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Dolphins Make a Splash



The Dixon Dolphins Swim Team concluded its summer season with a strong showing at the Meet of Champions that was held Aug. 2 and 3 at the Roseville Aquatic Complex. The team attended a Sacramento River Cats game for Northern California Swim League Night in June. The team had a total of 140 swimmers during the summer. Photo courtesy of Dixon Dolphins Swim Team

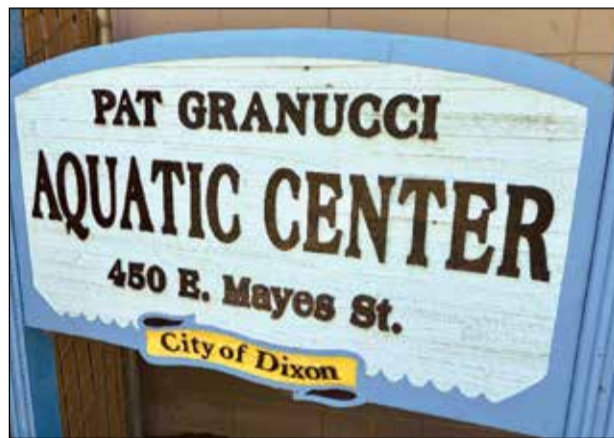
By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Dolphins Swim Team concluded its summer season with a strong showing at the Meet of Champions that was held Aug. 2 and 3 at the Roseville Aquatic Complex.

The team, made up of swimmers aged 4 to 18, represented Dixon in one of the region's top competitions following a growth-filled season.

According to Dixon Dolphin President Megan Villasenor, this year was about growth.

"This was a building year," Villasenor said. "We grew about 20%, so we had a lot of new swimmers, which is fun. By the end of



The Dixon Dolphin Swim Team and Dixon High School Water Polo team have a close relationship as they both use the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center pool to practice. As the school year begins, the Dolphins will transition to a smaller fall program due to limited pool access. Photo by Scott Mullins

the season, the swimmers had built a lot of strength. A lot of our swimmers who competed got best times, so that's great."

The Dolphins competed in a five-team conference

and finished the regular season with a 2-2 record. They placed fourth at the conference championships before sending several swimmers to the Meet of Champions.

Villasenor stressed that many of the swimmers who competed got their best times.

"We try to base expectations on what swimmers are capable of rather than just guessing," Villasenor said. "We had a lot more older kids than in previous years."

The team is led by head coach Gabe Villasenor, who is set to be inducted into the Dixon High School Hall of Fame this fall.

According to Megan Villasenor, community support plays a significant role in the team's success, especially during major events.

"Dixon is a small community, and we all rely on each other," Villasenor

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Art, Wine Stroll Raises Funds for Christmas Events



There will be two check-in areas at the event: Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St., and the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, 220 N. Jefferson St. Attendees are encouraged to start at the Chamber of Commerce office. Photo by Kendall Brown

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Downtown Dixon Business Association is gearing up for its next major event of the year, the annual Art and Wine Stroll from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 23.

Offering more than 20 different wines, including champagne, and a variety of local artists, the event is a fundraiser for the Christmas Festival and tree lighting on Dec. 6.

According to Dawson's Bar and Grill owner and association President Jill Orr, the stroll is all about synergy.

"It's really about bringing synergy, bringing people downtown that have not been here before and getting to know your neighbors," Orr said. "We got wine to taste, live music in the park, local artist displays and even little finger foods. It is a wonderful event."

The Wine and Art Stroll has been a consistent fixture in Dixon's history for the last 35 years. Established by Dana Foss, the event continues to evolve over time, according to Orr.

About 400 attendees are expected.

"You cannot find a nicer evening out," Orr said. "Tickets cost \$30 before Aug. 10 and \$35 after. There will be tickets available online through QR codes around town, at the event and inside several downtown businesses. Participants should be 21 and older."

A ticket gets attendees a glass, a wristband and a map, which designates where each wine station is located. Businesses include Bud's Pub and Grill (100 S. First St.), Dawson's Bar and Grill (105 N. First St.), Farmer's Tan (120 W. B St.), Uptown Collective (115 E. A St.), Avila Flooring (120 N. First St.) and Cynde's Place (201 N. First St.).

According to Orr, there will be two check-in points at the event:

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Where There's a Wool, There's a Way

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Lambtown Festival, California's largest celebration of sheep, lamb and wool, returns to the Dixon May Fairgrounds on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5.

The annual event will feature more than 50 hands-on workshops, expanded educational programming and vendor offerings from throughout Northern California and beyond.

According to Roy Clemes, Lambtown's president since 2018, the event is a celebration of fiber arts.

"Our mission is to celebrate all things sheep, lamb, wool and fiber arts," Clemes said. "How do you get the wool off the sheep to turn it into a finished garment? That's what our workshops focus on."

This year's festival will offer 55 workshops.

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This year marks the first time that the festival has partnered with University of California, Davis. Dr. Rosie Busch of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine is hosting a workshop on flock health management during the event. Photo courtesy of Lambtown Festival/Roy Clemes

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Where There's a Wool, There's a Way



The next Concert in the Plaza will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 21 in Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St. The Northern California band Helios will perform, mostly focusing on classic rock and Top 40 hits from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and beyond. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce

By MPG Staff

Veterans' Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veterans' Dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Aug. 1. The dinner, held at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., offers an all-you-can-eat meal for \$12 per guest. Dishes include fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw and fries. The bar opens at 4:30 p.m. with dinner served by 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook page or call 707-678-6308.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Dixon Lions Club is hosting the 18th Annual Poker Fundraiser Texas Hold'em Tournament at 5 p.m. Aug. 23. Held in the Downtown Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St., the event costs \$75 per person, and proceeds will benefit Dixon youth sports and activities, elementary and middle school programs, high school scholarships and the Lions Club Vision program. A no-host bar will be available at 5 p.m. with poker play beginning at 7 p.m. Attendees must be 21 and older to participate.

For more information, visit the Dixon Lions Club Facebook page or call Scott Smith at 916-806-7451.

Concerts in the Plaza

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce hosts Concerts in the Plaza from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 21. The free event, hosted at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St. features the Northern California band Helios. The group has a combined 75 years of musical experience and play a variety of Top 40 and classic rock hits. Folding chairs and picnic blankets are recommended, but alcohol is not allowed as per city ordinance.

For more information, visit dixon-chamber.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. Aug. 14. The morning book club is a monthly, adult-oriented group that will be reading "Making it So: A Memoir" by Patrick Stewart. 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 solanolibrarians.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 20. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at The Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. Official business meetings start at 7 p.m., but the hall opens for set-up and socializing at 6 p.m. Socializing will continue after the business portion of the meeting.

For more information, visit vfw8151.org or call 209-395-8019.

Travis Credit Union Shred Event

Travis Credit Union is hosting a shredding event open to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 22. Held onsite at the Dixon branch, 1470 Ary Lane, the event offers Dixonites the opportunity to protect their privacy through the proper disposal of personal and financial information.

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

Dixon Community Theater Presents Treasure Island

Dixon Community Theater is hosting auditions for its upcoming youth production of "Treasure Island" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and 14. Held at The Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., the youth production will have a young cast of actors from 6 to 16 years old. The show will be directed by Angel Gatchel with support from Kelly Pidgeon James. Show dates are Oct. 17, 18 and 19.

For more information, visit dixoncommunitytheater.com or call 707-903-8387.

Every Baking Moment Cake Class

Every Baking Moment is hosting a vintage frame cake baking class at 10 a.m. Aug. 9. Held onsite, 143 N. First St., the event offers attendees the opportunity to learn how to build and support a cake board as well as icing and decoration. The class costs \$65 per person and tea and cookies will be served to participants.

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

Joint Mixer at First Northern Bank

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with First Northern Bank, is hosting a joint mixer at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 13. Held at the bank, 195 N. First St., the event offers food, raffle prizes and the opportunity to socialize with chamber members and local business owners. Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards and donate a raffle prize.

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

Lunch Bunch at Bud's Pub & Grill

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a lunch bunch networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 19. Held at Bud's Pub and Grill, 100 S. First St., the free event offers guests a no-host lunch and networking opportunities.

For more information, visit dixon-chamber.org, or call 707-678-2650. ★



In addition to workshops, Lambtown will feature live music, a dozen food trucks and approximately 80 vendors. Admission to the festival is \$25 for a weekend pass, \$20 for Saturday only and \$15 for Sunday. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Photo courtesy of Lambtown Festival/Roy Clemes

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According to Clemes, this is a major upgrade from 45 in 2024 and just six in 2018.

Workshops begin Oct. 2 and run through the weekend. The main festival operates from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 4 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 5.

The workshops cover a range of fiber arts, including spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, dyeing and flock management. A new producer-focused session on sheep health, in partnership with University of California, Davis, will debut this year.

"This is our first year partnering with UC Davis and one of their professors (Dr. Rosie Busch) is doing a workshop on flock health and flock management. This is the first year we have some producer-focused education and we hope to partner with UC Davis a lot more in the future," Clemes said.

Workshop instructors are selected through a year-round open application process and are reviewed by a committee.

The event prioritizes a range of disciplines and experience levels.

"If this is your first time coming to the festival and you want to try knitting, you can do that," Clemes said. "But if you're more advanced, you can try new techniques."

The instructor lineup includes California-based artisans and also nationally-recognized names such as Jacy Faulkner, an internationally-known spinning teacher and "Ply Magazine" founder, and Amy Manko, an international expert on rare breed sheep, who will be a wool show judge and host three workshops.

Clemes and his family, including his wife, Ginna Clemes, and his father, Henry Clemes, will also host workshops. ★

"My dad's teaching about drum carding, which is our family business; we make the equipment," Clemes said. "I'm making blending boards and my wife is teaching a cold dyeing class."

Workshop registration is now available online at lambtown.org. Registration remains open until sessions are full.

According to Clemes, every workshop specifies whether materials are provided when registering online. Early sign-up is encouraged, as space is limited. Prices vary by workshop and typically range from \$40 to \$170, including additional material fees.

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In addition to workshops, Lambtown will feature live music, a dozen food trucks, approximately 80 vendors and "Make It With Wool," a national fashion competition where contestants exhibit their wool creations on stage. Winners of this competition can go on competing at the international level.

Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, dress in layers, bring a water bottle and carry cash for vendors. While food is available on-site, festival-goers with dietary restrictions should plan ahead.

"I think, if you're local and haven't been in a long time, I think it's time to come back," Clemes said. "The work we have done since 2018 has made this the largest sheep and wool event in California. We're working to make it the largest in the country."

For more information or to register for workshops, visit lambtown.org or email info@lambtown.org. ★

Art, Wine Stroll Raises Funds for Christmas Events



The Downtown Dixon Business Association is gearing up for its next major event of the year, the annual Art and Wine Stroll from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 23. The event will offer music, food, door prizes and a selection of more than 20 different wines, including champagne. Photo by Kelsey Knight on Unsplash.com

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the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, 220 N. Jefferson St., and Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St.

"The Chamber of Commerce is going to have four wineries there with music, food and door prizes, so it may behoove you to start there," Orr said. "If you cannot start at the chamber, you can check in at Pardi Plaza."

All the event's proceeds will benefit the Christmas Festival and tree lighting on Dec. 6.

"Our goal is 'a magical Christmas in Downtown Dixon,'" Orr said. "We'll have Santa Claus, performances by Dixon Dance Studio, and participation from local schools and churches."

The free December event might also include a stationary parade.

"To make things more exciting, we are thinking of having a stationary parade," Orr said. "We're asking people to decorate their vehicles and create floats, which we will display in the street at a stationary location. It will be magical for the kids."

With synergy in mind, the Downtown Dixon Business Association intends to continue to support the efforts of local business owners and Dixonites alike.

"It's not only a good evening," Orr said, "but your money comes back to the community and is used to continue funding future events."

For more information, visit downtown-dixonca.com or call 916-416-2876. ★

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Backpack to Basics



Solano Library staff, with Dixon Library staff, attended the Backpack to the Future Back to School Festival from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 2 at Pardi Plaza. The library staff offered free comic books and info about future events at the local library. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The Backpack to the Future Festival offered a variety of activities and amenities, including food trucks, live music and plenty of games to keep the young ones busy while the parents perused the various information booths. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The Dixon Unified School District gave away a total of 480 backpacks at the Backpack to the Future Festival on Aug. 2. Dixon Lions Club members distributed school supplies on a first-come, first-served basis. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon Unified School District Staff greeted attendees and answered questions. Each school affiliated with the district also had representatives present to meet students and parents. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Unified School District's (DUSD) third annual Backpack to the Future Back to School Festival has come to a close.

According to Dixon Unified School District Board President Julian Cuevas, the event was

a great success, allowing Dixonites to meet school staff and local service members in preparation for the fall semester, beginning Aug. 6.

Almost 500 backpacks were gifted to Dixon children while parents perused information booths around Pardi Plaza.

Local organizations, such as the Kiwanis

Club, Dixon Rotary Club and Dixon Lions Club, were integral to the event's success, having donated the majority of the backpacks and supplies.

Other organizations also supported this district-wide event, including the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, Dixon Fire Department, Dixon Police Department, Grocery Outlet,

Dixon Family Services, TEAM Dixon, Dixon Teen Center, Catalyst Kids, Solano County Library, the Solano County Office of Education and Dixon Community Theater.



This family-friendly day of play has offered families the resources and connections necessary for their students to be successful in the 2025-26 school year. ★

Dolphins Make a Splash

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said. "We have great community sponsors that help us cover our costs. Businesses help us advertise, bring in more swimmers and cheer them on."

As the school year begins, the Dolphins will transition to a smaller fall program due to limited pool access. The team shares the city's only public pool with the Dixon High School water polo team.

"We have a really strong partnership with the high school swim team and the city," Villasenor said.

Fall registration is open to returning swimmers, with registration for new swimmers scheduled to open later. The team capped enrollment last fall after reaching capacity and hopes to expand the program next spring.

The Dixon Dolphins had a total of 140 swimmers during the summer season. According to



The Dolphins competed in a five-team conference and finished the regular season with a 2-2 record. They placed fourth at the conference championships before sending several swimmers to the Meet of Champions on Aug. 2 and 3 at the Roseville Aquatic Complex. Photo courtesy of Dixon Dolphins Swim Team

Villasenor, swimming is a foundational, lifesaving skill that everyone should learn.

"You're going to be around water your whole life," Villasenor said. "Having foundational swimming skills can be lifesaving."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 to 4 years old. While drowning has a high-risk factor, it is ultimately preventable through attentiveness and preparation.

Villasenor, who has had all five of her children swim with the team, encourages other families to get involved.

"Try it; you won't know unless you try," she said. "We have a really fun, positive and uplifting community."

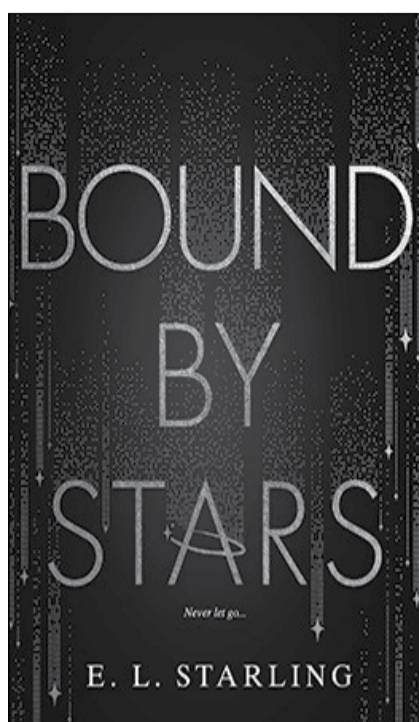
For more information about the swim team, visit dixondolphins.swimtopia.com or email dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com. ★



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Bound By Stars

by E.L. Starling



◆ Publisher: Entangled
◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
◆ Release Date: July 1, 2025

Boundless is not just for a luxury liner heading through space on a 36-day voyage to Mars. There is more at play, and soon Weslie and Jupiter will find there is more at stake than just arguments between classes. Their very lives as well as those on board are in danger, and Weslie and Jupiter might just be the only ones who can save them.

A high-stakes adventure in space, creatively crafted to be realistic and not far-fetched for the future. In a story that combines social classes, politics, and even an intermixing of unexpected romance, Bound By Stars is an exciting and entertaining read. The budding romance between Weslie and Jupiter, two strong, unique characters from entirely different worlds, adds a compelling layer to the narrative. However, ISLA, the bot, truly does steal the show. Charming, fun, and the perfect tension breaker, the little bot saves the day on more than one occasion.

E.L. Starling delivers a world that defies the stars and has readers cheering for love as well as defying all odds to save a ship from its course of ill fate. Strength of character combined with a battle of wills, this book shows what standing up for what is right can truly do. But don't be fooled, this book is filled with twists and turns around every corner, leaving readers shocked with the last chapter—a truly out of this world fun read. ★

Winning a coveted competition and a ticket aboard the Boundless was more than Weslie ever imagined. As an Earther, living on Mars is a dream only for the elite. Earth is now more known for its dust-ridden ruins, while Mars is reserved for the elite, but also judgment.

The only problem is sneaking past her mom to get on the ship.

Once aboard the Boundless with her prize-winning bot, ISLA, by her side, Weslie feels armed and excited to head into this next adventure. But the moment she boards the ship,

everything changes. As a prize winner, Weslie is instantly thrown into the world of the elite with top-floor accommodations, instead of the bottom-level bunks reserved for the Earthers. But when Weslie is assigned a high-society partner in class, everything changes.

Jupiter is used to his high-society life, as well as traveling to and from Earth. However, this trip aboard the Boundless is like none other; luckily, he has all his friends alongside him, even if they are a bit questionable. However, the moment the Earther Weslie ends up in his class, everything changes. Weslie isn't like the elite high-society friends within his circle. Weslie is difficult, abrasive, brilliant, and he can't stop thinking about her.

However, everything aboard the

Live Solano Give Solano

Solano County News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Registration officially opens for Live Solano Give Solano on Oct. 1.

Any nonprofit organization interested in participating in the Giving Event is required to submit a short registration form that will be reviewed by the Solano Community Foundation team for approval.

Nonprofit organizations serving in Solano County are eligible to participate. Nonprofit organizations must meet annual IRS 501(c)(3) requirements to be part of the campaign.

By participating, you can support your immediate operating needs. You'll receive online donations directly into your organization's bank account from the Mightycause Foundation.

You can save time and money because the Solano Community Foundation team has laid the building blocks for you. All your organization needs to do is sign up, set up your organization profile and communicate about your participation.

Live Solano Give Solano as an ongoing

event will prompt donors to give every October, with hopes that many will either return to donate and/or donate to an organization for the first time.

All participating nonprofit organizations will encourage their donors to visit their Live Solano Give Solano page, driving new donor traffic to the site. This is a great opportunity to showcase your organization to a new audience and the organization's staff and board will have access to free informational materials leading up to the event.

Setting up a match, becoming a peer-to-peer fundraiser or collaborating with another participating organization to host a special event are just a few ways to get your supporters involved.

Mightycause's fundraising platform gives you access to valuable data and statistics year-round. You can monitor your online giving activity in real time and identify fun opportunities for next year.

For more information about Live Solano Give Solano and who is eligible to participate, visit livesolanogivesolano.org or email LSGS@solanocf.org. ★



A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

Riley Reviews

“THE NAKED GUN” DELIVERS THE GAGS, SLAPSTICK, AND PUNCHLINES

“THE NAKED GUN” RATED PG-13

The genius of “The Naked Gun” franchise, from the brilliant comedic creative team of David Zucker, Jim Abrahams, and Jerry Zucker (known as ZAZ), originated with the short-lived television series “Police Squad!” that the ABC network had the lack of good sense to keep on the air after only six episodes.

That the ZAZ team created the disaster spoof film “Airplane!,” starring Robert Hays and Julie Hagerty, and featuring Leslie Nielsen, among other notable actors like Robert Stack, Lloyd Bridges, and Peter Graves, was inspiration for more in the genre.

From the box office success of this now iconic comedy film, ZAZ was apparently ready to create another film spoofing a serious police procedural, and instead came up with the series “Police Squad!” starring Leslie Nielsen as the inept, bumbling Los Angeles police lieutenant Frank Drebin.

For the TV show and the movies, Frank Drebin could easily be a caricature of Jack Webb's Sgt. Joe Friday in the Sixties series “Dragnet,” where his clipped and to the point questioning of suspects or witnesses to get only the facts was ripe for parody.

While ABC cancelled “Police Squad!,” the one season of the television show has attained cult status. This classic lampoon of cop shows is worth finding, and maybe the only option is to purchase it in on Amazon.

Once a serious actor, Nielsen's turn to comedy resulted in pure gold because of his deadpan expression and his talent for wordplay of non-sequiturs and smart punchlines, along with being oblivious to almost everything around him.

Nielsen, of course, went on to star in ZAZ's 1988 film “The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!,” where crass humor, visual gags, slapstick mayhem, and the blatant incompetence of the squad combined for zany hilarity.

Now three decades later, the ZAZ team is no longer involved (one member passed away last year) and continuing the Frank Drebin legacy falls to the character's son, Frank Drebin Jr., whose mother was Priscilla Presley's Jane Spencer.

The gravelly voiced Liam Neeson makes an interesting choice for Frank Drebin, Jr. in the rebooted “The Naked Gun,” where he's as clueless as his deceased father, whose portrait hangs at the Police Squad's wall of legends and whose spirit is later channeled through an owl.

Where Leslie Nielsen's appealing deadpan

delivery was relatively flat and mellow, Neeson's tone is sometimes closer in attitude to the intensity he brought to his character of retired CIA agent Bryan Mills in the “Taken” franchise, except that his Drebin doesn't have any discernible set of skills.

Not operating by the book, the film begins with Drebin foiling a bank robbery by showing up disguised as a little school girl who turns a giant lollipop into a weapon that subdues some of the criminals and precipitates a violent melee.

Flouting the rules, Drebin runs afoul of Chief Davis (CCH Pounder) who threatens to disband the Police Squad, but then dispatches him with his partner Ed Hocken, Jr. (Paul Walker Hauser), the son of the late George Kennedy's character in the film series, to investigate a fatal car crash.

The crashed electric vehicle turns out to have been involved in the bank robbery, which ties into oily tech billionaire Richard Cane (Danny Huston) as the mastermind of the heist that was a cover for his henchman Sig (Kevin Durand) to pilfer a gadget from a safety deposit box.

The man who died in the crash was deemed to have been a suicide, but his sister Beth Davenport (the alluring Pamela Anderson as a femme fatale) is convinced that foul play was orchestrated by Cane and she's determined to investigate on her own.

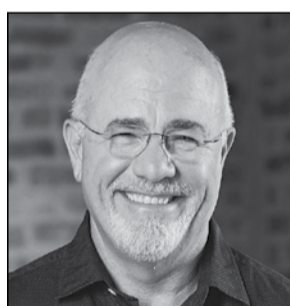
Before too long, Beth teams up with Drebin for sleuthing, which turns into an inevitable romantic angle that has its share of indecency during an intimate evening when a snowman joins in a sexual triangle that leads to murderous jealousy.

Then, there's one of Cane's henchmen following Drebin and Beth to use infrared binoculars to spy on them with the result that the thermal imaging appears to show Beth engaging in a sexual act that is not PG-13 rated material. If one is curious, the scene is in the trailer.

The climax comes down to Cane's disturbed plan to the citizens of Los Angeles into a scenario straight out of “The Purge” where all crime is legal for a half-day window. Here it's a lot of ridiculous street fighting triggered through phones.

Running at a fast pace of 85 minutes, “The Naked Gun” does not concern itself with plot so much as with its aim to be as raucously funny and absurd as possible. Not all mad-cap wordplay and sight gags land gut-busting punches, but the odds are decent enough.

What “The Naked Gun” boils down to is a wacky comedy in the spirit of the original such that it achieves for the most part its goal. The film merits being seen in a theater where audience laughter becomes contagious. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Focus on What's Important Now

Dear Dave,

I'm 22, working my way through college and I've already been able to start setting money for life after graduation. I had a talk with my parents recently about my plans once I get a real job and get out on my own. They seem to think I'll be okay, but sometimes things can seem so overwhelming. How do people manage and prioritize more adult responsibilities like investing, marriage, having kids and everything else?

—Kieran

Dear Kieran,

You're right, it can be overwhelming if you look at all these things as if they have to be done right now. But I'll tell you something you already know: You don't have to do everything right now. It's great to look toward the future, and have a plan, but you're only 22. You've got plenty of time to decide what's important to you. For now, let's just say you've done

a great job so far. Take a deep breath and relax. You're way ahead of the game compared to most young people your age, and you should be proud of your accomplishments.

Now, all the things you mentioned are great goals. Some of them are kind of intimidating, but those aren't what you're facing right now. In my mind, finishing college is your number one priority. Then, after you graduate and begin life on your own, you can begin looking at the other things you mentioned—one at a time. Once you find a good job, you can begin setting aside for retirement. If your car is about to roll over and die, that first step may be a better vehicle. If there's a special lady in your life, you might begin focusing on marriage somewhere down the road.

Don't be too intimidated, Kieran. Things are often easier to deal with when you break them down into smaller pieces and address them individually. There's a funny old adage that goes something like this: How do you eat

an elephant? One bite at a time. Do you get what I'm saying? Nobody can do four or five big things at once and do them all to the very best of their abilities. Decide what matters most, put it at the top, and list everything else in descending order of importance. Once you've done this, go down the list, focus and knock them out one after the other.

You're a smart and determined young man, who has accomplished a lot already. Something tells me you can do just about anything you set your mind to!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



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 - Grave acronym
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 - "Largest shoulder muscle"
 - "Mind-body exercise with "apparatus"
 - To do this is human
 - Hold back or restrain
 - "Biathlon gear, sing.
 - Rum follower
 - Illuminated by a certain star
 - Windshield option
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 - a.k.a. amir
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 - 0.001 inches, pl.
 - "Workout prep"
 - Used to be
 - Sailor's assent
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 - Soak up
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 - Hitler's sidekick Rudolf
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 - "_____ show time!"
 - Nocturnal bird of prey (2 words)
 - It broke the camel's back
 - Plains tribe
 - Iron + nickel
 - *Use calories
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 - In a cold manner
 - To the point
 - Four years for a President
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 - Hawaiian dish
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 - List components
 - Twilight
 - C in NYC
 - Brain wave
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IF YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED IN THE JANUARY 11 - APRIL 1, 2024, NORTHBAY HEALTHCARE DATA INCIDENT, A PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS, AND ENTITLE YOU TO A CASH PAYMENT.

A Settlement has been reached with Northbay Healthcare Corporation ("Northbay" or "Defendant") in a class action lawsuit concerning the cyberattack on Northbay's computer systems that occurred between January 11, 2024, and April 1, 2024 (the "Data Incident"). Files containing private information were accessed. Northbay denies that it did anything wrong, and the Court has not decided who is right. The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit ("Settlement") to avoid the risks, disruption, and uncertainties of continued litigation. A copy of the Settlement is available at www.NorthBayHealthcareSettlement.com.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT? The Court has defined the class as: "all persons in the United States whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the Data Incident and who were sent notice of the Data Incident."

The Court has appointed experienced attorneys to represent the Class.

WHAT ARE THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS? NorthBay will establish a \$3,600,000.00 Settlement Fund. You may claim: (1) Three years of Credit Monitoring Services. (2) If you incurred actual, documented monetary losses, you may submit claims for reimbursement of up to \$4,000.00. (3) If you did not incur documented monetary losses, you may claim a flat \$100.00 payment. Requirements and instructions may be found at www.NorthBayHealthcareSettlement.com.

HOW DO I RECEIVE A BENEFIT? Visit www.NorthBayHealthcareSettlement.com, or call 1-833-360-6806 to request a paper copy of the Claim Form. **Claims must be submitted online, mailed, or emailed by September 30, 2025.**

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT? If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **September 30, 2025**, or you will not be able to sue NorthBay for the claims made in this lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get benefits from this Settlement. If you want to object to the Settlement, you may file an objection by September 30, 2025. The Settlement Agreement explains how to exclude yourself or object.

WHEN WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT? The Court will hold a hearing on October 29, 2025, at 8:30 am, Courtroom 1 of the Old Solano Courthouse, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533. At the hearing, the court will consider whether to approve the Settlement. The Court will also consider Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and costs of up to one-third of the Settlement Fund, and \$5,000.00 for the named Plaintiff. You may attend the hearing at your own cost, but you do not have to.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025000994
The following persons are doing business as: BTO Motorsports, 53 B Commerce Place, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Nasir Lee, 2842 Montclair Way, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: June 26, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 6/26/2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 25, 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: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025
BTO 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001071
The following persons are doing business as: Pour Decisions, 1620 Folsom Downs Circle, Dixon, CA 95620.
Emma Spitzer, 1620 Folsom Downs Circle, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: July 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 9, 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: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025
POUR 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025000909
The following persons are doing business as: Whimsical Art, 844 Syracuse Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Nicole Renee Sumpter, 844 Syracuse Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: June 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 21, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 9, 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: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
WHIMSICAL 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001076
The following persons are doing business as: La Tippy, 1020 Ackley Court, Dixon, CA 95620.
Mackia Guadalupe Diaz, 1020 Ackley Court, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: July 11, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 10, 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: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
LA 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001016
The following persons are doing business as: Finnegan Consulting, 1285 Stratford Avenue, Suite G, #221, Dixon, CA 95620.
Aaron Finnegan, 1285 Stratford Avenue, Suite G, #221, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: July 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 30, 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: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
FINNEGAN 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001107
The following persons are doing business as: Groundworx General Engineering, 710 Catalina Circle, Vallejo, CA 94589.
Ulysses Marcel Galvan, 710 Catalina Circle, Vallejo, CA 94589.
Date filed in Solano County: July 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 17, 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: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
GROUNDWORX 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001019
The following persons are doing business as: Jackson Initiative LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Jackson Initiative LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Date filed in Solano County: July 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 30, 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: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
JACKSON 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001018
The following persons are doing business as: Minked Mills LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Minked Mills LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Date filed in Solano County: July 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 30, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 30, 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: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
MINKED 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001089
The following persons are doing business as: GTO Drywall, 1755 Filmore Street, Apt #1, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Joe Castillo, 1755 Filmore Street Apt#1, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Date filed in Solano County: July 15, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 15, 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: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
GTO 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001087
The following persons are doing business as: Puptopia, 530 Cypress Street, Dixon, CA 95620.
Hailey Sky Cortez, 530 Cypress Street, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: July 15, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 14, 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: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
PUPTOPIA 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025000981
The following persons are doing business as: Glo Nailspa, 1160 Pitt School Road, Suite D, Dixon, CA 95620.
GLO8899LLC, 1160 Pitt School Road, Suite D, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: June 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 23, 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: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
GLO 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001144
The following persons are doing business as: Avanza Tax & Business Solutions, 870 E Travis Boulevard Suite L, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Birelas Inc, 870 E Travis Boulevard Suite L, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Date filed in Solano County: July 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 23, 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: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025
AVANZA 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001104

The following persons are doing business as: Evelyn's Pizza, 712 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Avellino Lupi, 712 Texas Street, Fairfield.

Date filed in Solano County: July 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 16, 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: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025
EVELYNS 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001033
The following persons are doing business as: Armor & Aura, 2450 Peach Tree Drive 17, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Andrea Nicole Clark, 2450 Peach Tree Drive 17, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Date filed in Solano County: July 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 2, 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: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025
ARMOR 8-29-2

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU25-06462

Isaiah Gabriel Khinda filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Isaiah Gabriel Khinda to Isaiah Gabriel Cantu.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. September 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: July 18, 2025
Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
KHINDA 8-22-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
LUPE RODRIGUEZ
CASE NO. PR25-00487

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Lupe Rodriguez.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Juanita R. Shoopman, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Juanita R. Shoopman be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

September 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 5; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Matthew R. Lucas, 2420 Martin Road, Suite 300, Fairfield, CA 94534; 707-427-7377
Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 2025
RODRIGUEZ 8-15-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VICTOR LEON

CASE NO. PR25-00325

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Victor Leon.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lizzeth Rodriguez, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Lizzeth Rodriguez be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 5; Room: 301 Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Publish: August 8, 15, 22, 2025
LEON 8-22-25

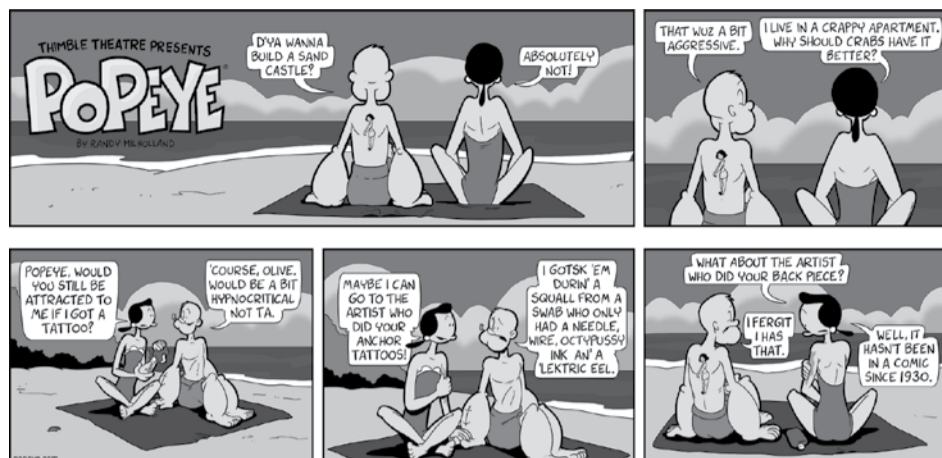
TRUSTEE SALE

Title Order No.: 99100190
Trustee Sale No.: 88100 Loan No.: 399522054 APN: 0114-181-120, 0114-191-100 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/6/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 8/18/2025 at 9:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 6/13/2024 as Instrument No. 202400024689 in book //, page // of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by: CHRISTINA SMITH, TRUSTEE OF THE JOYCE A. CUEVAS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2010, as Trustor ROGER ANDERSON TRUSTEE OF THE RWA TRUST DATED 3/14/2014 AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 256,000.00/375,000.00 INTEREST; AND RICHARD MORAN AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 119,000.00/375,000.00 INTEREST, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Outside the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall located at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE – continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1310 HAWTHORNE COURT DIXON, CA 95620 1251 REDWOOD COURT DIXON, CA 95620. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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DATE: 7/11/2025 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 JANINA HOAK, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 88100. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer,"

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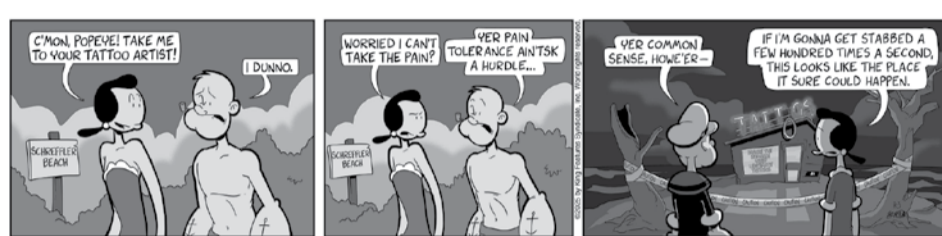
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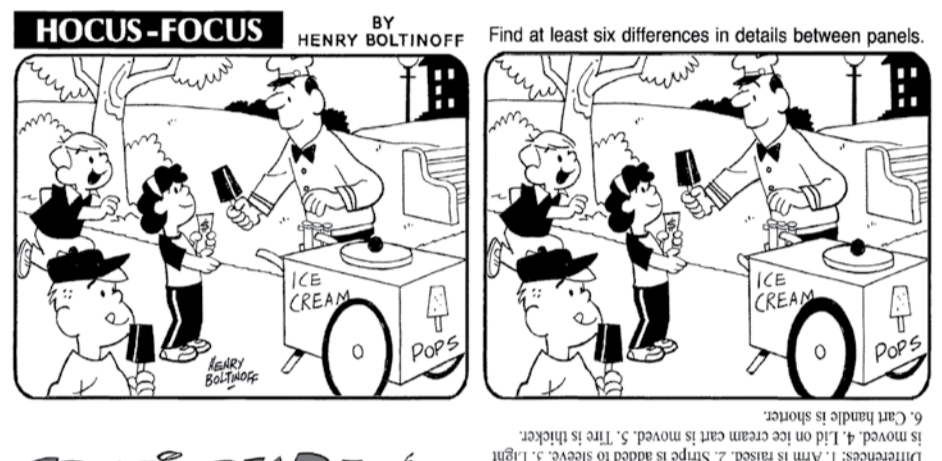
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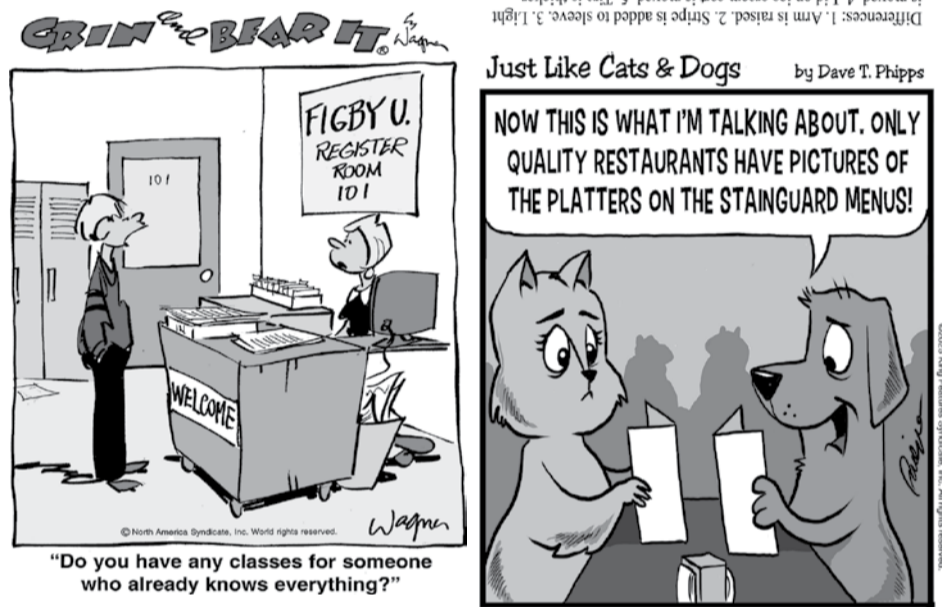
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Community Calendar

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 andersonroadrunner-spto@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@troop-152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop-152dixon.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-club-house.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.nsdcd@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernolanodems/.

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. ★



Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.

DIXON POLICE LOG

Wednesday, July 30

1549 - Fraud report 1100 block Mulberry Lane.
1600 - Violation of Court Order report 1400 block Nut Tree Avenue.
0017 - Warrant arrest in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Duke Fuhrmann (53-year-old, out of Sacramento) was contacted and found to have a felony warrant out of Placer County. After the warrant was confirmed, he was arrested without incident and booked into Solano County Jail.

Tuesday, July 29

No case numbers

Monday, July 28

1800 - Petty theft reported in the 800 block of Elm Drive.
0030 - Stolen vehicle reported in the 400 block of South Jackson Street.

Sunday, July 27

0932 - A found property report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
1334 - A vandalism report was taken in the 500 block of Peterson Lane.

Saturday, July 26

1054 - Child custody court order violation taken by telephone.
1147 - Brian Matthew Papin (a 45-year-old from Woodland) was contacted in the 800 block of North Adams Street, arrested, and cited/released on three outstanding misdemeanor warrants.
1219 - A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of West E Street. Oscar Orozco (34-year-old from Dixon) was contacted and arrested for being under the influence of a drug in public and probation violation.
2030 - Traffic stop at North First Street and Atkinson Court. Suspects Robert Vigil (58-year-old, out of Stockton) and Catherine Giddens (69-year-old, out of Stockton) both had outstanding warrants and possessed drug paraphernalia. Both were arrested without incident and booked into Solano County Jail.
2240 - Agency assist report in the 8000 block of Pedrick Road.

Friday, July 25

1050 - Grand theft report taken in the 200 block of Dorset Drive for an electric range and wall oven taken from a trailer in transit from Georgia to Dixon.
1143 - Fraud report taken in the Police Department lobby.
1315 - Grand theft report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
1535 - Stolen plate report taken in the Police Department lobby.

Thursday, July 24

0730 - Collision Report 1200 block Hillview Drive.
1720 - Collision Report 400 block Miller Court.
2328 - 314 PC, Indecent Exposure report, taken in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.



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I would really like to make a better way to get a shot that doesn't hurt so much.

— Jacob, 10, Cayman Islands

Dear Jacob,

I love vaccines. They keep us safe from germs that can make us sick. But I don't love how much shots hurt. Sometimes I feel anxious before I visit the veterinarian for a vaccine.

I talked about that with my friend Roland Chen. He's an engineer at Washington State University.

He's working on brand-new needles that could make shots painless. They're called microneedle arrays.

"You feel pain because the needle reaches the pain receptor," Chen said. "Microneedles are much shorter than typical needles. They're about one-third to half the size."

Most vaccines are intramuscular injections. A trained healthcare provider gently slides a hollow needle into the skin. It goes all the way to the muscle. Then they push the vaccine through the needle into the muscle.

Muscles contain lots of blood vessels. So, the vaccine quickly moves into the bloodstream and travels all over the body.

Muscles also contain immune cells. They help the immune system recognize the tiny bit of germ inside the vaccine. That teaches the body to recognize and fight the real germ.

It turns out the skin has lots of blood vessels, too. They're super small blood vessels called capillaries. Skin also contains immune cells. Just like muscles do.

The microneedle array is embedded into a patch kind of like a Band-Aid. The needles are super short. They scratch the top layer of the skin and deliver the vaccine to the capillaries there.

Much smaller needles and a little scratch means this kind of shot doesn't hurt.

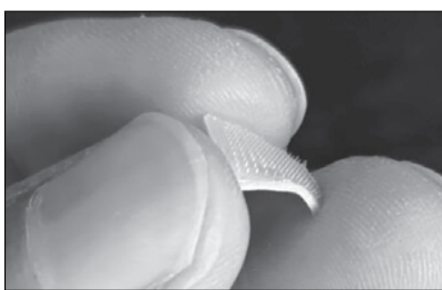
This shot is also easier to use and throw away. Anyone can apply the patch. After it's done, the patch can go right into the trash. It doesn't require a special container to

keep people from poking themselves with a used needle.

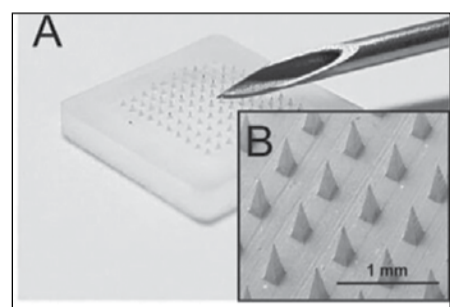
"There are a lot of people working on this and a few organizations pushing it," Chen said. "It would be especially useful in rural areas or countries where they don't have enough trained medical personnel."

Microneedles would also help people with eye diseases who need regular shots in their eyeballs. That's what Dr. Chen studies. His design could make treatment for those diseases much more comfortable.

It takes a while for new medical technology to become available. Scientists must test it. They have to figure out how



This off-white patch (left) is a microneedle array that Dr. Chen developed and 3D printed.



You can see the difference between the itty-bitty microneedles and a traditional hollow needle (right). Images: Kuen-Ren Roland Chen, Aaron McConville, Catherine Hegarty, and James Davis CC BY 4.0

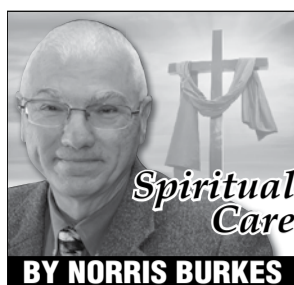
to make lots of it and package the tech so it arrives safely. That testing is happening right now.

People also need time to get used to new things—even new things that help us out. Chen told me there's a good chance we'll see pain-free shots within the next 3 to 5 years.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

Synchronizing Our Heart With Our Actions



BY NORRIS BURKES

Have you ever done the right thing in a difficult situation, but your heart said, "I'm just not feeling it"? If so, then you know how hard it is to sync your feelings with your actions.

I remember such a moment in 1995 in Mountain View, California where I was stationed at Onizuka Air Station. It was memorable because it was the very first time I shared a chaplain's assignment with a Catholic priest.

His name was Richard Regan.

Father Regan was a winsome and gregarious guy who was adored by his parishioners. We became fast friends, and he encouraged me to call him Richard, but around his parishioners, I had to call him "Father."

One weekday morning, Richard and I arrived in uniform for a meeting in our chapel office. As we walked toward the entryway, we met two contractors hired to refurbish the steps.

The two men scrambled to their feet. They looked past me and greeted Richard in a deep Irish brogue.

"Top o' the morning to ya', Father."

Richard returned a polished smile as we walked past them to enter our office suite.

Inside, I noted how the

men barely glanced at me. Richard explained.

"I met them a few days ago and they asked about the Christian cross we both wear on our uniforms. I told them that I was a Catholic priest and you are a Protestant minister."

Richard described how the men looked down at their work in an awkward pause. "Is that so?" they asked.

"I hope that won't stop you from greeting him each morning too," Richard said.

"We'll greet him if you insist," one admitted, "but I'm afraid we'll be giving him a rather frosty 'top-o'-the-morning.'"

Richard laughed. The men didn't.

I had much in common with those men. We both were having trouble syncing our feelings with doing what we knew was right.

It was a stretch for me to call my friend "Father" because I was raised with the literal interpretation of Jesus' words in Mathew 23:9: "Do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven." Yet I learned to do it because it was a professional courtesy of clerical protocol.

The catholic men, likely raised in the Northern Ireland conflict, probably found it difficult not to spit on Protestants, but the good Father's insistence encouraged them to do what was right.

Today, in the current political climate, I'm aware that there are many issues that work to separate us, such as gun control, immigration and

abortion. These topics are difficult to decide, but we choose our views for various reasons based on our upbringing, personalities and experiences.

Yet as people of faith, we do know what is right between each other. Our faith demands we do unto others, as we would have them do unto us. We know for certain that we must love God with all our heart and our neighbor as our self.

So, even during these days of political madness and uncertainty, I hope we will pledge to ourselves and to our faith, to do the right thing between each other. We will remain civil and kind and will synchronize our faith with our actions.

As for the Irishmen, I told Richard that they'd warmed a bit, but still hadn't wished me, "Top-o'-the-morning."

"Sounds like progress," he said.

"How so?" "If they really didn't like you, they'd insult you with something like, 'May the cat eat you, and may the devil eat the cat.'"

I grinned. I suppose sometimes you take what you can get.

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Peach Growers Praise Fruit Quality as Yields Dip

Mild temperatures in the Central Valley were kind to peaches used for canning this month as farmers harvested their early varieties. "The quality of the fruit is looking really good," Sutter County farmer Chetan Khara said. Growers were projected to supply around 224,000 tons of cling peaches to canneries this year, the California Canning Peach Association estimated, a slight reduction from last year. However, the association reported that early yields were down roughly 12% from initial estimates. Last summer's extreme heat and an unusual bloom pattern this past winter and spring "may have hurt some of our production," said Thomas Gradziel, professor of plant sciences at the University of California, Davis.

Federal Forestry Cuts Fuel Wildfire, Resource Concerns

With wildfire conditions in California expected to increase in coming months, state officials expressed concerns about cuts in staff and funding at the U.S. Forest Service, a division of the Agriculture Department that partners with the state to fight wildfires and manage forests. The proposed federal budget for fiscal year 2026 includes a reduction in Forest Service spending, including for fire suppression. "The key is we need to scale up across the board if we are going to meet our targets and keep our communities safe," said Patrick Wright, executive director of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force. "This causes real concern in the federal ability to step up and meet our joint targets."

California's Fresh Apples Compete Against Old Washington Fruit

Harvest of Gala apples—the earliest commercial variety to arrive in stores—has started in the Central Valley, with the fruit hitting produce aisles this week. Because California starts picking apples several weeks before Washington state—the nation's leading producer—providing the first fresh apples of the year is a key selling point. "As foreign imports start to drop off, last year's fruit from the Pacific Northwest will remain the only competition for the start of the season," said Todd Sanders, executive director of the California Apple Commission. Unlike the Evergreen State, which keeps its apples in cold storage and sells them long after harvest ends, apples from the Golden State are picked, packed and shipped fresh.

On The Record: Ricardo Lara Discusses California's Insurance Crisis

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara spoke with Ag Alert® this month about the state's insurance crisis and his strategy to stop insurance companies from leaving California and restore access to property insurance for farmers and rural communities. California's Sustainable Insurance Strategy allows insurers to use catastrophe modeling to better assess modern-day risks—and to pass along the rising cost of reinsurance—in exchange for committing to expand insurance access in high-risk areas. "Our job is to make insurance more available, reliable and fair, especially for those in high-risk, rural areas," Lara said. "I want farmers to know that we are fighting for them and that we're not going to stop until we fix this crisis." ★

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Girl Scouts Experience Civic Engagement at State Capitol

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) was proud to welcome Girl Scouts from across the state for a two-day educational experience centered on civic engagement and advocacy.

This immersive event, which took place on June 19 and 20, was open to Girl Scouts in grades four through 12 and designed to inspire the next generation of changemakers by connecting them directly with government and public service.

Participants engaged in hands-on workshops, toured the historic State Capitol, met with legislators and took part in panel discussions, featuring elected officials and leaders in civic life. The experience empowers girls to explore how the government works, understand their role in a democracy and develop their voices as



Girl Scouts pose in the California State Senate during their two-day event on June 19 and 20. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

advocates for the issues they care about.

“This event gives girls a rare opportunity to see government in action and to realize that they, too, can lead and make a difference in their communities,” said Adriana Pedroza,

associate director of girl experience at Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Through various programs and initiatives, the organization empowers girls to take the lead in their lives and communities.

Headquartered in Sacramento, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California serves over 16,000 girl and adult

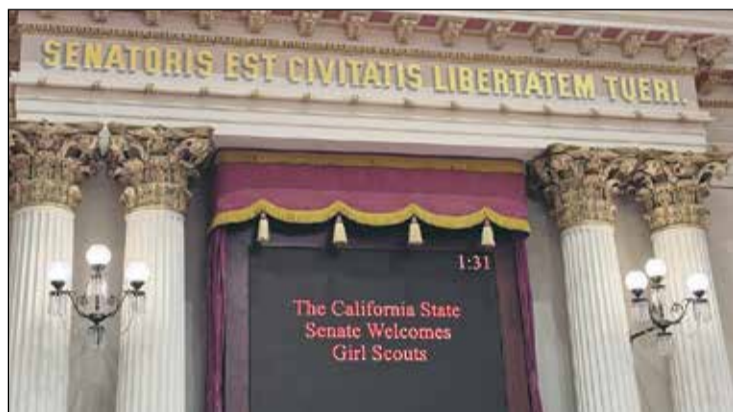
members across 18 counties, including Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba. ★



Girl Scouts listen to a tour guide outside of the Governor's Office at the State Capitol Building during their two-day event on June 19 and 20. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California



Girl Scouts listen attentively while inside the California State Senate during their two-day event on June 19 and 20. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California



Above right: The electronic sign in the California State Senate says, “The California State Senate Welcomes Girl Scouts.” Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California



Right: Girl Scouts listen attentively while inside the California State Senate during their two-day event on June 19 and 20. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

Take Advantage of August Outdoor Adventures

Solano Land Trust News Release

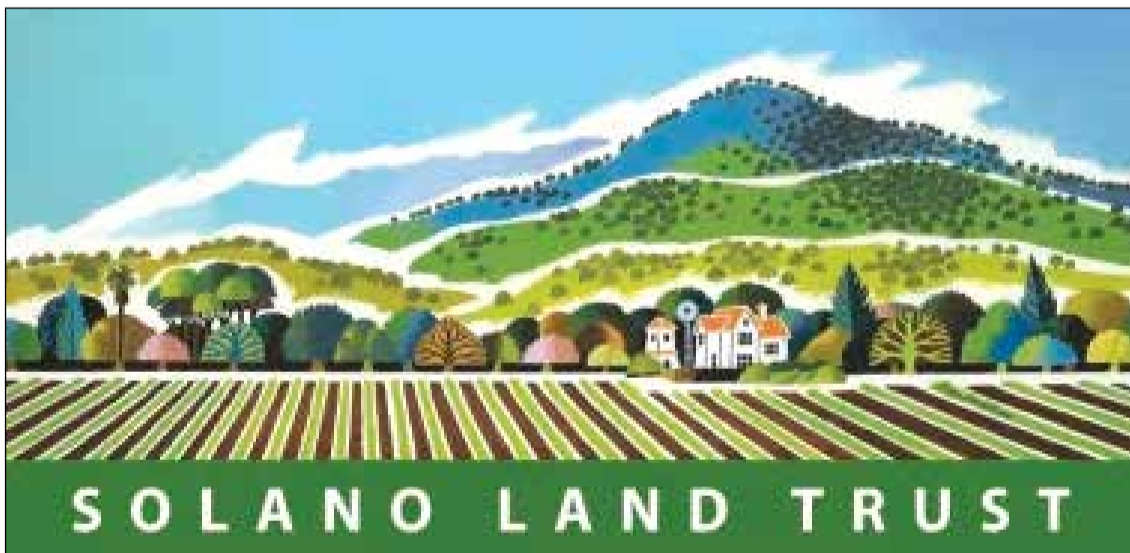
SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Join the docents and staff of Solano Land Trust to explore the outdoors and experience the beauty of Solano County.

For information on meeting locations, directions and registration, visit Solano Land Trust's online events page at solanolandtrust.org/events-news. For additional questions, call Di Holokahi at 707-420-1041.

Opportunities in August follow.

On Aug. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lynch Canyon Open Space, a community science volunteer opportunity will be available. Join Solano Land Trust for a “Free the Tree” themed Community Science volunteer activity. At the beautiful Lynch Canyon, participants will work on tree cage maintenance, monitoring tree health and survival, upgrades to bigger cages and weeding. Solano Land Trust will provide gloves and have extra water but bring your own gloves if you prefer. Be sure to wear layers and bring sunscreen, water and knee pads if you use them for gardening. Meet at Lynch Canyon parking lot at 9:30 a.m. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Registration is recommended.

On Aug. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Patwino Worrta



Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park, explore the hills between Suisun Valley and Green Valley and see sweeping views of Solano County and beyond with a nature hike. The park's scenic blue and live oaks, chaparral, native wildflowers and fascinating geology make this a beautiful hike full of unique plants and birds to see. Make sure to pack water, snacks, sun or rain protection as needed, and walking sticks if you use them. The hike is rated moderately strenuous at four to six miles and will be canceled if there is rain or extreme weather. Registration is recommended.

On Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Rush Ranch Open Space, Get the Rush at Rush Ranch. Get the Rush is a series of fun,

free activities for the entire family, offered on the third Saturday of each month at Rush Ranch. Guests can try blacksmithing at the forge, explore pop-up shops and exciting exhibit tables, take guided hikes through the marsh and ride the wagon.

This is also a great time Aug. 16 to get involved and sign up for Solano Land Trust volunteer opportunities such as Trail Crew, Community Science, the Docent Program, Blacksmith Shop and the Rush Ranch Outfitters Shop. The special August theme is Back to School. Meet Solano Land Trust's community partners and visit the Solano Library mystery van.

The park is open until sunset and registration for the Marsh

Walk is recommended.

On Aug. 22 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. also at Rush Ranch, experience Astronomy Night. Join astronomer Jon Pannier for Astronomy Nights at Rush Ranch. These popular nights of informational star gazing occur monthly between May and September. Visit solanolandtrust.org/events-news/recurring-events for the full list of dates in this series.

Each month has a different presentation topic to begin the night and then participants go outside to stargaze. Wear layers as Rush Ranch gets chilly when the sun goes down and bring strong bug spray for mosquitoes. If you have your own telescope and are familiar with setting it up and using it,

you can bring it but arrive before dark. Those arriving after sunset are asked to dim their headlights and registration is required.

On Aug. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lynch Canyon Open Space, a nature hike will take visitors westward along Middle Valley Trail leading to Prairie Ridge. Expect a five-mile hike at a moderate but even pace over uneven ground. There are steep climbs over several hills with the longest at Prairie Ridge but the views are worth it. Note that there is a parking fee of \$5 at Lynch Canyon (cash or check) and registration is required.

On Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at King Swett Ranches, experience Plein Air Painting. Join Solano Land Trust for a plein air painting event at King Swett Ranches. Enjoy the outdoors and paint the beautiful landscape, plants and animals with other artists of all experience levels. This property is owned and protected by Solano Land Trust and is not open to the public. Bring your own painting supplies, a folding chair, easel (if you choose), sun protection and water. At the end of the session, paintings will be shared. See solanolandtrust.org for meeting location details.

A \$5 donation to Solano Land Trust per participant will be collected upon arrival and registration is required. ★

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