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## First-Ever Coach of Year Named



Dario "Didi" Cordova (Left), head soccer coach at Dixon High School, was recognized as the city's first-ever Coach of the Year during the Celebrate Dixon event on March 14, honoring his leadership and the success of the school's boys soccer program. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dario "Didi" Cordova, head soccer coach at Dixon High School, was recognized as the city's first-ever Coach of the Year during the Celebrate Dixon event on March 14, honoring his leadership and the success of the school's boys soccer program.

Cordova said he was caught off guard when his name was announced. "I was surprised to hear my name get called," said Cordova. "Quite a bit went through my mind as I walked to the stage to receive my award. Honored, humbled, happy



Cordova brings more than two decades of coaching experience, including time with Dixon High School and Davis Legacy Soccer Club. He also coached youth basketball and has a long history as a player, having even played at a semi-professional level. Photo by Nicolas Brown

— just a mix of good emotions." Cordova brings more than two decades of coaching experience,

including time with Dixon High School and Davis Legacy Soccer Club. He also coached youth basketball and has a long history as a player, beginning in local leagues before advancing to collegiate and semi-professional levels. He played at Cosumnes River College, where he earned first-team junior college All-American honors, and later competed with the Sacramento Knights and Sacramento Gold.

Despite the recognition, Cordova attributed the program's success to a collective effort.

"I work with a great staff, great kids and we have a great community in Dixon," he said. "We have a rich history with soccer in this town, and

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## Midland Brings Retro-Country Sound to the California State Fair

California State Fair News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Throw on your cowboy boots and get ready to line dance in your seat as Midland brings their signature country sound to the California State Fair as part of the Toyota Concert Series on the Sky River Casino Stage on Tuesday, July 21.

Fans can scoot on down and dance along to the sounds of the GRAMMY®-nominated country trio. Known for their smooth harmonies and throwback country style, Midland has become one of the leading voices in the revival of traditional country music.

Formed in Dripping Springs, Texas, Midland front man Mark Wystrach, bassist/vocalist Cameron Duddy, and guitarist/vocalist Jess Carson channels the spirit of classic country with modern flair. Their breakout 5X Platinum hit "Drinkin' Problem" launched the trio into the national spotlight and was followed by fan favorites like the Platinum-certified "Burn Out" and Gold-certified hits "Make a Little" and "Cheatin' Songs."

Critically acclaimed albums including "On the Rocks," "Let It Roll," "The Last Resort" and "Barely Blue" have earned praise from major outlets such as Entertainment Weekly, Rolling Stone, NPR and Vogue. Known for electrifying live shows, Midland has packed legendary venues and sold-out performances from the Houston Rodeo to Fort Worth's iconic Billy Bob's Texas.

"Midland's throwback country sound brings the perfect mix of honky-tonk energy and modern hits," said Tom Martinez, CEO of Cal Expo and the California State Fair. "It's going to be a great night for fans to dance in their seats and experience the kind of live music that makes summer nights at the Fair unforgettable."

Concerts at the California State Fair are free with Fair admission. For fans who want to get closer to the stage, reserved seating is available for purchase.

The California State Fair runs July 17 to Aug. 2 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. For tickets, concert updates and more information, visit www.CAStateFair.com. ★

## Arias Named Region 4 Administrator of the Year

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Angelina Arias, principal of Maine Prairie High School, has been named the 2026 Region 4 Continuation/Education Options Administrator of the Year, recognizing her leadership in alternative education and commitment to student success.

Arias said she was unaware she had been nominated.

"I was thoroughly surprised," she said. "I had no idea that I had been nominated. I am honored by the nomination."

According to Arias, she was nominated by Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Dr. Dan Scudero.

Arias described the recognition as a personal and professional milestone after years in education.

"The recognition means a lot to me," she said. "I have dedicated my career to being the best version of myself in everything that I do. I have faced many highs and lows in my



Angelina Arias, principal of Maine Prairie High School, has been named the 2026 Region 4 Continuation/Education Options Administrator of the Year, recognizing her leadership in alternative education and commitment to student success. Photo by Nicolas Brown

career, but this reward reaffirms that I was on the right path."

She said the honor also reflects her background.

"Personally, I am proud to represent the Latino community as a successful Latina in educational leadership," said Arias. "I come from humble roots where hard work was expected, where food wasn't always available, and financial

stability was non-existent." Arias said her parents, migrant workers, emphasized sacrifice and opportunity.

"I am proud to represent all of their hopes and dreams," said Arias.

At Maine Prairie High School, a continuation campus in the Dixon Unified School District, Arias said her leadership philosophy centers

on prioritizing students' academic and social-emotional needs.

"My leadership philosophy is putting students first," she said. "I look at the whole child when seeking to understand how to best support my students."

She credited her staff for helping carry out that vision.

"I have an outstanding

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# Nalleli Cabanillas-Medina is Soroptimist International Woman of the Month



Nalleli Cabanillas-Medina (Left) was selected by Maine Prairie High School as the April Young Woman of the Month for Soroptimist International of Dixon. She was joined by Maine Prairie Principal Angelina Arias. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

## Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Nalleli Cabanillas-Medina was selected by Maine Prairie High School as the April Young Woman of the Month for Soroptimist International of Dixon.

Cabanillas-Medina is the daughter of Eisar Fransico Cabanillas and is the oldest of two siblings, Sofia Rose and Eisar. Cabanillas-Medina was raised in Dixon until she was 13 years old and then moved to Vacaville in November 2020. She attended Vaca Pena Middle School and then Buckingham High School while in Vacaville. She then moved back to Dixon and has been attending Maine Prairie High School and living with her nana.

Cabanillas-Medina was presented by Angelina Arias, the principal of Maine Prairie. Although working mostly independently to progress with her credits, Cabanillas-Medina will often come to the campus and sit in a quiet corner in the front office to have a quiet space and a structured environment - she knew she needed that environment to progress. She has taken advantage of all the resources that Maine Prairie has to offer in order to progress and excel.

“Soft spoken, determined, self-driven and self-directed” are all terms used to describe Cabanillas-Medina by Arias. Arias stated that

she is “a tremendous positive role model for her peers”.

Cabanillas-Medina's accomplishment, which she is most proud of, is that she is 18 years old and, for a year now, has been mostly independent. She works two jobs while finishing high school.

While at Buckingham High School, Cabanillas-Medina was a member and vice president of the music club. This club eventually became “The Mustang Band,” and Cabanillas-Medina is a proud and active member of this band that performs throughout the year. This band often partners with the Rowland Freedom Center, which is a non-profit aviation and military museum located at the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville. While also at Buckingham High School, Cabanillas-Medina was secretary of the drama club and advance chair, ASB event coordinator and cash box supervisor and a member of the varsity soccer team. She also travelled with a student group to Japan.

Cabanillas-Medina plans to attend a community college and then enter the Marines with the hope of going into nursing. Soroptimist International of Dixon members wish Cabanillas-Medina the best in her future pursuits. Although quiet and soft spoken, all can see that this is a “strong silence,” as Cabanillas-Medina is a woman who is independently driven to do amazing things. ★

# 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

By MPG Staff

## Dixon High Sports

Dixon High School Boys Varsity Track Team will compete at home at 10:30 a.m. April 25. 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.

## 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.

## Dixon Grown Outreach Meeting

The City of Dixon is hosting a series of outreach meetings to help every resident in the community have their voice heard in the future development of Dixon. Meetings are scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 23 at Tremont Elementary, 355 Pheasant Run Dr., and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 25 at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St.

For more information, visit [dixongrown.com](http://dixongrown.com).

## Dixon Community Theater Presents “Cinderella”

Dixon Community Theater will premiere its newest production, Rodger and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella,” at 7 p.m. April 24. Held at the Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way, the production will have several 7 p.m. evening showtimes, including April 25, May 1 and May 2. Matinees at 2 p.m. will be held April 26 and May 3. Tickets are already on sale online, but can be purchased at the door.

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

## Dixon May Fair

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 for 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.

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

## Ribbon Cutting at Dwelley Family Wines

Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly opened Dwelley Family Winery from noon to 1 p.m. May 1. Held at the winery, 800 Business Park Dr., Suite G, the event will celebrate the opening of the business and its new tasting room.

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

## Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 21. This free in-person event, held at Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards. Mountain Mike’s Pizza is the location and lunch sponsor.

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

## Kids Homework Help


Dixon Library is hosting after-school homework help courtesy of Dixon High School Key Club from 4 to 5 p.m. April 27. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the free event offers homework support to students in kindergarten through 6th grade on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

For more information, visit [solanolibary.libnet.info/events](http://solanolibary.libnet.info/events) or call 1-866-572-7587.

## Star Wars-Inspired Cookie Class

Every Baking Moment is hosting a Star Wars-inspired cookie decorating class from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 2. Held at the shop, 143 N. First St., the class will involve decorating seven cookies and will educate patrons on icing, piping and flooding techniques, as well as texture and detail. Participation costs \$50 per person.

For more information, visit [everybakingmoment.com](http://everybakingmoment.com) or call 707-693-0112 ★




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# First-Ever Coach of Year Named

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we've seen the program come back up to the high standards of the past in recent years."

Dixon's soccer program has also maintained one of the highest team grade-point averages in recent years, reflecting an emphasis on academics alongside athletic performance.

"Our soccer teams have held one of the highest team GPA's the last couple years and that is a huge success to our program," said Cordova.

The 2025 season presented early challenges, including the loss of a large senior class and a 3 to 0 defeat to a rival, prompting adjustments.

"A lot of people and the boys thought this would be a rebuilding year," said Cordova. "A bad 3 to 0 loss... was a blessing in disguise. It did leave the boys questioning themselves and us coaches with our ideas for the group."

Following that setback, the team rebounded with a series of key victories, including wins over defending league champion Woodland, Natomas, River City and El Camino. The playoff run included a semifinal victory in snowy conditions against Summerville, decided by a late goal in overtime.

"It felt like a movie," said Cordova. "An amazing environment, setting and display of grit, class, sacrifice and everything else."

The team ultimately fell 2 to 1 to Galt in the championship match but finished the season with what Cordova described as "a great season full of many good memories."

Cordova said his coaching philosophy focuses on both athletic and

personal development.

"Our philosophy has been to give our boys the opportunity to enjoy the game while they develop as people and as young men," he said. "We do our best to ensure our teams have and carry important traits that help them in life such as hard work, respect, discipline, sacrifice, appreciation and enjoyment."

He credited school administrators, coaching staff, team managers and families for supporting the program and helping student-athletes succeed both on and off the field.

"We are honest and balanced in our talks with the boys in terms of discipline and expectations," said Cordova. "I also think our boys take leadership and accountability for themselves."

Cordova said the award reflects not only his work but that of the broader coaching community.

"This award means a lot to me, but I feel it equally means a lot to our community of coaches," he said. "There is a lot of time and sacrifice that goes into working with our youth."

Looking ahead, he emphasized continued growth for the program and its participants.

"My goal for the program is to continue growing in every facet possible," said Cordova.

He also expressed gratitude to those who supported the team, including event organizers, school staff, volunteers and his family.

"Thank you to those who nominated me," said Cordova. "I am truly honored and humbled to win the first ever Coach of the Year award and I am proud to do so as the Dixon High varsity soccer coach." ★

# Arias Named Region 4 Administrator of the Year



At Maine Prairie High School, a continuation campus in the Dixon Unified School District, Arias said her leadership philosophy centers on prioritizing students' academic and social-emotional needs. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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team at Maine Prairie," said Arias. "I don't do anything alone."

Arias said her interest in education developed in college, where she explored ways to help others before pursuing school counseling.

"I always knew that I wanted to help people," she said. "I looked into the school counseling program at Sac State, and I knew instantly that would be my career path."

At Maine Prairie, Arias emphasized preparing students for life beyond high school through academic and practical skill development.

"Students are taught the skills they will need to master to be successful once they graduate," she said, citing communication, problem-solving and adaptability.

She said creating relevant learning experiences and a supportive environment helps students apply those skills.

Arias also discussed challenges she has faced, including overcoming self-doubt early in her career.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself to not make mistakes," she said. "This led me to doubt my abilities."

Support from mentors helped her build confidence.

"I accept praise more willingly now," said Arias. "I recognize that it has been my hard work that resulted in this nomination."

Family and community engagement

remain central to the school's approach. Arias said Maine Prairie maintains communication with families, hosts events recognizing student progress and partners with local organizations to provide resources.

"We have been fortunate to partner with community clubs and organizations that benefit our students and staff," she said.

She said she takes pride in student success across academics, social-emotional development and language acquisition.

"I am proud of removing the barriers that kept students from experiencing success," Arias said.

Looking ahead, Arias said she hopes to expand the school's role in the community through new programs and services.

"My goal for MPHS is for our school to be seen as the hidden gem that it is," she said.

Arias expressed gratitude to those who have supported her work.

"A special thanks to Dr. Dan Scudero for nominating me," she said. "Finally, I want to thank my wife Theresa, and our children as well as my family for being my lifeboat."

She added that she is proud to represent her school and district through the recognition.

"I am proud of being recognized as the 2026 Region 4 Continuation/Education Options Administrator of the Year," Arias said. ★

# Women's Improvement Club Scholarships and Community Grants Dinner



Dixon Women's Improvement Club (DWIC) invites the community to join the club May 1, Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m. for the annual Scholarships and Community Grants Dinner. The celebration will be held in the banquet room at Pedro's Cocina, 1423 Market Lane. Photo courtesy of Dixon Women's Improvement Club

## Dixon Women's Improvement Club News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Women's Improvement Club (DWIC) invites the community to join the club from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 1 for the annual Scholarships and Community Grants Dinner. The celebration will be held in the banquet room at Pedro's Cocina, 1423 Market Lane.

This festive evening features the legendary DWIC raffle and silent auction, offering guests the chance to browse an array of prizes while enjoying a delicious meal. All proceeds support Dixon students through scholarship programs and help fund local community projects that strengthen and uplift the town of Dixon.

Everyone is welcome to come, enjoy a fun, lively evening and make a meaningful difference for Dixon. ★

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# Food & Farm NEWS

## California Asparagus Growers Hang on Despite Acreage Decline

Ever-increasing labor costs in California and free trade that led to a surge in cheaper, duty-free asparagus imports from Mexico have pushed the state's asparagus industry to the brink of extinction. But a handful of growers and packers continue to hang on, with some even expressing a ray of optimism. "I think we've felt better about it the last two years," said Aaron Barcellos, a partner in the family-owned A-Bar Ag Enterprises near Firebaugh. "Last year and this year, the markets, for whatever reason, haven't had the (imported) grass, and we're finding better markets." California asparagus production topped 37,000 acres in 2000 before it started to decline, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures. The state now has probably fewer than 1,000 acres of commercial asparagus, according to industry estimates.

## Melissa Hurtado on Ag Overtime: 'Everyone Can Win'

Following research that showed California's 2016 agricultural overtime law resulted in an overall decline in farmworker earnings, state Sen. Melissa Hurtado, D-Sanger, coauthored Senate Bill 921, which would create a tax credit to offset the cost to farmers of paying overtime premiums. "Just going around the Senate district at different types of events where there were farmworkers, I've had

individuals come up to me and tell me that it's killing them—that they're getting reduced hours and they want more hours," Hurtado told Ag Alert® last month in an interview. "It's something I've been very vocal about, which is not a popular thing to do as a Democrat, but it's a necessary thing to do. We can get it right. This doesn't have to be a situation where everyone loses. Everyone can win."

## March Heat Wave Affected Crop Timing for California Farmers

The record-breaking heat wave last month wreaked havoc on the timing of some California crops. Celeste Alonzo, who grows vegetables in Riverside County, said the unusual weather brought her sweet corn harvest forward by nearly two weeks. "We're harvesting corn, and we usually don't harvest until around April 10. We thought we'd be harvesting on April 3, which is still ahead of schedule, but we started harvesting in late March. We had early fruit and early flowering," Alonzo told Ag Alert® earlier this month in a field report. Meanwhile, the high temperatures caused problems for Alonzo's bell peppers. "That early flowering and fruiting combined with the heat has been a challenge, especially with the baby plants," she said. "We're making sure they're getting enough water so they don't die in the heat wave. We're just not used to this weather at this time." ★

## Ask DR. UNIVERSE

### Do Worms Eat and Have Mouths?

- Wrigley, 11, South Carolina

Dear Wrigley,

It can be hard to relate to animals that look very different from me—like squirming worms.

I asked my friend Cynthia Gleason about your question. She studies a specific kind of worm at Washington State University.

Those worms are called nematodes or roundworms. They have unsegmented, smooth bodies. Most nematodes are so small you need a microscope to see them—and their teeny tiny mouths.

There are gobs of nematodes.

"They're the most abundant of all the multicellular organisms on Earth," Gleason said. "If you pick up a handful of soil, there could be thousands of roundworms there."

Some nematodes are beneficial and free-living. They're helpers and live on their own. They roam around looking for meals. Some eat bacteria and other microscopic organisms. Other nematodes eat fungi, decaying matter and algae. Some even eat other nematodes.

A nematode's mouth is adapted to what it eats.

Roundworms that chow down on bacteria have big, open mouths. They may have mouth parts that stick out and sweep tasty morsels inside.

Nematodes that eat fungi use delicate, needle-like mouths called stylets. They pierce the fungus and slurp up what's inside.



Scientists found this nematode dormant in water nearly a mile below the surface of the Earth. The nematodes woke up in the lab. Some scientists wonder if microscopic animals like these could live under the surface of Mars, too. Borgonie et al. CC 4.0

Nematodes that prey on other roundworms can have teeth. They chew holes in their prey and eat the insides.

When free-living nematodes eat, they boost their ecosystems. As they gobble up bacteria or fungi, they release nutrients that plants use—like nitrogen. They also speed up the breakdown of organic matter and keep other organisms in check.

But not all nematodes are helpers.

Parasitic nematodes don't live on their own. They live on or inside what they feed on. That could be animals or plants.

"I work on plant parasitic nematodes—and these are the 'bad guys' in the soil ecosystem," Gleason said.

These nematodes have mouths with stylets, too. But theirs may be stronger and hollow. They use it to stab into plant cells and vacuum out the contents.

All nematodes have a muscular organ called a pharynx. It pumps food from

the mouth to the intestine. Nematodes don't have a stomach. But they do have an anus for expelling waste. Nematodes aren't the only kind of worm.

Earthworms are the big, wiggly worms you find in gardens or on a fishing hook. The tip of an earthworm's front end has a mouth and sensory parts. That's how it finds food. Then it slurps bacteria, fungi and decaying matter into its mouth. The earthworm sends that through its digestive tract and excretes the waste.

That excrement—called castings—is great for soil.

Then there are flatworms. Most of these worms have a mouth but no anus. That mouth is about midway down the body. Since they can't poop, they use their mouths to eat and barf up solid waste.

Maybe the most relatable thing about those worms is how they dig multitasking.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



## Riley Reviews

### "NORMAL" CRIME CAPER; FINAL PREVIEW OF TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

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

#### "NORMAL" Rated R

Billed as coming from the creator of "John Wick" and "Nobody" is likely all that you really need to know about what to expect from crime thriller "Normal," starring Bob Odenkirk being thrust into a violent situation he wasn't quite expecting.

Not much is known about Odenkirk's Sheriff Ulysses' past other than apparently making some bad choices and having a marriage on the rocks. He's been relegated to a life of drudgery, which brings him to the snowy Minnesota fictional small town of Normal which has seen better days.

The previous sheriff has died under mysterious circumstances, and Ulysses, calling himself the substitute sheriff, is running the department until an election scheduled for two months later.

In the "Nobody" films, Odenkirk played an ordinary guy with a past as a government assassin, possessing the kind of skills that Liam Neeson had in the "Taken" films that resulted in explosive fury.

By appearances and mannerisms, Ulysses is also an ordinary guy hoping for a humdrum assignment, noting that his goal is "to leave this town just the way I found it." Let's say this objective proves to be elusive.

Riding shotgun in a squad car, Ulysses finds the waving locals to be generally friendly, even if his first encounter with trouble involves cooling off a pair of elderly hotheads arguing in a hardware store.

The town's mayor (Henry Winkler) seems welcoming, as does a local tavern owner (Lena Headey). The employees at the sheriff's department are supportive, including deputy Blaine Anderson (Ryan Allen), a candidate for Sheriff in the upcoming election.

There are signs that the town of Normal may be something other than what its name would suggest. What is one to make of the restaurant whose walls are covered with guns and rifles, all of which are locked and loaded?

A blizzard hits town, and that's when things go sideways as two hapless locals, Lori (Reena Jolly) and Keith (Brendan Fletcher), decide to rob the town bank, which has little cash but a huge vault where the Yakuza have stashed gold bars and a fortune in currency.

This is when all hell breaks loose, and Ulysses finds himself caught in the crossfire between the bank robbers and the Sheriff's department and gun-toting citizens who had appeared outwardly nice but also with something to hide.

The carnage becomes intense, from machine gun fire, rocket launchers and even sticks of dynamite blowing up in the streets. Oddly enough, the graphic violence gets so ridiculous that the outcome

plays out like a black comedy.

Director Ben Wheatley describes "Normal" as basically a neo-Western, considering it feels like "an inverted 'High Noon,' where instead of the sheriff having to fight the bad guys coming into town, he was basically having to fight the townsfolk."

Bob Odenkirk may seem an unlikely action hero, but here in "Normal" and as well in the "Nobody" films, he delivers with the help of the robbers and the offspring of the late sheriff (Jess McLeod) the firepower to overcome the odds. "Normal" excites with entertaining thrills.

#### FINAL PREVIEW OF TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

A highlight of the TCM festival's first day brings the legendary Carol Burnett, turning 93 days on April 26th, to have a conversation about the inspiration she finds in classic films and how it shaped her life.

What would the festival be like if not for screening an Alfred Hitchcock movie? The 75th anniversary presentation of "Strangers on a Train," a psychological thriller from the "Master of Suspense," will get an introduction from Carol Burnett.

"Strangers on a Train" has the intriguing plot of two men (Robert Walker and Farley Granger) jokingly agree to murder each other's worst enemies, and only one is psychopath who's deadly serious about having his father killed.

Robert Walker, in his penultimate film, was an inspired choice to play Bruno Anthony, the dissolute playboy who enjoys manipulating socially ambitious tennis player Farley Granger.

The film is filled with great Hitchcock touches: a murder reflected in a pair of glasses; a tennis match where one spectator stares at a player rather than following the ball; and an out-of-control merry go round.

Hitchcock's crime thriller "Rope" stages a long dinner scene bubbling with clever conversation among guests who don't know there's a dead body in the room.

John Dall and Farley Granger star as friends out to prove their superiority by committing the perfect murder. James Stewart co-stars as their former teacher whose readings in philosophy inadvertently inspired them.

On the lighter side, the 40th anniversary presentation of the beloved "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" is a brilliant teen comedy from writer-director John Hughes in which adult authority figures were buffoons.

High-schooler Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick) expressed the simple philosophy, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Playing hooky in Chicago with buddy Cameron (Alan Ruck) and girlfriend Sloane (Mia Sara), Ferris' carefree attitude and observations on life proved to be satisfyingly humorous. ★

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000519**  
The following persons are doing business as: Taho Haus, 2108 N Street #9445, Sacramento, CA 95816.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000519**  
The following persons are doing business as: Taho Haus, 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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000632**  
The following persons are doing business as: Kett's Catering, 1670

Lassen Court, Dixon, CA 95620. John James Kett and James Mayoral, PO Box 43, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: April 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2026

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration April 5, 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 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026  
**KETTS** 5-1-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000499**  
The following persons are doing business as: Village Heat, 1344 W L Street, Benicia, CA 94510. Kameron Rojas, 1344 W L Street, Benicia, CA 94510. 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: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026  
**VILLAGE** 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 #CU26-02376  
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

### TRUSTEE SALE

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-25-1026332-CL Order No.: 250587064-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/8/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **THOMAS E. CHAPMAN AND BRITTANY L. CHAPMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP.** Recorded: 4/13/2022 as Instrument No. 202200026507 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SOLANO County, California; Date of Sale: 5/27/2026 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: **At the Santa Clara St. Entrance of the Vallejo City Hall, located at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$628,059.56** The purported property address is: **255 SCHOONER RIDGE CT, DIXON, CA 95620** Assessor's Parcel No. : **0108-252-150** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens

senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1026332-CL.** Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1026332-CL** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1026332-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 FOR NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE**

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## SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: CL25-04382  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:  
Jose Luis Delgado Ponce, and DOES 1-40, inclusive,  
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:** State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desahar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Solano Superior Court, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Richard L. Mahfouz II, Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP, 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 1200, San Diego, CA 92108; phone 619-308-6550  
Date: (Fecha) May 12, 2025  
Clerk (Secretario) B. Pool, Deputy (Adjunto)  
April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026  
**PONCE** 5-15-26

## 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: The Campus/Dixon 257 Project - Vacant 260-Acre Site in Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan Area.** Consideration of an Ordinance for the 1st amendment to the Development Agreement for "The Campus" project, to consider changes to milestones related to construction of the municipal well. The Planning Commission will consider the 1st amendment and provide their recommendation to the City Council, which will consider the request for final action at a future, separately noticed, public hearing. No changes are proposed to the project itself, except for the milestones and timing of construction of the proposed water well. General Plan Designation: Campus Mixed Use (CAMU); Zoning District: Campus Mixed Use – Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan Overlay (CAMX-NESP); Owner(s) and Applicant: Dixon Venture, LLC; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN's): 0111-040-010, -020, -030, -040, and 0111-080-050. This item was previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their April 14, 2026 meeting.

*Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the City of Dixon on March 18, 2025, certified a Final Environmental Impact Reports (EIR). A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted to reduce identified impacts the levels of impact to less than significant, with the exception of potential impacts related to Agricultural Resources, Air Quality and Transportation which remained as significant and unavoidable. The City of Dixon also adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations with respect to these potentially significant impacts. The certified FEIR and available for review at [www.cityofdixonca.gov/environmentalreviewdocuments](http://www.cityofdixonca.gov/environmentalreviewdocuments) under the heading for "The Campus Project/Dixon 257."*

**HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, May 5, 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) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Raffi Bolyan, Community Development Director at (707) 678-7000 or [rbolyan@cityofdixon.ca.gov](mailto:rbolyan@cityofdixon.ca.gov). You can also come to City Hall, 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 pm (Mondays thru Thursdays) and 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (every other Friday). 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.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Prior to 4:30pm 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 4:30pm 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.*

Dixon Independent Voice 4-24-2026

# Bee Haven Sponsoring Nature Journaling Classes

By Kathy Keatley Garvey,  
UC Davis Department  
of Entomology and  
Nematology

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The UC Davis Bee Haven is sponsoring two nature journaling classes billed as "Relaxed Mornings Among the Bees and Blooms."

A beginners' session for teens and adults is set for Saturday, May 2, and a session for young explorers (kindergarten age through fifth grade) will take place Sunday, May 3. Both will be led by naturalist, watercolorist and science educator Lorie Topinka of Davis, former assistant director of education at the California Academy of Sciences (CAS), San Francisco.

Samantha Murray, education and garden coordinator of the garden, said the sessions "invite you to slow down, look closely and capture what you find, through sketches, notes and your own creative observations. Step into the Bee Haven garden and let curiosity be your guide."

"You'll learn simple nature journaling techniques as you wander among pollinators and plants," Murray said, adding "There's no pressure to make 'good art' -- nature journaling is about presence and noticing, not perfection. Leave with your own journal pages filled with the sights, textures and tiny wonders of Bee Haven and a new way of seeing the world just outside your door."

The Haven, located on Bee Biology Road, west of the UC Davis campus, and installed by the Department of Entomology and Nematology (ENT) in the



A Western tiger swallowtail flutters over a patch of verbena in the UC Davis Bee Haven. Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

fall of 2009, thrives with more than 200 native plants and displays of multiple art projects, the work of ENT classes taught by UC Davis Distinguished Professor Emerita Diane Ullman. She is the director emerita and co-founder of the UC Davis Art-Science Fusion Program.

Topinka says mature journaling is "about curiosity, noticing details and enjoying time outside. She traces her love of nature journaling to the years she spent at CAS, where "curiosity and careful observation were part of everyday life." It was there that she picked up a sketchbook in the field and "never stopped." She went on to teach "Sketching for

the Science Classroom" and "Nature Journaling" to educators as well as the general public.

Topinka is the author of "Chickens of the 5th Street Community Garden and the Rat Wars, A Children's Book for Adults," described as "filled with her whimsical illustrations and warmhearted storytelling and how she sees the world."

The adult and teens session, "Nature Journaling for Beginners," will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2. Cost is \$25 to register.

This session will introduce beginners to simple journaling techniques to observe and record the beauty of the garden and pollinators. No

drawing experience is needed. "Participants are encouraged to bring their own supplies -- blank journals, art journals, writing and coloring utensils to draw in, if possible, although we'll have some extra materials available if needed," said Murray. Reservations are underway at [beehaven@ucdavis.edu](mailto:beehaven@ucdavis.edu).

The kids' session, "Young Explorers: Kids' Nature Journaling," geared for kindergarten age through fifth grades, will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 3. Cost is \$25 to register.

Young explorers will create journal pages inspired by the garden as they observe bees, butterflies and plants. This class is described "as a

fun and hands-on activities that encourage curiosity, creativity, and connection to the natural world." Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Materials will be provided. Registration is underway at [beehaven@ucdavis.edu](mailto:beehaven@ucdavis.edu).

The UC Davis Bee Haven is directed by bee scientist Elina Niño, professor of apiculture, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and a member of the UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology. She is the founder and director of the UC Master Beekeeper Program. The garden, located next to the Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility, is open from dawn to dusk. Admission is free. ★

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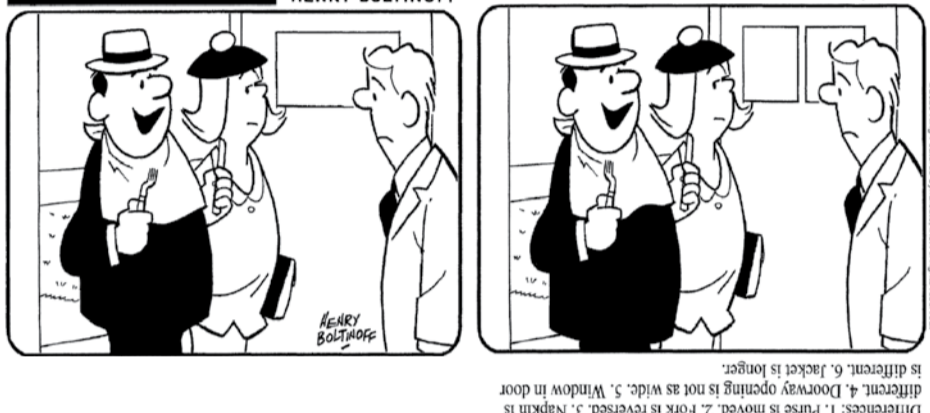
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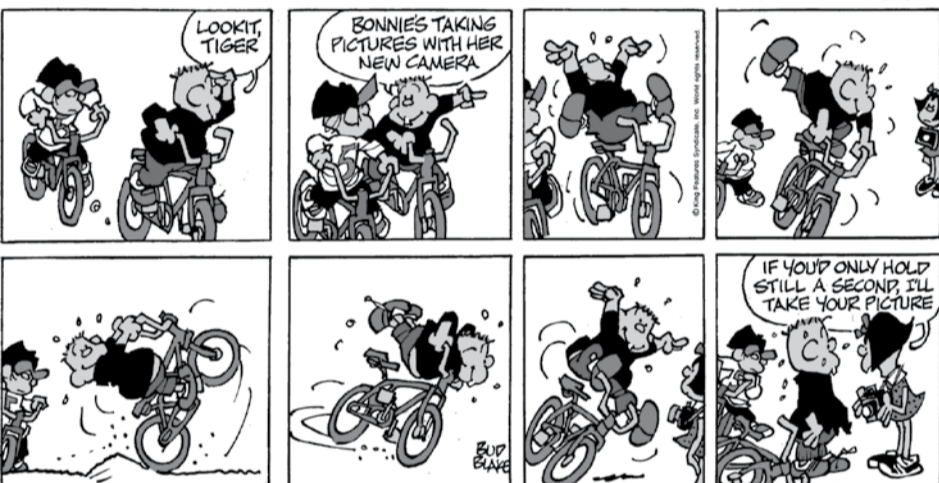
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## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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by Dave T. Phipps



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### CLUES

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- Verbal abuse
  - \*Failed constitutional amendment, acr.
  - Google \_\_\_\_, navigation aid
  - Strip of roadway
  - Dripping faucet sound
  - Chef's headgear
  - Tel \_\_\_\_, Israel
  - Prima donnas' problems
  - Occupied (2 words)
  - \*1974 scandal
  - Flight-related announcements, acr.
  - Attempt again
  - Male aristocrat's honorific
  - Town, in Spanish
  - Recitation of wedding vows, again
  - Santa \_\_\_\_, winds
  - Apnea, in U.K.
  - Operatic solo
  - \_\_\_\_ or do nothing
  - Finish line
  - \*1976 Woody Guthrie biopic: "Bound for \_\_\_\_"
  - Field worker
  - Avian rest stop
  - What lintel and mantel have in common
  - Ring-shaped
  - \*1979 Nobel Prize-winning nun
  - \*Alfa Romeo Giulietta, e.g.
  - Italian bowling
  - Type of tournament
  - \*#33 Down Oscar winner
  - Lie in wait
  - Place one's stake
  - Skin woe
  - \*"Roots" by Alex
  - House of Lords member
  - Chalupa alternative
  - Hoopla
  - "Right" coast time
  - \*"The Barbara \_\_\_\_ Show"
- DOWN**
- Deli side
  - \* \_\_\_\_ lamp, 1960s invention popular in 1970s
  - Newton, e.g.
  - Echo
  - "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
  - \* \_\_\_\_ Tooty Fresh 'n Fruity
  - Cathedral part
  - \*1976 Summer Olympics location
  - Caribbean color
  - Boot-wearing cat
  - \*Johnny Nash's "I Can \_\_\_\_ Clearly Now"
  - Spinning toy (2 words)
  - Make a logical connection (2 words)
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  - Dead one or Black one, e.g.
  - Ottoman Empire bigwig
  - Teamsters, e.g.
  - Consumed
  - \*"Sanford and Son" star
  - "That's all she \_\_\_\_"
  - Buenos follower
  - \*Eric Clapton's 1970 hit
  - Not ever, contraction
  - \*1975 movie " \_\_\_\_ Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
  - \*Kung Fu movie star (2 words)
  - Domenikos Theotokopoulos, a.k.a. El \_\_\_\_
  - Away's partner
  - Old master print maker
  - Scrawpy
  - Feel sympathy
  - Common hops
  - Eight performers
  - No problem
  - Cheap reads
  - Back of neck
  - a.k.a. horse mackerel
  - \*Jacqueline Susann's best-seller " \_\_\_\_ Is Not Enough"
  - Noble gas
  - "Zip it!"

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## The Ping Pong Balls Are Coming

Yes, the NBA regular season is over, and our hometown ballers are once again watching from the sidelines.

With a grand total of 22 wins the 2025-26 season turned out very different from what the Sactown faithful envisioned.

Within a couple of weeks, the ping pong balls will determine the order of the upcoming draft, and as the Dallas Mavericks can attest, anything is likely to happen.

The Kings franchise and fans collectively will hold their breath, as anything can happen when it comes to the first five picks.

Without a doubt the Kings will get a high draft pick, but the real question is, how high.

Experts and pundits from all corners believe we're looking at one of the deepest drafts in many years, and that bodes well for Sacramento.

But what can we take away from a season bereft with disappointments.

For one thing we can look forward to a starting unit at the start of next season that is 100 percent healthy, and hope that the first-round draft choice in the upcoming draft makes an immediate impact. Something like De'Aaron Fox did when he became one of the best point guards in the history of the Kings franchise.

And what should we make of Keegan Murray after a season of injuries? Will this talented wing man once again return to a consistent 3-point shooter as he was in his rookie year just four short seasons ago?

Keegan had an amazing rookie season followed by one head scratching season after another as his 3-point shooting declined year after year.

Keegan set an NBA rookie record by recording 206 3-pointers, and Sacramento fans thought this was just the beginning.

Sadly, although Keegan shot an amazing 41 percent from beyond the arc, he would not accomplish this again. In the following three seasons Murray shot 35 percent, 34 percent, and in an injury shortened 2026 a dismal 27 percent.

So, will the real Keegan Murray please stand up. The Kings will in all likelihood hold onto Murray and resist trade offers, as his value has slipped just as his percentage has.

The real question is can this talented player

return to form and show Kings fans that his rookie year was no fluke.

I believe he can and he will.

Zach Lavine has received considerable criticism for his drop in 3-point shooting this year as well, but the question is can Zach return to normal next season and provide Murray with someone that carry spread the floor.

Once again, I believe that's exactly what Lavine can do, and if he does, and Domantas Sabonis can stay healthy, look out western division, because here comes the Kings.

We don't know what GM Scott Perry is thinking of, and whether he will keep this group together, but we honestly never had a real opportunity to see this group play together.

Let's not forget that DeMar DeRozan is one of the most talented mid-range shooters in the league, and like Zach Lavine, can open the floor for others.

The point guard position is once again the conundrum it has been since the departure of DeAaron Fox, and we must wait and see if the draft will provide front court help or perhaps the point guard the Kings have been looking for.

Devin Carter and Nique Clifford had moments this past season, but neither has made the statement that says the point guard for the future has arrived.

Not to be forgotten is the arrival and surprisingly so of Dylan Cardwell and Precious Achiuwa. Both players acquitted themselves admirably, and Kings fans will be watching to see if one or both can take that next step in their NBA career and become a force to be reckoned with.

A lot to chew on for the Sacramento faithful, and opinions are all over the board, but for my money I hope that Scott Perry looks hard before he leaps.

There is a lot of talent on this team right now, and the real question is whether they can gel.

A winning franchise is much closer than last season's 22 wins would make you think, so say your prayers Kings fans and keep your fingers crossed.

We are one impact player from watching a playoff team so keep your eyes on those ping pong balls and let's all root together! ★

## Candidates For Governor Ought to Get Serious About These Pressing Issues



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Eric Swalwell's abrupt departure from the campaign for governor due to revelations about sexual transgressions leaves nine men and women remaining as serious contenders for spots on the November ballot.

So far their campaigns have produced a scattershot of positions and promises that have only occasionally touched on California's real world issues. However, by sheer coincidence, there's been a recent flurry of think tank reports and articles on those issues that should be required reading for would-be governors and moderators of forums to question the candidates.

In no particular order:

### Schools

The Public Policy Institute of California delved into the worrisome lack of academic achievement among in California's public schools. It notes that in state tests just 49% of students met or exceeded state standards in English language and 37% in math.

Results of federal tests were even less satisfactory, with only 29% of fourth-graders and 28% of eighth-graders proficient in reading and 35% and 25%, respectively, in math.

Mississippi, long a laggard in academic skills, got serious about raising reading

comprehension by adopting phonics. California, after years of political debate, finally semi-adopted phonics, although not completely requiring it. An article in Atlantic magazine reveals that in Mississippi, just adopting phonics was not enough; statewide mandates, coupled with state oversight, were needed to make phonics work — a suggestion maybe California needs to follow suit.

### Jobs

Outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom loves to brag about California's \$4 trillion economy but rarely mentions the darker side — several years with virtually no job growth. The Public Policy Institute of California digs into that stagnation and reports, "Job gains have been limited to a few key sectors like health care and local government, while stock market gains have been driven by AI. Unemployment has not increased much in the past two years, though it remains higher than in 2022 and above almost all other states.

"One major challenge for the next governor will be providing expensive services like health care to a growing older adult population while the share of workers shrinks," PPIIC says.

The conservative Pacific Research Institute plows the same economic ground in a report. "The data shows that California's economic challenges are no longer theoretical — they are measurable and worsening," said Wayne Winegarden, one of the report's authors. "The state's weak job growth and shrinking private sector signal that California is at a crossroads. Without meaningful policy reforms, the gap between California and the rest of

the country will continue to widen."

One aspect of California's economic sluggishness is an outflow of workers due to its sky-high living costs. Another report from the Public Policy Institute of California says the state has seen a net loss of nearly 1.3 million people since 2020. The outflow, coupled with a record low birth rate, makes California especially reliant on immigration for new workers, which in turn is affected by turmoil in federal immigration policy.

### Homes

A study by UC-Berkeley's California Policy Lab delves even further into the state's loss of population to other states, citing high living costs, especially for housing, as the prime factor.

It notes that "in 2012 the state's median household income was roughly sufficient to qualify for a mortgage on a mid-tier home, but it now falls substantially short of the level needed to qualify for even a bottom-tier home."

However, those who abandon California more easily become homeowners due to much lower prices and see improvement in their overall financial wellbeing.

This is not an exhaustive catalogue of California issues that the campaigns for governor should address. Water supply and homelessness also need attention, as well as the insurance crisis and the state's chronic budget deficits. But these reports are a good start for serious debate.

*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

### Must I Set Up a Social Security Account to Enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I turn 65 this November 2026. Someone told me I need to set up a Social Security account at least 3 months ahead of time before applying for Medicare for the first time. I do not intend to take any Social Security benefits until, perhaps, age 67 or later. Please advise and thank you. **Signed: Looking Ahead**

**Dear Looking Ahead:** You don't technically need to "set up" an online SSA account to enroll in Medicare, but it would be more efficient to do so. We always recommend creating your online "my Social Security" account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) well before you are ready to claim your Social Security benefits. That's because you can monitor your projected Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim, but it also facilitates other things you might need to do at the Social Security

Administration (such as claiming your SS retirement benefits online and enrolling in Medicare online).

As for Medicare, you can enroll in Medicare up to 3 months before the month you turn 65, and you can contact the Social Security Administration by phone up to 3 months prior in order to schedule an appointment to enroll over the phone (call 1.800.772.1213 to make the appointment). You can enroll via telephone, even if you don't have your "my Social Security" online account set up. However, an advantage to creating your personal online Social Security account is that you could then enroll in Medicare online as described at this link: [www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up](http://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up). And you can, as you wish to do, enroll only in Medicare without also taking your Social Security benefits at this time.

I want to also make you aware that if you are still working and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is an employer group plan with at least 20 participants), then you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends (thus saving the usual Medicare Part B monthly premium). When your employer's

healthcare coverage ends, you will enter a Special Enrollment Period during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Finally, please be aware that whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services). Since there is a monthly premium associated with Medicare Part B (but not with Part A), you can choose to decline Part B if you are still working and covered by your employer's creditable healthcare plan, until your employer's healthcare coverage ends.

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As far as showdowns between popes and secular leaders go, President Trump versus Pope LEO hardly rates.

Pope LEO hasn't forced Trump to come see him and stand for three days in the snow, the way Pope Gregory VII did to Henry IV, the Holy Roman Emperor, in 1077. Nor has he issued an interdict, a tactic favored by Pope Innocent III, against the United States.

On the other hand, Trump hasn't sacked Rome and forced the pope to submit to his will, in a repeat of Emperor Charles V's 16th-century gambit against Pope Clement VII.

It's still been a remarkably testy exchange between Pope Leo and Trump over the Iran war. The president of the United States -- stung by the pontiff's criticisms of his decision to launch the war and his ensuing rhetoric -- has denounced Pope LEO in his characteristic terms, all but saying that His Holiness "doesn't have what it takes."

It's easy, meanwhile, to interpret LEO as taking veiled shots at Trump. "Enough with the idolatry of self and money!" is not an unusual sentiment for a Holy Father, but who can be certain he didn't have our guilt president in mind when he said it in a homily the other day? A pope who doesn't

## Trump vs. the Pope

rebuke a president of the United States for threatening to bring a foreign civilization to an end isn't doing his job, yet it's important to understand that the Bible is not an injunction for pacifism, and it doesn't entail a condemnation of the Iran war.

The Bible presents a realistic view of the inevitability of human conflict. As Ecclesiastes says, there is "a time for war, and a time for peace." In the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel or Kings, it is often a time for war. The key question is whether or not a war is righteous -- the difference between Israel, say, prevailing in the Battle of Deborah, or seeing the Babylonians destroy Jerusalem.

On Palm Sunday, Pope LEO cited Isaiah 1:15 for the proposition that God doesn't listen to the prayers of those who wage war: "Even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood." The context of this verse, though, is the injustice and corruption of the people of Judah -- in other words, their self-abasement.

It makes no sense, as a broader matter, to cite Isaiah as an injunction against waging war or evidence that God pays no heed to the prayers of those who fight. Later in the book, King Hezekiah of Judah prays for God's help in stopping an Assyrian army threatening Jerusalem, and 185,000 Assyrian soldiers are struck down. Jesus preaches love

and mercy, of course, but that is not a war-rant for pacifism. The great Christian thinkers St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas gave us just war theory, reconciling Christian ethics with the existence of evil in the world and the necessity of warfare. According to this view, which is embraced by the Catholic Church, a war can only be fought for a just cause and has to be waged in keeping with moral standards, minimizing harm to civilians.

Pope LEO has wrongly made it sound as though no war can possibly be just, and regardless, his opposition to the Iran war isn't dispositive or binding on anyone else.

The pontiff might consider that Trump first talked of attacking Iran when the regime was in the midst of slaughtering thousands of protesters in the streets, and if the current government fell and gave way to one with more respect for the rights of its people, it would be a boon to Iranians and a large step toward a safer and more peaceful region.

Trump's wild threats are understandably anathema to Pope LEO, but they don't define the Iran war or change the fact that the Bible portrays warfare as a tragic fact of human existence. Yes, as Isaiah says, they shall beat their swords into plowshares, but not yet.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★*

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# Lund Construction Selected to Build Critical Public Infrastructure for Republic FC Soccer Stadium

**Sacramento Republic FC News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic FC announced April 2 the selection of Lund Construction to build the public infrastructure surrounding the Club's new soccer stadium at the Downtown Sacramento Railyards. As part of its agreement with the City of Sacramento, Republic FC is responsible for delivering the streets, utilities and public amenities that will connect the stadium to the surrounding neighborhood, laying the physical foundation for one of the most transformative developments in the city's history.

Lund Construction's scope of work includes new and improved streets, sidewalks, a paseo, water and sewer infrastructure, storm drain systems and a new public bike trail. The work will create a connected, walkable public realm around the stadium and provide the backbone infrastructure for the broader buildout of the 31-acre plot that will also include a new neighborhood for the region.

"With groundbreaking behind us, the focus now turns to execution and that's exactly why we chose Lund Construction," said Pegasus Development CEO Art Zargaryan. Pegasus Development is leading the entire project for Wilton Rancheria and Republic FC. "Their decades of experience building infrastructure throughout the region and their firsthand knowledge of this site, make the team at Lund Construction a strong pick to help us accelerate our plans for a transformative neighborhood and stadium project."

Kevin Lund, president of Lund Construction added, "For more than 65 years, Lund Construction Co. has played a meaningful role in shaping the infrastructure



Republic FC's new downtown home will be the biggest pro sports and entertainment venue in the region and will serve as the anchor for a new neighborhood that will help double the size of Downtown. Rendering courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



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of the Sacramento region. At the heart of our work is a simple belief: strong communities are built by dedicated people. That principle continues to guide everything we do. We are honored to contribute to the future home of Sacramento Republic FC and proud to partner with the

Wilton Rancheria Tribe. It is a privilege to help build projects that will serve and strengthen this community for generations to come, and we remain committed to delivering that work with integrity, respect, and lasting pride."

Lund Construction's portfolio

throughout the Sacramento area encompasses complex joint trench systems, multi-utility coordination, and large-scale infrastructure delivery, reflecting the technical depth and operational capacity this project requires. Lund Construction has successfully executed a

range of projects demonstrating Lund's capability to handle large-scale, high-stakes assignments efficiently. The team's experience includes civil and utility infrastructure work within the Railyards district, navigating the site's distinctive environmental and logistical conditions. That firsthand familiarity with the site's complexities informed the RFP evaluation and distinguished the Lund Construction team.

Republic FC's new downtown home will be the biggest pro sports and entertainment venue in the region and will serve as the anchor for a new neighborhood that will help double the size of Downtown. Vertical construction on the site will begin later this year, with the stadium on track to open in 2028. Fans can secure their spot in the region's largest venue by placing a deposit at 20KStadium.com. ★

## Women's Tennis Adds Italy's De Matteo for 2026-27



Francesca De Matteo has committed to continuing her academic and athletic career with the Hornets beginning with the 2026-27 season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

**Sacramento State Athletics News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento State head women's tennis coach Sophie Breault announced April 14 that Francesca De Matteo has committed to continue her academic and athletic career with the Hornets beginning with the 2026-27 season.

"We are thrilled to welcome De Matteo to our Hornet family," Breault said. "She brings so much passion and energy to her game, along with a strong competitive mindset. De Matteo possesses a well-rounded, all-court game in singles and is also an outstanding doubles player, adding valuable depth to our lineup. She will be a fantastic addition and we expect her to make an immediate impact as we compete for Big West Conference championships."

A native of Naples, Italy, who attended the G. Mazzini secondary school is the second signee for the program this year, joining South Africa's Jessica Schilz, who officially committed to Sacramento State back in November.

Over the last two years, De Matteo has earned a spot in the prequalification rounds for the Internazionali BNL d'Italia in both

singles (2025) and doubles (2026) at the Foro Italico in Rome, a tournament that features some of the top international players and is known as one of the premier clay-court tournaments in the world.

She reached the final in singles in one of the prequalification tournaments in 2025 and won a doubles championship in another one of the events alongside her partner in 2026.

De Matteo, who has been ranked as high as No. 905 in the ITF junior rankings, also received a wild card for the Internazionali Femminili di Tennis Città di Caserta in both 2024 and 2025, an yearly event that features some of the top up-and-coming talent and established players on the International Tennis Federation circuit.

Among her best results during her juniors career, she has reached the semifinals in singles of a pair of J5 events in Dakar and Croatia and another semifinal of a J60 tournament in Dakar.

In doubles play, she claimed a title at a J5 tournament in Cyprus and reached the final three times of tournaments in Bari, Paola, and Livorno in her home country.

In addition, De Matteo has also represented Italy as part of the national team for European Summer and Winter Cups in 2019 and 2020. ★



## Eight Aggies Named to the MPSF All-Academic Team

**UC Davis Athletics News Release**

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - Eight UC Davis gymnasts have been named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation All-Academic Team, showcasing their skills in competition and in the classroom.

Student-athletes are named to the MPSF All-Academic team based on a specific set of criteria, all of which the eight Aggies successfully met to earn the honor.

To qualify, a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher, be at least a sophomore academically, and have completed one full academic year at the institution prior to the season in which the award is received. In addition, the student-athlete must have participated in at least fifty percent of the institution's competitions in their respective sport.



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The group of Aggies is made up of four sophomores, one junior and three seniors.

UC Davis MPSF All-Academic Team Members include McKenna Knecht, Cady Chiu, Avery Marshall, Amelia Moneymaker, Jehaan Poonja, Milla Gideon, Alana Kim and Avah Reichow. ★

## Nique Clifford Presented with the 2026 Community Crossover Award

**Sacramento Kings News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Ahead of the April 10 game, the Sacramento Kings honored rookie Nique Clifford with the 2026 Community Crossover Award presented by Kaiser Permanente. In his first NBA season, Clifford was recognized for his outstanding commitment on and off the court, as well as his meaningful impact in the Sacramento community.

Clifford has quickly made his presence felt beyond basketball through hands-on community engagement. During the holiday season, he fulfilled wish lists for five local families affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Sacramento. He provided gifts, holiday dinners, Kings tickets and signed memorabilia, creating memorable experiences for participating youth and their families. His efforts reflect a genuine dedication to uplifting underserved communities and building lasting connections with Sacramento families. Clifford's willingness to give his time and resources has made an immediate and positive impression throughout the region.

Beyond the holidays, Clifford participated in several Kings community events, including Eat Like a King, Kingpin Classic and Season Ticket Member parties. His engagement with underserved youth, connection with fans and continued community involvement reflect his commitment to making a lasting impact.

On the court, Clifford has shown strong promise in his rookie campaign, bringing energy, versatility and a team-first mentality to every game. His work ethic and poise continue to establish him as a valuable contributor for the Kings.

The Community Crossover Award, established in 2003, honors a Kings player who exemplifies excellence both on and off the court. Previous recipients include Chris Webber (2003), Vlade Divac (2004), Peja Stojaković (2005), De'Aaron Fox (2019), Domantas Sabonis (2023) and Malik Monk (2024, 2025). Clifford now joins this distinguished group, continuing the organization's tradition of celebrating players who make a meaningful difference in the community. The complete list of honorees can be found by visiting [nba.com/kings/history-community-crossover-award](http://nba.com/kings/history-community-crossover-award). ★

# Summer Events Scheduled Across Dixon Through August

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - A range of community events are scheduled in Dixon throughout the summer months, offering residents and visitors opportunities to engage in local history, entertainment and fundraising activities.

Downtown Dixon Business Association will host Railroad Days from June 20 to 21. The event, first introduced in 2023, is designed as a family-oriented addition to the city's downtown programming. Activities will include model train displays, children's attractions, food vendors and retail shopping.

Later in the season, the association will present the fourth annual Art and Wine Stroll on Aug. 22. The event is expected to feature food trucks, live music, art displays and local shopping. In previous years, more than 20 wineries and over 22 businesses participated, including the recently opened Dwelley Family Winery, which will host its grand opening alongside the Chamber of Commerce May 1.

For more information, visit [downtowndixonca.com](http://downtowndixonca.com) or email [dixondowntownba@yahoo.com](mailto:dixondowntownba@yahoo.com).

Dixon Historical Society, 125 W. A St. will also maintain a full calendar of activities. The group plans to participate in the Dixon May Fair from May 7 to 10 with a booth featuring historical information and merchandise. Additional events include Pioneer Days at Dixon Montessori on May 19 to 20 and a museum presentation on the history of the Dixon May Fair scheduled for June 28. The society will also take part in Railroad Days and the Art and Wine Stroll, with museum programming aligned with both events.

For more information, visit [dixonhistoricalsociety.org](http://dixonhistoricalsociety.org) or call 707-693-3044.

Community-focused fundraising efforts are also planned. Dixon Family Services will

host its annual Comedy Night Fundraiser on Aug. 8 at the Olde Vet's Hall, 231 N. First St. The evening will include dinner and entertainment, with comedian David Studebaker serving as master of ceremonies alongside a guest performer. Proceeds will support the organization's programs. The group is also seeking adult volunteers in areas including reception, technical support, clerical work and food sorting.

For more information about Comedy Night, email [cookie@dixonfamilyservices.org](mailto:cookie@dixonfamilyservices.org). For more information about volunteering opportunities, email [info@dixonfamilyservices.org](mailto:info@dixonfamilyservices.org).

Another fundraising event, hosted by American Legion Post 208, is scheduled for Aug. 2. The bingo fundraiser will take place at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., and will include 10 games for \$30, with six cards per game. More cards can be purchased throughout the event.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook page or call 530-304-5385.

In July, the Dixon Toy Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 25 at the Dixon May Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St. Organized by a collectibles business based in Roseville, the event will focus on vintage toys and feature 50 vendors.

Dixon's Action Team will host Grillin' & Chillin' from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 27. The all-day event will include a car and truck show, rib cook-off, vendor fair, children's activities and live music. A VIP experience will also be available, offering rib tastings and access to designated facilities at the Dixon Moose Lodge. Participants in the cook-off will compete for a People's Choice Award, determined by attendee voting.

For more information, visit [dixonactionteam.com](http://dixonactionteam.com). For questions about the Car and Truck Show, call 916-832-2345. ★



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