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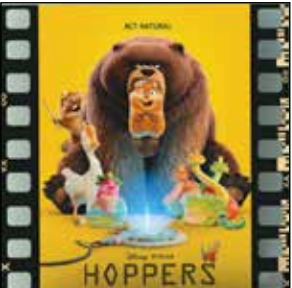
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Local Businesses Host Booths at Downtown Dixon's Art and Wine Walk



Attendees got the opportunity to try local wines featured at various businesses booths on the stroll. Photo by Nicholas Brown.

By Ryley Metten

DIXON, CA (MPG) - This weekend, the Dixon community got to experience a weekend full of tasty wine and innovative art pieces on a stroll downtown. The Downtown Dixon Business Association presented its fourth annual Art and Wine Stroll on Saturday, Aug. 22. This event gave residents of Dixon a chance to learn about local businesses while sipping some good wine!

Not only were there fantastic local wine tastings and art displays, but the event also featured food trucks, live music and



Avila Flooring hosts a booth offering local wine, trail mix and popcorn and information brochures. Photo by Nicholas Brown

various shopping from local businesses.

The event was held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in

Downtown Dixon, featuring various vendors and shopping through A Street, B Street, First Street and Mayes Street. The wine and art stroll featured 22 different local businesses at vendor booths for guests to check out while on the walk. Each business was numbered on a map in order of the walking route.

Beginning the walk on First Street, the first business guests were greeted with was Lukes Lounge, a cocktail bar pouring samples of their delicious drinks. Directly next to Lukes Lounge you could find Clyde's Place, a salon

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City Considers Ways to Improve Traffic Flow on West A Street

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the Aug. 18 meeting of the Dixon City Council, staff presented a timeline and potential options to address the median divider on West A Street which was installed as part of the Homestead development improvements and is currently blocking left-turn access into some businesses.

Staff said past planning in the area focused on intersections rather than driveways, and the newly constructed median had unintended consequences by changing direct access patterns. Council recently authorized a full traffic corridor study, but they asked for more immediate solutions to address the impacts of the median divider.

Option one is an east-bound left-turn pocket lane, which is estimated to cost \$155,000 and take six to eight months to complete. This is the most direct response to the business-access issue.

Option two is a roundabout at Whispering Way, estimated at \$650,000 and nine to 10 months to complete. This has a higher cost and would impact more parcels but could improve U-turn and side street access.

Option three is a two-way left turn lane, at \$175,000 and six to eight months to complete. This would restore broader access flexibility but has the highest cross-traffic conflict concern.

The council has previously requested consideration of a left-turn pocket lane as an immediate solution, so staff will look at that along with the other possible options to see which would operate safely and remain effective as development and traffic increase over time. Staff will consider business access, safety operations and development value for vacant parcels—with the goal of managing access so it functions safely. To ensure the city's money is well spent, any solution taken now should be compatible with long-term plans for the corridor, as determined by the full traffic corridor study.

Staff cautioned about the risk of solving each driveway issue in isolation, instead of looking holistically at the entire corridor. The approved traffic corridor study will help create

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Walmart Unveils Remodeled Supercenter with Community Celebration

Walmart
News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Walmart marked the completion of a significant store transformation at its Dixon Supercenter, E Dorset Drive, representing a continued investment in a modern, more convenient shopping experience for Dixon residents. Walmart officially unveiled the newly transformed Supercenter with a ribbon-cutting, grant presentation ceremony and community celebration on Friday, Aug. 21.

Upgrades to the store include a modernized shopping experience with more products; enhanced assortments across the Fashion and Grocery departments with elevated brands and products, interactive merchandise displays and easier-to-navigate layouts;

and expanded parking, remodeled restrooms and improved general merchandise organization, with clearer categorization and a breakdown on every aisle.

The Dixon Walmart

Supercenter also features an enhanced pharmacy department. Upgrades focused on access, privacy and convenience, featuring digital touchpoints, updated signage and other

changes designed to create a more comfortable and customer-friendly experience.

There are expanded online pickup and delivery

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Walmart staff including Store Manager Mo (middle) celebrated the grand reopening on Aug. 21. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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City of Dixon Brings Back Free Movies in the Park Events this Fall



Screenings take place in the amphitheater at Hall Park, located directly behind City Hall at 600 East A St. All movies begin at dusk, approximately 7:30 p.m. Flyer courtesy of the City of Dixon

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon invites residents to grab a blanket and head to Hall Park this fall for Movies in the Park, a free outdoor film series running Saturday evenings from Sept. 12 through Oct. 3.

Screenings take place in the amphitheater at Hall Park, located directly behind City Hall at 600 East A St. All movies begin at dusk, approximately 7:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and snacks.

This year's lineup features four family-friendly films, which were selected based on community votes from social media polling. The series will kick off Saturday, Sept. 12, with "Hoppers," followed by "Zootopia 2" on Saturday, Sept. 19. "The Super Mario Galaxy Movie" will screen Saturday, Sept. 26, and the lineup will wrap up Saturday, Oct. 3, with "Toy Story 5."

"There's something about a movie under the stars, surrounded by your neighbors and their families, that's hard to beat," said Recreation Manager Austin George. "It's easily one of our favorite events of the year, and thanks to our sponsors we get to bring it back and keep it free."

The series is made possible through the support of local businesses and community organizations. The City extends its thanks to Johnson Group, Almond Tree Mortgage and White Brenner LLP, along with Harvest at Dixon, Dixon Rotary, Lambtown Festival, Dixon Youth Football & Cheer, Dixon Firefighters Charitable Fund and Castillo's Legal Services.

Sponsorship support allows the city to offer all four events free of charge.

For more information about Movies in the Park contact the Recreation Division at 707-678-7022 or dixonrecreation@cityofdixonca.gov. ★

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. Photo courtesy of Isabella Quiniola/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

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.

Senior Resource Fair

The Advocates for Dixon Seniors present the 24th annual Senior Resource Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 at Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center 201 S. Fifth St., Dixon. Information and resources will be provided from a variety of participants in the areas of safety, health care, transportation, utilities, elder law, fitness, nutrition, benefits and recreation. The event is free to the public and features giveaways and raffles. For information, call 707-678-7022.

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Chamber Networking Lunch

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 17. 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.

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. ★

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.

Solano Home & Garden Show

The Fall Home Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 19 and 20 at the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St. The regional home improvement and gardening expo will feature vendors, landscaping ideas, home products, demonstrations and local businesses serving homeowners.

Tickets will be sold at the gate, cash only. General admission is \$8. For more information, visit www.solanohome-show.com/. ★

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Walmart marked the completion of a significant store transformation at its Dixon Supercenter, E Dorset Drive, representing a continued investment in a modern, more convenient shopping experience for Dixon residents. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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options as well. Best-in-class options include curbside pickup, fast delivery (within three hours), express delivery (as soon as 30 minutes) and InHome, giving customers speed, convenience and control. The Dixon Supercenter originally opened in 2003 and has been remodeled as a part of a broader modernization effort underway across California by Walmart. In total, 56 Walmart locations in the state are being updated this year. Over the past five years, Walmart has invested \$1.1 billion across California, reinforcing its long-term

commitment to local communities. The event also highlighted Walmart's continued investment in the community with a presentation of grants to local organizations totaling \$4,000, including: \$3,000 to Reach Across America and \$1,000 to The Propel Project. The day of celebration kicked off with the Dixon Police and Fire Departments joining Walmart associates for an official ribbon-cutting and donations to local groups. Customer activities, free samples and in-store experiences occurred throughout the day. ★

Vaca Valley Garden Club Kicks Off New Season Sept. 9 in Vacaville

Vaca Valley Garden Club News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Vaca Valley Garden Club invites local plant lovers, backyard growers and landscaping enthusiasts to kick off its upcoming meeting season on Monday, Sept. 9. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church, located at 425 Hemlock St. in Vacaville. No prior registration or advanced reservations are required for guests.

The season opener offers a welcoming space for anyone looking to connect over a shared passion for horticulture, plant care and floral design. Attendees will gain access to valuable insights from specialized guest speakers, meet local neighbors and exchange creative tips for managing home gardens.

“Our mission statement has always been to encourage and teach others about gardening,” the club noted, emphasizing that both beginner and seasoned gardeners are welcome.

Established in 1957, the Vaca Valley Garden Club is a non-profit organization affiliated with the California Garden Clubs Inc. It serves a broad base of regional members spanning Upper Solano and Yolo Counties, drawing active participants from Vacaville, Dixon, Fairfield, Suisun, Rio Vista, Vallejo, Benicia and Winters.

Beyond monthly educational meetings, the club plays an active role in local civic life through environmental initiatives and community beautification projects. Key efforts include the continuous maintenance of public municipal spaces and supporting the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Members also regularly participate in community programs like Adopt-a-Poll, Penny Pines Restoration Program, the Blue Star Memorial and local college scholarships.

Regular club meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September through May. Each gathering concludes with a light luncheon, an informal plant sale, and custom handmade cards available for purchase. Annual membership dues are \$35.

For additional details regarding the event or membership inquiries, contact Club President Glenda Riddle at (707) 448-3311 or via email at trlsndrnch@aol.com.

About the Vaca Valley Garden Club The Vaca Valley Garden Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a love for gardening, floral design and civic responsibility across Solano and Yolo Counties. Funded by membership dues, donations and activity proceeds, the club sustains ongoing educational trips, community workshops and public green space preservation. ★

Sip and Stroll!



Loca vendors pour wine for guests. Photo by Nicholas Brown.

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and spa in the heart of Downtown Dixon. Many businesses offered treats for guests even if they weren't a local eatery or bar, for instance First Northern Bank located on First Street, greeted attendees with tasty hors d'oeuvres at their booth. Century 21 also offered glasses of wine from the Fairfield winery, Vezer Vineyard. The Historical Society and Museum held an informative booth with hors d'oeuvres and wine as well. Of course, you cannot have a wine and art stroll without the fantastic creative Dixon artists. Local art was shown throughout the walk for guests to admire while attending local business booths. One

of the art pieces shown was a captivating portrait of a horse titled, “Western Rein,” by local Dixon resident and equestrian, Lauren Ann Wagner. Keeping good vibes throughout the stroll, local country band, Smokehouse Reunion returned for live music at the Pardi Plaza during the event. As attendees strolled through downtown, Smokehouse Reunion's smooth blend of country and southern rock sound was the soundtrack of the event. Tickets were \$25 per person with online registration but increased to \$30 at the door, both included a commemorative wine glass to begin the celebration. ★

City Considers Ways to Improve Traffic Flow on West A Street

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a guiding policy, providing consistency for developers and property owners by looking at existing conditions, future travel demand through 2050, short- and long-term access along the corridor and interchange concepts.

Over the next two months, staff will collect current traffic counts, observe access behavior and review queuing conditions and collision data. Within 90 days, staff will report back on whether any of the short-term options are feasible and compatible with future corridor plans.

During public comments, one of the owners of the Wienerschnitzel restaurant spoke about the negative impacts to her business due to the median divider restricting driveway access for customers and delivery drivers.

A resident asked the council to consider the difficulty farmers experience when trying to move equipment through the corridor, and another shared concerns about whether a roundabout would be effective or cause more issues for drivers. Another resident thought a roundabout could be a good option because it would reduce accidents

due to slower vehicle speeds, but he would also support a left turn lane.

Vice Mayor Jim Ernest said that area “is a gateway to our community,” so it needs to be well-designed. He said the city has to balance the immediate needs of the impacted businesses with considerations for long-term commercial development.

Councilmember Thom Bogue said the business impacts must be resolved. Councilmember Kevin Johnson agreed that something needs to be done quickly to help the businesses, but he wants to prioritize safety as well.

Mayor Steven Bird said, “I’m all in favor of resolving this issue expeditiously, however not at the cost of not doing the proper studies and research to protect us. And it is our responsibility to protect to city as much as we can from liabilities.”

The council authorized staff to gather traffic data and come back within 90 days with a recommendation on how to improve access while accounting for future commercial development.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Sept. 1. ★





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Jackson Claims Women's Soccer's First-Ever Big West Player of the Week Honor

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State junior Mia Jackson made a bit of history for the Hornets' women's soccer program on Aug. 17 after being named The Big West Offensive Player of the Week following her team's scintillating start to the 2026 campaign.

She becomes the first Sacramento State player to earn a Big West women's soccer weekly award and the first Hornet to earn one at the offensive end since Abigail Lopez did so in the Big Sky Conference on Oct. 8, 2024.

Jackson opened her account with a bang in her team's regular season opener against Pacific, scoring twice — including the eventual game-winner early in the second half — to help the Hornets to a commanding 5-2 win over the Tigers. They were the first two goals of the

Atlanta native's collegiate career after attempting only one shot in 10 career matches at Troy University.

Her brace was the first two-goal performance by a Hornet since Aubrey Goodwill did so in a 2-2 draw with Cal State Bakersfield on Sept. 18, 2022.

Jackson's first goal came in the 16th minute to double the Sacramento State lead, taking a short feed in traffic from teammate Lexi Schroeder and finishing on the right foot for a 2-0 lead. The junior then added her second just three minutes into the second half, deftly taking the ball away from a Pacific defender and looping a high-g attempt over the goalkeeper's head that deflected off the back post and bounced in for the 3-0 advantage.

Three days later, Jackson played 61 minutes in a 1-0 road win over Causeway rival UC Davis, helping the Hornets defeat their rivals for the first time since 2017.



Sacramento State junior Mia Jackson was named The Big West Offensive Player of the Week following her team's scintillating start to the 2026 campaign. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Football Ranked Sixth in AFCA FCS Top 25

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Now under two weeks until kickoff of week one, the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) released its Preseason FCS Coaches Poll on Monday, Aug. 17. UC Davis football has been slotted sixth in the top 25, marking the second time the Aggies have been ranked sixth in a preseason poll this summer.

Davis comes into this poll following a 9-4 record in 2025 that included a 6-2 mark in the Big Sky. In the final poll of last season, the team was ranked eighth in the nation.

The Aggies are one of four teams in the Big Sky Conference featured on this preseason poll, with the defending champions Montana State at No. 1, Montana at No. 2 and Northern Arizona at No. 24.

The 2026 Aggies are set to be



Single game tickets are on sale now. Secure your seats for any of UC Davis' six home games today. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

loaded across the field, featuring All-Conference and All-American players in all phases of the game.

Leading the way on offense is Walter Payton Preseason Watch List Senior, Samuel Gbatu, Jr. The

2025 Big Sky leader in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns is back for his fifth

season in the blue and gold, looking to leave his mark as the next great receiver for the Aggies.

Defensively, the Conners brothers of Rex and Porter have returned to the field after seeing their senior seasons cut short due to injury. Both men have been named STATS Perform and FCS Football Preseason All-Americans and Rex has been named to the Buck Buchanan Preseason Award Watch List for the third straight season after setting the program record for career tackles last season.

Other notable starters include center Zaire Collier, running back Jordan Fisher, defensive linemen Trent Carrade and Rayne Mayo Jr. and sophomore defensive back Drew Cofield.

The Aggies open the season on the road with the Big Sky opener against Portland State on Aug. 29. The home opener will be versus Stetson on Sept. 19.

Bo Davidson Named Pacific Coast League Player of the Week

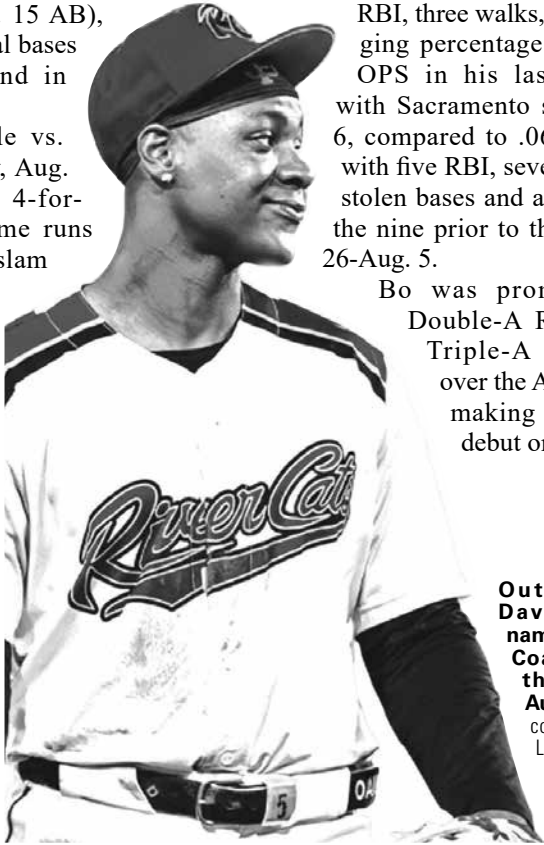
Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 17, Minor League Baseball announced the Player and Pitcher of the Week Awards for Aug. 10-16.

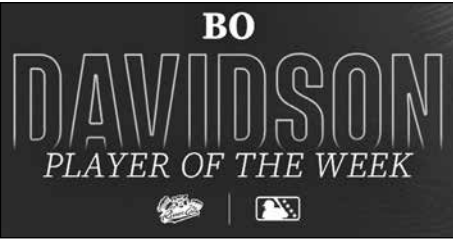
Outfielder Bo Davidson earned the honor for the Triple-A Pacific Coast League. Davidson batted .560 (14-for-25) with three doubles, four home runs, 12 RBI, two walks and a 1.767 OPS from Aug. 10-16. He led all of Triple-A in batting average (min. 15 AB), as well as hits and total bases (29), and was second in home runs and RBI.

In the series finale vs. Las Vegas on Sunday, Aug. 16, Davidson went 4-for-5, knocking two home runs — including a grand slam — and two doubles, batting in eight runners. It was the third time this season a Triple-A player has had an eight-RBI game, and the second time in recorded franchise history (also, Osleivis Basabe, Sept. 18, 2025).

It also marked the 15th time this season a Triple-A player has recorded four extra-base hits in a game this season, as well as the ninth time in



recorded franchise history and first since Armando Alvarez did so on July 28, 2023. Davidson is batting .450 (18-for-40) with five doubles, four home runs, 15



RBI, three walks, an .875 slugging percentage and a 1.375 OPS in his last 10 games with Sacramento since August 6, compared to .065 (2-for-31) with five RBI, seven walks, two stolen bases and a .315 OPS in the nine prior to that from July 26-Aug. 5.

Bo was promoted from Double-A Richmond to Triple-A Sacramento over the All-Star break, making his Triple-A debut on July 17.

Outfielder Bo Davidson was named the Pacific Coast Player of the Week for Aug. 10-16. Photo courtesy of Minor League Baseball

Meet the 2026 Indigenous Future Leaders Scholarship Recipient



From left Republic FC's Community Investment Team – Kathryn Luna and Bailey Dennis, along with scholarship recipient Gianna Azbill and Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango. Photo courtesy of Republic FC Athletics

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Saturday Aug. 15, Republic FC and Wilton Rancheria recognized the Indigenous Future Scholars winner Gianna Azbill during Native American Heritage Night. As a Navajo student at Sierra College, Azbill plans to transfer to UC Davis Spring 2027 to pursue a degree in Communications and Native American Studies with a minor in Business.

While studying at Sierra College and participating in her school's student senate, Azbill has advocated for higher education opportunities for Native American individuals in programs such as Native American Student Support and Success Program (NASSSP) to help provide more assistance and community.

"I truly believe that my education is the most powerful way that I can give back to my community, as every opportunity I pursue is driven by the goal of expanding my knowledge and skills as a young Indigenous professional," said Azbill.

After interning for Golden 1 Credit

Union, her perspective on communications shifted to focus more heavily on her community. As the first in her family to live exclusively outside of their reservation and pursue higher education, Azbill has found the importance in giving back to her community and more specifically, tribal economic development and finance to assist in advancing tribal sovereignty for local native nations.

"I now see it as a building block to opportunities to combine communications, business and law to better serve my community," said Azbill. "My biggest long-term goal in life is to support my community, as it is my support system, and a crucial part of my identity."

In addition to presenting the award to the scholarship recipient, Republic FC celebrated Native American Heritage Night with a scarf giveaway, special vendors and a limited-edition Strength in Motion jersey worn by the players to recognize the local Indigenous communities in the greater Sacramento area.

Applications are now open for the Next Gen STEM Scholarship — learn more and apply at SacRepublicFC.com/Scholarship.

Traffic Stop Leads to Gun Arrests

By MPG Staff

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Deputies assigned to the Solano County Sheriff’s Office Vallejo contract made multiple arrests following a traffic stop that led to the discovery of two loaded firearms.

Deputies initially conducted a traffic stop for mechanical violations of the California Vehicle Code. During the stop, the suspect vehicle initially accelerated away before abruptly coming to a stop in the 700 block of 5th Street.

Two unidentified occupants exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Deputies were unable to apprehend the two individuals.

The driver and a rear passenger

remained inside the vehicle and were detained. During the investigation, deputies observed a loaded rifle equipped with a 30-round magazine in plain view on the rear passenger floorboard.

A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a loaded handgun equipped with a 40-round magazine.

The occupants who remained in the vehicle were arrested and booked into jail. The identities of the two individuals who fled have not been released, and the investigation remains ongoing, as of press time.

Anyone with information regarding the incident or the identities of the two individuals who fled is encouraged to contact the Solano County Sheriff’s Office. ★



Riley Reviews

“WIDOW’S BAY” MIXES COMEDY, HORROR, AND RAMPANT SUPERSTITIONS

A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

“WIDOW’S BAY” on Apple TV
Film on Netflix

Word of mouth can boost a television series, easily overlooked after its initial release, to achieve a must-see status. Think of such shows as the surreal “Twin Peaks” and the spoofing in “Mystery Science Theater 3000.”

The high-school comedy “Freaks and Geeks” was cancelled by NBC, only to turn into a legendary cult classic. Fans were disappointed when FOX canned Joss Whedon’s space western “Firefly.”

The satirical sitcom “Arrested Development,” focused on a dysfunctional family, received critical approbation leading to six Emmy Awards, including Outstanding Comedy Series, Outstanding Writing for a comedy series, and Outstanding Casting for a Comedy Series.

All the positive acclaim notwithstanding, the run of “Arrested Development” dwindled from 22 episodes during its first season on FOX to only 13 episodes for the third season, resulting in its cancellation. Seven years later, Netflix revived it for another two seasons.

The proverbial word of mouth has propelled Apple TV’s “Widow’s Bay” to an emerging cult status. The show has been nominated for the upcoming Emmy Awards for Outstanding Comedy Series, along with nominations for Matthew Rhys, Stephen Root, Dale Dickey, and Kate O’Flynn in acting categories.

The Television Critics Association, consisting of about 250 journalists writing about television, recently awarded “Widow’s Bay” the Outstanding New Program honors, along with Matthew Rhys for Outstanding Achievement in Comedy and Kate O’Flynn for Individual Achievement in Comedy.

The sleepy Widow’s Bay is located on a fictional New England island, where the scenic town has supposedly earned a supernatural curse, such that town cynic Wyck (Stephen Root) is committed to the notion that the town is doomed when fog engulfs the island.

Maybe he’s got a point. The opening scene is ominous when a boat floating on the water is missing its skipper, Shep (Tom Kemp). Of course, Shep’s disappearance feeds into Wyck’s paranoia that the fog on that night was a premonition of bad tidings.

Matthew Rhys’ Tom Loftis, the mayor of Widow’s Bay, is not a native of the island, which makes him firstly skeptical of the superstitions of the lifelong residents, many of whom are eccentrics.

Aside from the widowed Tom, single father to rebellious teenage son Evan (Kingston Rumi Southwick), just about all the locals are eccentric or

misfits to one degree or another. Maybe none more than so than Kate O’Flynn’s Patricia Moyer, an assistant to the mayor.

In his mayoral position, Tom seeks to turn his town into a tourist destination, wishing that it may one day rival Cape Cod, a place that he dislikes when blurring out a vulgar slam on the Massachusetts coast.

Essentially a contradictory person for being the town’s leading figure as the mayor, Tom vacillates between exuding courage at times and then vulnerability at the drop of a hat.

Not that Tom is a popular pillar of the community. He only became mayor because no one else wanted the job. Along with the neurotic Patricia, the other employees in the mayor’s office, Dale Dickey’s Rosemary and Jeff Hiller’s Dale, are also quirky, as if they were characters in a remake of “Twin Peaks.”

A social outcast from her days in high school, Patricia doesn’t have any friends among former classmates because none of them believe she was targeted by a serial killer known as the Boogeyman.

In the first episode, Tom is thrilled that Arthur Lloyd (Bashir Salahuddin), a travel journalist with the New York Times, is coming to write an article about his town. One sight for the writer is the local museum that highlights the town’s history of superstitions.

For his part, Arthur doesn’t see the underbelly of terror that grips the townsfolk who are wary of outsiders and consumed with fear of the curse hanging over everybody. In an interview with the mayor, Arther says he doesn’t understand how Widow’s Bay isn’t the next Martha’s Vineyard.

Tom is always clashing with Wyck, who insists the curse is real due to numerous tragedies. Tom is naturally skeptical because he didn’t grow up on the island. But then when Shep, the fisherman who was missing at sea, assaults Tom at the hospital, the mayor becomes paranoid.

As for Tom’s delight at the prospect of tourists descending on the town after it’s promoted in a New York Times article, he’s challenged to stay overnight at the haunted Breakwater Inn.

Taking up the dare, Tom finds himself not alone when encountering William (Tim Baltz), who seems friendly enough, but later in the night shows up in Tom’s nightmare as a killer clown attacking him inside a crawl space.

With its blend of humor, genuine scares, and supernatural terror, there is something sinister lurking in “Widow’s Bay,” and it goes beyond fear of the ethereal Sea Hag and the killer clown.

My initial impression at the half-way mark of watching all episodes is that “Widow’s Bay” is destined for a second season, which has already been confirmed. A good guess is the series finale probably leaves no other choice than to return. ★



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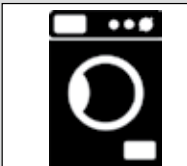
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Can sitting too close to the TV ruin your eyesight?

- Angel, 12, Illinois

Dear Angel,

My mom warned me about sitting too close to the TV. Many kittens (and kids) hear that.

I asked my friend Dr. Jenna DeWald if it’s dangerous. She’s an eye doctor. She went to college at Washington State University.

She told me watching TV up close won’t hurt our eyes. But there’s a historical reason people think it might.

“There’s no direct harm from a TV itself,” DeWald said. “It doesn’t emit anything harmful. But some TVs back in the day—like in the 60s—did emit some higher radiation. It was a manufacturing defect.”

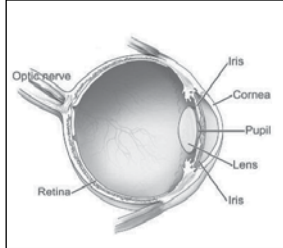
Those old school TVs leaked X-rays. That’s the same stuff doctors use to take pictures of your bones or teeth. In small, controlled doses, X-rays are no big deal. But it’s unhealthy to absorb too many.

Your body is made of atoms. Each atom has a nucleus made of protons and neutrons. That’s surrounded by a cloud of electrons.

A rogue X-ray can zoom through your body and bang into atoms. It can knock some electrons out of the cloud. They fly off into nearby tissues. The remaining atoms are unstable.

That can harm your cells and DNA.

Fortunately, your body



Let’s say you look at something—like an adorable cat. Light bounces off all the parts of the cat. The light travels to your eye and passes through your pupil. Then the lens focuses the light, so it hits the retina. That forms an upside-down image of the cat. The image is sent as an electrical signal up the optic nerve to your brain. Courtesy photo

can fix that damage—or trash the cells or bits of DNA that are too broken to repair. But there’s a risk that some damage can stick around and cause problems. So, people take X-rays seriously. That’s why healthcare providers are careful when taking pictures of your bones or teeth.

When people discovered those leaky TVs, they said not to sit too close. Then they repaired the TVs to block the leaks.

Today’s TVs don’t use X-rays at all. But those old leaky TVs were scary—and people don’t really remember why they weren’t supposed to sit close. So, the warnings have stuck around.

It turns out kids often sit closer to the TV because young eyes work better.

“Kids can focus very well with their eyes,” DeWald said. “If you give a kid a

tablet or a phone or a book, they’ll hold it pretty close. That looks abnormal to adults—but a kid’s eyes can easily handle it.”

That up-close focus comes from the eyeball’s lens. The lens sits just behind the cornea (the part you can touch) and the colored iris. The lens is shaped like an M&M and made of clear proteins. It’s super flexible. Nearby muscles squeeze and relax to adjust the lens’s shape. That’s how focusing works.

As people age, the lens becomes less flexible. That makes it harder for adults to focus. It’s why many older adults use reading glasses.

There is some risk to using your up-close focus too much—like spending tons of time using a screen or reading a book.

Your eyeballs will grow until your 20s. They may adapt to seeing things close up by growing longer. If that happens, you’ll need glasses to see things far away.

The solution is to spend two hours outside every day.

“When kids play outside, they have far-off activities to look at,” DeWald said. “It’s really about having a good balance.”

I guess giving your eyes lots of things to focus on is spec-tacular.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

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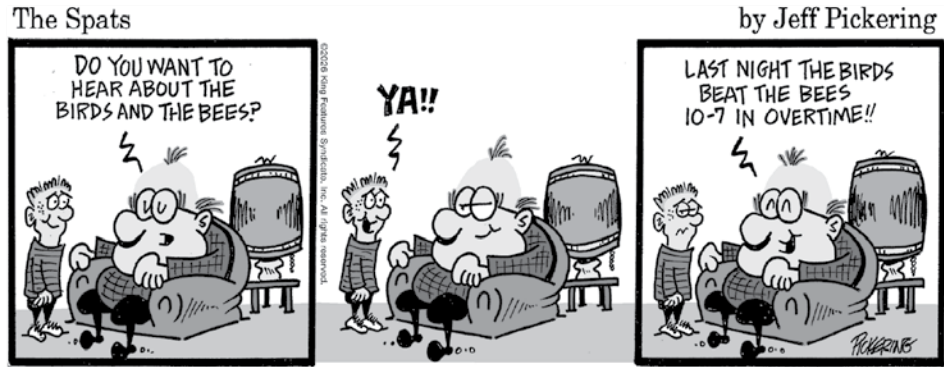
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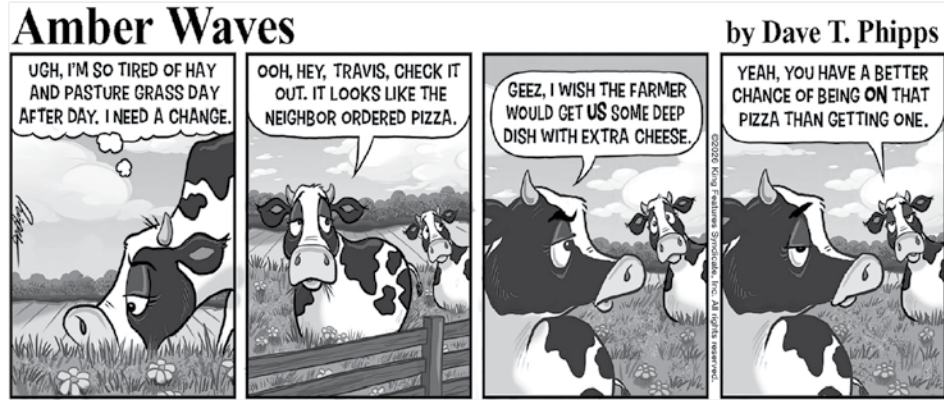
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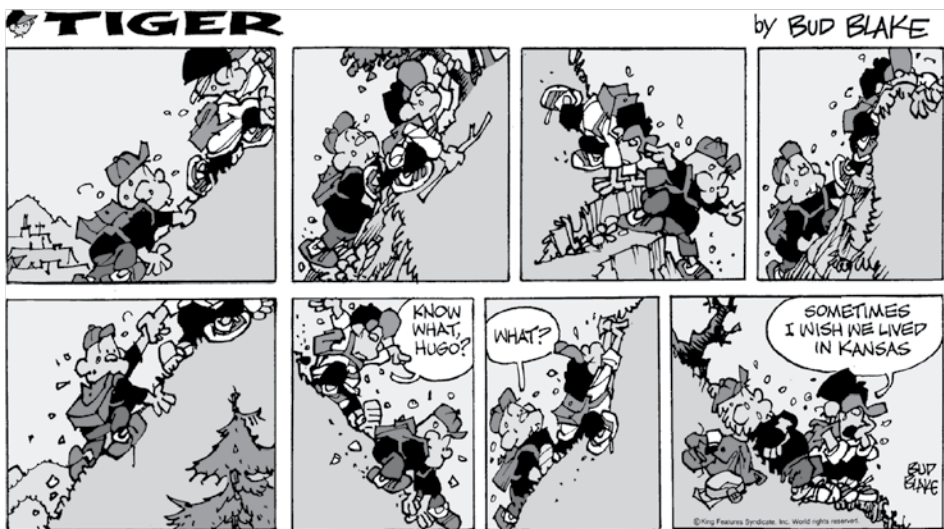
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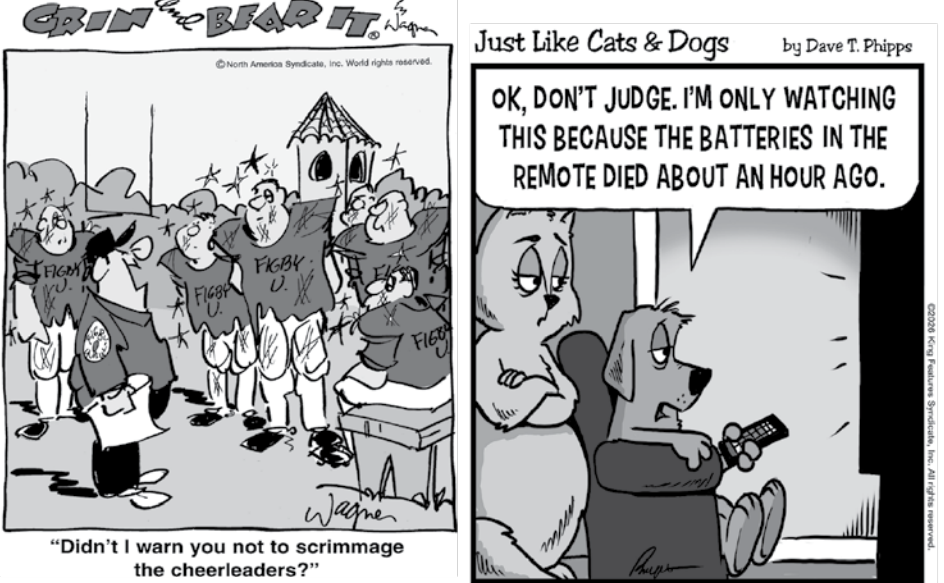
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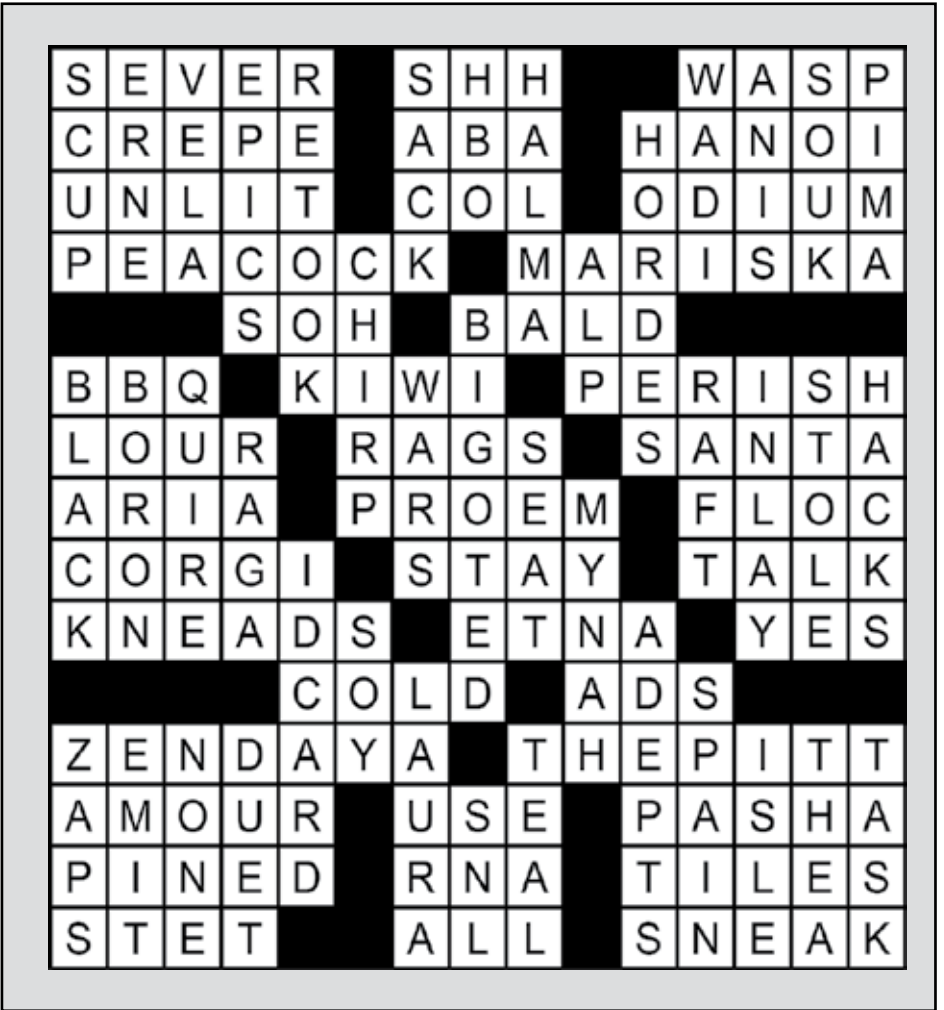
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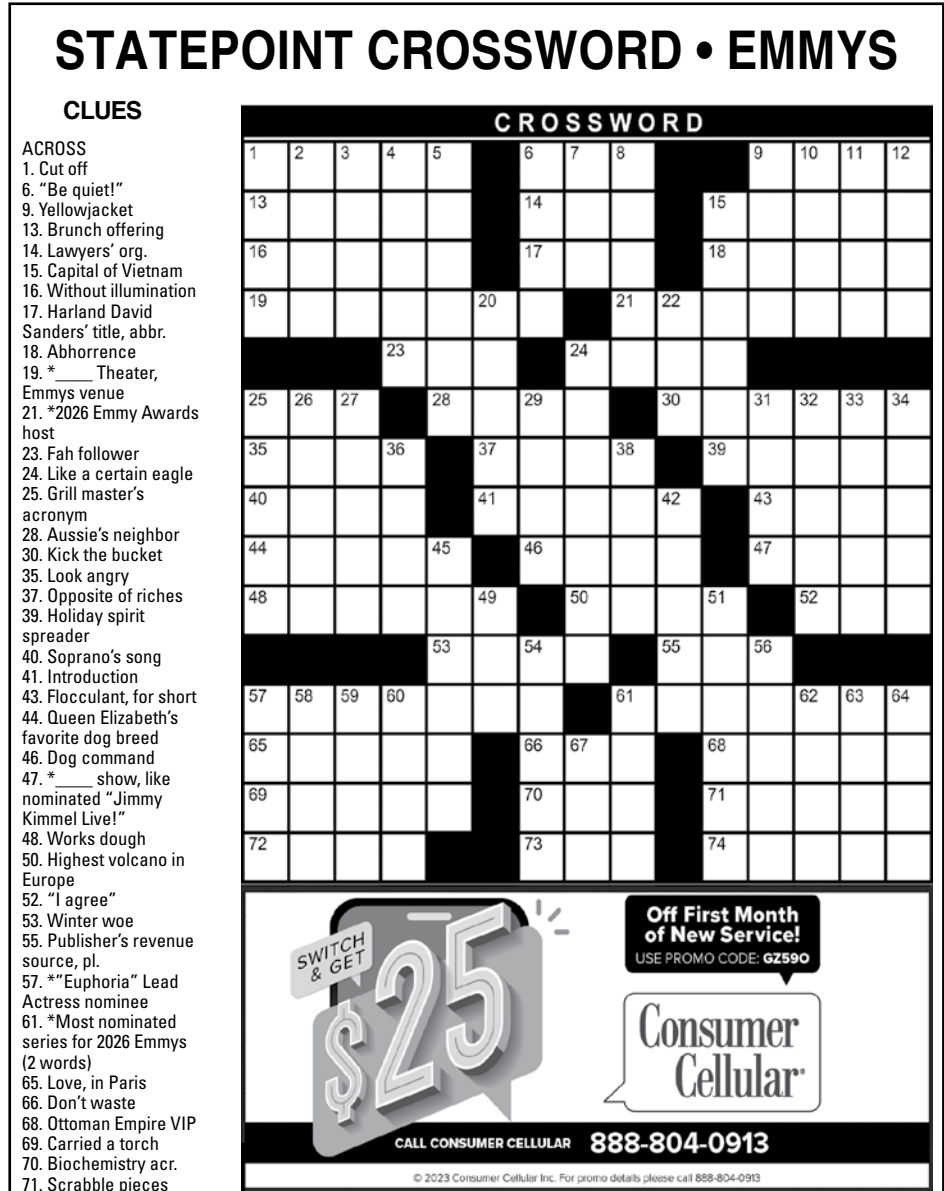
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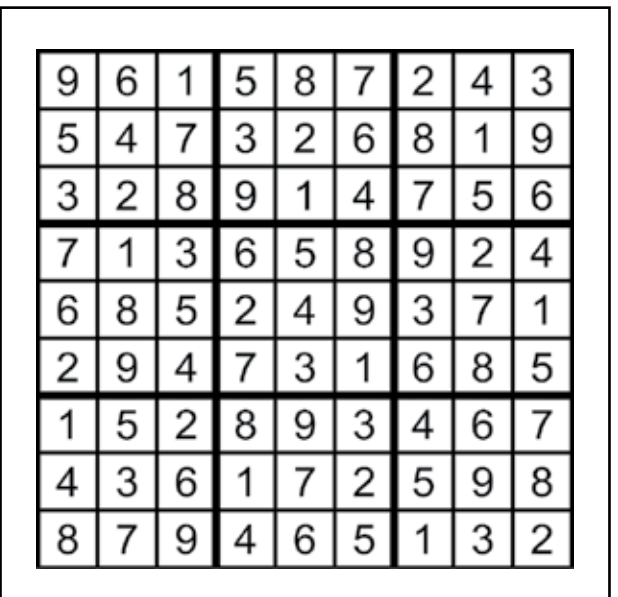
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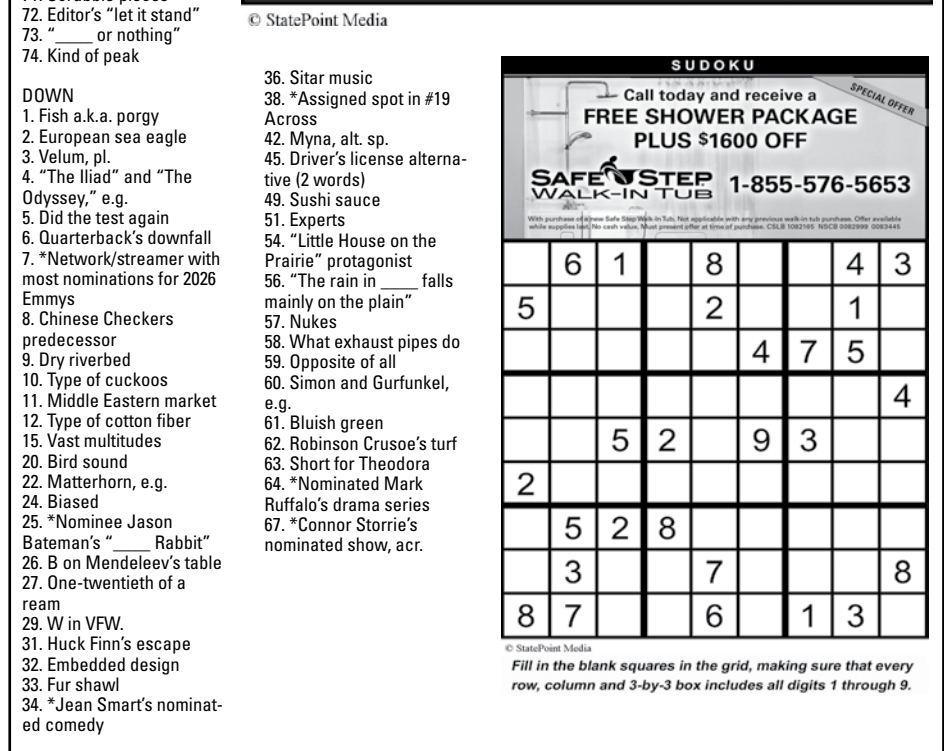
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Here Comes Darius

By V.G. Harris

The past five NBA drafts have witnessed the Sacramento Kings draft none other than four-point guards.

In 2024 the Kings drafted inexplicably an injured Devin Carter who managed to play a staccato half season that never allowed Sacramento to see who they had really drafted.

At the time of the 2024 draft the Kings were in sore need of front court help to support Domantas Sabonis and already had perhaps the best backup point guard in the NBA in Davion Mitchell.

The Kings had DeArron Fox coming off an all-star year and only getting better year over year, leading the team at the point guard position, so imagine the collective surprise of Sacramento fans when the Kings drafted another point guard.

When Fox went down with a hand injury during Mitchell’s rookie year, Davion not only assumed 38 minutes of work per game but scored 18.6 points per game while adding an eye popping 8.9 assists.

But regardless of what Mitchell accomplished at either end of the floor, the Sacramento Kings never bought into this 6-foot player that had a history of winning, coming off an NCAA championship with Baylor and winning the Naismith defensive player of the year. That garnished him the ninth overall pick in the NBA draft by the Kings, but the question remains if you drafted this already accomplished point guard, why didn’t you use him effectively?

In perhaps one of the worst NBA trades ever, Davion Mitchell was traded along with Sasha Vezenkov and a second-round pick to the Toronto Raptors on June 28, 2024, for Jalen McDaniels. Standing at 6-foot-nine, Jalen was acquired to shore up the front line, but never survived the preseason, playing in only a total of two games. Today Jalen is playing for the Kobe Storks of the Japanese B league.

Mitchell went on to start for the Toronto Raptors and is currently the starting point guard for the Miami Heat.

If this walk down memory lane leaves you gaping in wonder, you’re not alone. Judging talent has been perhaps the No. 1 weakness of the Sacramento franchise, and the real question

now that the Kings have hired a new GM in Scott Perry, is it going to change?

The Kings were not finished drafting point guards, and drafted Nique Clifford with the 24th overall pick. Last season Nique posted 8.6 points per game with 3.8 rebounds and a tepid 2.4 assists while playing 25 minutes per game. Whether used as a point guard or at the No. 2 position Sacramento was lauded his virtues, but fans are still waiting to see something to go with that.

Finally, welcome Darius Acuff Jr., who by all accounts appears to be the genuine article.

If I have one concern it would be his age of only 19, and the fact that Sacramento seems to be bent on starting this young player from the get-go.

Having a capable veteran player to introduce Acuff to the position of NBA point guard would be my desire, and not pursuing Russell Westbrook as soon as the season concluded was a big mistake. Westbrook, a sure-fire hall-of-famer certainly felt a level of disrespect not being courted after having a stellar 2024-25 season for the Kings and is exactly what the team needs to give young Acuff some breathing room.

If not Westbrook, is there someone that could fill the order and give Acuff a feeling that training wheels are in place as he learns the position?

Finally, can the Sacramento Kings put the point guard position in the done column? I certainly hope so and Darius has my full support.

Someone flying under the radar but needs attention is the 45th pick overall, Emmanuel Sharpe. Sharpe was by far the most impressive player in this year’s draft for the Kings and played both ends of the court like a veteran in the summer league.

I hope the Kings organization is already using their imagination as to how they can get this young rookie 20 plus minutes per game, because I believe that Sacramento has stumbled onto a diamond in the rough!

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the starting lineup is not yet set.

Let’s see what a healthy Domantas Sabonis, Zach Lavine and Keegan Murray can achieve with these young rookies!

All the best! ★

California’s Clashes Over Business Regulation

Rage on as Legislative Session Nears End



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The state Capitol’s most enduring conflict pits corporate California against four powerful interest groups over new regulations, taxes, minimum wages or other costly mandates.

The specific issues may vary from year to year, although some continue for decades, but the underlying clash of interests is perpetual.

The four groups arrayed against business — unions, personal injury lawyers, consumer advocates and environmentalists — contend their bills are needed to protect consumers, workers or the environment. Business executives see them as driving higher operational costs that threaten companies’ profitability or even existence.

As the Legislature approaches the August 31 adjournment of its two-year session, some of the bills arising from the conflict are still pending, and the contending forces are applying maximum pressure to affect the outcomes.

One example is Assembly Bill 2564, carried by Assemblymember Christopher Ward, a San Diego Democrat, on behalf of unions, consumer groups and advocates for the poor.

It would prohibit retailers from engaging in “surveillance pricing,” which is a form of algorithmic pricing

in which sellers use personal information to tailor prices to specific consumers.

Backers of the bill say it’s needed to avoid discrimination, while retailers say the measure could eliminate coupons and other forms of price discounts for loyal customers, thus raising the cost of living in an already expensive state.

The most important measure still pending in the Legislature, at least from the standpoint of California’s overall business climate, is Assembly Bill 1776, authored by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, a Democrat from Davis.

It would broaden California’s anti-monopoly Cartwright Act, first enacted in 1907 to allow civil or criminal actions against corporations that monopolize markets.

The Cartwright Act, which has been amended several times since its enactment, resembles the federal Sherman Antitrust Act in several regards but is broader in its reach. It still is aimed at collusion between two or more corporations to stifle competition and raise prices. But AB 1776 would also sanction actions against corporations that become dominant without colluding.

The change was recommended by the California Law Revision Commission to curb monopolistic behavior framers of the original law never envisioned. It is backed by a long list of consumer advocates and unions.

Business interests led by the California Chamber of Commerce see it as opening the door to lawsuits that would penalize corporations for earning market shares honorably vis-à-vis

long-established practices.

Until a few days ago, the bill also would have allowed lawyers to instigate lawsuits on their own, a provision known as “private right of action,” which opponents found particularly onerous. That provision was removed after the bill narrowly passed the Assembly and moved to the Senate floor, thus limiting its enforcement to the attorney general or local prosecutors.

The California Chamber of Commerce is still steadfastly opposed. It contends the bill still allows crack-downs on corporations that are just operating normally, penalizing them for success in gaining substantial market power.

“The author and sponsors of AB 1776 have never brought forward specific, real-world examples of the behavior they are seeking to change,” Chamber spokesperson John Myers said in a statement. “That’s why we’ve often seen this as a ‘solution in search of a problem,’ the kind of fundamental flaw that makes legislative negotiations extremely difficult, if not impossible.”

Whatever happens on these two bills, and a few others, by Aug. 31, the Capitol’s big game of high-stakes political poker will resume when the Legislature reconvenes in December with some new members and a new governor, who will be inaugurated in January.

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

Social Security Matters

We Were Bitten by Medicare’s IRMAA

this year; What Should I Do?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife and I file our taxes jointly. In 2024, I took an IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) which was significantly more than I was required to take. My Medicare premiums were not affected in 2025, and our Social Security payments were not reduced. Then, our joint filing in 2025 kept us below the IRS’ “Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) level. Yet in 2026 our Medicare payments increased and our Social Security payments were reduced.

If my MAGI is below the maximum for 2025, will my regular SS payments/Medicare reductions be restored in 2027? Is there any action I need to take to ensure this will happen, or will our Medicare payments and reduced SS payments be our new norm?

Signed: Worried Retiree

Dear Worried Retiree: FYI, your Medicare

premiums in 2026 were affected by the large RMD you took in 2024, which caused a Medicare provision known as the “Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA)” to apply for 2026. When determining the Medicare Part B premium for next year (each fall), Medicare uses the income you reported to the IRS two years prior to calculate your Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium for upcoming year.

If you exceed the base “IRMAA” income threshold two years ago, then your Medicare premiums for the next year will include a supplemental amount on top of the “standard” Medicare premium for that year. The amount of the supplement depends on how much you exceed the base IRMAA threshold by (FYI, the base IRMAA threshold for 2026 for a married couple filing jointly was \$218,000). If your 2024 income exceeded that initial IRMAA threshold, you paid a higher Medicare premium which also reduced your SS monthly payment (because Medicare is deducted from your SS benefit). IRMAA uses a sliding scale to determine how much

more than the standard Medicare premium you will pay.

However, that will all automatically correct itself going forward. In other words, when determining your premiums for 2027, Medicare will look at your 2025 income. If your 2025 MAGI is less than the base IRMAA threshold, you (and your wife) will both automatically revert to paying the standard 2027 Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. You don’t need to take any action for that to happen; it will all be automatic.

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It’s hard to believe that Kim Jong Un is really this charming. President Trump touted his fond relationship with the North Korean dictator in a Truth Social post calling for scaling back a long-running annual military exercise with the South Koreans.

“Based on my very good relationship with Kim Jong Un,” Trump wrote, “I am not happy with the fact that the United States has, long ago, agreed to participate in Joint Military Exercises with South Korea.” According to Trump, the exercises “send a signal that is totally inappropriate and hostile, to a Country that, as long as Donald J. Trump has been President, has been unthreatening and respectful.” Then he added that South Korea had recently declined to take a role in the Iran war, clearly irking Trump, as he subsequently explained to reporters at the White House.

The joint exercises have been a key element of the U.S.-South Korea military alliance for decades. They are meant to ensure that the two countries are prepared in the event of a North Korean assault, and perhaps now have an added importance given the experience North Korea has gained in high-intensity modern warfare by bolstering Russian forces in Ukraine.

Much more important than the practical effect of Trump’s fusillade, though,

Trump’s Fondness for Kim Jong Un

Sends the Wrong Signal

is the signal it sends, yet again, that he is easily disenchanted with longtime allies whose friendship should be considered a strategic boon to the United States.

Whether musing about making Canada the 51st state, briefly campaigning to take control of Greenland, imposing tariffs on friend and foe alike or hammering NATO, Trump has been careless of the goodwill of our allies.

They need us more than we need them, which means they are willing to put up with a lot, but sowing dissension unnecessarily is a foolhardy game at a time of growing international threats.

South Korea has been a treaty ally since 1953, and is a wealthy, technologically advanced democracy that occupies strategically important ground in Northeast Asia. It is obviously both threatened by and a bulwark against potential North Korean adventurism.

Pete Hegseth visited South Korea last year and said, “Our alliance is stronger than ever before, 72 years strong.” He described the inspiring sight of U.S. and South Korean soldiers standing “shoulder to shoulder working together.” South Korea has been committed to increasing its defense spending to 3.5% of GDP. In light of this, Hegseth subsequently averred, “Model allies that step up, like Israel, South Korea, Poland ... will receive our special favor.”

Such assurances by administration officials are always subject to change, depending on Trump’s

animosities at any given time. It’s certainly true that South Korea owes its existence to us. We fought to preserve its independence at a great cost in blood and treasure during the Korean War, and we have nearly 30,000 troops on the peninsula to deter North Korea from assaulting the South again. Seoul has lent support to recent U.S. military operations, typically in noncombat roles, but it’s understandable that it wouldn’t be enthused about taking part in an Iran war that hasn’t gone as planned and that has no clear endgame.

As for the North, it isn’t our friend. It is firmly within the China-Russia axis, and has been developing its nuclear and missile arsenal apace. There is no reason to believe that any blandishments from Trump will change its behavior, and Kim has been clear that the U.S. needs to abandon its “obsession” with denuclearization.

What we most need from South Korea is for it to be as strong as possible to deter North Korea, and we shouldn’t be lending any credence to its claim that U.S.-South Korean exercises are provocations, or sowing doubt about our commitment to allies.

Such diplomatic episodes, though, are an inherent part of Trump’s governance. To paraphrase the Roman writer Publilius Syrus: Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them, and Trump distresses them -- unnecessarily.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Area Homebuilders Do More Than Just Build Homes

Our industry helps people rebuild their lives and gives young people a path toward rewarding careers

By Tim Murphy, North State Building Industry Association

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But the region’s homebuilding industry is far more involved in the community. The BIA has two non-profit affiliates designed to help reduce homelessness and to give young people training to allow them to embark on well-paying careers that don’t require thousands of dollars in college debt.

Our aligned logo — Building Careers, Building Communities and Building Hope — sums it up nicely.

Our affiliate building hope is HomeAid Sacramento, which this year is marking its 30th year of collaborating with BIA members and local service providers to create a future where families and individuals can overcome homelessness and build a new life.

This month, under the leadership of Executive Director Amber Robbins, we celebrated ribbon cuttings for our 125th project, the Pathways of Hope Empowerment Center in Elk



The Building Careers Foundation helps lead the BuildStrong Academy’s pre-apprenticeship program to train people for careers in the homebuilding industry. This month marked the first all-woman graduating class. Photo courtesy of North State Building Industry Association

Grove, and for the completion of the first two homes of our Caldor Fire Rebuild Project. This effort is rebuilding 12 single-family homes destroyed in 2021 by the massive fire in El Dorado County that devastated more than 220,000 acres and destroyed more than 1,000 structures.

Our local HomeAid chapter also has five projects in development, including expansions at a food bank and two community centers, as well as the renovation of unused buildings to create transitional housing for former foster youth.

Nationally, HomeAid operates in 17 states and the District of Columbia. It was formed in 1989 by a group of building industry professionals in Orange County who wanted to

tackle homelessness. Since then, HomeAid has grown into a collaboration of local and national builders, trades, suppliers, financial institutions and community partners who have completed over 1000 developments and helped more than 500,000 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Both locally and nationally, HomeAid serves a wide variety of populations and needs, including individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, youth who have aged out of foster care and people fleeing domestic violence.

Our workforce development affiliate, the Building Careers Foundation, was founded in 2007 to help provide a solution to the shortage of skilled trades workers

in the region — a shortage that has only grown over time as seasoned professionals are retiring in greater numbers. The Foundation seeks to let individuals who are not on the college pathway know that they have other options for well-paying, satisfying careers, without amassing thousands of dollars in debt.

Fortunately, a growing number of young people are realizing that college is no longer the only pathway to a successful career. With the average total cost for a four-year degree now sitting around \$40,000, the number of people choosing the trades has more than doubled in recent years. It’s what we call “hire education.”

Led by Executive Director Jennifer Poff, the Foundation

provides tuition-free training opportunities through a variety of programs. In 2023, these efforts were greatly expanded with the opening of the BuildStrong Academy in Sacramento, in partnership with the National Home Builders Institute.

The Academy is a nine-week pre-apprenticeship program consisting of a full-time, 40-hour per week course that teaches the basics of carpentry. The students also gain employability skills through resume-writing workshops, mock interviews, teambuilding and more. They are ready to work at the end of nine weeks.

Since opening, the BuildStrong Academy has trained 390 individuals and placed 218 into employment. The Academy expects to train more than 140 students this year, and with a wait list of more than 40, the Foundation is seeing more people turn to the trades as a career choice than ever before.

The Foundation is also committed to increasing the number of women in the trades. This month, the first all-woman class is graduating from the Academy.

Advocating for more housing will always be a core part of the BIA’s mission. But through HomeAid Sacramento and the Building Careers Foundation, our industry is also helping people who need a place to call home and preparing the next generation to build the homes our growing region needs. In other words, we’re building more than homes. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20260001237
The following persons are doing business as: Stellium Interpreting, 305 Ridgecrest Circle, Suisun City, CA 94585.
William Torres, 305 Ridgecrest Circle, Suisun City, CA 94585.
Date filed in Solano County: July 13, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 12, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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STELLIUM 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20260001348
The following persons are doing business as: F.T. Trucking, 430 Priddy Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Francisco Torres, 430 Priddy Drive, Dixon, CA 95620
Date filed in Solano County: July 30, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 29, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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FT 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20260001423
The following persons are doing business as: Holistic Services Consulting, 212 Stonyford Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Vanessa Audelo, 212 Stonyford Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Date filed in Solano County: August 12, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 11, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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HOLISTIC 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20260001331
The following persons are doing business as: Aldugrand Construction, Alduvera Supply, Alduauto, 8024 Claret Court, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Aldugrand, 8024 Claret Court, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: July 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 23, 2026
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 28, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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ALDUGRAND 9-18-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE # 20260001073
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Hardy & Kin, 1800 Margurite Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
The Fictitious Business Name referred to above was filed in Solano County on June 12, 2026,

File Number: 2026001073
Amina Hardy, 1800 Margurite Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
This business is conducted by: An Individual
Filed with the Clerk of Solano County on August 4, 2026.
Publish: August 28, Sept 4, 11, 18, 2026
AMINA 9-18-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-07094
Jirachaya Smith filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jirachaya Smith to Jayne Jirachaya Smith THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. October 1, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty
Dated: July 31, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
SMITH 9-4-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-07579
Nicole Valderrama Alvarez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lorenzo Leonardo Valderrama to Lorenzo Leonardo Valderrama Jacinto. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. October 1, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
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ALVAREZ 9-11-26



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

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

PROJECT: **240 Dorset Ct (Club 420/Artist Tree - Amended and Restated Development Agreement and Amendment to Conditional Use Permit).** The City of Dixon Planning Commission will consider making a recommendation to the City Council regarding a proposed Development Agreement (DA) between the City of Dixon and TAT Dixon LLC, doing business as The Artist Tree, and Read Brothers Investments LLC., along with an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit (CCUP).

Club 420 currently operates a commercial cannabis business at the site under an existing Development Agreement that expires in December 2026. The proposed DA would: (1) authorize the change in ownership and operation from Club 420 to The Artist Tree; (2) extend the term of the Development Agreement; (3) update the agreement to reflect the City’s recently amended cannabis regulations; (4) revise the public benefit payment and minimum monthly benefit requirements; and (5) establish a schedule and development milestones for construction of a permanent building to replace the existing portable trailer buildings. The Artist Tree’s cannabis operations are otherwise expected to remain substantially the same. The proposed CCUP amendment would add a condition of approval to existing Use Permit UP19-28 linking the CCUP to the Development Agreement. APN 0108-100-140; Zoning District: Corridor Mixed Use (CMX); Read Brothers Investments LLC, owners, Lauren Fontein/TAT Dixon LLC, applicant; File No’s: PLAPP25-0223/DA25-0225/UP25-0224.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:00pm.** This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION: **Contact Raffi Bolyan, Community Development Director at (707) 678-7000 x1114 or rbolyan@cityofdixonca.gov.** You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open Monday’s to Thursdays from 8:30 am to 5:30pm and every other Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed approvals. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making a recommendation to the City Council. Following the Planning Commission review and recommendation, the project will be scheduled for a public hearing before the City Council for review and final action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may 1) via video conferencing click on “raise hand” 2) via teleconference press *9, or 3) email comments/questions to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us

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

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

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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Careers Take Flight at Mather

Destination Aviation gives students a hands-on look at aerospace and STEM careers



Princess Stoebe was one of four winners in the California Capital Airshow's 2026 Destination Aviation essay contest, earning an introductory flight. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper Photography



A student sits inside an aircraft exhibit during Destination Aviation on Aug. 22 at Mather Airport. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper Photography



Students explore hands-on aviation and STEM exhibits during Destination Aviation on Aug. 22 at Mather Airport. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper Photography

By Omella Rossi

MATHER, CA (MPG) - Princess Stoebe had never flown an airplane before Saturday. By the time the Clarksville Charter School sophomore climbed out of the cockpit at Mather Airport, a long-time goal of becoming a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot had moved a little closer to reality.

Stoebe was one of four winners in the California Capital Airshow's 2026 Destination Aviation essay contest, earning an introductory flight before a free event that brought over 300 middle and high school students to Hangar 6 on Aug. 22 to explore careers in aviation, aerospace and science, technology, engineering and math.

"I was delighted when I found out I had won," Stoebe said. "It was my first time flying, so that was great. I've always wanted to get into aviation, but now it's made me even more determined."

Destination Aviation, part of the California Capital Airshow's year-round youth outreach, gave students ages 12 to 18 a chance to meet industry professionals, try flight simulators, examine aircraft and vehicles, and interact with working aerospace equipment and technology prototypes.

California Capital Airshow CEO Darcy Brewer said the program is designed to show students how broad aviation and aerospace careers have become and introduce them to jobs they may not yet know exist.

"If you can't see it, you can't be it," Brewer said.

Brewer said the organization has expanded its youth programming as technology has changed the industry, with students now learning about fields including drones, electric vertical takeoff aircraft, sustainable fuels, autonomous systems and artificial intelligence.

The event's panel included retired Air Force Col. Merryl Tengesdal, the first and only Black woman to pilot the U-2 reconnaissance aircraft; Skye Carapetyan of Siemens; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory research scientist Michael Zelinski; and Sacramento City College Dean of Technology and Innovation Paul Estabrook.

Throughout the discussion, panelists emphasized that technical knowledge is only part of preparing for a career in aviation or STEM. They encouraged students to strengthen communication and interpersonal skills, maintain a positive attitude, arrive on time



Beyond the panel, students moved through exhibits featuring aircraft, simulators, equipment and technology. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper Photography

and build a foundation in subjects such as math and physics.

Panelists also urged students to begin building connections and gaining experience now by joining clubs or organizations with others who share their interests, attending events such as Destination Aviation and reaching out to professionals in fields they hope to pursue. They encouraged students not to be afraid to ask questions or seek help as they work toward their goals.

Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez told students that seeing those careers firsthand

can turn curiosity into a goal.

"It is one thing to watch an aircraft fly overhead," Rodriguez said. "It is another to stand beside it. Meet the people who fly it and maintain it and begin to imagine yourself doing the same thing."

Beyond the panel, students moved through exhibits featuring aircraft, simulators, equipment and technology while speaking directly with professionals about training, education and career opportunities.

For Stoebe's father, Alexander Stoebe, watching his daughter take her first flight demonstrated

the value of giving students that exposure.

"I'm very proud of her," he said. "It gives the kids the opportunity to start, get a feeling for it."

The California Capital Airshow has offered youth programs since 2010. Brewer said the free programs range from activities for elementary school students to internships and scholarships for older students.

The nonprofit's annual California Capital Airshow is scheduled for Oct. 10-11, with proceeds helping support its youth programs. ★

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Cyclospora Fallout Hits California Farmers

California lettuce was not implicated in a sprawling cyclospora outbreak that sickened thousands of people and made frequent headlines this summer. But farmers in the state—who produce most of the country's lettuce—are shouldering much of the economic pain as wary consumers ditch lettuce and other fresh produce. Last month, lettuce prices declined 16.4%, the largest month-over-month drop on record, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Meanwhile, market research firm NielsenIQ reported that from July 18 to Aug. 8, sales of iceberg lettuce fell 25.4% and prepacked salads dipped 34.2%. Growers said they were left with little choice but to destroy about a third of their lettuce crops that were ready to harvest. "It's been really bad," said Ryan Kelly, vice president and general manager of Salinas-based Boutonnet Farms in Monterey County. Since mid-July, he said, the collapse in lettuce sales had erased the farm's entire profit margin for the year.

Expected Almond Crop Yield Slightly Smaller This Year

California's 2026 almond harvest is expected to be somewhat smaller than last year's crop, after early-season heat affected yields. But with harvest typically wrapping up in October, some growers say the full impact of the heat—and the size of this year's crop—remains to be seen. The U.S. Department of Agriculture projected yields at 2.7 billion pounds, down 1% from last year, with bearing acreage also expected to fall by 1% to 1.39 million

acres. Mel Machado, chief agricultural officer for Blue Diamond Growers, said warmer-than-normal March temperatures drove earlier kernel development, which led to an earlier harvest—similar to the heat's impacts on other crops. He said some growers reported harvesting almonds 10 to 14 days earlier than usual. Machado said some reports suggest early spring heat can possibly result in smaller kernels, so he's keeping an eye out for those impacts. But he said better post-bloom weather appears to have improved nut retention.

Nonprofit Program Aims to Bring More Rice to Delta

Corn has long been a staple crop in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. But in recent years, reports have shown a change in the region's agricultural makeup as more delta farmers turn to rice—a move supported by state dollars. In 2019, the Nature Conservancy launched a rice crop conversion program using a \$4.3 million state grant. The program offers financial aid to delta farmers seeking to transition their acreage to rice. Fifth-generation farmer Jerred Dixon manages the nonprofit's 9,200-acre Staten Island Preserve in San Joaquin County, which includes 4,500 acres of rice. Dixon encourages other delta farmers to consider rice as well—for its financial potential and environmental benefits. "It's economically viable, and it's also helping protect what is still here," he said. Because rice growers flood their fields during the growing season, cultivation of the crop helps create habitat for species that rely on wetlands that once covered the region. ★