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May Fair Parade Celebrates Tradition



Commercial entries included local businesses such as Quick Quack Car Wash, Mountain Mike's Pizza and First Northern Bank, along with several local auto clubs and classic car owners. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Community groups, local businesses, youth sports teams and civic organizations filled downtown Dixon May 9 for the 149th annual Dixon May Fair Parade, continuing what organizers describe as the oldest continuously running parade in California.

The parade began at 10 a.m. and featured more than 140 entries, including marching bands, horse-mounted units, floats, classic cars, military groups and local organizations. The event coincided with the Dixon May Fair May 7-10.

"This was our 149th



The parade also honored several community award recipients, including Business of the Year recipient Dawson's Bar & Grill, Veteran of the Year Martin DeVenuta, Coach of the Year Didi Cordova and Citizens of the Year Don and Wendi Hendershot (pictured). Photo by Nicolas Brown

annual Dixon May Fair Parade," said Sara Echarte, manager of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. "It is the oldest running parade in the State of California." Echarte said the parade remains one of Dixon's largest community gatherings each year.

"It brings everyone together in town," she said. "Regardless of your interest, there is truly something for everyone in the parade."

The Chamber of Commerce organized much of the event, coordinating parade entries, judges, staging, awards and traffic operations. Volunteers also assisted with parade logistics throughout the day.

"Our volunteers help primarily with staging all the entries in their right spot and helping with the flow of the parade moving through the staging area," said Echarte.

She credited longtime volunteers Don and Wendi

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Council Approves Amendment to Campus Project Well Requirements

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the May 5 meeting, the Dixon City Council considered an amendment to the development agreement with Dixon Venture, LLC for The Campus Project, a mixed-use development on 260 acres west of Pedrick Road. It will include up to 1,041 residential units, an employment center, an industrial/technology center, commercial uses, parks and various infrastructure improvements.

Council approved the project in March 2025. A requirement in the development agreement was the construction of a 1,500 gallon per minute municipal water well and related facilities prior to the first occupancy of any home.

The developer has requested an amendment to the well requirement, seeking flexibility in the timing of the well installation in case of delays.

Community Development Director Raffi Boloyan said when the development agreement was approved, the water analysis did not include the Homestead well, which was not operational at that time. A more recent water study showed that with the new Homestead well now available, there is adequate water supply to accommodate The Campus Project.

Boloyan said the developer would still need to meet deadlines for well installation milestones: testing and monitoring by July, municipal well design by November, equipment and facility design by March 2027 and agency approval of construction plans by July 2027. Well construction must begin by October 2027, with completion by December 2028. The well must be operational and ready for city acceptance by March 2029.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson clarified that the new well will have to meet the new state requirements for Chrome VI to ensure allowable levels of that contaminant.

A representative for the developer said they've already drilled a test well and analyzed water quality samples and Chrome VI is an issue. They are testing different aquifers and analyzing more samples to meet the state requirements.

The plan designs are complete and they're ready to go out to bid on the first phase of infrastructure

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FFA Students Showcase Livestock Projects

Story and photos by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Future Farmers of America (FFA) students from Dixon High School showcased months of preparation and dedication during animal exhibition competition at the Dixon May Fair held May 7-10.

More than 50 livestock exhibitors from Dixon High participated this year, according to sheep adviser Georgia Fedler. In total, the chapter submitted about 100 entries, including livestock, floral and art projects.

"We have 52 livestock exhibitors," said Fedler. "For lambs, for example, we had 15 lambs last year, and 30 this year."

Sophomore Brandin Victorine, who has been in FFA for two years and showing steers for six, said preparing for the fair has required months of discipline.

"Since around Thanksgiving," said Victorine. "I wake up, feed my steer, go to the gym, go to school, then baseball



According to Dixon High School FFA Adviser Georgia Fedler (left), 52 Dixon High students competed in livestock exhibition at the Dixon May Fair, May 7-10, including Emma Graham (right), who exhibited her lamb, Todd.

practice. Come home, walk my steer for an hour, brush him, feed him, then go to bed."

According to Victorine, balancing school and livestock responsibilities has become routine.

"I've always been kind

of busy all my life, so it's just kind of a habit," he said.

Senior Ava Brady said she joined FFA because she enjoyed the hands-on approach to learning.

"I liked that it took a more outdoor approach to

educating," said Brady.

She has been working since October preparing her market steer, which she described as "one of the longest and most intensive livestock projects."

Brady said balancing

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MEMORIAL

JANET ANN HARDY - 10/15/1940 – 04/25/2026

Janet Ann Hardy, Born October 15, 1940 in Placerville Ca. Passed away April 25, 2026 in Dixon Ca. She was 85. Jan's sweetness and generosity touched the lives of everyone she met. Jan was married to Richard Hardy for 67 years, together they had five children. Jan and Rich purchased their home in Dixon

in 1964 where they still reside. Jan worked at UC Davis until she retired, after she retired Jan and Rich together launched a small business out of their home called Unique Ideas. Jan and Rich did everything together, members at the Chamber of Commerce, Dixon Boat Club Members and Chrysler and Imperial car Club Members. They were staples

at the Dixon May Fair Parade and guests at many weddings throughout the community. Jan Loved her family fiercely, survived by her Husband Richard Hardy, Daughters Teresa Forrest, Cheryl Hast and sons, Richard Hardy Jr., Ronald Hardy and Robert Hardy, she had Fifteen Grand Children and Twelve Great Grand Children.



Dixon News Briefs



The 149th Annual Dixon May Fair Parade took place at 10 a.m. May 9, seeing over 140 participants, including local organizations, businesses, government agencies and community members. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

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 dixon-chamber.org or call 707-678-2650.

Dixon Teen Center Hiring

Dixon Teen Center is looking to hire a Teen Center Coordinator. The requirements of the position include excellent people skills, especially with teens, coordination experience, and availability every Friday and Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m.

For more information or to apply, visit Dixon Teen Center on Facebook or call either 707-695-2724 or 707-344-3544.

Harvest Table Talk

Harvest at Dixon is hosting a causal talk series to interact with the community and allow them to ask questions throughout the month of May. The final session will be in-person from 3 to 5 p.m. May 20 at Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Dr., Suite C.

For more information, visit harvestatdixon.com or call 707-710-8277.

Lunch Bunch at Pedro's Cocina

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting another lunch bunch networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. May 19. Held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1700 N. First St., the free event offers guests a no-host lunch and networking opportunities.

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

Mixer at Uptown Collective

Dixon Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Uptown Collective, is hosting an evening of networking from 5:30 to 7 p.m. May 21. Held at the shop, 115 E. A St., the event will bring business people in the community together to mingle and check out what Uptown Collective has to offer. The free event will include raffles and refreshments.

For more information, visit dixon-chamber.org or call 530-759-3315.

Bunco Night

Joystick Gaming Lounge will host its monthly Bunco Night from 6 to 8

p.m. May 28. 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.

For more information, visit joystick-dixon.com or call 707-676-5697.

10th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

RememberAVet.net Wreath Project is hosting the 10th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at 8 a.m. May 29. Held at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, 3645 Fulton Ave., Sacramento, all proceeds from the event will benefit RememberAVet.net Wreath Project, which raises funds to honor fallen veterans at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery near Dixon. Entry costs \$150 and includes green and cart fees as well as tee prize and lunch.

For more information, visit wreathproject.org or call 707-249-5853.

Four Star Farm Horse Camp

Four Star Farm is offering a beginner to intermediate horseback riding camp beginning in mid-June. The farm, 7445 Pitt School Road, will have activities such as horseback riding, art projects and horsemanship for children aged 6 to 13 years old. Listed sessions are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include June 15 to 19, July 9 to 10 and August 3 to 7. Sessions cost \$695 per participant.

For more information, visit fourstar-farm.com or call 707-312-1119.

Read to a Dog

Dixon Library is hosting Read to a Dog from 3 to 4 p.m. May 18. Hosted at the library, 230 N. First St., the activity provides children ages five to 12 with the opportunity to read aloud to certified therapy dogs. The program offers a relaxed, non-judgmental environment aimed at improving reading fluency and building positive reading experiences. This will be the first event the library hosts after its winter program break.

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

Fill-a-Bag Sale

The Friendly Bookworm is hosting a \$5 fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16. Held at the bookstore next to the library, 230 N. First St., the event allows participants to bring a regular grocery bag and fill it with books for only \$5. All proceeds will directly support Dixon Library events, programs, crafts and more.

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

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



DIXON POLICE LOG

Sunday, May 10, 2026

- 1235 Vandalism report taken in the area of Morning Glory Lane.
- 1830 Welfare check in the 1500 block of Marena Drive.
- 2011 Suspicious circumstances in the 200 block of Fuller Lane.
- 2230 Robbery investigation in the area of West Chestnut Street/South Jefferson Street.
- 0240 Confidential report.
- 0416 Information report in the 1300 block of Bello Drive.

Saturday, May 9

- 0635 A vehicle was towed for being in a no parking zone for Dixon Mayfair Parade.
- 1107 A vehicle was towed for expired registration.
- 1218 An informational report was at the Dixon Police Department.
- 1309 A lost property report was taken in the 400 block of East Mayes Street.
- 1657 A court order violation report was taken in the 1800 block of Whiting Court.
- 1714 A courtesy report was taken for Davis Police Department at the Dixon Police Department.
- 1955 Welfare check in the 400 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 2013 Vandalism report taken in the area of East Chestnut Street and East Walnut Street.
- 2058 Information Report taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 0153 243 (d) PC, felony battery, 148 (a)(1) PC, Obstructing an Officer, 4573 PC, Bring Narcotics into a Jail and 647 (f) arrest, in the 100 block of North First Street. Suspects Noe Garcia-Hernandez (43-year-old, male, out of Dixon) and Julian Portugal (22-year-old, male, out of Dixon) were arrested. Both suspects were booked at the Solano County Jail.

Thursday, May 8

- 0852 information report in the 900 block of Sunset Drive.
- 0929 welfare check in the area of Bounds Drive/West H Street.
- 1053 suspicious circumstance in the 400 block of East C Street.
- 1135 Cecil Durrett (29) of Dixon was placed under arrest in the area of Stratford Avenue/Pembroke Way for 23152(f) CVC.
- 1328 fraud report in the 300 block of Barn Owl Lane.
- 2252 148 (a)(1) PC, Obstructing an Officer, arrest in the 100 block of West Chestnut. Suspect Charles Jacobs (44-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested. Suspect Jacobs was transported to Solano County Jail and booked without incident.
- 2253 646.9 PC, Stalking, report taken in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
- 2301 242 PC, Battery, report taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.
- 0118 23152 CVC, Driving under the influence of Alcohol, arrest at the intersection of East C Street/North Second Street. Suspect Victor Valdivia Velasquez (46-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested. Suspect Victor was transported to the Dixon Police Department. After processing, Suspect Victor was released to family on a citation.

Thursday, May 7

- 1241 missing person report 600 block of Calmace Drive.
- 1353 Robert Atkinson (47) of Dixon was contacted in the 600 block of Calmace Drive and placed under arrest for 647(f) PC Drunk in Public.
- 1925 Welfare check in the 100 block of North Adams Street. Wednesday, May 6, 2026
- 1027 A vehicle was towed for expired registration.

Tuesday, May 5

- 0851 Stolen vehicle report taken in the 2500 block of Plaza Court.
- 1407 Theft report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive resulted in the arrest of Ayanna Dennis (23) and Tamaya Wren (21) of Fairfield for shoplifting and evading arrest. They both went to jail.
- 1635 Fraud report taken at the police department.
- 2050 Theft from a business in the 1600 block of North First Street.
- 0303 Male placed on mental health hold.

Monday, May 4

- 1043 School resource report taken in the 400 block of East A Street.
- 2050 Missing persons report.
- 2055 Hit and Run investigation in the 2500 block of North First Street.

Sunday, May 3

- 0828 Found Credit card reported in the 900 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 1705 Civil report taken by phone at the police department.
- 1814 Fraud report in the 400 block of La Esperanza Drive.

Saturday, May 2

- 1010 found property report 900 block of Griffith Court.
- 1318 information report 1300 block of Bello Drive.
- 1453 battery report Hall Park.
- 1549 Kalelah Washington (25) of Dixon was contacted in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive and placed under arrest for domestic violence.
- 1830 484 (a) PC, Grand theft, report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Friday, May 1

- 1008 hit and run in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1813 594 PC, Vandalism, report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 2101 20002 CVC, Hit and Run and 23152 (a/b) CVC, DUI, report, taken at the intersection of Valley Glen Drive and Parkway Boulevard.
- 0042 At risk, missing juvenile report, taken in the 2200 block of Mourning Dove Drive. After being placed in MUPS (Missing and Unidentified Persons System), the juvenile was located and removed.

Thursday, April 30

- 0729 threats report in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1247 vandalism report in the 200 block of East B Street.
- 1508 battery report at John Knight Middle School.
- 2001 647 (E) PC, Illegal lodging and 11377 H&S, Possession of narcotics, arrests. Officers responded to Auction Lane and East Dorset Drive, following up on the above case. Suspects Greg Munoz (51-year-old, male, out of Dixon), Nicholas Barnes (44-year-old, male, out of Dixon) and Norma Cuyun (51-year-old, female, out of Dixon) were arrested. All three suspects were transported to Solano County Jail and booked without incident.

Wednesday, April 29

- 0600 Traffic accident in the 500 block of Industrial Way led to the arrest of Michael Glynn (52) of Dixon for possession of methamphetamine and a probation violation. He was taken to county jail.
- 1455 Fraud report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1525 Bike theft reported in the 1400 block of North First Street resulted in the arrest of Kaley Quinn (31) of San Francisco for theft and possession of methamphetamine. She was taken to jail.
- 1534 Abandoned vehicle towed in the 500 block of Schooner Rodge Court.
- 1641 Report of a battery in the area of Sunflower and Harvest Way. 3 Hispanic-Male-Juveniles (HMJ's) were seen jumping a Black-Male-Juvenile (BMJ).
- 1956 Lost wallet at a business in the 900 block of North Adam Street.

Tuesday, April 28

- 0850 Battery report taken at the police department.
- 1029 Found bike report taken in the 200 block of South Second Street.
- 1034 School resource report taken in the 400 block of East A Street.
- 1800 Stolen vehicle report.
- 0225 Oscar Orozoco (35) of Dixon was contacted in the 900 block of Business Park Drive and later arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

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Hendershot for helping coordinate the parade lineup. Wendi Hendershot organized the full lineup for this year's event, according to Echarte.

Additional volunteers included members of the Dixon Moose Lodge, the Elks of Vacaville and several community ambassadors and patrol teams.

"This year we also had some ambassadors step up and help," said Echarte. "It takes a whole team."

The parade route featured entries from local government agencies, including the Dixon Police Department and the Dixon Fire Department. Officer of the Year Jake Curry rode with the police department, while firefighter Andrew Tomelloso appeared alongside city council members aboard a fire truck.

Veterans organizations opened the parade, including Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 and American Legion Post 208, accompanied by color guards and military participants from Travis Air Force Base.

Youth organizations made up a large portion of the parade lineup. Teams from Dixon Girls Softball and Dixon Little League entered decorated floats accompanied by music, while the Dixon High School Band performed along the route with its drum major and color guard.

Horse-mounted units and vaquero groups also participated, including the Solano County Sheriff's Posse, Placer County 4-H Drill Team and riders from

Rancho Alegre, Tijero Ranch and El Rancho Espiritu y Nobleza.

Commercial entries included local businesses such as Quick Quack Car Wash, Mountain Mike's Pizza and First Northern Bank, along with several local auto clubs and classic car owners.

Echarte said the parade allows businesses and organizations to support one another while connecting with residents.

"The parade is a great way to advertise your business, help support another business and come together as a community," she said.

The parade also honored several community award recipients, including Business of the Year recipient Dawson's Bar & Grill, Veteran of the Year Martin DeVenuta, Coach of the Year Didi Cordova and Citizens of the Year Don and Wendi Hendershot.

For Echarte, the event reflected the close ties within the city.

"The Dixon May Fair Parade represents how special our little town really is," she said. "It shows how important community and home really are."

Echarte thanked residents, volunteers and city agencies for supporting the event and looked ahead to next year's milestone celebration.

"I hope you all had a great time and are ready for year 150 next year," she said.

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

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school, work and FFA commitments has been challenging.

"I overcommitted myself," said Brady. "I had a job, multiple AP classes. I had to make sure my priorities were taken care of first."

Senior Macee Boykin exhibited a heifer after previously showing chickens before avian influenza restrictions affected poultry exhibitions.

"I saw an opportunity with Mr. Tanaka," said Boykin. "I normally do chickens."

Boykin said she spends about an hour daily practicing with her heifer, Lil Trouble.

"It's definitely hard being a high school student and chapter officer," she said. "Just time management and prioritizing what I need to do."

Senior Emma Graham exhibited sheep and said the experience connects her to family tradition.

"My dad grew up doing the May Fair, so I want to follow in his footsteps," said Graham.

Graham said caring for her lamb, Todd, involves daily exercise and cleaning.

"We use a treadmill to walk him backwards to strengthen his back legs," she said.

Senior Gracien Granillo showed a market hog and said livestock exhibition has been part of his family for generations.

"I've been showing market hogs a little over nine years," said Granillo.



Dixon FFA students Garret Reed (left) and Gracien Granillo (right) also participated in exhibition competitions. Both encourage those interested in exhibiting animals or joining FFA to go for it.

Granillo said the work extends beyond the fair season.

"I've been showing pigs across California all year," he said. "It's a lot of work and preparation to get the pigs where they need to be."

Senior Garrett Reed exhibited market swine and said he appreciates the intelligence and characteristics of pigs.

"For me, they're a lot easier to read," said Reed. "They're more stubborn but smarter."

Reed said caring for his pig, Shirley, requires a strict schedule.

"You have got to wake up early to take care of the pig and get yourself ready," he said.

Students also encouraged younger classmates to consider joining FFA programs.

"Just do it," said Victorine. "It's cool exposure to the agriculture industry."

"It prepares you for life," added Brady.

According to Fedler, students gain more than technical livestock skills through participation.

"The biggest one that kind of goes without recognition is work ethic," she said. "Students are becoming goal-oriented, they're learning cooperation, time management, etc."

All four Dixon High FFA advisers attended the fair to support their students, including Ashland Williams, Georgia Fedler, Marcus Tanaka and Maria Torres.

For more information about exhibition competition at the May Fair, visit dixonmayfair.com. ★

Vanda Orchid Thai Bistro Reflects on Five Years

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Five years after opening its doors, Vanda Orchid Thai Bistro, 1440 Ary Lane, Suite B, has established itself as a local dining option focused on Thai cuisine and community connection.

Owned by Santi and Kanchanet Panyawong, the restaurant reflects the couple's background and experience growing up in Thailand, as well as their desire to introduce new flavors to the Dixon area.

"We've been open for five years now," said Santi Panyawong.

The decision to open a restaurant was rooted in both personal passion and a sense of opportunity in a smaller city. The owners said Dixon's communal environment made it an appealing place to start a business.

"We're from Thailand. I have always loved cooking and feeding Thai food to the people," said Panyawong. "It's a great community here, and I wanted to bring something different that people can enjoy."

Panyawong added that the local response has reinforced their decision.

"It's a supportive community. I'm very happy to be here," he said.

The restaurant's menu draws from traditional Thai dishes while aiming to create a shared dining experience. According to the owners, the goal is less about emphasizing individual recipes and more about bringing people together through food.

"We just try to deliver an experience to people here," said Panyawong. "We just want to bring people together."

Family influence also plays a role in the restaurant's development. Panyawong said his mother operates Pikul Thai Bistro in Fairfield, providing a connection



Five years after opening its doors, Vanda Orchid Thai Bistro, 1440 Ary Lane Suite B, has established itself as a local dining option focused on Thai cuisine and community connection. The restaurant is owned by Kanchanet Panyawong (left) and her husband Santi Panyawong (center). Photo by Nicolas Brown

to the broader Thai restaurant community in the region.

Among the menu offerings, the owners highlighted several dishes for first-time customers, including crispy chicken fried rice, shrimp pad Thai and fried spring rolls. These selections, they said, reflect both familiar and widely enjoyed aspects of Thai cuisine.

Operating a restaurant in a smaller city has presented ongoing challenges, particularly as costs fluctuate. The owners said balancing affordability with consistent quality is a daily consideration.

"One of the biggest challenges is managing rising costs while still keeping our food quality high and prices reasonable for customers," said Panyawong. "It's something we think about every day."

Despite those challenges, the restaurant has continued to rely



Despite challenges, the restaurant has continued to rely on repeat customers and steady community engagement. The owners emphasized efficiency and consistency as key priorities in maintaining their operation. Photo by Nicolas Brown

on repeat customers and steady community engagement. The owners emphasized efficiency and consistency as key priorities

in maintaining their operation. "We just keep our quality high and make sure people keep coming back," said Panyawong.

"We're more focused on building with the community. We work to cook quickly and efficiently. It's very important to us."

Looking ahead, the Panyawongs said they plan to continue strengthening their presence in Dixon while maintaining the approach that has guided the business since it opened.

They also acknowledged the broader network of Thai restaurants in the region, noting that each establishment offers its own variation of the cuisine.

"Every Thai restaurant around here is good, but we're all a bit different," said Panyawong.

As the restaurant marks five years in operation, the owners expressed appreciation for those who have supported the business.

"I would like to thank our team who work really hard every day and to our customers who support us," said Panyawong. "We couldn't do it without you." ★



Groundwater Law Begins Reshaping Valley

San Joaquin Valley farmers are increasingly following land as California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act curtails pumping. Under SGMA, which is implemented by local agencies, groundwater basins have until 2040 or 2042 to achieve sustainability. But since 2020 or 2022, depending on local conditions, groundwater agencies have been required to prevent "undesirable results" such as land subsidence and household wells running dry. Groundwater agencies covering much of the San Joaquin Valley adopted pumping limits, or allocations, within the past few years as the state began cracking down on subbasins with inadequate plans. "We are truly in the difficult part of SGMA," said Stacie Ann Silva, principal at Altum Aqua Logic, a Fresno-based water consulting firm that monitors more than 90 groundwater agencies across the state. "As allocations continue to ramp down, landowners are going to have to make harder decisions."

Warm, Dry Start of Spring Sparks Fire Season Concerns

Experts have cautioned that California could experience elevated wildfire risks this year. The warnings come after an unusually warm and dry start of spring throughout California, driven by a stubborn high-pressure ridge off the coast, which is likely to remain the dominant weather feature through at least June, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. Record heat in many areas in mid-March melted most of the snowpack and led to increased dead fuel flammability as the month progressed, the center observed. The daily fire

ignition average in Northern California in March was nearly double the average for the month since 2008. "I would say within fire circles, we're all bracing for a long, busy fire season," said Lenya Quinn-Davidson, director of the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Fire Network. Even though there has been spring rain, Quinn-Davidson said the absence of a snowpack means the fire season will start much earlier because "rain doesn't do as much to slow fire season as a snowpack would."

Drought, Water Restrictions Drive Innovation in Tech

Projects to find new uses for wastewater are becoming more common in California, especially as California farmers grapple with drought and tightening water use restrictions tied to the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Farmers' increasingly urgent need to reduce water use has attracted new business ventures and more creative solutions for recycling wastewater. "You always see companies and entrepreneurs and innovators kind of show up where there's opportunity," said Ben Montpetit, who chairs the viticulture and enology department at the University of California, Davis. To process wastewater from the university's research winery, UC Davis started using a technology from Napa-based Revida Water, which ushers the wastewater through a series of steps, including filtration and introducing specific microbes. The company's technology can even take wastewater from dairies and make it safe for humans to drink, although owner Ashish Shah said the treated wastewater is used mostly for irrigation. ★



Riley Reviews

A FOND LOOK AT THE ATTRACTION OF THE TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL RETROSPECTIVE

The 17th annual TCM Classic Film Festival launched its four-day event with a movie trivia contest called "Kennections," hosted by Ken Jennings, who became a TV celebrity with a record-breaking 74-game winning streak on the quiz show "Jeopardy!."

In his Club TCM debut, Jennings made it known that the catchy name for the contest did not emanate from him, even though its portmanteau is tailor-made to link the trivia king host with this competition.

To say the contest was a tough challenge would be an understatement. Playing the game can lead to disappointment. The trivia is so obscure that a winner should probably sit at home watching TCM non-stop and possess a steel-trap memory to have a chance.

One question seemed easy enough. What was the provenance of the quote: "Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer." That had to be from "The Godfather," I thought. Wrong, it was "The Godfather Part II."

The winner was Dave Sikula from Pacifica, California. He had participated and won previous contests as part of a team. This time going solo, he credited his success to an uncanny ability to retain minutiae.

Many celebrities were special guests to introduce films and participate in discussions, and Glenn Close was on hand for a hand and footprint ceremony at the world-famous Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard.

However, the standout luminary had to be Carol Burnett, who held court at Club TCM in the Roosevelt Hotel for a conversation, which proved so popular that the organizers should have provided an overflow room.

Fortunately, 93-years-young Burnett became more accessible as the host for the screening of Alfred Hitchcock's 1951 "Strangers on a Train." At the age of 18 while on summer vacation at UCLA, Burnett told the story of being an usher at a Hollywood theatre showing this Hitchcock movie.

In between newsreels and cartoons, "Strangers on a Train" was playing on a loop, and Burnett said it was inexcusable how moviegoers would show up in the middle of a screening, only to stay for the film to start over.

She recounted stopping an elderly couple from entering during the last five minutes, who then complained to the manager and got her fired on the spot. When Burnett got her recognition on the Walk of Fame, she insisted on good karma by having her star in front of where that theater once stood.

"Strangers on a Train" turned out to be a personal highlight of the festival. Robert

Walker's Bruno Anthony was a psychopath who concocted a theory that two strangers can get away with murder if they kill each other's intended victim.

Farley Granger's Guy Haines, an amateur tennis player, had the misfortune of meeting Bruno on a train, and revealed to him how his adulterous wife didn't want to grant a divorce, mainly out of spite because he wanted to marry Anne Morton (Ruth Roman).

The shiftless Bruno wanted Guy to kill his hated father for a hefty inheritance and to realize the "murder swap." With Guy becoming a suspect in his wife's demise, this turn of events created problems for Anne's family and her politician father.

Anne's younger sister Barbara (Patricia Hitchcock, the famed director's only child) displayed a playful sense of humor, commenting about any political fallout from Guy's predicament, by saying, "Daddy doesn't mind a little scandal. He's a senator."

Filmed in a semi-documentary style, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" starred Edward G. Robinson as FBI agent Ed Renard investigating the activities of the German American Bund spying on U.S. military capabilities.

As film professor Annette Insdorf noted in her introduction, the film was in production at the time of the infamous 1939 Nazi rally at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In the pre-war years, Hollywood was ignoring the rise of the Third Reich for fear of losing their German market. A son of Jewish immigrants, director Anatole Litvak undertook the first anti-Nazi film that caused Hitler to retaliate by banning Warner Bros. movies that employed German actors from this film.

The American classic "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" is irresistible on the big screen. Italian-born director Frank Capra won three Academy Awards for comedies and garnered a nomination for the political comedy-drama about a guileless U.S. Senator tilting against a corrupt political machine.

Jimmy Stewart's Jefferson Smith, the head of the Boy Rangers, was appointed by Governor Hopper (Guy Hibbie) to fill a vacancy in the Senate because his naivete would make him easily manipulated.

Once embroiled in a phony land scandal, Smith learned of the betrayal by his colleague and mentor, Senator Paine (Claude Rains), all due to the corrupt influence of political fixer Jim Taylor (Edward Arnold).

Meanwhile, Taylor was busy pulling strings with the Governor, instructing him to follow directions from one of his cohorts as he heads to Washington, telling Hopper "I wouldn't trust you to lick a postage stamp."

The only regret about the festival was the limitation on how many films can feasibly be watched. ★

★ CALIFORNIA ★
POLICY AND ETHICS
BY JOSH F.W. COOK

Ballot Measure Ochlocracy 2026 You Decide
By Josh Cook

California is one of 24 states that allow voters to initiate laws. Ochlocracy is defined as mob rule. Ronald Reagan used the term "mobocracy" in a 1968 speech referencing Pericles, stating: "When democracy in ancient Athens was becoming 'mobocracy,' Pericles warned, 'The man who takes no interest in public affairs is not a man who minds his own business; we say he has no business being here at all.'" Warning that without active, informed participation, direct democratic tools like the initiative process could degenerate into a system where the "caprices of the uninformed masses" dictate policy.

President Howard Taft was a fierce opponent of the Progressive Era's push for initiatives, referendums, and the recall. In his 1913 book Popular Government: Its Essence, Its Permanence, and Its Perils, he argued that these processes were a "step toward mobocracy" because they undermined the independence and stability of the representative legislative process (which includes elected people).

James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution," wrote in Federalist No.10 that direct democracy would be prone to the "mischiefs of faction" and would inevitably lead to the oppression of the minority. He advocated for a representative republic to "refine and enlarge the public views" and prevent "turbulence and contention."

That historic context aside, 32 citizen initiatives are circulating, gathering, or certifying signatures to be placed on the 2026 ballot; 20 are on track to reach you for your law-making determination. No need for a legislative process and that "Executive Branch". These complex billion-dollar policies are coming directly to voters.

Tax policy dominates with 9 measures, including Prop 13 property tax protection, a millionaire tax, a billionaire wealth tax, a death tax repeal, and tax structure reforms aimed at state revenue stability, government spending limits, residency rules, and retirement account tax policy. Election law, so far, has 5: changes to cover voter ID, redistricting, initiative reform, recall rules, and campaign financing. Health Care has 4: clinic funding, executive pay caps, union transparency, and an \$8.4B immunology bond. Housing Policy, 3: a \$25 billion bond, CA Environmental law reform, and University homebuyer program. Public Safety 2 initiatives: Make Uber/Lyft drivers register as common carriers, plus in-car sexual assault accountability.

In California, it is "Direct Democracy 2026" and lots of it. Despite the warnings of history, we are casting aside the idea of a CA Republic to govern ourselves at the ballot box. All of which very much runs counter to the alarmist political narrative we hear every day - about our "Democracy dying." Not in California. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000756

The following persons are doing business as: Triangle Farm, 3483 Digger Pine RDG. Winters, CA 95694.

Timothy Robards and Michelle Robards, 1505 Hannah Court, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: April 24, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. 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 23, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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TRIANGLE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000792

The following persons are doing business as: Indo Fiji Cash & Carry, 1322-1324 W Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533. Grocery Galaxy LLC, 1322-1324 W Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: April 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 28, 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 April 28, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

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INDO 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000576

The following persons are doing business as: Your Unique House, 1501 Alamo Drive Apt 33, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Luther McMillon, PO Box 915, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: March 27, 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 26, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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YOUR 6-5-26

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), 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), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (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.suocorte.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), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.suocorte.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 exteros 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 desechar 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, Clerk, Sinclair & Mahfouz LLP, 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 120, 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 PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN VARGAS CASE NO. PR26-00263

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: June 11, 2026, 9:30 a.m. in Dept 22; Solano Superior Court, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Angela C. Thompson, 1555 River Park Drive, Suite 108, Sacramento, CA 95815; 916-920-5983

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TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 0114-242-120 TS No: CA06000317-25-1 TO No: 250701329-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 25, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 12, 2026 at 09:00 AM, Santa Clara St. Entrance, Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on September 7, 2022 as Instrument No. 202200058377, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by JOSUE SAINT-JUSTE AND GEMINI S NAVAS FINOL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1325 VALLEY GLEN DR, DIXON, CA 95620 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$583,256.76 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 prop-

erty. 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 visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA06000317-25-1. 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 NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER ANJURY 1, 2021 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 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA06000317-25-1 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70,258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Date: April 14, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA06000317-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0487990 To: DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026, 05/15/2026 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 5-15-26

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

On or around May 4, 2026, Cal Water will file Advice Letter 2579 requesting authority to increase revenues to recover recently completed and previously authorized infrastructure improvements. In the advice letter, Cal Water requests additional revenue of \$281,415, or 0.7% of currently authorized revenue. If approved, effective July 1, 2026, the water bill of a Diablo Ranch Region Dixon residential customer with 7 CCF (which is 700 cubic feet, or approximately 5,236 gallons) of monthly water usage would increase by approximately \$0.49, or 0.6%. Although previously authorized by the CPUC in Decisions 26-04-045, 24-03-042 and 20-12-007 as part of the utility's triennial rate review process, the project's cost could only be recovered through a rate increase after it was completed.

A copy of Advice Letter 2579 will be available on the internet at <https://www.calwater.com/rates-advice-letters/> (please select the Dixon District from the drop-down menu), and may also be obtained from the company's local offices by calling (707) 678-5928. You may also contact the company's headquarters by mailing the Rates Department at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112-4598, or by calling (408) 367-8200 and asking for the Rates Department.

Cal Water offers many programs to help you manage your water bill including a customer assistance program (CAP, formerly the low-income ratepayer assistance program or LIRA), water conserving appliance rebates, and other conservation programs. Please visit our website at www.calwater.com to take advantage of these opportunities.

Protests and Responses. Anyone may respond to or protest this filing. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in its evaluation. A protest objects to the filing in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based, and shall provide citations or proof where available to allow Commission staff to properly consider the protest. The grounds for protests are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the filing.
2. The relief requested in the filing would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies.
3. The analysis, calculations, or data in the filing contains material error or omissions.
4. The relief requested in the filing is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding, or
5. The relief requested in the filing requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the filing process, or
6. The relief requested in the filing is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission).

A response or protest must be made in writing and received by the Commission's Water Division by May 24, 2026, the end of the comment period. The response or protest should be sent to the CPUC (by email to water.division@cpuc.ca.gov, or by mail to the Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd Floor, CPUC, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102) and to Cal Water (by email to cwrsrates@calwater.com, or by mail to the Rates Department, California Water Service Company, 1720 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95112).

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

In April 2021, the City of Dixon (City) surpassed the 3,000-customer connection threshold for classification as an urban water supplier and is required to update its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Section 10610 et seq.) every five (5) years. The UWMP is a planning document which describes water use, water supply and conservation efforts. The UWMP also includes the City's management and planned actions to respond to actual water shortage conditions.

Materials: The City's 2025 UWMP and WSCP are now available for public inspection, review and comment. Copies of the UWMP and WSCP are available for review on the City's website at <https://www.cityofdixonca.gov/>. The plans were posted on March 23, 2026 which commenced the 60-day public review period. The City also notified relevant public water agencies for comment.

Public Hearing: The City Council will hold a Public Hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. to take public comment on the Draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP. Following the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of the 2025 UWMP and WSCP.

Public Comments: We welcome public comments, either written or spoken. You may send questions or comments regarding the Draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP to Josh Hudson, Water Operations Supervisor for the City of Dixon, at jhudson@cityofdixonca.gov or call (530) 682-3265. All comments must be received by the City up to the Public Hearing on June 2, 2026.

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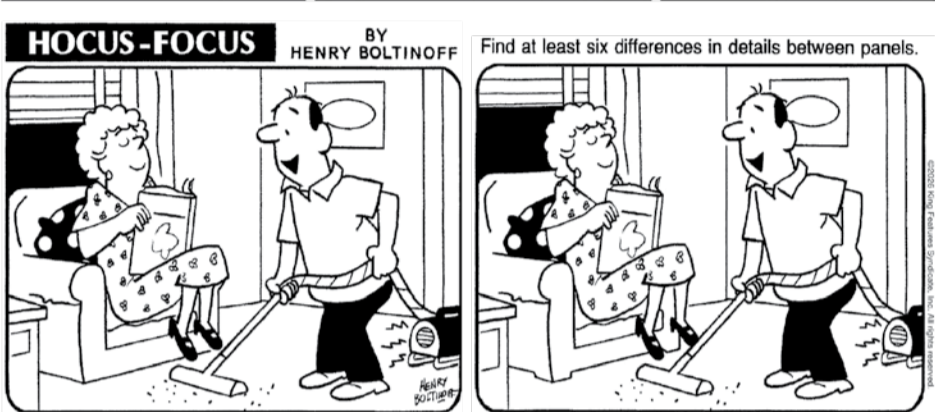
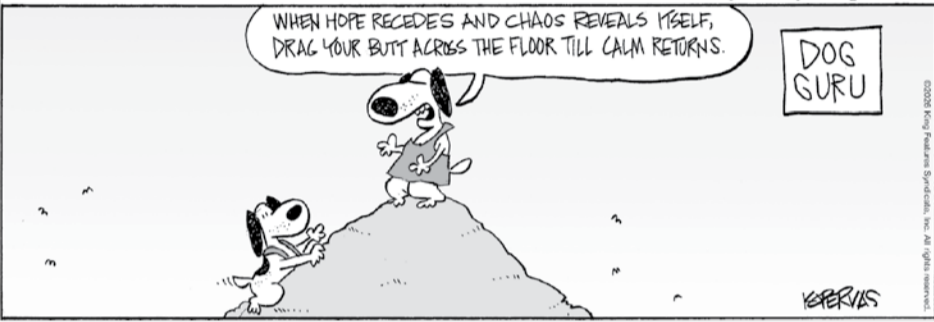
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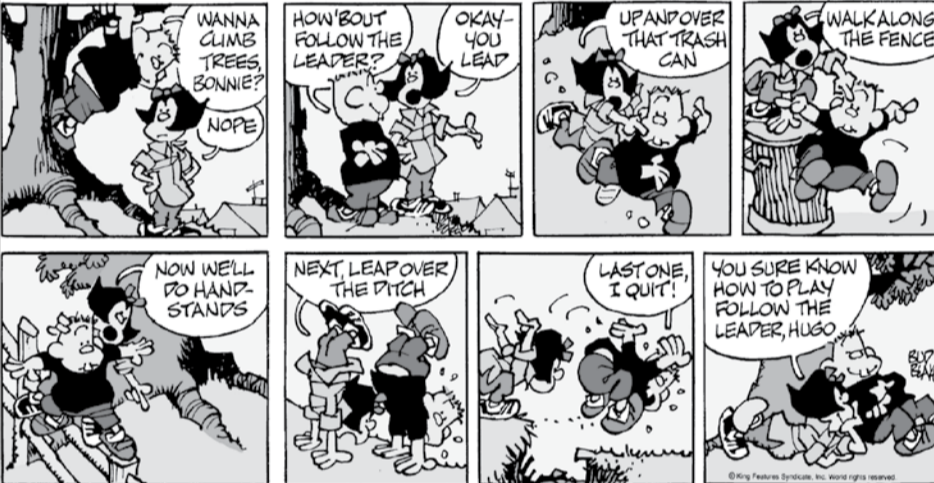
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 - Research facil.
 - Itsy-bitsy bits
 - Forensic evidence, acr.
 - Relating to sacrum
 - What Cupid did (2 words)
 - Amazement interjection
 - Not victory
 - Eurozone money
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 - Birth-related
 - Auricular
 - Volcanic ash, e.g.
 - Pro baseball's "Master Melvin"
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 - Cruel treatments
 - It would
 - Munchausen's title
 - Supernatural life force
 - *Mountain inspiration for a pen name (2 words)
 - You will
 - Icelandic epic
 - Double reed woodwind instrument
 - Like a good singer (2 words)
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 - Saintly glows
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 - Dead, in France
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 - *11 Down's late husband, e.g.
 - Kind of acid
 - Dump truck quantities
 - Email period
 - Bible's wicked city
 - Blood circulation artery
 - ____ gang
 - Baby powder ingredient
 - Sting Rays and Mustangs
 - Angry
 - Sheds skin, as in snake
 - *World's most climbed mountain
 - Before, poetically
 - *Denali, 1917-2015
 - British East India Company millionaire
 - Fairy tale's last word
 - Scottish clan identity
 - *Vesuvius location
 - Take care of cargo
 - Foreshadowed
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Is No. 7 Really a Lucky Number?

If you woke up Monday morning and wondered what that sick feeling was, stop for a moment and remember the draft lottery selection on Sunday, and the Sacramento Kings securing the 7th overall pick.

1140 a.m. described the feeling as a gut punch and although I rarely see eye to eye with 1140, I think that's an apt description.

A gut punch takes you by surprise and momentarily seizes your muscles with a feeling of helplessness, but just as quickly as it came, the body recovers and you're largely back to normal.

As picks 1-6 were handed out, I wondered why the Kings were being handed such bad luck, until I remembered that this draft is widely recognized as one of the deepest drafts in generations.

Will the Kings draft an A.J. Dybantsa or a Cameron Boozer? No they will not. They may however draft a player that can still start for this team or come off the bench and make an impact that will send the Kings franchise in the right direction.

Imagine for a moment that instead of 7th the Kings had secured the #2 draft pick. How electric would the city of Sacramento be today.

I remember that very thing happening in 2018 when the Kings organization drafted Marvin Bagley and left Luka Doncic on the board to be drafted No. 3 just minutes later. How did that work out Sacramento?

Today after stints with 3 NBA teams Bagley is with the Dallas Mavericks hoping against hope of getting any playing time off the bench for the Mavs.

Marvins career numbers include 11.8 points per game, 6.5 rebounds, and one assist while shooting a horrid 30% from three-point range and 68% from the line.

But a new day is dawning, and with it a G.M. by the name of Scott Perry that has shown he may just be the person to change the fortunes for the Sacramento Kings.

So now that the organization knows that six teams will select before them, what talent will be left for the Kings to make a selection that will truly give the Sacramento franchise a lift.

I'm not sure, but I know it won't be

Darryn Peterson, A.J. Dybantsa, Cameron Boozer or Caleb Wilson. Too much has been written and talked about their collective game changing abilities for any of these players to still be on the board when the Kings choose at No. 7.

Some pundits believe Darius Acuff Jr. will still be around but I am taking him off my board largely for the same reason. Acuff has simply had too much press associated with his name, and I think the likelihood of Darius going No. 5 or No. 6 is very probable.

At this juncture three names should be on the Kings radar, and they are Kingston Flemings, Mikel Brown Jr. and Brayden Burries. All three of these players are guards but remember the position of point guard is still a critical need for the Sacramento Kings. If any one of the three aforementioned players becomes the point guard of the future, any discussion of drafting No. 7 will quickly be in the rear-view mirror.

I had to smile when I first heard the name Kingston Flemings and wondered how he would react to being drafted by the Sacramento Kings. The good news on Flemings besides his first name is that he is regarded as a two-way player, and as Sacramento continues the quest to build a playoff caliber team, every player on the court needs to be able to not only score the ball but defend his position as well.

At 6-foot-4, 190 pounds, Kingston represents the physicality needed to defend NBA guards and is rated as perhaps the best overall defender as a guard in the upcoming draft. I look for the Kings to pay close attention to his 2-way capability, so if Kingston is available at No. 7 don't be surprised to see him in a Kings uniform next season.

Lastly, I'm going point your attention to Keaton Wagler who not only surprised the college ranks by scored 18 points per game, he also garnished the coveted Jerry West award for best shooting guard in division one basketball last season.

So, set your calendars for June 23, because it may just be the magical night the Sacramento Kings have been hoping for!

All the best! ★

California Schools Scored Big Increases in Funding but Not in Academic Performance



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Over the last several decades there's been a recurring debate in political, academic and media circles over the relatively poor levels of academic achievement among California's public school students.

In basic skills, such as reading and mathematics, measured on state and federal testing, California kids in general were subpar vis-à-vis state standards and in comparison to other states.

The education establishment — school boards, administrators and unions — repeatedly declared that California's spending on schools was too low and that achievement would rise if they got more money.

There was some factual basis for the first assertion. Relative to other states, California's per pupil spending did lag; it was second lowest, just ahead of Utah in 2010, according to Education Week's calculations.

However, as EdSource, a journalistic website devoted to California schools, notes: "In 2012, threatened with further cuts to education, state voters approved a temporary income tax increase on the wealthiest Californians and renewed it in 2016."

The surtax currently generates about \$10 billion a year, with schools claiming a hefty portion under the state constitution's school finance

mandate. Slowly but surely California school spending increased relative to other states.

The newest comparison, released recently by the Education Law Center, pegs state spending on California schools in the 2022-23 school year — the latest data available — at \$19,894 per pupil, 13th highest in the nation and \$2,000 over the national average.

During 2019-20, Gov. Gavin Newsom's first budget contained \$58.8 billion for elementary, middle and high schools, and with local property taxes and federal funds the total was \$103 billion, or \$17,423 per pupil.

Newsom's last proposed budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year would spend \$88.8 billion in state funds and the total, with local and federal funds, would hit \$149.1 billion, or \$27,418 per student.

The latter numbers, by the way, exclude \$5.6 billion in mandated state aid — or nearly \$1,000 per student — that Newsom wants to withhold to help narrow the state budget's yawning deficit.

By any measure, California's schools have seen a big increase in financial support in recent years, although quite a few local districts are underwater — Sacramento Unified being a notable example — due to their penchant for overspending revenues no matter how high they are.

The state's schools have also been seeing a steady erosion of enrollment due to a variety of demographic and economic factors, so the money they get should boost per-pupil resources even more.

If more money is the cure for California's academic ills, why hasn't a \$10,000 (57%) per pupil increase

during Newsom's governorship resulted in an equally dramatic increase in academic achievement?

It might be that school officials, such as those in Sacramento Unified, were pressured by their unions into using most of the money for salary increases rather than for qualitative improvements, such as adopting phonics-based tutoring to improve reading.

Or it might be that money is not the critical factor in academic achievement, as the education establishment has insisted.

New York spends the most per pupil in the Education Law Center study — \$29,440 per student, or \$10,000 more than California. But in the most recent testing by the federal National Assessment of Educational Progress conducted in 2024, just 31% of New York's fourth graders were proficient in reading, one point above the national average and two points above California's kids.

Idaho came in last in the Education Law Center's rankings of per pupil spending at \$11,805, but 32% of its fourth graders were proficient, higher than California, New York and the nation as a whole.

An adequate amount of money is, of course, necessary to support a public school system. But we shouldn't kid ourselves, or allow politicians and school officials to kid us, that spending more will automatically increase achievement.

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

Social Security Matters

I'm Still Working; Why Didn't I Get a Higher Social Security Benefit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I began collecting benefits at age 72 and am now 78. Since that time, I have continued to work and have contributed over \$40,000 to Social Security over the last six years. At the time of my retirement, I was informed that the Social Security Administration (SSA) would review my contributions annually and replace lower-earning years from my 35-year record with my current higher-earning years.

Despite my current annual income exceeding \$100,000, I have not seen an increase in my benefit amount over the past six years. I recently met with an SSA representative who confirmed that my benefits are being reviewed annually but did not provide specific details or evidence of these adjustments. Could you please advise me on how to formally verify that my benefits are being accurately reviewed and updated to reflect my continued contributions? **Signed: Collecting and Still Working**

Dear Collecting: For information, your contributions (from FICA payroll taxes) to Social Security over the last 6 years are not what determines

if you get an increase to your monthly SS benefit. Although you contributed to SS since you started receiving SS benefits, those contributions do not affect your monthly SS benefit. Your monthly SS benefit is based only the highest inflation-adjusted 35 years of earnings over your lifetime. And for your monthly benefit to change, your current earnings each year would need to replace at least one of those 35 historical, inflation-adjusted year earnings.

We regularly hear from those who do benefit from SSA's regular review of work earnings after they start receiving monthly SS benefits, and our Advisory staff includes two individuals with a combined 70 years of service with the Social Security Administration. Thus, we are comfortable saying that SSA does, in fact, review your earnings annually to see if your monthly SS payment should be higher. From a process standpoint, SSA receives your annual earnings information from the IRS (i.e., directly from your annual tax return) by mid-year annually, after which SSA evaluates your recent earnings to see if an increase in your monthly SS benefit is warranted. If so, that increase is automatically applied (usually around October each year), and you are paid the extra amount retroactively to the beginning of the year.

What you may not realize is that your lifetime earnings (your historical earnings) are adjusted for inflation. This is a good thing, because that means your current

monthly SS benefit is calculated using today's dollar values for your past earnings, rather than the actual money amounts you originally earned and received. For example, \$50,000 of 1990 earnings would be worth about \$125,000 today. Which also means that those 1990 earnings would only yield a higher current Social Security benefit if your recent earnings were more than \$125,000. And this is true for all 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your current monthly Social Security benefit.

The best way for you to ensure that you are getting the right monthly benefit amount is to first obtain your lifetime earnings history from Social Security. This is most easily obtained through your online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. If you don't have an online account set up, you can also request an "Earnings Statement" by calling Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS field office to request it). Next, I suggest you use Social Security's "Online Benefits Calculator" explained and available at this link: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/AnypiaApplet.html>

If, after this, you believe you should be getting a higher monthly SS benefit because of your recent earnings, you can again contact SSA and tell them you believe they did not properly adjust your current SS benefit for your most recent earnings. ★



Regulators no longer have to worry that Spirit Airlines might upset the airline market by merging with the wrong competitor. The now-defunct airline made poor business decisions and had to cope with tough circumstances, but if its demise were an Agatha Christie mystery, the fingerprints of Biden antitrust officials would be all over the crime scene.

These antitrust zealots fought a proposed deal between JetBlue and Spirit, and congratulated themselves on a 2024 court victory that doomed Spirit to likely oblivion. This was wanton economic destruction masquerading as antitrust enforcement.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who never met an antitrust action she didn't like, exemplifies the perversity. After the Biden administration got a federal judge to put the kibosh on the JetBlue-Spirit deal in 2024, she celebrated: "This is a Biden win for flyers!"

Last week, as Spirit teetered on the edge of the grave, she expressed dismay: "The Big Four airlines (American, Delta, Southwest, United) control 75% of the U.S. market. Fewer choices = higher prices for you."

Yes, it would be terrific to have a bigger, more serious challenger to the established players, wouldn't it? If only there'd been a way to achieve such an outcome. The federal judge on the JetBlue-Spirit case conceded that "an expansion of all aspects of Jet-

On Spirit Airlines, the Government Protected Competition by Eliminating It

Blue's business -- including network, fleet and loyalty program -- would allow for more vigorous competition with the Big Four, which carry most passengers in the country."

No matter. For Biden officials, antitrust enforcement was a scholastic exercise where the definition of monopoly had no connection to reality. If JetBlue had succeeded in gobbling up Spirit, the airline still would have been smaller than the Big Four.

Worrying about JetBlue getting too big is like fretting that Thrifty -- the fifth largest car rental car rental outlet in the United States after Enterprise, Hertz, Avis and Budget -- is one relatively small acquisition away from establishing dominance in the car-rental market.

As for the fear that the JetBlue-Spirit merger would end Spirit's role as an ultra-low-cost carrier and therefore harm consumers, the airline has now gone away anyway, only in a more disorderly fashion. JetBlue might wonder what Biden regulators had against it. As the website View From the Wing points out, JetBlue got approval during the first Trump administration for a partnership with American Airlines to expand in New York. Then, the Biden team showed up and killed the partnership on grounds that directly contradicted its rationale for nixing the JetBlue-Spirit deal.

"The Biden administration fought the American Airlines-JetBlue partnership," View From the Wing notes, "calling JetBlue a pro-passenger disruptor who drives down prices. Then they turned around

and claimed that JetBlue was a monopolist who would drive up prices if they bought Spirit."

JetBlue itself is struggling, but at least the airline is still with us. Spirit had a good run based on its initial disruption of the industry. The airline's idea was to make a basic fare extremely cheap, and then charge passengers fees for everything taken for granted at other airlines (drinks, carry-on bags, etc.).

The customer experience was terrible, though. And Spirit got buffeted by changes during the pandemic, while more established airlines matched its fares with basic economy. Spirit stopped making money in 2019.

With the JetBlue deal blocked, it couldn't get an alternative merger done. It declared bankruptcy in 2024, and then again in August 2025. The recent spike in jet-fuel prices pushed it over the edge.

Elizabeth Warren was quick to say that "Trump's war was the nail in the coffin for twice-bankrupted Spirit Airlines." Well, yeah. But its vulnerable state underlines how foolish it was to keep it from getting the lifeline it so desperately needed from a merger.

Ronald Reagan said the most terrifying words in the English language are, "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help." The Spirit fiasco shows that perhaps equally frightening are the words, "I'm with the DOJ antitrust division and I'm here to protect consumers."

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UC Davis Closes Causeway Cup Era with 12th Consecutive Title

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the 12th consecutive season, and in the final year of its awarding, the Causeway Cup returns to UC Davis, marking the Aggies' 16th title in the award's 20-year history.

Following Tuesday's baseball game at Dobbins Stadium, all competition between the Aggies and Hornets for the 2025-26 season has concluded, with UC Davis taking home 52.5 of 85 possible points.

The Cup-clinching result came Feb. 24, when women's golf placed second at the Causeway Invitational in Sacramento, finishing ahead of Sacramento State.

While the rivalry dates back decades, the two programs formalized the competition ahead of the 2004-05 season, introducing the Causeway Cup as an annual measure of head-to-head success across sports.

The Aggies have produced sustained success across multiple programs, highlighted by beach volleyball's 18-match winning streak from 2019 through 2026 and a dominant stretch from men's soccer, which won eight straight meetings from 2017-22 and 10 of the last 11 overall.

On the basketball court, both programs have delivered memorable moments. Since 2004, the women's basketball team has dominated the series, winning 16 of 22 matchups. On the men's side, close games have been the norm, with 16 contests decided by 10 points or fewer. In a marquee matchup on Nov. 14, in front of a University Credit Union Center crowd of nearly 4,000, UC Davis earned a 77-73 victory.

Perhaps no sport better embodies UC Davis' dominance in the Causeway Cup era than football. Since the Cup's inception in 2004-05, the Aggies have posted a 13-7 record against Sacramento State in the Causeway Classic, including key wins that helped propel UC Davis to some of the most successful seasons in program history. From conference title runs to deep postseason



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appearances, the rivalry has consistently carried weight beyond bragging rights.

"I feel fortunate to have been part of a program that played in and won the final Causeway Classic," head football coach Tim Plough said. "I'm sad to have the rivalry between the Aggies and Hornets end. Looking back over my career both playing and coaching, I have been a part of some great, high stakes games on both sides of the causeway. The rivalry brought our communities together in the spirit of competition that everyone felt a part of. Last year's victory was an important game to solidify our top 8 playoff seed and to lock that in with

a historic win keeping the Causeway trophy forever in Davis made it extra special."

"When you think about the Causeway Cup, it's really been more than two decades of competition and memorable moments between UC Davis and Sacramento State," said UC Davis Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca. "There's always been a different level of intensity anytime the Aggies and Hornets compete, and our student-athletes, coaches, alumni and fans embraced that every year."

"As college athletics continues to evolve and our conference structures change, this feels like the right time to step back and

reassess what this rivalry looks like moving forward. I also think, with the sustained success UC Davis has had in the Causeway Cup over time, some of the broader interest and energy around the overall standings naturally changed."

"We're proud of what our programs accomplished during the Causeway Cup era and appreciative of everyone who helped make it an important part of the Northern California college athletics landscape."

For the complete Causeway Cup history, visit: ucdavisaggies.com/sports/2025/10/8/2024-25-causeway-cup.aspx. ★

Mick Soli Dominates to Win Northern California PGA Legends Championship

Ace on No. 3 Headlines Championship Performance at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 2026 Northern California PGA Legends Championship concluded April 28-29 at the Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks, where Mick Soli delivered a commanding performance to capture both the Professionals 70-75 division title and Overall Championship with rounds of 66-67-133 (11 under par).

Soli's victory was punctuated by one of the most memorable moments of the championship, a hole-in-one in the third hole during the final round. Mick hit a beautifully cut little eight iron that landed 15 feet behind the hole and slowly spun and trickled into the cup, his 31st career ace. The shot, witnessed by his playing partners, set the tone for a dominant performance that carried through both rounds.

Chuck Richesin separated himself among the amateur competitors with a dominate victory by four strokes, firing 67-71-138 (four

under par). No stranger to winning, Richesin has a long history of competing at Haggin Oaks and winning amateur championships.

Division Champions

The championship featured multiple divisions showcasing the depth of talent among PGA Professionals and Senior Amateur competitors: The champions were Mick Soli (Professionals 70-75 Champion & Overall Champion), David Bingham (Professionals 76-plus Champion), Richard Givens (Amateur 70-75 Champion) and Charles Richesin (Amateur 76-plus Champion and Low Amateur Overall).

Each champion delivered a strong and steady performance over two rounds, highlighting the competitive balance and high level of play across all divisions.

A Premier Championship Venue

The Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks once again proved to be an outstanding host venue. With its classic architecture, strategic bunkering and subtle green



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complexes, the course provided a fair and demanding test for all competitors.

Course conditions were widely praised, with firm fairways and smooth, quick greens rewarding precision and thoughtful course management.

Honoring the Legends of the Game

The Northern California PGA

Legends Championship celebrates the enduring excellence of PGA Professionals and Senior Amateur players who continue to shape the game. The event brings together the best players in Northern California, with a rare opportunity for professionals and amateurs to compete together.

Soli's performance — marked by elite scoring, consistency and a moment of brilliance — adds a

memorable chapter to the championship's legacy.

About the Northern California PGA

The Northern California PGA Section is one of the largest and most active PGA Sections in the country, dedicated to promoting the game of golf and supporting PGA Professionals through competition, education and community engagement. ★

Benitez and Rodriguez Named to Team of the Week



Republic FC's Michel Benitez and Arturo Rodriguez were named to the league's weekly top squad. Photo courtesy Sacramento Republic FC

Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - May 5, USL Championship announced

Benitez and Arturo Rodriguez were named to the league's weekly top squad.

After Orange County took a first half lead, Arturo Rodriguez led Republic FC's comeback. He continuously drove the club's attack, and in the 57th minute leveled the match with a goal of his own. Pep Casas found Jack Gurr in space on the right flank and the Englishman sent a cross into the box. Rodriguez battled

through contact to head the ball into the turf and just beyond the reach of OC's keeper for his first goal of the season.

He also finished the night with four chances created, 18 of 20 successful passes in the final third, and five possessions won.

Each team would go on to add another goal in the second half, making way for an action-packed end to the match. In the decisive final play, Michel Benitez once

again came up big for his club. An Orange County handball set Benitez up for a chance to win it from the penalty spot. His first attempt was saved as the keeper dove to his right, but the block went right back to Benitez who headed the ball to the opposite corner for his third goal of the campaign. It was a busy night for the two-way defender. He led all players with 81 touches and maintained a 90% passing accuracy as well as nine duels won.

This is the second Team of the Week selection for Benitez and first for Rodriguez, who was also named to the Prinx Tires USL Cup Round 1 Team of the Round earlier this month. ★



AAPI Heritage Month Highlights Dixon's Diverse Agricultural Roots



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed every May, recognizing the contributions and history of Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the United States and locally. Many farmers in the early days were of Filipino and Japanese descent. Photo courtesy of Dixon Historical Society

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed every May, recognizing the contributions and history of Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the United States and locally. Notably, the Asian American community had a significant hand in developing Dixon into what it is today.

According to AsianPacificHeritage.gov, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is a national celebration honoring people whose heritage traces to the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. The observance began as a weeklong commemoration following congressional action in 1978. That year, legislation introduced by Rep. Frank Horton of New York was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Jimmy Carter Oct. 5, 1978, designating the first 10 days of May 1979 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The observance was later expanded to the full month of May.

Local history in Dixon reflects the diverse cultural influences recognized during the month. The Dixon Historical Society reports that agriculture has long been central to the area, particularly after the establishment of the Monticello Dam in the 1950s enabled expanded irrigation. Farms in the region have produced crops

including alfalfa, tomatoes, sugar beets and corn, as well as almonds and walnuts.

Families of European, Mexican, Filipino, Italian, Swiss and Japanese heritage have contributed to the area's agricultural development. In the 19th century, railroads played a key role in the city's growth. Lines such as the California Pacific Railroad and later the Southern Pacific Railroad transported goods and passengers through Dixon, supporting farming and commerce.

Chinese immigrants were a significant part of the railroad workforce, making up around 90 percent of laborers during construction. Historical accounts note that Chinese workers also established businesses in Dixon during the mid-1800s, contributing to the local economy despite facing discrimination during the Gold Rush era. Inevitably, many of these immigrants left Dixon due to the poor conditions the mining camps offered. A significant portion moved to San Francisco, establishing America's first Chinatown.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month events nationwide highlight these historical contributions, while in Dixon, the observance aligns with the community's longstanding agricultural and cultural diversity.

For more information, visit dixonhistoricalsociety.org or asianpacificheritage.gov.★



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Council Approves Amendment to Campus Project Well Requirements

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construction. They want to avoid having finished homes sitting empty while waiting for the well to be completed, and this amendment would allow for that flexibility.

Councilmember Johnson said since the well will be Chrome VI compliant, it will be an "advantage to the city." He added, "I want to see the homes built. We need it."

The council voted 3-0 to approve the amendment with Councilmember Thom Bogue and Vice Mayor Jim Ernest absent.

The council also considered reallocating \$65,000 of previously approved funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year. This money was earmarked for economic development marketing analysis, but staff determined that the city is not well positioned to undertake comprehensive marketing analysis at this time.

Instead, they recommended the funds be used for more immediate economic development efforts through a contract with Tripepi Smith & Associates, providing communication and outreach services through the end of this fiscal year. The approach will include the creation of marketing materials, a social media outreach strategy and initiatives to support a Shop

Local campaign.

This plan will allow that funding to make a significant impact now, and the in-depth marketing analysis can instead be undertaken in the upcoming budget cycle. Any remaining funds from this allocation will be carried over into fiscal year 2026-27.

Councilmember Johnson said he looks forward to a robust discussion about long-term economic development strategies as they plan the next budget. The council voted 3-0 to approve the funding reallocation.

City Manager Jim Lindley announced that he is planning to retire at the end of July after 14 years with the city. He said, "This is the best job I've ever had in my life. And I feel very privileged to have served the City of Dixon all these years. And I'm honored to have ended my career in such a great place."

Mayor Steven Bird said that Lindley is currently the longest serving city manager in the county and in the state: "We certainly appreciate your service and dedication to our community."

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for May 19. ★

Ambar Lara Angel is Soroptimist Young Woman of the Month

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Spanish Department at Dixon High School has selected Ambar Lara Angel as the April Young Woman of the Month for Dixon High. Angel is the daughter of Antonio Lara and Irma Angel. Angel's siblings include Andres, Arturo and Uriel, who all attended Dixon High School.

Angel's accomplishment she is most proud of is being the first in her family to graduate high school.

Spanish teacher, Sergio Luna, said that for Angel, "family is not just important - it is everything."

He went on to state that while "she faced challenges, she never allowed those obstacles to define her. This speaks to her commitment to self-improvement. She sought support when needed and her perseverance is what has allowed her to succeed."

Angel has worked hard while in high school, pursuing her education while working to help support her family. Her plan after



The Spanish Department at Dixon High School has selected Ambar Lara Angel (left) as the April Young Woman of the Month for Dixon High School. She was joined by Soroptimist President Barbara Rigdon (right). Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

graduation is to continue working while also attending esthetics school.

and there is no doubt that she has the determination to achieve everything she sets her mind to. Congratulations Angel! ★

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