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Seniors Take a Proud Walk



Graduation for Maine Prairie High School is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 3 at the Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way. Graduation for Dixon High School is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 6 at Dixon High School's Football stadium, 555 College Way. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Seniors from across the Dixon Unified School District retraced their educational journeys May 22 during the district's annual Senior Graduation Walk, visiting campuses where many began their academic careers before heading toward graduation ceremonies in June.

The event brought together graduating students from Dixon High School and Maine Prairie High School for a day-long tour through district schools and community sites.

"This is a small and intimate community, so to be able to fit an entire graduating class on a bus and



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walk them through their educational history is wonderful," said Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brett Barley. "They can literally walk through and shake every hand of every teacher they've ever had. That's special."

The day began at 8 a.m. at Dixon High School, where seniors boarded buses before stopping at Maine Prairie High School to pick up additional graduates. Students then visited John Knight Middle School, Anderson Elementary School,

Tremont Elementary School, Gretchen Higgins Elementary School and Dixon Montessori Charter School before concluding the event with lunch at Northwest Park.

At Tremont Elementary, seniors walked the quad while younger students and staff greeted them. Gretchen Higgins Elementary hosted preschool through fifth-grade students for the visit. Dixon Montessori Charter School was a last-minute addition, allowing several Montessori alumni to reconnect with former teachers and shake hands with several of the school's current students. "A full circle moment," as Barley described it.

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Council Hears Update on Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the May 19 meeting of the Dixon City Council, they held a second discussion on an amendment to The Campus Project's well installation timeline, as requested by the developer Dixon Venture, LLC.

Community Development Director Raffi Boloyan said the amendment to the development agreement would allow up to 400 homes to be built before completion of the well. But significant development milestones would still need to be met as the well construction progresses, and the developer would be required to meet strict deadlines.

A full report and discussion were held at the last meeting, with council voting 3-0 to approve the amendment. Councilmember Thom Bogue was absent last time, and he asked for clarification on why the developer is asking for delay allowances ahead of time.

City Attorney Douglas White explained that the city water supply has the capacity to take on an additional 400 homes now that the new Homestead well is online. This flexibility allows the developer to continue building some homes while addressing any possible delays in the well installation.

Bogue suggested that the developers would use the amendment to halt all progress on the well until after the 400 homes had been completed. But staff clarified that the developer would have to show they are moving forward with the well and meeting the required milestones.

Vice Mayor Jim Ernest understood the concern, but he pointed out that new state mandates for acceptable contaminant levels of Chrome VI could cause delays, and the developer is currently working to ensure compliance.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said he was initially concerned as well, but there are strict timelines for the well, and this amendment ensures that new homes are built, which are needed in the city.

The council voted 4-0 to approve the amendment, with Mayor Steven Bird absent.

The council heard an update on the Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing, which will create an east-west connection from Parkway Boulevard to Pitt

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Summer Recreation Programs Return in June



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By Kendall Brown

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Austin George, recreation manager for the City of Dixon's Parks and

Recreation Department, said summer programming will begin the week of June 8 with expanded aquatic offerings for residents of all ages.

"Starting that week, we have all the swim lessons Monday through Thursday for two weeks," said George. "We have a morning, midday and evening lap swim. We're also going to have water aerobics Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

We're bringing it back this year."

The aquatic center's schedule will also include recreational swimming on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through the end of July, along with the return of the Dixon Dolphins Swim Team summer season.

According to George, the facility underwent routine maintenance and

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Dixon News Briefs

OBITUARY PHILIP MENDISCO

09/27/1968 - 05/14/2026

Philip Mendisco was born September 27, 1968 to proud Basque immigrant parents Arnaud and Marie Mendisco in San Francisco, CA. The family moved to Dixon in 1979, where Philip grew up and graduated from Dixon High in 1986.

Philip then began his lifelong career as a painter and helped with his parents' restaurant, which was known as Arnaud's Basque Restaurant located in Winters, CA. He then met the love of his life Patty Smith, whom he had two boys with, Ryan and Dominic. They were his pride, joys, and the light of his life.

As a dedicated musician, Philip showed his boys rock and roll, and helped them along with their musical endeavors. He was also known as a "second" and "cool dad" to many of the youth. His generosity was plentiful and his door was always open to anyone who needed him.

His musical talents also followed him throughout the love of his culture. As a member of the San Francisco Basque Culture Center he played the horn with his fellow Klika members with triumph and happiness.

Also an adventurous outdoorsman at heart, his love for nature was another strong part of him. Camping, fishing, and dove hunting were his favorite activities that connected him to the earth and its enthralling call.

He is preceded in death by his father Arnaud Mendisco,



and mother-in-law Mary Frances Crowley.

He is survived by his two sons Ryan Mendisco and Dominic Mendisco, his mother Marie Mendisco, his wife Patty Smith Mendisco, his older brother Jean Paul Mendisco (Jennifer), and younger sister Janelle Mendisco Kohl (Mike), and nieces and nephews.

Mass will be held on Friday June 12th, 2026 at 10am. The location will be at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Dixon, CA. Interment will follow those services at the Dixon Cemetery. The celebration of Philip's life that day will be concluded at the Dixon Moose Lodge.

In lieu of flowers go buy yourself a hunting or fishing license and rock on!



Dixon Family Services will be selling fireworks from June 28 to July 4. The booth, held at Grocery Outlet, 2400 N. First St. will be selling TNT Fireworks to raise funds to support services offered by the nonprofit. Interested parties can also support the cause through volunteering to man the booth, but only those 18 and older are eligible. Photo by Kendall Brown

By MPG Staff

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.

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.

Dixon Moose Lodge Trap Shoot

Dixon Moose Lodge #1120 is sponsoring the Second Annual Trap Shoot Fundraiser at 10:30 a.m. May 30. Hosted at Tenbrink Orchards, 5200 Thissel Road, Winters, the event includes raffles, a 50/50 drawing, a shotgun raffle, prizes and more. Carnitas will be served at 4 p.m., the same time as the awards ceremony. Tickets cost \$35 for dinner and participation, whereas dinner only is \$25. Tickets are purchasable in-person at the Dixon Moose Lodge, 180 W. B St.

For more information, visit Dixon

Moose Lodge's new page on Facebook or call 530-867-1693.

Fort Sutter Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet

Fort Sutter Antique Motorcycle Association is hosting its annual swap meet and show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both June 19 and 20. Held at the Dixon May Fair, 655 S. First St., the event will include competition, vendors and plenty of antique bikes for enthusiasts.

For more information, visit fortsutteramca.org/upcoming-events/ or call 707-678-5529.

Meet & Greet with the Tri-City NAACP

Dixon Library is hosting a meet & Greet event with the Tri-City National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 4 to 5 p.m. May 28. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the free event allows Dixonites to meet the local Solano County Chapter of one of the largest civil rights organizations in the United States. Registration is recommended but not required.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com or email rdgjertsen@solanolibrary.gov.

Theme Park-Inspired Cookie Class

Every Baking Moment is hosting a Theme Park-Inspired Cookie Class from 6 to 8 p.m. June 5. Held at the shop, 143 N. First St., the event will teach attendees detailing, layering and decorating techniques to make treats shaped like pickles, pretzels, popcorn and more. Participation costs \$50 per person.

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

Chamber Networking Lunch

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. June 18. This free in-person event, held at Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards. Lunch is provided.

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

Dixon Family Services Fireworks Sale

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For more information, visit Dixon Family Services on Facebook or call 707-678-0442.

Dixon Fire Responds to Structure Fire on Porter Road

Dixon Fire Department News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At 4:56 p.m. May 15, the Dixon Fire Department received a call reporting a structure fire on Porter Road north of Midway Road. Dixon fire crews arrived on scene and located a second-alarm fire that originated in an out-building and spread to an additional structure and nearby vegetation. The vegetation fire was approximately one acre in size.

Dixon Fire received support from

eight surrounding agencies. Dixon crews responded quickly to knock down the structure fire to prevent its spread to additional parts of the building. There are no injuries reported.

By 7 p.m., the fire had been extinguished, and crews remained on scene to work on mop-up. 116 words

Img1: At 4:56 p.m. May 15, the Dixon Fire Department received a call reporting a structure fire on Porter Road north of Midway Road. Photo courtesy of Dixon Fire Department. ★



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Hendershots Named Citizens of the Year

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Don and Wendi Hendershot were honored as Dixon's 2025 Citizens of the Year during the Celebrate Dixon event March 14, recognizing decades of volunteer service, civic involvement and historical preservation efforts in the community.

The couple said the announcement came as a surprise, despite their longtime involvement with the annual recognition program through the Dixon Chamber of Commerce.

"When I received the email notifying me that I had been nominated, I was surprised, as I know many people in town who give so much time and heart to volunteering," said Don Hendershot. "It was such an honor to be nominated."

Wendi Hendershot said she had volunteered as a Chamber ambassador from 2012 until the pandemic and often helped coordinate surprise appearances by the families of previous honorees during the event.

"As soon as the announcer, Herb Cross, started talking about the things the honoree had done, I knew immediately that it was Don that they had selected," she said. "Then my mouth dropped as Herb started mentioning things that we



Don (far left) and Wendi (third from left) Hendershot were honored as Dixon's 2025 Citizens of the Year during the Celebrate Dixon event March 14, recognizing decades of volunteer service, civic involvement and historical preservation efforts in the community. Photo by Nicolas Brown

knew were about me."

The couple said they were honored to receive the recognition together.

"Receiving this honor as a couple means the world to us," said Don Hendershot. "We have tried to do what we can through the years to make a small difference."

The Hendershots first became involved in Dixon through volunteer activities connected to local organizations and youth sports. Wendi Hendershot worked for Dixon dentist David Wilkins in the late 1990s, and both volunteered at community events including Lambtown Festival activities.

After purchasing a home in

Dixon in 2003, they became active in schools, Dixon Girls Softball, park cleanup projects and civic organizations, including Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce. Wendi Hendershot has also spent 14 years working behind the scenes on the Dixon May Fair Parade, while both have served as parade coordinators for the past six years.

"This year was a challenge as almost everyone involved was new," said Wendi Hendershot, crediting Chamber Manager Sara Echarte for helping organize the parade.

The couple said Dixon's sense of community has kept them committed to serving the city.

"Dixon is home for us," said Wendi Hendershot. "The people are friendly, hard-working, they all come together to get things accomplished."

The Hendershots said balancing volunteer work and family life required teamwork and involvement from their daughters, Danelle and Caitlyn, who also participated in community service projects and events.

Among the projects they are most passionate about is preserving Dixon's history. Since 2021, the couple has worked with local historians Alan Schmeiser, Bill Schroeder and Denise McBride to revive a historic downtown walking

tour project first proposed in 1997.

Community fundraising efforts have helped install 34 historical plaques throughout downtown Dixon. The Hendershots are also preparing a 48- to 52-page historical walking tour booklet, a genealogy project documenting more than 10,000 Dixon pioneers and descendants, and a historical website.

"We have put our heart and soul into this project and the historical research for the last four years," said Wendi Hendershot.

The couple encouraged younger residents to become involved in community service.

"If they see a problem, be the solution," said Wendi Hendershot.

"Do things without expecting anything in return except the satisfaction you will feel," said Don Hendershot.

The couple also intends to start planning for the 150th Dixon May Fair Parade in January 2027.

"If anyone would like to commit to at least 24 hours of work and be a part of this historic event next year, contact the Dixon Chamber of Commerce," said Wendi Hendershot. "Add your name to the parade committee we will be forming for next year's parade." ★

Changes to CalFresh Work Requirements Effective June 1

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Employment & Eligibility division, reminds CalFresh recipients that beginning June 1, federal rules will require some individuals to meet new work or volunteer participation requirements as a condition of receiving CalFresh food benefits. These changes are tied to H.R. 1, recently enacted federal legislation that updated nationwide SNAP/CalFresh eligibility requirements. Solano County is required to implement these federally mandated changes as part

of administering the CalFresh program.

These rules apply to individuals classified as Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) who are applying for or renewing CalFresh benefits. ABAWD individuals are defined as people who: are between the ages of 18 and 64; are not living with a child under age 14; are physically and mentally able to work; are not pregnant; do not have a verified disability; and do not meet any other federal exemption criteria.

Beginning June 1, ABAWD individuals must complete 20 hours per week or 80 hours per month of qualifying activities to remain eligible for ongoing CalFresh

benefits. Qualifying activities include: a job or self-employment; community service or volunteer work; job training, education, or workforce development programs; or a combination of the above.

The new federal rules do not apply to all CalFresh recipients. Exemptions include individuals under 18 or over 64; pregnant individuals; individuals living with a verified physical or mental limitation; individuals who meet a federal exemption; and individuals who identify as Indian, Urban Indian, or California Indian under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Solano County encourages residents to

ensure their information in the BenefitsCal portal is accurate and up to date. Applicants and current recipients should also respond to messages from County officials to avoid interruptions in benefits.

Residents with questions about the new work requirements, available exemptions, or their CalFresh eligibility may call the Continuing Call Center at 1-800-400-6001. Please note that wait times may be longer than usual due to high call volumes. For additional information, including answers to frequently asked questions related to these changes, visit: www.solanocounty.gov/government/health-social-services-hss/employment-eligibility. ★

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Summer Recreation Programs Return in June



Recreation Manager Austin George encouraged families interested in summer programs to review the city's new recreation guide on the city website for schedules, class availability and registration details. Photo courtesy of Dixon Parks and Recreation

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upgrades during the offseason.

"This winter, we did our usual preventative maintenance," he said. "There were some issues with the concrete we patched up, but we have some bigger work this fall. We spruced up the locker rooms, did some deep cleaning, and the pool lights were replaced."

A new barbecue area was also added near the pool to accommodate families and groups renting the facility during the summer.

The city will offer a variety of swim lesson programs beginning June 8, including Parent-Tot classes for children ages 6 months to 3 years, beginner swim lessons for children ages 3 to 12, advanced swim instruction and private lessons for swimmers ages 3 to 99.

Parent-Tot classes focus on water familiarization and safety through songs, games and guided instruction with caregivers participating in the water. Beginner swim lessons introduce students to foundational skills such as floating, submerging underwater and basic stroke movements, while advanced lessons emphasize endurance and competitive stroke development.

Private swim lessons will provide one-on-one instruction tailored to individual swimmer needs, including water safety, overcoming fear in the water and stroke refinement.

George said aquatic programs often create long-term connections among

participants and staff.

"You have the little kids who are learning how to swim," said George. "Once they learn how to swim, they join Dixon Dolphins Swim Team. By the time they're teenagers, they become lifeguards, and by that time, they're teaching swim lessons to the little kids. So, it comes full circle."

In addition to aquatic programming, the recreation department oversees activities and services throughout the city, including programs for seniors, CPR training and recreational use of local parks.

"Parks and recreation is vitally important to residents of all ages," said George. "From the senior center to the people who use the park for disc golf, to the people who get CPR training, all these things are vital to a stronger, happier, healthier community."

George encouraged families interested in summer programs to review the city's new recreation guide on the city website for schedules, class availability and registration details.

"It's the career path that I've chosen," said George. "Having the satisfaction from a job that's so important to shaping young people into adulthood through activities and just being healthy is the reason why I do what I do."

For more information, visit cityofdixonca.gov/departments/Recreation or email dixonrecreation@cityofdixonca.gov. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Experts Seek Methane-Cutting Solutions

Private companies and researchers at the University of California, Davis, are working with farmers to develop new ways to reduce methane emissions from cattle. To address methane from cow burps, or enteric methane, UC Davis professor of animal science Ermias Kebreab is studying a compound in red seaweed as a feed additive that has been shown to lower methane production in the animals' rumens. Kebreab is also exploring gene-editing technology that could permanently decrease methane production. At the same time, dairy farms have adopted methane digesters and waste-treatment systems that turn emissions from manure into renewable energy and other usable products. Farmers say it's crucial that these solutions make financial sense for their operations so that the technologies could be broadly implemented. "Sustainability always has to start with financial sustainability," Merced County dairy farmer Simon Vander Woude said.

California Cherry Crops Decimated by Spring Storms

Fortunes went from bad to worse this year for California cherry growers. An early heat wave impacted fruit set in many orchards. Then, rainstorms in April and May battered the crop. "It was like getting knocked down and then getting kicked," said Bill Stokes, who grows cherries in San Joaquin County. Growers in the county, which leads California in cherry production, lost 63% of their crop and suffered financial losses of \$174 million, according to the county's request for a disaster declaration, which would make

growers eligible for low-interest federal loans and other assistance. California's other cherry growing regions were also affected. Tony Guerrero, grower relations and farm manager at Lodi-based packer M&R Co., which sources cherries from across California, said this year's crop was the worst he had seen in three decades working with cherries in the state. "It's pretty devastating," Guerrero said. "There was just nowhere that was unscathed."

Why Rocket Scientists Began Counting Nuts in California

For decades, experts have done their best to estimate the size of California's almond crop prior to harvest. With the state producing most of the world's supply, the global market rises and falls with the fate of the Central Valley crop. Expectation of a shortage can stoke competition among buyers and raise prices, while a large crop forecast can achieve the opposite. "It affects many lives," said Jasbir Sidhu, who grows almonds in Fresno and Madera counties. But the expansion of California's almond industry, which brought greater variation from one orchard to the next, made it harder to forecast statewide yields by sampling a subset of orchards. In December, the Almond Board of California's directors voted to stop funding a key forecast provided for decades by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Instead, the industry is looking to private entities to find new ways to estimate the crop. While counting nuts may not be rocket science, some firms have leveraged experience in aerospace engineering—using technologies such as remote sensing and machine learning—to forecast crop yields. ★



Riley Reviews

**"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2"
DELIVERS DRAMA AFTER A LONG HIATUS**

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

**"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2"
Rated PG-13**

Twenty years is such a long time ago that the origin for the sequel's arrival of "The Devil Wears Prada 2" requires something of a refresher course about the comedic drama that initially roiled a fictional fashion magazine.

Meryl Streep's Miranda Priestly, editor-in-chief of Runway magazine, ruled her editorial empire as an imperious tyrant who abusively treated staff worse than indentured servants.

Fresh out of college in the 2006 film, Anne Hathaway's Andy Sachs was hired as a second assistant to Miranda, even though she was unfamiliar with the fashion industry. One notch above her on the corporate food chain was Emily Blunt's first assistant Emily Charlton.

While there is competition between Andy and Emily on assignments, such as traveling to the Paris Fashion Week, the rookie Andy finds a mentor in Stanley Tucci's Nigel Kipling, the fashion director for the magazine.

Andy never seemed like a good fit for the superficial world of high fashion, especially when first arriving on the scene without any stylish clothes. At the movie's end, she took a job with a New York newspaper.

With Andy scoring the type of journalism gig that suited her ambition and Miranda holding on to the reins of editorial control in her own empire, it seemed only reasonable that a sequel would follow. The surprise is that it took twenty years.

An insight into how it took so long comes from director David Frankel who stated in the press notes that "the characters had moved into different orbits, and frankly, we didn't want a sequel if getting them back together wasn't plausible."

Frankel observed that as "the world of journalism continues its decline year after year, it made sense to explore this change and develop a story where these characters ended up interacting again."

Jumping ahead two decades, the main cast of characters have returned, with a few new players such as Kenneth Branagh's Stuart Simmons, the new husband to Meryl Streep's Miranda, and Justin Theroux's Benji Barnes as the boyfriend to Emily Blunt's Emily.

Anne Hathaway reprises her role as a more mature Andy, who is first seen at a journalism awards show getting recognition for her investigative stories for the New York Vanguard newspaper.

During the ceremony attended by her colleagues and at the very moment of accepting the award, Andy along with her co-workers get a simultaneous text

message that they have all been fired because some nameless corporate entity has taken over the paper.

Now, Andy must face the reality of the choices she's made in her life. Over at Runway, a scandal rocks the company when an article involving a sweatshop fashion company creates a public relations disaster.

To weather the storm, aging Runway chairman and owner of the parent company Irv Ravitz (Tibor Feldman) bypasses the haughty Miranda to bring back Andy as the features editor to clean up the mess.

Whether age has caught up or not to Miranda, the editor-in-chief, though able to toss out the occasional biting remarks, has mellowed enough that she no longer appears to be as implacably problematic and domineering twenty years later.

Maybe Miranda has gotten old and weary because she seems to fail to recognize Andy as her former assistant upon her return to the office. Perhaps it's just her way of showing contempt for being kept out of the loop.

Meanwhile, the French luxury goods company Dior, a major advertiser in Runway, needs convincing to continue placing ads. This leads to Emily, now an executive at Dior, leveraging the media controversy for special benefits.

A talented writer, Andy manages a coup by finagling an interview with the reclusive Sasha Barnes (Lucy Liu), the ex-wife of a billionaire, and this leads to Chairman Ravitz promising a major promotion to Miranda that is thwarted by his untimely passing.

The heir to the Ravitz empire is the feckless son Jay (B.J. Novak), who cares little about Runway and goes about slashing the budget, such that Miranda finds perks like first-class travel and fine dining are lost.

A particularly funny situation is when Miranda, to her horror, must travel by coach to the fashion show in Milan and discovers that having meals at work requires a visit to the company cafeteria she never knew existed.

Romance enters Andy's life when she meets Peter (Patrick Brammall) while hunting for an apartment in an old building that he has converted into luxury units. It's a basic meet-cute situation.

Though not quite as sharp in its humor, "The Devil Wears Prada 2" is a pleasant, enjoyable revisit to the cultured world of haute couture, where the main characters remain engaging and elegant.

A bonus is the stunning production design and the beautifully scenic locales in Italy. The luxurious villa fronting Lake Como is something to behold, and it makes you wonder if George Clooney would show up in a cameo. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

How Do Robins Find Worms?

- Jerry, Washington State

Dear Jerry,

Like most cats, I love watching robins. They hop across the grass then pause and tilt their heads to one side. Soon —jab!—they pull a wiggly worm from the soil.

I asked my friend Heather Watts what those robins are doing. She's a bird scientist at Washington State University.

She told me that robins use two senses to find worms.

"The existing evidence is that they use both visual and sound cues to find worms," Watts said. "Depending on the environment, they might use one more than the other."

Sometimes robins see what they're hunting. They may notice tiny movements in the soil. Or they might spot small holes in the ground—or even a bit of a worm poking out of a hole.

That's probably why robins tilt their heads while hunting.

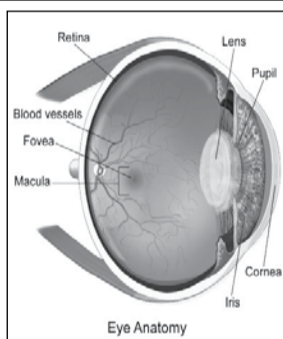
Unlike us, robins have side-facing eyes. That maximizes their field of vision so they can scan for predators—like curious cats taking a break from answering science questions.

The sharpest vision happens right at the center of a robin's eye—called the fovea. So, when a hungry robin wants to grab a worm, it tilts its head. That lines up its sharpest focus directly over the patch of ground it's inspecting.

That pose also frees the



Robins are mostly prey animals. (Unless you ask a worm.) That's why their eyes are on the sides of their faces. Predators usually have forward-facing eyes—like cats, humans and owls. You have a fovea—or spot with super sharp vision—in your eye, too. If you unbend a paperclip and look at the end of the wire, that's about the size of your fovea. It's the only part of your eye that can achieve perfect 20/20 vision. ©Jef-B CC BY-NC ©Blausen.com staff CC BY 3.0



other eye to scan the sky for danger.

Sometimes robins hear what they're hunting. As worms move through soil, their skin rubs against grains of dirt. That makes rustling or crackling sounds. If a worm's tunnel is wet, it might make gurgling noises. Those sounds are too quiet for humans to hear.

Scientists aren't sure whether robins rely more on sight or sound. A robin probably uses its eyes in open areas with good visibility. Or when noise—like high winds or traffic—make it harder to hear. If the worms are hidden by grass or rocks, a robin may use its ears more.

Scientists don't think robins use their other senses to hunt—like feeling vibrations in the soil or

sniffing out worms.

It turns out the robins I see outside may not be hunting worms at all. Worms are only about 20% of a robin's diet. They mostly eat fruit and other tiny invertebrates like insects. But there are times when robins eat lots more worms.

"Worms are a particularly important part of the diet during the breeding season—so spring into summer," Watts said.

That's when adult robins are feeding hungry chicks. Worms are a nutritious snack for growing birds.

So, when a robin scans the ground, it might not even be looking for worms. It could be searching for beetles or other tasty finds.

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Monster Jam Trucks to Bring Full-Throttle Entertainment

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With its massive custom-built trucks and world champion drivers, the live motorsport event Monster Jam comes roaring back into Golden 1 Center with two shows Saturday, Aug. 15 and one Sunday, Aug. 16. Young and old spectators are promised amazing stunts, big airs and action-packed excitement.

On the custom-built dirt track filled with obstacles, eight drivers will battle for the Summer Series Championship in three competitions: racing, two-wheel skills and fan favorite, freestyle. The audience themselves will be right in the middle of the action, helping to crown the Event Champion as they get to score the drivers in real time based on their skills, stunts and saves.

Both Saturday and Sunday morning, attendees have the chance to meet drivers for photos and autographs at the Monster Jam Pit Party. Then an hour before the event, the Monster Jam Trackside show features a competition preview, driver interviews, giveaways and more, finally culminating in the opening ceremonies and the start of the Monster Jam itself.

A limited availability post-event



Fan Favorite Monster Jam truck Grave Digger driven by Weston Anderson excites crowds with a two-wheel stunt. Photos courtesy Monster Jam

experience offers an exclusive opportunity to meet and mingle with the drivers in a private space. This and access to the Monster Jam Pit Party are added costs.

The 12,000-pound Monster Jam

trucks measure 10.5 feet tall, 12.5 feet wide and 17 feet long. Their engines generate 1,500 horsepower due to a supercharger that forces air and fuel into the engine. Weighing 645 pounds each (with

wheel), the tires are 66 inches tall and 43 inches wide.

Alongside popular trucks like Grave Digger driven by Weston Anderson and 25th anniversary celebrating El Toro Loco driven

by MJ Solorio, Monster Jam also sees the Sacramento debut of Bailey Circuit, a truck inspired by Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's robotic pup and driven by Brianna Mahon.

Also scheduled to appear are Sparkle Splash driven by ChelseVanCleave, Earth Shaker driven by Alex Bardin, Thunder ROARus driven by Carson Williams, Jurassic Attack driven by Tim Hall, Jr. and Velociraptor driven by Travis Hall.

Much of the driver training is done at the Monster Jam University facility in Illinois, which offers realistic tracks and obstacles in order to prepare drivers for actual competition. Trainees work with specialists and veteran drivers learning truck operation, safety, public relations and more.

Tickets and special passes are now available for purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com or in-person at the Golden 1 Center box office. Standard tickets range between \$23.90 and \$76.60. Pit Party passes are \$20 and Post-Event passes cost \$40.

Visit www.monsterjam.com for more detailed information about the Sacramento Monster Jam event. ★



The Aug. 15 and 16 Monster Jam event at Golden 1 Center will see the Sacramento debut of Bailey Circuit, a collaboration between Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and Monster Jam. The new truck is driven by Brianna Mahon.



The El Toro Loco truck (driven by MJ Solorio) has been part of the Monster Jam fleet for 25 years.

NFIB Details Weakening in the Labor Market

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, released their April Jobs Report showing a softening in the employment market as the Small Business Employment Index fell 1.2 points to 100.4. This is the second month in a row the Index declined. The current reading is now below the 2025 average of 101.2, but slightly above the historical average of 100.0. This decline is indicative of weakening in the labor market, though the just-above-average level still suggests a balanced labor market.

NFIB's Jobs Report is a national survey of NFIB-member small-business owners, not broken down by state. The NFIB Small Business Employment Index is a new measure of the current state of the small business labor market. The Index integrates actual and planned changes in employment and employee compensation into a singular data point. A higher Index reflects an overall tighter labor market; a lower Index reflects an overall weaker labor market.

"Although the Jobs Report slipped a bit last month, the Index didn't fall below its historical average, meaning the small business economy seems to be showing a resiliency some thought it didn't have.



This decline is indicative of weakening in the labor market, though the just-above-average level still suggests a balanced labor market. Photo designed by Magnific

This is due in no small part, I believe, to Congress making the 20% Small Business Deduction permanent," said John Kabateck, state director for NFIB in California. "Sad to report that the California Legislature has been no help at all, erecting roadblock after roadblock to common sense policies. Proposals such as Senate Bill 84, giving small business owners a period to fix a workplace violation before getting sued,

and Senate Bill 981, giving the peoples' elected representatives a say in regulations adopted by state agencies (imagine that!), aren't getting any traction. Policymakers, especially in an election year, would be wise to heed the cries and calls of their constituents, instead of Sacramento special interests."

NFIB Chief Economist Bill added "Even in a month with a weaker Employment

Index, over half of small business owners reported hiring or trying to hire. A lack of qualified applicants has been a major hurdle for Main Street, and employers are struggling to fill open positions."

Other report findings include unfilled job openings remain above the historical average of 24%. 29% of small business owners have openings for skilled workers (up two points), and 13% have openings for unskilled labor (up one point). A seasonally adjusted net 13% of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, up one point from March and close to the average of net 11%, while a net 30% reported raising compensation in April, down three points from March. A net 18% (seasonally adjusted) of owners plan to raise compensation in the next three months, unchanged from March.

Keep up with the latest California small business news at www.nfib.com. Follow them on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA.

For over 80 years, NFIB has been advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. NFIB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, and member-driven association. Since its founding in 1943, NFIB has been exclusively dedicated to small and independent businesses and remains so today. For more information, please visit nfib.com. ★

April New Home Sales Rebound from March, North State BIA Reports

North State BIA News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - After two straight below-average months, new home sales in the greater Sacramento area showed a modest rebound in April, the North State Building Industry Association (BIA) reported today.

BIA-member homebuilders reported 553 sales during the month, 12 percent over the average number of sales for the month. April's total was up 14 percent from March and a 34 percent increase from the 414 sales reported in April 2025.

BIA President & CEO Tim Murphy said the above-average sales reflects a market still seeing strong demand for new homes.

"Despite the economic uncertainty created by the ongoing war in Iran, mortgage interest rates, while ticking up, remain below last year's levels, and the supply of existing homes remains significantly lower than usual. That makes new homes even more attractive alternatives," he said.

"People looking to buy today should definitely explore



People looking to buy today should definitely explore the more than 200 new home communities now open in our eight-country region - the most open since 2022 - to see what best meets their needs. Photo designed by Magnific

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Murphy noted that while affordability remains a challenge for any home purchase, many builders are offering incentive packages that make purchasing a new home more attainable.

And he called on state and local governments to enact reforms that will speed construction and reduce costs that are baked into purchase prices.

"Two steps that would make a huge difference would be to reduce the fees local governments charge builders, which today average around \$109,000 per home, and to speed up approvals. A six-month delay can add \$12,000 to \$13,000 to the price."

Roseville again was the hottest market in April with 97 sales, followed by Rancho Cordova (81), Sacramento (65), Lincoln (58) and Natomas (51).

There were 203 active communities at the end of the month in the region, which includes Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

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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

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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

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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 pro-

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Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
YOUR 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000859
The following persons are doing business as: C and C Studio, 241 West A Street Unit A, Dixon, CA 95620.
Cristina Ramos and Christian Vega Sanchez, 412 La Esperanza Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: May 11, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration May 10, 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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STUDIO 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000910
The following persons are doing business as: Route 88 Fab Shop, 529 North Adams Unit B, Dixon, CA 95620.
Adrian Olivares Frausto, 529 North Adams Unit B, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: May 20, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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NORTHERN 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000910
The following persons are doing business as: True Reflex It, 3069 Alamo Drive #1049, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Jordan Bruckopoulos, 3069 Alamo Drive #1049, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: April 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000790
The following persons are doing business as: Northern Star Landscaping, 266 Sungate Court, Vacaville, CA 95688.
Jose Briseno Sosa, 266 Sungate Court, Vacaville, CA 95688.
Date filed in Solano County: May 21, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 2, 2017

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN VARGAS
CASE NO. PF26-00263

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dixon Unified School District's proposed 2026-27 budget will be available for public inspection June 8, 2026, at the Dixon Unified School District Office, 180 S. First Street, Suite 6, Dixon, CA 95620. Public Hearing is on June 11, 2026, at the Dixon City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

Signed/Title:
Joanne Ahola
Chief Business Official
Dixon Unified School District

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express beginning Thursday, May 21, 2026, until 3:00 p.m. July 08, 2026, at which time all bids will be publicly opened online and read by the City Clerk, for the following project:

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan and Facilities Conditions Assessment
PROJECT # 100584**

LOCATION OF WORK: Various City buildings and facilities as detailed in the RFP Exhibit B.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The City of Dixon is soliciting proposals from qualified professional firms to compile and implement a comprehensive Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (ADA Transition Plan) for City programs, facilities, parks, parking lots, streets, intersections, and sidewalks. This Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks to secure the most qualified consultant to perform field investigations within the City right-of-way and of City facilities, evaluate City policies and programs, and prepare an ADA Transition Plan in order to identify obstacles limiting accessibility, describe methods to improve accessibility, and specify a schedule for achieving ADA compliance.

All work is to be done in accordance with said Plans and Specifications. A copy of the Plans and Specifications, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained by visiting <https://www.dixonplanroom.com/projects/public>, scanning the QR code below, or by calling BPXpress Printing & Graphics at 707-745-3593.

All bidders must submit bids online through the Dixon Plan Room in order to be considered responsive.



The quantities given in the Proposal and Contract forms are approximate, being given as a basis for the comparison of bids only, and the City does not expressly, or by implication, agree that the actual amount of work will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class or portion of work or to omit any portion of the work, as may be deemed advisable or necessary by the City Engineer.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: **730 Daybreak Drive (Appeal of Building Permit Denial)** - An Appeal (APPL26-0249) of the Community Development Director/Planning Division's denial of Building Permit (BLDR-003021-2025), a proposal for the construction of an approximately 1,920 sq. ft. detached accessory structure to be used as an RV garage and installation of secondary driveway access. The grounds for denial included the lack of design review control, the proposed structure's overall height and massing exceeding standards for detached accessory structures (DMC 18.11.020.C.2.a), the conflict between the proposed driveway and the fire hydrant/red-striped curb at the public ROW, and the 40% frontage limit for "curb cuts" pursuant to DMC18.04.040.A. being exceeded. APN: 0114-393-020; Zoning District: Residential Low Density (RL); Mark Lassagne, owner; applicant; (File No: PA26-04, APPL26-0249).

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Statutory Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Section 15270 [Projects which are Disapproved].

HEARING DATE & LOCATION:

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) at which they will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION:

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

WHAT WILL HAPPEN:

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the application. The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixonca.gov or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

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

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

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).

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

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-005, approving the First Amendment to the Development Agreement (DA26-0246) between the City of Dixon and Dixon Venture, LLC for the Campus Project (Planning Application – PLAPP26-045.

The First Amendment includes revisions to the milestones and construction schedule associated with the municipal well, with no other changes to the project itself.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 5th day of May 2026, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 19th day of May 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bogue, Hendershot, Johnson, Ernest
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bird
ABSTAIN: None

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixonca.gov.

Kristin M. Janisch
Elected City Clerk

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OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: **"Long-Term Mobile Food Service" Zoning Code Text Amendments** – This project represents City-initiated amendments to the City of Dixon's Zoning Ordinance in order to implement new regulations pertaining to "Long-Term Mobile Food Service", a newly proposed land use category addressing mobile food service/food truck uses operating for periods exceeding 30 days in any 12-month period within specific areas of the City and requiring approval of an Administrative Use Permit (File No: PA26-05, PDR26-0252).

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for an exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) [Common Sense Exemption].

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DWIGHT L. JACKSON CASE NO. PR26-00302
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dwight L. Jackson.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Marlene Jackson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Marlene Jackson be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: June 24, 2026, 9:30 a.m. in Dept 22; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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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: Jerilyn Paik, ESQ, Law Offices of Jerilyn Paik, 555 University Avenue, Suite 235, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-568-1222
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Consider the Talent

Well Kings fans, the playoff world of basketball goes on whether the Sacramento Kings are a part of the conversation or not. The vast majority of the supposed basketball experts have been predicting an OKC repeat and with Shai Gilgeous-Alexander recently garnishing the MVP award for last season, I imagine most people believe the same thing.

As it turns out, the San Antonio Spurs may have something to say about that outcome, as their series is knotted at two-games apiece, and in the last contest they held the potent offensive of OKC to an amazing 82 points for the game.

A stifling defense swarmed the Thunder for 48 minutes and never allowed the defending champions a chance to ever make this game a contest.

But given the overwhelming prediction that OKC would virtually boat race any and all competition to the finish, how did this happen.

Obviously, 7-foot-4 Victor Wembanyama hasn't been listening to ESPN or reading the papers, because he is completely unaware that the Spurs were supposed to be nothing but be a good tune up for the championship series.

Wembanyama has given the Thunder plenty to be concerned about, and at this juncture this seven-game series could go either way.

The New York Knicks have the east coast on fire with enthusiasm as going back to the regular season they have won 16 of their last 20 games, and a surprising eight games in a row in the playoffs.

A shut down defense simply took Cleveland out of their recent series and put an exclamation mark on a 130-93 thrashing of the Cavaliers to complete a 4-0 series sweep.

Experts have been emphatically saying that teams with small guards are a thing of the past and should not be considered a serious threat to the longer teams like the Thunder others that count on expansive wing spans to shut down opposing threats.

Apparently that news never got to Jalen Brunson who generously listed at six-foot-two has been a one-man wrecking crew and virtually unstoppable since the playoffs began.

Two things should be of great interest

to Sacramento Kings fans that are waiting patiently for the 2026 draft to begin.

Number one, the dominance of the population heavy cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and others has finally come into question, as San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Indianapolis and others have given rise to the notion that smaller cities can compete and bring championships to their cities as well.

Number two, as stated teams with a smaller back court are not precluded from championship contention, and both of these truisms should make Sacramento Kings fans sit up and take notice.

The outcome of this year's championship series may play a part in which direction the Sacramento Kings go, and who they decide to draft.

I have long been a proponent of building this team around Domantas Sabonis, and I haven't changed my mind. Take stock in what you already have on a team laden with talent and make the necessary tweaks without putting a team together that no one recognizes.

The city of Sacramento is about to find out the true identity of GM Scott Perry, and whether he has the ability to recognize talent when he sees it.

Too many years have passed that left quality players undrafted or simply went to other teams because the Kings passed them by. This needs to stop and I can think of no better time than right now.

Whether the New York Knicks face San Antonio or the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Sacramento fan base will have an opportunity to see how a team with a smaller back court can stand the test of a bigger and longer one.

There is considerable interest in this off season for the Kings, and I've heard virtually every opinion imaginable from fans that have followed the Kings for years.

This fan base has passion, and now they need the front office to demonstrate the ability to draft and make trades that will fill Golden One Arena every night.

Every reason for optimism, so renew those season tickets Kings fans and let's keep the support high!

All the best!

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Education is Vital and Costs California Billions, So Why Aren't Candidates Talking About It?



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

The single largest item in Gov. Gavin Newsom's recently proposed budget — and arguably its most important — is the \$91 billion (plus \$60 billion in local and federal funds) it would spend to educate the state's nearly 6 million students, from transitional kindergarten through high school.

How well they are educated, prepared for higher education or the job market, will be a big factor determining whether California's economy, and thus its socioeconomic whole, succeeds or fails.

Not surprisingly, given the amounts spent on education and its importance, it ranks very high in the Capitol's annual give-and-take over the budget. That's certainly true this year, as Newsom's last budget shorts the state constitution's mandatory allocation for schools by a few billion dollars, with a promise to make it up later, which drew opposition from school officials throughout the state.

Education perennially ranks very high in surveys of voters' priorities. The school lobbies, including the very powerful California Teachers Association, will use that as they press the Legislature to raise their share of the revenue stream. With the high stakes of

education financing and its place in Californians' hopes for a prosperous future, one might think that those who aspire to succeed Newsom would happily volunteer their intentions.

That would be especially helpful given that Newsom, as a parting gesture, wants to all but eliminate the elective office of state superintendent of public instruction and vest nearly all education oversight in the governor's office.

If that rearrangement of duties is enacted, the next governor would be a virtual czar of the nation's largest public education system.

However, the silence about this among the leading candidates for governor is deafening. They are more than happy to exchange personal insults during debates and in campaign ads, and to hold forth on such issues as gas prices, housing and homelessness. But they leave a vacuum when it comes to how, or if, they would change the school system.

Only one candidate, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, repeatedly brings up this issue during debates, noting that he is a former teacher. The other candidates' blackout is compounded by the eagerness of debate mediators to interrogate the candidates on other issues while failing to bring up education.

A new study by Stanford University's Educational Opportunity Project verifies other data indicating that California's public schools are falling well short of the academic achievement needed for the state's future.

The study catalogued 2025 reading and math test scores throughout the nation

and found that, almost everywhere, achievement is lower than it was 10 years earlier — reading is down in 83% of local school systems and math is lower in 70%.

Most disturbingly, not only is California not immune from the trend but it is one of the states with the greatest declines. Only eight states and the District of Columbia experienced deeper declines in reading than California.

The New York Times, in reporting on the study, created a website that allows readers to find out specific results in individual school systems.

It reveals, for instance, that while Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest system, showed fractional gains in reading and math, Oakland Unified experienced declines in both and San Diego fell in reading and gained in math.

After years, even decades, of ignoring its deficiencies in those foundational skills, California has lately done something that it should have done long ago — embracing phonics in teaching reading. Also, legislation to diagnose and treat deficiencies in math is moving in the Capitol.

The next governor needs to build on those and other efforts to restore California's public schools to their former glory. The people vying for that job should tell us if and how they intend to do what's necessary.

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 Help! SSA Says I'm Not Eligible for Benefits



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Help! The Social Security Administration says I didn't pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes. What can I do? **Signed: Self-employed American**

Dear Self-employed: For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone (including the self-employed) must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings, including your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of

earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year. As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted (e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken). The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years. If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits. For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year, or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have

to become eligible for SS benefits.

When you create your online SS account, you will also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security, and you should review that record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security. If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008. You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf

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We've been having a debate about "book bans" in recent years, but given the steep decline in student literacy, the deeper question is how anyone would notice whether a book is available in a school library or not. The New York Times published an eye-opening report on a study by the Educational Opportunity Project at Stanford documenting steep declines in student test scores, especially in reading.

Over the past 10 years, reading scores have declined in 83% of school districts. What looked like a COVID-19-driven catastrophe is, instead, part of a long-running trend. Reading scores were falling at a similar clip prior to the pandemic, in 2017-2019, and continued to fall into 2024. In a third of school districts, kids are reading a full grade level below where they were in 2015. This follows what had been a steady increase in test scores from 1990 to the 2010s.

The ability to read is foundational to a child's development. It enhances verbal fluency, memory, concentration and executive function. It is associated with academic success and sundry advantages throughout life. That our schools are falling down so badly on such an elemental matter is nothing less than a civilizational failure.

Our children aren't learning to read, in part, because we've forgot-

Our Screen Culture Increasingly Can't Read

ten how to teach them. We decided to jettison a common-sensical, tried-and-true method of reading instruction -- phonics -- for faddish theories that haven't worked. It is notable that states showing improvement between 2022-2025 embraced phonics, which now goes under the rubric "the science of reading."

It also can't be a coincidence that these harrowing trends are playing out against the backdrop of ubiquitous screens in schools. Schools are starting to ban mobile phones, but the screen that they take away with one hand, they give with the other. According to a New York Times survey, 80% of teachers say that students at their schools have a device assigned to them; it was only a third in 2019. More than 80% said that kids get devices ... by kindergarten.

It would have been comparable recklessness if schools had decided at the outset of the television age that every schoolchild needed a personal TV. Parents struggle to get their kids off devices at home, and then send them to school, where they read "To Kill a Mockingbird" on an iPad.

Now, books haven't disappeared from classrooms, but they aren't nearly as prevalent as they should be. A new study by the Rand Corporation found that most English teachers assigned at least one full book during the school year, although 9% didn't assign any, and roughly two-thirds assigned between only one to four.

Engaging with a whole book in print is so important because not all reading is equal. One analysis found that "digital reading does improve comprehension skills, but the beneficial effect is between six and seven times smaller than that of print reading." So, too, reading a book is better than reading a series of extended passages; it requires more attention and greater immersion.

As education expert Robert Pondiscio of the American Enterprise Institute points out, it's a mistake to think of reading as solely a technical skill, since reading comprehension also depends on what the great educational theorist E.D. Hirsch called "cultural literacy," the basic facts about history, civics, art and the like that form our common knowledge. To our great detriment, schools have downgraded this, too.

The worst-case scenario is that we have become a screen culture that is only capable of producing screen kids. A report last year in the journal *iScience* found that reading for pleasure steadily declined from 2003 to 2023. On top of evidence that reading also fell from the 1940s to 2003, this makes for an 80-year decline.

The poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky said, "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." And not being capable of reading them is even worse than that.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.
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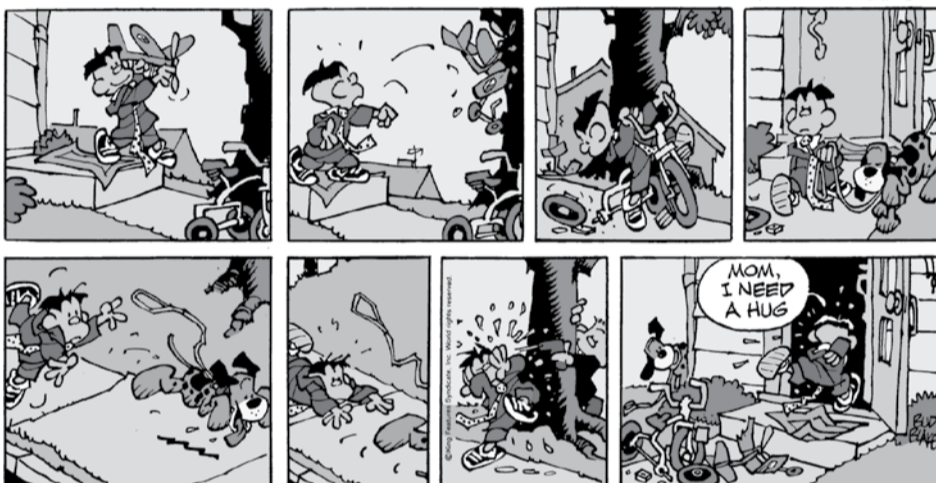
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Seniors Take a Proud Walk



Seniors from across the Dixon Unified School District retraced their educational journeys May 22 during the district's annual Senior Graduation Walk, visiting campuses where many began their academic careers before heading toward graduation ceremonies in June. Photo by Nicolas Brown



At Tremont Elementary, seniors walked the quad while younger students and staff greeted them. Gretchen Higgins Elementary hosted preschool through fifth-grade students for the visit. Dixon Montessori Charter School was a last-minute addition. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Dixon High School Principal Angela Brown said approximately 220 students are expected to graduate this year.

"To our graduating seniors: this is not just the end of a chapter... it is the beginning of everything you've worked so hard for," said Brown. "Be proud of how far

you've come, the obstacles you've overcome and the memories you've created along the way."

Graduation for Dixon High School is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 6 at Dixon High School's Football stadium, 555 College Way.

Maine Prairie High School Principal

Angelina Arias said 22 students are graduating this year. The school's ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 3 at the Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way.

"This is just the beginning," said Arias. "Keep going. You can do anything you set your mind to. We are so proud of you. Come back and share your successes with

the next generation."

Official graduation details will be released within the coming weeks.

For more information, visit Dixon High School and Maine Prairie High School on Facebook or dixonusd.org. You can also call Dixon High at 707-693-6330 and Maine Prairie at 707-693-6340. ★

Council Hears Update on Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing

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School Road over the railroad tracks.

The railroad bisects the community, with multiple trains going through at high rates of speed every day. This causes safety hazards and inconveniences to residents, in addition to impacting emergency vehicle access and response times.

The overcrossing project has long been a city goal, in

partnership with Solano County. It would improve traffic flow, increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and enhance access for emergency vehicles.

The bridge will feature four vehicle travel lanes, one pedestrian sidewalk and two bike lanes. Art-deco-style monuments will sit at all four corners, and those facing traffic will feature the Dixon city logo.

The city was awarded \$25.2

million in federal funding toward the project in 2025, and this year the permitting, design and environmental reviews were completed. The city selected WSP as the construction management team, and the bidding process to select a contractor will begin soon. They expect to break ground on actual construction at the end of this year.

This was an informational

item, and no council action was required.

Finance Director Kate Zawadzki requested approval to forward business license delinquencies to a collection agency — a process that is conducted on an annual basis.

Business license renewals begin in November and are due by the end of the year. In January, the city begins sending monthly delinquent notices,

in addition to phone calls. This year, they started with 185 delinquent renewals, but many had gone out of business and were not renewed. The final list for collection was 32 delinquencies.

The council voted 4-0 to send forward the accounts to collection.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for June 2. ★

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