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Plans for upcoming renovations to the Dixon Carnegie Library were outlined during a community input meeting held Feb. 5 at Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., where residents were invited to share ideas and concerns as early design concepts are developed. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Plans for upcoming renovations to the Dixon Carnegie Library were outlined during a community input meeting held Feb. 5 at Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., where residents were invited to share ideas and concerns as early design concepts are developed.

The meeting began at 6 p.m. with a slideshow presentation led by the Noll & Tam design team, which is working with Solano County Library officials on the project. Attendees included Christopher Noll, founding partner and principal of Noll & Tam; Jane Catalano, principal; Elaine



Alongside discussing outreach efforts, the team also shared examples of features found in modern libraries to help spark ideas, clarifying that these were not proposed designs but conceptual references. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Kross, senior associate and project manager; Noah Lohmueller, designer; and Megan Wong, Solano County Library acting director of library services. More than 20 community members attended. Pizza

from Cenario's and soda were provided. Wong opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and introducing the design team. She emphasized the importance of community involvement

in shaping the future of the library.

"This library anchors downtown and really adds to the historic feel of Dixon," said Wong.

Noll said his firm is excited to work on the Dixon Library renovation, noting Noll & Tam's experience restoring historic libraries.

"We've renovated eight or nine Carnegie libraries," said Noll, adding that the firm specializes in preserving historic features while modernizing facilities.

Following Noll's remarks, Wong asked attendees to share their hopes and interests for the library renovation.

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Council Approves Co-sponsorships for Community Events

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the Feb. 3 meeting of the Dixon City Council, they considered amendments to housing-related provisions in Dixon's Zoning Ordinance to align with updated California state law.

The changes mostly focused on updates and clarifications regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), such as clarifying the number and type allowed on certain lots, modifying rental limitations, eliminating some parking requirements, applying new processes for permit review, clarifying building occupancy and notification requirements, etc.

The state legislature is pushing ADUs as a way to address the housing crisis, and Vice Mayor Jim Ernest said that was a good idea in many ways. But he said the new rules would allow multiple ADUs per parcel, while also removing some of the development impact fees. He said if the city can't collect those fees, they can't expand the services and infrastructure needed to support those new homes.

Councilmember Don Hendershot said these changes limited local control: "They're showing this down our throats, and I don't appreciate it."

Councilmember Kevin Johnson asked how many ADU permits are processed each year in the city, and Community Development Director Raffi Boloyan said there are not many, averaging no more than seven.

Councilmember Thom Bogue asked what would happen if the council did not approve the updates. City Attorney Doug White said that the California Department of Housing and Community Development has been pretty heavy-handed, and they could bring a lawsuit against the city. They can also designate the city's housing element as non-compliant, which would legally allow builders to skip the local review process altogether, giving the city no control over new development.

Mayor Steven Bird said, "It's a question of having some control or no control."

The council voted 4-1 to approve the updates, with Hendershot dissenting.

The council then reviewed community events in 2026 that are eligible for city co-sponsorship, which can include

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A variety of Valentine's Day-themed activities and dining options are scheduled in and around Dixon, offering opportunities for families, teens and couples to celebrate. Photo by Nicolas Brown



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By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A variety of Valentine's Day-themed activities and dining options are scheduled in and around Dixon, offering opportunities for families, teens and couples to celebrate. In addition, several

local government and community facilities will close in observance of President's Day on Feb. 16.

Local bakeries are featuring seasonal offerings tied to the holiday. Solano Baking Company, 1160 Pitt School Road B, sells specialty items made with naturally available

ingredients in limited arrangements. Seasonal products include chocolate-dipped strawberries, stylized as "stemberries," Creme Brûlée donuts, cherry muffins and brown butter chocolate chip cookies. More information is available at solanobaking.

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Dixon May Fair Scholarship Deadline Approaches



Donnie Huffman (1940-2023) of Vacaville, past president of the Friends of the Dixon May Fair, poses a Clydesdale shown at the fair. The Friends will give away \$31,000 in college ag scholarships in the Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program. Photo courtesy of Kathy Keatley Garvey

Friends of the Dixon May Fair News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - March 1 is the deadline to submit applications for the Friends of the Dixon May Fair's Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program, open to Solano County high school graduates who are majoring in an agricultural field in either a university or community college within the United States.

The Friends will award nine college scholarships totaling \$31,000 in its 2026 Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program. Since 2003, the Friends have awarded \$306,750 in scholarships, announced Carrie Hamel of Dixon, the scholarship chair. Initially, only Solano County high school graduates attending college in California were eligible to enter.

In the four-year university or college category, these scholarships are available: Donnie Huffman Presidential Scholarship Award of \$8000, JoAn Giannoni Scholarship Award of \$5000, Ester Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Award of \$4000, Joe Gates Memorial Scholarship Award of \$3500, and two \$3500 Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarships.

For two-year community college these scholarships are available: Jack Hopkins Scholarship Award of \$1500 and two \$1000 scholarship awards.

The Friends, an all-volunteer, service-oriented organization, is the fundraising arm of the Dixon May Fair. Headed by President Gilbert "Gil" Molina of Vacaville, the organization raises funds through the sale of beverages at the four-day fair, and donates the proceeds for building and grounds improvements, college scholarships and exhibitor awards.

Applicants are scored on personal, civic and academic experience; academic standing; personal commitment and established goals; leadership potential; and civic accomplishments. Most applicants have experience in 4-H, FFA or Grange – this criterion is desired but not mandated, Hamel said.

Continuing scholarship winners may apply up to four times, Hamel said. Scholarship checks can be used only for tuition, fees, books, materials and supplies, housing and meals purchased on campus.

2025 Recipients

Sam Esperson of Rio Vista, a member of the California Polytechnic Institute (Cal Poly) Class of 2026 and an agricultural systems management major, received the top award, the \$8000 Donnie Huffman Presidential Scholarship. Esperson, a 2022 graduate of Rio Vista High School, is also a previous recipient of the presidential award.

Massimo Menicou of Vacaville won the \$5000 JoAn Giannoni Scholarship, named for the Friends' former longtime secretary of Dixon. Menicou, a 2024 graduate of Vacaville High School, and a student at University of Nevada, plans to become a veterinarian. He also is a previous award recipient.

Elena Mendonsa of Vacaville, a student at Chico State University, won the \$4000 Ester Armstrong Memorial Scholarship. A 2024 graduate of Vacaville Christian High School, she is majoring in animal science and plans to become a veterinarian. The Armstrong scholarship memorializes a former director of the California Division of Fairs and Expositions who died in 2009 of cancer. Armstrong served as interim chief executive officer of the Dixon May Fair from 2006 to 2009.

Cody Barr of Dixon won the \$3500 Joe Gates Memorial Scholarship, memorializing the longtime auctioneer of the Dixon May Fair Junior Livestock Auction. Barr is a member of the Dixon High School Class of 2025 and was accepted at Utah State University, where he is majoring in agribusiness, with an emphasis in farm and ranch management. Gates, a Rio Vista resident, died of COVID in February 2021.

Brianne Castelli of Dixon won a \$3500 Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship. She is a member of the Dixon High School Class of 2025 and a student at Montana State University. She plans to become a veterinarian.

Payton King of Fairfield won a \$3500 Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship. A member of the Rodriguez High School Class of 2025, King was accepted at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, and is majoring in agricultural business.

In the community college category, Vincent Perry of Vacaville received the \$1500 Jack Hopkins Memorial Scholarship. A member of the Vacaville High School Class of 2025, he was accepted at Butte College and is majoring in agricultural business. Hopkins (1922-2009), a fruit rancher and lifelong resident of Fairfield and Suisun, was a strong supporter of the Junior Livestock Auctions at the Dixon May Fair and Solano County Fair.

The application form can be downloaded from the Friends of the Fair Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheDixonMayFair>. For more information, contact Carrie Hamel at hamelc88@gmail.com or 530-219-8090.

Completed application packets must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. March 1 and mailed to: Scholarship Committee, Friends of Dixon May Fair, P.O. Box 242, Dixon, CA 95620.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Hamel, also includes Tootie Huffman, Linda Molina, Kathy Keatley Garvey, Kristy Vasquez, all of Vacaville, and Sue Miracle and Michelle Robinson of Dixon.

The scholarship program was named the Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program in honor of the founding president, Donnie Huffman (1940-2023), and his wife, Tootie, the founding treasurer. Donnie died June 17, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. Tootie continues as a Friends of the Fair volunteer. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Dixon Moose Lodge is hosting a Bunco Night at 1 p.m. March 7. Hosted at the lodge, 180 W. B St., the event offers pizza, salad and 50/50 raffles for a \$20 donation per person. Seating is limited, with only 48 players eligible for the event. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Art Uncorked

Soroptimist International of Dixon is hosting an art and wine event from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 21. Held at American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St., the event offers art inspired by local artisans and wine, mocktails and appetizers for \$45 per person. All proceeds benefit women and children in the community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit si-dixon.org/events or call 707-410-9846.

Drop-in Indoor Pickleball

Drop-in Indoor Pickleball is hosted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday from Jan. 4 to March 15. Held at John Knight Middle School, 455 E. A St., the activity, available for all ages, costs \$5 per person, paid at the door. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or contact dixonrecreation@cityofdixonca.gov.

Dixon Dolphins Swim Registration Now Open

The Dixon Dolphins Swim Team opened registration for returning swimmers Jan. 1. Open for ages 4 to 18, the season begins in early April and ends in late July. New swimmers can register Jan. 15 but must pass a swim assessment and be able to swim unassisted across the pool. Notably, payment plans are also available for registration costs. Early Bird registration ends Feb. 28 and costs \$315.

For more information, visit dixondolphins.swimtopia.com or email dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com.

Babysitter's Training Course

Dixon Parks and Recreation Department is offering a babysitter training course from 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18. Held at the Senior Multi-use Center, 201 S. Fifth St., the class educates teens from 11 to 16 years old on basic childcare and babysitting skills, allowing them to get their American Red Cross Certification for \$105 per person. Registration is due by Feb. 11.

For more information, visit cityofdixonca.parksrec.tylerapp.com or email dixonrecreation@cityofdixonca.gov.

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon

to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19. This free in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

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

Dixon High Sports

Dixon High School Boys Varsity Baseball has a home game 4 p.m. Feb. 24. Hosted at Dixon High School, 555 College Way, the Rams will take on the Winters High School Warriors.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit dixonramsathletics.com or call 707-693-6330.

Dixon Moose Lodge Bunco

Dixon Moose Lodge is hosting a Bunco Night at 1 p.m. March 7. Hosted at the lodge, 180 W. B St., the event offers pizza, salad and 50/50 raffles for a \$20 donation per person. Seating is limited, with only 48 players eligible for the event.

For more information or to register, visit Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-718-4602.

Breakfast with the Bunny

Kiwanis Club of Dixon is hosting a family breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. March 28 in honor of Easter. The event, held at American Legion hall, 1305 N. First St., will include a pancake and sausage breakfast for \$5 and an all-you-can-eat breakfast for \$10. Funds will support children in the community.

For more information, visit Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-635-3303.

Harvest Table Talks

Harvest at Dixon is hosting a public forum from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 17. Held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1700 N. First St., the free event is a casual talk series that allows community members to voice their opinions about the Harvest at Dixon housing development.

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

Softball Clinic

Dixon Girls Softball is hosting a clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 28. Held at Dixon High School Softball Field, 555 College Way, the clinic will focus on hitting, throwing/catching, fielding and game skills for \$50 per player. Lunch and shirts are provided.

For more information, visit the Dixon Girls Softball Facebook page or email dixonsoftball1@gmail.com. ★

Valentine's Day Events Planned, President's Day Closures

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com or by calling 707-678-0950.

Every Baking Moment, 143 N. First St., will host a Teen Valentine Cake Class from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13. The one-hour session costs \$45 and is open to teens only. Participants will learn to create a Valentine-themed cake and take their finished dessert home. All supplies are provided. Additional details are available at everybakingmoment.com or by calling 707-693-0112.

Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., is offering a Valentine's Day-themed "Afternoon Adventures" program titled "Valentine's Graham Cottages." The after-school program is open to all school-aged children and their families and features a different activity each week. During this session, participants will create Valentine-themed cottages using graham crackers and candies. More information can be found at solanalibrary.com or by calling 1-866-572-7587.

Several dining and entertainment venues are also offering Valentine's Day specials. Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 S. First St., will serve a special Valentine's Day menu in addition to its regular offerings. Dinner will be served from 5 to 10 p.m. Feb. 14. Menu

items include wrapped bacon grilled filet mignon with shrimp marsala sauce, cioppino, lobster ravioli, pan-fried lemon ginger salmon, red wine braised boneless short ribs and panko pistachio-lemon crusted halibut with orange sauce.

All dinners include a choice of soup or salad. Dessert options include a s'mores drizzled chocolate lava cake with vanilla ice cream and crème brûlée topped with caramelized brown sugar and fresh raspberries. Reservations are recommended due to limited seating and can be made by calling 707-678-4745. Additional information is available on the restaurant's Facebook page.

Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Dr., Suite C, is offering Valentine's Weekend date specials all day from Feb. 12 through Feb. 14. Two package options are available for couples, including arcade credits, unlimited board games and, in one option, pizza and drinks. Details are available at joystickdixon.com or by calling 707-676-5697.

President's Day will be observed Feb. 16. The Dixon Library, Dixon Senior Center and Dixon City Hall will be closed for the holiday. ★

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Input Sought on Library Renovations

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She said the county and design team are working closely together and using community input to help determine the scope and cost of the project.

Kross then presented a recap of community engagement efforts conducted in fall 2025. She said the design team first gathered feedback through an online survey that was available throughout December 2025. The survey asked residents how often they visit the library, what services they use and what programs or amenities they would like to see.

The team also conducted stakeholder interviews and focus groups with seniors, teens and parents, with up to 10 participants per group.

"There was a high need for meeting and private spaces," said Kross, noting that each focus group expressed that need for different reasons.

Key findings from the outreach included a desire for the library to serve as a center for community and civic pride, function as a "third space" for all ages, offer flexibility for future needs and provide additional meeting rooms. Kross said the goal is to translate that input into designs that positively impact the Dixon community.

After Kross's presentation, Catalano discussed the history of Dixon's Carnegie Library, sharing historic photographs and outlining how the building has evolved.

Lohmueller followed with an overview of the building's architectural features, including previous expansions and renovations. He said the

heritage oak tree on the property will remain untouched during any future construction.

The design team outlined elements that could be included in a renovation, such as restoring historic architectural details, improving accessibility, making seismic upgrades, modernizing electrical and lighting systems and enhancing energy efficiency and thermal comfort. Presenters noted that the building currently has limited electrical outlets.

The team also shared examples of features found in modern libraries to help spark ideas, clarifying that these were not proposed designs but conceptual references.

Noll said the renovation is necessary to preserve the building.

"This library needs renovations to keep it safe, and we'd hate to lose this lovely building," said Noll.

Additional topics discussed included improving the parking situation and ensuring accessibility through features such as ramps and more comfortable seating.

The design team said construction would likely take about 18 months. During that time, the county would explore alternate locations, so library services remain available to the public. Funding options are still being evaluated, including the potential use of a general obligation bond.

Community feedback from the meeting will be used to help guide the scope, design and funding considerations for the Dixon Library renovation as planning efforts continue. ★

Council Approves Co-sponsorships for Community Events

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personnel costs for staff time to assist with traffic management, safety and event operations. The city also waives fees for the use of city-owned facilities and equipment rentals.

To be eligible for co-sponsorship, events must be held within city limits, broadly appeal to residents and be free and open to the public.

Staff recommend the following events for co-sponsorship: Farmer's Market (Wednesdays from May through October), May Fair Parade (May 9), Grillin & Chillin (July 4), Railroad Days (June 20-21), Downtown Holiday Open House (Nov. 22) and the Christmas Tree Lighting (Dec. 5).

Staff said some events were not recommended for co-sponsorship under the policy, such as the Art and Wine Walk and Brewfest, since they are ticketed events and not free to the public.

Councilmember Johnson said the ticket money from those events goes directly toward the cost of the Christmas Tree Lighting, so "city support is warranted."

Since both of those events take place in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, staff said they can bring those back as a separate item in the next budget discussion.

The council voted unanimously to approve the 2026 co-sponsorships, along with the associated budget amendment of \$103,018 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Councilmember Johnson said he's

proud of the cooperative effort on these events and he wants the organizers to know "we're a team."

Finance Director Kate Zawadzki introduced a proposal for the formation of the Dixon Industrial Development Authority, which would be used to issue debt when financing projects, such as expanding the police department and building the new fire station.

The council would be the board for the new agency, "and we would solely use this agency for the issuance of lease revenue bonds," said Zawadzki. The city could use an agency operated by the state, but it would cost a fee of \$10,000 to \$20,000 each time.

Zawadzki said the main advantage of this process is getting better interest rates in the market, allowing the city to pay off the debt with impact fees as they're collected.

The council voted unanimously to approve the first reading, and a public hearing will be held on this topic at the next council meeting.

The council also approved \$23,115 to cover the cost of physical wellness evaluations for Dixon firefighters through Life Scan Wellness Center. The city agreed, in the most recent contract with the firefighters, to fund these fitness examinations every other year to ensure their continued health, as they serve in a physically demanding and high-risk job.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Feb. 17. ★

Farm Credit Fly-In Helps Lawmakers Understand Farm Country's Needs

Farm Credit News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Because few members of Congress have personal connections to agriculture, it's important that the ag community continue to meet with lawmakers to keep them informed of farmers' needs.

"Just 6% of the nation's 435 Representatives and 100 Senators have a strong connection to agriculture, which is why Farm Credit brings farmers and Farm Credit executives to Washington, DC, every other year as part of the Farm Credit Fly-In," said Kevin Ralph, AgWest Farm Credit's California President.

"Because so few members have a strong connection to agriculture, we have to go the extra mile to help them understand what Farm Country is like."

California-based



After a successful day on Capitol Hill sharing customer stories and advocating for legislation, Farm Credit welcomed lawmakers and staff to the Fly-In Marketplace Reception, which showcased Farm Credit customers and their products from across the country. Photo courtesy of Farm Credit

representatives from AgWest, American AgCredit, CoBank, Colusa-Glenn Farm Credit, Fresno Madera Farm Credit and Golden State Farm Credit were among the 800 people from around the country who journeyed to the Capitol in late 2025 to meet with Congressional

members and staff. The organizations are part of the nationwide Farm Credit System – the largest provider of credit to U.S. agriculture.

The messages are twofold, Ralph said.

"Every day, Farm Credit works to fulfill its mission to be a reliable source of funding for the agricultural

community. Having our customers there to tell what it's like harvesting wine grapes right now is important – members can learn what farmers are facing and how they can help," he said.

The second focus is on legislation specific to Farm Credit.

"It's important for us to advocate for our California farmer and rancher customers on the importance of a new Farm Bill," said Jacob DeBoer, a senior regional marketing manager for American AgCredit's California Valley region. "It gives farmers and ranchers certainty and provides a safety net from unpredictable events, such as droughts, market crashes and input cost spikes."

DeBoer said several key fiscal measures important to Farm Credit's success were included in H.R. 1, the comprehensive budget reconciliation bill enacted in 2025, but other important issues are still pending.

"We still need reauthorization of the Farm Bill's 12 titles," said Marc Busalacchi, American AgCredit's executive business manager of strategic initiatives. "We need updates to things like

reference prices, ARC and PLC structure and dairy margin coverage reforms. Californians would also really like to see specialty crop and horticulture provisions, which were not included in H.R. 1.

"We also focused on issues that affect Farm Credit's ability to better fulfill its mission," Busalacchi added. "The Farm Credit System was created by an act of Congress in 1916, and often legislative changes are needed to allow it to keep up with changing conditions. It's important that we make our needs known to Congress."

For example, a top priority for Fly-In participants was to gain support for legislation to allow Farm Credit to provide home loans in additional rural communities.

Since 1971, the Farm Credit System has been allowed to provide loans to purchase non-farm homes in rural communities of 2,500 or less. Because some rural towns have gradually grown in population over the years, the proposed bill would allow these loans to be made in communities of up to 10,000 people. This would make up to an additional 1.8 million rural

Californians eligible.

Busalacchi said this small change would be a game-changer for many rural residents.

"Besides the fact that many rural bank branches have closed over the years, making these communities lending deserts, rural home loans are most often non-conventional and may not be appealing to traditional lenders that want to sell loans on the secondary market since many rural home loans can't be sold that way," Busalacchi said.

"Because Farm Credit specializes in non-conforming loans in these communities, it would allow more rural families to become homeowners and help stabilize rural towns."

Farm Credit's other priorities include increasing limits on direct and guaranteed loans by the Farm Service Agency, clarifying Farm Credit's lending authority to invest in essential community facilities such as rural health clinics and allowing fishing-related businesses to borrow from Farm Credit in the same way as farm-related companies.

During the Fly-In, California Farm Credit officials and customers met with Reps. Jared Huffman, D-San Rafael; Vince Fong, R-Bakersfield; Jim Costa, D-Fresno; David Valadao, R-Hanford; Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena; and the late Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale.

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MEMORIAL

EMILY BROOKS ROWE • 11/17/1926 - 01/24/2026

Emily Brooks Rowe passed away peacefully in Vacaville, CA on January 24, 2026. Emily was born in Sacramento on November 17, 1931 to Frederick and Margaret Brooks of Davis, CA.

Emily graduated from UC Davis in 1953. She was a strong advocate of education, not only for her six children but for the entire community. She served on school boards in Graton (Sonoma County) as well as in Dixon (Solano County). Other community activities included service on the Dixon Library Commission and longtime membership in the Tremont Mite Society. She was proud to have played a major role in getting the Tremont Church restored and listed on the California State Register of Historic Places.

Emily was fascinated by old houses and home restoration, antiques and collectibles, and also traveled widely. Notable trips included driving with children to Alaska in 1974 and Maine in 1978, and dairy-related trips to Australia and South Africa with Stuart. These and other interests notwithstanding, her lifelong passion revolved around animals and farming. During Emily's first marriage (to Robert Lynde from 1951 to 1979), family life included a hobby farm.

After moving from Graton to Dixon with her two youngest children in 1979, Emily married childhood friend Stuart Rowe in 1981. Her



farming activities took on greater depth through involvement with his family's Innisfail Dairy. Recordkeeping, registering cattle, attending fairs and shows, and dealing with the myriad aspects of a full-time dairy business in partnership with Stuart filled many happy days. Stuart's leadership of the American Milking Shorthorn Society led them to spend 1997-2001 in Beloit, WI, at the Society's headquarters. Emily and Stuart also farmed in Orland, CA, from 2007-13, and then retired to their home at the Rowe family farmstead at Tremont in the Dixon area. In recent years, Emily enjoyed the continued presence of a few young cows and a pair of oxen at Tremont.

In Dixon, Emily was a member of Dixon United Methodist Church. She also felt a sense of belonging with Davis Friends Meeting, where she maintained friendships in connection with her

mother Margaret, who had been a founding member of the Meeting many years prior. Emily was very fortunate to have had her mother close by for daily afternoon tea for most of her time in Graton as well as for many years after her return to the Davis area.

Emily is survived by her husband Stuart; children John (Theresa) of AZ, Dan (Robin) of CA, Sally (John) of CO, Molly (Michael) of MI, Rob (Renée) of CO, and Paul (Jill) of CA; also survived by stepchildren John, Courtney (Craig), Laura, and Erin (David), all of CA; and the combined families' many children and grandchildren.

A celebration of Emily's life will take place at the Dixon United Methodist Church (209 N. Jefferson Street, Dixon, 95620) on Saturday, February 28, at 1 p.m. with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/>.

MEMORIAL

JUAN SANDOVAL - 08/23/1949 - 01/08/2026

In Loving Memory of Juan Sandoval

Juan Sandoval, born on August 23, 1949, in Woodland, California, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2026.

Juan was a devoted husband, father, and friend. He shared 43 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Christine.

He is survived by his loving wife, Christine, and his six children (Evaristo, Rachel, Teresa, Johnny, Holly, and Ana) and four grandchildren (Athena, Xavier, Kaylani, and Amelia). He was preceded in death by his son, Luis, who remains forever in his heart.

Juan dedicated 44 years of his life to working at



General Chemical as a repairman and mechanic. He took great pride in his work and was known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and skill.

He was known for his kindness and generosity. He was the type of person who would help anyone in need without

hesitation. He gave freely of his time and heart, including volunteering at the local food bank to serve others in his community. His compassion, humility, and gentle spirit touched everyone who knew him.

Juan leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and strength. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Senior Multi-Use Center in Dixon, California. Family and friends are welcome to gather and honor Juan's life, share memories, and celebrate the incredible man he was.

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



Sunday, February 8, 2026

1151 Vandalism report taken in the 1900 block of Regency Parkway.
1700 Battery report taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.
1752 Death investigation/Coroners Case in the 1100 block of Valley Glen Drive.
0111 245 PC, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 422 PC, Criminal Threats and 20002 CVC, Hit and Run, in the 1200 block of Watson Ranch Way. Suspect Alma Rivera (52-year-old, female out of Dixon) was arrested. S-Rivera was transported to Solano County Jail and booked without incident.

Saturday, February 7

0832 A traffic collision report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1043 An informational report was taken in the 1300 block of West H Street.
1156 A trespass citizen arrest report was taken in the 1900 block of North First Street. Officers contacted (S) Judith Jaimes (39) of Dixon. Jaimes was trespassed from the property a month ago and the employee signed a citizen arrest to have her arrested.
1447 A Domestic violence and delay/obstruct an officer arrest was taken in the 1700 block of Orchid Avenue. Officers arrived and determined (S) Joaquin Sanchez (29) violated 243 (e)(1) P.C. Officers arrested Sanchez and he was taken to the Solano County Jail.
1944 273.6 PC, domestic violence restraining order violation report, in the 1700 block of Orchid Avenue.
2049 25400 PC, carry a concealed firearm in a vehicle, 25850 (A) Carry a loaded firearm, 11378 Possession of a controlled substance for sales, 11351 Possession of a controlled substance, 11359 Possession of marijuana for sales arrest in the 1100 block of North First Street. Suspect Josiah Caines (19-year-old-male, out of Dixon/Fairfield) was arrested. S-Caines was transported to Solano County jail without incident.
0010 23152 CVC, driving while intoxicated arrest, at the intersection of Pedrick and East Bound I-80. Suspect Steven Jacobson (36-year-old, male, out of Winters) was arrested.

Friday, February 6

No reports authored during this tour of duty.

Thursday, February 5

1604 A Missing person's report was taken in the 1400 block of Goldfield Lane. The person was later found.
1622 A theft report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1901 Vehicle towed in the 300 block of West Broadway Street for expired registration.
0322 Information report taken in the 1500 block of Fulmor Drive.

Wednesday, February 4

No reports were authored during this tour of duty.

Tuesday, February 3

0924 Hit and run accident reported in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
1417 Traffic stop in the area of Pheasant Run Drive and West H Street resulted in the arrest of Nia Mapanoo (23) of Fairfield for an outstanding warrant. She was taken to county jail.
1641 Information report taken in the 700 block of Park Drive.
2230 Juvenile placed on a mental health hold.
0530 Nicolas Riviere (41) of Dixon was arrested for domestic violence in the 200 block of Victoria Drive.

Monday, February 2

1630 Traffic stop in the 100 block of Vaughn Road resulted in the citation of the driver for driving on a suspended license and the towing of the vehicle to Payless Tow.
1653 Confidential report taken in the 400 block of Berkshire Drive.

Sunday, February 1, 2026

0619 Abandoned motorcycle reported in the 1000 block of Stratford Avenue resulted in the removal of a 1991 Honda Motorcycle.
1033 Trespassing report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
1224 Report of domestic violence in the 600 block of Glenside Drive.
1611 Information report regarding a restraining order taken at the police department.
1701 Restraining order service in the 1800 block of Whiting Court.
2143 Shoplifting report from a business in the 2200 block of North First Street.

Saturday, January 31

1253 Oscar Orozco (34-year-old from Dixon) was arrested for warrants in the intersection of La Esperanza Drive at East D Street. He was transported and booked at Solano County Jail.
1333 A harassing and annoying phone calls report was taken in the 1100 block of Yale Drive.
1635 An informational report was taken in the 2000 block of North First Street.
1950 417 PC, brandish a deadly weapon report, taken in the 1300 block of Estates Drive.
0005 646.9 PC, Stalking, report taken in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.
0240 273.5 PC, Felony Domestic Violence, arrest in the 200 block of West H Street. Suspect Katerin Hernandez-Ordenez (25-year-old, female, out of Dixon) was arrested and booked into Solano County Jail.

Friday, January 30

1002 A fraud report was taken in the 1000 block of Newgate Way.
1634 A harassing and annoying phone calls report was taken in the 1400 block Taylor Lane.
1828 Non-injury traffic collision report taken in the 200 block of Sanborn Lane.
0153 11379 H&S, Transportation of Methamphetamines, arrest made in the 8000 block of Pedrick Road. Suspect Joseph John Manalastas Parafina (48-year-old, out of Hercules) was arrested. S-Joseph was transported to Solano County Jail and booked without incident.

Thursday, January 29

0843 Threats report 1500 block Valley Glen Drive.
1530 Theft report 1000 block North First Street.
2126 Agency Assist report, taken at 859 Newgate Wy.
0132 23152 (A) PC, Driving under the influence of alcohol, arrest, at the intersection of North First Street and Auction Lane. Suspect Giovanni Vargas (34-year-old, out of Vacaville) was arrested. S-Vargas was transported to Solano County Jail and booked without incident.

Wednesday, January 28

2104 166.4 PC, restraining order violation and 1203.2 PC, Probation violation arrest, in the 100 block of Dorset Drive. Suspect Brian Lewis (72-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested. S-Lewis was transported to Solano County Jail and booked.
2311 646.9 PC, Stalking, report taken in the 700 block of Vaughn Road.
0113 452 (c) PC, Reckless burning, arrest, in the 1200 block of Pitt School Road. Suspect Robert Love (44-year-old, male, out of Alabama) was arrested. S-Love was transported to Solano County Jail and booked.

REM Legacy Foundation to Host Free Senior Prom



REM Legacy Foundation, a local nonprofit organization, will host a Senior Prom for adults aged 65 and up Feb. 26. The organization has four members (L-R) Tasha Gaytan, Mary Felix, Crystal Tellez and Yadi Rodriguez. Photo courtesy of REM Legacy Foundation

REM Legacy Foundation News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - REM Legacy Foundation, a local nonprofit organization, will host a Senior Prom for adults ages 65 and up from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Dixon Senior Center, 201 S. Fifth St.

This free, community-wide event is designed to give seniors a fun and memorable afternoon. The prom will feature a DJ, a photo booth and community vendors, with each table offering something special for seniors along with helpful resource information.

REM Legacy Foundation is a small, four-person nonprofit team dedicated to

supporting families facing unexpected loss by helping with funeral expenses. The foundation is also committed to creating joyful experiences that help seniors stay active, social and connected.

The REM Legacy Foundation team includes Tawsha Gaytan, who works with Vacaville Memory Care, Mary Felix with Solano life House & REM Senior Day Program, Crystal Tellez, who works with the State of California and Yari Rodriguez, with Vacaville Ranch.

"This event is about giving our seniors a reason to get out, have fun, and feel celebrated."

The event is free and open to the public, and all seniors are encouraged to attend. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001808 The following persons are doing business as: Franco Trucking, 1480 Reed Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.

Heriberto Franco, 1480 Reed Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: December 19, 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 December 18, 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.)

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FRANCO 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000040 The following persons are doing business as: Daydreamer Rentals, 1664 Homewood Court, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Mercedes R Moreau, 1664 Homewood Court, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Date filed in Solano County: January 8, 2026. 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 January 7, 2031. 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.)

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DAYDREAMER 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001677 The following persons are doing business as: Midnon Camacho Services, 1625 Park Lane Unit 16, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Midnon Camacho, 1625 Park Lane Unit 16, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: November 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 25, 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 November 19, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

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MIDNON 2-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000110 The following persons are doing

business as: Mario's Handyman, 1342 McKinley Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Mario Bracamontes Lopez, 1342 McKinley Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: January 21, 2026. 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 January 20, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
MARIOS 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000117 The following persons are doing business as: Abjea Bookkeeping, 701 West D Street South, Dixon, CA 95620.

Casanova Consulting LLC, 701 West D Street South, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: January 22, 2026. 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 January 21, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
ABEJA 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000184 The following persons are doing business as: Napo's Taqueria, 483 North Adams, Dixon, CA 95620.

Olga Lydia Roa Velazquez, 483 North Adams, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: February 2, 2026. 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 February 1, 2031. 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: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
NAPOS 3-6-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-11496

Earl Gene Ramos Apiado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Earl Gene Ramos Apiado to Earl Nazareno Ramos.

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. February 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Stephen Gizzi
Dated: January 8, 2026
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APIADO 2-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-00063

Annemarie Galletti filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Wyatt James Castillo to Wyatt James Galletti.

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. March 30, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 7, 2026
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GALLETTI 2-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-00106

Wendy Sue Ludwig filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Wendy Sue Ludwig to Wendy Sue Lignons.

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. March 30, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 7, 2026
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GALLETTI 2-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-00106

Wendy Sue Ludwig filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Wendy Sue Ludwig to Wendy Sue Lignons.

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. March 30, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 20, 2026
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LUDWIG 2-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-11498

Angel Eunice Ramos Apiado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angel Eunice Ramos Apiado to Angel Eunice Selene Ramos.

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. March 30, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 20, 2026
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LUDWIG 2-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-11498

Angel Eunice Ramos Apiado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angel Eunice Ramos Apiado to Angel Eunice Selene Ramos.

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. March 30, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 20, 2026
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LUDWIG 2-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-11498

Earl Gene Ramos Apiado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Earl Gene Ramos Apiado to Earl Nazareno Ramos.

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. April 27, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 21, 2026
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026
APIADO 2-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-00225

Cynthia Holsted Maraschino filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cynthia Holsted Maraschino to Cynthia Lei Holsted.

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. March 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 21, 2026
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026
APIADO 2-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-00225

Cynthia Holsted Maraschino filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cynthia Holsted Maraschino to Cynthia Lei Holsted.

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. March 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Stephen Gizzi
Dated: January 20, 2026
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026
MARASCHINO 2-20-26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 25-76397 APN: 0113-071-040 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/27/2016. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointing trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: RAMON PEREZ AND DEBRA PEREZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 10/28/2016, as Instrument No. 201600096337, THE SUBJECT DEED OF TRUST WAS MODIFIED BY LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT 201900056447 AND RECORDED ON 08/21/2019 AND MODIFIED BY LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT 202300013157 AND RECORDED ON 03/31/2023 AND MODIFIED BY LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT 202400039986 AND RECORDED ON 09/11/2024, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, Date of Sale: 3/4/2026 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$299,072.74 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 422 WEST F STREET DIXON, CALIFORNIA 95620 Described as follows: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. A.P.N.#: 0113-071-040 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 at 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. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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 (855) 976-3916 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the 25-76397. 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. 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," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 1/29/2026 ZBS LAW, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.com Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 46696

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DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 2-20-26

T.S. No.: 2024-10324-CA APN: 260 HERITAGE LN, DIXON, CA 95620 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/8/2021. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JOHN E. LONG AND JENNIFER N. LONG, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP Duly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 10/15/2021 as Instrument No. 202100107274 in Book - Page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California Date of Sale: 3/19/2026 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$507,328.67 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 260 HERITAGE LNDIXON, CA 95620 A.P.N.: 0116-130-190 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/irre-faqs#D_5. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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 or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-10324-CA. 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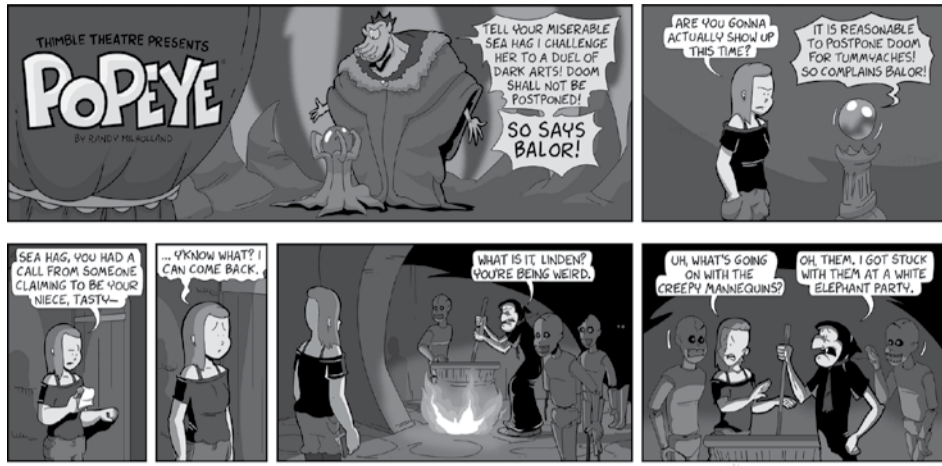
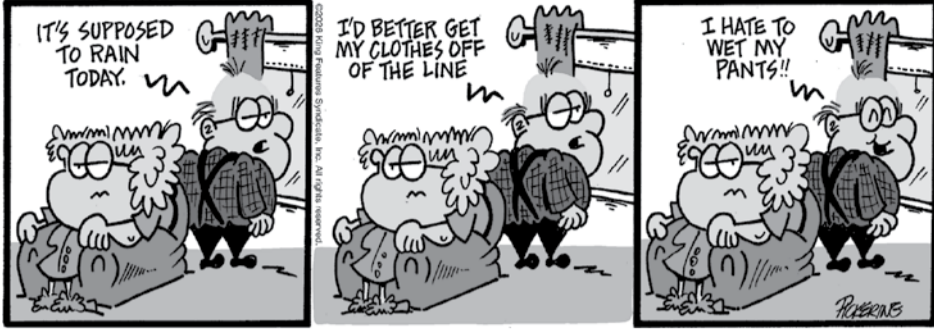
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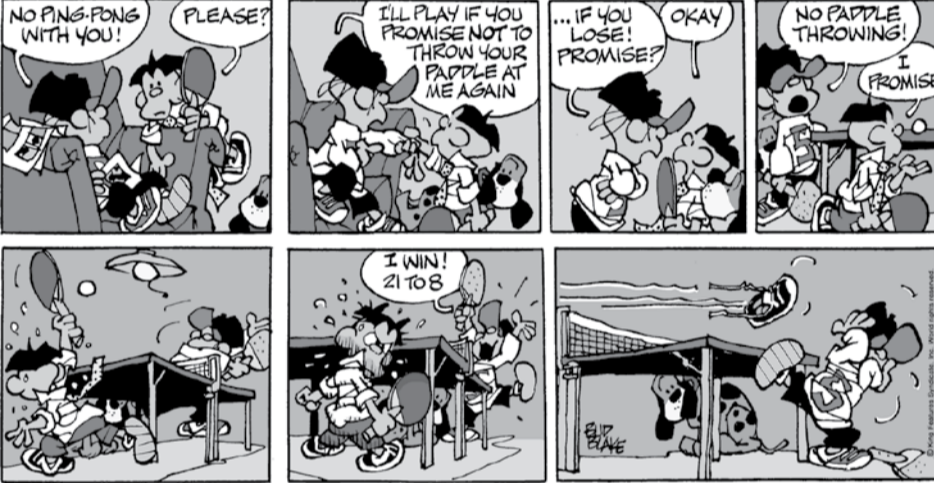
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Differences: 1. Tail is smaller. 2. Arms are longer. 3. Rabbit's ears is different. 4. Log is different. 5. Earflap is longer. 6. Rabbit's ears is moved.

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 - Plant fungus
 - "Titanic" star
 - "The Whisperer" (1998)
 - "PepsiCo offering
 - "One of the Welsh twins, 90210
 - Long reef dweller
 - Reach a high
 - Color of passion
 - Agitate
 - Like Matryoshka inside Matryoshka
 - Gave the boot
 - Arab League member
 - One of Florida Keys
 - Summer month
 - Polished diamond surface
 - Safecracker
 - Lazybones
 - Before "saw" and "conquered"
 - Glitch
 - Watercraft
 - Remains repository
 - Like some martinis
 - Comfort
 - One in a pod
 - * bubble
 - "The 1990s, a.k.a. post- decade
 - Biblical patriarch
 - Sensitive subject?
 - "Bad news travels fast," e.g.
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- Did a marathon, e.g.
- Mollify
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CHP Graduates 129 New Officers

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California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol graduated 129 cadets from Cadet Training Class IV-25 at the CHP Academy on Feb. 6, marking the start of their service as officers protecting communities across California.

“These new officers represent the future of public safety in California,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “The badge they were given is on loan from the people of this state, and every day they must earn the right to wear it through professionalism, ethical conduct and accountability to the public they serve.”

During more than six months of academy training, cadets completed intensive instruction in traffic enforcement, collision investigation, defensive tactics, firearms proficiency, emergency vehicle operations and community policing. The curriculum also emphasized legal authority, ethical decision-making, effective



129 cadets from Cadet Training Class IV-25 graduated from the CHP Academy in West Sacramento on Feb. 6, marking the start of their service as officers protecting communities across California. Photo courtesy of CHP

communication and cultural awareness to prepare officers for the complex demands of modern policing.

As sworn California Highway

Patrol officers, members of CTC IV-25 will serve throughout the state and may pursue specialized assignments beyond patrol, including K-9 handling, air

operations, investigative services, motorcycle enforcement, public affairs and emergency response. California Highway Patrol officers routinely provide lifesaving

aid at crash scenes, support evacuations during wildfires and investigate serious and complex crimes.

The graduation of CTC IV-25 underscores California Highway Patrol’s commitment to developing highly trained professionals dedicated to serve with integrity, compassion and excellence. The new officers will report to their field training assignments on Feb. 16, continuing the department’s mission to deliver the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to the people of California.

The California Highway Patrol continues to seek motivated individuals interested in a challenging and rewarding career in public service, offering opportunities to serve communities across the state while pursuing a wide range of specialized assignments. Visit chpmadeforemore.com to learn more about what the California Highway Patrol has to offer.

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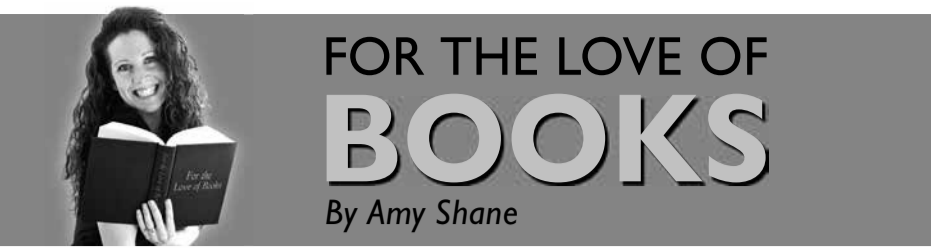
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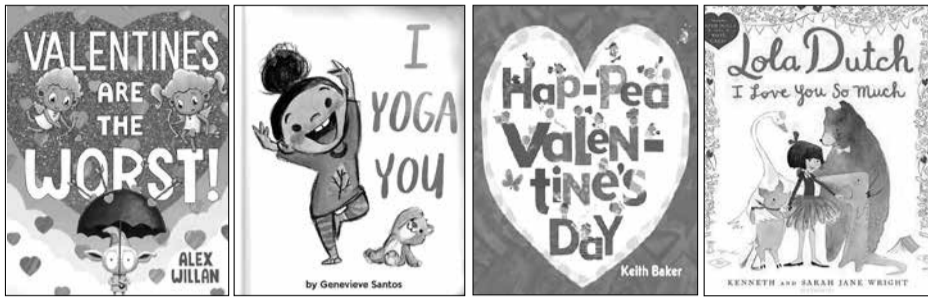
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Favorite Valentine's Books to Share With the Ones You Love



Valentines are the Worst

by Alex Willan, Simon and Schuster

Gilbert the Goblin doesn't have time for mushy, lovey Valentine's; he's too busy with goat yoga, cataloging his cacti, and bird-watching.

He especially doesn't have time for crafting and gluing Valentines, or pulling out the coconut-filled candy hidden within a heart-shaped box of chocolates, eww gross. But there is still one thing Gilbert hates more than anything – Cupids. And this year, he is determined not to get hit by Cupid's arrow. But to his utter demise, his very fear comes true, and Gilbert is struck with a love arrow. Will Gilbert soften his feelings about Valentines now that he has been struck, or will he be able to overcome?

Gilbert returns in another laugh-out-loud adventure. This time, Valentine's are The Worst. Young readers will absolutely delight in all of Gilbert's shenanigans and love the ending even more. This book is perfect for classrooms and home libraries and might even spark the desire to craft your own Valentine to share with your friends.

I Yoga You

by Genevieve Santos; Little Simon

In an adorable book that recounts all the many reasons you love a child, from the way they stretch out straight and tall, make you laugh, or allow your imagination to create magical places. Share the many ways you love your little one, complete with a yoga pose for each. With thirteen natural yoga poses in the back, readers can make this book interactive and fun, while also sharing gentle reminders of love.

Adorable in every way, I Yoga You is a wonderful expression of love and interaction with the joy of yoga.

Hap-Pea Valentine's Day

by Keith Baker; Beach Lane Books

It's Valentine's Day! The peas are back, and this time, they have a lot of happy hearts to give away. There are silly hearts, double hearts, and, of course, candy hearts, but don't forget the chocolate. There are also so many hearts if you look outside, like rocky hearts, clocky hearts, and even book-y hearts. From rainbows to sprinkles to balloons and even flower hap-pea hearts, they are everywhere.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with those you cherish. This delightful book is a vibrant celebration of love and hearts, featuring the most endearing little peas. It's perfect for story time, craft time, and classrooms, and pairs beautifully with all the crafts a little heart desires. It's a must-have book to celebrate the beauty of love that surrounds us, not just on Valentine's Day.

Lola Dutch I Love YOU So Much

by Kenneth and Sarah Jane Wright; Bloomsbury

Lola Dutch loves showing her friends how much she cares. When her friends are grumpy, Lola Dutch knows just what they need, and she quickly jumps into action. Making the most of every situation, Lola Dutch is here to make every reader's day a delight.

Complete with paper dolls and a fold-out scene, the Lola Dutch books give readers a boundless amount of fun and excitement while also allowing them to continue their own Lola Dutch adventures. Where will she take you? ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Actions Have Consequences



"I believe that we are solely responsible for our choices, and we have to accept the consequences of every deed, word, and thought throughout our lifetime."

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

All of our actions have consequences. This relationship is as dependable as the ripples created by throwing a pebble into a lake. Consequences can be either good or bad. Problems arise when we don't think about or recognize the consequences of our actions.

When you are not aware of the consequences of your behavior, two things may happen. In the case where the consequences are negative, you run the risk of repeating the same mistake. When you are pleased with the consequences, you may also fail to duplicate the behavior that gave you the desired results. In either case, you will be frustrated.

For example, how far could you get driving a car if you didn't comprehend the consequences of the various controls? Without an understanding of the operation of the steering wheel, gas pedal, and brakes, you wouldn't remain on the road for very long.

Your life works the same way. It's important to understand the consequences of your actions. Many of the consequences you experience are predictable. However, there may be some you didn't anticipate. They are part of your unending education.

Unexpected consequences provide you with new insights. Invaluable knowledge can be gained by analyzing exactly what happened and why. The discoveries made in this fashion provide you with new information you can use to reach your goals.

Ideally, when assessing various courses of action, an analysis of the corresponding potential consequences enables you to make the best possible decision. This is the basis of the carpenter's adage, "measure twice, cut once." You have probably been told numerous times to think before you act.

Acting impulsively, without thinking, is the same as cutting without measuring at

all. This approach is similar to attempting to drive a car by cranking the steering wheel in one direction and then correcting by cranking in the other direction. You will run off the road in short order.

Not every decision you make will be perfect. Your objective is to take the most appropriate action based on the information you have available. If the actual consequences are not what you wanted, you must then take different action and keep going. Don't waste any time lamenting what you should have done differently.

Ignoring or denying the link between your action and the corresponding consequences will often make things worse. You won't be able to take control of your life unless you see yourself as being responsible for the outcomes you are experiencing.

When faced with undesirable consequences, you want to first identify the cause. Next, determine the action you need to take to mitigate, change, or eliminate them. Then get in gear and do whatever is necessary to correct the situation. Action, not complaining, brings results.

If you fail to take personal responsibility for your actions, you will exacerbate your situation. Those who blame others for their circumstances develop a victim mentality. The result is a belief that they have no power over the direction of their destiny. This type of thinking leads people to accept suffering as normal and unavoidable.

The only way to affect different consequences is to alter your actions. This is accomplished by being proactive in every area of your life. Then when something happens you don't like, your first response will be "what do I have to do to fix this?"

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Riley Reviews

"THE RIP" ACTION HEIST; "STEAL" GROUNDED IN A CRIME THRILLER

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"THE RIP" RATED R on NETFLIX

A solid action thriller with a strong cast is a great recipe for the Netflix film "The Rip" that rests in the capable direction of Joe Carnahan whose resume includes films like "Narc," "Smokin' Aces" and "Copshop."

The title refers to police jargon for the seizure of cash, drugs and contraband from criminals. As the film opens, an elite Miami Police task force loses one of its members, Jackie Velez (Lina Escobedo), to an ambush from masked gunmen.

Setting the pace for a violent evening for a "rip" of a stash house is the notion that Jackie's murder may have been the result of corruption inside the ranks, and unknown parties wanted her sidelined. After all, Captain Jackie was leading the elite unit hunting down drug cartels.

Stepping into breach for the task force is Lieutenant Dane Dumars (Matt Damon), assisted by his colleague and friend Detective Sergeant J.D. Byrne (Ben Affleck), a hothead turning more erratic even before the raid begins.

Miami P.D. has identified a suburban home on a cul-de-sac in neighboring Hialeah as the target. Dane and J.D. are joined by Miami detectives Mike Ro (Steven Yeun), Numa Baptiste (Teyana Taylor), and Lolo Salazar (Catalina Sandino Moreno) for the bust.

Before they even leave the police station, the belligerent J.D. gets into fisticuffs with FBI Agent Del Byrne (Scott Adkins), who just happens to be his brother. Territorial boundaries are apparently more important than family ties.

The Feds intervene in the investigation into Jackie's murder, but they are more interested in possible corruption in the force confiscating illicit cash for themselves. Dane gets agitated with his superior officer (Nestor Campbell) holding back their task force.

Dane and his crew operate without regard to rules, showing up at the house where the only occupant is a young woman named Desi (Sasha Calle), who seemingly has no clue as to why they want to search her deceased grandmother's house.

A stash of \$20 million is found behind a fake wall in the attic, and that's when things get interesting. Rumors have been floating around that corrupt cops keep the loot for themselves.

Now suspicion falls on everyone, and red herrings pop up as expected. Which cops might be dirty? Who's working with clean hands and wants to be sure the money gets back to the evidence locker?

When a pair of Hialeah police officers show up, what's their angle? An anonymous caller warns the police to get out of the house. The team members even start

questioning their colleagues. The action blasts off full throttle when criminals assault the stash house with machine guns.

"The Rip" may not quite be on the same level as Martin Scorsese's "The Departed" with Matt Damon or "The Town" with Ben Affleck, but like these two crime thrillers a big screen release would have been optimal. Nevertheless, the bigger the TV at home, the more enjoyable for this riveting action thriller.

"STEAL" ON AMAZON PRIME

A crime thriller about a British pension fund being robbed of billions, the six-episode "Steal" set in London is certainly bingeable entertainment on Amazon Prime, which suggests it could just as well be trimmed down to a two-hour heist movie.

Remarkably talented, Sophie Turner ("Game of Thrones") is one of the key players as a trade processor at Lochmill Capital, an investment firm managing portfolios for retirement funds. Her Zara Dunne toils in a midlevel job.

Zara works closely with friend and colleague Luke (Archie Madekwe) at the trading desk. All hell breaks loose when a gang of thieves in prosthetic disguises storms the office, locking management in a meeting room and separating the rest of the staff into a conference room.

To make the point that they mean business, a couple of employees are brutally beaten to a bloody pulp for talking out of turn. The leader, London (Jonathan Slinger), forces Zara and Luke at gunpoint to drain the pension funds of four billion in British pounds.

It's not too soon in the first episode to wonder if there is an inside man or woman involved with the heist. The police arrive on the scene not long after the thieves scrambled to their hideout.

What makes the heist particularly distasteful is that the pension funds being purloined belong to working stiff who can ill-afford losing their retirements. Moreover, the thugs are just horribly malevolent.

Leading the police investigation is sharp-minded DCI Rhys Kovac (Jacob Fortune-Lloyd), who happens to be hiding his own secret of a gambling addiction and owing a large sum to ruthless loan sharks.

Other players are drawn into the plot, including corrupt billionaire Sir Toby Gould (Peter Mullan), and for some inexplicable reason spooks from the MI5 espionage agency. The aptly named Sniper (Andrew Howard) may be the most unhinged member of the heist crew.

"Steal" delights with plenty of twists and a few surprises. The survival instincts of Zara make her the pivotal player that ensures the series remains interesting to the end. ★



Citrus Growers Assess Risk of New Virus

A new citrus disease that so far remains confined to residential trees has industry leaders taking what they describe as a measured approach because of the unknown risks it poses. Caused by the citrus yellow vein clearing virus, the disease was confirmed in residential citrus trees during multipest citrus surveys in Tulare County in 2022 and in residential trees in Hacienda Heights near Los Angeles in 2023. The discoveries marked the first time CYVCV had been confirmed in the Americas. "It's something that's still relatively new," said Casey Creamer, president and CEO of California Citrus Mutual. "I think the way we try to approach things is to put the appropriate amount of concern around it based on the level of risk it poses."

4-H'er Turns a Handful of Chicks into a Thriving Business

When Nathan Hutchison was 9 years old, starting a business was the last thing on his mind. The young bird enthusiast just wanted to raise a few backyard chickens. But what began as a childhood hobby grew into Nate's Chicks—a thriving, solar-powered poultry operation in Madera County with more than 600 chickens and customers statewide. Now 19, Hutchison raises

heritage turkeys for the Thanksgiving season and more than 50 breeds of chickens, selling day-old chicks, chicken and turkey meat and anywhere from 2,500 to 5,000 eggs a month. He also brokers chickens from other farms and leads workshops on food sustainability, raising poultry and hands-on processing.

Researchers Make Breakthroughs in Preventing Pistachio Hull Split

When pistachio hulls split open before harvest, the nuts can be exposed to fungal or insect damage, which reduces profits for farmers. About 4% of California's pistachio crop experiences hull split, but the figure can rise to as much as 40% for some cultivars in certain conditions. New research at the University of California, Davis, revealed how the hull is built and how cell walls in certain layers break down, along with the genes and corresponding mechanisms that spark and control those changes. "This is the first time anyone has studied the pistachio hull at the anatomical and cellular level while also looking at gene expression and physiological data," said Georgia Drakakaki, a professor at the UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences. The research will help breeders select for traits that will make the hulls less vulnerable to tearing and cracking. ★



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Gymnastics Sweeps MPSF Weekly Awards

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the first time this season UC Davis gymnastics has brought home Mountain Pacific Sports Federation weekly awards sweeping all three following the weekend with Amelia Moneymaker (Gymnast of the Week), Molly Osborne (Freshman of the Week) and Avah Reichow (Specialist of the Week) all bringing home the honors.

UC Davis used the top performances by the three Aggies to win its quad meet at Sacramento State on Saturday, Jan. 23, besting the Hornets, Western Michigan and UW-Whitewater at the Nest.

For the 18th time in her career, extending her school record, and 13th-straight time (school record) going back to last season Moneymaker broke the 39,000 threshold in the all-around, winning the title at Sacramento State with a mark of 39.275. Along the way she posted the first 9.900 (beam) by an Aggie this season and won the individual floor (9.875) and beam events. The



Pictured is Molly Osborne, who was named UC Davis Gymnastics Freshman of the Week. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

Aggie all-rounder added a season-high mark of 9.825 for a second-place finish on bars to help power the Aggies to the quad meet victory.

Moneymaker was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Gymnast of the Week four times in 2025, with this being her first of 2026.

Osborne played her part on beam, posting a career-high

mark of 9.800 that gave her a fourth-place finish on that event. Osborne also had solid marks on vault (9.700) and bars (9.725) to add to the Aggie totals that eventually gave them the meet victory, sending stingers down.

With career highs on both beam and floor, Reichow brought home her first career Mountain Pacific Sports Federation weekly award after top finishes across

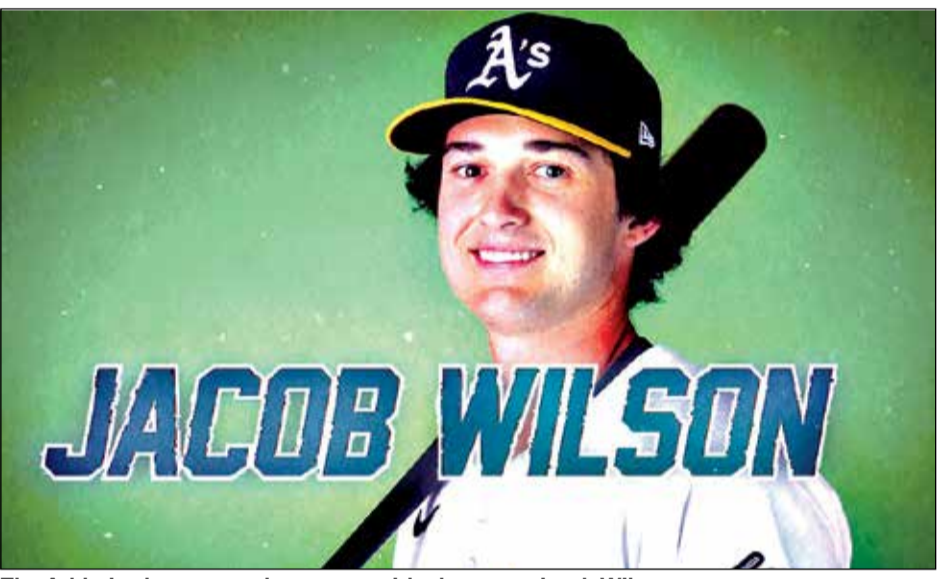
three events. On floor, Reichow finished second just behind Moneymaker, posting a 9.850 to help UC Davis sweep the podium and win the overall floor event. While on vault her 9.750 gave her a fifth-place finish to go along with her 9.700 on beam.

General admission for all meets runs \$13 while youth (3-13), UC Davis staff members and fans Seniors (65-plus) can

get in the door for \$10. Group outings (minimum of 10) can get their tickets at \$10 apiece. With the \$80 Flexbook, fans receive 10 general admission ticket vouchers that can be redeemed for any of the four home meets during the season in any combination desired. Fans can secure their spot in the University Credit Union Center by hitting the link, by calling the Aggie Ticket Office at (530) 752-2471 or by emailing the Aggie Ticket Office at aggietickets@ucdavis.edu.

About UC Davis Athletics
UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked No. 1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as No. 1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is in a true California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026-27. ★

A's Agree to Terms with SS Jacob Wilson



The Athletics have agreed to terms with shortstop Jacob Wilson on a seven-year contract through the 2032 season. Photo courtesy of MLB

Athletics News Release

LAS VEGAS, NV (MPG) - The Athletics have agreed to terms with shortstop Jacob Wilson on a seven-year contract through the 2032 season with a club option for 2033, the club announced today.

Wilson batted .311 with 13 home runs, 63 RBI, .355 OBP and an .800 OPS in 125 games last season with the A's. He struck out just 39 times in 2025 and his 13.41 strikeouts per plate appearance were second fewest in MLB behind San Diego's Luis Arraez (32.14). His .311 batting average was tied second highest in MLB in 2025 behind New York-AL's Aaron Judge (.331) and tied with Toronto's Bo Bichette.

Wilson earned American League Rookie of the Month honors for the month of May after posting a .368/.437/.538 slashline with six doubles, four home runs, 16 RBI and just eight strikeouts in May. He was the runner-up for American League Rookie of the Year to teammate Nick Kurtz, marking the first time a team has had the first and second place finishers in American League Rookie of the Year Voting since the 1984 Mariners (Alvin Davis, Mark Langston).

Wilson was elected by the fans as

starting shortstop for the American League in the 2025 All-Star Game and became the first rookie shortstop to be elected by the fans. He was also the second rookie shortstop to start an All-Star Game along with the Orioles Ron Hansen, who started both All-Star Games in 1960. He was the first Athletic to start an All-Star Game since Josh Donaldson at third base in 2014 and the first shortstop since Bert Campaneris made three straight starts from 1973-75.

Since debuting on July 19, 2024, Wilson is a career .301 hitter with 13 home runs, 66 RBI and a .772 OPS in 153 games in two seasons in the majors. He was the A's first round selection in the 2023 First-Year Player Draft out of Grand Canyon University.

Wilson is one of four players under contract through at least the 2028 season, when the A's are scheduled to open their new ballpark in Las Vegas. He joins Lawrence Butler, who inked a seven-year deal through the 2031 season with a club option for 2032 on Mar. 10, 2025, Brent Rooker, who signed a five-year contract through 2029 with a club option for 2030 on Jan. 23, 2025, and Tyler Soderstrom, who signed a seven-year contract through 2032 with a club option for 2033 on Dec. 29, 2025. ★

Midfielder Pep Casas to Join 2026 Campaign

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC recently announced that the club has signed midfielder José "Pep" Casas. He will be added to the team's roster pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Pep fits the mold for the types of talented, up-and-coming players who do well in USL Championship," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "We look forward to welcoming him to the Indomitable Club and are excited to be a part of this next step in his career."

Casas added, "I'm really excited to join Sacramento Republic. It's a club with a great culture and passionate fans, and I can't wait to get started and give everything I have for the team."

A native of Barcelona, Spain, Casas got his start in FC Barcelona's famed youth academy, La Masia. He later made the move to English club Ipswich Town before closing out his youth career in Spain with CE Europa. The 25-year-old came to the United States to begin his collegiate career Indiana Tech before transferring to University of North Carolina Wilmington. With the Seahawks, he appeared in every game possible and recorded two goals and two assists and earned selection to the 2023 Coastal



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Athletic Association Second Team.

In 2024, Casas was selected 61st overall in the Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft by Inter Miami CF. He made two Major League Soccer appearances for the club before joining Inter Miami CF II. With the Major League Soccer (MLS) NEXT Pro side, he made 25 appearances and added two assists, while maintaining an impressive 86 percent passing accuracy. Last year, he joined Nashville SC's reserve side Huntsville City FC and played over 2,000 minutes to help the team reach

the postseason for the first time. He closed out the season with a stellar 91 percent pass success rate.

Sacramento Republic FC will open the 2026 season at home on March 7 when the Indomitable Club hosts Western Conference Champion FC Tulsa. Kickoff for the 13th season is set for 7 p.m. at Heart Health Park. Fans secure their seat for the entire 2026 season by becoming a member today and lock in the lowest prices of the year. Group tickets are on sale now and single match tickets will be available beginning Feb. 5 at SacRepublicFC.com. ★

Men's Tennis Wins the 2025 CCCAA Team GPA Award



American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For the second consecutive season, and the third in four years, the ARC men's tennis team won the CCCAA Team GPA Award. The honor goes to the men's tennis team that

had the highest cumulative team GPA in the state of California. The Beavers also won the award in three consecutive seasons from 2008-2010. In 2025 the program posted its highest team GPA in their history, with an overall GPA of 3.89, far surpassing their previous record of 3.53 set in 2024. ★

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DFS Promotes Comedy Night



Dixon Family Services hosted a two-day indoor rummage sale Feb. 6 and 7 at the back of its building, 155 N. Second St., raising funds to support its programs serving individuals and families in the Dixon community. Photo courtesy of Dixon Family Services

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Family Services hosted a two-day indoor rummage sale Feb. 6 and 7 at the back of its building, 155 N. Second St., raising funds to support its programs serving individuals and families in the Dixon community.

The sale ran from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days and was open to the public. The event was cash-only, and shoppers were asked to bring their own bags. Proceeds from the rummage sale will go directly toward Dixon Family Services' programs.

According to Executive Director Cookie Powell, the sale featured a wide assortment of donated items, reflecting contributions from staff and board members.

"We have a little bit of everything," said Powell. "Quite a bit of Easter, Christmas, some Fourth of July. Household stuff, man stuff, etc."

According to Powell, the idea for the rummage sale originated with a board member who offered items from her garage to raise money for the organization. Additional items came from Powell's own home.

"One of our board members cleaned out her garage and asked if we'd want to have a rummage sale with her items to make money for DFS," said Powell. "I also had a lot of stuff from my house that we added to the sale."

While the rummage sale is a relatively small fundraiser, Powell said it provides another opportunity for community members to support the organization.

"It is one small way that we and other people can have a 'fundraiser' for DFS," said Powell.

The sale was designed to be accessible to a wide range of shoppers, with a variety of items and bargain pricing. Powell said rummage sales traditionally attract people looking for affordable essentials or unexpected finds.

"Shoppers do not usually have fundraising goals," said Powell. "They shop at rummage sales and yard sales in search of bargain prices for the essentials, and to find treasures they didn't even know that

they wanted."

A limited number of staff and board members were involved in organizing and running the event. According to Powell, two staff members and a board member helped set up the sale earlier in the week, and she and Board President Patty Richards staffed the sale during operating hours.

Beyond fundraising, Powell said she hopes shoppers leave the event knowing their purchases will make a difference locally.

"They can feel good about the fact that the money they spent will go directly to programs and services that will help people struggling in Dixon," said Powell.

In addition to the rummage sale, Dixon Family Services used the event to promote an upcoming fundraiser. Comedy Night is scheduled for Aug. 8 at The Olde Vet's Hall, 231 N. First St.

According to Powell, the event will offer multiple ways for community members to participate, including sponsorships, prize donations and ticket purchases.

"People who can afford to assist can do so as sponsors, prize donors and everyone who comes is helping the cause with the tickets they purchase," said Powell. "I suggest that people who want to be at Comedy Night consider getting their tickets right away because we do expect it to sell out."

Community members interested in sponsorships, ticket purchases, table reservations or additional information about Comedy Night can contact Powell at cookie@dixonfamilyservices.org.

Powell said Dixon Family Services will be focusing on Comedy Night fundraising efforts in the coming months. She added that community members may also support the organization by mailing donations or using online platforms such as PayPal and Givebutler.

"Many wonderful caring members of our community do this, and we always welcome new donors to our Team DFS," said Powell.

For more information, visit dixonfs.org or call 707-678-0442. ★



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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have paid off all of our credit card debt, but she doesn't want to follow your suggestion to cut up the cards and close the accounts. She wants us to keep the cards in a safe deposit box at the bank, and use them for nothing but emergencies. I think this has something to do with the fact she grew up in a poor family. We're doing okay, but it makes me wonder if some part of her is afraid of being poor again. We both know this isn't what you recommend, but what can I do to convince her we should get rid of the credit cards once and for all?

— Geoff

Dear Geoff,

Honestly, I'm not sure I'd approach this with the idea of convincing her of something. Under the circumstances, maybe it'd be a better idea to start off by having a gentle, understanding conversation, and

Dave Ramsey Says They Represent Security to Her

talking things through.

I say this because one of the things you mentioned is that she grew up poor. In my mind, this could mean that the credit cards represent security for her. But, if you had \$10,000 or so set aside for emergencies, you'd have the security of knowing that a transmission repair, or a new water heater wouldn't really be an emergency—it'd be reduced to a minor inconvenience. On top of that, having an actual cash emergency fund sitting there would mean you wouldn't have to go right back into debt again when something goes wrong.

There are lots of deep emotions involved in this situation, Geoff. Let her know you understand her concerns, and that you respect and sympathize with everything she has experienced. But also explain how financial security wouldn't be disappearing by doing this. The credit cards would be replaced by your very own money. In addition, you'd also be substituting what the credit cards do

with a debit card.

After this, ask her if there's a reasonable amount you two could have in the bank that would make her feel comfortable, and take away the worry and stress. Talk it out, see if you can settle on an amount, and then agree that when you've saved and hit that number, the cards get cut up and you close the account.

You'll have to be patient and understanding. Above all, you'll have to communicate and work together as a team on this. But trust me, it'll be worth it!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling 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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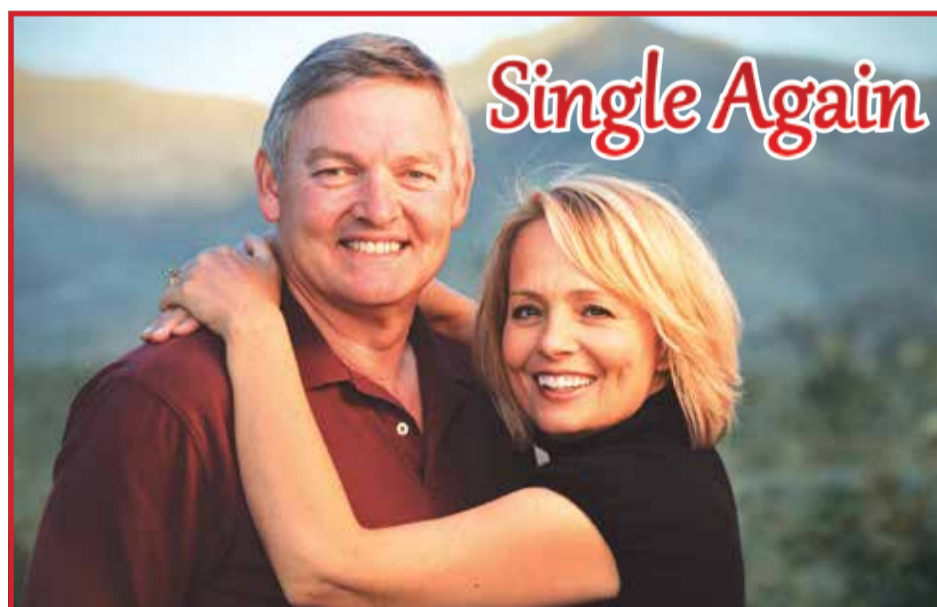
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