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The Dixon May Fair has put several safety precautions in place to create a safer and more pleasurable experience for all fairgoers. The fair runs through this Sunday at the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. 1st St. Photo courtesy of Dixon May Fair

Dixon May Fair News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Once you get to the Dixon May Fair, which runs from Thursday through this Sunday, getting inside to enjoy the carnival rides and fair food is on the top of your mind.

To help you get into all the fun action, the Dixon May Fair has some tips to help lines go smoothly.

The Dixon May Fair has put several safety precautions in place to create a safer and more pleasurable experience for all fairgoers. For example, every patron goes through a metal detector at each entrance and this means that all your bags and strollers must be checked. Your wallet, keys, and pocket change must be placed in a container as well. If possible, do not bring backpacks or large handbags and carry essentials in a

clear bag or pouch.

Save time by buying your tickets online at DixonMayFair.com before you come so that you don't have to stand in a ticket line, then move to the admission line where you will go through the metal detector. Have the tickets easily available on your mobile device or your printed tickets in your hand ready to present them.

Items that cannot be brought into the Dixon May Fair include any type of weapon, which means no guns, knives (including pocket knives), pepper spray or other objects that could be a threat to the safety of other fairgoers.

One unopened, sealed water bottle per person is allowed, as well as baby food and special dietetic foods. Only empty personal water containers are allowed that can be filled inside the fairgrounds.

No chairs, bicycles, hoverboards, skateboards, scooters, squirt guns or balloons are allowed inside the fairgrounds.

No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds. Qualified service dogs that meet the State of California definition (available at DixonMayFair.com) and dogs participating in various shows will be allowed.

By simply being aware of these precautions before you arrive, you can look forward to a great time at the Dixon May Fair!

Remaining fair hours are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. The Dixon May Fair is at the Dixon Fairgrounds at 655 S. 1st St.

For ticket information visit www.DixonMayFair.com and click on Fair Information. ★

Ruby Guzman Honored as Violet Richardson Awardee

**Soroptimist
International of Dixon
News Release**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Ruby Guzman, a senior at Dixon High School, spends countless hours giving back to others. She dedicates her time to volunteering in schools with the goal of making a positive difference in the lives of students. Her volunteer efforts include working at preschools within the Woodland Unified School District and at Dixon High School.

At the preschools, she participates in various activities, such as running information booths to encourage families to enroll their children in preschool programs for storage. Her focus is on events that attract families, and she enjoys working closely with children aged 3 to 4. Guzman has had the chance to visit different classrooms, which has given her valuable insights into the daily routines of preschool teachers, helping her enhance her skills for greater effectiveness. Whether it's moving boxes, organizing file and storage areas, cutting and filing papers, or collaborating with teachers and students, she is committed to providing support wherever it's needed.

Although Guzman currently focuses on preschool children, she has previously volunteered as a tutor at Dixon High School. During the 2023-2024 school year, she faced her own challenges while preparing for finals and wanted to assist other students. She realized she was not the only one who needed help, so she began offering to help tutor others.

"I get the opportunity to benefit other students and help them feel better about themselves in an academic setting," said Guzman when asked about her motivation for tutoring.

Her initial goal of seeking help for herself has transformed into a passion for helping others. This award recognizes Ruby, who will receive \$750, along with a \$250 donation made in her name to the Woodland Unified School District Preschool.

Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award honors young women between the ages of 14 and 18 for volunteer action, such as fighting drugs, crime and violence, cleaning up the environment, and working to end discrimination and poverty. ★

Little League Hosts Fun Day of Baseball



Dixon Little League hosted a Baseball Fun Day at 9 a.m. May 3. Held at the Dixon Little League Fields, 285 E. Chestnut St., the event's aim was to bring the community together and raise funds for the league.

**By Kendall Brown and
photos by Nicolas Brown**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Little League's Baseball Fun Day on May 3 was fun for all ages, while creating awareness of what the youth organization provides players.

Held at the Dixon Little League Fields at 285 E.

Chestnut St., the Baseball Fun Day event is important to Dixon's culture, according to Dixon Little League President Casey Willard.

Baseball Fun Day offered activities and amenities such as bouncy castles, raffle prizes, Connect 4, sack races, life-size Jenga, music, snacks and Dixon Little

League merchandise such as hoodies, hats and shirts. Baseball Fun Day is historically the biggest fundraiser that the league hosts.

"I think events like this are important to our culture because it solidifies baseball in the heart of the community and allows youth to learn, develop and

grow," said Willard.

Baseball Fun Day was a collaborative effort, taking a month and a half to plan and requiring support from the community. About 20 local sponsors and vendors contributed to the event, including Dutch Bros Coffee, Kiki's Sweets, Paper Pie, Velocity Sports,

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Hoang Recognized as Five-Time Brand Ambassador of the Year

Story by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Peter Hoang of Pro Clips Salon has been in the hair care business for 20 years.

His salon, located at 1285 Stratford Ave., started as a family business before Hoang gained full ownership.

Hoang’s self-proclaimed dedication to creativity and continuous education led him to Marco Pelusi, a salon owner, celebrity hair colorist, and platform artist and educator.

This year, Hoang, as a brand ambassador for Pelusi’s products, earned the Brand Ambassador of the Year award for the fifth year in a row.

“I have been an ambassador for Marco’s Collagen Hair Care products since 2019. I went to his master class and got credentialed for his highlighting strategies. He has a great highlighting technique,” said Hoang,

According to Hoang, Pelusi reached out to him after this meeting in 2017, inspiring Hoang to learn more about Pelusi’s products and techniques. Pelusi, who mentored Hoang, considers his protégé a force of nature.

“I would like to invite people, literally anyone with the opportunity in Northern California, to stop by Hoang’s salon,” said Pelusi. “He has been trained by the best and has great hair care knowledge. This is a call to action: anyone out in Dixon should go



Peter Hoang of Pro Clips Salon was honored as the Marco Collagen Hair Care products Brand Ambassador of the Year for 2025 on April 22. This will be the fifth time in a row that Hoang has earned this recognition. Photo courtesy of Pro Clips Salon

see him.”

Hoang was invited to the West Hollywood Design District on April 22 to participate in Pelusi’s 20-year celebration of his hair studio. The event not only featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted by the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, but also recognition of Hoang’s efforts and a presentation of his award.

According to Hoang, the recognition felt great, and he is happy he has made it so far in his field.

Pelusi agrees, referring to Hoang as a future leader in the industry, a rare gem and a professional.

Hoang said that he

will continue his growth, which includes research, attending hair shows and consistent studying. To Hoang, his love for his clients and his need for greater knowledge have helped him persevere.

“I just want to continue to serve. It’s a great community out here; it’s a family town and I have built a great relationship with many of my clients. I want to bring the best to the community and continue to educate myself. I really enjoy working out here,” said Hoang.

For more information, visit the Pro Clips Salon Facebook page or call 707-678-1154. ★

Finalist for Fourth District’s 2025 Congressional Art Competition



Rep. Mike Thompson is with Isabella Macias, winner of the 2025 Congressional Art Competition. Photo courtesy of Rep. Mike Thompson

Rep. Mike Thompson News Release

NAPA, CA (MPG) - On May 4, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) announced that Isabella Macias, a sophomore at American Canyon High School, was chosen as California’s Fourth District winner of the 2025 Congressional Art Competition.

Analise Bittle from Rio Vista High School was named as the Solano County finalist.

“I always look forward to the Congressional Art Competition. It’s a wonderful chance for my colleagues, visitors of the Capitol, and me to admire the incredible talent of high school student-artists from our district and nation,” said Thompson. “Congratulations to Isabella Macias for being selected as this year’s winner representing California’s Fourth District and congratulations to Analise Bittle on being named the Solano County finalist in this year’s Congressional Art Competition. Analise’s artwork stood out for its creativity and skill, and it’s a testament to the incredible talent we have in California’s Fourth District.”

The winning piece, “Representation Matters,” is composed of acrylic on canvas.

The Solano County finalist piece, “Essence,” is composed of acrylic, gouache, color pencil on canvas.

“Every year, I’m amazed by the creativity and skill these students bring to their work, and this year was no different. Thank you to all the young artists who submitted pieces and to their families and teachers for their support and guidance, and to our judges for their thoughtful consideration. I can’t wait to see Isabella’s artwork



Rep. Mike Thompson is with Analise Bittle, Solano County 2025 finalist. Photo courtesy of Rep. Mike Thompson

proudly displayed in the United States Capitol,” said Thompson.

This year’s Congressional Art Competition judges were Kristina Young, a Napa artist, and Marc Pandone, a Solano Community College professor.

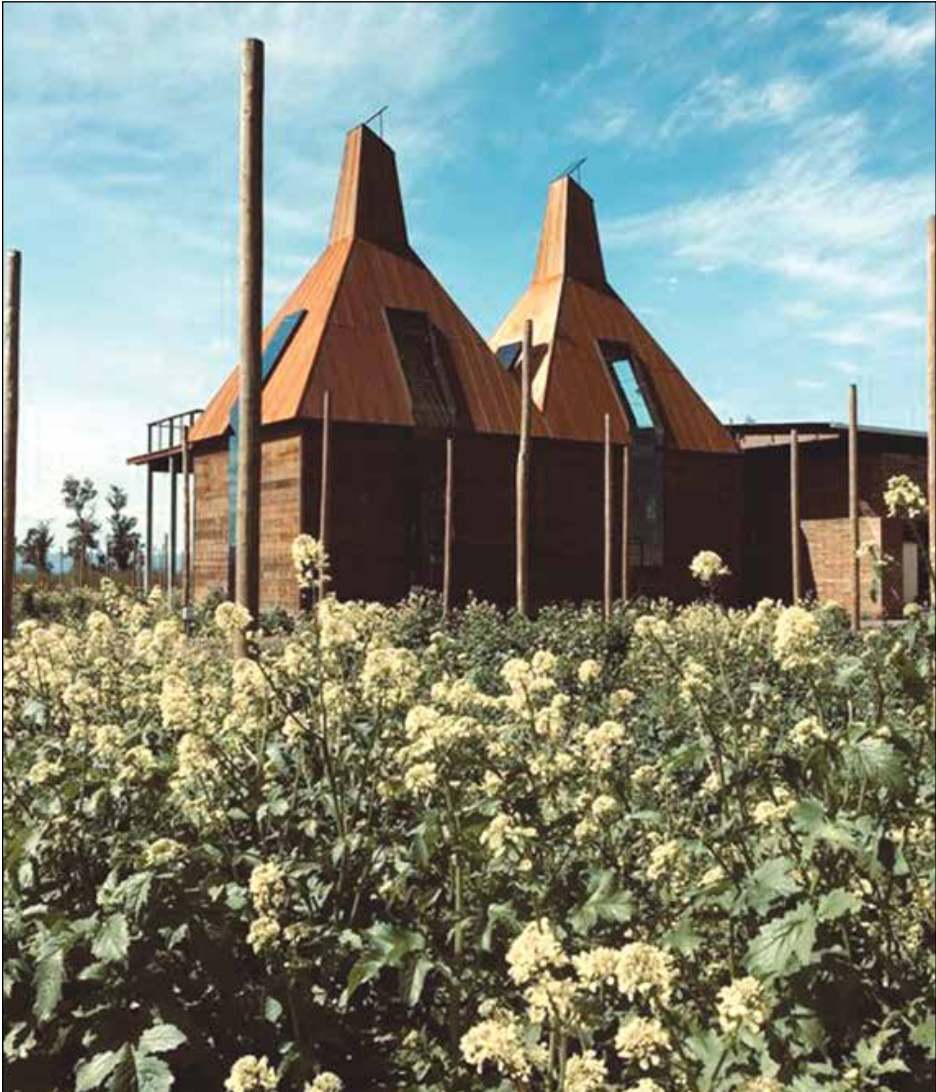
Each spring, members of Congress host the Congressional Art Competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent across their districts and our nation. Since the Artistic Discovery Competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

To enter, students submit entries to their representative’s office and panels of district artists select the winning artwork. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The winning works are displayed for one year in the halls of the U.S. Capitol.

The complete list of artists recognized includes Alivia Tucker, Lake County 2025 finalist, Isabella Macias, Napa County 2025 finalist and winner of the 2025 Congressional Art Competition, Analise Bittle, Solano County 2025 finalist, Lynna Xu, Sonoma County 2025 finalist and Amy Shan, Yolo County 2025 finalist.

Congressman Mike Thompson is proud to represent California’s 4th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo counties. He is a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Rep. Thompson is chairman of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. He is also co-chair of the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Wine Caucus and a member of the fiscally-responsible Blue Dog Coalition. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Ruhstaller Farms is hosting its final line dancing session of 2025 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 5. Dinner, prepared by Taps Kitchen, will be available from 3 to 8 p.m. on location at 6686 Sievers Road. Photo by Debra Dingman

By MPG Staff

Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

The Dixon Rotary Club is hosting its 58th annual pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. May 10. Dixon Rotary Club sponsors Dixon High School scholarships, Remember-A-Vet programs, Dixon school programs and various community projects. With \$5 per plate sold at the door, guests can continue to support the Rotary Club's endeavors. The event will be held at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St.

For more information, visit the Rotary Club of Dixon Facebook page or call 916-240-0147.

Chang Family Bake Sale Fundraiser

A bake sale on behalf of the Chang family is being hosted from noon to 3 p.m. May 10. Hosted at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 185 W. Cherry St., the event will raise funds toward paying medical bills for their daughter with pediatric cancer. Those interested in providing monetary or baked goods for donations can text or call Theresa Beene at 707-693-5366.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page.

Mother’s Day Celebration at Freedom Church

Freedom Church is hosting a Mother’s Day service at 10 a.m. May 11. Held at the church, 470 E. H St., the senior pastor is offering blessings to each mother in attendance. As a token of appreciation, each mother in attendance will receive a gift at the end of the service.

For more information, visit the Freedom Church Facebook page or call 707-693-1774.

The Friendly Bookworm Bag Sale

The Friendly Bookworm Bookstore is hosting a bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17. Sponsored by Friends of the Dixon Public Library, 200 N. First St., the event offers the opportunity to fill a bag with books for \$5. Standard-sized grocery bags will be provided, but some items are excluded from the sale. The children’s room will be open at regular prices. All proceeds support future Dixon Public Library programs. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-624-0144.

Mickey Cake Class

Every Baking Moment is hosting a Disney-themed cake baking workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17. The workshop, held at 143 N. First St. offers an opportunity to decorate a cake with friends and take it home, all for \$65 per person.

All supplies are provided, and the final design may differ based on skill level.

For more information, visit everybakingmoment.com or call 707-693-0112.

Solo Rugby Silver Division Championship

The Solano-Yolo Rugby Club will compete in the Northern California Silver Division Rugby Championships at 11:35 a.m. May 10. Held at Stockton Soccer Complex, 10055 CA-99, Solo Rugby will take on Chico's youth rugby program.

For more information, visit rugbbynorcal.org or call 916-761-3467.

Line Dancing at Ruhstaller

Ruhstaller Farms is hosting line dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 5. The event, held at 6686 Sievers Road, offers a community atmosphere and the opportunity to learn how to line dance. Dinner, prepared by Tapps Kitchen, is available from 3 to 8 p.m. Attendees can donate, and each month, donations will be given to a different nonprofit organization.

For more information, visit ruhstallerfarm.com/events or call 530-601-8240.

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. June 5. This free, in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, presents the opportunity for local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

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

Dixon Library Book Club

Dixon Library is hosting its monthly morning book club meeting from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 12. The morning book club is a monthly, adult-oriented group that will be reading “First Lie Wins” by Ashley Elston. Coffee and tea will be provided for attendees, and the meeting itself will be in the library's front room, 230 N. First St.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

Ramtown Karate Summer Camp

Ramtown Karate is hosting a summer camp from June 23 to 27. Held at the Ramtown Karate Dojo, 1680 N. Lincoln St., #A, the event offers karate activities for all ages. Activities include water games, self-defense practice, a barbecue and the opportunity to learn about Okinawan culture. Attendance is \$299 per participant.

For more information, visit ramtownkarate.com or call 707-678-4899. ★

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Bill Staton, another Moose Lodge member, said that their hard work aims to support the Dixon Moose Lodge, as well as the wider community.

Other contributing members include

For more information, visit the Dixon
Moose Lodge Facebook page or call 707-
678-9407. ★



Volunteers drove a trailer throughout Dixon and Vacaville to pick up donations. They restored many of these donated items and displayed them behind the Dixon Moose Lodge, 180 W. B St., at 6 a.m. May 4.

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MEMORIAL

JOYCE ANN WILKERSON • 01/21/1959 – 04/22/2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joyce Ann Wilkerson, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend, who went home to be with the Lord on April 22, 2025.

Known to many as Mrs. Wilkerson or simply Joyce, her most cherished titles were Wife, Mom, and Nannie. She was a gift to all who knew her — a woman of deep kindness, grace, and beauty, both inside and out.

Joyce's heart was pure gold. She lived a life that reflected the virtues described in Proverbs 31:10-31, setting an example of love, selflessness, and faith for her family and all who crossed her path. Her brilliant blue eyes and gentle spirit left an unforgettable mark on everyone she met.

A talented craftswoman, Joyce lovingly created

countless blankets and gifts at her sewing machine. She had a passion for flowers, plants, and birdwatching — finding joy and wonder in the beauty of God's creation. Her greatest treasures were her twelve grandchildren: Braxton, Bear, Gabriel, Mattilyn, Alyssa, Audrey, Blake, McJagger, Emma, Olivia, Rocket, and HattiMei.

She lived for her family, teaching her children and grandchildren the importance of faith, love, and togetherness. She loved the beach, family adventures, and trips to Disneyland — where she was known for her love of Big Thunder Mountain Railroad and her talent for finding the best churros in the park.

Joyce is survived by her devoted husband, David Wilkerson; her children, Matthew and Jenna Wilkerson, Tamela and Ramon Benton, Tiffany and Jimmy Thiessen; her loving mother, Wanda Chapin; her siblings, Lurine Dalzell, Tomi Hindsley, Harold “Buddy” Flowers, and Denny Chapin III.

She was our light, our glue, and our angel here on earth. Though we will miss her deeply, her legacy of love, faith, and joy will live on through all of us.



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West F Street, Dixon, CA 95620.
Andrea Thomas Enterprises LLC,
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95620.
Date filed in Solano County:
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DREAM 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000521
The following persons are doing
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Street, Vacaville, CA 95688.
Jun Wang, 430 Epic Street,
Vacaville, CA 95688.
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JFC 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000613
The following persons are doing
business as: The Cheese Steak
Shop, 284 Sunet Avenue, #A,
Suisun City, CA 94585.
FQZN Foods LLC, 612 Citrine
Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534.
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April 17, 2025. The Registrant
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name on: N/A
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CHEESE 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000621
The following persons are doing
business as: Wild Harts Tallow,
525 Poppy Court, Dixon, CA
95620.
Ashley Hart, 525 Poppy Court,
Dixon, CA 95620.
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Way, Dixon, CA 95620.
Jonathan Eilers, 250 Fernwood
Way, Dixon, CA 95620.
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94589.
Kilo Enterprises LLC, 1624
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EXOTIC 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000464
The following persons are doing
business as: Vend Solutions,
5111 Duren Circle, Fairfield, CA
94533.
Sandy Bay Trading Co, 5111
Duren Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533.
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pursuant to section 17913 other
than a change in the residence
address of registered owner. A
new fictitious Business name
statement must be filed before the
expiration March 19, 2030. The
filing of this statement does not
itself authorize the use in this state
of a Fictitious Business Name in
violation of the rights of another
under federal, state, or common
law (see section 14411 ET SEQ.,
business, and professions code.)
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
VEND 5-30-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SOLANO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU25-03273

Adriana Velasco Campechano
filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing names
as follows: Adriana Velasco
Campechano to Adriana Velasco.
THE COURT ORDERS that all
persons interested in this matter
shall appear before this court at
the hearing indicated below to
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person ob-
jecting to the name changes de-
scribed above must file written
objection that includes the rea-
sons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must
appear at the hearing to show why
the petition should not be grant-
ed. If no written objection is time-
ly filed, the court may grant the
petition without a hearing. June
25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department
3, Room III, Superior Court of
California, County of Solano, Old
Solano Court House, 580 Texas
Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court:
Stephen Gizzi
Dated: April 17, 2025
Publish: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025
ADRIANA 5-16-25


SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SOLANO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU25-00323

Alma Araceli Diaz filed a peti-
tion with this court for a decree
changing names as follows:
Alma Araceli Diaz to Alma Araceli
Denis.
THE COURT ORDERS that all
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petition without a hearing. June
2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department
10, Room 305, Superior Court of
California, County of Solano, Old
Solano Court House, 580 Texas
Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court:
Christine N. Donovan
Dated: March 4, 2025
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Fun Day of Baseball



According to Dixon Little League President Casey Willard, Baseball Fun Day solidifies baseball in the heart of the small community and supports the growth and development of players in the program.

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Kiss My Licorice, Joystick Gaming Lounge, Monster Treats, Big Boy Gloves and Stamped by Dee Apparel Bar.

Jennifer Maldonado of Kiki's Sweets said that she enjoys supporting Dixon Little League and her children.

"I love it because I get to see my kids play. I also made baseball-themed cake pops to support Dixon Little League," said Maldonado.

Maldonado has four sons: Aiden Maldonado, Liam Maldonado, Joshua Maldonado and Santiago Maldonado.

Santiago, a 4 month old, is the youngest of the Maldonado boys and the only one not on a Dixon Little League team but, according to his father, Bryant Maldonado, Santiago practically lives on the field.

"I love it, man. It is pretty much what our whole week consists of. We

love being out here with the kids," said Bryant Maldonado.

Vendors were organized by Kylie McElwan, Dixon Little League's family committee chair and treasurer. According to McElwan, the event's goal is to generate funds and cover the remaining league costs.

"So our raffle (at Baseball Fun Day) is one of our biggest fundraising events for the league," said McElwan. "If we did not have the raffle, we would come up short making sure our fields are taken care of, our players have new uniforms and more. Historically, this has been the one big fundraising event we do."

Dixon Little League intends to continue to support the development of Dixon youth, according to the Little League representatives.

For more information on Little League, visit dixonlittleleague.org or contact dixonllboard@dixonlittleleague.org. ★

Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

Alcoholics Anonymous – If you want to drink, that’s your business. If you want to stop drinking, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous at 800-970-9040 for either local meeting information or to speak to someone.

American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Live music every Friday. Live band first and third Fridays.

Bingo – Is played every Monday and Wednesday at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. 5th St., beginning at 12 p.m. Call 707-678-7022 for more information.

Friendship Services of Solano County – Do you spend a lot of time alone? Would you like a telephone companion? Call Friendship Service at 707-644-9062 x242 or 707-644-8909 and ask Cyndi about becoming a client. It’s free. A program of Catholic Social Services. A provider of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging. Email: friendship@csssolano.org.

Meals on Wheels – Homebound seniors can receive meals delivered to their homes by calling 707-425-0638. Lunch also served at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 South 5th St. at 11:30 a.m. M-F. Reservations required – call 707-425-0638 one day in advance.

Regular Meetings:

Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

American Legion Auxiliary – Dixon Post 208 meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, contact Pat Holland (President) at 707-678-3685 or Leah Marlin (Vice President) at 530-304-5385. Visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

Bids For Kids – Is a volunteer organization created to promote and foster youth participation in agriculture. Anyone interested in this endeavor is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact secretary, Lisa Dage at 707-246-5623, fivedages@sbcglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jameskfuller@yahoo.com.

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact Matt at 707-685-1750 or email scoutmaster@troop152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop152dixon.com.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings – at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. Call Linda at phone below to RSVP. Open to everyone. No July meeting. For info call 446-7492 or visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. (4 to 12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7 to 7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50 to 8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 and over, Juniors under 16, and those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

CITY OF DIXON: The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at www.ci.dixon.ca.us. For further information, call 707-678-7000 and ask for the City Clerk’s office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., or Transportation Dept.

City Council – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the fourth

Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Commission – Meets the third Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

Dixon Adult Literacy Program – Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: Literacy@solanocounty.com or 707-784-1526.

Dixon Boat Club – Meets first Thursday of the month. For more information, call Butch at 707-678-3622.

Dixon Downtown Business Association – Dedicated to enhancing the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information.

Dixon Game & Conservation Club – Meetings on second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children’s lives meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954, the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world’s largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud’s Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dixonca>. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

Dixon Rotary Club – Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. St., Dixon. Rotary is the world’s first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.

Dixon Scottish Cultural Association – Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit <https://scotsindixon.us/>.

Dixon Senior Club – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.

Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club – Need to speak in front of people? Want to improve your communication skills? Want to have fun learning? Check us out! We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Living Hope Church. For more info, call or text Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or Rose Cooke at 707-297-0918.

Dixon Women’s Improvement Club – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the third Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings – The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

Domestic Violence Support Group – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Dry Dock – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson St.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239.

Friends of the Dixon Public Library – Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447.

Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization – We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more information.

Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud’s. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865.

Lambtown Committee – Meets third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran’s Hall. Email John Knight at johnknightpto@gmail.com

Living With Cancer – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free.

Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email pres.nsdc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/.

NSDC Democrats in Action – Monthly lunch meeting is every fourth Thursday at noon at Fuso Italian Restaurant at 535 Main St., Vacaville. Meet to discuss actions that can be taken towards local, state, and national political issues. See above for contacts.

Promises AA Group – Meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

Sexual Assault Support Group – Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Solano County Mental Health Education – Monthly presentations on various topics will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2101 Courage Dr., Fairfield. Call Rachel Ford at 707-784-8362 for more information and monthly topic.

Sons of the American Legion – Meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Dixon American Legion Post 208 Hall. For information, call Wayne Holland at 707-301-0941.

Soroptimist International of Dixon – Meets Thursdays at noon at the Dixon United Methodist Church (20 N. Jefferson). Call President Barbara Rigdon at 408-306-7390. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

36th District Agricultural Assn. – Board of Directors meet the second Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. in the board room located at 655 S. First St. (Dixon May Fair)

Tremont Teachers and Parents Association – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tremont School. For more information contact 678-9533.

Toastmasters – Meets every other Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) – Dixon Post 8151 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. For information, contact Cecil Dennings (Commander) at 209-395-8019. Also visit us online at m.facebook.com/DixonVFW.

Young Ladies Institute of Dixon – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter’s Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145. ★

Solano College Presents Free Movies Music Concert

Solano Community College News Release

FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) - Solano College Music will present a free year-end concert, “Music from the Movies,” at 7 p.m. May 13.

Directed by Solano Community College (SCC) Chamber Choir director Michael Reilly and Solano Community College Chamber Orchestra director Dr. Teri Yumae, the concert will be at the Solano Community College Performing Arts Center, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Building 1200, Fairfield.

Reilly and Yumae have chosen several musical selections from fan-favorite blockbuster movies, including “Wicked,” “Howl’s Moving Castle,” “Disney’s Fantasia,” “Pirates of the Caribbean,” and “Frozen.”

“Star Wars” lovers will enjoy the tenor and the bass quartet’s rendition of “John Williams is the Man,” a joyfully comedic song

based on iconic compositions by John Williams.

Alexssia Macalpin, a music major who plans to transfer to California State University at Fullerton, is excited to continue her education in singing and guitar after starting choir at Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville.

“A lot of these songs are well-known, so you’ll recognize them,” said Macalpin. “I like the style of teaching at SCC, it’s like, we’re gonna do it and then ask questions after. We’ve been working really hard this semester and the songs are turning out pretty great. Everyone should come and watch.”

Juan Jimenez Lopez has been performing since elementary school when he started playing the violin. He now plays the double bass, an imposing upright string instrument that stands more than six feet tall.

“I’m most excited to play ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ because the music is nostalgic to me, reminiscent of

when the movie came out,” said Lopez. “Plus it’s some of the most iconic movie music out there.”

Despite years of practice, though, stage fright is always a possibility.

“I do get stage fright but once I start playing with the orchestra, my focus is on the music and the conductor,” said Lopez. “Everything else goes away.”

“Music from the Movies” is a family-friendly concert. Guests can enjoy free movie treats such as popcorn and red licorice before the show and are encouraged to bring their singing voices to join in for a couple of songs (lyrics will be provided at the event).

The Solano Community College Performing Arts Center is an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-accessible venue. For more information, visit www.solanocollegetheatre.org or call 707-864-7100.

Concert admission is free and a parking pass is \$3. ★



Juan Jimenez Lopez stands at the ready while reviewing sheet music for “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice,” a song from “Disney’s Fantasia.” Photo courtesy of Solano Community College

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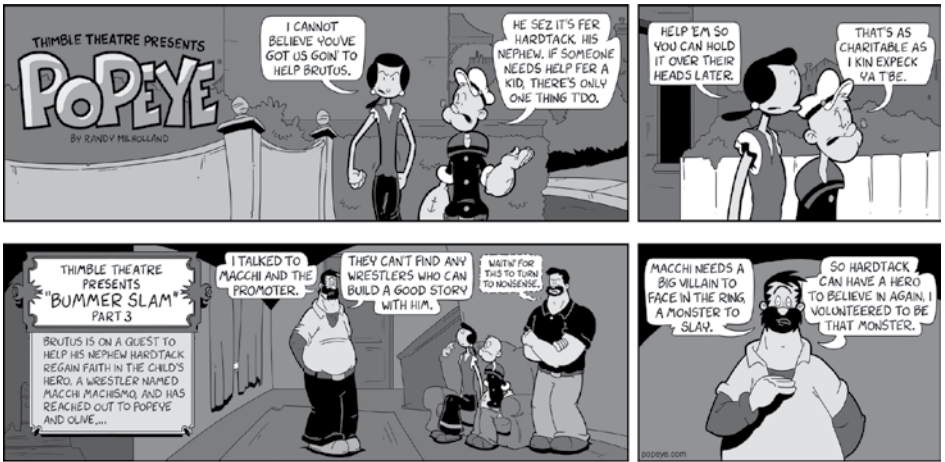
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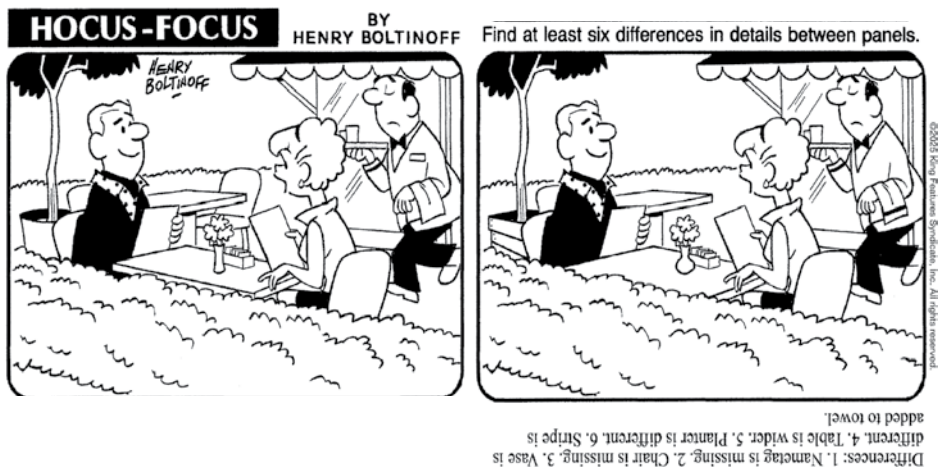
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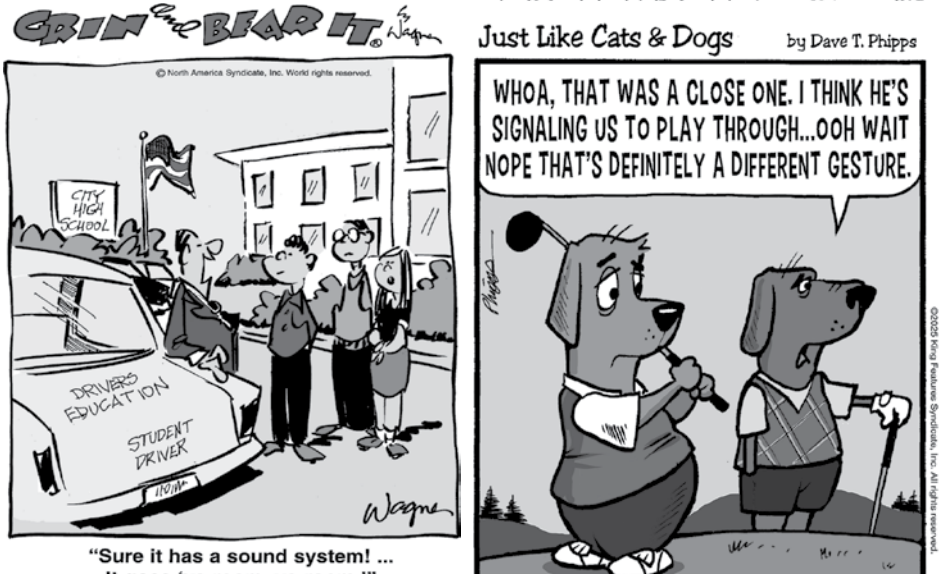
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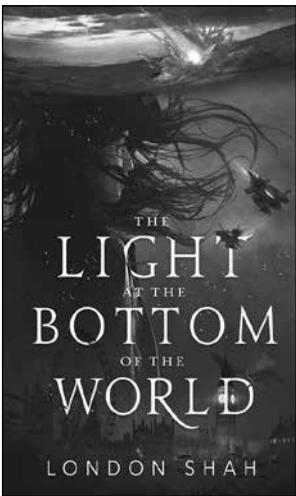
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The Light At the Bottom of the World

by London Shah

Leyla Mc Queen’s life is a unique one, lived entirely underwater. Her grandfather’s tales of the old days when Earth’s inhabitants lived on land are distant memories. Now, the ancient landmarks of London are mere ruins, sheltering sea creatures, as the Historical Society desperately tries to preserve them. But Leyla’s focus is on the present. The government has falsely arrested her Papa, and she is consumed by the need to get him back.

Then, there is a glimmer of hope when she is chosen to compete in the coveted London Submersible Marathon. In this time-honored televised tradition, the winner is granted their heart’s desire. For Leyla, the choice would be simple- her father’s freedom. However, Leyla’s plans are quickly dashed when she learns the government has marked her. With a surmounting fear of capture by the ever-watchful government eye bots and the genetically altered human anthropoids, Leyla’s concern grows at each passing moment. Luckily Leyla has the help of her submarine projected navigator, Oscar Wilde, and an infuriating but cute stowaway sent by her grandfather. Now, it



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is up to Leyla to fight for survival and free her Papa, which is the only way she knows how to -with complete conviction.

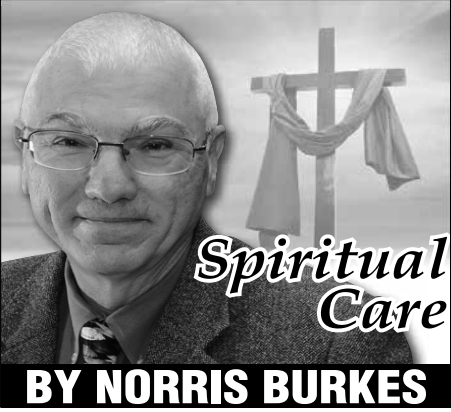
Wild and unforgiving like the sea, *The Light at the Bottom of the World* is a story of fascinating survival, overcoming impossible odds, and proving that humankind's survival nature will always rise above. London Shah creates a timeless world with unsurmountable beauty and realism, encapsulating the highest level of intrigue and adventure. Shah’s beautiful imagery of a world encapsulated by the sea, where whales are seen swimming by a living room window, and the fear of predators takes on a whole new meaning, is one to behold.

While readers might feel the urge to race through this spectacular read, they will still take time to notice all the subtle Old-World touches. With vintage 1950s notable fashion, an Elvis announcer, and just enough Oscar Wilde quotes to give literary dreamers all the right ingredients to fall in love.

A fast, intense read from the very first page, this story doesn't leave a moment's pause for readers to surface and catch their breath. London Shah’s writing is like the mighty ocean. Shah gives and takes as she pleases, showing readers that you can’t drown perseverance, determination, or the desire to do what’s right at any cost. Breaking barriers and stereotypes, Shah delivers a world vastly different from ours but still operates under similarly projected fears and prejudices. Written with surreal description and deep emotion, *London Shah* highlights the need for desire, acceptance, adaptation in any circumstance, and, most of all, hope.

London Shah keeps the same thrilling tempo in the conclusion of the duology in *Journey to the Heart of the Abyss*, proving to her readers that you can’t drown perseverance, determination, or heart. ★

Flying on a Wing and a Prayer



Amidst the Cinco de Mayo celebrations last Monday, I couldn’t avoid thinking of May 6, 2009, the day I returned from deployment in Iraq on a chartered World Airways DC-10. After spending four months serving the wounded at the Air Force Field Hospital in Balad Iraq, my only thoughts on final approach into Baltimore/Washington International Airport, were of home.

Our landing attempt was anything but welcoming as our plane bounced like a porpoise on the waves. Security cameras recorded a large puff of smoke from our wheels. Eyewitnesses would later tell FAA investigators that they thought the plane was going to flip.

A second bounce delivered at an estimated 3.2 Gs and plastic ceiling molding fell on us as oxygen generators swung like piñatas. Several seat backs snapped backward while passengers along the left windows watched the yellow centerline, and I watched our wing drift over the grass.

We sailed back into the air as the cockpit voice recorder captured pilot Craig Gatch asserting: “8535 heavy declaring an emergency go-around.”

When we regained some altitude, my fellow passengers spoke in muffled voices. No one wanted to be the first to cry, but clearly no one wanted to die without protest. Some were praying or holding hands or just staring at their feet.

I rested my forehead on my seatback to pray, even as I wondered if I heard a judgmental voice in it all. My shortcomings felt as though they were being weighed on the scale of a spiritual assayer. Was there a deity somewhere with a one-piece eyeglass assessing my life with a doubtful squint?

Had I been a good husband and dad? Or had I been too absent, physically and spiritually? Was it OK to feel scared? Or should I gather my wits and start a rousing chorus of

“Amazing Grace?”

I kept praying, spending the next few minutes asking God, “What about all these passengers?” A soldier was about to meet his new son for the first time. An airman was trying to make a marriage work again. They all wanted another chance. Would they get that chance?

In a center aisle seat, catty-corner from me, a young officer was wiping her tears. I stretched across the aisle to offer my hand as a reminder she wasn’t alone. I wanted to hold it until we landed, but the awkwardly angled reach caused me to break loose and rejoin her hand with the chaplain assistant sitting beside her.

As we reapproached the airport, the flight attendants told us to grab our ankles and lower our heads. Then the pilot added his instruction to “brace for impact!” But instead of impact, we landed as calmly as if we were sailing across a mountain lake.

Slowly we looked up from our crash/prayer position and started clapping like we had never expected another tomorrow.

Before we deplaned down portable stairways, five people were removed for medical care, including the first officer with a broken back. Behind us, debris littered an unusable runway.

Few of us could make much sense of the incident. Many would say to me things like, “Chaplain, we expected to die in Iraq, but never in Baltimore.”

FAA investigators declared the plane a total loss because the main spar was broken, (the structural member that supports the wings.)

This meant our pilot literally risked losing our wings during his 10-minute go-around. But I suppose that’s what airmen mean when they describe a harrowing flight as “flying on a wing and a prayer.”

Even today, my airplane remains at the airport where its continentally stippled parts. For those curious, I posted links to the security footage and the accident report on my website

This column is excerpted from my book “Hero’s Highway.”

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A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

“THE ACCOUNTANT 2” RATED R
“The Accountant 2” is nearly a decade removed from its origin story. Understanding Ben Affleck’s titular role of Christian Wolff requires knowing about his original position of a CPA working out of an Illinois strip mall with a side job befitting an assassin.

In the public realm, Wolff exhibited a tense, rigid behavior, possessed of an inability for normal social interactions, but nevertheless demonstrated a brilliance in mathematics and solving complex puzzles.

The other side of Wolff’s skills, despite his autism or Rain Man-like demeanor, was being wired as a hardnosed killing machine due to childhood training from his militaristic father.

Years later in this sequel, Wolff maintains his low-key demeanor and acts about as socially awkward as Tony Shalhoub’s detective Adrian Monk, albeit prone to violent conduct, while still acting as an accountant for unsavory characters.

The action swiftly kicks in when J.K. Simmons’ Ray King, now a private eye retired from the Treasury Department, is encountered by a blonde female assassin (Daniella Pineda) at a low-rent nightclub.

Gun-toting thugs show up and chaos ensues. Even though taking out some of the bad guys, Ray does not get far. His former assistant, Marybeth Medina (Cynthia Addai-Robinson), discovers that Ray has scrawled “Find the accountant” on his arm.

Ray had been working on a case of a disappearing immigrant family, and Marybeth is tasked to pick up the trail. Having a past with the accountant, she’s not too thrilled having to connect again with the erratic and lethal Wolff.

Even if emotionally stunted, Wolff delivers some humor with his inability to read social cues or to interact in a way that is not clumsy, an amusing example of that is how ineptly he deals with a parade of single women at a speed dating seminar.

Drawn into the investigation of Ray’s death, Wolff must engage his estranged brother Braxton (Jon Bernthal), also an assassin for hire, to leave Berlin and come to the squalid underbelly of Los Angeles.

Apart for the last nine years, the brothers reconnect by sharing beers and conversation on top of Wolff’s Airstream trailer and at a honky-tonk dive bar where Wolff loosens up after unexpectedly joining a country line dance with an attractive cowgirl.

Leading up to the violent, climactic showdown south of the border, Wolff and Braxton take on a righteous mission to hunt down sex traffickers who had a

Riley Reviews

“THE ACCOUNTANT 2” ACTION THRILLER;
FINAL WORD ON TCM FESTIVAL

nefarious plan involving a busload of young children, resulting in all hell breaking loose in a blaze of gunfire.

The plot often feels scattershot but the real joy of “The Accountant 2” is the relationship between Wolff and Braxton, which at times is fraught with tension because they are opposites, but otherwise their odd buddy chemistry carries the day.

“The Accountant 2” delivers a good action thriller with the dynamic partnership of siblings prone to violence, who turn out to be the good guys dispatching truly horrible villains.

THE LAST WORD ON THE TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

This column submits to a fact-check in relation to what was previously reported about the Marx Brothers. Groucho, Chico, and Harpo are most familiar as the siblings that appeared in all their films.

The youngest of the five brothers were Gummo and Zeppo, with the latter the only one born in the 20th century. This column erroneously reported that only Zeppo never appeared in any of the films, when it was Gummo who performed only in the vaudeville acts and none of the movies.

“Animal Crackers,” which Groucho described as his favorite, was a pre-Code comedy from 1930 that had to be cut for re-release in 1936. The original was thought to be lost, and decades later, a print was found in the British Film Institute and finally screened in 2016.

It was a treat then for the TCM festival to screen “Animal Crackers,” which can only be described as typical Marx Brothers mayhem when a priceless painting vanished during a party honoring Groucho’s explorer Captain Spaulding.

“Animal Crackers” is also one of the five films in which Zeppo Marx played the straight man, while everyone else gleefully embraced the Marx Brothers’ brand of anarchic humor.

Two partners in the film business best known for unusual biopics, Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, introduced the film, with Larry calling it the “Holy Grail for Marx Brothers addicts.”

Scott relayed a humorous story of his childhood admiration for Groucho, and how during the Seventies a special screening of “Animal Crackers” occurred in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Westwood, home of UCLA.

Students from the nearby campus showed up in droves to get a glimpse of Groucho, causing mayhem when they tossed boxes of Animal Crackers in the air. Meanwhile, Scott said that he and his father managed by subterfuge to get into the screening and sat behind the film’s director.

A lesson learned from the TCM festival is the need to catch up on all Marx Brothers films. So far, “Room Service” and “Duck Soup” are personal favorites. ★



Grape Growers Scrap More Vineyards
Amid Wine Market Slump

California winegrape growers continue to tear out vineyards in an effort to balance the state’s grape supply with a historic drop in demand for wine. “In the Lodi area, there’s been a large number of vineyards removed—more than I’ve ever seen in one year,” said grower Joe Valente, adding that the downturn in the market has caused some growers to stop performing the necessary vineyard maintenance to produce a crop. “There’s still a lot of vineyards that are unpruned, so the assumption is that they will probably get removed or not be farmed at all.” The decline in wine sales during the past few years has been attributed to shifting consumer attitudes around the health benefits or risks of consuming low levels of alcohol, among other factors. “Hopefully, it’s a cycle that’s short-lived,” Valente said.

Tariffs Prompt Farmers to Shore Up Trade Relationships

The imposition of tariffs by the United States on its closest trading partners—and retaliatory tariffs that have targeted some agricultural exports from the U.S.—have prompted California farmers to do what they can to preserve their relationships with foreign buyers. “Our sales team is planning to go to Canada next month to meet with some of our buyers,” said Ryan Elliot, operational manager at Stillwater Orchards in Sacramento County, which sells about 10% of its fresh-market pears to Canada. “It might not seem huge, but it’s been a favorable market for us for years.” Elliot added that should tariffs halt

some of the canned fruit the U.S. imports from Europe and China, that could benefit his family’s farm, “and we can focus more on our domestic canned fruit products.”

Flower Farm Brings Hope and Beauty to Community Ravaged by Fire

In 2021, the Dixie Fire burned 963,309 acres in five counties and destroyed about half the homes in the Indian Valley area of Plumas County. Kjessie and Andre Essue and their three young children of Taylorsville had to evacuate for 40 days, though they were among those fortunate to find their homes still standing when they returned. Wanting to do something for the suffering community, Kjessie launched Barn Swallow Gardens, a flower farm that grows about 130 varieties. “I love to grow a lot of different shapes, textures and colors. It might not be what’s recommended from a business perspective, but it brings me a lot of joy,” she says.

Experts Cut Through Confusion About Ultraprocessed Foods

With debate about ultraprocessed foods frequently making headlines, the University of California, Davis, Department of Food Science and Technology highlighted work its researchers have published to bring clarity to the subject. For researchers, part of the challenge is the speed at which processed foods and ingredients are now created. “We’re creating ingredients so rapidly, we don’t have time to study them,” said Alyson Mitchell, a professor and food chemist at UC Davis. “The food technology has moved faster than the health studies have.” ★

Restoring California: A Call to Cobb Mountain

Story and pictures
by Dannah Nielsen

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)
- Visiting tiny towns is a bit of a civic duty that maybe wasn’t written into the curriculum or taught in lesson plans before we exited into the real world. It’s one of those aha moments that is incumbent upon each of us to learn as we traverse California, and here’s why it is so vital: tiny towns represent a freedom we often romanticize at some point; a freedom we can only day-dream about if we believe it can exist. They represent an escape from the hustle, the idea of finding your people, having space to breathe and living on your own terms. It’s our collective responsibility to keep this belief alive, even if it means simply stopping in to support the locals until one day we become a local.

Which is what we opted to do here in the micro town of Cobb, tucked neatly into the mountains of Lake County, and recovering from the Valley Fire that all but decimated dreams ten years ago. At first glance, one might not have realized it’s a population of roughly 1,200. The residents themselves are not quickly spotted on the two main roads that make up the intersection, but we definitely found Cobbites scattered heavily within their local hangouts, and equally delightful was finding wilderness paths scattered heavily within Cobb. So how does one support local?

The talk of the town is currently the recently bedazzled Fainting Couch Maximilast Boutique Hotel, which we had the pleasure of staying at for an extended weekend. This hotel is designed like no other hotel in Northern California, and conveniently positioned right in the middle of this town hub. Walk to coffee, books, dining, golf, and creek views, or relax in their chandelier park or poolside in the warmer months. What stands out most, however, is the vibrant, bold and eclectic interior of each room.



The labyrinth and adirondacks of Harbin Hot Springs are one of dozens of amenities on site.

The charm beckons for group bonding getaways, photo shoots and self-indulgence.

But when not lounging in luxury, we found the baristas at the Mountain High Coffeehouse to be full of tips for local perks to explore. We mentioned we love the great outdoors and were given directions of a short hike to Anderson Creek, which boasts multiple waterfalls cascading down Cobb Mountain and feeding into the greater Putah Creek watershed. If a little creek scrambling isn’t in the cards, Cobb has multiple Putah Creek access points- whether it be picnic benches or bridges overlooking the water or pausing at a pull-out and walking down to the banks for a closer look.

Another honorable mention is the hidden Bogg Lake Preserve (not to be mistaken for the Bogg Mountain Demonstration State Forest with its own trails). A few walking paths around this Lake with a dock to take you out further than your sea legs wish, it’s secluded location typically means it’s just you and the birds being



Punch Bowl waterfall, one of a several waterfalls along Anderson Creek.

serenaded by the frog symphony. And who would typically think a frog chorus could bring such serenity?

The other claim to fame in this region also seems to be Harbin Hot Springs. Minutes from Cobb with several amenities to take advantage of in addition to the natural hot springs pools, we opted to hike well into the surrounding



Mountain High Coffee House & Books acts as the unofficial town center.

mountains, finding multiple mini waterfalls and run off from the recent storm. We enjoyed several meditation spots built in along the way, including a lovely landscaped garden, labyrinth, cafe and peculiar architecture designed with their spiritual philosophy in mind. There is an entrance fee to Harbin Hot Springs and many events on the calendar to choose from.

We rounded out our weekend of supporting the local economy with stops at Boston’s steakhouse, Cobb Mountain Pizza, and Beaver Creek Vineyards in nearby Middletown, but in our humble opinion the other showstopper of Cobb was the small but mighty Mountain High Coffee & Books. While I say that The Fainting Couch Boutique Hotel is the talk of the town, important to note is where the talk of the town originated: here at the coffee shop. Coffee shops can be a dime a dozen these days, and that’s a fond sentiment. But

Mountain High Coffee & Books hit different- we visited 3 days in a row for our caffeine fix. I never thought I’d highlight a coffee shop with such an enthusiasm, but there was a draw to this space with how the locals gathered and chatted- as if there were impromptu (or regularly programmed?) town-hall meetings. We weren’t part of the inside scoop but sitting there leisurely enjoying the upbeat presence of so many Cobbites, it felt like we were no longer just supporting local- we had BECOME local. Our civic duty was complete.

To learn more about the town of Cobb and how you can support local businesses & conservation efforts, visit explorecobbc.com

To book a stay at the Fainting Couch Boutique Hotel, visit faintingcouch.com

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DIXON POLICE LOG

Friday, April 18

- 0831** - Hit and Run report 500 block College Way.
- 0940** - Vandalism report 1000 block Newgate Way.
- 1114** - Traffic stop West E Street at North First Street Driver was cited and released for driving on a suspended license.
- 1330** - Suspicious Person Doyle Lane at East C Street Oscar Orozco (34) of Dixon was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 1430** - Confidential Report 300 block Pheasant Run Drive.
- 1612** - Domestic battery report 1300 block Bello Drive.
- 1740** - Lost property report at Dixon Police Department.
- 1942** - Vandalism report in the 1300 block of West H Street.
- 2346** - A traffic stop on Highway 80 at Kidwell Road for a registration violation resulted in the arrest of the passenger, Eduardo Sanchez (40) of Vallejo, for Possession of narcotics and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. The driver, Ryan Weiss (39) of Sacramento for an outstanding felony no-bail warrant for his arrest. Both were transported to the Solano County Jail. The vehicle was towed incident to arrest.

Thursday, April 17

- 0955** - Agency Assist Stratford Avenue at Pitt School Road.
- 1000** - Confidential report 400 block East C Street.
- 1320** - Suspicious Vehicle 200 block Dorset Court.
- Wednesday, April 16
- 1352** - Confidential report taken in the 300 block of South Eighth Street.
- 1503** - Welfare check in the area of North First Street and West H Street.
- 1534** vlost property reported in the 1600 block of Winfield Street.

Tuesday, April 15

- 1033** - Informational report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
- 1136** - Welfare check in the area of East Creekside and North Fifth Street.
- 1415** - Theft reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 2303** - Hit and run accident reported in the 200 block of Dorset Court.
- 0028** - Information report taken in the 1600 block of Sequoia Way.
- 0210** vConfidential report taken in the area of Sierra Drive.

Monday, April 14

- 1037** - Informational report in the 500 block of College Way.
- 1235** vStolen vehicle reported in the 1100 block of Business Park Drive.
- 1618** - Informational report taken in the 600 block of Harvest Way.
- 1550** - Theft reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

Sunday, April 13

- 1800** - Confidential report in the 300 block of Horsetail Court.

Saturday, April 12

- 1028** - Information report taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
- 1706** - Report of a male sleeping in a running vehicle in the 1000 block of Parkgreen Drive resulted in the arrest of Yordy Salas (23) of Dixon for DUI.

Friday, April 11

- 0710** - Welfare Check 100 block Dorset Drive.
- 1240** - Vandalism Rehmann Drive at Pitt School Road.
- 1400** vFraud report 300 block White Owl Street.
- 1500** - Vandalism West Chestnut Street at South Jackson Street.
- 1600** - Battery report 1800 block Whiting Court.

Thursday, April 10

- 1325** - Information report at Dixon Police Department.
- 1331** - Collision Report 400 block West H Street.
- 2141** - Warrant arrest at E80 and Currey Road. Officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop for expired registration. The driver of the vehicle, suspect Jason Wandner (47-year-old male out of Vacaville), was found to have a warrant for a probation violation out of Sonoma County. Wandner was transported to the Dixon Police Department, where he was booked and released on a citation.

Women Comprise 36.3% of U.S. Farmers

By Federico Fontanella,
Trace One

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)
- A quiet transformation is unfolding in American agriculture. Female farmers are taking on a larger role in shaping the future of farming, contributing to both local economies and national food production.

Recent data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture reveals a steady rise in the number of women involved in farm decision-making and management. From small family farms to large commercial operations, women are increasingly present in agricultural leadership. As this shift continues, certain parts of the country stand out for having a higher concentration of female farmers.

There has been a growing number of female farmers in the U.S. Over the past two decades, the share of female farmers in the United States has steadily increased. According to data from the most recent Census of Agriculture, women now make up more than a third of all agricultural producers, a notable rise from 26.9% in 2002.

A key turning point came with the 2017 Census of Agriculture, which expanded the definition of producers to provide a more comprehensive picture of the individuals involved in farm decision-making. As a result, the recorded number of female producers increased significantly from 969,672 in 2012 to 1,227,461 in 2017, in part due to this broader definition.

The data also shows a clear long-term trend: the number of male producers has been declining since 2007, when it peaked at 2.3 million. By 2022, that number fell to 2.15 million, continuing a downward trajectory.

Meanwhile, the share of female producers has grown consistently across every census, from 30.0% in 2007 to 30.5% in 2012, even before the definitional change in



Women have the highest representation in sheep and goat farming where they make up 46.1% of all producers, followed closely by aquaculture and other animal production (44.9%). Photo by RDNE Stock project <https://www.pexels.com>

2017 pushed it higher to 36.1%. The 2022 census confirmed that this upward trend has continued, with women now accounting for 36.3% of all producers.

While there are a record number of female farmers in the U.S., their presence varies significantly across different farming industries. Female producers are most concentrated in livestock operations involving smaller animals, specialty crops and greenhouse production, while they have lower representation in large-scale commodity farming.

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Poultry and egg farming also has a high share of female producers (43.2%). While large-scale poultry production is dominated by major agribusinesses, smaller-scale poultry operations, such as those focused on pasture-raised

eggs, organic poultry or specialty breeds are also common.

Female producers are well represented in vegetable and melon farming (39.3%), greenhouse and floriculture production (39.3%) and fruit and tree nut farming (38.0%). These sectors frequently involve intensive management, diversified crop production and specialty markets.

In contrast, female representation is lower in commodity crop production and large-scale livestock operations.

Women account for just 27.5% of cotton farmers, 25.9% of oilseed and grain producers and only 21.2% of tobacco farmers, which is the lowest share among all major agricultural sectors. Similarly, industries that require large-scale infrastructure, such as cattle feedlots (28.4%) and dairy farming (29.9%), have lower female participation rates.

Female farmers are not evenly distributed across the country. The western United States and the Northeast have the highest concentrations of female producers while much of the Midwest and

parts of the Southeast have the lowest.

Arizona leads the nation, with 47.9% of its agricultural producers being women. Other western states also rank high, including Alaska (47.6%), Oregon (44.0%) and Nevada (42.7%).

In the Northeast, New Hampshire (44.8%), Maine (43.1%) and Rhode Island (42.9%) have a high share of female producers. These regions tend to have a greater proportion of smaller farms, direct-to-consumer markets and diversified operations.

In contrast, the Midwest has the lowest share of female farmers, with the bottom five states being Illinois (28.0%), North Dakota (29.9%), Minnesota (31.0%), South Dakota (31.2%) and Iowa (32.7%).

The Southeast also has relatively lower concentrations, with North Carolina (33.3%), Mississippi (34.4%), Alabama (34.7%) and several other southern states ranking below the national average. These regions are home to large-scale

commodity crop operations such as corn, soybeans and commercial livestock.

County-level data reinforces these trends. Among the nation's largest agricultural counties, Coconino County, Arizona (52.9%) has the highest share among large counties, followed closely by Apache County, Arizona (52.6%) and Navajo County, Arizona (51.0%).

Other counties with a high proportion of female farmers include Pierce County, Washington (49.5%); Deschutes County, Oregon (49.2%); and McKinley County, New Mexico (49.1%), reinforcing the regional trend of stronger female representation in the West.

A summary of the Sacramento County data follows:

Female producers as a share of total: 39.9%

Female-operated farms as a share of total: 67.4%

10-year change in female producers: -2.5%

10-year change in female-operated farms: -4.3%

Total female producers: 814

Total female-operated farms: 753

Total producers: 2,041

Total farms: 1,118.

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

Female producers as a share of total: 36.3%

Female-operated farms as a share of total: 58.4%

10-year change in female producers: +26.3%

10-year change in female-operated farms: +20.2%

Total female producers: 1,224,726

Total female-operated farms: 1,110,546

Total producers: 3,374,044

Total farms: 1,900,487.

The data in this study was sourced from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Census of Agriculture, specifically the most recent 2022 edition which was released in 2024. ★



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