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## NorthBay Checks into Dixon Urgent Care Center to Open Its Fourth Location



This construction crew is working on the new foundation of the NorthBay Urgent Care Center which is in the Safeway Shopping Center, formerly the Chase Bank building. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - NorthBay Healthcare, a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, has a mission to provide compassionate care and advanced medicine, close to home, and for Dixon, that means 1305 Stratford Avenue in the Safeway Shopping Center. It will be in the former Chase Bank location and will occupy 4,094 square feet of a former bank building, feature eight exam rooms, X-ray services, a laboratory and will offer COVID testing.

NorthBay Urgent Care is collaborating with Carbon Health, a leading national healthcare provider, which already operates two successful

centers in Vacaville and Fairfield and will open a third facility in American Canyon in May. Dixon's facility is the fourth center in the region, and they hope to be open in August of 2022.

"It is a state-of-the-art urgent care center," said Mary Jameson, Director of Urgent Care. "It's a great model of service because life doesn't just happen between 9 am and 4 pm. We participate with all insurances out there and have an agreement with [the military's] TriCare."

The Dixon urgent care center will be similar to the others in that it will provide immediate medical attention for non-life-threatening conditions such as strep throat, cellulitis, broken

bones, shingles, hives, abrasions and bug or animal bites. Most major insurance plans will be accepted, and a cash pay rate for the uninsured is available.

"NorthBay's collaboration with Carbon Health to provide urgent care services throughout Solano County helps NorthBay fulfill its mission of providing innovative health care services to our community in a seamless service environment," said NorthBay Healthcare Group President Wayne Gietz. "It's the right care, when and where people need it most."

It has proven popular with patients because it offers affordable, quality health care with shorter wait times  
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## Medina Joins Downtown Medical Center



Kayla Medina, a Nurse Practitioner. Photo Courtesy of Community Medical Center

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Community Medical Centers, known by some as Dixon Family Practice, is pleased to announce the recent addition of Kayla Medina, a Nurse Practitioner, to the organization's health center in downtown Dixon, bolstering the services delivered to the community members who rely on high-quality health care. More additions to the Dixon staff are planned for summer 2022.

"Our Dixon health center has been part of our organization since the 1980s, when we were known as the Agricultural Workers Health Project," said CMC Chief Executive Officer Christine Noguera. "We deeply value the important role we play in the Dixon community, and we are looking forward to many more years providing that same level of care to our patients."

Medina has a Master's Degree in Science from UC Davis, has more than seven years in the medical field and more than three years as a Nurse Practitioner.

"I'm looking forward to planting roots at CMC Dixon and serving the patient population I come from and represent," said Medina, who speaks Spanish. "Coming from a small farm town myself, I recognize the importance of providing preventive and chronic care to those who help build and contribute to the community."

CMC anticipates adding more new faces in the coming months. Dixon's staff already includes a Registered Dietitian, Substance Use Disorder Counselor, Case Manager, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program counselor.

Community Medical Centers is a network of neighborhood health centers serving over 100,000 patients in San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo Counties. They offer integrated medical, dental, behavioral health, and supportive services, all using a model that puts the patient at the center of the care team. Working together, they improve health and well-being in their communities.

To learn more about CMC, visit [cmcenters.org](http://cmcenters.org) or stop by 131 West A Street, Suite 1, or call (707) 635-1600. They are open from 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday but Saturday appointments are available. ★

## Slow and Steady

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixonite Rena Wood could easily be the front cover of one of those grocery stand tabloids touting an unbelievable weight loss headline like: "Woman Loses Half her Body on New Sea Weed Diet!" Any woman knows that after 50, weight loss is a battle and that only .0006% of us win it. (Slight exaggeration.)

But Rena did. And, the 75-year-old didn't have surgery or a disease to assist her. It was simply raw determination to get off the floor and stop missing out on life.

"In our travels and being with grandchildren, I was always sitting on a bench watching," she said. "I took my granddaughters to a national park and I couldn't walk or hike with them. I was jealous. I weighed 230 pounds and couldn't get up off the floor." In January 2020, this world traveler was coming back from Africa and tripped-winding up with a torn rotator cuff and



Above Left: After having children, experiencing divorce and remarriage, Rena Wood slipped into depression but put herself through a healthy regime to lose her extra weight. Photo by Mike Wood. Above Right: Rena shows the hard work to lose weight paid off. Photo by Debra Dingman

it took three hours to get to a doctor. He wrote the word "obese" on her chart. "That's a horrible word," she said. "I looked at a picture of myself and I was obese," she said and told her husband she couldn't live like this anymore.

"I don't have a lot of



bones left and I want to do things," she said, "I didn't want to die this way."

**Skinny Gal**  
Rena grew up "skinny" and weighed 120 pounds upon graduation. She had been "extremely athletic" in school and never considered weight a problem.

She thought of her mom as a good cook but everything was canned and there weren't fresh foods. She had three children, a divorce, remarriage, a fourth child and a prolonged depression before the weight began to creep up.

She had worked in accounting at a Napa hospital, was considered a high achiever, and now she was at home with a complete change of scenery. Her husband, Mike, encouraged her to go back to school. Still unaware of weight creeping on, she enjoyed classes, a new job in Parks and Recreation for the City of Sacramento and retired at age 53 after 16 years. And, like many of us enjoying friends and family, food was abundant and kept adding to her discomfort.

**Weight Watchers**  
Determined to lose weight, she joined Weight Watchers. Her ideal, healthy weight would be 165 pounds. That's when the world "took a turn," she explained and added  
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# Life's too SHORT

## Too Many Losses

By Debra Dingman

This month has seen some sad times for Dixon. This town lost one of our community icons when Ron DuPratt passed but when Jacky, his wife, died less than two weeks later, my heart broke for the DuPratt family. There are no cards with tender enough words to send to such a kind-hearted family after losing both your beloved parents/grandparents in such a short time. I know there are many who join me in extending deeply felt condolences.

I was shocked to see an obituary for Don Osborn as Don and Dee are backyard neighbors and I hadn't heard anything through the Dixon info waves. I have fond memories of this guy who was able to spread fun and so much laughter through Lions Club, through the Chamber, and through all the years volunteering on the parade or the Lambtown Festival when it was focused on sheep and was a downtown street fair.

While there are many benefits to growing up in

a small community, sometimes I think there is a high price to pay when we all get older, and we start losing people we looked up to and/or admired. You realize how many of those people contributed to who you are because in some way—your paths connected—and life was sweeter because of it. Sincerest sympathies to the Osborn family.

When I heard the devastating news that a young child had drowned in a family pool here in town, I knew it was time to remind folks that as the weather warms and pool fun invites family play, it is also a great time to take extra care to install door chimes or alarms around the house, and if you have small children, invest in gates around the pool to help keep children out of danger. These are stories no reporter ever wants to write but they happen every year—and they are all heart wrenching. I can't imagine the pain of the families, and I'm saying prayers for them.

For 20 years our backyard swimming pool was a great source of entertainment, exercise, and family

time but when my grown children started having babies, this Nana went into 'extreme' child proof mode. As a mom, I knew for a fact that a child can get to places they should never be able to get to and that I had to watch beyond measure.

We had extra locks on doors leading outside and gates on either side of the pool area but there was still one bathroom door that led straight to the water. We installed a high-pitched, screaming alarm so if anyone went out that door, I would know.

Even when my son was old enough to swim alone and knew all our rules, I installed a monitor at my kitchen sink to be able to constantly view the pool. But mostly, I tried to stop whatever I was doing and join him. Supervision is most important and when the grandchildren visited, this Nana got right in that pool with them!

Whatever it takes, please learn how to prevent tragedies by looking online and learning what additional steps you can do now to prepare for summer. ★

# Dixon News Briefs



This Saturday will be the 2nd annual Spring Fair at Mother Houseplant Boutique, 350 West Street with numerous vendors like these from last year. Photo by Shar Agvateesiri

MPG Staff

### Vendor Fair

Last year, the Mother House Plant Boutique in downtown Dixon had a large and successful vendor fair that filled their parking lot so they're doing it again. On Saturday, April 2, from 10 am to 4 pm, there will be more than 20 vendors of all kinds of wares from local and small makers. There will be lots of food and lots to look at so come shop and enjoy the (hopefully) spring weather. Look for the dark green house at 350 West A Street.

### Spring Break

Spring Break is from April 4 through the 8th for Dixon High, Maine Prairie, John Knight Middle School, Anderson Elementary, Gretchen Higgins, Tremont Elementary or Dixon Montessori. Neighborhood Christian School will still be in session as their break is April 11 through the 15th.

### City Council

The Dixon City Council meets this coming Tuesday, April 5, at 7 pm. Yes, Dixon is growing—everyone can see new construction in just about every area of Dixon. Here is an important fact: If you moved here, you, too, were not wanted in the sense that the people who moved here before you wanted to also close the doors on growth. But for this diamond on the I-80 corridor, growth is inevitable.

Please help Dixon keep its small-town charm by getting involved in the community. Safe to say, an invitation is extended by every church, every service club, and by every council rep to join something and volunteer somewhere! Learn more about what is happening in Dixon by attending City Council, City Planning, Parks and Recreation Commission or the Transportation Advisory Commission and comment. Your thoughts and opinions need to be heard and do matter, according to a couple of the City Council reps. See agendas on the City of Dixon website.

### TCU for Ukraine

Travis Credit Union (TCU) joins the fundraising efforts of the Worldwide

Foundation for Credit Unions (WFCU) in support of Ukrainian credit unions and pledges to donate fifteen thousand dollars to the Ukrainian Credit Union Displacement Fund campaign. The Ukrainian Credit Union Displacement Fund campaign aims to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of war-torn residents as well as the two million refugees who have fled the country.

WFCU will donate more than half of the funds raised during the first weeks of the campaign to approved non-governmental organizations (NGOs) providing emergency humanitarian aid in Ukraine and bordering European countries supporting Ukrainian refugees. Along with continued fundraising, the remaining funds will go toward longer-term credit union recovery efforts to support rebuilding the local economy and infrastructure.

Worldwide Foundation for Credit Unions (WFCU), in partnership with the World Council (WOCCU), is leveraging our global network to identify the immediate priority areas where funding can be used to support displaced credit union members and staff. Go to TravisCU.org or call (707) 449-4000 for more info. They are located at 1470 Ary Lane in Dixon.

### Lifeguard Jobs

The City of Dixon is hiring Lifeguards, Swim Instructors and a Pool Manager! Are you a certified Lifeguard with current CPR & Title 22 Certification? If so, apply today at <https://www.calopps.org/city-of-dixon> Not certified but still interested? Attend their upcoming training: <http://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofdixon/Home> or call (707) 678-7022.

### Support Veterans

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Dixon Lock and Load?

While checking my email, my wife, editor of a local newspaper, was reviewing the Dixon City Council meeting that occurred Tuesday, March 15, 2022. During the meeting the council was advised by the city's finance director that the city received \$4.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The grant could be used for: (1) construction of schools and hospitals; (2) road building - Parkway Overpass, maintenance, other infrastructure; (3) health services; (4) general govt admin; (5) environmental remediation; and (6) police, fire, other public safety - vehicles and equipment.

The finance director, members from the public, Councilman Johnson, and even the Finance Director herself provided input advising the council that the funds should be spent on one-time items and not on recurring items like hiring additional city personnel, being anyone hired could face the

possibility of being laid off when the funds ran out.

Unfortunately, the 'financial expert' of the council, Councilman Pederson, ignored all the advice provided. He wrapped himself in the glory of the need to increase police and fire staffing so that Dixonites would have his #1 Goal - a safe community, regardless of if these positions might not be funded in future years and quickly proposed spending \$4 million of the \$4.9 million in hiring additional staff, primarily for police and fire. His proposal was then approved by himself, Mayor Bird, and Councilman Hendershot. (Councilman Ernst was absent.) Councilman Johnson is to be commended for using wise judgement, listening to constituents, not caving into Pederson's grandstanding, and dissenting.

But, considering that Councilman Pederson is up for re-election in Nov 2022 - 8 months from now, one must wonder whether

his proposal to hire additional fire and police was truly altruistic - showing a deep concern for Dixonites or was this just a campaign stunt showing his constituents that he is going to ensure they have a safe community by hiring more police and fire, even though they may be short term? He can then include these hirings in his campaign flyers and in requests to obtain donations and endorsements for his possible re-election campaign ... to get votes and get re-elected.

If Councilman Pederson's #1 Goal is truly a safe Dixon community and he believes that requires immediate increased police and fire staffing, why didn't he bring this up in earlier council meetings? Why didn't he propose increased staffing be funded out of the current budget instead of spending nearly \$4 million for a park downtown when there was one a block away? Why didn't he propose a 1% sales tax increase to fund

the staffing to be approved by the voters? If he did not think the public would support a tax increase, why didn't he propose supplementing the fire and police departments with volunteers? I am sure there are many former military personnel in the area who might volunteer for the police and fire department. I would; I served in the National Guard which can and has been utilized to support local law enforcement.

Also, Councilman Pederson could propose

that the council submit a request to Dixon's state representatives to introduce and pass legislation to make California an 'Open Carry' state. I checked the internet and California ranked 15th in the number of violent crimes per 100,000. There are numerous states with 'Open Carry' laws such as Washington, Oregon, Texas, Colorado, etc... and their violent crime rate is significantly lower than California's. Maybe it is time for Californians to get back some of their 2nd

Amendment (Right to Bear Arms) rights and be able to lock and load to protect themselves.

I went to Arizona for work and once was quite surprised when a couple walked into a Subway with six-shooters on their hips. Any thugs would have probably thought twice about robbing that Subway. Wonder if the thugs that robbed the 7-Eleven would have decided differently if there had been a few armed citizens around?

David Dingman

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Surely the most expensive piece of real estate in Dixon is the downtown Pardi Plaza at the corner of First and A Street. Estimated to cost taxpayers nearly \$4 million and causing prolonged city debates for more than a decade, the project was unveiled last week when contractor's fences came down. But undoubtedly, it is a beautiful addition to downtown. Details for a formal ribbon cutting had not been set at press time. Photo courtesy of Nicolas Brown

# Cal Water to Relieve Customer Debt

## California Water Service Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - California Water Service's (Cal Water) Dixon District customers received a total of \$113,191.48 in bill credits to resolve remaining unpaid water bill balances incurred during the height of COVID-19. Cal Water secured funding from the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (Program), which enabled water suppliers to apply for financial support on behalf of customers unable to pay their water bills.

In late November 2021, Cal Water had requested more than \$20 million in relief from the Program's administrator, the State Water Resources Control Board, for customers with past-due balances incurred between March 4, 2020, and June 15, 2021, across its service areas. The utility received the requested funding amount and will apply credits to affected customers' accounts by the end of March. Customers are being notified directly if a credit will be applied to their accounts.

Customers with remaining balances that pre-date the pandemic or have accrued after June 15, 2021, can take advantage of Cal Water's interest- and penalty-free

payment plans or extensions, subject to certain terms and conditions, to help prevent them from becoming subject to potential disruptions in water service in the future. Income-eligible customers may also enroll in Cal Water's Customer Assistance Program, which provides qualifying customers a discount on their monthly service charge.

"At Cal Water, we recognize the financial impact COVID-19 has had on many of our customers. To reduce the burden caused by the pandemic, we applied for funding from the State of California to help offset customers' past-due balances incurred during the pandemic," said Operations Manager Ben Voight. "We believe that these credits will help give piece of mind to many of our customers who continue to struggle financially and encourage them to apply for our other financial assistance programs, if needed."

Cal Water serves approximately 10,400 people through 3,100 service connections in Dixon and about 2 million people through 492,600 service connections in California. The utility has provided water service in the area since 1927. Additional information may be obtained online at [www.calwater.com](http://www.calwater.com). ★

# Slow and Steady

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that the pandemic actually helped her as they were not going out to eat all the time or going places centered around food like birthday parties.

She followed the 'rules,' counting calories, cleaning out her pantry, buying only healthy food, and learning to log every detail of intake. The only thing she wasn't adamant about was stepping on the scale.

"The scale was important but not a ruling factor. It was more about inner searching and gaining strength," she said. "You have to be diligent and stick to it."

"I knew that when I liked what I saw and I was able to do things I wanted to do, that would be success. It was all about me wanting to like me," she said. With Weight Watchers, she learned there were 300 foods with no points, keeping track became a way of life for her.

She memorized (and ate) calorie free foods and she found food substitutes for mayonaise, butter, and sugar, for example, that still tasted like regular versions. She experimented with spices and learned how to make low calorie foods taste good. She went to all the meetings and found strength in learning from other's experiences and talked her husband into joining her on the program.

## Helpful Secrets

"I took it one day at a time and started with visualizing how much weight I needed to lose with holding 5-pound bags of potatoes in Safeway," she said. Later she would

pick up 50-pound and a 25-pound bag of sugar to see how much she lost. "It isn't about weight. If a person is happy being overweight, great," she added. Rena lost 83 pounds over 18 months which—if you do the math—was about 1 pound a week. She just stuck to it and slow and steady and the weight came off.

Her "happy spot" was not in pounds but whether or not she liked the way she looked, she said. In addition to tracking her points without fail using a scanning app that Weight Watchers utilizes, she drank a lot of decaf green tea. She found diet foods that taste like regular food like barbecue sauce and syrup. She doesn't really exercise but does move a lot with all her traveling with her husband.

She now weighs 147 pounds and wears a size 10. She had to get rid of closets full of clothes and filled 20 big black garbage bags with clothes that no longer fit. She gave her coats to a Christmas coat drive. Even her feet shrunk.

When her granddaughter came home from college and saw her, she was shocked. When people started getting back out socializing, Rena said a lot of people didn't recognize her. Now the couple is travelling more than ever.

"When I travel, the first goal is to enjoy myself but the second is to be aware of what's going in my mouth," she said. She also remembers there were many days she prayed. Rena now weighs herself every day. She's very happy. ★

# Kindness Campaign Video Contest Returns

## Solano County District Attorney's Office

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Solano County Kindness Campaign Video Contest has returned for 2022! We are calling on all Solano County students in grades 7 through 12 to participate in a countywide video contest that underscores the impact of positive behavior.

The Kindness Campaign Video Contest, sponsored by Solano County District Attorney's Office, invites students to submit a video between 30

seconds and two minutes in length that expresses what the power of kindness can accomplish in their school community. It asks the question, "How can the power of kindness be used in our schools, homes, and communities to make a positive difference?"

The deadline for submissions (April 20) is fast approaching, so do not forget to submit your video. Contest rules and submission information can be found online at

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/da/kindness\\_campaign.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/da/kindness_campaign.asp). Questions regarding the contest should be directed to [scdakindness@solanocounty.com](mailto:scdakindness@solanocounty.com). ★

# NorthBay Checks into Dixon

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and without the expense associated with a visit to an Emergency Room, noted NorthBay President and CEO B. Konard Jones.

"We will provide care for people of all ages, extending NorthBay's standard for quality care, delivered by a team of clinical experts," he said.

Once tenant improvements are complete this summer, the Dixon facility will offer an open and airy design, and convenient advanced technology kiosks for checking in. As an added convenience, the clinic will include "Virtual Urgent Care," allowing patients to use their mobile phones to speak with an urgent care provider and get treatment for a range of conditions.

That is a long way from their humble

beginnings in 1956 when community leaders determined Fairfield needed a hospital, and they initiated a fund drive to build one that would serve families throughout Solano County.

The doors opened in 1959 with a 32-bed non-profit Intercommunity Hospital. Expansion continued over the years with a healthcare facility, more beds, and a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. By 1987, they opened VacaValley Hospital and as the population of Solano County grew, they grew right alongside them adding North Bay Women's Health, becoming the first Level III Trauma Center in Solano, and adding a wellness center. By 2020, NorthBay Urgent Care opened with more following including the new one in Dixon this summer. ★



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# River Cats are Back!



A young family poses for a photo with Sacramento River Cats' mascot Dinger at the team's annual Preseason Party on Sunday, March 6 at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento River Cats

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The 2019 Triple-A champion Sacramento River Cats begin the 2022 season on Tuesday evening at Sutter Health Park against the Sugar Land Space Cowboys.

The River Cats come into the new campaign seeking redemption after a 2021 season that

concluded with a disappointing 56-71 record to follow up the previous season's championship run. The 2020 Minor League Baseball season was completely canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sacramento is the Triple-A affiliate of the 2021 National League West champions, the San Francisco Giants. Therefore, Giants players will be coming in and out of Sacramento on

assignment all season long.

One player already set for a Sacramento rehabilitation stint sometime in 2022 is Giants third baseman Evan Longoria, who has an injured right index finger. The veteran infielder had surgery Tuesday, March 29, to repair a ligament in the finger. Longoria's timeline for a return is currently unclear until he is reevaluated, but you can expect an early season

appearance in River Cats' maroon from the man known to many as "Longo."

Another player to watch this season is Mauricio Dubón. The 27-year-old shortstop played baseball at Capital Christian High School in Sacramento before being drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 2013.

Dubón played in 74 games for San Francisco last season

and displayed his versatility by splitting time at four different positions. With the River Cats, Dubón batted .332/.410/.498 with 41 runs scored, 31 RBI, nine steals and eight home runs in 247 at bats.

Sacramento begins a six-game series with Sugar Land on Tuesday night. First pitch against the Space Cowboys is scheduled for 6:35 P.M. ★

## Rams Squash Matadors 23-1



Dixon senior catcher Nolan Fish prepares to catch a pitch during a dominant 23-1 victory over Mira Loma on Friday, March 25 in Dixon



Dixon senior pitcher Danny Martinez throws a pitch during a dominant 23-1 victory over Mira Loma on Friday, March 25 in Dixon.

Story and photos by Regina Fish

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon High School senior Cade Jacobson would not be denied at the plate Friday, picking up four hits and leading the Rams to a dominant 23-1 win over Mira Loma.

Jacobson led the way for Dixon (8-4, 3-0 Golden Empire League) in hits as he doubled in the first and third innings, then singled in the third and fourth in five total at bats.

The Rams played the Matadors (0-3, 0-3) three times this week, winning in impressive fashion Monday 22-0 at home, in a pitcher's duel Wednesday on the road 1-0 and back home Friday 23-1. Over those three games, Dixon outscored Mira Loma 46-1 in total.

In the third inning, the Rams secured the victory by scoring 16 runs. The offensive firepower from Dixon was a team effort. Freshman Kai Mulitsch-Reynolds, juniors Jaden Mulitsch-Reynolds, Cooper

Dwyer, Hayden Moore and Jett Harris, as well as senior David Abilez all sent runners across the plate with at least one RBI in the inning.

Danny Martinez was the winning pitcher for the Rams. The senior righty lasted three innings, allowing zero hits and zero runs while striking out seven and walking one. Abilez and Moore entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Joel Lara took the loss for Mira Loma.

The hurler went three innings, allowing 23 runs on 21 hits, striking out three and walking one. Lara also went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead the Matadors in hits.

Jacobson, Moore, Nolan Fish, Malakai Martinez, Danny Martinez, Jaden Mulitsch-Reynolds and Kai Mulitsch-Reynolds each recorded multiple hits for the Rams.

Dixon plays next on Wednesday afternoon at home against Woodland (4-4, 2-1). First pitch is scheduled for 4 P.M. ★

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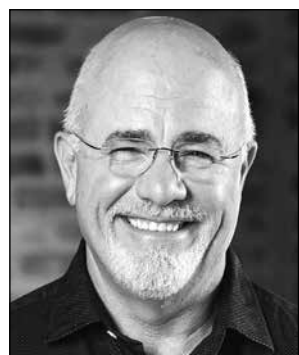
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## Dave Ramsey Says

### Follow the Plan, and make Stuff Happen!

Dear Dave,

I just started Baby Step 3 of your plan. It took me about 12 months to pay off \$8,000 in debt during Baby Step 2. I am 50, and I work in the printing industry making about \$38,000 a year in a city with no local or state income tax. I have not done a lot about retirement yet, and that worries me now that I am learning to manage money in a smarter way. How can I stay on track with the Baby Steps and still do something about retirement?

– Blake

Dear Blake,

I generally look at a time-frame of six months to a year for saving a fully funded emergency fund. So, if it took you about a year to pay off \$10,000 in debt, you're

probably looking at about the same length of time – or less, since the debt is gone – to save up an emergency fund. Keep in mind that an emergency fund is three to six months of expenses, not income.

But here's the thing. If you start building retirement right now and have an emergency, do you know what you'll use? Yep, you'll use your retirement. That's why an emergency fund comes before retirement in the Baby Steps.

The median household income in America is around \$68,000, and that's often two incomes. You're probably working pretty hard for that \$38,000, so I would challenge you to think about and work toward something you could be doing in the near future to make that much money or more.

I want you to open your mind and imagination, and start thinking fresh again. Don't do something silly like quit your job today, but if you're going to be making \$38,000 five or 10 years from now it's time to aim at something else.

I'm trying to speak to your retirement fears, as well as warn you against addressing retirement without having an emergency fund in place. Save up a solid emergency fund over the next year, while at the same time doing some serious thinking and goal setting.

Maybe you'd like to do something completely different, or even own a printing company by that time. Who knows? The cool thing is you can make it happen, and the choice is all yours!

– 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.* ★



### Farmers, Ranchers Meet with Legislators at Farm Bureau Conference

Some 130 California Farm Bureau members interacted with state lawmakers and legislative staff as Farm Bureau's Capitol Ag Conference returned to Sacramento last week. The event was canceled in 2020 and held online in 2021 because of the pandemic. Representatives from 33 legislative offices met with farmers and ranchers in wide-ranging discussions on critical issues facing California agriculture.

### Farm Bureau President Urges California to Keep its Water Promises

California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson says the Golden State is failing to live up to its water promises. Addressing the Capitol Ag Conference, he noted the lack of progress in building water storage under Proposition 1, approved by voters in 2014. "We have to decide as a state how serious we are about this water," Johansson said. He urged farmers and ranchers in America's largest agricultural economy to let legislators know "how important we are to this state."

### California Dairy Farms Cash in on Manure, Curb Emissions

California dairies are cleaning the air and finding a new source of revenue – manure. Scores of dairies are installing manure processing systems, which break down solids to produce energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. One San Joaquin Valley hub is collecting biogas from five dairies. The refined methane is being purchased by the Southern California Gas Co. California is seeking to cut emissions from dairy manure by 40% by 2030.

### Usda Seeks to Increase Domestic Fertilizer Production, Curb Prices

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking to boost domestic fertilizer production to address higher crop costs faced by American farmers. The USDA is offering \$250 million in grant funds to producers to increase fertilizer supplies and market competition. The U.S. relies heavily on fertilizer imports. Costs have soared due to the supply chain crisis, and market conditions have worsened with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. ★

# Vinctonivish Lee Sentenced to 75 years-to-life Plus 69 Years

## Solano County DA Press Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On March 18, in Department 2 before the Honorable Daniel J. Healy Presiding, Defendant Vinctonivish Lee was sentenced to seventy-five years-to-life plus sixty-nine years, four months in state prison. At the hearing the victim gave a courageous impact statement.

On October 21, 2021, in Department 2 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Daniel J. Healy Presiding, the jury found Defendant Vinctonivish Lee, age 30, Guilty as charged. Specifically, the jury found the defendant Guilty of Sex with a Minor Ten Years or Younger, four counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Minor, Rape of a Minor Under 14, three counts of Forcible Rape, three counts of Forcible Oral Copulation, three counts of Forcible Lewd Acts, one count of Attempted Lewd Act, and one count of Furnishing Marijuana to a Minor over Fourteen.

Over a period of seven years from 2010 to 2017, Defendant, who was entrusted with the care of a young child, committed the unthinkable crimes against her while

living in Contra Costa County and Solano County. As a young child, the victim was threatened with discipline if she reported the abuse. As the sexual abuse continued, the defendant would have the victim's siblings go in their rooms and close the door while he sexually assaulted the victim. In December 2018, the victim's mother found her child's diary which had documented the abuse. The child came forward and courageously spoke to law enforcement and courageously testified at trial regarding the abuse she suffered from the age of eight years old to fifteen years old. Physical findings were also presented at trial that corroborated the sexual abuse.

Retired Detective Terry Poyser of the Vallejo Police Department investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Barry Shapiro and assisted by Victim Advocate Shamar Lewis.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault and need the assistance of an advocate, please call 707-784-6827 or our Family Justice Center at 707-784-7635. If you have an emergency, please call 911. ★

# Darrell Savelli Sentenced to 15 years-to-life Plus 12 Years

## Solano County DA Press Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On March 18, in Department 2 before the Honorable Daniel J. Healy Presiding, Defendant Darrell Savelli was sentenced to 15 years-to-life plus 12 years in the state prison. The victim gave a powerful victim impact statement to the court.

On September 13, 2021, in Department 2 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Daniel J. Healy Presiding, the jury found Defendant Darrell Savelli Guilty of Oral Copulation of a Minor Ten Years or Younger in violation of Penal Code section 288.7(b), and four counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts of a Minor Under the Age of

Fourteen in violation of Penal Code section 288(a). From February 2, 2009, through September 28, 2010, when the victim was seven to nine years old, the defendant, who was 44 years old, was living with the victim and the victim's family as a friend of the victim's father. The victim courageously testified at jury trial on August 30, 2021, regarding the crimes the defendant committed.

Sgt. Leslie Bottomley of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, formerly of the Vallejo Police Department, investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Barry Shapiro. Victim Witness Advocate Amy Harris provided advocacy and support to the victim. ★

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

**April 1, 2022**

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

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

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

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

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## Spring Cover Love

For The Love Of Books – Cover Love is a monthly look at upcoming titles that are so amazing, intriguing, or enchantingly beautiful that readers will not be able to wait to get their hands on them. It's April, which means spring is here, and these releases can be a welcome into a world of fantasy and magic.



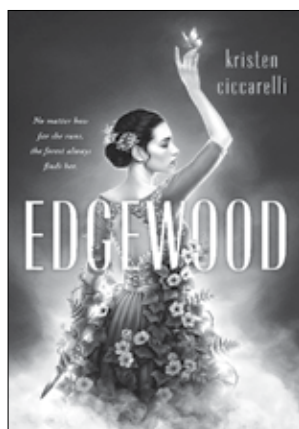
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**Blood Scion**  
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Inspired by Yoruba-Nigerian mythology Deborah Falaye is a powerful force. Falaye is a fresh voice in young adult fiction, opening the door to discussion on the savagery of war while delivering a strong female lead, unforgiving punches, and enemies at every turn.



**Edgewood**  
by Kristen Ciccarelli;  
Wednesday Books

Emeline's world always seemed to be surrounded

by the silly folk-lore stories of her childhood, but she had no time to believe in her grandfather's made up tales. Until the day her grandfather disappears, leaving behind a mysterious orb. Now, all the stories start to fit together like a puzzle, leaving Emeline with a deep sense to search the forest for answers.

However, once she enters, things will never be the same. Stumbling upon the court of the Wood King changes everything as he demands a trade for her grandfather's freedom. Now, with the offer of her voice, Emeline believes she has the opportunity to free her grandfather, but at the cost of her dreams. Although with any fairytale, deals with a King aren't as simple as they first appear to be, and curses loom closer than you think.

In a story about discovering your own voice, Kristen Ciccarelli delivers a tale of curses, magic, betrayal, and love. Edgewood is perfect for reading fans of fantasy, fey, and romance, who also want to have a story that tugs at their heartstrings. ★



## Riley Reviews

### "THE LOST CITY" SCREWBALL COMEDY; TCM FESTIVAL UPDATE

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

##### "THE LOST CITY" RATED PG-13

That so few comedies make it to theaters anymore allows "The Lost City" to be welcome relief during an inexplicable drought of good humor and goofy antics mixed in with adventure.

Thematically, this action-adventure comedy teaming Sandra Bullock as a romance novelist and Channing Tatum as the cover model for her books is reminiscent in several ways of 1984's "Romancing the Stone" with Kathleen Turner and Michael Douglas in almost similar situations.

One significant difference from the 1984 film is that Douglas' character was a mercenary rogue and irreverent soldier of fortune who fit the Indiana Jones profile, while Tatum's role is neither reckless nor particularly adventurous, at least at the outset.

Bullock's Loretta Sage has lost the spirit that drives her to churn out her popular romance novels after the death of her archeologist husband, and so she reluctantly agrees to a book tour for her newest release of "The Lost City of D."

Loretta's publicist Beth (Da'Vine Joy Randolph) pushes for her appearance at a marketing event with male model Alan (Channing Tatum), looking very much like Fabio with his long-haired wig for a pose as the hero on her book cover.

Disinterested in promoting her latest book, Loretta is even less enthralled with the rather dim Alan and probably for the reason that the audience at the marketing event seems only interested in having Alan remove his shirt as if he were a Chippendale dancer.

Shortly after the promotion, Loretta is abducted by lunatic billionaire Abigail Fairfax (Daniel Radcliffe), who explains his given name is supposedly gender-neutral, on the belief that her novel's titular city contains clues that would unlock the whereabouts of a legendary treasure.

Of course, the lost city is hidden in the jungle of a remote island in the Atlantic, and Alan takes off in search of the missing Loretta, mistakenly believing that his cover model as the heroic Dash in the novel actually makes him one.

Brad Pitt's Jack Trainer, an adventurer much like Indiana Jones or Michael Douglas's soldier of fortune, steps in for the rescue mission. Escaping the grip of Fairfax's henchmen, Loretta and Alan end up on the run in the jungle.

Meanwhile, Beth is so frantic to find Loretta that her excursion turns into an entire subplot full of pitfalls in foreign lands, eventually hooking up with randy bush pilot Oscar (Oscar Nunez) and his goat to reach the remote tropical island.

While Loretta spends most of the film running around the jungle in a sequined jumpsuit and high heels, Alan is more often partially disrobed and at one point totally naked as Loretta suffers the humorous indignity of removing leeches from his backside.

That freedom from captivity doesn't last long for the odd couple allows Fairfax more screen time to indulge his wildly psychopathic madness to an extent we may well forget that Daniel Radcliffe was once the titular character of the "Harry Potter" films.

There are plenty of delightfully crowd-pleasing aspects to "The Lost City," from the chemistry between Bullock and Tatum to the physical comedy such as when Alan runs Loretta through the jungle in a wheelbarrow while she's strapped to a chair.

Regardless of any minor faults, "The Lost City" is about as good of a screwball comedy as one can get in a modern-day Hollywood that has lost much of its sense of humor whether out of knee jerk obedience to political correctness or an absence of comedic writing talent.

#### TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL UPDATE

Getting closer to the start of the TCM Classic Film Festival on April 21st, additional films along with personal appearances by the stars have been announced.

For the opening night celebration of "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," actors Henry Thomas and Drew Barrymore will now join director Steven Spielberg. Thomas played Elliott, the young boy who befriends the friendly alien and Barrymore had the role of his sister Gertie.

"A League of Their Own," the baseball classic, celebrates its 30th anniversary with stars Lori Petty, Anne Ramsay, Ann Cusack, Megan Cavanagh and Jon Lovitz in attendance. The only thing that would make it better would be to have Geena Davis and Tom Hanks joining the group.

Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul will part of the festivities for the screening of the 70th anniversary of "Singin' in the Rain." Abdul's mentor and friend Gene Kelly inspired her to become a dancer.

"Diner," which was released forty years ago and featured many actors seen early in their careers, will now have stars Kevin Bacon, Paul Reiser, Steve Guttenberg and Tim Daly joining the screening.

Writer-director-actor Warren Beatty will be present for the comedy "Heaven Can Wait." Jane Seymour will celebrate the screening of the romantic fantasy "Somewhere in Time," and Pam Grier will be on hand for the iconic blaxploitation film "Coffy." ★

## Finally, Progress on Vital Sites Reservoir Project



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

Simple logic tells us that as climate change alters precipitation patterns, California must expand its capacity to capture and store water.

Even if the overall amount of precipitation remains unchanged, we will receive more of it in the form of rain and less as snow, which means the natural reservoir of the Sierra snowpack will decline as a water source.

We can prepare for that decline by creating more storage, either in new reservoirs or by replenishing underground aquifers. However, despite the urgency of the situation — one underscored by the current drought — California politicians have been lackadaisical about doing what needs to be done.

Local and regional water authorities have been more diligent. Southern California's recent construction of more storage capacity is one reason it is less affected by the current drought than Northern California.

Belatedly, increasing storage is moving upward on the political agenda. Last week, the federal Environmental Protection Agency invited sponsors of the Sites Reservoir

project, which has been on the back burner for decades, to apply for a \$2.2 billion loan that would cover roughly 40% of the project's estimated cost.

Along with some state water bond money and commitments from prospective users of the project — Southern California water agencies, mostly — Sites is now in position to put together a financing package to make it a reality.

"We've definitely turned the corner and we have a nice tailwind at our back," said Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority. Brown is not related to former Gov. Jerry Brown, whose Colusa County retirement home, incidentally, is not far from Sites.

It's not going to happen immediately, despite the urgency of the situation. Just assembling the loan package and getting approval could take several years and there are other hurdles to clear. Nevertheless, the strong possibility of a federal loan is a huge step forward.

If it becomes reality, the reservoir would be constructed on the west side of the Sacramento Valley, west of Maxwell. It would have a capacity of up to 1.8 million acre-feet of water, about half the size of the state's Lake Oroville, but unlike Oroville, would not dam a major river.

Sites would be an off-stream reservoir, similar to — and slightly smaller than — the San Luis Reservoir in the Pacheco

Pass west of Los Banos. During periods of high precipitation and runoff, Sacramento River water would be pumped into Sites, then released back into the river as needed for agriculture, residential use or to maintain flows for fish.

As an off-stream reservoir, Sites escapes at least some of the traditional opposition to big water projects from environmental groups, but there is some criticism that it could be used to divert water during low precipitation periods.

"It's just a, kind of, different way of thinking about it," project boss Brown told the Associated Press. "There's a lot of fear and distrust and we have to operate in a way that we, you know, secure trust and address the fears."

The good news about Sites should be kept in perspective. It's just one of many steps that California must take to protect its vital water supply from the potential ravages of climate change.

It's entirely possible that climate change will not only change the mix of precipitation — more rain and less snow — but reduce the overall volume of water that falls on California, thus making more storage even more crucial while forcing us to rethink the entire pattern of water use.

Nothing is more critical to California's future.

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

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# 'It was the Cool Place to Be'

By Paul Scholl

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- One of Sacramento's best has chosen retirement. Phil Cowan, morning radio host of AM1380, will air his last show on April 1, 2022, between 6:00 and 9:00 am.

A retirement dinner event was held Tuesday evening, March 22, at The Ridge Golf Course in Auburn. Of course, it was a sold out event. The event was produced by AM1380 The Answer and its sister stations in Sacramento; 103.9 The Fish, 105.7 The Word, and Money 105.5.

Attendance included Scott Jones Sacramento County Sheriff; Doug LaMalfa, Congressman; Ted Gaines, Board of Equalization; Sue Frost, Sacramento County Supervisor; Suzanne Jones, Placer County Supervisor; Katy Grimes, editor of California Globe, along with their spouses and many other dignitaries, all of whom wanted to show their appreciation for Phil at his retirement event.

Mindi Russell, former CHP chaplain, graced the meal and gathering with an uplifting blessing.

Special guest, Larry Elder, radio talk show host and former candidate for governor, and Cowan presented a short program on the current events of national and state politics. It was the kind of segment the morning listeners loved to hear every morning on Phil's show.

Especially pleasing for Phil were the many call-in listeners to the program that made their trek to the event to show their love for the man that filled their mornings with entertainment, humor, a daily education on the ever-changing landscape of politics, and the many topics that were the pillars of the host's life journey. His discussions on music, classic cars and firearms were great entertainment all by themselves. He had never met many of the regular



Phil being presented with a retirement gift from the AM1380 Staff. All photos by Borelfoto.com



Paul Robins giving tribute to his long-time friend.



Phil's #1 Retirement Plan, spending time with his amazing wife Kathy.



Larry Elder and Phil Cowan.

callers, having only known them from their call-in voices over the years. It was as if they had just gathered at a big family reunion for the very first time.

One caller recently stated, "The reason your show is so great Phil is that it is a show for the people and by the people."

First and foremost to Phil is

his family. He spoke often on his show of his children, grand-children, and his ever-amazing wife, Kathy, professing in front of all his fans "Nothing would have

been possible without her".

Phil Cowan and Paul Robins co-hosted a daily radio show together for many years. A sweet addition to the program was Paul's send-off message to Phil, along with a few short stories about their friendship, and their famous Harley ride together from Sacramento to New York years ago.

Phil is a local legend, not just for the radio show, but for what he brought to the good people of the Sacramento Region through his life's body of work. He has been a true friend and supporter to so many it is impossible to describe it all here. Phil will be truly missed. May his retirement be long and joyous and fruitful.★

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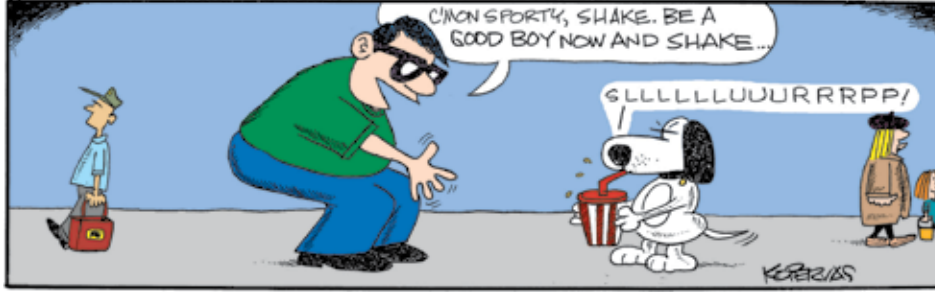
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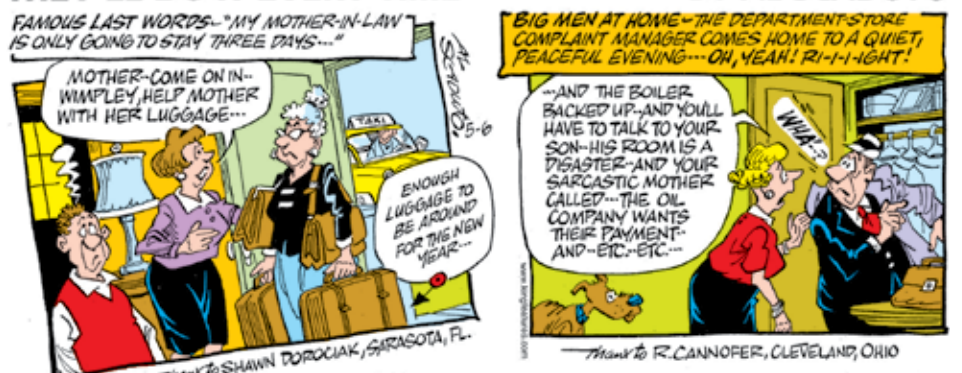
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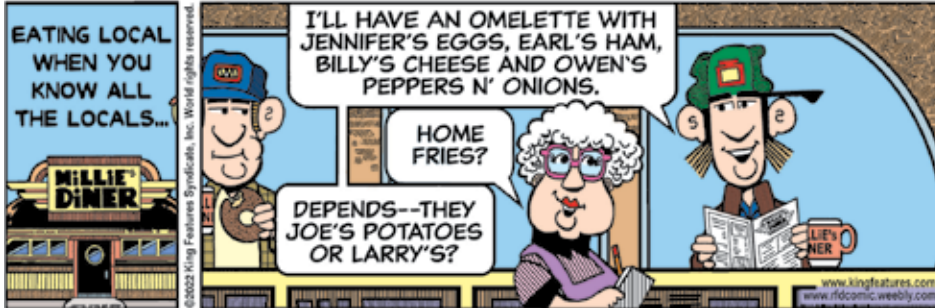
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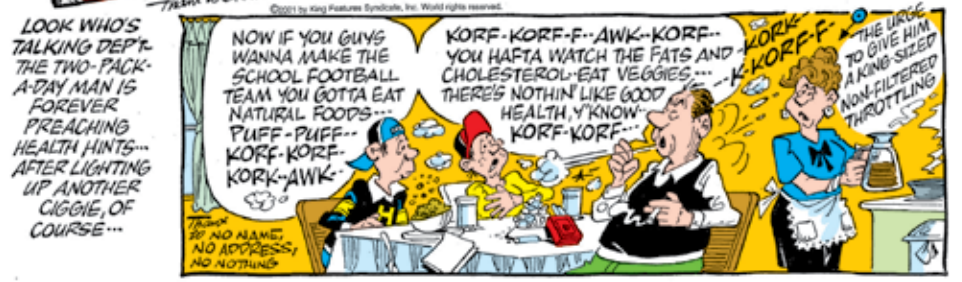


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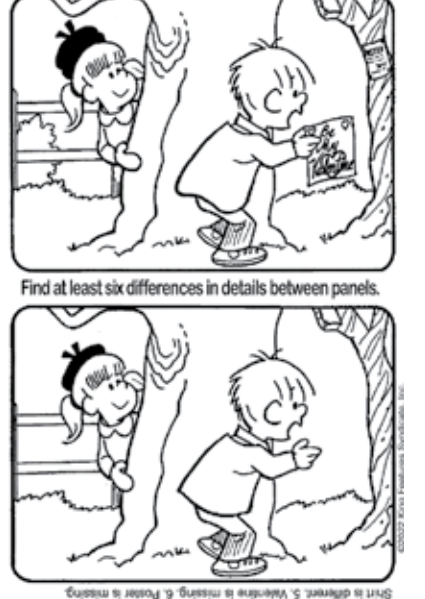


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# A New Universe for Entertainment

## Maroon 5 to Perform Opening Concert in June

By Paul Scholl, with information from Atherton Public Relations

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - It wasn't just a tour of an upcoming entertainment center for the region, it was the tour of a new entertainment universe. You could see in these construction stages just how fantastic this venue will be, from the closeness to the stars on stage to the orbit of the VIP skyboxes over every event.

The venue at Hard Rock Live, named Kumi Event Center, is in Wheatland, just a short drive from almost any population center in the region.

Mark BIRTHA, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, led a tour of local media on March 22, 2022 through the build-out construction area of the concert stage and surrounding support areas. He explained the layout, concessions, and how the bands and performers would access the main stage. "We are excited to provide our guests with authentic experiences that rock in a venue that is filling a great void in the Sacramento region," BIRTHA said.

BIRTHA expressed his enthusiasm for the project saying, "This entertainment center will help revitalize the community." He later commented, "Upcoming events include MMA, and additional concerts will soon be announced. Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a major event for next year."

The 65,000-square-foot facility has state-of-the-art in-house sound and lighting, unrivaled sightlines, a second-floor mezzanine level, VIP skyboxes, and mobile-stage technology, creating intimate experiences for events of varying sizes.

The big announcement was of the opening performers. With a live television audience watching, BIRTHA had the construction crew drop the banner showing which band is coming to the stage in June. "Maroon 5 is the perfect band to help us celebrate Hard Rock Live's grand opening. They are incredible live performers and live music is fundamental to the Hard Rock brand. This new venue will become the place for entertainment and world class amenities for the city of



Maroon 5 will be performing June 3rd. Photo Credit CAA.



Mark BIRTHA, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, shares the view from the mezzanine level just above the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

Sacramento."

Grammy® Award-winning, multi-platinum band Maroon 5 are set to headline the grand opening of the brand-new Hard Rock Live in Sacramento on June 3, 2022. The band will launch the opening of

the 2,500-seat entertainment venue. The opening celebrations are part of the building's \$75 million property expansion, to be completed spring 2022.

Tickets went on sale Friday, March 25 at Ticketmaster.com. starting at \$99.50.

VIP skyboxes will seat approximately 20 people each.

Maroon 5's performance is only one of the many shows coming to Hard Rock Live this summer and fall, as the new venue continues to add a variety of acts and a diverse calendar for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023.

The center is also designed to be converted for use during a local emergency, such as the region experienced during the recent fires. "We will be able to provide shelter and food in case of an emergency," BIRTHA said.



Morning TV interviews were reported by Sacramento CBS Channel 13 Rachel Wulff from the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

The building crew currently employs about 250 construction workers. The venue, when opened, will have approximately 100 employees for shows. They expect to have between 50 and 60 shows per year.

Jodi Goodman, representative from Live Nation said, "This was a natural fit. It is truly more state of the art in Northern California. For Live Nation events it is a really, really great asset. We can see an enormous future together for us." Live Nation, the world's leading live entertainment company, will be the exclusive talent booking agency for the venue.

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