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## Devin Pitto Named Educator of the Year



Devin Pitto, a fourth-grade teacher at Tremont Elementary School, was named the 2025 Dixon Educator of the Year during the annual Celebrate Dixon gala March 14. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Devin Pitto, a fourth-grade teacher at Tremont Elementary School, was named the 2025 Dixon Educator of the Year during the annual Celebrate Dixon gala March 14.

Pitto, who has taught and lived in Dixon for 28 years, said the recognition came as a surprise.

"I was absolutely shocked!" said Pitto. "I went to the dinner with my principal, Treva Foster, for a nice evening, not expecting to be honored."

The award recognizes educators for their contributions to students, schools and the broader community. For Pitto, the acknowledgment from colleagues carries particular

significance.

"Having an honor bestowed on me by peers is especially meaningful - I value and respect my colleagues so much," said Pitto. "We are such a team at Tremont - we really are like family."

Pitto said a career in education was a natural path, influenced by family.

"Both of my parents were teachers, so I think it must be in my blood," said Pitto. "I have always loved to think of ways to make learning exciting for students - it makes it fun for me, too."

In the classroom, Pitto emphasizes engagement through creativity and hands-on learning. Music plays a central role in daily activities.

"I love to use music in my classroom," said Pitto. "We sing a lot of

songs, from the classics to classical, and hum a lot during transitions."

Pitto also incorporates experiential learning into lessons, particularly in social studies. A recent field trip focused on California history included activities such as rope-making, candle-dipping and bread-making.

"It's a great trip to make history come alive," said Pitto.

Among the traditions students look forward to each year is Pitto's ability to recite all 50 states in alphabetical order in one breath, which often becomes a classroom challenge.

Pitto said some of the most meaningful moments come years after students leave the classroom.

"One of my favorite things about  
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## NorthBay Health Awarded \$14.9 Million to Expand Behavioral Health Services

NorthBay Health News Release

**FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG)** - NorthBay Health Medical Center announced April 2 it has been awarded \$14.9 million through California's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) to develop a new Behavioral Health and Addiction Medicine Center in Fairfield, significantly expanding access to mental health and substance use services in the county.

The funding is part of a broader initiative led by Governor Gavin Newsom's Office. Additionally, Solano County secured \$37 million in Round 2 of BHCIP, a statewide effort supported by California's Proposition 1 behavioral health bond. NorthBay Health's project is one of just 66 projects selected statewide, representing approximately \$1.18 billion in behavioral health infrastructure investment across California.

In Solano County, behavioral health needs continue to rise, with approximately one in five residents experiencing a mental health condition each year and thousands seeking care through an already overextended system. Many individuals face barriers to timely treatment, often turning to emergency departments as a last resort.

"This investment comes at a critical time for our community and represents a major step forward for behavioral health in Solano County," said Mark Behl, president and CEO of NorthBay Health. "For too long, access to timely care has been limited. This new center is designed to respond directly to that need - expanding access, improving coordination and ensuring people receive the right care at the right time."

The new center will be located adjacent to the NorthBay Health Medical Center in Fairfield, and will provide a comprehensive, integrated approach to behavioral health care. The facility will bring together three critical services in one location: a 24/7 Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, a Community Mental Health Clinic and an Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program. Together, these services are projected to serve 19,000 patients annually, helping address longstanding gaps

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## Dixon Community Theater Prepares First Broadway-Style Musical Production

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Community Theater is expanding its programming and outreach efforts this spring with a slate of productions, youth classes and fundraising events aimed at sustaining and growing the local nonprofit's presence in the performing arts.

The volunteer-run organization recently hosted a "Villains" themed benefit concert on March 29 to support its upcoming production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," its first full-scale Broadway-style musical. According to Vice President Kelly Pidgeon James, the concert was designed to align with the theater's season theme while helping offset production costs.

"Cinderella is our first Broadway-style musical and to produce a musical



Dixon Community Theater hosted a "Villains" themed benefit concert on March 29 to support its upcoming production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," its first full-scale Broadway-style musical. Photo by Nicolas Brown

like this, it takes a good amount of resources," said James. "We decided on doing a Villain themed concert because it allowed us the opportunity to showcase a wide variety of

talented performers from all over the area while staying true to our fantasy theme for the season."

The event drew more than 160 attendees and featured performers from

multiple theater groups, broadening the organization's community reach. James said the concert also allowed cast members to perform on the Dixon stage  
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# 149th Dixon May Fair Set for May 7 to 10

# Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon May Fair will return for its 149th year May 7 to 10 at the fairgrounds, 655 S. First St., featuring carnival rides, live entertainment, livestock competitions and grandstand events. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Dixon has a slate of community events going on over the weekend, including Dixon Lions Club's Drive-thru BBQ, Dixon Boys Varsity Track Team competing against the Bella Vista Broncos at home and Dixon Athletic Booster's Third Annual Cornhole Tournament. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon May Fair will return for its 149th year May 7 to 10 at the fairgrounds, 655 S. First St., featuring carnival rides, live entertainment, livestock competitions and grandstand events.

Fair hours are scheduled from 4 to 10 p.m. May 7, noon to 11 p.m. May 8, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. May 9 and noon to 10 p.m. May 10. Parking is \$10 per vehicle, cash only. General admission is \$15 for adults 13 and older, \$10 for children ages 5 to 12, \$10 for seniors 65 and older and active-duty military with identification, and free for children 4 and under.

Special promotions include Thrifty Thursday on May 7, offering \$5 admission for guests age 5 and older, and Kids Day on May 8, when children 12 and under receive free fair admission.

Grandstand entertainment will include the Flying U Rodeo Bull Riding event at 7 p.m. May 9, the Maxx Kakl Powersports Truck and Tractor Pull at 7 p.m. May 10 and the Moondog Motorsports Demolition Derby at 5:30 p.m. May 11. Seating for each event begins one hour prior to showtime. Tickets are \$40 for all ages, with advance purchases including fair admission if bought by designated dates.

Live music and performances will take place throughout the fair at the Leber Garden Stage. Scheduled acts include the Sunset River Band May 7, School of Rock Vacaville and Outlaw Mariachi May 8, Dixon Dance

Studio, the Jeff Crossman Band and the Rhythm Method Trio May 9, and Maya Band and Four Barrel on May 10.

Family-focused activities will return with the Allied Propane Kids Zone, featuring attractions such as All Alaskan Pig Racing, Kids Town America and a visit from the Dixon Fire Department's Sparky the Fire Dog from noon to 5 p.m. May 8.

At the Picnic Stage May 9, the 12th Annual Dixon May Fair Classic Car Show and Chamber of Commerce Parade Awards will be held. The 11th annual car show and parade included 135 entries representing more than 70 businesses and organizations.

Carnival rides and games will again be provided by Butler Amusements, with more than 20 rides planned. The company will introduce a reloadable wristband system available through on-site kiosks, allowing guests to redeem advance tickets, purchase unlimited ride wristbands or add ride and game credits. Kiosks will accept multiple forms of payment, and staff will be available to assist attendees.

The fair will also offer a sensory station designed as a quiet space for guests experiencing sensory overload, along with bilingual wait cards and visual schedules to assist visitors.

Entries for exhibition competitions, including livestock, a junior dog show, car show, a coloring contest and much more, are due April 10.

For more information, visit [dixonmayfair.com](http://dixonmayfair.com) or call 707-678-5529. ★

By MPG Staff

## Dixon High Sports

Dixon High School Boys Varsity Track Team will compete at home at 8 a.m. April 11. Hosted at Dixon High School, 555 College Way, the Rams will take on the Bella Vista High School Broncos.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [dixonramsathletics.com](http://dixonramsathletics.com) or call 707-693-6330.

## Free Smoke Alarm Event

The Senior/Multi-use Center is hosting a free smoke alarm and fire prevention education event with American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25. Held at the Multi-use Center, 201 S. Fifth St., Dixon residents who sign up will receive free 10-year smoke alarm installation, alarm checks and a personalized fire escape plan on the day of the event.

For more information, visit the City of Dixon, CA Facebook page or call 707-678-7022.

## Cornhole Tournament

Dixon Schools Athletics Boosters is hosting the Third Annual Cornhole Tournament at 2 p.m. April 11. Held at Solano Brewing Co., 5500 Weber Rd., Vacaville, the event costs \$100 per team to register. Registration is available on the Scoreholio app. Corporate and Head Tournament sponsorship options are available as well. All skill levels are welcome.

For more information, visit the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or call 707-678-2650.

## Dixon Community Theater Coloring Contest

Dixon Community Theater (DCT) is hosting a coloring contest in anticipation of its next major production, "Cinderella." From March 15 to April 10, entrants can pick up coloring sheets at partnered locations or download them directly from the community theater's website. Once the entry is complete, it can be scanned and emailed in or turned in in-person to partnered locations. Four age groups will be represented, with five winners in each group. Winners will receive tickets to "Cinderella," as well as access to an invite-only pre-show party and prizes. Winners will be chosen by the cast and DCT members.

For more information, visit [dixoncommunitytheater.org](http://dixoncommunitytheater.org) or email [info@dixoncommunitytheater.org](mailto:info@dixoncommunitytheater.org).

## Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. April 16. 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](http://dixonchamber.org) or call 707-678-2650.

## Lunch Bunch at Pedro's Cocina

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting another lunch bunch networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. April 21. Held at Pedro's Cocina, 1425 Market Lane, the free event offers guests a no-host lunch and networking opportunities.

For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org), or call 707-678-2650.

## Teen Open Mic Night

Dixon Library is hosting a Teen Open Mic Poetry Night from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 16 in recognition of National Poetry Month. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the free event will see teen participants performing poetry or music, with acts limited to five minutes. Vulgar language is prohibited. Registration is recommended, but not required.

For more information about Dixon Library events, visit [solanolibrery.com](http://solanolibrery.com) or email [rdgjertsen@solanocounty.gov](mailto:rdgjertsen@solanocounty.gov).

## Drive Thru BBQ Fundraiser

Dixon Lions Club is hosting a fundraising event from 4 to 7 p.m. April 11. The drive-thru barbecue, held at Tractor Supply, 2000 N. First St., will help fund future programs. Meals include tri-tip, potato salad, beans and a dinner roll.

For more information, visit Dixon Lions Club on Facebook or call 510-388-3176.

## Bunco Night


Joystick Gaming Lounge will host its monthly Bunco Night from 6 to 8 p.m. April 23. Held at the lounge, 420 Gateway Dr., Suite C, the event includes prizes, with food and beverages available for purchase. The event costs \$20 per attendee. Proceeds from beer and wine sales will benefit Kiwanis Club of Dixon. Notably, Kiwanis Club will host its monthly meeting at the lounge from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 27.

For more information, visit [joystick-dixon.com](http://joystick-dixon.com) or call 707-676-5697.

## Spring Sound Bath & Yoga

Busy Bee Studios is hosting a sound bath and yoga session from 1 to 2:45 p.m. April 19. Held at the studio, 1115 Stratford Ave., Suite F, the event includes flowing yoga practice followed by an immersive sound bath journey for \$45 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [busybeeyoga.com](http://busybeeyoga.com) or call 707-295-1855. ★




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# Dixon Community Theater Prepares First Broadway-Style Musical Production



Dixon Community Theater is also strengthening ties with the Dixon Unified School District and Dixon High School. The partnership provides rehearsal and performance space and includes student involvement in technical aspects of the "Cinderella" production. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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"Events like this concert not only help us raise money for the organization's mission but also create an opportunity for us to show the community what we can do," she said.

The theater has faced financial challenges in recent years due to reduced grant funding and shifting economic conditions. According to James, benefit events are part of a broader strategy to maintain operations and expand programming.

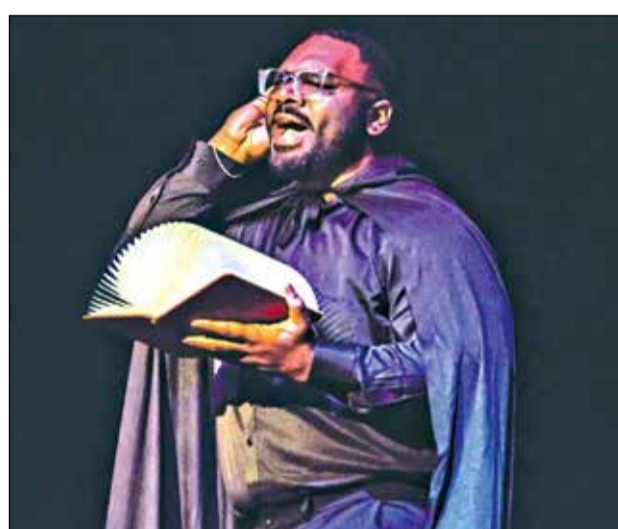
"We realized early on that our survival would depend on our ability to pivot and find new ways to help finance our programs and season," she said, noting that additional fundraising efforts, including planned murder mystery events in partnership with local businesses, are in development.

Looking ahead, the organization plans to continue hosting benefit concerts, with possible holiday-themed and youth-focused performances under consideration.

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"We hope to work with the school to create future opportunities for the students to be instructed by actual theater professionals," said James.

The theater's spring programming also includes a youth initiative, "Improv to Improve," beginning April 21. The weekly class,



The "Villains" benefit concert drew more than 160 attendees and featured performers from multiple theater groups, broadening the organization's community reach. Photo by Nicolas Brown

open to children ages 7 to 12, focuses on building confidence, creativity and teamwork through improvisational exercises.

"Many children are afraid to perform," said James. "This class breaks down those barriers with silly scenarios, crazy props and impromptu activities designed to help build confidence and self-esteem in a supportive team-oriented setting."

In addition to the class, the theater is engaging younger audiences through a Cinderella-themed coloring contest, offering a free creative outlet and opportunities to win tickets and prizes. Submissions for the coloring contest are due by April 10 and can either be dropped off in person at community partner locations or emailed to [info@dixoncommunitytheater.org](mailto:info@dixoncommunitytheater.org).

Meanwhile, rehearsals are underway for "Cinderella," which opens April 24 at the Dixon Performing Arts Center. Director Lydia Smith said audiences can expect a fresh interpretation of the classic musical.

"I think audiences will be impressed by the level

of talent and commitment in this cast," said Smith. "They bring such a freshness and authenticity to Rodgers and Hammerstein's music that makes it feel both timeless and new."

Smith emphasized collaboration as a key element of the production, with cast members contributing ideas that shaped the show's tone and humor.

"We built an environment where there's a lot of trust, creativity, and frankly, a lot of laughter," she said.

James said all the theater's initiatives reflect its long-term mission to expand access to the arts and foster community engagement.

"We want people to be invested in elevating the culture of Dixon," she said. "All of our initiatives and activities are designed with these goals in mind."

Performances of "Cinderella" will run through May 3, with multiple showtimes scheduled. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [dixoncommunitytheater.org](http://dixoncommunitytheater.org) or email [info@dixoncommunitytheater.org](mailto:info@dixoncommunitytheater.org). ★

# Devin Pitto Named Dixon Educator of the Year

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teaching is having students come back and tell you what they remember about the fourth grade," said Pitto. "It's really special to see them all grown up."

Over nearly three decades at Tremont, Pitto said the school community has played a key role in shaping their career.

"Teaching at Tremont has been a gift," said Pitto. "I started my career here, and it has shaped me into the teacher I am now."

In addition to classroom instruction, Pitto serves as an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) co-coordinator, supporting the school's focus on college and career readiness. The program emphasizes skills such as organization, collaboration and note-taking while encouraging students to consider their futures.

"We set new goals every year to try and focus on their future achievement," said Pitto. "It unifies our school and helps the students to think about their futures no

matter what their age."

Pitto also pointed to challenges students face, particularly in navigating digital tools and social media influences.

"One challenge I see for students today is how to navigate the use of digital tools," said Pitto.

For new teachers entering the profession, Pitto emphasized the importance of relationships and structure.

"Create that space for them, develop relationships and make your room a safe place," said Pitto. "Be firm but kind. Students crave structure but also need to know you care."

Reflecting on the recognition, Pitto expressed gratitude for colleagues, students and the school community.

"I have the absolute best job in the world – I get to hang out with 9- and 10-year-olds all day," said Pitto. "I am so thankful for my Tremont team, my principal, my best friends and all those incredible kiddos." ★

# Air District Opens 2026 Clean Air Art Contest

Students invited to illustrate ideas for improving air quality

## Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District has opened its 2026 Clean Air Art Contest for students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade. This year's theme, "Heroes for Clean Air," invites students to showcase how they can help improve air quality.

"We're excited to launch the contest again this spring to coincide with Earth Day lessons in classrooms," said Air District Executive Director Gretchen Bennett. "It's always inspiring to see how students envision solutions for cleaner air."

New this year, winning artwork will be featured on stickers and other giveaway items instead of the district's traditional calendar.

"We wanted to refresh the contest and share air quality messages with the community in new ways," Bennett said. "Stickers felt like a fun and engaging way to reach both kids and adults."

Poor air quality has well-documented impacts on both human health and the environment. This contest provides an opportunity to raise awareness while encouraging students to think about the everyday actions they can take to help improve air quality, Bennett said.



This award-winning piece by Amara Gandhi of Patwin Elementary School in Davis earned first place in the 2025 Clean Air Art Contest. Photo courtesy of Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

The contest will recognize 12 winners. Air District staff will select first-, second-, and third-place winners in each of the following grade categories: TK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Winners will receive Amazon gift cards (\$30 for first place and \$25 for second and third place) and will have their artwork featured on stickers and other materials distributed throughout the community.

The deadline to submit artwork is 4 p.m. on May 8. Students must attend schools within District boundaries, which include all of Yolo County and the northeastern portion of Solano County, including Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. Artwork must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" paper.

Entries, along with completed digital entry forms, may be submitted online

via the entry form, by email to [ArtContest@ysaqmd.org](mailto:ArtContest@ysaqmd.org) or delivered in person to the District office at 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103, Davis, CA 95618. For entry forms in English and Spanish, and contest information, visit: [ysaqmd.org/classrooms](http://ysaqmd.org/classrooms). Class presentations available upon request.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the District is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. For more information, visit [ysaqmd.org](http://ysaqmd.org). Connect with the Air District via Facebook, X, LinkedIn and Nextdoor. ★

# NorthBay Health Awarded \$14.9 Million to Expand Behavioral Health Services

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in access to behavioral health care in the region.

"As the State Assemblymember representing Solano County, I am proud to see this level of investment in behavioral health services for our community," said Assemblymember Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City). "This project will expand access to critical care, support our most vulnerable residents and strengthen the overall health of our region."

The new center will introduce a

Behavioral Health Urgent Care model – a service not currently offered by other providers in the region. It will serve adults aged 18 and older, with a focus on supporting vulnerable populations, including individuals experiencing homelessness, justice-involved individuals and young adults transitioning from foster care.

The Behavioral Health and Addiction Medicine Center is currently in the planning and predevelopment phase, with completion anticipated by June of 2028. ★

# Dixon Women's Improvement Club Welcomes Master Florist Courtney Kett

## Dixon Women's Improvement Club News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Women's Improvement Club is pleased to announce that Courtney Kett will be the guest speaker for its upcoming meeting. The presentation, themed "Spring Has Sprung!", will begin April 15 at 1 p.m. in the social hall of the Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

Kett will share her expertise on the beauty and impact of floral arrangements for homes and

businesses, as well as the rich history of Dixon Florist, a beloved local institution founded in 1962. Kett has been an essential part of the shop's daily operations since 1989, bringing decades of hands on experience and creative mastery to the community.

As a special highlight, floral creations made during the meeting will be donated to a lucky attendee.

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and learn from one of Dixon's most accomplished and respected florists. ★



Dixon Women's Improvement Club is pleased to announce that Courtney Kett will be the guest speaker for its upcoming meeting at 1 p.m. April 15. Photo courtesy of Dixon Women's Improvement Club

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## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Sunday, April 5, 2026

**1054** Traffic stop in the 700 block of North First Street resulted in the arrest of Yuri Garcia (37) of Woodland for possession of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia. She was cited and released.

**1349** Pedestrian stop in the 400 block of Miller Court resulted in the arrest of Efrain Preciado (29) of Dixon for a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released.

**1610** Battery report taken in the 1800 block of Gold Street.

**2240** Male placed on mental health hold.

### Saturday, April 4

**0830** Death investigation in the 1200 block of West H Street.

**1120** Hit and Run investigation in the 200 block of East B Street.

**1844** Warrant arrests in the 1400 block of Ary Lane. Officers responded to a possible stolen vehicle report and contacted Jon Goldstien (65-year-old, male out of Los Angeles) and Jermal Trotter (42-year-old, male, out of Vallejo). Both subjects had warrants for their arrest. S-Goldstien was cited and released on scene. S-Trotter was transported to Solano County Jail and booked without incident.

**1930** Non-injury traffic collision report taken at the intersection of Pitt School Road and West A Street.

**0203** Driving under the influence and obstructing an officer arrest and traffic collision report taken in the 600 block of South First Street. Suspect Joel Butler (25-year-old, male out of Florida) was arrested. S-Butler was transported to Solano County jail for booking.

### Friday, April 3

**0930** Information report.

**0940** William Bissegger (38) of Sacramento was contacted in the 1000 block of South First and later arrested for outstanding warrants and providing a false name to a peace officer.

**1130** Hit and Run investigation in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

**1200** Eric Buenafe (49) of Woodland was contacted in the 1600 block of Marenda Lane and later arrested for an outstanding warrant, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine.

**1530** Found Property Report in the police department lobby.

**1751** Death investigation in the 100 block of Heritage Lane. The decedent was released by the Solano County Coroner's office to the next of kin.

**1930** Mental Health Hold in the 600 block of West A Street.

**0001** Domestic battery report taken in the 2500 block of Plaza Court.

### Thursday, April 2

**1030** Traffic Stop West A Street at Pegord Avenue. John Quitugua (35) of Dixon was found to have an outstanding bench warrant. He was cited and released.

**1520** Found Property Report at the police department.

**1550** Found Property Report at the police department.

**1550** Grand Theft 600 block Stratford Avenue.

**1600** Traffic Collision North First Street at Industrial Way.

**1914** Information report taken in the 600 block of West A Street.

### Wednesday, April 1

**2345** Male placed on a mental health hold.

**0030** Vincent Maene (35) from Dixon was arrested for domestic violence in the 1100 block of North Lincoln Street.

### Tuesday, March 31

**1313** Pedestrian stop in the 2500 block of North First Street resulted in the arrest of Jose Zarate (49) of Dixon for assault with a deadly weapon and possession of narcotics. He was taken to county jail.

**0430** Male placed on a mental health hold.

### Monday, March 30

**0743** Traffic stop in the 2800 block of West A Street resulted in the tow of a white Ford explorer for expired registration.

**1207** Suspicious vehicle check in the 2500 block of Plaza Court resulted in the arrest of Michelle Carpenter (42) of Dixon for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released with a citation.



# Riley Reviews

## “WAR MACHINE” SHIFTS THE BATTLEFIELD INTO UNCHARTED TERRITORY

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

### “WAR MACHINE” Rated R on Netflix

In the years since the horrific attack on U.S. soil on September 11, 2001, there have been several movies focused on the War on Terror and the battles that ensued in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Released in 2009, “The Hurt Locker,” which portrayed the mission of an American military bomb squad to locate and defuse improvised explosive devices during the Iraq war, won six Academy Awards, cementing its place as one of the best modern war films.

As for the Afghanistan war, “The Outpost,” directed by Rod Lurie (an Army veteran himself), turned a non-fiction book about a remote American military outpost being ambushed by hundreds of Taliban fighters into a recounting of one of the bloodiest battles at the time in 2009.

With a title like “War Machine,” the Netflix film conjures up the impression of wartime battle in the fields of some wretched corner of the world where an implacable foe poses grave danger.

Interestingly, within the past decade Netflix has two films with the same title. The 2017 “War Machine” starred Brad Pitt as General Glen McMahon, a character based on General Stanley McChrystal who served a brief time as the commander leading all American forces in Afghanistan.

The Brad Pitt “War Machine” is described on Wikipedia as “a satirical war comedy film” based on a nonfiction book about events involving General McChrystal who submitted his resignation to President Obama due to his unflattering remarks about the Administration in a “Rolling Stones” article.

Afghanistan is the setting, at least initially, for the current “War Machine,” which has no genesis, either satirical or otherwise, based on true events of military conflicts in a forsaken land.

The brawny Alan Ritchson (known for his titular role in the “Reacher” streaming series), serving as a Staff Sergeant, shows up to assist his brother’s (Jai Courtney) convoy under heavy artillery attack from the Taliban.

Ritchson’s brother insists that they should both apply to become elite Army Rangers. Sole survivor of the ambush, the Staff Sergeant suffers a severe leg injury and attempts to carry his mortally wounded brother back to the base, only to pass out and wake up in a hospital.

Two years have passed, and the Staff Sergeant, who remains nameless, enrolls in the Ranger Assessment Selection Program (RASP), a grueling course of physical and mental toughness training where those who graduate are assigned

to the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Remaining in his comfort zone of a stoic character, Ritchson’s sergeant, like all other RASP candidates, is given number “81” as his identification, which is how he’s known to fellow enlistees and to the brass.

81 shines during training but remains aloof and fails to bond with fellow recruits, and neither does he wish to be a team leader. He nearly drowns when he walks underwater carrying heavy weights, but nothing will get in his way of being one of the few not dismissed from the program.

His superior officers, Sergeant Major Sheridan (Dennis Quaid) and First Sergeant Torres (Esai Morales) who are exceedingly hard on their charges, deem 81 to have mental health issues and want him to take a break.

Stubborn and determined, 81 stays in the game, and his superiors decide to let him remain in RASP and assign him to be the team leader, to the dismay of some of the recruits, for the final test of a practice mission to rescue a pilot from a crash in the forest.

The mission takes a wild turn into science-fiction territory when 81 and his fellow incipient Rangers encounter a hostile alien creature that moves swiftly on mechanical legs shooting death rays that fry anyone in its path.

However, a television news report flickering in the background about an asteroid potentially heading towards Earth could be a tip-off that something disturbing may be afoot. But a killer robot doesn’t immediately come to mind.

The exercise in the forest was presumed to be a test of resolve of the recruits for their endurance of this challenge. They get more than bargained for when required to elude a giant killing machine. Now the test is survival, not physical stamina.

The alien robot, impervious to explosive devices planted by the soldiers, begins gunning down the helpless troops, with the result of charred and dismembered bodies strewn everywhere. The machine also emits a red scan before vaporizing its victims with a blue ray.

Thrilling action includes a dangerous crossing over raging waters, an escape with a tank under heavy fire, and the climatic showdown when 81 fights the robot with a bulldozer and bravely rescues an injured teammate.

The action scenes are well-staged with plenty of spine-tingling and thrilling sequences, as the result of experience gained by director Patrick Hughes with films like “The Hitman’s Bodyguard” and “The Expendables 3.”

Hughes delivers in “War Machine” what action fans crave, and don’t be surprised if a sequel turns up in the works for a subsequent global invasion. ★



### Sonoma County Dairy Farmer Completes Leadership Program

Sonoma County dairy farmer Jennifer Beretta was among 10 leaders honored last month by the American Farm Bureau Federation as graduates of the organization’s 12th Partners in Advocacy Leadership class. PAL is designed to help agricultural leaders accelerate their engagement abilities and solidify their roles as advocates for agriculture. “I learned a lot of leadership skills,” Beretta said of PAL. A past president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and current member of the board of directors, Beretta helps run the Beretta Family Dairy in Santa Rosa. The certified-organic, pasture-based dairy supplies to the Petaluma-based creamery Clover Sonoma and has been recognized for its decades of environmental stewardship and conservation practices. “My No. 1 goal here at the dairy is to continue to tell our story,” Beretta said.

### California’s Top Exports to China Fell by 64% in 2025

California agricultural exports to China saw a 64% decline last year, with the top 13 commodities in total falling from an average of \$1.55 billion to \$554 million, according to new research published by the University of California Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. After joining the World Trade Organization in 2001, China became one of California agriculture’s fastest-growing foreign markets. That trajectory changed in 2018 and 2019 with the first U.S.-China trade war. Then,

in 2025, while California farmers were still recovering from the effects of that trade conflict, the U.S. imposed tariffs on Chinese imports, and China responded with retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, including many California-grown farm products. Some of the largest losses caused by the recent trade war occurred in California’s tree nut industry. The value of annual pistachio exports to China declined from 2024 to 2025 by about \$478 million, while almond exports fell by roughly \$228 million.

### Pest Control Innovator Shares Take on Biopesticides

Pam Marrone, founder and former CEO of Marrone Bio Innovations, now ProFarm Group, shared her insights on biological pesticides, or biologicals, in a recent interview with Ag Alert®. Marrone said she believes that by 2040 biologicals will be more widely used than traditional pesticides on farms. “It all comes down to education,” said Marrone, who is an entomologist by training. “The products are there. There’s good science behind them. There’s plenty of registered products and more coming every day.” She noted there are just nine new chemical active ingredients awaiting approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whereas there are about 70 biologicals awaiting EPA approval. “The innovation in biologicals is huge,” Marrone said. “We’re going to have lots of registered products, so it’s about bridging the gap between products registered and how to use them on the farm.” ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000397

The following persons are doing business as: Parish Termite and Pest Management, 2575 Duncan Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Structured Pest Control and Home Services Inc., 2575 Duncan Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: March 5, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 2, 2026

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 4, 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: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026  
PARISH 4-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000468

The following persons are doing business as: Rooter Cowboy Plumbing, 834 Blossom Avenue, Suisun City, CA 94585. Angel Rodriguez, 834 Blossom Avenue, Suisun City, CA 94585. Date filed in Solano County: March 13, 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 March 12, 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: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026  
ROOTER 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000500

The following persons are doing business as: Minermods, 255 Primrose Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687. RTC Enterprise 2025 LLC, 255 Primrose Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Date filed in Solano County: March 18, 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 March 17, 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: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026  
MINERMODS 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000519

The following persons are doing business as: Tahoe Haus, 2108 N Street #9445, Sacramento, CA 95816. Poopaw Solutions, 2108 N Street #9445, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Date filed in Solano County: March 20, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 23, 2026

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 March 19, 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: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
POOPAW 4-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000459

The following persons are doing business as: Georgia Street Plaza, 301 Georgia Street, Vallejo, CA 94590. 5044 Peabody LLC, 440 N Barranca Avenue #9978, Covina, CA 91723.

Date filed in Solano County: March 12, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 5, 2026

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 March 11, 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: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
GEORGIA 4-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000559

The following persons are doing business as: Dixondeals, 520 West B Street, Dixon, CA 95620. James McDonald, 520 West B Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: March 26, 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 March 25, 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: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026  
DIXONDEALS 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000606

The following persons are doing business as: Mr. Scientific, Mister Scientific, 1128 Western Street Suite 5, Fairfield, CA 94533. Max R Bickford, 1128 Western Street Suite 5, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: April 1, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 27, 2023

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 March 31, 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: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026  
SCIENTIFIC 5-1-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-02048

Dominique Simone Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Dominique Simone Lopez to Nayeli Simone Lopez.

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. May 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer  
Dated: March 10, 2026  
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026  
LOPEZ 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-02376

Tenika Marquita Parks. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Tenika Marquita Johnson to Tenika Marquita Parks  
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. May 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer  
Dated: March 19, 2026  
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
PARKS 4-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-01875

Ernesto Cesar Paez. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ernesto Cesar Paez to Ernesto Ceasar Gamboa.

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. May 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 12, Room 8, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty  
Dated: March 19, 2026  
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026  
PAEZ 5-1-26

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

The Dixon City Council will hold a hybrid PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:

**PROJECT:** Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy - Request for Design Review, Zoning Text Amendment, Lot Merger, and Conditional Use Permit for the Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy project. The proposal involves the development of a new, two-story, 18,340-square-foot educational center building with associated surface parking and landscaping improvements upon a 0.517-acre property located at 209-231 East A Street, Dixon CA 95620. The property comprises three parcels (APNs: 0115-084-070, 0115-084-080, and 0115-084-090) to be merged into one as a component of the project. The educational center building would serve as a relocation and expansion of the existing "Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy" private school use located to the south of the project site at 105 South 2nd Street. Local vehicular access to the project site would be provided via a new one-way driveway off North 2nd Street, with an exit proposed along East A Street. The Zoning Text Amendment component of the project proposes a revision to Zoning Code Table 18.05.020, *Land Use Regulations – Commercial and Mixed-Use Districts*, to conditionally allow Private Schools within specific areas of the DMX district; Downtown Mixed Use (DMX) Zoning District; File No's: PA25-07/PLAPP25-0181, DR25-0182 (Design Review), PDRZ25-0183 (Zoning Text Amendment), SUBD25-0184 (Lot Merger), UP25-0185 (Conditional Use Permit); Chris Simpson, Owner; SB James Construction, Applicant.

*Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") an assessment of potential impacts (Initial Study) was completed and released for a 30-day public review period, beginning on Friday, February 6, 2026 and concluding on Monday, March 9, 2026. Potentially significant impacts related to Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, and Transportation were identified in the Initial Study, with all the potentially-significant impacts able to be reduced or eliminated by requiring and implementing the recommended mitigation measures. Therefore, the Initial Study (IS) recommends the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), which includes the recommended mitigation measures. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the application and its Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 10, 2026 and recommended adoption of the Resolutions related to project approval and adoption of the IS/MND. This notice provides the City's intention to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The IS/MND and supporting documents are available for public review at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/EnvironmentalReviewDocuments>*

**HEARING DATE & LOCATION:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754), after which they will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

**MORE INFORMATION:** For more information, please contact Associate Planner Austin Forde at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1126 or [aforde@cityofdixonca.gov](mailto:aforde@cityofdixonca.gov). You may also come to City Hall, located at 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620, to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN:** All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing, in person or remotely, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Prior to 5:00 pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to [CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us) or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, City Council, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620, and must be received by 5:00pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the City Council and will become part of the official record but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand," or 2) via teleconference press "9."

*At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).*

*Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

CITYWIDE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, to receive public comment and consider updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule based on the December 2025 All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI).

**ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 21, 2026, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule based on the December 2025 All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI). Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule. Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the regular meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak on the adjustment of City Fees. Written comments are also accepted prior to the meeting by mail at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or electronically by emailing [Iruiz@cityofdixon.us](mailto:Iruiz@cityofdixon.us). Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be provided to interested individuals upon request. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

Copies of the agenda packet and supporting documents will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620, at least three (3) days before the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the Deputy City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, ext. 1116.

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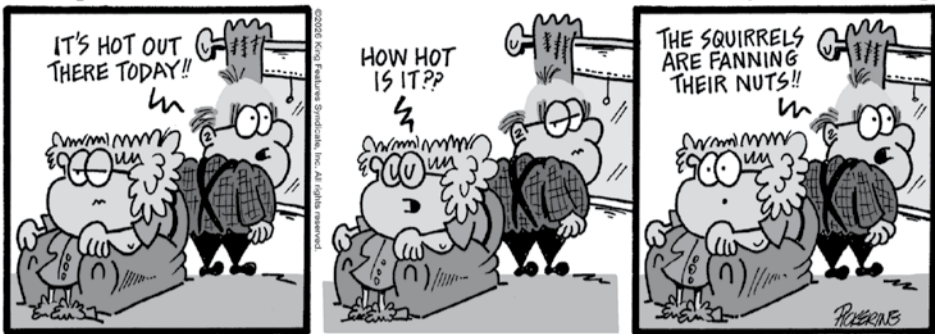
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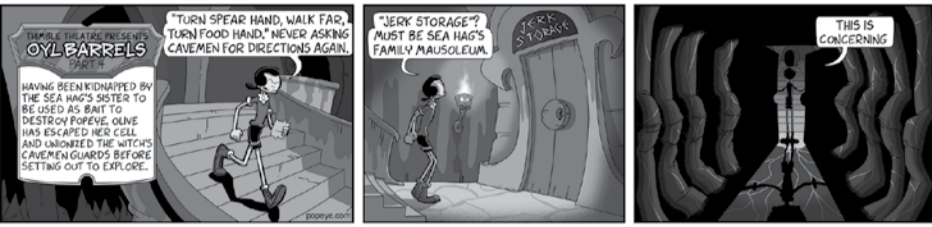
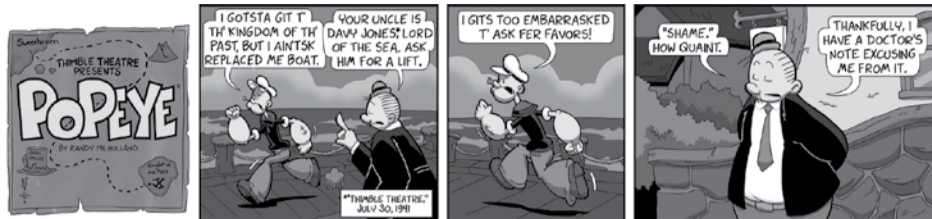
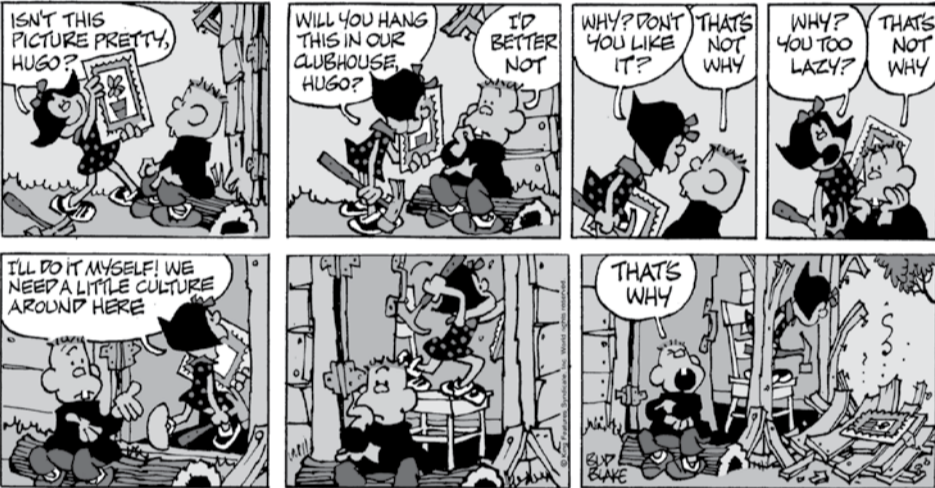
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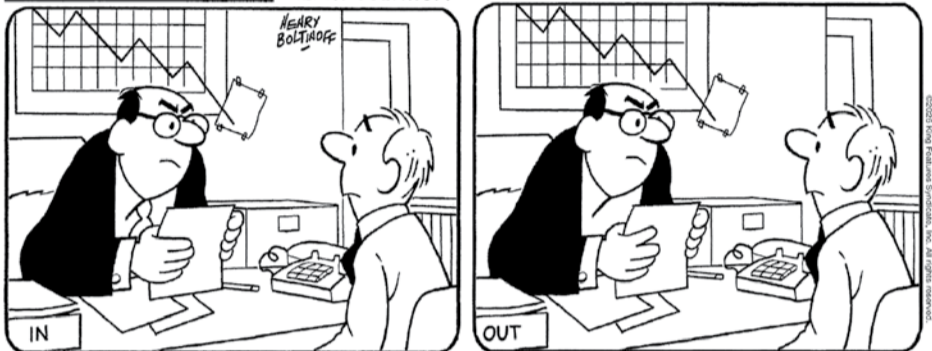
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## The Season is Almost Over

The time has come to reflect on the 2025-26 season for the Sacramento Kings, and without a doubt it was a season of ups and downs.

Injuries are a part of the game, and every team has their fair share, but the Kings were decimated like never before and never recovered from the ubiquitous effect it had on the entire team and its fan base.

After inexplicably trading away Jonas Valanciunas, the Kings decided to roll the dice with rookie Maxime Raynaud, and gamble that he could capably hold down the fort in the event of an injury to Domantas Sabonis; a gamble that was ill conceived and was nothing more than a cost-saving measure that invariably left the Kings shorthanded.

Yes, Maxime had his bright spots, and if nothing else the organization had the opportunity to allow this 7-foot rookie to get his feet wet in the NBA. Baptism by fire it was, and in my book, Maxime proved himself a capable back-up center. As for a starting NBA center, I don't believe that's what the Kings have in their second-round draft choice of a year ago.

Their first-round draft choice Nique Clifford has been praised by many and certainly was given all the playing time he wanted, but like his counterpart, Nique had some glaring holes in his NBA game.

Appearing in 68 games, Clifford averaged nearly 25 minutes per game while scoring just 7.7 points per game. His 31 percent from 3-point land was one of the reasons the Kings rank dead last in 3-point shooting this year, and although his 41 percent from the field is not impressive, it's his 68 percent from the free throw line that is truly glaring.

I expected more from Clifford, and although I'm not giving up on him, no starting point guard in the NBA can put up such numbers and expect to play on a winning team.

So, what does that say about the role of the point guard as it relates to the Sacramento Kings? Are they still looking? I would hope so, because there is no one talking about Russell Westbrook coming back next season, and without him, that leaves Devin Carter to split time with Nique Clifford.

The Kings find themselves in the same

position they were in a year ago, when they signed Dennis Schroder to be the starting point guard for the team. It wasn't long before he was replaced by Russell Westbrook in the starting lineup and eventually traded as he never seemed to find any rhythm with the team.

So, as the Kings find themselves in a quandary with regards to their point guard, the question begs, what will they go after in what has been lauded as one of the best draft classes in many years?

Both Dylan Cardwell and Precious Achiuwa have not only acquitted themselves well this season, they have opened eyes all over the NBA. Resigning these young big men will be a source of focus during the off-season, as well as drafting someone that can give the Kings more front court depth.

Domantas Sabonis remains the foundation piece that barring injury, is the one spot on the team that can be counted on day in and day out. Consistency is his middle name, and no team needs consistency more than the Sacramento Kings.

Daequon Plowden and Killian Hayes have been late season bright spots, but both represent solid bench players and not the starters that the Kings need.

Well, Scott Perry, time to put on that GM hat and show this fan base how you can build a team capable of making the playoffs every year.

Time to become the ossified GM that the Kings need. And that doesn't extend to just the players, as the coaching staff remains a mystery.

Free throw shooting remains a source of embarrassment, and that is a direct result of coaching.

It's time to form new habits and build a culture of winning. Easier said than done and staying away from injuries will be constantly on the watch list.

Three games to go Kings fans, but it's likely your hometown ballers will secure a high round draft choice in the upcoming NBA draft.

Keep the faith Sacramento because even just one player can tip the scales and bring light to a team in real need.

All the best!

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## This isn't a Race for California Governor; It's More Like a Game of Chicken



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

Political media habitually use "race" to describe contests for public office. However the word implies movement and therefore would be inaccurate if applied to this year's election of a new governor.

Sixty-one names will be on the June 2 primary ballot, including 10 leaders who profess to be serious about seeking the office.

However, they aren't racing. Rather, the eight top-polling Democrats seem to be in a children's game, sitting in a circle staring at each other, waiting for someone to blink. Meanwhile, the two top Republicans are taking potshots at each other, potentially undermining the GOP's only chance to elect a governor for the first time in two decades.

For weeks voter polls have found that three Democrats are locked in a tie, albeit at a puny level, around 10%, while the other five Democrats are buried in single digits.

California's top-two primary election system has all candidates listed on the same ballot, regardless of party, with the two top finishers then advancing to the November general election.

Given the size of the field, anyone garnering around 20% in June would probably earn a place in the runoff — or about twice what the three

Democrats at the top — Katie Porter, Eric Swalwell and Tom Steyer — currently have.

With mail voting set to begin in a month, the calendar is beginning to be a factor. Every ballot that's mailed removes that voter from having his or her mind changed. One should expect, therefore, that those with even semi-realistic chances of making the cut would be waging all-out campaigns by now.

However, the only highly visible campaign is that of billionaire Steyer, who's not only hopping around the state for personal appearances but shelling out millions of his own bucks for television and internet ads.

Much of Steyer's campaign is aimed at Swalwell, who has obtained substantial union support, most prominently from the California Teachers Association. Swalwell also benefits from the threats of Donald Trump's FBI to release files from its investigation of Swalwell's relationship with a supposed Chinese spy.

Steyer and Swalwell seem to be vying for the most left-leaning bloc of Democratic voters, while Porter is coasting on the name identification gained during her losing campaign for the U.S. Senate two years ago and hoping that being the only woman in the trio will lift her into one of the top two finishes.

Democratic Party leaders are openly worried, though, that the two Republicans — Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco — could finish 1-2, thereby ensuring the election of a GOP governor. They would like the five lower-tier Democratic candidates to

publicly surrender, thereby enhancing chances that a Democrat would make it to November.

However, members of that Democratic quintet show no signs of quitting, and if they continue to soldier on, despite scant support, the possibility of a 1-2 Republican primary finish continues.

The GOP's only chance of achieving such an upset would be for Hilton and Bianco to operate as a team, pushing their support — 16% and 14% respectively in the latest poll — to the magic 20% level. However, they are campaigning as opponents, even though if just one of them makes the November ballot he would almost certainly lose to whichever Democrat survives the primary.

This static, who-will-blink-first scenario does contain one surprising aspect — the failure of San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan to unleash the blitz he needs to climb into contention, despite having apparently unlimited support from wealthy Silicon Valley figures who want a tech- and business-friendly governor.

On Wednesday, Politico reported there was a shakeup in the Mahan campaign due to what were termed differences over strategy. Maybe that explains why his campaign has been so anemic after his much-ballyhooed late entry. He hasn't been racing much either.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

## Social Security Matters I'll Be 65 Soon and am Working. Must I enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 65 in October and I am working full-time. My goal is to work until age 67, which is my full retirement age, or until age 70. I heard I have to apply for Medicare Part A only. Is this true or will I be penalized? And do I have to go to the Social Security office to do this, or can I do it online? And then will they be still giving me my Medicare through the next five years of working, or do I have to pay for something? I will have my own healthcare insurance. Thank you for your help. **Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:** There are two things you should be aware of:

1. You do not need to claim Social Security benefits when you enroll in Medicare

2. You do not need to enroll in Medicare at age 65 if you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants)

Thus, it is perfectly okay for you to delay taking your Social Security benefits until age 67 (your SS full retirement age), or even until age 70 when you will get the maximum SS benefit you are entitled to. And if you now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer,

you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as your employer's healthcare coverage ends. When you stop working, you will enter a Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP), during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Whenever you decide to enroll in Medicare (or Social Security), you will not need to visit your local SSA office to do so. You can enroll in Medicare either online at [www.ssa.gov/medicare/](http://www.ssa.gov/medicare/) sign-up or you can call SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to enroll in Medicare on the telephone. Similarly, when you are ready to claim Social Security, you can do so online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply) or you can call 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to apply for SS over the phone. To apply online, however, you should first create your personal "my Social Security" online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Creating your online SS account now (at age 65) will facilitate later online enrollment and will also provide you with an estimate of your SS benefit amounts at various ages — e.g., now at age 65, at your FRA of 67, or at age 70. And that should help you decide when it is best for you to claim Social Security.

A few final points:

- You should verify with your employer's health insurance provider that they don't require you to enroll in Medicare at age 65. Most employer plans don't, but some do.

- You don't need to enroll in Medicare Part A or Part B now as long as your employer's coverage is creditable. And it's

okay to enroll in Medicare a couple of months prior to your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ending (when you stop working), requesting that your Medicare coverage starts when your employer's healthcare ends. This will ensure that there is no gap in your healthcare coverage. If your employer coverage is creditable, you will not suffer a Medicare Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling after age 65.

- If you claim Social Security benefits at any time prior to your full retirement age (FRA) and are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The AET lasts until you reach your FRA (67), after which you can earn as much as you like without your SS benefits being affected.

- Whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be required to take Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Medicare Part A is free because you are also eligible for Social Security. But you don't need to enroll in Part A at age 65 unless you also claim Social Security.

- Medicare Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is optional if you have creditable employer coverage as explained above. You do not need to enroll in Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium of \$202.90 in 2026) until your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ends, even if you claim Social Security earlier. ★



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One of the least convincing arguments of opponents of the Iran war is that it is a conflict initiated by the Jewish state for its own benefit -- the U.S. is just along for the ride.

This view not only discounts the U.S. interest in defanging Iran but also neglects that there are other countries in the region besides Israel and Iran and that they, too, have a stake in the outcome of this war.

If there's anything that Iran has succeeded in doing over the first month of battle, it is further demonstrating the intolerable threat that it represents to the region.

The so-called Gulf Cooperation Council states -- Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates -- have the misfortune of being located just across the Persian Gulf from Iran, putting them on the front line of the war.

A key element of Iran's strategy has been to impose economic pain on these states to force them to press the United States into staying its hand.

While the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz is indirectly harming the United States by driving up the global price of crude and other materials, it is a direct blow to the Gulf states, since the Saudis, Kuwaitis and Emiratis send the majority of their oil

through the waterway.

The Iranians have struck the Gulf states with missiles and drones by the thousands. The ongoing blitz is damaging energy infrastructure and destroying the reputation of the Gulf states as an oasis of calm and economic development in an otherwise turbulent region.

There's no insurance policy against having a fanatic millenarian state as a neighbor, while nothing quite concentrates the mind like an unprovoked drone attack on one of your luxury hotels -- or your airports, oil fields and data centers.

Iran likes to pretend that it is only striking at military infrastructure, but that's absurd.

As long as Iran is run on its current basis, it is a grave danger to these countries, which, prior to the war, tried to keep their heads down or even get closer to Iran as a way to mitigate the threat.

This is the approach that the Saudis tried after an Iran-backed attack hampered the country's oil production in 2019.

That experiment is now done. According to published reports, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman, privately urged Trump to launch the war even as the Saudis talked up diplomacy in public, and now MBS has been telling Trump to go all the way and topple the Iranian government.

The New York Times relates that the Saudi

leader "is concerned that if Mr. Trump pulls back now, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Middle East will be left to confront an emboldened and furious Iran on their own."

The UAE has been a particular Iranian target. Its ambassador to the U.S. wrote in *The Wall Street Journal* recently, "We need a conclusive outcome that addresses Iran's full range of threats: nuclear capabilities, missiles, drones, terror proxies and blockades of international sea lanes."

One is tempted to conclude that the Gulf states are "all neocons now." That would be overstating it, though. Despite getting hit by Iran, Oman is maintaining its traditional posture as a mediator and Qatar is always a bad actor.

Much depends on how the war ultimately turns out, but it is easy to see the Gulf states looking to the United States for greater security guarantees and warming up further to Israel, which is demonstrating the military might to confront an Iran that has no compunction about lashing out at states that are doing it no harm.

It may be easy for hostile U.S. observers to portray the Iran war as about Israel and only Israel, but the Gulf states unfortunately know better -- and have the battle damage to prove it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.  
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## Iran's Other Enemies

# Strader Announces First Piece of Coaching Staff with the Addition of JJ Wozniak

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - With nearly two decades of experience as a coach at the Division I level, JJ Wozniak has been named an assistant coach with the Sacramento State women's soccer program beginning with the upcoming 2026 campaign Head Coach Tim Strader announced March 24.

"JJ is someone I've developed a close relationship with—as both a friend and a fellow coach—since his time at UNLV," Strader said. "His ability to connect with student athletes, his strengths as a recruiter with deep ties throughout the Central Valley and Northern California, and his commitment to player development are all qualities I'm excited for our student athletes to experience. "We have big goals as a program to compete for championships and make deep postseason runs, and JJ brings a wealth of experience that will complement the strengths of our coaching staff, both as a former goalkeeper and as a tactician. I'm thrilled to welcome JJ, his wife Carrie, and his son Jacob to our Hornet soccer family."

Wozniak joins the Hornets' sideline after spending five seasons (2021-24) at nearby Pacific, joining the staff as an assistant coach prior to the 2020 campaign, which was delayed until the spring due to the pandemic, before taking over as Co-Head Coach for the final four years.

In July of 2021, he was elevated to the position of Co-Head Coach and made an immediate impact, guiding the Tigers to a 10-6-3 overall record — the program's best in 12 years — including an 8-1-1 non-conference record. The team finished with nine shutouts on the year as junior Brenna Crump was named the West Coast Conference



**JJ Wozniak has been named an assistant coach with the Sacramento State women's soccer program.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Goalkeeper of the Year and Wozniak was named the WCC Coach of the Year along with Co-Head Coach Danesha Adams.

A year later, Wozniak helped Pacific out to another quick start with a 5-0-6 mark in non-conference play, including a win over perennial power Santa Clara, and finished with 10 points in the WCC standings — an improvement of two points over the previous season and finished 7-3-10 overall.

In all, three of his four seasons as Co-Head Coach ended with records of .500 or better, which included a 9-9-1 mark in 2023. He left Stockton having won 28 matches and drawing 15 more.

Prior to taking the position with the Tigers, Wozniak was the Associate Head Coach at UNLV from 2015-19, helping lead the Rebels to the 2016 Mountain West Conference regular season and conference tournament titles while posting a 57-40-7 overall record during his tenure.

He helped guide UNLV to four consecutive double-digit win seasons while in Las Vegas, including a 16-4-3 record during that championship 2016 campaign en route to an NCAA Tournament berth. While with the Rebels, Wozniak mentored 15 All-Mountain West selections, including the 2016 league offensive (Lily Sender) and defensive (Chidera

Akubילו) players of the year, and the program's first-ever All-American in Sender.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Wozniak's collegiate coaching career began as an assistant coach in charge of goalkeepers for the Fresno State men's program from 2000-03, then served three seasons as the top assistant for the men's program at Belmont University from 2011-13.

Outside of his collegiate experience, Wozniak held the title of Director of Coach for Cal Odyssey SC from 2002-2011 and again from 2014-2015. He first started with the program as an Assistant Director of Coaching and Director of Soccer Operations in March of 2002 before being promoted to Director of Coaching in April of 2007. Wozniak's teams saw much success, as California Odyssey was one of the original 63 clubs invited into the US Soccer National Development Academy. The program won five national championships under Wozniak's guidance while having back-to-back Development Academy National Finalists in 2009 and 2010.

He also served as the Director of Coaching for Downtown Las Vegas SC from 2015-2017, while also coaching ECNL and ECRL teams for Heat FC from 2017-2020.

Wozniak played collegiately at Saint Louis and Fresno State, twice earning all-region honors and Mountain Pacific Sports Federation laurels in 1995. He went on to a professional career in Major League Soccer with the LA Galaxy and San Jose Clash (now Earthquakes) as well as time in the USL and USISL where he was named the league's goalkeeper of the year award in 1997 and 2001.

Graduating from Fresno State with a degree in sociology in 2000, Wozniak also holds a National "B" Coaching License from the United States Soccer Federation. ★

## Reid Paskey Joins Republic FC First Team on USL Academy Contract



**Sacramento Republic FC announced the addition of Academy player Reid Paskey to the club's First Team roster.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

### Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic FC announced the addition of Academy player Reid Paskey to the club's First Team roster. The defender has signed a USL Academy Contract, pending league and federation approval, and will be eligible for selection immediately.

"We continue to see our academy players benefit from this opportunity, whether it's making an appearance for the First Team or preparing them for the next steps of their soccer journey," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "We're confident that Reid will embrace this next step, continue his development and represent the club well."

A Sacramento native, Paskey is set to graduate from C.K. McClatchy High School this spring and has committed to play Division 1 soccer at Stanford University in 2027. Paskey joined Sacramento's youth development academy in 2024 and was on the academy U17 team that advanced to the semifinals in the MLS Next Cup, the most impressive run of any Republic academy team since 2022 with three victories in the tournament. Before joining Republic FC, he played with regional clubs Davis Legacy and

Sacramento Alliance SC.

Paskey joins the ever-growing group of now eight current and former Academy players on this year's First Team roster. Da'vian Kimbrough, Blake Willey, and Chibi Ukaegbu have risen through the ranks and have signed professional contracts with their hometown team, while Rohan Chivukula, Luke Strassburg, Brooks Doolittle and Jackson Montero have signed USL Academy Contracts. USL Academy contracts allow academy players to train and compete with the First Team while maintaining their NCAA eligibility.

Since its inception in 2015, Republic FC's Academy has created a strong, local pipeline of youth players ready for professional-level competition, with over 40 players earning the opportunity to join the First Team on USL Academy contracts and over 25 going on to sign professional contracts with Republic FC or other clubs. In 2025, players from Sacramento's youth academy combined for 80 gameday roster selections, 56 appearances and over 3,000 minutes.

The region's top youth players will have an opportunity to join Republic FC's Academy – the only youth-to-pro pathway in the region – at tryouts on April 30 to May 1. For more information or to register, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Academy. ★

## Beavers Standout at Hawk Invite



**The ARC team delivered an impressive performance at the Hawk Invite, highlighted by standout efforts across both diving and swimming events.** Photo courtesy of American River College

### American River College News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The ARC team delivered an impressive performance at the Hawk Invite, highlighted by standout efforts across both diving and swimming events.

Ashley Johnson led the way in diving, claiming first place in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events. Bridget Adams secured a strong third-place finish, while Arie Black and Maddie Warden added depth to the squad by rounding out the top 10.

In the pool, Lydia Vlahos dominated the distance events, turning in the top overall performance in both the 500 and 1650 freestyle. Brooke Boyer also had a breakthrough swim, posting a lifetime best in the 200 breaststroke and breaking the three-minute barrier with a time of 2:56.21.



**The meet concluded on a high note for the women's team, who captured the final event with a victory in the 200-freestyle relay.** Photo courtesy of American River College

Clara Walker and Mya Thomas also had a strong showing, excelling in the backstroke events (50 and 200) and each recording season-best times in the 50 freestyle.

The meet concluded on a high note for the women's team, who captured the final event with a victory in the 200-freestyle relay. The team of Anabel, Amber, Mya and Sasha combined for a strong finish to secure the win. ★

## Gianna Nocetti Earns Second Big West Player of the Week Honor



**UC Davis senior attacker Gianna Nocetti has been named the Big West Player of the Week following a standout performance that led the No. 16 Aggies to a perfect 3-0 weekend in Southern California.** Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

### UC Davis Athletics News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - For the second time in the season and her career, UC Davis senior attacker Gianna Nocetti has been named the Big West Player of the Week following a standout performance that led the No. 16 Aggies to a perfect 3-0 weekend in Southern California.

Nocetti fueled a road trip highlighted by a 12-11 victory over No. 15 UC San Diego—the program's first regulation win over the Tritons since 2022. The

senior recorded a hat trick in all three contests against UCSD, Brown and Cal State Fullerton, totaling nine goals, two assists and six steals on the weekend.

A specialist at the start of periods, Nocetti went a perfect 12-for-12 on sprints over the three-game stretch. She currently leads the team in steals (35) and leads the Big West in both sprint wins (62) and sprint win percentage, while ranking No. 6 nationally in total sprint wins.

The finale against Cal State Fullerton served as a career milestone

for Nocetti, who recorded her 100th career assist. She now totals 40 goals and 40 assists on the year, making her the only player on the roster to reach the 40-mark in both categories so far this season.

Through six conference games, Nocetti ranks among the Big West leaders in multiple categories, including No. 1 in sprint wins and No. 2 in both steals and field blocks. She also sits at No. 5 in the conference in total points during Big West play and No. 6 in assists per game. ★

# Claudia "Tootie" Huffman, Philanthropist, Passes

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VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - Claudia "Tootie" Fulmer Huffman, a 60-year resident of Vacaville, a philanthropist and a founding member of the Friends of the Dixon May Fair and its notable college agricultural scholarship program, passed peacefully Sunday, March 29, surrounded by loved ones at her Vacaville home. She was 84.

Tootie was born in San Francisco on July 1, 1941, to William Edward Fulmer and Claudia "Nelda" Chaney Fulmer. Her father, a World War II Air Force pilot based in San Antonio, was shot down while flying a P-38 over the Canary Islands in 1943. He posthumously received the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following his death, Tootie resided in San Antonio with her brother, Kenny and mother until her mother remarried in 1946.

Tootie's stepfather, Elmer "Ralph" Bergmann, whom she fondly called "Daddy," served in the Air Force during the Korean War, transitioning from Tinker Air Force Base, Hamilton Air Force Base and Elmendorf Air Force Base to Travis Air Force Base. Bergmann "flew missions over Korea and dropped leaflets over North," Tootie recalled in her memoirs. In 1951, "before he had to leave on a military assignment, Daddy had Kenny and I go to the separate garage where our bikes were at and completely take them apart, then re-assemble them, including repair of the tubes in the tires, in case of a flat tire. He did not want us to bother mom about repairs."

A 1959 graduate of Armijo High School, Tootie worked part-time at the Solano County Title Co., while attending high school, and then full-time following her graduation. "I bought my own car in the fall of '59, a 1956 Bel Air, two-door sedan, mint green and white," she related.

Tootie recalled childhood memories on the family farm in Boerne, Texas.

"We had to watch out for egg snakes while picking eggs. There were two cows. One was a jersey and other was mean one called Babe, red and white color. That one would kick sometimes. I never liked the milk, but mom would



Claudia "Tootie" Fulmer Huffman, a 60-year resident of Vacaville, a philanthropist and a founding member of the Friends of the Dixon May Fair and its notable college agricultural scholarship program, passed peacefully Sunday, March 29. Photo courtesy of Kathy Keatley Garvey

use the separator and then make butter and cottage cheese with the cream," said Tootie "There was a pear tree in the back yard and a huge Oak tree that we could climb and gave shade to the house. Mom made pear pies with those pears."

While living near Hamilton Air Force Base, Novato, she joined a Girl Scout troop, earning her first-class badge and 14 merit badges. Later she would play on the basketball and volleyball teams at Pacheco School, Ignacio. Her high school memories in Anchorage include being voted a junior prom princess, singing in a choir and performing in the "Oklahoma" production.

Tootie married her high school sweetheart, Donnie Huffman, on April 16, 1960. A businessman, civic leader and the longtime owner of Don's Auto Parts, Vacaville, he and Tootie and friends

launched the Friends of the Dixon May Fair in 2000, with Donnie serving as the founding president until his death in 2023 and she as founding treasurer for nearly two decades. In 2000, The Friends began sponsoring a college agricultural scholarship program, now renamed "The Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program." Funded by the sale of beverages at the Dixon May Fair, the scholarships are awarded annually to Solano County high school graduates majoring in an agricultural field at any U.S. college. To date, the Friends have awarded a total of \$340,250 in scholarships.

Tootie's professional career included working for First Western Bank, Fairfield and Vaca Valley Bank, Vacaville. She enjoyed traveling to Texas for family reunions, visiting national parks,

crabbing, playing cards (all night on New Year's Eve) and attending NASCAR races and Western Fairs Association conventions. She remembered every car she ever owned, and was particularly fond of her "1957 Thunderbird, color coral sand." She owned it for almost 40 years and had her fingernails painted to match ever since, her family said.

Tootie is survived by her daughter, Shelli Huffman Vasquez (John) of Vacaville; son Don Huffman (Jennifer) of Napa; seven grandchildren, John Vasquez (Pamela), Mary Vasquez (Rene Pimentel), Jacqueline "Kristy" Vasquez (Sean Fuller), Sarah Vasquez Lincoln (Kevin), Annabelle Rosenthal (Sam), Allie Huffman and Ava Huffman; and eight great-grandchildren, Ciana Vasquez Smith (Marcus), Alejandro Vasquez Pimentel, Hunter Lincoln, Dionicio Vasquez Pimentel, Kensley Lincoln, Amelia Vasquez Fuller, Penelope Vasquez and Paisley Jo Lincoln. A first great-great-grandson (Baby Smith) is on the way.

Tootie leaves behind many other family members, including sister Donna Moreau; brother Richard Bergmann (Glynda); sisters-in-law Diane Bergmann, Sharon Hulse and Sherry Huffman; nieces and nephews Karen Bergmann Purcell, Erin Stack, Sean Stack, Katy Bergmann, Erika Bergmann, and David Palagi (Renee); and great nieces and nephews, Amanda Purcell, Megan Palagi (Chris), Chad Palagi (Katie) and Amy Palagi. Tootie also was a mother figure and mentor to many, including David Bunge and Eric Baker.

Tootie was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Donnie Huffman; parents William Edward Fulmer and Claudia Nelda Chaney; adoptive father "Daddy" Elmer Ralph Bergmann; mother-in-law Minnie Swope; brother Kenneth Bergmann, sister-in-law Gertie Palagi, brothers-in-law Douglas Moreau, Bobby Huffman, Ben Hulse; and nephews Darien Bergmann and Frankie Palagi.

In lieu of flowers, Tootie asked that any memorial contributions in her honor to be made to Friends of the Dixon May Fair, P.O. Box 6208, Vacaville, Calif. 95696. She requested no services but that "you raise a Dr. Pepper or enjoy a soft serve vanilla ice cream at the Dixon May Fair." ★

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