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## Getting Creative



Entrepreneur Sarah Johnson is joining the woman-owned dominating force in the downtown core with her new business, A Creative Space, a large place for crafters, videographers, Tik-Tokers, and other creative people. Photo by Debra Dingman

*By Debra Dingman*

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - This sounds like fun! A Paint & Sip on Saturday, March 26, will be at 6 pm, at the new “performance and event venue” opened downtown by Sarah Johnson, a Dixon High graduate and mother of three, who is one of the most creative people—and not old-time crafty but Pinterest, upscale, really pretty, and inspirational crafty.

She’s creating fun opportunities for folks to socialize and nibble from Charcuterie boxes and sip drinks—which are available for purchase

during wine-and-sip painting get-togethers or craft classes. She’s also planning a children’s Easter ‘Board & Brush’ class on Saturday, April 9, at 1 pm for children aged 8 and up. All supplies are provided and includes snacks.

“I want to encourage children to come, and their parents can come and stay with them for supervision,” said Johnson. “I grew up here in Dixon and lived here my old life and the opportunity came and I have no other way to explain this, but it came together quickly. A month ago, I was happy selling my crafts out of my home.”

Her best friend, Lindsay Hickman who opened the Barn & Pantry downtown, offered much advice.

The spacious room is about 3,000 sq. ft. and it has a full kitchen space because years ago it had a long-standing Chinese Restaurant in there.

“My overall goal is to have a staged kitchen and teach cooking classes,” she said, comparing her ideas to something like Joanna Gaines, the woman who coupled with her husband to fix-up homes who has become famous with her Magnolia Magazine, cooking and decorating shows. You

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**Dixon May  
Fair Entry  
Forms Due  
April 8**



A decorated cake made by Skyler Lacey of Vacaville is shown on display at the Dixon May Fair after winning first place. Photo courtesy of KE Spencer Event Marketing

**KE Spencer Event  
Marketing Press Release**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - It will be “Super Fun” to participate in the annual competition at Dixon May Fair, May 5-8, with all the crafting, baking, and preserving perfected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fair is looking for your knitting, bread baking, and flower arrangements, along with all the traditional quilts, preserves, art and more. Details for 100s of classes are outlined in the 2022 Exhibitor Guidebook for all the ways the community can enter their projects. For 145 years the Dixon May Fair has been celebrating the community by showcasing the skills and talents of the region. Their projects, produce, pigs and pies are showcased in the fun of the annual Fair.

Anyone who resides in the State of California can enter their home grown and homemade exhibits in most categories of the Dixon May Fair’s competition, which might earn them a prized blue ribbon or a little cash. (Market animals are restricted to Solano County.)

Entering the fair is easy and can be done online at [www.dixonmayfair.com](http://www.dixonmayfair.com). The Guidebook can be picked up at the Fair Office and can also be viewed online and entry forms downloaded at [www.dixonmayfair.com](http://www.dixonmayfair.com). (Click on Fair Information, then Entries.) While entry forms are due April 8, the actual exhibits are not due until closer to the Fair as outlined in the Guidebook.

Dixon May Fair starts Thursday May 5 and continues through Sunday May 8 with Special Day discounts for children and seniors. For information on how to participate, visit [DixonMayFair.com](http://DixonMayFair.com) and follow their Facebook page for up-to-date information. ★

## Full Tank of Wisdom, and Some Ribs

*By Debra Dingman*

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Men are known for their ribbing and there’s plenty of it at the Think Tank—a group of older gentlemen that meet up every Monday morning at the Dixon United Methodist Church. Even what they named themselves (the DUMM Think Tank) brings a laugh.

That’s a lot of what one needs when you get to be their age. When asked if they ever thought they’d live as long as they have, Oakley Dexter proudly announced he was turning 99 next week.

“And, I still drive,” he said proudly. When asked if he had any secrets, he said, “I just keep living.” While some men freely offer conversation, some are more reserved, but they all talk, they say and then rib about some talk too much. The men began to share about the ailments they inherited from their families.

“I inherited all my father’s problems, but they fixed them all,” said one.

“In the old days when you had a surgery, they told you not to move and



Ed Heeney, standing, presented a bouquet of flowers to RK Van Every, in appreciation of helping take care of refreshments for the DUMM Think Tank participants. To the left of RK and around the table are Greig Van Every, Oakley Dexter, Erik Warnken, Duane Worden, Mike Wood, Al Blaker, Irving Geraty, and Stu Rowe. A few regular participants were missing that morning. Photo by Debra Dingman

you stayed in bed for a week, but now they want you to get up and walk to the bathroom right away,” another said. “It’s a completely different ball game.” Most of the men come in on their own two feet but some have canes or walkers.

Greig Van Every, 82, is the newest member and his wife, RK helps get him out of the car, helps him get inside, and then helps him get back home so she stays for the hour to

hour-and-a-half visits, in the back of the room with her books or phone to pass the time.

“By the time I got back home it was time to return,” she confided. “But he has learned so much. He’s a city slicker from Los Angeles and thought potatoes came in a bag. He’s learned so much about farming and the history of Dixon. He really enjoys his time with these guys.” So, when the church staff told the guys they

needed to clean up after themselves a little better, RK stepped in and assists in tidying up after the men’s coffee and doughnuts before helping Greig get back home.

This past Monday, organizer Ed Heeney, 93, presented her with a bouquet of flowers to show their appreciation. She said she was happy to help since her husband has found a great group of friends.

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# Life's too SHORT

## St. Patrick's Day 1993: A Lucky Day!

By Debra Dingman

Gosh, I wish more people in this community would attend City Council Meetings. There are so many decisions that affect all of us from ignoring the ferocious growth of weeds on our main street mediums to giving our city manager a \$62,000 a year raise when his contract wasn't even up. Passed 5-0. That's \$5,166 more money every single month. Wow!

"They" say he's one of the lowest paid city managers in the area and that he's likely to get another job for higher pay soon if we don't pay him more to stay. Lindley now makes \$240,000 annually plus he gets "allowances." I just know he makes more than Governor Gavin Newsom who was paid \$209,747 in 2020.

If I had any say so, I'd hire another groundskeeper...

On a much happier note, we have a new Dixonite who is a horn player with the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West. He is Dr. Jon C. Anderson, who is stationed at Travis Air Force Base and bought his home through Marianne MacDonald, Dixon Realtor at Coldwell Banker Kappel Gateway Realty.

Solano Symphony Orchestra will present the World's Greatest Classics with his performance at 3 pm Sunday, March 27 at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theater. I tried playing french horn in my freshman year of high school. It didn't work out but I love that deep, mellow sound...

Tickets are available at vpat.net or by calling (707) 469-4013 or go to mysolanosymphony.org.

My mind was already



Standing in front of our new sign at 350 West A Street many moons ago are (front) Ed Foss, George Loewen, Katie Davies-Glide, Judith Shatto, and Maureen Southwell. (Back) Judy Hull-Mittlestadt, Ourania Riddle, and the bookkeeper. Photo provided by Debra Dingman

on Citizen of the Year when I got a call from Jennifer Roman who I believe is a Citizen of the Year in the making! She is a busy mom of several children and volunteers on the Tremont PTA as a fundraising coordinator but also volunteers for Little League.

She is organizing a Book Fair in the Tremont Elementary School parking lot on Saturday, April 23 from 10 am to 3 pm. Just in case you don't want to purchase any more books, you can come and just look through the other wonderful goodies for sale like a snow cone from the Kona Ice Truck or pizza from the Pizza Guys.

She works with a team of less than a dozen women who are trying to raise money for a shade structure for the back of the school. She also is working for a loftier goal: The group wants to see an electronic marquee for the front of the school. Mark your calendars to buy books for your children, grandchildren, or friends or at least enjoy the treats for a good cause!

Jennifer is working on a Little League day, too. For the Huge Family Day

on May 21, families will want to mark their calendars. They will offer a barbecue, food trucks, and a huge raffle that she is soliciting prizes for now. So far there is a Traeger Barbecue and a 60-inch flat screen TV, and a sports pass for a family of four.

"The businesses in our community have been gracious and awesome in supporting us through sponsorships and donations," she said. The money they raise helps go for children who can't afford to play, brand new scoreboards, and equipment she explained. Jennifer, who was born and raised in Dixon said it's the mom and pop shops that support children.

"I have wasted so much time on big companies," she said. (I won't name the ones she told me but as a fundraiser myself, I agree.) If you want to take advantage of her great advertising/marketing to the families, call with your raffle prize to support Little league or go to sponsorship@dixonlittleleague.org. Thank you, Jennifer, for your volunteerism! ★

# Dixon News Briefs



Dixonite Kristina Fink, recognized for her community contributions, gets a hug from Pat Nicodemus of the Solano County Commission for Women and Girls. City Manager Jim Lindsey looks on. Photo by Debra Dingman

### MPG Staff

#### Women's Month

Kristina Fink, 25, an Assistant Manager to Lemuria Nursery, the largest grower of plants in Solano County, was recognized at the City Council Meeting thanks to Pat Nicodemus of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls. in honor of Women's History Month and to recognize her contribution to our community.

The mission of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls (SCWG) is to improve the economic status, health and social welfare, and overall quality of life for women and girls by providing community education and advice to the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The SCWG was established in 2018 by the Solano County Board of Supervisors and meets monthly.

"I've lived here my entire life and grew up in the business," Fink said. "I love inspiring other women in business." For more information, go to SolanoCommissionWomenGirls@gmail.com or see their Facebook page.

#### Yoga Moves

Katrina Marsh is doing well with her Busy Bee Yoga. In fact, she's already moving into a bigger space across the street at 175 North First Street near Sisters Salon. There is much more convenient parking in the back. She even offers a class for seniors ('Silver Yoga') who think those strange positions are impossible.

"One of the BIGGEST benefits of yoga, in my opinion, is that it prevents injuries," she said. "The practice of yoga activates muscle groups that sometimes we forget about. By activating these areas within our body and bringing that constant range of motion, it keeps our body in that tip-top condition so that we are less likely to pull a muscle or throw something out of place."

She is an advocate for adding some yoga into your daily or weekly routine and your future self will appreciate it, she added. She's even added a virtual class for those

wanting those benefits but not wanting to leave their home. Call (707) 295-1855 for more information or go to www.busy-beeyoga.com

#### Volleyball Games

Friday, March 25, the Dixon High School Volleyball Team will play against Pioneer High School in Pioneer at 6pm, but you should be able to more easily catch the game next Tuesday, March 29, at Woodland Christian High School with the game starting at 5 pm.

On March 30, we play Casa Roble here on our own courts at Dixon High, 555 College Way, at 6 pm. Go Rams!

#### Home Show

Don't forget this weekend is the Solano Home & Garden Show at the Dixon fairgrounds, March 26-27 rain or shine. Hours are Saturday 10 am to 6pm and Sunday 10 am to 5pm. General Admission tickets are \$8 but with the coupon available online, it's only \$5. Seniors and Military are \$5 (no other discounts applied.) Children 12 and under are free.

There is also free parking.

#### Business Grant

A business grant for local sole proprietors was announced by Larry Burkhardt, City of Dixon Economic Developer/ Grants Manager. If your business began operations prior to December 31, 2019; had gross revenue of less than \$50,000 in 2019; have fewer than five full-time equivalent employees during 2019 and 2020, you may qualify for a grant of \$2,500 through the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). More information is available at: www.solanonapasbdc.org/solano-microgrant/.

#### Vets Dinner

This Friday, March 25, at 6 to 8 pm the Dixon veterans of Post 208 will be offering a \$10 Chicken Dinner at the Veteran Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street, across from DuPratt Ford. It's delicious and supports our vets. There is also a full bar. ★



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# Getting Creative

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know, kind of like the Martha Stewart of the younger generation.

Johnson used to sell collectible toys and her custom-made items online which gave her the experience to market via the internet.

"I just shifted to [brick and mortar,] she said. Having that history is how she knows what people will need for staging products for small business sales such as jewelry. She has created one of the rooms to be a social media room or small conference room.

"This is for creating Tik-Toks or reels and short videos for Instagram or Facebook posts," she explained, while showing off a smaller back room that has a floor to ceiling plant backdrop.

Johnson had a wedding booked before she opened for business so she was busy painting floors and decorating bathrooms

when interviewed. The family had seen her social media post and they just learned that their small backyard wedding planned for the upcoming weekend had suddenly had rain predicted. The new venue is clean, contemporary, and has plenty of room for their event. Johnson was spending her lunch hour from her full-time job in Dixon getting floors painted jet black to be ready for that event...already!

The business is located at 160 West A Street, across from Frosty's and behind Panchita Taqueria and has its own parking area (so don't park there unless you are her customer.) Tickets to any of the planned events need to be purchased in advance at www.thecreativespacedixon.com or if one is interested in renting the facility, you can message her through Facebook: Creative Space Dixon. ★

# Full Tank of Wisdom

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"What amazes me is

the backgrounds represented here," said Heeney. He listed off a backhoe operator, school teacher, aircraft mechanic, nationally acclaimed cattle judge, IBM typewriter expert, TV shop operator and most have some kind of relation to the farming industry but their common denominator is they belong to the church—but Heeney was quick to say

you don't have to belong to the church to join them.

"They don't let us use a ladder...no saws," he said, eliciting some laughs. "It's a great social outlet. We look out for each other. But there's no fish stories here."

"You name it, we've talked about it," said Al Blaker. "I don't think there is anything we haven't talked about..."

"Baseball, how to build kites, farm tools," said Mike

Wood who went to writing at Heeney's suggestion when the pandemic stopped them from meeting in person. Although they are back to meeting in person, they both still write and their missives get shared with all.

If you're interested in joining, just come by at coffee time at 10 am on Monday. The church is located at 209 North Jefferson or call (707) 678-2191. ★



# Lincoln Square: First Street Housing Approved

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - It looks like North First Street won't be a straight road of commercial businesses after all. A new 13-acre parcel across from Tractor Supply will get 100 small, detached homes aimed at first-time homebuyers and workplace professionals of the industrial area nearby. It will also have a gas station/convenience store on the corner of North Lincoln.

After eight years of entertaining various versions to put the land to use, Lewis Land Developers has spent the last three years on the large lot on North First Street, the formal application was received in fall of 2020 and was put on hold until the completion of the General Plan which was done in spring of 2021 and then changed from straight commercial to mixed use along Highway 113, according to Raffi Bolyan, Community Development Director.

Ultimately, there will be 101 lots: one commercial lot for the gas station with a car wash and 100 zoned residential for the homes. Rotten Robbie is a family-owned company that will own and operate the corner gas station.

The project was approved at the last City Planning Commission after it had already satisfied a litany of impact reports including sound and many questions by those commissioners, passing 6-1 (one commissioner was absent.) There have also been public meetings without opposition.

Several citizens near Schooner Ridge expressed concern over privacy since the homes are 2-story and will easily overlook the backyards of the residents that back up to that area. Some said they were not notified, and Bolyan listed the various dates and sources utilized to inform the public. There were also concerns of security and traffic; however, all of those issues were brought up in the Planning Commission

Meeting on March 8 and the developer did resolve most of those.

District 4 Rep Don Hendershot empathized with the concerns of the residents but said they are the same concerns in any neighborhood, and that he has a daughter and a pool that can be seen by neighbors. He told those concerned that he planted trees and used decorative fencing to afford privacy.

Dist. 3 Rep Kevin Johnson, a longtime Realtor and former Planning Commissioner took some time to explain his decision to favor the development mainly due to California facing a housing shortage and to have affordable housing for younger generations or for families who wanted to stay in Dixon. He also warned lots of possible noisy, potentially invasive businesses that could go in there if this one was not approved.

Opposition comments were made by both former Councilmen Herb Cross and Mike Ceremello who were concerned that it was a "quick fix" and not in alignment with the original General Plan for the city.

It has been heard in the past at many meetings from newer residents who would like to close the doors on any other growth because they moved here 'for the small town.' A Dixon High School student speaking for other students also expressed that sentiment.

Johnson made an amendment of removing the proposed easement in the back because it would be difficult to enforce as well as changing the fencing outside the park to a more open type to protect children and the motion passed 4-0. Councilman Jim Ernest was absent.

In other city news, two firefighters, Battalion Chief Jason Barker and Engineer Taylor McAbee were promoted and given public recognition at the meeting. We will also be getting a new 'Welcome to Dixon' sign near the Lincoln/Highway 113 corner. ★

# Two More Dixon Firefighters Promoted



In other City of Dixon news, Dixon Fire Department Chief Todd McNeal publicly recognized two of their employees at the last City Council Meeting and congratulated them on their recent promotions. One was Firefighter Martin Vega-Martinez (top photo) and the other was Engineer Taylor McAbee (bottom photo.) Both were officially pinned by their loved ones. At a previous meeting, Captain John Jurado and Battalion Chief Jason Barker were recognized. Photos by Debra Dingman

# THE RAMS ARE STREAKING



Dixon senior opposite hitter Kyan Fries hits the ball back over the net during a 3-0 victory against Woodland at Dixon High School on Friday, March 18 in Dixon.



Dixon junior outside hitter Sean Ward begins to jump as he prepares to spike the ball during a 3-0 victory against Woodland at Dixon High School on Friday, March 18 in Dixon.

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon High School student Sean Ward received a new nickname on Friday, March 18 after the boy's volleyball game.

Ward is now known as the 'Spiker' after the junior outside

hitter perfectly smacked the ball through the opposing defense at least a dozen times. Of course, that couldn't have happened if not for the almost slow-motion set ups from his teammates.

The Rams (5-1, 2-0 Golden Empire League) defeated Woodland (0-2, 0-2) in straight sets Friday to earn their fourth

victory in a row.

In the first game, Dixon won easily 25-6. The second game of the match was much more competitive as the two teams traded the lead back and forth, but the Rams ultimately prevailed 25-18. Finally, Dixon completed the sweep with a 25-8 win in the third game.

Serving aces were both Ward and senior setter Jonathan Cavello. Senior libero Demetrio Acosta had 70 digs and senior opposite hitter Kyan Fries recorded eight blocks.

The top three in kills were senior outside hitter Dylan Diaz, Fries and Ward. Cavello also led in assists with 63 and Acosta led in receptions with 58.

The Rams only loss of the season so far came in their second game against Vanden of Fairfield, losing in straight sets.

Dixon played Mesa Verde (4-5, 1-1) this past Wednesday, however, the result was not available by press time. The Rams play next today at the Pioneer Patriots (1-5, 1-1) at 6 P.M. ★

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MEMORIAL


GORDON MURPHY

Gone But Not Forgotten

Gordon Murphy passed away at home on Nov. 6, 2021 after a long battle for life and a short battle with cancer.

Gordon, co-founder of HemoStat Laboratories for 40 years, was a longtime resident of Dixon. He was a true renaissance man having many interests and hobbies yet birding was his passion.

He is survived by his



Frank Baracosa and five grandchildren.

His family would like to invite those who knew him to join in a celebration of life on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Olde Veterans Hall, 231 North First Street (Highway 113) from 12 to 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Mayo Clinic at <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC>

MEMORIAL

ROBERT TAYLOR LEWIS • 5/19/1940 – 2/1/2022

It is with deep sadness that we announce the loss of Robert Lewis. Robert was born May 19, 1940 in Ross, California to Joseph and Roberta Lewis and passed away February 1, 2022 with family by his side. The Lewis family moved to Dixon when Robert was 6 years old to live on his grandparents, Robert and Mary McKenzie's sheep ranch. He loved everything about living on a sheep ranch. Riding his horses, helping the border collies herd sheep, and his dog Perky. Bob attended Tremont Country School for two years after which all country kids were required to come to Dixon to attend the Dixon Grammar School. He graduated Dixon High School in 1958 and Chico State with a BA in Communications and a minor in Computer Science in 1979. He loved sports particularly football and the Raiders and would sing their praises to anyone who would listen. He had a big heart for everyone and he loved his family. He is survived by his daughters, Ann (Richard) Hurley and Lauretta (Rafael) Ceja and granddaughters Cassandra, Evelyn and Mikaela of Santa Rosa, brother, Joe (Marla) Lewis of Hayden, Idaho and sister Diane (Syd) Schroeder of Dixon. Also surviving Bob are numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Burial services will be held for Robert and his sister, Mary Deidre Lewis Christensen, April 8th at 1pm at the Silveyville Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow in Dixon at the home of Robert and Mary's niece and nephew. Donations in Bob's memory can be made to Dixon High School Athletics, Attn: Norma Holtmeyer, 555 College Way, Dixon, Ca 95620 or to the donor's favorite charity.



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# Heeney’s History

## God’s Presence

Commentary by Ed Heeney

I was an inquisitive lad in my pre-high school days back on the farm. I was always asking why, what, and how come on many subjects. A lot of my questioning had to do with Bible teachings. In our home, Bible teachings/readings were foremost. We attended church and Sunday school every Sunday morning and evening. We also went to Wednesday prayer meetings most every week. In addition our mother had daily devotions before meals. With all that stimulation, questions formed incessantly for us to ponder.

One of the first subjects I encountered was the ten commandments. As explained, if you followed directions you did not have to worry about going to hell. As I studied and interpreted the commandments, nine were “no sweat” but the one about false pretenses and/or lying might take a little attention. So far, this Bible stuff didn’t seem too restrictive at all.

Another topic was the Lord’s prayer. My Mother explained each paragraph to me. When I asked why it was called the Lord’s prayer, I recall that it was explained as covering all bases: PRAISE, THANKFULNESS, FORGIVENESS, DAILY NEEDS, NOT TO BE TEMPTED/EVIL. This really made sense to me and I thought how convenient; I won’t need to mention everyone, every deed, etc. Sure will make my evening prayers simple ... Just

use the Lord’s prayer and in two minutes you are done!

Other questions were: What does God look like and, Can we see him? Now this was a little more difficult but the main tool explained to me was “you have to have faith” That seemed satisfactory to me but I still had that faint question “Can I see God?”

In the summer when I was 14, I attended a youth camp in Stafford Kansas The camp was a great setting along a stream within a large growth of trees. We had our own bunk in the dorms, swimming pool, and great food. A major feature was that each of us were charged with selecting our own private worship area out in the forest to be used for morning worship. I had selected a neat area among saplings and trees along a felled log. When the bell rang for us to get up in the morning, we all scattered to our private worship space.

As I entered my area that morning, I was struck by the brilliance of the sun beaming through the trees, and there in the mist I saw two figures. I was spell-bound ... was it them, was it God and Jesus. Did I really see God? I couldn’t really tell then and I can’t really tell now. But one thing I know for sure ... God was there in that worship center among the trees.

*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.* ★

# Aftershock Festival Lineup Announced

By Ken Casparis, Sacramento County

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Aftershock Music Festival will once again be returning to Sacramento County’s Discovery Park this October! After shattering attendance records last year, event organizer, Danny Wimmer Presents, has announced another tremendous lineup.

This year’s festival headliners include Slipknot, KISS, My Chemical Romance and Foo Fighters. Other big names like Rob Zombie,

A Day to Remember, Evanescence, Papa Roach and more have also joined the lineup.

“We are so excited to welcome rock fans from all over the country back to Discovery Park this October,” said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. “We welcome the opportunity to show off some of the amenities and amazing versatility of the Regional Parks system.”

Last year’s sold-out event set a record with 145,000 attendees and was estimated to have brought in \$30 million to the local economy, according to

Visit Sacramento. Roughly 75 percent of attendees traveled to Aftershock from outside the region.

“Aftershock’s extraordinary line-up this year - including one of my favorite bands, Foo Fighters - shows just how committed we are to enhancing live music experiences in Sacramento County,” said First District Supervisor, Phil Serna.

Aftershock 2022 will be held the weekend of Oct. 6 – 9. For a complete lineup and to purchase tickets, visit the Aftershock Festival website at [aftershockfestival.com/](https://aftershockfestival.com/) ★



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California farmers may hold the key to the Golden State’s renewable energy future. Farmers have invested in solar power and other renewable energy technologies near vineyards, row crops and atop walnut dryers. Eight percent of California farms currently have onsite renewable energy systems. Meanwhile, a project is underway to place solar panels over some San Joaquin Valley irrigation canals to generate power, conserve farmland and reduce water evaporation.

### War in Ukraine Clouds Market for Sunflower Seeds

Growers in California are beginning plantings of sunflowers this month amid major uncertainty over the impacts the Russian invasion of Ukraine will have on markets for seeds and sunflower oil. Russia and Ukraine are the world’s top two producers of sunflowers, owning 55% of global acreage. As a result, the sunflower market is now heated, but it’s uncertain whether California growers can meet demand while dealing with drought, water shortages and limited milling capacity.

### Cabbage Harvest Accelerates in Time for Holiday

With St. Patrick’s Day celebrated on March 17, California farmers are harvesting leafy greens fit for the holiday—cabbage. The crop has remained a reliable staple in California agriculture. In 2019, the most recent year with statewide figures, farmers harvested 14,500 acres of cabbage worth \$212 million. This year, growers in Ventura County and the Imperial Valley are reporting robust harvests of green, red and savoy cabbage, as the winter vegetable season nears its conclusion.

### Competition Seeks to Provide Funding for Agricultural Innovation

The American Farm Bureau Federation is looking for the next generation of agriculture innovators. In partnership with Farm Credit, the AFBF is seeking applications for the 2023 Farm Bureau Innovation Challenge. The national business competition offers startup funds for businesses developing innovative solutions to challenges faced by America’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities. Last year’s winners included a venture creating a robot to improve safety for grain bins. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000197  
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Chris Gilbreth, 106 Meadowbrook Court, Vallejo, CA 94591  
Date Filed in Solano County: December 30, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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 February 02, 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: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000352  
The following persons are doing business as: LABULOUS 1050 West A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Cerah Christensen, 1050 West A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Date Filed in Solano County: March 2, 2021. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/1/2022  
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Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2022  
LABULOUS 4-1-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000400  
The following persons are doing business as: MOTLEY REALTY 100 N Adams Street, Suite A, Dixon, CA 95620. Susan Motley and William H. Motley JR., P.O. Box 924 Dixon, CA 95620. Date Filed in Solano County: March 7, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/5/2004  
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Publish: March 18, 25, April 1 and 8, 2022  
MOTLEY 4-8-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000383  
The following persons are doing business as: MY FRIEND’S HOUSE YOUTH SERVICES 267 Bennett Hill Court Vacaville, CA 94688. Vacaville Solano Services Corporation, Date Filed in Solano County: March 4, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000396  
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BULLSEYE 4-8-22

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

### REDISTRICTING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Dixon (“City”) City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, in accordance with the FAIR MAPS Act (Elec. Code, § 21600 et seq.), the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.), and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, to consider the adoption of:

**An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Dixon Adopting City Council District Boundaries in Accordance with California Elections Code Section 21601 Et Seq. and Dixon Municipal Code Section 2.12.020, Subdivision (C) (the “Ordinance.”)**

On June 14, 2016, the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-007, which established a by-district election process for four (4) City Council districts with the Mayor elected at-large. Following each federal decennial census, the FAIR MAPS Act (Elec. Code, § 21600 et seq.) (the “Act”) and Dixon Municipal Code section 2.12.020, subdivision (C), requires the City to complete a redistricting process to reapportion the City’s population between the four (4) City Council districts so that the City Council districts are substantially equal in population. The Act also specifies the criteria and procedures for adoption of City Council district boundaries. The Ordinance will adopt City Council district boundaries pursuant to the Act and the Dixon Municipal Code. The City Council conducted public hearings on redistricting on November 16, 2021; January 4, 2022; and March 15, 2022 to receive a report from City staff on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered for adoption of City Council districts. The City Council also received public input on potential City Council district boundaries at the public hearings. The City Council is conducting a final public hearing on April 5, 2022 to receive public input on potential City Council district boundaries and adopt final maps of City Council district boundaries.

**ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 5, 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 [lruiz@cityofdixon.us](mailto:lruiz@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.

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Follow the adorable story of Library Fish and Mr. Hughes on all their bookish adventures. Readers will fall in love with this story while also sparking the desire to visit their local library.

**Angelina Ballerina Loves the Library**  
*by Katharine Holabird and Helen Craig*  
Angelina Ballerina was so excited to get her first library card. There were books on dancing, pirates, recipes, and even drawing. Angelina found so many books that she wanted to read that her pile almost fell over. Then she learns that she can only

check out five. When Angelina finally chooses her favorites, she is happy to share the stories with everyone around her. What will she choose next?

This Level-1 Ready-to-Read book will have Angelina fans dancing all the way to the library.

**Almost Always Best, Best Friends**  
*by Apryl Stott*  
Poppy and Clementine are the best of friends. But then Clementine meets a new friend, Georgia. Now, all Poppy can think about is losing her best friend. What if Clementine likes Georgia better? What if they become best friends? With a little help from her dad, Poppy learns that sharing her feelings is better than allowing them to come out in anger. With a mended friendship, Poppy realizes that there might be enough room to add another best friend.

In a beautiful story of friendship, fear, and the power of words, young readers will be able to instantly relate to Poppy and Clementine while also learning how to resolve their problems. With the most adorable and engaging illustrations, no one will be able to resist the flower-crowned Poppy and necklaced llama on their path of friendship. ★

How Will Newsom’s Gas Price Relief Promise Work?



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

It’s time once again for some fun with numbers, in this case data surrounding the sharp spike in gas prices.

Although the recent uptick in fuel prices varies from community to community and even station to station, a good estimate of the increase, perhaps a bit conservative, is \$1 per gallon. It’s mostly due to global oil markets reacting to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and efforts to punish Russian President Vladimir Putin with economic sanctions.

Last week in his State of the State address, Gov. Gavin Newsom dropped his previous proposal to offset the gas price increase with a very small “pause” in a scheduled state gas tax increase.

“Now, it’s clear we must go further,” Newsom said. “That’s why, working with legislative leadership, I’ll be submitting a proposal to put money back in the pockets of Californians to address rising gas prices.”

That was it — no details, just a vague promise. While we await some indication of what Newsom intends, let’s put a buck-a-gallon

price increase in numerical perspective:

—Californians own and drive 29 million automobiles and light trucks, such as pickups and SUVs;

—Each year, they rack up 330 billion miles of automotive travel, an average of about 11,000 miles per vehicle;

—Motorists burn 15 billion gallons of gasoline each year, which averages out to 517 gallons of fuel for each vehicle (43 gallons per month) and an average of 21 miles to the gallon;

—Therefore, on average Californians are paying an extra \$43 per month to drive, if one assumes the price increase has been \$1 per gallon.

Higher costs for refueling their cars can certainly be painful to those in lower income brackets or those, such as long-distance commuters, who are running up high mileage counts. But unto itself, \$43 a month shouldn’t be a critical issue for many Californians.

That said, we tend to focus on sharp price increases in everyday commodities, such as gasoline, as an indicator of high inflation. It’s a squeaky wheel in political terms — and politicians feel compelled to grease the wheel or face a popular backlash.

So what can Newsom and legislators do to offset higher gas prices in this election year?

The tax increase pause Newsom originally proposed would have cost about \$500 million or a \$17 annual savings per vehicle,

hardly worth doing.

However, fully offsetting the jump could be a major hit on the state budget. At \$1 per gallon, it would require the state to rebate about \$15 billion to motorists for a full year — almost exactly what the prison system costs — or just over \$500 per vehicle.

The trick will be to make rebates large enough to have some positive psychological response from California motorists but small enough to avoid a major budget impact.

Would \$100 per car — enough, perhaps for one 20-gallon fillup — sufficiently impress Californians that their politicians’ hearts are in the right place? Even that relatively small amount would cost the state budget about \$3 billion.

Rebates of any size would be relatively easy to distribute if done on a per-vehicle basis, since the state already has data on vehicle ownership.

It would become infinitely more complex to focus relief for those who are feeling price increases most keenly, such as low-income motorists or super commuters. That could become a bureaucratic nightmare on a par with the dysfunctional Employment Development Department.

The rebate promise is now on the agenda and it will be a very interesting situation to monitor.

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



Riley Reviews  
TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS TO WHERE IT BELONGS

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

**TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL PREVIEW**

Participating in a film festival in a virtual setting is hardly more exciting than sitting at home watching the latest fare from Netflix and Amazon Prime Video, or maybe Hulu and a bunch of other streaming services.

The TCM Classic Film Festival started in Hollywood in 2010, and everything was in place for April 2020 when, of course I don’t need to tell you, a nasty virus shut down all that is fun and entertaining.

TCM decided to move ahead two years ago with what was called the “Special Home Edition,” which as you can deduce meant you could watch on your flat screen TV but miss the excitement of Dolby Sound or an IMAX screen.

Don’t get me wrong, I was all for watching Alfred Hitchcock’s “North by Northwest” (a personal favorite), Humphrey Bogart in “Casablanca,” and the classic comedy “Some Like It Hot,” but these films are easily accessible.

Now the long wait is over. Plans can be made for a trip to Los Angeles to hang out at the famous Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, the central gathering point for the TCM Classic Film Festival.

After a painful absence, movie buffs from around the globe can congregate over four packed days and nights to savor cinema delights. This year’s theme of “All Together Now: Back to the Big Screen” could not be more appropriate.

The fun begins on Thursday, April 21st and concludes on Sunday, and in-between there will be more great movies, appearances by legendary stars and filmmakers, presentations and panel discussions, and special events than one’s dance card could possibly hold.

TCM always seem to have a fondness for celebrating anniversaries, and the upcoming occasion of Judy Garland’s 100th birthday means that 1939’s “The Wizard of Oz” will be showcased so we may enjoy the musical tale of a young Kansas girl being whisked away to a magical land.

A notable milestone, which seems hard to believe, is that the beloved family sci-film “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial” celebrates its 40th anniversary as the kick off to the 13th annual TCM festival.

The official host of the festival and TCM primetime anchor Ben Mankiewicz was 15 years old when “E.T.” came out and he observes how the film continues to speak to both children and adults claiming that it is “the most influential family film since ‘The Wizard of Oz.’”

What’s not to love about the story of young boy Elliot who befriends an alien accidentally left behind on Earth? As

Elliott attempts to help his new friend to phone home to be rescued, the two must elude scientists and government agents.

Adding to the fun of opening night will be the presence of Academy Award-winning director Steven Spielberg, along with producers Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall, presumably to provide color commentary on the making of “E.T.”

The fortieth anniversary of director Barry Levinson’s “Diner,” the story of high school friends converging on a Baltimore eatery to discuss their problems, allows us to see the early careers of Kevin Bacon, Paul Reiser, Ellen Barkin, Tim Daly, Steve Guttenberg and Mickey Rourke.

The forty years later theme continues with director Amy Heckerling’s landmark high school comedy “Fast Times at Ridgemont High,” set in the San Fernando Valley, that featured a cast of up-and-comers.

Sean Penn stole the film as perpetually stoned surfer dude Jeff Spicoli, a relentless antagonist to Ray Walston’s Mr. Hand, who came to the conclusion that everyone one was on dope. Phoebe Cates shows up in a bikini that is memorable, for reasons many guys remember well.

Each year, the festival pays tribute to a select group of individuals whose work in Hollywood has left a lasting impact on film, this year choosing to honor a pair of Oscar-nominated actors.

Throughout his prolific career, Bruce Dern earned critical praise and his first Academy Award nomination for his performance in 1978’s “Going Home” and another nomination for his role in 2013’s “Nebraska,” both of which will be screened.

Having worked with iconic directors and stars of classic Hollywood, Piper Laurie, still going strong at age 90, made a name for herself in 1952’s “Has Anybody Seen My Gal?” and her Academy Award nomination turn in “The Hustler,” both of which will be screened.

A true legend who is greatly missed, Paul Newman was the star of “The Hustler” as pool shark “Fast Eddie” Felson opposite Piper Laurie as his alcoholic girlfriend. Jackie Gleason superbly played Newman’s nemesis, legendary “Minnesota Fats.”


Another Newman film on offer will be 1973’s “The Sting,” in which he teamed up with Robert Redford, as they played two con artists in Depression-era Chicago who set to avenge a friend’s murder by a big-time racketeer.

For movie buffs, there’s nothing like attending the TCM festival. Striking up a conversation with strangers to talk film comes easily. In some respects, the experience is like Comic-Con, except hardly anyone is wearing a costume. ★



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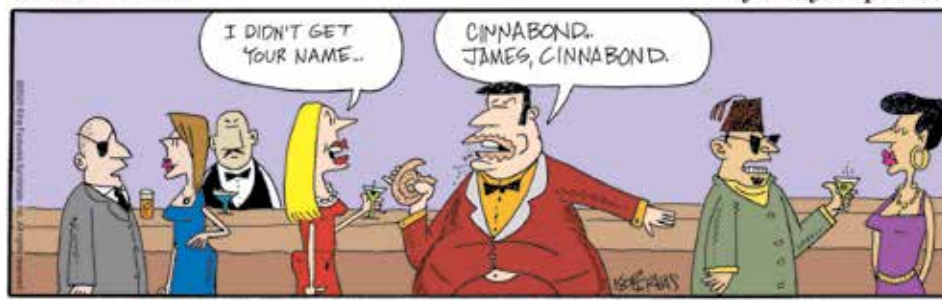
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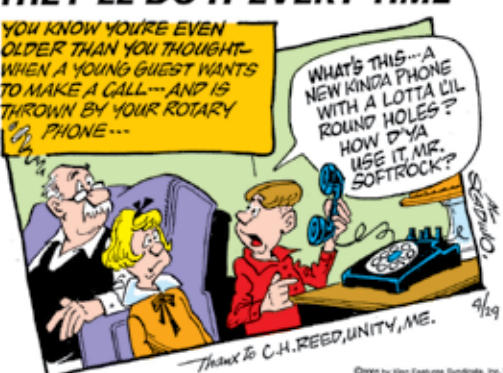
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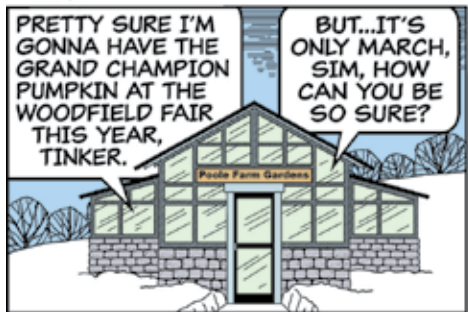
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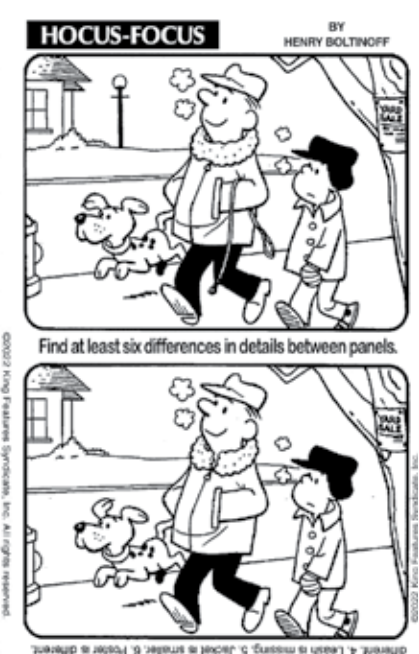
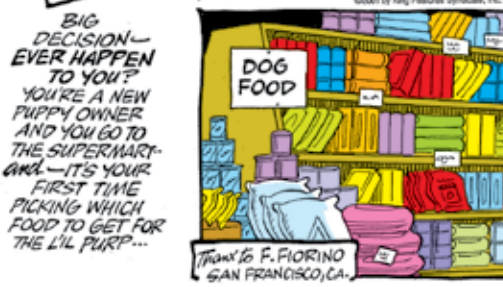
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# Farewell, ARCO!

*Kings Organization and Fans Say Goodbye to the ‘Old Barn’*



Above: ARCO Arena, most recently known as Sleep Train Arena, reverted to its original name for one final day at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event on Saturday, March 19 at ARCO Arena in Natomas. Below: An NBA game ball signed by former Sacramento Kings center Scot Pollard sits in a box waiting to be taken for free by a lucky Kings fan at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event.

Story and photos  
by Shaun Holkko,  
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - ARCO Arena, Power Balance Pavilion, and Sleep Train Arena are three names that were synonymous with the home of the Sacramento Kings for 28 years.

ARCO Arena officially closed Saturday in Natomas for good, as members of the Kings organization and fans said their final farewells to a building that opened in 1988 and meant so much to a city for so long.

“This is a shining example that in Sacramento there was a time when we were at the top of the basketball world and this is where you had to come to see the ‘Greatest Show on Court,’ so that gives us hope,” said Doug Christie, who played shooting guard in Sacramento from 2000 to 2005. “This building is different than Golden 1 (Center). Golden 1 has things to walk around and see. But here, there was 17,000 people already sitting in their seat. When we came out of that tunnel it was energy, if you didn’t have it, they gave it to you.”

Christie, now an assistant coach with the Kings, Vlade Divac and Brad Miller were the former Kings players in attendance Saturday. Olympic gold medalist Ruthie Bolton made an appearance to represent the Monarchs, the former WNBA team that won a championship for Sacramento in 2005 before disbanding in 2009.

“This was the venue (where) the fans were the soul, and we were the show,” Christie said. “That mix is something that you don’t find. We were white-hot before Miami. We were beautiful basketball before Golden State. The only thing we didn’t do is put a ring on it. I told (Kings’ owner) Vivek (Ranadivé) when we were standing here, ‘It’s gonna happen, it will. And when it does, right on the bottom down there, just put ARCO because that would be so very fitting.’”

Ranadivé, who kept the team from moving out of Sacramento in 2013, and former owner Gregg Lukenbill, who brought the franchise to the 916 in 1985, each spoke Saturday morning about the former home known to many as the “Old Barn.”

“I know this is a bittersweet moment for everyone because there is some amazing memories,” Ranadivé said. “I describe this place as a communal fireplace. The firepit is the arena,



Prominent members of the Sacramento community from past and present pose for a photo at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event on Saturday, March 19 at ARCO Arena in Natomas.

the players are the fire, they lit that fire. The fans huddled around that communal fireplace and it’s been an amazing fireplace. So, thanks to all of you for the memories.”

Also in attendance for the farewell were politicians, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby, as well as former Kings coach and broadcaster Jerry Reynolds.

“This is very emotional because there isn’t a Sacramentan who hasn’t been part of this community for decades who doesn’t have incredible memories of experiences here at, I know it’s Sleep Train, ARCO Arena. It’s what it is, ARCO Arena,” Steinberg said. “The memories, even the painful ones, are all good.”

The “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event was open to season ticket holders starting at noon Saturday and to the public from 2-6 P.M. Fans had the opportunity to walk through the old arena, take photos and write farewell messages that will remain on the site.

The Kings also gave away an abundance of free boxes of

team memorabilia like jerseys and signed basketballs that were stored over the years at ARCO, to those who were willing to brave the long line. The event was one last get-together for Kings fans at the place they called home for many years.

It is well documented that Sacramento has struggled for many years on the court, as the current team is 25-48 and close to missing the playoffs for what would be an NBA record 16th consecutive season. However, the Kings’ best years in Sacramento so far were at ARCO, including nine playoff appearances, eight consecutive from 1998 to 2006, and a trip to the 2002 Western Conference Finals.

In 2013, the arena set a Guinness World Record for loudest indoor sports roar at 126 decibels.

“I truly appreciate the soul of this building,” Christie said. “I never knew that wood, metal and plastic could make such a sound. But it was a sound that I will never forget.”

Off the court, ARCO hosted concerts, high school and college sports, WWE, MMA, Disney on Ice and so much more.

After fighting for years to keep their team in town, Kings fans were rewarded in 2016 with the Golden 1 Center. Now, the space in Natomas that they once called home will be demolished in the coming months to make way for a new medical center and hospital.

“One of the epic moments of my life was to be able to stand here, and I’ll just repeat what I said, I said, ‘This is your team, and it is here to stay,’ Ranadivé said. “This is a place that has been giving for years and years so I’m really happy that that tradition of giving is going to continue as we open a world-class hospital over here so it’s going to keep giving to the community.”

“As bitter as it is, it’s also sweet because we have a beautiful new arena downtown. As great as the past has been, the future is going to be even better.”



Sacramento Kings assistant coach Doug Christie, who played shooting guard for the team from 2000 to 2005, speaks at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event on Saturday, March 19 at ARCO Arena in Natomas.



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