, 366 Crimson Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date Filed in Solano County: March 29, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6 2022
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The following persons are doing business as: Blue Monarch Medical Transport, 3628 Sunny Hills Lane, Vacaville, CA 95688. Blue Monarch Medical Transport, LLC, 3628 Sunny Hills Lane, Vacaville, CA 95688. Date Filed in Solano County: April 14, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by:

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Publish: April 22, 29, May 6 and 13, 2022
BLUE 5-13-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000589

The following persons are doing business as: Stone Editorial/Stone Age Distractions/Kimberly Boutique, 1961 Marshall Road, Vacaville, CA 95687. Stone Creative Studios, LLC, 1961 Marshall Road, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date Filed in Solano County: April 4, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920

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Publish: April 22, 29, May 6 and 13, 2022
STONE 5-13-22

CITY OF DIXON - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express on Wednesday, **05/11/2022**, until 3:00 p.m. at which time all bids will be publicly opened online and read by the City Clerk, for the following project:

City of Dixon 2022 Pavement Preservation Project #2021-05

LOCATION OF WORK: Various streets throughout the City of Dixon, divided into two project sites: The Main Project Area and the Subdivision Project Area.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work consists of slurry seal and striping on existing streets within Dixon. Improvements also include dig-outs at 6 locations outlined in the Project documents. The Engineer’s Estimate for the base bid of this project \$663,547.

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 www.blueprintexpress.com/dixon or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593. Bid sets may be obtained for a non-refundable price of \$35.00 (additional fee if mailed). All bidders must purchase a complete bid set from BPXpress Reprographics in order to be considered responsive and to receive addenda notifications.

All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to William Garcia, PE, Consultant Engineer via electronic mail at wgarcia@cityofdixon.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING A MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon (“City”) City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.) and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, to consider the adoption of:

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) relating to the use of military equipment by law enforcement agencies. AB 481, codified in California Government Code sections 7070 through 7075, requires that any law enforcement agency seeking to use existing or new military equipment create a military equipment use policy, present the policy for governing body approval by ordinance, and produce annual reports pertaining to the policy and use of military equipment. The proposed ordinance seeks to approve the Dixon Police Department’s Military Equipment Use Policy, which outlines each item identified in Government Code section 7070 that the City currently owns or uses.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, May 7, 2022 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against approval of the Ordinance. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking any action or making any recommendation the Ordinance. Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

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

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

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CITY OF DIXON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express on Thursday, **May 19, 2022**, until 3:00 p.m. at which time all bids will be publicly opened online and read by the City Clerk, for the following project:

PARKWAY BOULEVARD WESTERN EMBANKMENT AND UTILITIES PROJECT PROJECT #2003-12

LOCATION OF WORK: Within the City-owned property for the future overpass of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) railroad corridor and Porter Road, connecting Parkway Boulevard to Pitt School Road, in the City of Dixon, Solano County.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Construction of the western embankment and drainage improvements of the future Parkway Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Project. Work includes all equipment, labor and materials necessary to grade and compact the embankment and install drainage improvements. The Engineer’s Estimate for this project is \$2,531,000.

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 www.blueprintexpress.com/dixon or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593. Bid sets may be obtained for a non-refundable price of \$125.00 (additional fee if mailed). All bidders must purchase a complete bid set from BPXpress Reprographics in order to be considered responsive and to receive addenda notifications.

All questions prior to the deadline for bid submission shall be directed to the attention of Carl Walker, Harris & Associates at carl.walker@weareharris.com. The deadline for submission of questions and clarifications regarding the Contract Documents is **5:00pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022**. Only Addenda issued by the City are binding.

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April Showers a Beautiful Line-up of Young Adult Reads

April showers bloom beautiful books. There are so many beautiful spring releases perfect for that afternoon escape. How will you spend these beautiful sunny afternoons?



All the Right Reasons
by Bethany Mangle;
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Described as “The Bachelor meets Gilmore Girls,” this delightful rom-com is the perfect read for that rainy, or sunny afternoon. When Cara and her mother get cast as leads in the newest reality show, they are thrown right into the middle of the chaos, complete with television crews, producers, media, and mixed agendas. Everything starts in a blur, but then the drama unfolds as both Cara and her mother begins to disagree as they try to navigate the contestants into worthy suiters. Then there is Connor, as a contestant’s son; he is strictly off-limits to Cara, but she can’t stop thinking about him. Now, Cara must figure out how to hide her budding feelings while also trying to help her mother find a worthy bachelor, all while doing this on camera.

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When it comes to getting themselves in trouble, both Hunter and Mercy are pros, and now each of them will need to learn how to trust one another and use their



Very Bad People
by Kit Frick

After her mother’s death, Calliope Bolan is left trying to uncover the truth about the accident. So, when Calliope Bolan gets accepted into the same prestigious boarding school her mother attended, she hopes it will answer some questions about her mother’s past. Then Calliope receives and invitation into a secret society where she learns that there is more to them than meets the eye, opening the door to even more secrets surrounding her mother. Could the same academy that her mother attended as a teen be the answer to unlocking the truth, or will it take more to bury secrets. It is up to Calliope to find out.

This dark academia read is a thrilling ride of secrets, lies, and the length one girl will go to uncover the truth behind her mother’s death. ★



Riley Reviews

“ALL THE OLD KNIVES” CEREBRAL SPY STORY; “FLATCH” ON FOX

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“ALL THE OLD KNIVES” Rated R

Amazon’s “All the Old Knives” is not the type of espionage thriller one has come to appreciate in the James Bond series. This is a cerebral affair akin to something that might have been written by John le Carre and then adapted to film like “Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.”

Expecting anyone to draw a gun resulting in a protracted shootout will not come to fruition. Notwithstanding the title, no one pulls a knife unless to carve a juicy tenderloin. Don’t recall that happening.

No explosions or extended car chases ensue. At one point, we see veteran CIA case officer Henry Pelham (Chris Pine) driving a spiffy convertible near the Big Sur area and it looks like he’s adhering to the speed limit.

Why is Henry driving the scenic route along the coast of Northern California? We’ll get to that soon enough, but first Henry is stationed in cold, wintry Vienna where he reports to CIA Chief of Station Victor Wallinger (Laurence Fishburne).

On a bleak morning in the capital of Austria, Chief Wallinger delivers some explosive news about an airline terrorist attack that remains unsolved from eight years ago.

A Chechen extremist by the name of Ilyas Shushani (Orli Shuka), apparently the mastermind behind a deadly hijacking that killed more than 120 airline passengers and crew, has been captured by the agency.

During interrogation, Shusani reveals that a mole in the Vienna station provided vital intelligence to the hijackers, resulting in the tragic loss of life. Faced with this new information, Henry is assigned to reopen the case of Flight 127 to find the traitorous double agent.

The mission means revisiting painful memories and laying traps for old friends, and even for a spy as adept at compartmentalizing his emotions as Henry is, that’s no easy task.

First stop on the cold trail is where Henry meets at a London pub his cagey former superior Bill Compton (Jonathan Pryce), who was second in command in Vienna during the terrorist attack on the airliner.

Long since retired from the agency, Bill considers the incident ancient history not to be dredged up, but Henry points out several disturbing inconsistencies in Bill’s story that suggest he knows far more than he’s letting on.

The path forward now leads Henry to Carmel-by-the-Sea to question another retired Vienna colleague, Celia Harrison (Thadiwe Newton). More than just ex-colleagues, Henry and Celia were once passionate lovers.

The relationship fell apart after the hijacking disaster. Celia is now married

with children, but romantic sparks reignite when they meet at stylish cliffside restaurant.

Reminiscing about their bittersweet past over a meal gives way to a more intense situation as the conversation drifts into a sly cat-and-mouse game played by two experts.

Common to many spy thrillers, red herrings arise to tempt the viewer into identifying the culprit. In the end “All the Old Knives” is not that compelling but Pine and Newton have enough chemistry to make their seaside reunion worth watching.

“WELCOME TO FLATCH” ON FOX

Flatch, Ohio, a fictional small town with a population of 1,526, is the setting for the new FOX comedy “Welcome to Flatch,” a mockumentary that follows the daily routines of two cousins who are best friends.

The show has the same sort of style as series like “The Office” and “Parks and Recreation,” and “Welcome to Flatch” takes a cue from the former by being based upon a British comedy series called “This Country.”

The cousins are twentysomethings trapped emotionally, it would appear, in their teen years as they navigate the stereotypical mundane life of a small town where the highlight of the year is the Scarecrow Festival.

Kelly Mallet (Holmes) and Lloyd “Shrub” Mallet (Sam Straley) are motivated, respectively, to win the skillet-tossing contest or taking the prize for the best scarecrow, and other kicks come from messing with the local bus driver.

Colorful town character Mandy “Big Mandy” Matthews (Krystal Smith) notes that Flatch has only two restaurants, one with menus, and observes that youth are the future while excluding Kelly and Shrub as “walking disappointments.”

One of the more recognizable cast members is Seann William Scott’s Father Joe, the local minister who ends up helping Kelly with her scheme to create a ride share business called “Kuber.”

Kelly is quite amusing telling Father Joe that she is “an idiot savant with business ideas” who comes from a “long line of business tycoons” because her father ran a Christmas tree farm and her grandmother operated a “successful black market cigarette ring in prison.”

Eccentric characters abound in Flatch. Nadine (Taylor Ortega) pitches the Flatch Historical Society’s efforts to preserve a historic outhouse and Aya Cash’s Cheryl gave up big city reporting to be the editor of the “Flatch Patriot” with a circulation in the hundreds.

Big Mandy tells the documentary crew that there’s no decent place to stay in Flatch. The TV viewer, of course, is only visiting, and “Welcome to Flatch” may be worth a look. ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Enthusiasm



Among the many choices you have is the degree of enthusiasm you inject into your life. At one end of the spectrum are those who drag themselves through each day as if it were a prison sentence. When you greet this type of person and ask how they are doing, a likely response is, “I’m alive.” At the other end of the scale are those who reply, “Great.”

Your level of enthusiasm is much more important than you might realize. Is enthusiasm a cause or a result? Is a person enthusiastic when and because circumstances are good or do circumstances become good as a result of one’s enthusiasm? Too often, people believe enthusiasm is a result. Actually, enthusiasm is much more often a cause.

Good things can and do happen without your influence. But if you are only enthusiastic in response to these chance occurrences, then you are cheating yourself by not harnessing the power of enthusiasm to improve life. Enthusiasm will never do any harm but it will do a lot of good. Enthusiasm generates a force that will impact everything you do.

One of the hardest things to do is be enthusiastic when a situation is not ideal. When you are disappointed by life’s twists, turns, and, surprises it’s easy to feel dejected. How can you summon up enthusiasm when there is seemingly no reason to feel enthusiastic?

How we feel has much

more of an impact on what happens to us than we realize. The key to changing any habit is consistent practice and repetition. Enthusiasm isn’t guaranteed to improve every situation so you can’t just try it once and then dismiss its effect if you don’t get instant results.

In your interpersonal communications, enthusiasm influences your perceived credibility. If you attempt to convey thoughts and ideas with a lackluster delivery, few people will be moved. But someone whose enthusiasm is bubbling over has an extraordinary impact on others. If you have any doubts, think about the type of people who make the biggest impression on you.

Suppose you are looking for a new job. You have had several interviews with no job offers. Now you’re on your way to yet another interview. As much as you would like to secure this job, your hopes are not high. With a low level of enthusiasm, you sit down for the interview. There’s no smile on your face and you have a troubled expression on your face.

What kind of impression will you make on the interviewer? Granted, your past interview results weren’t that exciting, but what are your chances for this job if you are devoid of enthusiasm?

Put yourself in the shoes of the interviewer. Your company wants to hire the best possible person for the position. You have to make

a decision between two candidates. The one who is a little more qualified, showed no spark, enthusiasm, or drive. The other applicant could barely sit still. His desire for the job and intent to excel was unmistakable. Who would you hire?

The interviewer doesn’t care why one person was enthusiastic and the other wasn’t. The significant factor is that an enthusiastic worker typically is more reliable, is more conscientious, and interacts better with coworkers. This is a perfect example of enthusiasm being a cause rather than a result.

To summon enthusiasm, visualize how you would feel if your life were perfect. Before you walk in for a job interview, imagine how you would feel if you were offered the job. Then maintain that same feeling and excitement during the interview.

Act enthusiastic to feel enthusiastic. Think about how you come across to others. Is there a sparkle in your eye, excitement in your voice, and a nice smile and pleasant look on your face? The more enthusiastic you are, the more life will go in your favor.

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Next Hornets Coach Introduced

By Shaun Holkko,
sports editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Journeyman coach David Patrick was introduced as the new Sacramento State men's basketball coach on Tuesday afternoon, April 15, at the Hornet Athletic Center.

Patrick is the 15th head coach in program history. He most recently served as the associate head coach for the men's basketball team at the University of Oklahoma last season.

"It's a dream come true for me," Patrick said Tuesday at his introductory press conference. "(My family and I) have always wanted to come back to California in the right situation. I was in a good spot at Oklahoma (and) had no reason to leave unless it was for a great opportunity. When you see Sac State after being in NorCal for a long time, I just thought it was somewhere that was untouched, somewhere that could really blossom."

Patrick takes over for interim coach Brandon Laird, who stepped in for Brian Katz after he retired days before last season began following 13 seasons due to a health issue. The Hornets won five of their last seven games to end the season and had 11 total wins, the most wins for any first-year Sac State head coach in the Division I era. Laird spent 11 years with the Hornets program.

According to a report from The State Hornet, the student news organization at Sac State, Laird and Katz were unhappy with the mishandling of the coaching staff's departure by the Sac State Athletics Department.

Sac State Athletic Director Mark Orr has known Patrick for years, dating back to their days together at Saint Mary's College. Patrick served as an associate head coach for the men's basketball team from 2006-2010 while Orr was Director of Athletics and Recreation.

"The previous staff left great character here, that's where it starts at," Patrick said. "The talent is one thing but high character kids is what you want to be around. I can get the players, that's not the hard part. It's the character, it's guys that wanna win and guys that wanna win at a high level. And we'll do that here, I promise you that."

"We're going to recruit from the inside out. We'll recruit here locally and then build out from nationally and internationally."

It didn't take long for Patrick to get started



Sac State men's basketball coach David Patrick (left) poses for a photo with Sac State Athletic Director Mark Orr after being introduced as the team's new head coach on Tuesday, April 12 at the Hornet Athletic Center in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Bob Solorio/Sacramento State Athletics

recruiting from the NCAA transfer portal.

On Monday, April 14 he signed 6-foot-9 Australian forward Hunter Marks, a three-year starter who is transferring from Hartford. Several college basketball reporters were surprised Marks signed with the Hornets rather than a high-major school, indicating that the new Sac State coach got a steal of a prospect. Four days later Patrick reunited with Callum McRae, a 7-foot-1 Kiwi center who is transferring from UC Riverside.

Patrick brings many years of college coaching experience at several different stops with him to Sacramento. Since 2006 when Patrick retired from his playing career overseas, he has been an assistant coach at six collegiate programs.

In 2018, he got his first head coaching job at UC Riverside, where he spent two seasons. Patrick made an impact in his short stint with the Highlanders, as he currently holds the best two-year start in school history with a 27-38 (.415) record. In his second season at UCR, he led the team to a 17-15 record, which is the most wins in the program's Division I era.

"This isn't a steppingstone job for me," Patrick said. "I've got two girls that are (in)

tenth grade and sixth grade, we're not trying to jump spots. If you look at my resume, I've kind of moved a little bit the last year or two but that's not what we're about. We're about staying somewhere and staying here to make it last."

With his experience, Patrick has brought in some great players over the years. He has recruited 19 players who have gone on to play professionally with 11 of them playing in the NBA. Seven of those players were selected in the NBA Draft and four were first round picks.

In 2016 while Patrick was at LSU, his godson Ben Simmons was selected with the first overall pick in the draft by the Philadelphia 76ers. Simmons has gone on to become the 2018 Rookie of the Year, a three-time All-Star and has been selected to the All-Defensive First Team twice during four seasons in the league.

"I am so excited for coach Patrick to take on the role as head coach at Sacramento State," Simmons said in a Sac State news release. "He is one of the most underrated coaches and recruiters in the country. When I went through the recruiting process, there was never a doubt that I wanted to be coached by him. He is more than a coach,

he is family. He cares deeply about his players, not only as it relates to basketball, but also life."

Other current NBA players that Patrick has coached include Desmond Bane of the Memphis Grizzlies, Moses Moody of the Golden State Warriors and Patty Mills of the Brooklyn Nets. The 46-year-old Patrick has coached on five NCAA Tournament teams, four NIT teams and was an assistant coach on the Australian men's national basketball team that won bronze at the 2020 Summer Olympics.

"I think if you win in the classroom, you win on the floor," Patrick said. "This degree will help you longer in life because the ball is going to stop bouncing at some point. And this is a lifelong deal with me. I want to be at their weddings, when they have children, this is about a life term relationship, not just the four years that I'm going to be with these student-athletes."

Patrick said that he is going to rely on his older players and prioritize playing defense and rebounding.

"Everybody wants to shoot and play offense," Patrick said. "But they'll tell you the first day of practice every morning we're starting with bricks and getting after it. I promise you we'll be one of the best defensive and rebounding teams not only in the Big Sky (Conference) but in the country, I guarantee that."

The new Sac State men's basketball coach addressed the size of the Nest at his introductory press conference. The 1,012 seat multi-purpose gymnasium that the Hornets play in is one the oldest and smallest venues in all of NCAA Division I college basketball.

"The gym doesn't matter, it's the people," Patrick said. "If you're going somewhere for just the gym, you ain't going for the right reasons. (If we) get a real trust and relationship with these student-athletes, it doesn't matter where they play at."

Patrick will now attempt to do something that no Sac State basketball team, men's or women's, has ever done: Win a Big Sky Conference Championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament.

"People say, 'Why Sac State? Why would you take (the) Sac State (head coaching position)? You're at a Power Five job.' But I see this place being somewhere you can compete for Big Sky Championships yearly," Patrick said. "I promise you we'll win a lot of games here over at Sac State." ★

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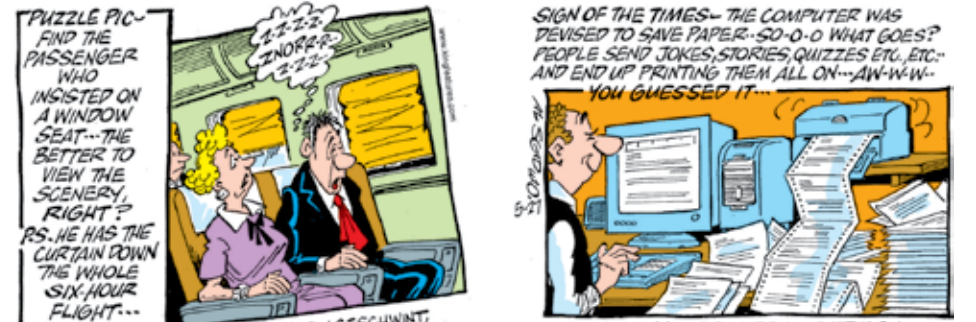
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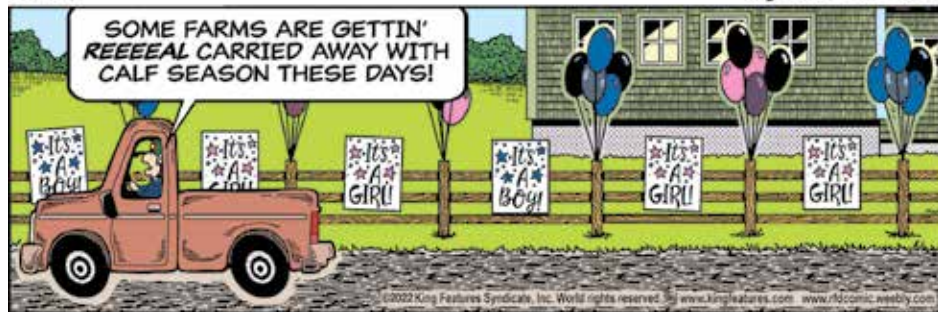
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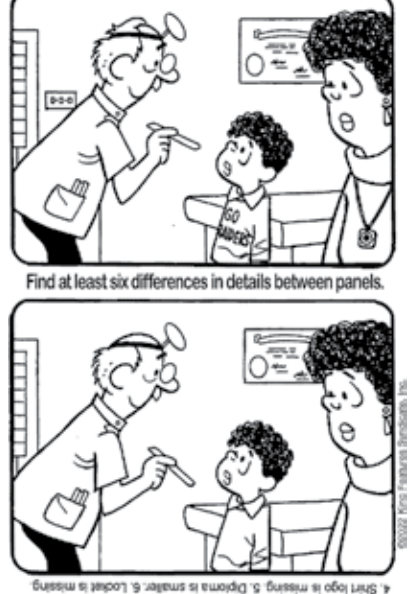
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Cirque du Soleil Returning with Alegría

Cirque du Soleil Special Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Following the success of *Amaluna* in 2020, *Cirque du Soleil* is excited to announce its return to Sacramento with its internationally-acclaimed production *Alegría*. From July 29 to Aug. 28, audiences are invited under the Big Top at Sutter Health Park to experience the pure theatrical magic of the redesigned fan favorite, *Alegría*.

Undeniably the most iconic *Cirque du Soleil* production, *Alegría* is an all-time classic re-imagined for a new generation to fall in love with. An uplifting immersive experience, *Alegría* whisks audiences away to a mystical world sprinkled with visual poetry and acrobatic extravagance.

At the heart of a once-glorious kingdom that has lost its king, *Alegría* witnesses the power struggle at play between the old order and a new movement yearning for hope and renewal.

With its unforgettable soundtrack, exciting acrobatics, surreal costume



First premiered in 1994, *Alegría* ("joy" in Spanish) has become one of the beloved *Cirque du Soleil* shows by mesmerizing over 14 million spectators in 255 cities across 40 countries in over 19 years of touring.

designs, vibrant sets, and playful humor, *Alegría* joyfully touches the soul and lives up to its global reputation of quintessential *Cirque du Soleil* spectacle.

"It is such an honor to be working with the great team at *Cirque du Soleil* once again to produce *Alegría* under the Big Top at Sutter Health Park," said River Cats director of events and entertainment Brittney

Nizuk. "Guests who enjoyed *Amaluna* in 2020 have been craving to come back for more, and it's a perfect opportunity for the rest of the Sacramento region to experience the magic."

Tickets for the Sacramento engagement of *Alegría* are available online on Monday at cirquedusoleil.com/alegría.

Alegría ("joy" in Spanish) first premiered in 1994 and

has since become one of the most beloved *Cirque du Soleil* shows, mesmerizing over 14 million spectators in 255 cities across 40 countries in over 19 years of touring. Its Grammy Award-nominated soundtrack – including the iconic title track '*Alegría*' – is still the most purchased and streamed *Cirque du Soleil* album to date.

In 2019, in celebration of

its 25th anniversary, *Alegría* was restaged under the Big Top in a whole new light, ensuring that all its components – stage direction, music, acrobatics, sets, costumes, lighting, and makeup designs – would be as inspiring for today's audiences as they were at the time of the original creation. Re-energized by a cast of 53 acrobats, clowns, musicians, and singers,

Alegría remains timeless and imbued with a joyous magical feeling.

The revival of *Alegría* is the 44th *Cirque du Soleil* original production since 1984, and its 19th presented under the Big Top.

To watch the official trailer, visit <https://youtu.be/snZlyDnVhFU>

Originally composed of 20 street performers in 1984, *Cirque du Soleil* completely reinvented circus arts and went on to become a world leader in live entertainment. Established in Montreal, the Canadian organization has brought wonder and delight to more than 200 million spectators in more than 450 cities in over 60 countries on six continents. *Cirque du Soleil* is owned and operated by *Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group*. For more information, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

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