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Back to School Festival Returns



The free event is designed to connect families with district staff, local resources and school programs while distributing backpacks and school supplies to students. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Unified School District held its fourth annual Back to School Festival from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 1, bringing together students, families, educators and community organizations ahead of the start of the new school year.

The free event is designed to connect families with district staff, local resources and school programs while distributing backpacks and school supplies to students. The festival is held in partnership with the Dixon Library and Solano County Library and includes community organizations, service clubs and local businesses.

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“Now in its fourth year, I think it’s fair to say the

Back to School Festival has become a Dixon Unified tradition,” said Cuevas. “One of our district’s priorities over the past several years has been

strengthening family and community engagement, and this event brings that commitment to life.”

Cuevas said the festival allows families to meet teachers, classified employees, administrators and governing board members in an informal setting before the first day of school.

“Those relationships matter,” he said. “They help build trust, strengthen our sense of community and reinforce that every student and every family belongs in Dixon Unified.”

The district also uses the event to introduce families to programs and resources available throughout the year. In addition to backpacks and school supplies, attendees can learn about mental health services, basic needs assistance, library programs, LGBTQ+ support,

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Dixon City Council Honors Retiring City Manager Jim Lindley



City Manager Jim Lindley officially retired in July 2026, concluding an exceptional 28-year career in public service. Photo courtesy of City of Dixon

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the July 21 meeting, the Dixon City Council held a public hearing to discuss placing delinquent sewer accounts on the property tax roll for collection by the county.

Finance Director Kate Zawadzki said this is an annual process, and account holders receive monthly delinquent notices and are informed of the date for the public hearing. At this time, there are 73 delinquent accounts, with approximately \$48,000 in overdue charges.

Zawadzki explained that this is the city’s only avenue to collect these charges, because they cannot disconnect sewer services.

The council voted unanimously to approve the collection process.

This was City Manager Jim Lindley’s final meeting before retirement, and Mayor Steven Bird read a proclamation honoring Lindley’s 28 years of public service, 14 of which were as Dixon’s city manager, making him the longest standing city manager in the state.

“Mr. Lindley demonstrated exceptional fiscal stewardship by implementing conservative budgeting practices and collaborating with employee bargaining units to establish competitive compensation goals, increasing the City’s projected reserves from 14 percent upon his arrival to 39 percent in his final adopted budget,” read Mayor Bird.

Bird said Lindley’s leadership “fostered significant commercial and residential development, contributing to Dixon’s continued growth and strengthening the community’s economic vitality.”

Dixon residents, city staff and regional representatives spoke during public comments to share stories about Lindley’s time with the city and reflect on his lasting impact on the community.

The council members thanked Lindley for

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Downtown Dixon Market Continues Through October

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Downtown Dixon Business Association is hosting the Downtown Dixon Weekly Farmers Market every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. through Oct. 28 at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St.

Sponsored by the City of Dixon, the market features organic fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked bread, prepared food, live music and opportunities for residents to meet local farmers and small business owners. In addition to traditional farmers market offerings, visitors can browse booths featuring flowers, handmade candles, homemade preserves, lemonade, books and information about the city of Dixon’s Local Road Safety Plan.

Food vendors include Heena’s Kitchen, serving



Fagelhund Flower Farm joined the Dixon market when it opened for the season in late spring. The booth was managed by Jan (left) and Vern Wilson Photo by Nicolas Brown

Indian cuisine, Mi Fiesta Catering Company and Gomez’s Loaded Potatoes. Live music is performed on the Pardi Plaza stage throughout the event.

Organizer Simba Baratti said the weekly market is intended to strengthen connections between residents and local producers.

“Bringing community

together and connecting local growers to the community,” said Baratti when describing the market’s purpose.

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his service and wished him well in his retirement.

City Attorney Doug White said city manager “is a really hard job,” and Lindley’s work helped to build public trust in local government by investing so much into improving the community of Dixon. White was grateful for Lindley’s leadership and friendship, and the dedication, heart and care he showed as city manager.

Lindley said, “I leave with a great sense of accomplishment. And I believe that I left the city better than I found it, and I think that’s all that a city manager can do.” He said he happy to retire now, knowing that he leaves the city in great hands with the current council and staff. “This is the best job I ever had,” said Lindley, and he adjourned the meeting as his final action.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Aug. 4. ★

Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon High School Rams Football Team has an away game Aug. 28. Hosted at San Juan High School, 7551 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, the team will play its first game of the season. The Rams will take on the San Juan High Spartans. Photo courtesy of Dixon Unified School District

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.

Toastmasters Open House

Dixon Toastmasters are hosting a series of meetings open to the public from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday. Held in-person at Mountain Mike’s Pizza, 1700 N. First St., the meeting will have a simultaneous virtual option, allowing attendees to participate over Zoom.

For more information or to receive the Zoom link, visit Dixon 6870 Toastmasters Club on Facebook, call 916-801-6234 or email toastmaster.lou@gmail.com

Chamber Networking Lunch

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 20. 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.

Art and Wine Stroll

Downtown Dixon Business Association will present its fourth annual Art and Wine Stroll Aug. 22. The event is expected to feature local wineries, food trucks, live music, art displays and shopping throughout downtown. Organizers said proceeds will help fund future community events, including the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival on Dec. 5.

For more information, visit downtowndixonca.com or email dixon-downtownba@yahoo.com.

Under the Valley Moon

Solano Midnight Sun Breast Cancer Foundation will conclude the month's fundraising activities with Under the Valley Moon at 5 p.m. Aug. 29 at Bella Vista Farms, 7108 State Highway 113. The event will feature a Napa-style lobster boil, hosted bar, live entertainment, auctions and raffles.

For more information, visit Solano Midnight Sun Breast Cancer Foundation

or call 707-469-9909.

Bunco Night

Joystick Gaming Lounge will host its monthly Bunco Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 27. 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.

DFS Comedy Night

Dixon Family Services will host its annual Comedy Night fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 8. The event, held at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St., includes dinner, raffle prizes, desserts and live entertainment. Comedian Jeff Applebaum will serve as master of ceremonies after being invited by returning performer David Studebaker.

For more information, visit givebut-ter.com/DFSComedyNight2026 or email info@dixonfamilyservices.org.

Fall Water Aerobics

The city of Dixon is hosting a low-impact water aerobics class from Aug. 9 to Oct. 4. Held at Pat Granucci Aquatic Center, 450 E. Mayes St., the class is catered for attendees 14 years and older and daily admission costs \$6 for the general public and \$4.50 for seniors 55 and older. The class is available from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sundays and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, visit cityofdixonca.gov/departments/recreation or call 707-343-8162.

Dixon High School Football

The Dixon High School Rams Football Team has an away game Aug. 28. Hosted at San Juan High School, 7551 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, the team will play its first game of the season. The Rams will take on the San Juan High Spartans.

For more information, visit Dixon Rams Athletics on Facebook or call 707-693-6330.

Monarch Butterfly Logistics

Dixon Library is hosting a class in partnership with the University of California Master Gardeners from 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 15. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the presentation, led by Rich Marovich, will focus on propagating milkweed host plants and nectar plants while explaining how shared greenhouse spaces can help distribute plants to gardeners and community members interested in supporting monarch butterfly habitats.

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

Thursday, July 30, 2026

0820 Violation of a restraining order in the 400 block of Morse Court.

0950 Female was cited for reckless driving in the 100 block of North First Street.

1130 Theft from a business in the 800 block of North Adams Street.

1204 Battery report in the 1300 block of North First Street.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

1308 Cesar Rios (56) of Dixon was contacted in the 1800 block of North First Street and arrested for an out-standing warrant.

1449 Death investigation in the 700 block of Vaughn Road.

1809 Officers responded to a reported found contraband report in the 1100 block of North First Street.

0022 A female was detained for mental health evaluation in the 1200 block of Cunningham Drive.

0339 Judith Jaimes (40-year-old female of Dixon) with known warrants was contacted near the intersection of North First Street and Stratford Avenue and booked into Solano County Jail.

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

0836 A probation violation and driving with a suspended license arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of Stratford Avenue. Officers contacted (S) Charles Williams (34) of Davis. Williams was cited and released and his vehicle was towed.

0836 A vandalism report was taken in the 300 block of Bloom Drive.

1153 A marijuana sales, violation of probation and possession of medication without a prescription arrest report was taken at the intersection of Pitt School Road at West A Street. Officers contacted (S) Tyler Portugal (Transient). Portugal was arrested and taken to the Solano County Jail. His vehicle was towed.

1524 A informational report was taken in the 400 block of Miller Court.

Monday, July 27, 2026

0904 A court order violation report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

1251 A vandalism report was taken in the 700 block of Vaughn Road.

1701 A found property report was taken in the 1100 block of North Lincoln Street.

Sunday, July 26, 2026

No reports taken.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

1011 Hours Richard Wanderstadt (44) of Dixon was contacted at Hall Park and later arrested for an outstand-ing warrant and resisting a police officer.

1215 Uriel Aguilera (31) of Dixon was contacted on South Court and later arrested for burglary, felony vandal-ism, trespassing, and violating a court order.

2121 594 (a)(2) PC, Felony Vandalism, report taken in the 600 block of South Lincoln Street.

Friday, July 24, 2026

0952 A Citizen reported found property at Hall Park.

1156 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of Gold Street.

1339 A vandalism to a vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North First Street damage loss of \$300.

1724 11359 (b) PC, Possession of marijuana for sales, 11350 H&S, Possession of a controlled substance and 1203.2 PC, Probation Violation arrest in the 400 block of East A Street. Juvenile suspects were cited.

2002 Welfare check in the area of North Jefferson Street and West B Street.

0052 Warrant arrest at the intersection of West H Street and North Almond Street. Suspect Daniel Tieffer (33-year-old, male, out of Vacaville) was arrested. S-Tieffer was transported to Solano County Jail without incident.

0354 Missing Juvenile locate in the 1300 block of West F Street.

Thursday, July 23, 2026

2052 Warrant arrest at the intersection of West A Street and First Street. Suspect Kyle Jacobs (37-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested. He was transported to Solano County Jail and booked, without incident.

2123 459 PC, Vehicle Burglary report, taken at 193 Heritage Lane.

2125 242 PC, Battery, report taken at the intersection of East A Street and South Second Street.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

No reports taken.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

1220 A late sexual battery report was taken in the 1300 block of Ingrid Drive.

1306 A fraud report was taken in the 200 block of East D Street.

1346 An animal cruelty report was taken at the intersection of Rehmann Drive at Bowen Lane.

1821 Death investigation in the 1500 block of Gill Court.

Monday, July 20, 2026

1103 A vehicle was towed pursuant to registration being expired over six months at the intersection of Sono-ma Drive at Winfield Street.

1107 A fraud report was taken in the 600 block of Calmace Drive.

1108 (S) Fedrick Johnson was located during a traffic stop and arrested for domestic violence. Johnson was booked into the Solano County Jail.

Sunday, July 19, 2026

No reports taken.

Saturday, July 18, 2026

0847 A person was taken into protective custody report was taken in the 1000 block of John Hopkins Court.

1114 An informational report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

1940 Officers responded a citizen report of an intoxicated driver northbound on North First Street from Strat-ford Avenue. The vehicle was located and stopped near Lincoln Street and Regency Parkway. The driver, Tommy Stone (46-year-old male of Sacramento) was arrested for DUI.

0115 Officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

Friday, July 17, 2026

1220 A possession of drug paraphernalia and probation violation arrest was taken at the intersection of West A Street at Evans Road. Officers arrested (S) Keijona Jackson (51) of Fairfield. Jackson was arrested and taken to the Solano County Jail.

1620 A missing person's report was taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

1114 Theft report 200 block South Jackson Street.

1559 Citizen Assist 700 block Farmgate Court.

2157 A traffic stop was initiated near the intersection of Stratford Avenue and Parkgreen Drive. Tate Andresen (23-year-old male of Vacaville) was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Distribute and Driving on a Suspended License for DUI.

0104 An information report was taken in the 1900 block of North First Street.

0406 Officers responded with Dixon Fire to the 100 block of Heritage and detained a male for mental health.

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

0911 Citizen Assist 1200 block Hopkins Drive.

1856 Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of North Lincoln. Nicholas Forsythe (34-year-old male of Dixon) and Juleah Kenny (29-year-old female of Dixon) were arrested for resisting/job-structing/delaying a peace officer.

2331 A welfare check of a juvenile was conducted in a neighboring agency.

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Downtown Dixon Market Continues Through October

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Baratti, who began organizing the market last year, said operating the event requires persistence.

“Lots of heart and the ability to withstand losing money every week,” joked Baratti.

Among the returning vendors is Ken Shield, owner of Goal Zen Gourmet Mushrooms, who participated in last year's market.

“We were here last year,” said Shield.

Shield sells organic mushrooms, including Italian oyster, pearl oyster, blue oyster, maitake and lion's mane varieties. He also offers a five-blend mushroom powder designed for use in tea, smoothies and coffee.

“Mushroom coffee is kind of all the craze right now,” said Shield.

He said one of his favorite aspects of the market is its atmosphere.

“The music is usually pretty good. Good vibes, lots of local folks. We're local too, we're from Dixon,” he said.

Fagelhund Flower Farm joined the Dixon market when it opened for the season in late spring. Jan Wilson said the family farm, operated by her son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Emily Wilson, grows seasonal flowers. The name Fagelhund is Swedish for “bird dog.”

“We started with Dixon when it started this year around May or June,” said



Among the returning vendors is Ken Shield, owner of Goal Zen Gourmet Mushrooms, who participated in last year's market. Shield, a local business owner, sells a wide variety of mushrooms and mushroom products. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Vern Wilson. “We're at other farmers markets as well, but this one is great because it's in the middle week.”

The farm offers seasonal bouquets featuring flowers such as sunflowers, zinnias, marigolds and lisianthus.

Rachel Warren, owner of Rachel's Casa de Colores, is participating in the Dixon market for the first time this season.

“I'm a visual artist,” said Warren. “I have matted prints, I have cards, and they're of my paintings. I also hand-paint on glassware.”

She said she enjoys interacting with visitors during the weekly event.

“People are interesting and they're happy. It's after work time. They're just shopping and grabbing a snack,” said Warren.

Lacey Berry, owner of Simplee Sweet Bakery Shop, is in her third year at the market. She offers sourdough bread,

cinnamon rolls, cakes, cookies and gluten-free baked goods.

“The people are so good to me. I love the city of Dixon! It's such a cute city,” said Berry.

Berry said the live entertainment is one of her favorite parts of the market.

Lauri Gardens, a long-time participant, has been selling at the Dixon market for 15 years. In addition to produce, the vendor recently began offering elderberry syrup after learning about the fruit's medicinal properties.

“The local flair,” said Gardens when asked about her favorite part of the market. “It's changed a lot since I started selling cucumbers here 15 years ago, but for the better.”

For more information about the Downtown Dixon Weekly Farmers Market, visit dixonca.com/events or email dixondowntownba@yahoo.com. ★

Back to School Festival Returns

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ParentSquare, parent-teacher organizations, athletics, extracurricular activities and employment opportunities within the district.

Cuevas said the event is intended to help families begin the school year with established connections.

“We want every student and every family to feel welcomed before they ever step into a classroom,” he said. “Starting the school year with a celebration sets a positive tone and reminds families that they're part of our school community from day one.”

Community organizations play a significant role in the festival. Cuevas said partnerships with the Dixon Library, Solano County Library and local service organizations have helped expand the event since its first year.

“The Dixon Library and Solano County Library have been partners since the very beginning,” he said. “We serve the same children and families, so it makes perfect sense to work together to create opportunities that benefit our community.”

The district expected to distribute more than 500 backpacks during this year's event, more than double the number provided during the festival's inaugural year. Cuevas credited community partners, including the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Women's Improvement Club and other organizations, for helping make

the giveaway possible.

According to the district, more than 65 percent of Dixon Unified students qualify for some form of additional support, including students from low-income households, foster youth and students experiencing homelessness.

“Helping hundreds of students begin the school year with the supplies they need removes a real financial burden for families and helps ensure students walk into school ready to learn with confidence,” said Cuevas.

Cuevas said attendance and participation have increased each year, prompting organizers to expand the festival.

“The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive,” he said. “This year's event will be our largest yet, with more backpacks, more community partners, and more resources and experiences than ever before.”

Looking ahead, Cuevas said the district plans to continue implementing its new math curriculum, strengthen early literacy and English language arts instruction, expand dual immersion and college and career readiness programs, and build partnerships with organizations such as Sacramento State.

“It's truly a community celebration that's open to all families,” Cuevas said.

For more information, visit the Dixon Unified School District Facebook page or call 707-693-6300. ★

UC Davis Retired Nematology Professor Receives International Award

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

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Professor Emerita Valerie Moroz Williamson of the Department of Plant Pathology is the recipient of the Society of Nematologists' highest honor: Honorary Member.

Williamson, a fellow of the Society of Nematology (SON) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), received the plaque, inscribed with “For Outstanding Contributions to Nematology,” at its recent meeting in Baltimore.

This makes the second year since 2024 that a UC Davis nematologist has received the distinguished honor. Then, UC Davis Distinguished Professor Emeritus Howard Ferris, internationally recognized for his “exceptional, wide-ranging and unparalleled contributions to nematology” over a 64-year career, won the award.

UC Davis Professor Shahid Siddique and Cynthia Gleason, associate professor, Washington State University, nominated her for Honorary Member.

Williamson received her bachelor's degree in biology from Northeastern University in Boston and worked three years at the Institute of Marine Science at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, before seeking her doctorate. She obtained her PhD in biochemistry in 1978 from UC Davis, where she focused on RNA polymerase in *Bacillus subtilis*. She joined the UC Davis faculty in 1987 as an assistant professor, advancing to professor in 1997.

Siddique and Gleason noted that “Valerie has openly shared that her early years as a female STEM faculty member in the 1980s presented unique challenges. As one of the few women in her field, she faced several challenges. Yet her perseverance and scientific excellence were recognized in 2009, when she was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of



UC Davis Professor Emerita Valerie Moroz Williamson of the Department of Plant Pathology is the recipient of the international Society of Nematologists' highest honor: Honorary Member. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

Science (AAAS). Over her 26 years at UC Davis, Valerie established herself as a leading authority in molecular nematology, mentoring students, publishing influential research, and elevating the profile of the field.” She retired in 2013, “leaving behind a legacy of innovation, leadership, and unwavering dedication.”

They wrote:

“A hallmark of her career has been her groundbreaking research on the Mi-1.2 gene, a nematode resistance gene in tomato. Among her publications, 27 are dedicated to the cloning and characterization of this gene, a feat that represented a watershed moment in plant-nematode interactions. Her landmark paper in *The Plant Cell*, ‘The Root Knot Nematode Resistance Gene Mi from Tomato Is a Member of the Leucine Zipper, Nucleotide Binding, Leucine-Rich Repeat Family of Plant Genes,’ has been cited over 1,000 times, underscoring its profound impact on the field. Cloning Mi-1.2 in the mid-1990s, when molecular biology was still in its infancy, was an extraordinary scientific breakthrough and a testament to Valerie's vision and determination. The significance of her work was further reinforced by subsequent studies, including her influential paper in *PNAS*, ‘The Nematode Resistance Gene Mi of Tomato Confers Resistance Against the Potato Aphid,’ which has been cited over 900 times.”

“A similarly significant component of Valerie's

achievements is her pioneering work on understanding the genetics of root-knot nematodes. She was instrumental in establishing *Meloidogyne hapla* as a model root-knot nematode, highlighted by her seminal publication in *Genetics*, ‘Meiotic Parthenogenesis in a Root-Knot Nematode Results in Rapid Genomic Homozygosity.’ In this study, her lab developed a strategy for conducting genetic crosses between different M. hapla strains and generated novel markers to track segregation patterns. Building on this breakthrough, they published another landmark paper in *G3*, ‘A Sequence-Anchored Linkage Map of the Plant-Parasitic Nematode *Meloidogyne hapla* Reveals Exceptionally High Genome-Wide Recombination,’ in which they produced 183 F2 lines from a cross of two highly inbred strains and constructed a genetic linkage map that has been crucial for empowering M. hapla as a tractable model.”

“Even in retirement, Valerie has remained a prolific and innovative force, furthering her research into nematode attraction. Her transformative contributions have not only elevated the study of nematodes within plant pathology but have also left an enduring legacy of scientific excellence.”

Learn more at entnem.ucdavis.edu/news/professor-emerita-valerie-williamson-receives-sons-highest-honor ★

Aedes Aegypti Mosquito Detected in Solano County

Help prevent the transmission of vector-borne diseases

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division, in coordination with the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District, has confirmed the first detection of an *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in Solano County in 2026. The mosquito was collected in Vacaville on July 24. This invasive mosquito species was first identified in Solano County in Dixon in 2023.

“*Aedes aegypti* is a more aggressive mosquito that can carry serious diseases like yellow fever,” said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Solano County acting public health officer. “While the ones we've found locally have so far been negative for this and other illnesses, take steps today to protect yourself and prevent mosquitoes from breeding where you live.”

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is not native to California and typically lives in tropical, subtropical and in some temperate climates. This mosquito can spread diseases such as Zika, yellow fever, dengue, chikungunya and other viruses. They are small, dark mosquitoes with white markings and banded legs. Because these

mosquitoes live near and prefer to feed on people, they are more likely to spread these viruses than other types of mosquitoes. The mosquito is most active during the day, and it often bites indoors, but it is also active around dusk and dawn.

“We plan to do everything possible to eliminate this invasive mosquito in order to protect residents from the potential risks that come with it,” said Bret Barner, Solano County mosquito abatement district biologist. “We will continue surveillance throughout the area.”

Steps to Help Reduce Risk

Early detection provides the best chance of eliminating the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. Residents should eliminate all sources of standing water on their property to control the species, including turning over flowerpots, eliminating spare tires, treating swimming pools and drainage ditches, which are common breeding sources of the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

For additional tips, visit SolanoMosquito.com/Prevention. Any unmaintained swimming pools and stagnant water should be reported by calling the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District at 707-437-1116. ★

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City Editor Wanted for Dixon Independent Voice

We are seeking a part-time City Editor for this local newspaper.

Previous reporting or editing experience is necessary. Position includes covering or reporting on four or five stories per week. Must be able to take quality photographs for publication. Hours are flexible, with most work performed in our local office. This is not a remote or work from home position. Position includes other light office duty and attending public events.

Hours expected are 5 hours daily from Monday through Friday. Covering events on some Saturdays would mean adjusting the weekday work schedule.

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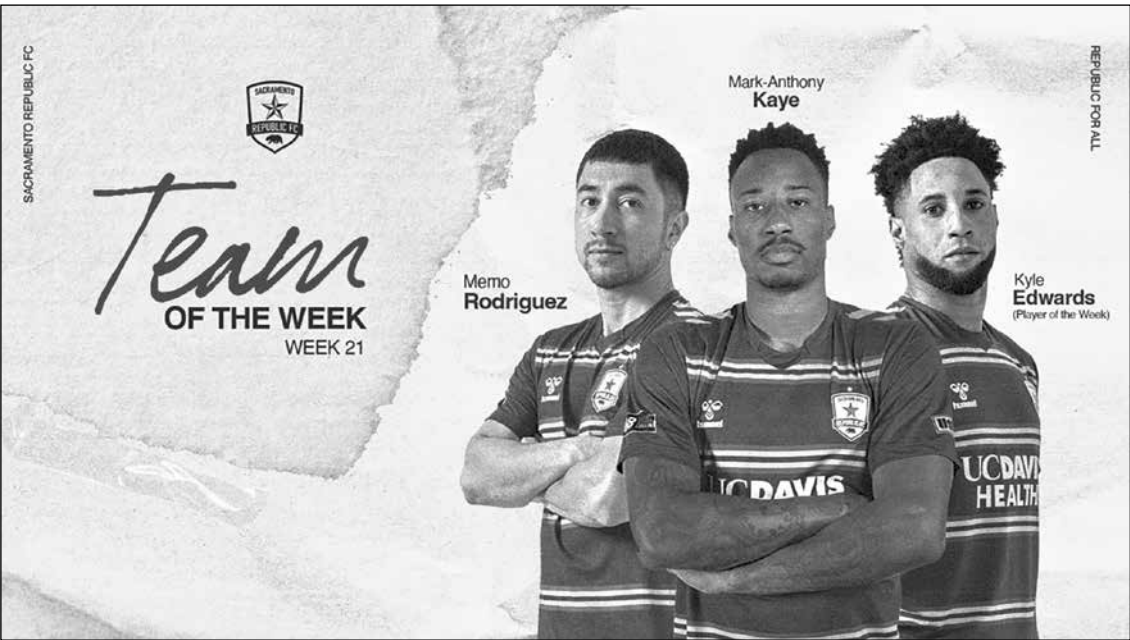
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Dominant Rivalry Win Earns Three Team of the Week Selections

Republic FC Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On July 28, the USL Championship announced the Week 21 Team of the Week. Among the top players from the week, Republic FC led the way with three selections as Kyle Edwards, Memo Rodriguez and Mark-Anthony Kaye added their names to the club’s growing list of league honors. Edwards was also selected as the Player of the Week, his first time securing the award since 2021.

The three offseason additions each put in a strong performance to lift Sacramento in Saturday’s 3-1 win over Northern California foe Oakland Roots, the team’s fourth consecutive win in Oakland. Memo Rodriguez got Republic FC on the board first in the 19th minute. Jack Gurr delivered a low cross from the left and Rodriguez kept his composure as he was surrounded by two defenders to make a one-touch tap into goal for



The USL Championship announced the Week 21 Team of the Week including Republic FC players Kyle Edwards, Memo Rodriguez and Mark-Anthony. Photo courtesy of Republic FC

his first scoring contribution for Republic FC.

Oakland answered quickly with an equalizer, but that would prove to be their only chance on goal all night. From then on, it

was all Republic as the club put on an unrelenting press that kept the Roots under constant pressure. Mark-Anthony Kaye was a disruptor in the midfield all night with 9 of 10 duels won, six possessions

won and three tackles won. The veteran midfielder has now been selected to back-to-back Team of the Week rosters.

The press paid dividends when Kyle Edwards took the lead for

good in the 75th minute, just six minutes after subbing on. A shot from Blake Willey forced the goalkeeper to make a save, but the rebound only went as far as a wide-open Edwards, who got the jump and volleyed a shot to the back of the net.

Edwards later put the exclamation point on the match in stoppage time. Building on his goal earlier in the night, Memo Rodriguez lofted a cross to Edwards on the far side. The St. Vincent and the Grenadines international opened his hips to control the ball with a touch before firing a low shot to the corner. Edwards now leads Republic FC with five regular season goals and seven across all competitions. Last season, he set a new league record for goals off the bench in a single season and is now just one shy of tying the all-time record for substitute goals.

Republic FC is currently on a three-game undefeated streak, as of press time. Tickets are available at [SacPublicFC.com](https://sacpublicfc.com). ★

Katherine Zhu Wins 56th Sacramento County Women’s Golf Championship at Mather Golf

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The 56th Sacramento County Women’s Golf Championship took place July 25 to 26, at Mather Golf Course in Rancho Cordova, drawing top female amateur golfers from around the region.

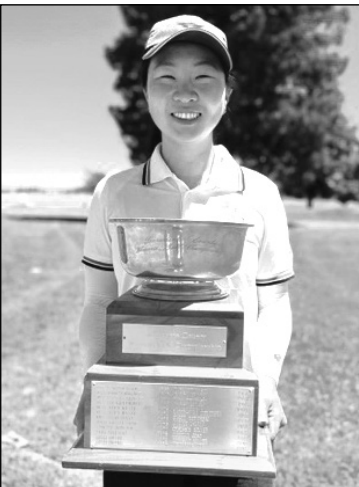
Katherine Zhu emerged as the 2026 Sacramento County Women’s Champion, capturing the Championship Flight title with

a score of 69/65/134, over Emily Guan with a score of 70/65/135.

Karen Garcia won the Senior Division with a score of 74/71/145. In the Senior Handicap Division, Vivian French with a 13 handicap claimed victory with a gross score of 135.

The Championship Flight featured golfers with a handicap index of 6.6 or less. Senior Flight players age 50 and up.

Tournament chairman was Linda Bigler of the Sacramento Golf Council.



Katherine Zhu emerges as the 2026 Sacramento County Women’s Champion at the Women’s Golf Championship. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Karen Garcia won the senior division at the Sacramento County Women’s Golf Championship. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Vivian French wins the Senior Handicap Division in Sacramento County Women’s Golf Championship. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council

Men’s Soccer Welcomes Magaña to the Roster for 2026



Washington native Jesus Magaña comes to Northern California after spending his true freshman season at Western Oregon in 2025. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento State men’s soccer team made another addition to its roster for 2026, welcoming Washington native Jesus Magaña to the fold, Interim Head Coach Matt McDougall announced on Monday, July 27.

“We are extremely excited to have Jesus join our Sacramento State men’s soccer family,” McDougall said. “Jesus is a hardworking forward that will push to make an immediate impact with his work rate and ability to be dynamic in the final third of the field. He had a very successful club career, winning two ENCL National Championships with the Crossfire Premier Soccer Club in Washington and we look forward to him bringing that winning experience to our program this fall.”

Fans of the Hornets’ men’s soccer program may recognize the last name as Jesus’ older brother, Francisco, was a four-year letter winner at Sacramento State from 2019-23, earning All-Big West Conference honors as a junior in 2022 and

finishing his Hornet career with nine goals and five assists.

Magaña comes to Northern California after spending his true freshman season at Western Oregon in 2025, appearing in five matches and making one start as the Wolves finished 11-5-4 overall en route to a Great Northwest Athletic Conference tournament title and a NCAA Division II Tournament berth. He put two of his four shot attempts on frame, eventually netting his first collegiate goal against St. Martin’s while playing 26 minutes.

That followed a senior season at Auburn Senior HS that saw him pick up All-North Puget Sound League first team honors after scoring 10 goals in 2024 and a decorated club career with the Crossfire Premier ECNL squad.

In five years with Crossfire, Magaña helped the club to a pair of ECNL Northwest championships and back-to-back ECNL National Championships in 2024-25. He finished with five assists during the run to the 2024 championship and added a goal and two assists en route to the crown in 2025. ★

Mountain West Announces Credit Union 1 Basketball Championships Brackets

UC Davis Athletics News Release

LAS VEGAS, CA (MPG) - The Mountain West announced the 2027 Credit Union 1 Mountain West Basketball Championships presented by Palms Casino Resort brackets on Thursday, featuring all 10 men’s and women’s teams competing at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas from Sunday, March 7, to Saturday, March 13.

“We look forward to two premier championships at the Thomas & Mack Center in 2027,” said MW Commissioner Gloria Nevarez. “In evaluating our men’s and women’s championship formats, we considered the NCAA tournament’s expanded field in addition to maximizing postseason opportunities for Mountain West teams and providing our student-athletes with meaningful postseason competition. This format enhances the championship experience by creating additional opportunities to compete, extend seasons, and be part of the excitement and visibility that comes with postseason basketball in Las Vegas. As we do every year, we will continue to study the behavior of both the men’s and women’s NCAA basketball selection committees



“We look forward to two premier championships at the Thomas & Mack Center in 2027,” said MW Commissioner Gloria Nevarez. Photo designed by Magnific

to ensure that our championship format gives the Mountain West the best opportunity to secure multiple NCAA bids at the highest seeds possible.”

As MW basketball enters a new era with three new members, the 2027 basketball championship formats maximize national television exposure for the Mountain West, while also providing a format that prioritizes travel planning for its loyal fans who attend annually.

The women’s tournament begins on Sunday, March 7, and concludes on Wednesday, March 10, with the championship game. The men’s tournament will begin on Wednesday, March 10, and conclude with the champion crowned on Saturday, March 13.

Seeding for the post-season championship is determined by the regular

season with the top six seeds receiving a bye into the quarterfinals on the second day of competition.

The updated bracket will begin the Conference tournament with the No. 7 seed playing the No. 10 seed and the No. 8 seed matching up with the No. 9 seed in the first-round games. The quarterfinals feature the No. 1 seed against the winner of game one, the No. 4 seed versus the No. 5 seed, the No. 3 seed playing the No. 6 seed and the No. 2 seed facing off with the winner of game two.

The semifinals will feature the winners from the day before with the winners of each semifinal squaring off for the championship title and the league’s automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

The Mountain West basketball championships will air on a combination of CBS, CBS Sports Network and MW+. Tip times and network designations will be released at a later date.

Mountain West basketball is Built Bold. Six MW women’s basketball programs have appeared in the postseason over the last two seasons, while MW men’s basketball has sent four or more teams to the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship each of the last five years, including a league record six in 2024. ★

Vacancies on City Commissions

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon is currently accepting applications for the following vacancy on a City Commission:

One (1) vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC).

The Transportation Advisory Commission is an advisory body to the city council on matters pertaining to traffic, transportation and parking issues. Commissioners serve four-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The vacancy will fill an unexpired

term through June 30, 2027. The TAC meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of even-numbered months. City residency is required. A stipend of \$75 per meeting attended is paid to each Commissioner

Interested Dixon residents may obtain an application at City Hall, 600 E. A St., by calling 707-678-7000, or by visiting the city’s website at cityofdixonca.gov. The deadline for filing applications is 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17.

For more information, contact Lupe Ruiz, administrative city clerk at 707-678-7000, ext. 1116. ★



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Riley Reviews

“THE WESTIES” GRITTY CRIME DRAMA ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE WESTIES” on MGM+/Amazon

Any visitors to New York’s Time Square and the Broadway Theatre district are just a stone’s throw from the Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood that stretches from 34th to 59th Streets and from Eighth Avenue to the Hudson River.

With ongoing gentrification, Hell’s Kitchen is now removed from its days of notoriously violent street gangs, cheap housing in tenement buildings, and the overall poverty from harsh conditions.

The turnaround for the community may be traced, in part, to the development of Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, a behemoth project occupying a big chunk of turf in the lower end of Hell’s Kitchen.

Named after a prominent U.S. Senator for New York, the Javits Center had a troubled history during its six years of construction (1980 to 1986) due to rampant corruption and the criminal enterprises extorting the building contracts.

The MGM+/Amazon crime series “The Westies” is loosely based on the real-life, infamously violent Irish-American gang of the same moniker that operated in Hell’s Kitchen for several decades, including during the building phase of the Javits Center.

The notorious Italian-American Gambino crime family, under the then-leadership of Paul Castellano, wanted a piece of the Javits construction action, notwithstanding the Irish mob ostensibly controlling Hell’s Kitchen.

According to lore, the Westies mob, though small in numbers, was responsible for drug trafficking, racketeering, and contract killing, partnering with the Italian Mafia to act as enforcers and hit-men for the Gambino family.

Whether to protect the guilty or not, the plot lines of “The Westies” are apparently fictional but likely representative of the extreme brutality exercised by the Irish-American gang.

The Irish characters, as well, have been invented for the purpose of dramatizing the action. For instance, the gang leader is J.K. Simmons’ Eamon Sweeney, who despite his seemingly easygoing demeanor at times is completely ruthless when the situation apparently demands it.

The opening scene finds a foot soldier for the Irish mob holding a gun to the head of a hostage in a warehouse, threatening the life of an underboss in the Gambino family, Vincent Siccario (Michael Rispoli).

Sweeney, along with his top man Jimmy Roarke (Tom Brittney), show up at the warehouse to stop their fellow member from committing a grievous act that would spark an unwanted war with the Italian mob.

Discord with the Italians would be the last thing the Irish gang needs, because an uneasy truce is at hand so that both sides can work together to benefit from the lucrative graft associated with a major construction project.

Let’s just say that things don’t end well for the Irish lad who mistakenly thinks holding the Italian hostage for a ransom or worse, a bullet to the head, was a good idea. With a brutal act, Sweeney feels a message must be sent to his own troops.

While Jimmy is upset that to his mind Sweeney is coddling the Italians unnecessarily, the Irish boss points out they must keep their eye on the big picture, which is the Javits Center, and they must keep a tense alliance with their natural foe.

Though the convention center project is on the Westies home turf, the outnumbered Irish have no other choice than to collaborate with the Italians lest they be shut out of a piece of the action.

Summoned to meet with the Gambino crime lieutenant John Gotti (Hamish Allan-Headly), Sweeney is ordered, as a show of good faith to mob boss Paul Castellano, to “silence” an Irish union leader looking for a bigger payday with a strike threat at the docks.

An interesting dynamic arises between Sweeney and his heir apparent Jimmy, as their approach to settling disputes within the gang diverge. Any tension is heightened by the fact that Sweeney was once a role model for Jimmy.

However, Jimmy’s choices can cause trouble, such as when his best friend Mickey (Stanley Morgan) is released from the Bellevue mental institution and Jimmy’s push for his return to the gang results in another Italian mobster hostage situation.

Another potential loose cannon is Jimmy’s girlfriend, Bridget (Sarah Bolger), who was ostensibly connected with the IRA and returned to America to avoid being arrested for terrorism.

Bridget is raising money for an Irish charity, but her past catches up with her when reunited with Brendan Cahill (Allen Leech), an IRA operative who presses her to hide military weapons for an unstated purpose.

NYPD officer Glenn Keenan (Titus Welliver “Bosch”), a veteran cop from the neighborhood, is pressured to join a task force investigating the Gambino family led by FBI special agent Birdie Polk (Jessica Frances Dukes).

On the take for the Irish gang, Officer Keenan is the willing conduit of information about the federal probe to Sweeney, only asking that the gang not recruit his estranged teenage son.

On both sides of the law, there are many moving parts to “The Westies,” infused by great performances from veteran actors J.K. Simmons and Titus Welliver, that deliver an interesting take on the familiar crime story genre. ★

UC Davis Professor Shahid Siddique Receives International Award

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

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Professor Shahid Siddique of the UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, received the 2026 Excellence in Teaching Award at the annual meeting of the international Society of Nematologists (SON) held in Baltimore.

In congratulating him, SON President Johan Desaegeer of the University of Florida said that a recipient “must have excelled in classroom teaching of a nematology course or through developing innovative nematology teaching materials for use in a classroom setting.”

Joanna Chiu, professor and chair of the department, nominated Siddique for the award. “He fosters a learning environment of curiosity, collaboration, and critical thinking, three factors important in teaching science,” she wrote in her letter of January 2026. “In doing so, he encourages and empowers his students to succeed, and champions their accomplishments.”

Siddique, a member of the department’s executive committee, is the lead faculty advisor for the



UC Davis nematology professor Shahid Siddique won the 2026 Excellence in Teaching Award from the international Society of Nematologists. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

undergraduate entomology major. Siddique is known for his innovative teaching, strong communication skills, passion for nematology, and dedication to academic excellence and public engagement.

“He is an exceptional scientist with an outstanding research track record; he is currently a principal investigator of nine research grants,” Chiu shared. “His commitment to excellence shows in all he does, from organizing sessions at SON’s international meetings, to serving on editorial boards, to reviewing upcoming journal articles, to

engaging in scientific outreach, to advising industry boards, and to sharing information in public outreach. All of these experiences combine to create the exemplary educator that he is.”

Siddique joined the UC Davis faculty in March of 2019 from the University of Bonn, Germany, where he served as a research group leader in nematology from August 2010 to February 2019. Born and raised in Multan, Pakistan, he holds a doctorate in entomology (2009) from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria. ★



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Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Why do mosquitoes bite humans for blood when they could just bite animals for blood?

- Neve, 12, Ohio

Dear Neve,

When I sit around a campfire with my human friends, we’re all swatting mosquitoes.

I asked my friend Jeb Owen about that. He’s an insect scientist at Washington State University.

He told me that most mosquitoes bite non-human animals.

“A very small number of species bite people,” Owen said. “Most mosquitoes are relatively specific. They bite a narrow range of animal types.”

There are nearly 4,000 species of mosquitoes in the world. Usually, they sip nectar from flowers. But sometimes female mosquitoes crave something special: a blood meal. They need the proteins, fats and iron in blood to make eggs.

Animal blood isn’t all the same. It has different amounts of water, fats and cells. It always has proteins made of amino acids. But the mix of amino acids is different in different animals.

A mosquito that normally feeds on bird blood might not get the right amino acids from drinking human blood. That might make it hard or impossible to make eggs.

So, mosquitoes have adapted to feed on specific animals.

First, mosquitoes need to find the right animal. They sniff out the carbon dioxide that animals exhale.

“They fly upwind through that cloud of CO2, kind of like a hound dog tracking the scent of an animal on the ground,” Owen said. “They’re tracking our scent through the air until they get close enough to smell other smells that we have.”

Those smells are volatile chemicals. Your mix of volatile chemicals comes from what you eat and what microbes live on

your skin.

Mammals like us smell different from birds. Birds smell different from reptiles or amphibians. Even different species in the same group emit different scents.

A mosquito knows the correct smell for its host animal. So, when the receptors on its antennae and mouthparts pick up the right combo of smells, it locks in on the target.

Now it’s time for the mosquito to get to work.

“When mosquitoes arrive, they use these long cutting mouthparts to cut a hole into the skin and the blood vessels to extract blood,” Owen said. “When that happens, there are essentially alarm signals that go off in the body at the cellular level. Those particular responses are unique among different animals.”

The alarms send messages in the animal’s body. They tell it to clot the blood. They urge the immune system to crank out fighter cells. That’s important because some mosquitoes carry pathogens that can make you sick.

When the body responds to those alarms, the bite gets red and itchy. That might make the

animal swat the mosquito.

That’s not great for the mosquito.

So, mosquitoes adapted their saliva. It contains chemicals that stop clotting and slow down the immune response. It also blocks the pain of the bite.

“Mosquitoes have evolved a salivary pharmacy to block or suppress all of your defenses,” Owen said. “Each animal species has a unique tweak on its defenses. If a mosquito wants to use blood from that animal, it has to evolve salivary chemistry to deal with that animal’s defenses. That means her salivary chemistry only works for that animal.”

Nobody loves getting bit by a mosquito. But they’re important members of our ecosystem. They pollinate and keep some animal populations in check. They make a great dinner for birds, fish and other animals. And the baby mosquitoes that hatch from those blood-fed eggs will cycle nutrients in our water.

They’re complicated animals. And they really leave me itching to know more about them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



Top left: These female mosquitoes adapted to feed on frog blood. Like chicken eggs, mosquito eggs contain a yolk to nourish the baby mosquitoes. Top Right: Most of the time, female mosquitoes drink flower nectar. That’s all male mosquitoes ever eat. Nobody knows exactly how mosquitoes adapted to sometimes feed on blood. Abhishek Mishra CC 3.0

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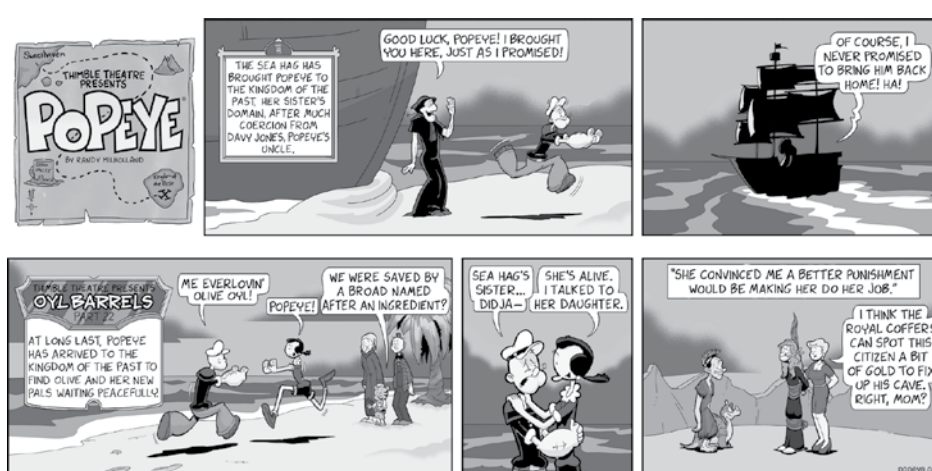
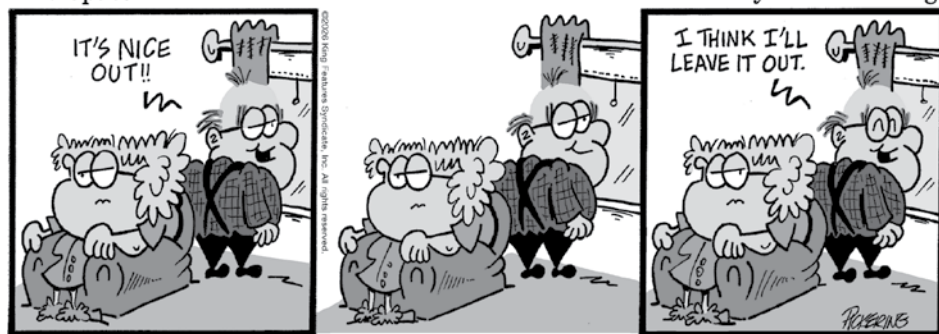
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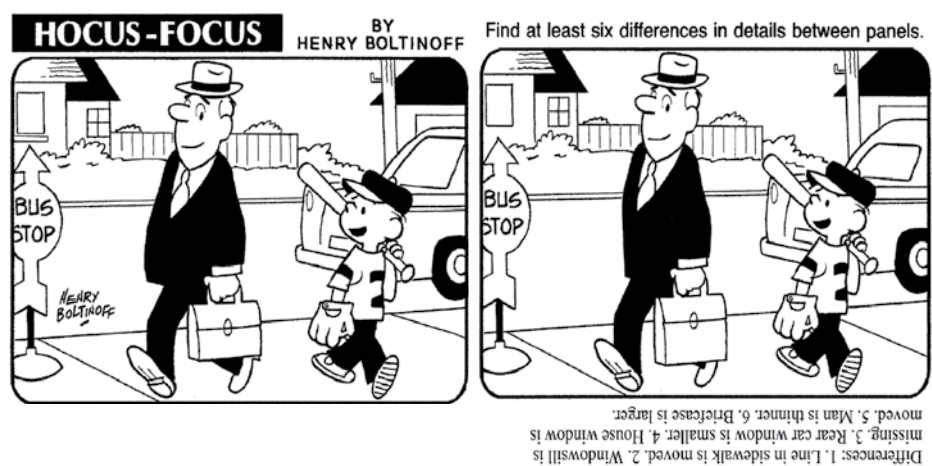
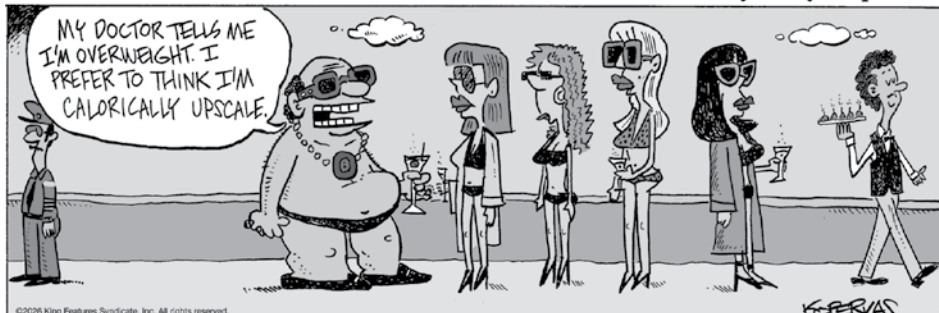
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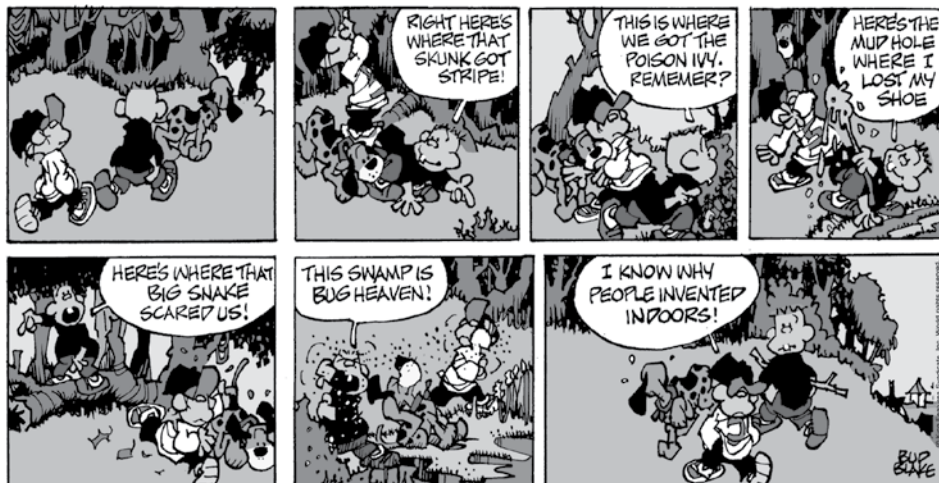
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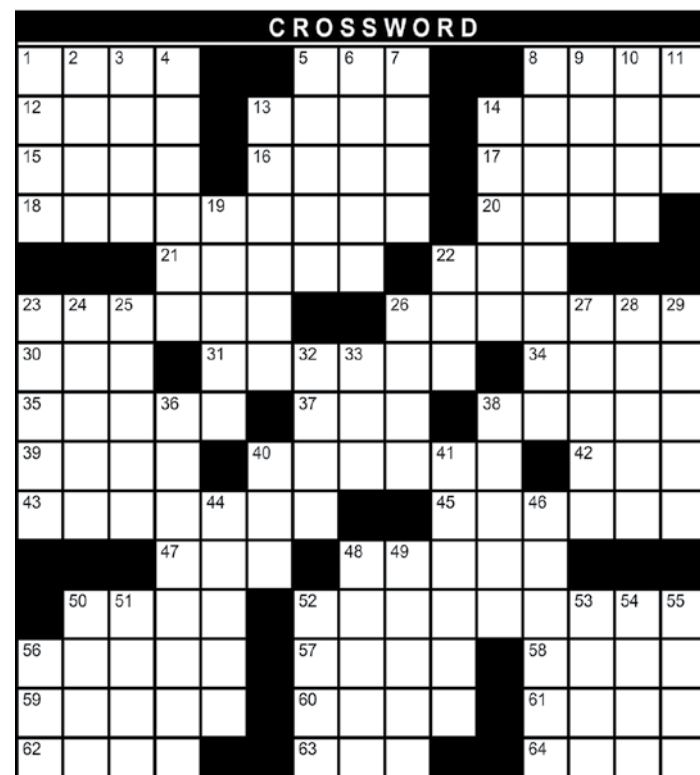


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7. Of the present month
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9. Bassoon cousin
10. Misery cause
11. Canny
12. Dated tunes
14. Make a logical connection (2 words)
19. Runs without moving
22. Lumberjack's tool
23. Another word for nutria
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25. Not as old
26. George Lucas' warrior-monk
27. Concentration of a solution lab test
28. Shrek and Fiona, e.g.
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32. Online room
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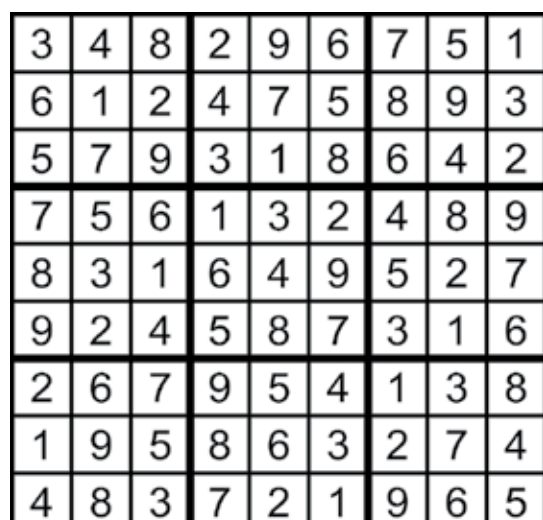
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Mentorship Counts

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How does it feel to score 175 points in an NBA game and lose?! Just ask the L.A. Clippers how it feels.

On Feb. 24, 2023, the Clippers ran into a juggernaut by the name of the Sacramento Kings and lost a double overtime game by the score of 176-175.

The Clippers shot a sterling 31 for 36 from the free throw line that night, but just two more made free throws would have won that game.

I was at that game and will never forget it. Domantas Sabonis held down the paint and contributed 20 points and 10 boards which is basically just a day at the office, but first-time all-star DeAaron Fox went off with 42 points and 12 assists to steal the show.

Well, DeAaron is gone and waiting in the wings is someone everyone is hoping will step in and fill those ever so large shoes. Yes, that would be Darius Acuff Jr., and the only question is, do the Kings have the organizational skills to bring this bright young player along at the right pace so as to give him the confidence needed to succeed at basketball’s highest level.

If we are to believe what we hear and read, Sacramento intends to put this 19-year-old into the starting lineup from the get-go and let the chips fall where they may.

I am not necessarily opposed to the idea of letting Darius run the point from the opening bell, but with conditions and maybe a caveat or two.

Any ball player with one year of college basketball under his belt will have some accelerated courses to take in earnest if success is to be expected.

First and foremost, comes mentorship and where is that going to come from, because the current coaching staff does not fill me with trust and admiration.

Coach Christie still has on his water wings, and for all the bravado of how the Kings are going to play defense, at this date I haven’t seen a blueprint that lends acumen in that direction.

Yes, I want this coaching staff to succeed, but I also want to see something tangible that shows the fans that this staff actually knows *how to coach!*

Just the basics sports fans, like team defense

and maybe a lesson or two in how to shoot free throws.

I am so tired of hearing that Zach Lavine and Domantas Sabonis can’t play defense when they are the two highest paid players on the team.

How did they ever get to be all stars and never play defense?

Of course they can play defense, but what ever happened to the concept of team defense that seems to be an unspoken term?

Back to basics gentlemen and start creating the identity you want. *It is* achievable and would be if you would stop listening to the collective NBA naysayers that would have you believe that Sacramento Kings have no chance of winning 30 games.

How is a coaching staff supposed to instill positive energy into a squad that has no expectation of winning games?

How about preaching your own version of winning games and then laying out the map as to how you get there.

The Wizard of Westwood and that would be John Wooden won 10 NCAA championships in 12 years and led his club to four 30-0 seasons before he retired.

We won’t be confusing Doug Christie with John Wooden and time soon, but is there something to learn here aside from the fact they both coached basketball teams in the state of California?

Yes, I believe it starts with celebrating the veteran talent you have on the current team today.

Stop with the negative about what you don’t like about Zach Lavine and Domantas Sabonis and start celebrating what they bring to the table.

A lot of youngsters need to immerse themselves in the etiquette of how to compete against other NBA teams, and both Sabonis and Lavine have more than just a tad of experience in that regard.

Double down on that, use their leadership to your advantage, and start preaching the mantra of what home court advantage is supposed to mean. Set the expectation of winning when a visitor enters Golden One Arena and heighten the expectation of *lighting the beam!*

The youngsters need mentors and we have some to celebrate!

All the best!

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Tech Devices in California’s New Cars Create Thorny Political Issues



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Automobiles have gradually evolved over the last two decades from mechanical devices into electronic platforms featuring computer screens and numerous other digital capabilities.

A few years ago, the California Air Resources Board began requiring automakers to install devices in vehicles to record and store operational data that the agency could access to determine how well emission reduction programs were working.

It was one aspect of the state’s announced goal of phasing out cars and trucks powered by gasoline and diesel fuel and replacing them with zero-emission vehicles.

The auto industry opposed the data collection mandate, arguing it would violate the privacy of vehicle owners. At one point the industry threatened to stop producing cars for California.

The agency insisted it would not collect data involuntarily. But its regulation fueled — pun intended — suspicions in some quarters that recording how and where cars were being used would allow them to be tracked, much as cellphone usage can be traced.

Or, some said, as gas and diesel use declined and gallonage taxes dropped, the

state could begin charging drivers by miles driven, based on their recorded data.

As the data collection mandate was being implemented, another aspect of the situation surfaced — fears that the tracking software to help motorists obtain help in emergencies, such as General Motors’ OnStar system, could be misused by abusive spouses to find and attack their mates.

Two years ago, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom enacted a law aimed at countering that potential abuse. Senate Bill 1394 required automakers to provide an internet process by which a “connected vehicle service” could be quickly terminated. Those seeking termination would have to prove they either owned the vehicle or possessed it via a divorce decree or domestic violence restraining order.

That was the relatively easy part of SB 1384.

The more contentious portion of the law required new cars to be equipped with a “mechanism that can be used by a driver who is inside a vehicle to immediately disable connected vehicle location access.” The mechanism had to be “prominently located, easy to use, not require access to an online application, not require a password or login information, and only allow re-enabling of the connected vehicle location access by a driver who is located inside the vehicle.”

The deadline for meeting that requirement was last week. The industry has insisted that was, from a practical standpoint, impossible to meet because it is a

complex engineering problem that involves dozens of different auto models, and automakers would have to maintain existing electronic tools, such as GPS navigation, and helpful services, such as OnStar.

Without a change in the mandate, the industry’s lobbyists warned, automakers could be compelled to suspend sales in the state, echoing a threat they made about the Air Resources Board’s data collection mandate earlier.

It was something of a political standoff until Senate Bill 719 emerged from backroom negotiations late last month. Just one day before the deadline, Newsom signed the bill that narrows the application of the requirement, eliminates the hard deadline for it and substitutes a series of deadlines tied to model years and “technological feasibility.”

Thus it is impossible to say for certain when, if ever, cars will be equipped with the ability to disconnect location tracking software.

These two instances imply that the conversion of the automobile from a mechanical device to an electronic one has created a bottomless well of potential issues involving privacy, governmental regulation and the politically heated topic of how California would change the way motorists are taxed once the gallonage taxes on fuels disappear, if they ever do.

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.

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Social Security Matters

When Should My Wife File for Spouse Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife is 66 (born February 1960) and started taking Social Security retirement benefits just over one year ago at age 65. She was a stay-at-home Mom for most of her adult life. I turned 62 this past March and received my first SS payment recently for a May 2026 start. We are scheduled to meet with SSA in late July to initiate spousal benefits because my wife’s current benefits are less than 50% of mine. We also have an adult disabled son who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security benefits (this split in benefit sources happened after my wife filed - that whole process was confusing and we don’t understand it). My question relates to spousal benefits (I was a career finance person but don’t completely understand these rules). We were going to file in July but is there any benefit to waiting until she turns 67? And will her 50% benefit be 50% of my lower benefit due to my filing at 62 or is that based on another amount? Signed: **Confused Finance Guy**

Dear Confused: First, be aware that your wife’s spousal benefit will be based on her age when she claims it, and half of your full retirement

age, or “FRA,” amount (although you claimed at 62, her benefit as your spouse will still be based on your FRA entitlement).

Because she claimed her SS retirement at 65, your wife will not get 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather she will get her own reduced SS retirement benefit (which was reduced by about 13% from her FRA entitlement) plus a “spousal boost.” The amount of that “boost” will be the difference between her own FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, but that boost amount will also be reduced because she will be claiming in July before her FRA.

Your wife will reach her FRA in February 2027, so by claiming her spousal boost in July her boost amount will be reduced by about 5%, and the “boost” will be added to her already reduced SS retirement about. The result will be your wife’s benefit as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. And, FYI, your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit (she will not be able to defer claiming it).

As your son is now collecting SS benefits based on your wife’s personal SS record, you should ask Social Security to switch him over to payments based on your record (because you have the higher SS benefit). FYI, because your son is now receiving SSI (Supplemental Security Income), the SSDI (SS disability) benefit he receives will offset by his SSI benefit, and the payment amount will consist of two sources - SSI and SSDI. Nevertheless,

he cannot get more than 50% of your SS retirement amount and will likely be affected by the Family Maximum which may further reduce his SSDI entitlement.

Your wife’s benefit as your spouse will also be affected by the “Family Maximum,” which limits how much can be paid on any one person’s SS record (on your SS record). That also means that your wife will not get a full 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather she will get less because the family maximum limits how much all your dependents can receive to somewhere between 50% and 88% of your FRA benefit amount (after subtracting your own SS entitlement). That also means that your son’s SS payment, as well as your wife’s SS payment as your spouse, will be reduced to less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. SSA will be able to guide you through the Family Maximum calculations for both your son and your wife when you meet.

To recap all of this: a) your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit; she cannot delay until her FRA. b) her amount as your spouse will be less than 50% of your SS FRA entitlement. And c) both your wife’s and your son’s SS benefit will likely be also affected by the Family Maximum and, thus, be less than half of your FRA entitlement. Nevertheless, it was likely the right decision to claim as you have, considering that your son and wife have been receiving SS benefits for some time now, and both will continue to receive more as your dependents.

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Congress has been known to slip indefensible special-interest provisions into large must-pass bills when no one is looking. What it has never done before is use such sleight of hand to hand over control of the U.S. military to a foreign country. But that’s what we’re told is on the verge of happening on Capitol Hill.

The House just passed the National Defense Authorization Act, a sprawling \$1.15 trillion bill that supposedly includes a provision buried in it “merging” the U.S. and Israeli militaries.

This provision, known as Section 219, has united some of the most fervent anti-Israel conspiracy theorists on the right and the left in denouncing the alleged betrayal of America, from Marjorie Taylor Greene to AOC, from Tucker Carlson to Cenk Uygur.

AOC has warned that the provision “is an existential threat to American sovereignty and democracy.” Marjorie Taylor Greene has said anyone who voted for the bill “sold out the American people to a foreign country.” Tucker Carlson wants literal treason trials.

So what is the substance of Section 219? Legislation often has obfuscatory titles, but this provision is deemed, with admirable clarity, the United States-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative. It calls for the secretary of defense to designate “an executive agent”

The preposterous case against the new defense bill

to coordinate between the U.S. and Israel on “bilateral defense technology research, development, testing, evaluation, integration and industrial co-operation.” The Pentagon will come up with a plan for such cooperation and report back to Congress.

That’s it. There is nothing about merging the general staffs of the U.S. military and the IDF; nothing about creating a joint office where Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and his Israeli counterpart, Israel Katz, work together; nothing about giving Bibi Netanyahu partial control of CENTCOM.

That the United States would want a close working relationship with Israel on military technology is hardly surprising. Israel is one of the world’s most innovative societies and, given its precarious security environment, has become a leader in advanced defense technologies.

That a nefarious interpretation of the bill has gotten some traction underlines how any preposterous lie, so long as it’s about Israel, gets a hearing these days. Like many conspiracy theories, this one depends on a dark view of American society. We are allegedly so corrupt that we are handing control of our military to a foreign country without any senior military leaders or officials in an “America First” administration lodging a complaint. No wonder Tucker Carlson wants the kind of tribunals that attended the end of World War II.

At the first Nuremberg Trials, Wilhelm Keitel was found guilty of crimes against humanity

and hanged; at the second Nuremberg Trials, Mike Johnson will be found guilty of supporting mutually beneficial technology sharing between allies -- means of execution yet to be determined.

One perversity here is that Netanyahu conceives of the technological cooperation as a substitute for the U.S. military aid that he supports phasing out. In other words, enemies of Israel oppose U.S. military aid, and when a constructive plan is offered for how to go about ending it, they oppose that, too, as an Israeli plot.

Another perversity is that the U.S. should want a very close relationship with Israel on missile defense, an area where Israel excels and that, as we’ve seen in the Ukraine and Iran wars, is crucial to modern warfare. And yet, the same people who portray themselves as zealously protective of the U.S. national interest want us to turn our back on a source of technological advance.

Israel naturally fits in the Western alliance, but nations ultimately pursue their selfish interests. If we spurn the Jewish state out of irrational animus, it will inevitably look elsewhere and perhaps build a stronger relationship with China. Then we will surely be told by the critics now obsessed with ending the U.S.-Israel relationship that Israel has shown its true colors and deserves even more of our scorn.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001173
The following persons are doing
business as: AC Tax Pro,
530 Birds Nest Court, Dixon, CA
95620.

Aamit Chowdhury, 530 Birds Nest
Court, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: June
30, 2026. The Registrant com-
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der 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
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on which it was filed in the office
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state, or common law (see section
14411 ET SEQ., business, and
professions code.)
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AC 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001159
The following persons are doing
business as: Quinta Alianza, 1097
Amber Ridge Lane, Vacaville, CA
95687.

Juan Hurtado Avina, 1097 Amber
Ridge Lane, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: June
26, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
January 1, 2022

This Business is conducted
by: An Individual. NOTICE: In
Accordance with subdivision (a)
of section 17920 A Fictitious Name
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the end of five years from the date
on which it was filed in the office
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QUINTA 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001168
The following persons are doing
business as: Castillo's Legal
Life Support, Castillo's Legal
Support and Document Services,
Dixon Express Auto Registration
Center, 1450 Ary Lane Suite D,
Dixon, CA 95620.

Lisa Angel Castillo, 1285 Stratford
Avenue G121, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: June
30, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
March 1, 2018

This Business is conducted
by: An Individual. NOTICE: In
Accordance with subdivision (a)
of section 17920 A Fictitious Name
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professions code.)
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CASTILLOS 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001181
The following persons are doing
business as: Pickled Social Co,
2401 Waterman Boulevard Suite
A4-210, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Ryan Brown, 2401 Waterman
Boulevard Suite A4-210, Fairfield,
CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: July
1, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
June 29, 2026

This Business is conducted
by: An Individual. NOTICE: In
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of section 17920 A Fictitious Name
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professions code.)
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PICKLED 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001146
The following persons are doing
business as: Punjabi Dhaba
Dixon, 7800 Batavia Road, Dixon,
CA 95620.

Dilawar Singh Rai Inc, 7800
Batavia Road, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: June
24, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
N/A

This Business is conducted
by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In
Accordance with subdivision (a)
of section 17920 A Fictitious Name
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June 23, 2031. The filing of this
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state, or common law (see section
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PUNJABI 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001167
The following persons are doing
business as: Double A Ranch,
A & A Investments, 900 Hillview
Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.

Joe F & Mary E. Anderson,
Trustee, J & M Anderson
Revocable Trust, Trust, 900
Hillview Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: June
30, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
June 1, 2006

This Business is conducted by:
A Trust. NOTICE: In Accordance
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Publish: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026
DOUBLE 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001253
The following persons are
doing business as: Paseo
Psychotherapy, 1250 Oliver Road
#1092, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Erika Medina McGee, 1250 Oliver
Road #1092, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: July
15, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der 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
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July 14, 2031. The filing of this
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Business Name in violation of the
rights of another under federal,
state, or common law (see section
14411 ET SEQ., business, and
professions code.)
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
PASEO 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001049
The following persons are do-

ing business as: Iron Sight
Construction Co, 603 Alexander
Court, Suisun City, CA 94585.
Ramon Alejandro Avellar II, 603
Alexander Court, Suisun City, CA
94585.

Date filed in Solano County: June
9, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
June 1, 2026

This Business is conducted
by: An Individual. NOTICE: In
Accordance with subdivision (a)
of section 17920 A Fictitious Name
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must be filed before the expiration
June 8, 2031. The filing of this
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the use in this state of a Fictitious
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state, or common law (see section
14411 ET SEQ., business, and
professions code.)
Publish: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026
IRON 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001250
The following persons are doing
business as: Urban Earth Sound,
420 Virginia Street 1B, Vallejo, CA
94590.

Urban Earth Enterprises, 420
Virginia Street 1B, Vallejo, CA
94590.

Date filed in Solano County: July
15, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
N/A

This Business is conducted
by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In
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professions code.)
Publish: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026
URBAN 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001276
The following persons are doing
business as: Havenstars Living,
249 Lighthouse Way, Vacaville,
CA 95688.

YX&Associates LLC, 249
Lighthouse Way, Vacaville, CA
95688.

Date filed in Solano County: July
20, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der the above business name on:
N/A

This Business is conducted by:
A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 19, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026
HAVENSTARS 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001291
The following persons are doing
business as: Summit Commercial
Services, 130 Allison Court,
Vacaville, CA 95688.
Hector Serafin, 130 Allison Court,
Vacaville, CA 95688.

Date filed in Solano County: July
22, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business un-
der 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
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July 21, 2031. The filing of this
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SUMMIT 8-21-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
EDWARD JOHN PRITCHARD
CASE NO. PR26-00257

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or
estate, or both, of Edward John
Pritchard.

A Petition for Probate has
been filed by Grace Manago, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Solano, requesting
Grace Manago be appointed as
personal representative(s) to
administer the estate of the de-
cedent.

The petition requests the deced-
ent's will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination 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 admin-
istration 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:
August 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
in Dept 22; Superior Court of
California, County of Solano, 580
Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, 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 representa-
tive, 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 au-
thority 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 in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal 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 Petitioner is: Grace
Manago, 612 Seagull Drive,
Suisun, CA 94585; 707-761-2135
Publish: July 17, 24, 31, 2026
PRITCHARD 7-31-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
LOREN BOBBY JOE WOLFF
CASE NO. PR25-00729

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or es-
tate, or both, of Loren Bobby Joe
Wolff.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Chris Wolff, in the Superior
Court of California, County of
Solano, requesting Annalisa
Alvarado, CLPF be appointed
as personal representative(s) to
administer the estate of the de-
cedent.

The petition requests the deced-
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admitted to probate. The will and
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The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
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actions without obtaining court
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unless they have waived notice or
have consented to the proposed
action.) The independent admin-
istration 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:
September 2, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
in Dept 22; Superior Court of
California, County of Solano, 580
Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

son or by your attorney.

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in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form is
available from the court clerk. The
name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney
for Petitioner is: Lily M. Harris,
400 Capitol Mall, 11th Floor,
Sacramento, CA 95814; 916-558-
6000
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WOLFF 8-14-26

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. **CA-25-1011391-AB**
Order No.: **25071552-CA-VOI**
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER
A DEED OF TRUST DATED
6/9/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE
ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR
PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD
AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU
NEED AN EXPLANATION
OF THE NATURE OF THE
PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU,
YOU SHOULD CONTACT A
LAWYER. A public auction sale
to the highest bidder for cash, or
cash equivalent if deemed ac-
ceptable to the trustee, cashier's
check drawn on a state or national
bank, check drawn by state or fed-
eral credit union, or a check drawn
by a state or federal savings and
loan association, or savings asso-
ciation, or savings bank specified
in Section 5102 to the Financial
Code and authorized to do busi-
ness in this state, will be held by
duly appointed trustee. The sale
will be made, but without covenant
or warranty, expressed or implied,
regarding title, possession, or en-
cumbrances, to pay the remaining
principal sum of the note(s) se-
cured by the Deed of Trust, with
interest and late charges thereon,
as provided in the note(s),
advances, under the terms of the
Deed of Trust, interest thereon,
fees, charges and expenses of
the Trustee for the total amount
(at the time of the initial publica-
tion of the Notice of Sale) reasonably
estimated to be set forth below.
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the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY**
MAY ELECT TO BID LESS
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DUE. Trustor(s): **TAMMY**
STEWART, A MARRIED
WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND
SEPARATE PROPERTY
Recorded: **6/10/2022** as
Instrument No. 202200040584
of Official Records in the office
of the Recorder of **SOLANO**
County, California; Date of Sale:
8/17/2026 at 09:30 AM Place of
Sale: **At the Santa Clara Street**
entrance to the City Hall, 555
Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA
94590 Amount of unpaid balance
and other charges: **\$749,296.52**
The purported property address
is: **625 CYPRESS ST, DIXON,**
CA 95620 Assessor's Parcel No.
: **0114-143-100** All bidders, at
the date, time, and place of the
scheduled sale, will be required
to show satisfactory support to
the auctioneer of their ability to
pay the amount they intend to bid,
unless arrangements have been
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the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO**
POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you
are considering bidding on this
property lien, you should under-
stand 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, priori-
ty, and size of outstanding liens
that may exist on this property by
contacting the county recorder's
office or a title insurance compa-
ny, either of which may charge
you a fee for this information. If
you consult either of these re-
sources, you should be aware
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of trust on the property. **NOTICE**
TO PROPERTY OWNER: The
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pursuant to Section 2924g of the
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requires that information about
trustee sale postponements be
made available to you and to the
public, as a courtesy to those not
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learn whether your sale date has
been postponed, and, if applica-
ble, the rescheduled time and
date for the sale of this property,
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information regarding the trustee's
sale or visit this internet website
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using the file number assigned to
this foreclosure by the Trustee:
CA-25-1011391-AB. 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
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mation is to attend the scheduled
sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You
may have a right to purchase this
property after the trustee auction
pursuant to Section 2924m of the
California Civil Code. If you are
an "eligible tenant buyer," you
can purchase the property if you
match the last and highest bid
placed at the trustee auction. There
are three steps to exercising this
right of purchase. First, 48 hours
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you can call **866-645-7711**, or visit
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using the file number assigned to
this foreclosure by the Trustee:
CA-25-1011391-AB 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 con-
tacting an attorney or appropriate
real estate professional immedi-
ately for advice regarding this po-
tential right to purchase. **NOTICE**
TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-
OCCUPANT: Any prospective
owner-occupant as defined in
Section 2924m of the California
Civil Code who is the last and
highest bidder at the trustee's sale
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or declaration of eligibility to the
auctioneer at the trustee's sale or
shall have it delivered to QUALITY
LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m.
on the next business day following
the trustee's sale at the address set
forth in the below signature block.
NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE
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of the California Civil Code, use
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The above statutorily mandated
notices to Tenant, Prospective
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Civil Code. Compliance with all
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designation, if any, shown herein.
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days of the date of first publication
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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Informing, Empowering & Engaging Readers With Their Community



By Patsy McGavock

This column was originally published in the June 12, 2026, issue of the American River Messenger.

For generations, libraries have quietly anchored communities. Often described as places that preserve knowledge, they may increasingly preserve something modern life is quietly losing — shared civic space not filtered by algorithms, income levels or social circles.

Libraries remain places without entrance requirements or appointments, where people of different generations, backgrounds, skill sets and experiences still naturally cross paths — and perhaps learn from each other.

According to Peter Coyl, director of Sacramento Public Libraries, libraries continue evolving to meet community needs.

“Some people really want the quiet temple of learning,” Coyl said. “Some want a laboratory for knowledge.”

Modern libraries increasingly try to honor both.

Many branches now include quiet reading areas alongside study rooms, community rooms, teen spaces and collaborative learning areas. The library remains a place for concentration and reflection, but also one where conversation, classes, tutoring and shared activity quietly build human connection around learning.

The range of learning itself continues to evolve.

For the first time this past year, Sacramento Public Library’s e-book circulation surpassed physical books. Patrons now access digital media, professional courses, maker spaces, literacy tutoring, technology resources and even “Libraries of Things,” where residents can borrow practical items instead of

Community Hubs: Inside the Modern Library, Where Knowledge and People Still Meet

purchasing them.

Yet, Coyl repeatedly returned not to programs or technology, but to people and access.

“People who are curious and want to learn come to the library,” Coyl said. “What you are doing may be different, but the reason you are there is often the same. People are seeking to learn, expand and better their lives. The library is for everyone.”

Libraries occupy a unique role in civic life because they remain one of the few public spaces where people can enter freely, Coyl said. “We’re open to anybody who has a question.”

That openness quietly creates intersections that rarely happen elsewhere.

Coyl recalled a retired Fortune 500 CEO regularly attending lectures beside a high school math teacher. Another patron, editor of a national news magazine, used the library as a preferred workspace. “You could be sitting next to a person writing the next prize-winning article,” Coyl said.

Nearby, one could often find a teenager studying or gathering with friends after school, a parent learning English or a neighbor researching resources to rebuild life after losing housing.

Different needs. Different experiences. Each with something to learn and something to offer.

Some connections remain brief. Others grow over years.

“I don’t know that everyone comes expecting community connections,” Coyl said. “But I do think it happens.”

That may matter more than we realize.

As life continues to move online, many Americans increasingly experience community through algorithms, private routines and highly filtered social circles. More and more, we move through

already sorted, familiar lanes of interest, background and belief.

Libraries don’t filter.

And increasingly, libraries also help people discern something else: information itself.

In an era increasingly shaped by algorithms and artificial intelligence, Coyl believes personal expertise and library staff themselves remain key.

“Just because the search engine gives you the first result doesn’t mean that’s the best source,” Coyl said. “We teach people how to evaluate information, how search engines and AI choose responses. It’s important to understand those nuances.”

Then he paused on something simpler.

“Sometimes we need that human connection,” he said. “That’s something that cannot be replaced.”

Perhaps that is part of what libraries quietly preserve.

Not simply information, but the people who share it.

And perhaps, if we enter a little more intentionally — lingering a moment longer, introducing ourselves, sharing what we know, or simply noticing one another and asking about life — libraries may help teach us how to become a mentoring-minded community.

One where knowledge, skills and trust move freely between people as they practice the simple habit of lifting one another in small ways, strengthening the whole community over time.

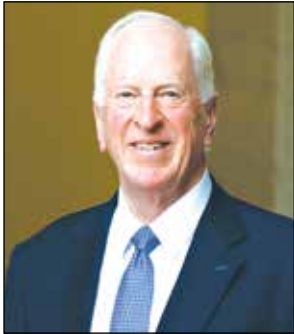
Because, as Coyl emphasized, you do not need to be a reader to find community at the library.

“There is something here for everyone.”

Patsy McGavock is a volunteer writer informing, empowering and engaging readers with their community. Connect with Patsy at PatsyMcGavock.JustServe@gmail.com.

Thompson Applauds Landmark Housing Bill Becoming Law

Thompson Voted ‘Yes’ on the Historic, Bipartisan Bill to Expand Housing Across the US



Rep. Mike Thompson

California State Senate News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - July 11, the historic, bipartisan 21st Century Road to Housing Act (H.R. 6644) became law. Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) voted “yes” to pass this landmark bill that will help increase the supply of affordable housing, streamline the process of building more homes and modernize outdated programs to help create more pathways to homeownership and bring much-needed relief to renters. The bill officially became law at midnight Friday night despite the refusal of President Trump to sign the bipartisan bill.

“This is a huge first step in tackling our housing crisis in California,” said Thompson. “The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act will help us build more housing, lower mortgage and rental costs and expand home ownership. I was proud to support this historic, bipartisan legislation and I will continue to work to ensure this is rolled out quickly so our

communities can get the support they need.”

The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act is the result of extensive negotiations across the aisle and is the most significant housing package in a generation. H.R. 6644 includes dozens of bipartisan provisions to build new housing, lower mortgage and rental costs, expand homeownership, modernize federal housing programs, prioritize homebuyers and renters over corporate landlords and support community bankers that finance affordable housing development and mortgages.

Regarding housing supply and development the bill encourages office-to-housing and commercial-to-residential conversions, creates grant programs to help local governments build more housing and streamlines environmental and permitting reviews for certain housing projects. The bill also allows certain federal grants to support affordable housing construction directly, continues federal rental assistance for residents of certain rural affordable housing properties, helping preserve affordability and housing stability in rural communities and helps low- and moderate-income communities recover from major disasters.

For manufactured and modular housing the bill encourages more factory-built housing

production., directs the federal Housing and Urban Development agency to review barriers to modular housing financing and construction, increases federal loan limits for manufactured housing and provides grants to manufactured housing communities, like mobile home parks, to preserve affordability, address infrastructure needs and expand homeownership opportunities.

Additionally, the bill creates a federal pilot program for small-dollar mortgages under \$100,000 to help lower-income buyers access financing. As well as expands support for community banks, credit unions, CDFIs and rural financial institutions that provide mortgage lending and affordable housing financing and allows banks to put more money into affordable housing construction and preservation projects before hitting their federal investment limit for homeownership and mortgage access.

Lastly, concerning renter and tenant protections the bill restricts large corporations that own more than 350 single-family homes from purchasing additional single-family homes, while still allowing some build-to-rent activity. It also creates a national renter resource center, including a complaint hotline and public website, for disputes involving large institutional landlords.



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Avocado Farmer Helped Revolutionize the Modern Skateboard

Long before Larry Balma was tending avocado trees in San Diego County, he helped transform the sport of skateboarding. In 1975, he co-founded Tracker Trucks, a San Diego-based company that designed and manufactured stronger, wider, more durable skateboard trucks—the T-shaped metal piece that connects a board’s wheels to its deck and allows riders to steer. At a time when skateboarding equipment frequently broke under the demands of the sport’s emerging tricks, Tracker’s engineering advances gave riders unprecedented stability and resilience, setting a new standard for skateboards. “All the innovations on the original Tracker trucks have ultimately been adapted to every other skateboard truck designed since,” Balma said. Today, Balma is just as likely to be found discussing crop yields and water costs as skateboard design. He and his wife, Louise Balma, manage 25 acres of agricultural land, with 16 acres devoted to avocados.

Smart Sprayers Slash Farm Labor and Herbicide Costs

An increasing number of specialty crop farmers in California are minimizing labor and chemical costs through the adoption of high-tech herbicide sprayers used for weed control. “When I talk to growers, it’s getting good reviews,” Walt Dufflock, vice president of innovation at the Western Growers Association, said of the emerging technology used to power various smart sprayer machines. “I think spraying does have a moment in the next couple

of years to come.” Brothers Justin and Joe Ritchie, who farm about 1,300 acres of pistachios and almonds in Kern County, purchased a smart sprayer that differentiates between the green of growing plants and the brown of soil or dead plants, applying herbicide to only the green plants. “With the size of our operation, it’s paid for itself the first season just in chemical savings,” Justin Ritchie said.

Commentary: California’s Pest Prevention System Needs an Update

More California farms and ranches are incorporating small-scale overnight camping into their operations. The trend comes as farms seek to diversify their incomes amid rising land ownership costs, water uncertainty and fluctuating crop prices, according to the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was also boosted by Assembly Bill 518, state legislation approved last year that created a new state category for small nature-based campsites so that they no longer need a commercial occupancy permit. “It is a positive that agricultural producers may have more options to diversify their income in a way that is compatible with their farming business and that invites the public to appreciate the beauty of California’s agricultural lands,” said Rachael Callahan, statewide agritourism coordinator for the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. “It is promising that policymakers are thoughtfully engaging with how to create new opportunities for farmers and ranchers, and remove barriers, to ultimately strengthen farm viability.”

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