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Highlighting Infrastructure Projects



Among the largest funded projects is the Parkway Boulevard overpass, which will extend the roadway over the Union Pacific railroad tracks to address transportation and safety concerns. Photo courtesy of the city of Dixon

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The city of Dixon recently provided representatives from U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla's office with a tour of infrastructure projects and other community priorities as officials seek additional partnerships and funding for future improvements.

City officials used the visit to highlight projects already funded and moving forward, as well as several proposed projects that still require additional financing.

Among the largest funded projects is the Parkway Boulevard overpass, which will extend the roadway over the Union Pacific railroad tracks to address transportation and safety concerns. The project is estimated to cost \$31.5 million, including a



The city is moving forward with Fire Station 82, a planned 7,504-square-foot secondary fire station in southwest Dixon. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

\$25.2 million federal grant, with the remaining funding coming from local development transportation fees.

Construction on the overpass is expected to begin in early 2027, with completion anticipated in 2029.

The city is also moving forward with Fire Station 82, a planned 7,504-square-foot

secondary fire station in southwest Dixon. The \$9.9 million project is intended to improve emergency response times and will be funded through development impact fees and bonds. Completion is expected in summer 2028.

Another funded project will expand the Dixon Police Department facility. Plans call for a

3,503-square-foot second-story addition, structural reinforcement and upgrades throughout the building. The project is estimated to cost \$5.6 million and is expected to be completed in summer 2027.

City officials also identified several projects that remain partially funded or unfunded.

One priority involves upgrades to groundwater wells to meet California regulations for hexavalent chromium. The estimated \$12 million project is currently in the design and testing phase, with state compliance required by October 2027.

The city is also planning an expansion of its wastewater treatment facility that would increase capacity by 1 million gallons per

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Taylor Foundation Helps Bring Back Recreation Fields

J.A. Taylor Foundation
News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Athletic fields at what is now John Knight Middle School are being brought back to life nearly 20 years after they ceased regular use following the opening of the new Dixon High School in 2007.

Through a partnership with the Dixon Unified School District, the J.A. Taylor Foundation is refurbishing the school's baseball, softball and open recreation fields for use by students and community youth organizations.

The J.A. Taylor Foundation is a Solano County-based nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding education, career-development and recreational opportunities for young people. Through partnerships with schools, businesses, community organizations and volunteers, the Foundation supports programs in skilled trades, agriculture and athletics that help youth develop practical skills, confidence and meaningful connections within their communities.

"The fields were once an important gathering place for Dixon students, athletes and families," said Brent Seifert, CEO of the J.A. Taylor Foundation. "Our goal is to restore them as safe, usable spaces where young people can play, learn and build lasting connections with their community. Without the support of the District, we would not have this opportunity to bring the fields back for the students and athletes."

The work at JKMS is being completed at no cost to the School District with support from donors, local businesses and community volunteers. Key project sponsors include Grow West, Silveyville Tree Farm and KUIU. Work began in late July and will continue in phases through spring 2027. The project includes resurfacing and restoring the former baseball, softball, and surrounding open fields.

The field-restoration project reflects the J.A. Taylor Foundation's broader mission to provide youth education, training and development opportunities throughout Solano County and surrounding communities.

In addition to field restoration projects in Solano County, the Foundation

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Travis Credit Union to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

By MPG Staff

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - Travis Credit Union will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a community event Sept. 19 at its corporate headquarters in Vacaville.

The anniversary celebration will begin at 11 a.m. at One Travis Way and will include food, games, giveaways and family-friendly activities.

"Whether you have known us for decades or only a few years, we would love to see you," said Travis Credit Union representatives in a social media statement. "We want to celebrate with the ones that made these 75 years possible: our members."

The event marks 75 years since the credit union was founded and will recognize its history, members and role in the



Travis Credit Union will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a community event Sept. 19. Photo courtesy of Travis Credit Union

communities it serves.

Travis Credit Union provides financial services,

lending products and financial education programs to its members.

"For 75 years, Travis Credit Union has proudly

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Solano College Claims Back-to-Back Commissioner’s Cups

Solano Community College News Release

FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) - Solano Community College has once again earned the top spot in the Bay Valley Conference, winning the 2025–26 Shirley Baskin Commissioner’s Cup for the second consecutive year.

The Commissioner’s Cup recognizes the conference member that demonstrates the strongest combination of academic achievement and athletic performance. Scoring considers each college’s conference finishes across its athletic programs, along with the overall academic performance of its student athletes.

Solano’s first-place finish follows its 2024–25 Commissioner’s Cup victory and reflects the continued dedication of Falcon student-athletes, coaches, faculty, staff, and athletic support teams. During the 2025–26 academic year, Solano Athletics earned a department-wide grade point average of 3.30, demonstrating that the Falcons’ success extends well beyond competition.

“This honor represents what Solano Athletics is all about: excellence in the classroom, dedication in competition, and a strong community committed to supporting our student-athletes,” said Dr. Brian Street, Dean of Health Sciences. “Earning the Commissioner’s Cup for a second consecutive year reflects the discipline, teamwork, and perseverance demonstrated by our student athletes and coaches throughout the year. We



Established in 2018, the award honors former Bay Valley Conference Commissioner Shirley Baskin. Photo courtesy of Solano Community College

are incredibly proud of this achievement and of the way our Falcons continue to represent Solano Community College, both in competition and in the classroom.”

Established in 2018, the award honors former Bay Valley Conference Commissioner Shirley Baskin, who led the conference from 2005 to 2018 and served as athletic director at Los Medanos College for 26 years. Baskin was inducted into the California Community College Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame in recognition of her student-centered leadership and commitment to student success.

Solano Community College congratulates its student-athletes and the entire Athletics Department on earning this distinguished recognition for a second year in a row.

For more information about Solano College Athletics, visit www.solanoathletics.com.

About Solano Community College

Founded in 1945, Solano Community College has been a cornerstone of higher education in Solano County and the surrounding region. SCC offers Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees for transfer, career and technical education (CTE) programs, and specialized pathways, including a robust nursing program and a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Biomanufacturing—the first of its kind in the region. With a steadfast commitment to academic excellence, workforce development, and student success, Solano Community College empowers individuals from diverse backgrounds to achieve their educational and career goals.

For more information about Solano Community College and its programs, visit www.solano.edu. ★

Dixon News Briefs



The city of Dixon is hosting a low-impact water aerobics class from Aug. 9 to Oct. 4. Held at Pat Granucci Aquatic Center. Photo by Debra Dingman

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. 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 dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-2650.

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.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes are starting at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 S. Fifth Street, Sept. 3 and will take place Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. There is a new class special at \$5 per drop-in. Benefits of tai chi include improved balance and coordination, increased flexibility and strength, reducing stress and promote mindfulness, and low-impact exercise for all ages.

All are welcome – no experience necessary.

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.

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.solanohomeshow.com/. ★

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has developed several youth-focused initiatives, including an Agriculture and Skilled Trades Career Development Program for high school students, a career mentorship program, and support for FFA members and 4-H groups participating in animal

agriculture programs.

Community members, businesses and organizations interested in supporting the John Knight Middle School field-restoration project or other J.A. Taylor Foundation programs can visit www.jataylorfoundation.org or email at jataylorfoundation@gmail.com. ★

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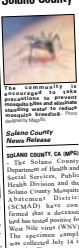
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Dixon Chamber Marks Manager's First Anniversary

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Chamber of Commerce recognized Chamber Manager Sara Echarte on Sept. 3 for completing her first year in the position.

Members of the chamber's board of directors and Chamber Ambassadors marked the anniversary by highlighting Echarte's work with local businesses, chamber members and community events during the past year.

Since taking on the role, Echarte has helped support existing chamber members, welcome new businesses, coordinate events and build relationships throughout the Dixon business community.

Chamber leaders also credited Echarte with taking on new responsibilities and becoming a familiar presence at local events and activities.

The board of directors and Chamber Ambassadors thanked Echarte for her work during her first year and recognized her contributions to the organization



Chamber Manager Sara Echarte celebrated her first year in the position. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce

and the broader Dixon her second year as manager of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. ★

Dixon Highlights Infrastructure Projects

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The project is estimated to cost \$47 million, with approximately \$20 million secured so far.

Additional long-term priorities include transitioning Dixon's municipal fleet to alternative energy vehicles and developing the charging or fueling infrastructure needed to support them. The project is estimated to cost between \$4 million and \$4.3 million and remains in the conceptual stage.

Officials are also considering improvements to Fire Station 81, including replacement of a 30-year-old dispatch alerting system and renovations to dormitory and administrative areas. Preliminary estimates range from \$3.16 million to \$6.16 million.

Plans for City Hall include renovating

and potentially expanding the building, which dates to 1981. The project is intended to accommodate current staffing levels and consolidate employees and services that are housed in trailers and other locations. A space needs assessment is still being developed.

The city is also pursuing transportation and corridor planning efforts, including a State Route 113 realignment study, safety improvements along the West A Street corridor and a downtown-focused specific plan. Those efforts remain in the preliminary design and study stages.

City officials said partnerships with regional, state and federal agencies could play a role in helping Dixon secure funding for projects that have not yet been fully financed. ★

Apply to Serve on Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee

City of Vacaville News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Vacaville is accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the newly established Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee, created to provide an additional layer of public review, transparency and accountability regarding the City's local sales tax revenues.

The five-member Committee will initially provide oversight of revenues generated by Measure M, the City's voter-approved local sales tax. If Measure V is approved by voters in November 2026, the Committee's responsibilities will automatically extend to Measure V revenues. Measure M and Measure V are general taxes. The Committee's role does not legally restrict how general tax revenue may be used or convert the measures into special taxes.

Committee members will review annual reports regarding local sales tax revenues and the City's reported use of those revenues, review the results of the annual independent financial audit related to the measures and prepare an annual public report summarizing revenues, expenditures, significant projects and services supported by the revenues and the Committee's findings. The annual report will be presented to the City Council at a public meeting.

The City is seeking residents interested in helping provide independent community oversight of these locally generated revenues. While specific professional experience is not required, the City is particularly interested in applicants with experience, expertise or demonstrated involvement in one or more of the following areas. Business or community interests; Municipal or governmental operations and services; or Municipal finance, taxation, budgeting, or accounting.

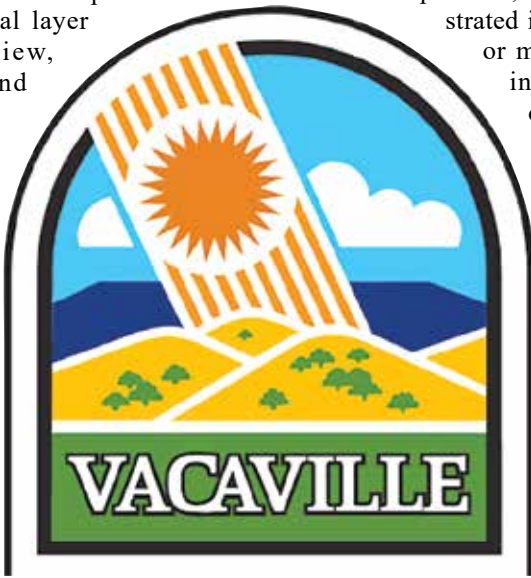
Applicants must be residents of the City of Vacaville. Committee members will serve on a voluntary, uncompensated

basis and will meet at least quarterly. The Committee's role is oversight and public reporting; it does not approve City expenditures, establish budget priorities or direct City operations.

Interested residents should complete the City's online application by Monday, Oct. 5, 5 p.m. PST. Selected applicants will participate in the City's established interview and appointment process, with final appointments made by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council at a public meeting. Meetings are anticipated to commence in January 2027.

To apply visit <https://cityofvacaville.formstack.com/forms/oversightcommittee>.

For additional information regarding the application process, contact the City Clerk's Office at 707-449-5110 or CityClerk@CityOfVacaville.com. ★



Dixon Council to Receive General Plan 2040 Amendment Update

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon City Council will receive an update on the proposed scope of the city's General Plan 2040 Amendment during a public meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 600 E. A St.

The presentation will cover proposed changes being considered in connection with the Harvest Master Plan and Southeast Annexation, including the city's Sphere of Influence, a new Area of Interest and Planning Area, the Urban Growth Boundary, also known

as the Green Line, and potential policy refinements.

The City Council is not scheduled to take action on the amendment during the meeting.

Residents may attend the meeting in person or participate virtually through Zoom using meeting ID 988 621 1137 and passcode 604754. Participants may also join by phone at 669-900-9128 using the same meeting ID and passcode.

Written comments may be emailed to CityCouncil@CityOfDixonCA.gov and must be received by 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15.

Additional information is available at DixonGrown.com. ★



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The Big West Honors Ching as the League’s Offensive Player of the Week

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Following her two-goal performance that helped lift the Sacramento State women’s soccer team to victory against Southern Utah, junior Candace Ching was named The Big West’s Offensive Player of the Week on Monday (Aug. 31) for the first time in her career.

Ching became the second Hornet to win weekly honors from the league this season alongside teammate Mia Jackson, who also picked up her own offensive award back on Aug. 17 following two goals in her debut in the green and gold against Pacific. Sacramento State has now won multiple offensive weekly awards in the same season for the first time since 2019 when Kylie Kim-Bustillos, Tiffany Miras and Camila Fonseca did so in the Big Sky Conference.

Her first score came in the



Junior Candace Ching was named The Big West’s Offensive Player of the Week on Monday (Aug. 31) for the first time in her career. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

61st minute as she collected a deflected ball that was tapped to her by teammate Marely Velazquez Varela, outraced a defender into the box, and finished with the right foot to the near post to tie the match.

In the 64th minute, Ching then gave her team the lead for good. Establishing position near the penalty spot, Ching chested down a lofted ball from teammate Ellie Farber before unleashing a one-timer into the

upper right-hand corner for the eventual game winner.

Along with Jackson’s performance against the Tigers, Ching’s stellar second half gave the Hornets two players with a brace in the same season since

2022 when Abigail Lopez (at Pacific) and Aubrey Goodwill (at Cal State Bakersfield) did so.

Entering the week, Ching ranks tied for second in the league in goals scored with three, tied for sixth in shots on goal with five, and tied for second in the conference in points with six.

Standing as one of only three remaining unbeaten teams in The Big West table, Sacramento State put its 4-0-1 record on the line with a single match the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 4 against Fresno State (Sept. 3).

The Hornets have tied the school record for the best start in school history through five matches originally set by the 2000 squad with the same record. A win over the Bulldogs would give this year’s team the title of the best start in school history after that 2000 team began the year 4-0-2 following a draw against Pacific. ★

Chibi Ukaegbu to Join Houston Dynamo

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Republic FC announced that the club has reached an agreement with Major League Soccer club Houston Dynamo FC transferring defender Chibuike “Chibi” Ukaegbu (pronunciation: Chi-bee Oo-kay-boo) to Houston Dynamo II of MLS NEXT PRO pending league and federation approval. The 19-year-old becomes the latest homegrown player developed in Republic FC’s nationally respected academy system to feature with the first team and continue his professional career beyond Sacramento.

“Chibi is a highly talented and hard working young player, who has positively contributed to the club’s success over the past several seasons. We know that he’ll represent our club and region well as he continues to grow and wish him all the best as he enters the next chapter of his career,” said President and General Manager Tim Holt. “Chibi is a great example of what the young players of this region can

accomplish, and his journey through our academy, to the first team, and now on to a top club like Houston Dynamo is a source of pride for our club and the Sacramento soccer community.”

“It’s bittersweet to say goodbye to my first club — my hometown club — but it has been an honor to wear the Sacramento Republic FC crest,” said Chibi Ukaegbu. “I’m proud to be one of the local kids that followed their dream through the academy, to the first team, and now on to the next stage in my career.”

Ukaegbu continued, “I hope more kids across the region see this moment and understand that the path to the top doesn't skip places like Sacramento — it runs right through this club. I’m grateful for all the people who’ve stood behind me and pushed me further each day — coaches, teammates, the team and academy staff, my friends, and of course my family.”

Ukaegbu joined Republic FC’s academy at 14 years old in 2021 after playing for Placer United.

In two seasons with the academy, he appeared in 60 matches



Sacramento Republic FC has reached an agreement with Major League Soccer club Houston Dynamo FC transferring defender Chibuike “Chibi” Ukaegbu to Houston Dynamo II of MLS NEXT PRO pending league and federation approval. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

and helped the club’s U15 and U17 teams reach MLS NEXT Cup playoffs in both years. He earned opportunities to train with the First Team and signed his first professional contract with his hometown

team in November of 2023.

He would go on to make his professional debut and mark his first career start on May 7, 2024, at age 17. Facing off with fellow USL Championship club Monterey Bay FC in the U.S. Open Cup, Ukaegbu made a splash in his first-ever appearance, leading all players with four tackles won and seven duels won. He was a critical substitute in the club’s Open Cup 4-3 extra time thriller over San Jose Earthquakes.

Since making his debut, Chibi has made 47 appearances and played nearly 2,500 minutes across all competitions. Featuring in 20 matches that resulted in clean sheets, the defender has helped Republic FC secure two play-off berths, three appearances in the U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 and a trip to the Quarterfinals in 2024, and a spot in the 2025 USL Cup Final. Earlier this year in Open Cup play, he came on as a substitute to close out Republic FC’s shutout performance against MLS club Minnesota United before converting his penalty attempt in the ensuing twelve-round shootout.

Regularly recognized as one of the USL Championship’s top young players, Ukaegbu has also earned several invitations to U.S. Soccer national team programs, including two selections to the U-20 Men’s National Team and one to the U-19 Men’s National Team in 2025.

Founded in 2015, Republic FC’s youth development academy has propelled hundreds of young players into the next stage of their soccer journey. As the only youth-to-pro pathway in the Sacramento region, Republic FC’s academy provides unique opportunities for players to access professional environments, premier coaches, elite competition and more.

Over 30 players have joined the professional ranks in domestic and global leagues, including the eight who have signed professional contracts to play for their hometown team. Nearly 50 players have earned the opportunity to train and compete with the First Team through USL Academy contracts, while over 100 have gone on to play for Division I colleges. ★

UC Davis Welcomes Zyhira Jones as New STUNT Assistant Coach

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis STUNT is strengthening its coaching staff with the addition of Assistant Coach Zyhira Jones. A former collegiate STUNT athlete and experienced head coach with a proven track record of program building and athlete development.

Jones arrives in Davis after founding and directing the inaugural STUNT program at West Park High School in Roseville, Calif. Over her six years, she built the program into a regional power, expanding the roster from 13 to more than 30 athletes while leading the team to three consecutive California STUNT State Championship appearances, two League Championships and two CIF Section runner-up finishes. During her time at West Park, Jones developed over 10 athletes who advanced to play at the collegiate level.

“Zyhira brings a level of expertise and experience that will be incredibly valuable as we build this program from the ground up. She has a proven ability to develop athletes, establish a strong team culture and build a program from its foundation into one of the most competitive high school STUNT programs in the state of California,” said UC Davis STUNT Head Coach Brittany Lampson. “Her experience leading a program through that growth process gives her a unique perspective that will translate directly to what we are building here at the Division I level. I'm excited to have her on our coaching staff and know that her knowledge, passion, and commitment to STUNT will play a huge role in helping us establish the foundation for this program and create something special from day one!”



Zyhira Jones has been named assistant coach of the Division I STUNT team at UC Davis. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

Before her time at West Park, Jones served as the head cheer coach at Del Campo High School (2018–20) and Encina High School (2017–18), overseeing practice planning, routine development and program administration.

“I'm so excited to join UC Davis and have the opportunity to help build the STUNT program at the Division I level,” Jones said. “I've had the unique experience of being part of a collegiate STUNT program from the beginning and then later building a high school program from the ground up, so getting to be part of another program's first chapter feels really special to me. I'm excited to bring what I've learned as both an athlete and a coach to UC Davis, help develop our student-athletes, and build a program that we can all be proud of. I'm really honored to be part of the start of this program and can't wait to see what we build together. Let's go Aggies!”

As a collegiate student-athlete, Jones competed for Concordia University Irvine from 2013 to 2016 as a member of CUI’s inaugural STUNT program. She graduated from Concordia University Irvine in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in biology. ★

State Fair Junior Championship Crowns 2026 Winners at Haggin Oaks

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The State Fair Junior Championship for boys and girls ages 7 to 18 was held Saturday, Aug. 26, at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. Players ages 12 to 18 competed on the Alistair MacKenzie 18-hole course, while the 7 to 11 division played nine holes on Arcade Creek.

In the boys 14 to 18 division, Kees Hoogendyk captured the overall title with a 68 score in the boys 16 to 18 division.

In the girls 14 to 18 division, Melody Chen won the overall championship from the 14 to 15 division.

Other division highlights included boys 16 to 18 winner, Amani Asghar scored 70; girls 16 to 18 winner, Khloe Chao scored 73; boys 14 to 15 winner, Ricky Soe scored 71; and girls 14 to 15 winner, Elise Lim scored 74.

Boys 12 to 13 winner, Rishan Dey scored 71; girls 12 to 13 winner, Zoe Yu scored 73; boys 10 to 11 winner, Joseph Alastair scored 38, winning in a play-off against Carter Cedillo. And girls 10 to 11 winner, Livy Woodward scored 37.

Lastly, Boys 7 to 9 winner, Chung-Kuang Chang scored 36 and the girls 7 to 9 winner, Olivia Villajoaquin scored 37.

The tournament was hosted by the Sacramento Golf Council under the direction of Council President and Tournament Chairman Mark Perry. ★



In the girls 14 to 18 division, Melody Chen won the overall championship from the 14 to 15 division. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



In the boys 14 to 18 division, Kees Hoogendyk captured the overall title with a 68 score in the boys 16 to 18 division. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Forming Good Habits and Getting Rid of Bad Ones



“It is easier to prevent bad habits than to break them.”
- Benjamin Franklin

“The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it.” - Leo Aikman

It’s easy to form habits. But it seems as if developing bad habits takes less effort than good ones. Before I cover how to form good habits, how do you differentiate between good and bad ones? Bad habits include any behavior patterns that are destructive to you, cause harm to others, or prevent you from achieving your goals.

It doesn’t matter what habits other people have. A particular habit may be good for one person but bad for another. John is extremely well organized. He knows how to manage his time so that he gets a lot done. Organization is also important to Robin. However, she devotes so much time to it that there is little time left for anything else.

Although both John and Robin are very organized, John is much more productive. Robin is constantly frustrated about not being able to accomplish more. The same habit has different impacts on each of them.

What’s important are your habits and how they impact your life. Don’t compare yourself to others. Your concern should be focused on what you need to do. Consider your current habits. Which ones would you like to get rid of?

One good way of ending a bad habit is by replacing it with a good one. Eric had a bad habit of being late for work. Rather than trying to not be late, he decided to be early. Now he starts getting ready an hour earlier than he had been. With this approach, Eric can be up to an hour “late” and still get to work on time.

All habits take time to form. It is much easier to eliminate a bad habit before it takes hold. Getting into a good habit

takes determination, repetition, patience, and persistence. A major cause for disappointment is expecting to get into a good habit overnight.

A habit isn’t formed in one step. It requires a process of successive steps. The first time you attempt a new course of action, it may not take hold. You may revert to your old habits. If you are to succeed, you must push yourself to focus on the new habit.

Sharon wanted to get into better shape. She joined a health club and worked out four times her first week. But she didn’t lose weight or look any different. Feeling discouraged, Sharon didn’t exercise at all for the next three weeks. She realized nothing positive would happen unless she resumed her exercise program. Shannon kept dragging herself back to the club until she began to see results.

When you are changing your behavior, you may encounter setbacks. If this happens, just get back on track. Janet was a junk food junkie. Her eating habits were impacting her weight. Janet decided to make a change to a healthier diet.

Janet started off well but had days where she reverted to her old eating habits. Rather than giving up when this happened, she simply got back to her better diet the next day. Even with the setbacks, Janet’s improved diet has enabled her to lose weight and feel better.

In order to form a good habit, you must be motivated. If the habit is not appealing or the results are not important to you, you will not be successful. You have to really want the new habit to be part of your life. Good habits bring many rewards, so get started today.

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Regenerative Label Payoff Remains Murky

Regenerative agriculture is all the rage. Proponents of the movement highlight its potential to improve farm viability and sequester carbon in healthy soils. While accusations of greenwashing have dogged regenerative claims, which are not federally regulated, a handful of third-party certifiers emerged during the past decade with the aim of building consumer trust and driving market growth. The number of California farms certified as regenerative has continually climbed, according to data from various certifiers. But industry experts said certification lacked tangible benefits for many farmers, possibly hindering wider adoption. “The main point to make is there is not a premium in the market right now,” said Kelly Damewood, CEO of California Certified Organic Farmers, the state’s largest organic certifier, which also serves as a certifier for the Regenerative Organic Certified label. “What the return on investment is for most growers is not clear.”

Paintballs Among New Tools Allowed for Hazing Wolves

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved new hazing options for ranchers living in counties with gray wolves present. State officials have scheduled training sessions throughout impacted areas that, once completed, will qualify ranchers to receive permits to use paint and inert powder projectiles along with sustained pursuit to prevent wolves from attacking livestock. Last year, California confirmed 196 livestock killed by the

predator. Many impacted livestock producers have long held that the noninjurious hazing options given to them to scare off wolves, including shining bright lights and making loud noises, are not effective. Sierra County Sheriff Mike Fisher described the new hazing options as more frustrating than encouraging because the range and impact of paint or powder projectiles make them useful in only very narrow circumstances.

USDA Seeks to Ease Organic Certification Process, Costs

As a bulwark against fraud in the organic market, the U.S. Department of Agriculture enacted a new rule two years ago that required certification at every step of the supply-chain process—from farmers to brokers to storage facilities. The rule, called Strengthening Organic Enforcement, or SOE, increased oversight of the production, handling and sale of organic agricultural products in an effort to build consumer and industry trust in the organic label. While the regulation improved farm-to-market traceability, it drew complaints from growers and handlers that record-keeping became excessive and cumbersome. Now, USDA is working to adopt a common organic system plan, which is designed to streamline certification with a goal of improving consistency, making oversight more efficient, and helping the organic sector meet the needs of a growing and complex marketplace, according to Jennifer Tucker, USDA deputy administrator of the National Organic Program. ★



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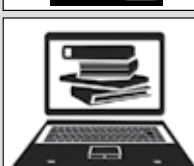
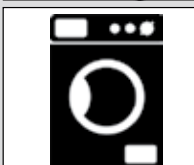
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What Creates Icebergs?

- Kenton, 8, Washington State

Dear Kenton,

When I think about the Arctic, I picture frigid waters filled with narwhals, polar bears and icebergs.

I asked my friend Von Walden how those icebergs got there. He’s a polar scientist at Washington State University.

He told me a glacier is a huge mass of ice on land. But glaciers don’t just sit there. They move. A glacier is like a slow-moving river of ice. It’s made of heavy, compacted snow. It flows over the land because of its own weight.

An iceberg is a broken-off piece of a glacier.

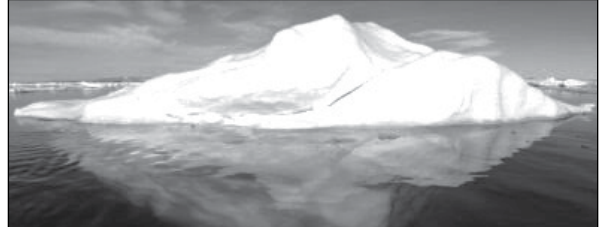
To be an iceberg, that broken-off chunk must be about twice the size of a house. A mini-iceberg—about the size of a piano—is called a growler. Ice chunks in between those sizes are called bergy bits.

“Imagine you have a glacier that’s sitting in a valley—and at the end of that valley is a lake,” Walden said. “A piece of the glacier at the end may break off. Then it’s no longer held to the glacier, so it can float around in the lake.”

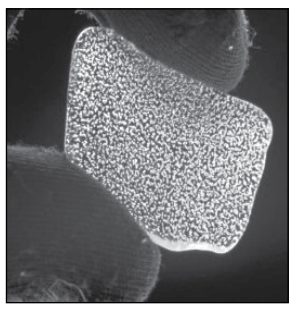
Or an iceberg may break off a glacier by the ocean. That iceberg probably falls into the ocean.

Once the iceberg plops off a glacier and into water, it floats around like an ice cube in a drink. The solid iceberg is less dense than the liquid salt water—so it stays on top of the water.

When a chunk of ice breaks



When the sea is calm and clear, you might be able to see the bottom of an iceberg underwater. About 90% of an iceberg is below the water. That’s why we say something is “the tip of the iceberg.” It means that we’re only aware of a little bit of a situation—because there are more details we can’t see. AWeith CC BY-SA 4.0



Scientists like Walden study polar ice by drilling deep into a glacier or other ice. Then they pull out a long, tube-shaped core sample. The ice is full of trapped air. Studying that air helps us understand Earth’s past. Walden told me he ate an ice chip from an ice core. It was 750,000 years old! He said those little air pockets made the ice pop in his mouth. Lonnie Thompson, CSIRO CC BY 3.0

off a glacier, that’s called calving. That can happen if the glacier gets warm or some other force makes a piece split off. The end of the glacier—where the iceberg slides off—is called the terminus.

Sometimes glaciers move slowly. But sometimes they move super-fast—like half a mile a day. That might happen in the summer when it’s a little bit warmer. The bottom of the glacier may melt a little. That makes the ground under the glacier slippery, so the glacier can move quickly. That’s called a glacial surge.

“If you have a glacier that’s terminating at an ocean, and that glacier surges, it’s going to shove all that water out over the ocean,” Walden said. “For a while, there will be a big tongue of ice out over the

ocean. And then—pfft—it just breaks up. It disintegrates into hundreds of icebergs.”

The cool thing about icebergs is that they’re always fresh water—even when they’re floating in the salty ocean. Both glaciers and icebergs are part of Earth’s water cycle. Some of their water will naturally wisp off as water vapor. It will float up into the atmosphere and form clouds. When those clouds slip over the mountains—which are high and cold—some of the water will fall as snow.

It could wind up back on the top of a glacier, adding to its mass and helping it flow n-icely.

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- Have a cold, e.g.
- Dogma
- Raja's wife
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- Extreme, prefix
- **"____, my dear, I don't give a damn"
- **"Why so ____?"
- "High" beverage
- Fairytale's second word
- "Swan Lake" step, e.g.
- Potassium hydroxide solution, pl.
- Nincompoop
- Month of Purim
- At any time
- Coastal town in southern England
- Flick part
- 4 x 4 race
- Like most Brothers Grimm stories
- "Peer Gynt" playwright
- Actress Campbell
- Please do not delay, acr.
- Experienced sailor (2 words)
- Dispatched
- a.k.a. Tokyo
- Window guards
- Beer faucet
- **"I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it ____"
- **"What we've got here is ____ to communicate"
- Like United States Capitol
- Food safety org.
- Ritual basin
- Tooth trouble
- Husk of corn
- Sharks' domain
- Fence board
- Pastrami partner
- Paper quantities

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- Vomit
- The one with pants on fire
- Volcano in Sicily
- **"I can smell the ____ of a woman... Honey oil, lavender, soap"
- Israeli monetary unit
- **"Hasta la vista, ____"
- Life story, for short
- Fastener
- Hero shop
- "Do ____ others..."
- Paddington Bear's homeland
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Welcome Ben Simmons

By V.G. Harris

Many of you have now been Sacramento Kings fans for literally decades, and discussions of playoffs have been a topic rarely heard in the city of Sacramento.

Enter new GM Scott Perry who has been promising changes with regard to bad drafts and trades that don’t make sense.

Although Perry has made a couple of moves that I strongly disagree with, the jury is largely still out as he has begun in earnest his quote, “rebuild.”

DeAaron Fox was traded not on his watch, but make no mistake about it, the decision to bring on the first overall pick in the 2016 draft is all about Scott Perry.

Sink or swim, the acquisition of Ben Simmons, albeit for only one year and a price tag of only 3.5 million, lands entirely in the lap of Scott Perry.

Just a week ago in this column I wrote that the possibility existed that the Kings may have interest in signing Simmons, who has had a checkered past to say the least, and now the suspense is over, and Ben Simmons is now about to become a full-fledged member of the Sacramento Kings family.

I am an ardent believer that any player attempting a comeback deserves his opportunity to allow the fan base see what he has in the tank, and I for one will not root against this player that has literally been injury prone for the entirety of his 10-year NBA career.

It is rare that an organization has the opportunity to acquire a player drafted No. 1 overall, and in the case of 6-foot-10 Ben Simmons he is coming to the Kings after sitting out the entire 2025-26 season.

The prevailing problem has been related to back issues for Simmons, but according to Simmons himself, he wasn’t going to try and mount a comeback until he was “bulletproof.”

The Kings recently worked out Simmons in Sacramento, and he had a meeting with Scott Perry that obviously went well.

Simmons stats are not eyepopping, but certainly worthy of taking note. Over a 10-year career spent with three teams, Simmons had a scoring average of just over 13 points per game, seven rebounds, seven

assists and 1.5 steals.

To his credit, although most widely noted for missing games due to injury, Simmons made the all-star team one time, and in 2021 was runner up for the defensive player of the year.

Aside from the perpetual injury bug, if there is one knock on this otherwise talented big man, it is his abysmal free throw shooting.

At an astonishing low 59 percent, he brings back memories of another talented big man who couldn’t make free throws by the name of Wilt Chamberlain. Wilt shot an almost unbelievable 51 percent from the charity strip, and like Shaquille Oneal he was known for his inability to make free throws when it counted.

Sadly, Ben Simmons is coming to a team that is typically dead last in free throw shooting, so who on the Kings team is going to step up and teach this 10-year veteran how to improve in an area that he clearly knows little about?

The Kings coaching staff?

If you thought all eyes were on Darius Acuff Jr., wait till you see Ben Simmons take the floor for the Sacramento Kings.

As I said before, I refuse to root against Simmons regardless of past problems, and I don’t believe the Kings would sign him to a contract of any length if they thought he wasn’t 100 percent healthy.

I want to close my eyes and imagine what a healthy Ben Simmons looks like playing alongside Domantas Sabonis, with a talented rookie point guard distributing the ball, and two capable three-point shooters on the wings in Zach Lavine and Keegan Murray.

Does this new lineup have potential? Absolutely it does, and once again it boils down to staying away from injuries and allowing a group of very talented players to develop chemistry and do what they do.

If you’re an ardent Kings fan it’s almost impossible not to get excited.

Look for an opening night that Sacramento hasn’t seen in years, and all of a sudden ticket sales just went up!

Stay tuned Kings fans because there is more to come.

All the best! ★

California’s Political Hopefuls Remain Silent on State’s Job Losses, Unemployment



By Dan Walters,
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In two months California voters will elect a governor, fill several other statewide offices and choose a new class of state legislators and members of Congress.

The aspirants for those positions are making all sorts of promises to win voters’ approval. But few, if any, have mentioned a slow-motion menace affecting a fundamental facet of life: jobs.

The state has never fully recovered from the virtual shutdown of the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. It still has more than a million unemployed workers. Its unemployment rate continues to be the highest, or nearly so, of any state. And its signature economic sectors, such as high tech and film production, have been shedding jobs for several years.

As ominous as those data points sound, a deeper dive into employment data reveals an even darker reality.

“California’s labor market is holding up, but its foundations remain troublingly narrow,” Justin Niakamal, research manager at Beacon Economics, said in a recent overview of the state’s economy. Healthcare is the only sector with strong employment gains, he noted.

While healthcare jobs are welcome, they are highly dependent on spending by

federal and state governments, and both have been cutting back. Moreover, while healthcare is a service industry, it does not create added-value wealth the way technology, film production and agriculture do.

Back to the data. California’s stubbornly high unemployment rate — 5.1% in July — was second-highest among the states, behind Connecticut and Oregon, both at 5.2%. The rate is the percentage of the labor force that is not employed, even in part-time work, during the month.

The size of the labor force, as well as the unemployment figure, are important to note. Over the previous year, California’s labor force — people who are working or seeking work — declined by 286,300, according to the monthly Employment Development Department report.

To some extent, the labor force decline masks the actual decline in employment. Moreover, the widely quoted unemployment figure is simplistic: Even if someone is paid for working just a few hours in a month, he or she is counted as employed.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics makes several other computations of employment that are more sophisticated. One, called U-6, measures underemployment. It takes into account workers who want to work full time but can only find part-time work, as well as those who are “marginally attached” to the labor force.

California’s U-6 rate is a much more realistic measure of the job picture. It was calculated at 10.3% in June, easily the highest of any state.

The bureau also calculated

U-6 for New York City and Los Angeles County because their populations are larger than many states. New York’s rate was 10.2% while Los Angeles’ was 12.1%.

Those are high numbers but may still understate what’s happening — or not — in California’s job market.

The Ludwig Institute for Shared Economic Prosperity takes the U-6 underemployment calculation even further. It discounts jobs, even full-time work, that pay less than a living wage, which it pegs at \$26,000 a year. It calls its number the “true rate of unemployment,” saying it measures “functional unemployment.”

As one might suspect, Ludwig’s calculations for California — reported by major metropolitan area — are very high, especially in rural communities where agriculture is a primary source of jobs.

California’s highest “true unemployment” rate, according to Ludwig, is in Redding (67.4%). Other rural or semi-rural communities fall into the 50%-65% range. But some urban regions see high rates as well, such as 53.8% in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim metropolitan area.

Only a few regions are under 50%.

Given these numbers, one might expect that California’s officeholders and office seekers would be telling us how they will respond. They are not.

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

Why change Social Security now? It’s a working “Ponzi



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Maybe everybody has the same reaction that I do to Social Security insolvency. I do not understand a system that has been basically run like a Ponzi Scam since its Inception; why have you decided (in 2026-2027) that now is the time to change a perfectly good Ponzi Scam. In all reality, this began with Babylon. I’m sure that if you searched the meaning of the words “Babylonian money magic,” you would understand what I’m talking about. If this is as good as the Earth has, why would you mess with a perfectly rotten thing. Why would you decide to change currencies to some sort of fragile digital currency? Signed: Skeptical Senior

Dear Skeptical Senior: You touch on an item that the AMAC Foundation has dealt with many times over the years, specifically the notion that Social Security has the characteristics of a Ponzi Scheme. Our position in response to that notion is that Social Security was created and operated with full transparency, with its financial

status, formulas, and long-term deficits completely and publicly documented, and reported to the President and Congress annually. Unlike the infamous Charles Ponzi, the government has a permanent pool of contributors through mandatory FICA and SECA (self-employment) payroll taxes and is designed to remain in operation infinitely as long as there’s a taxpaying workforce. Moreover, the Social Security system is overseen by Congress, specifically the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The Social Security Administration is subject to routine hearings by these congressional overseers and maintains an independent Office of the Inspector General to ensure the integrity of its financial operations.

Contrary to Ponzi victims, all participants retiring from the workforce (and their dependents) recover their Social Security contributions via benefit payments, some more than others based on their level of participation in the system. Also, contrary to Ponzi Schemes, Social Security was designed as a social insurance system and has operated successfully in that mode for over nine decades.

What raises the notion of a Ponzi Scheme comparison these days is the looming insolvency facing Social Security just six

years from now. This financial problem, however, has nothing to do with fraud. Rather, it is a function of workforce demographics and the fact that Congress has long deferred corrective action on a problem that has been known for the past four decades. We sometimes hear well intended (but sometimes uninformed) comments from some Washington politicians invoking the Ponzi Scheme reference, but we believe that Congress is finally waking up to the urgency. And we also believe Congress is now starting to move seriously to set a course for correction in time to ward off the impact of insolvency. AMAC is proud to be a part of the collective thinking currently surfacing, and our Social Security Guarantee is in play as a plan to be considered.

We invite you to review our SS reform plan (at <https://amac.us/social-security-guarantee>) and likewise to stay tuned to our Social Security Report website (<https://socialsecurityreport.org/>) where we post regular updates on a variety of matters pertaining to Social Security and retirement.

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President Trump’s tariffs aren’t popular, but he’s found a way to make them even less so -- a trade war with America’s most inoffensive ally.

When one thinks of countries that deserve to be subjected to a steady stream of insults (it’s Lake America now, not Lake Ontario) and a punishing regime of tariffs, Canada is far down the list.

Ottawa has been a loyal, if occasionally annoying, friend of the United States for nearly 100 years. The presence of a well-meaning country with similar values along the 5,000-mile border to our north is a gigantic geostrategic blessing, although one that is apparently lost on President Trump.

Both sides deserve blame for the breakdown in negotiations, but news reports suggest it was the U.S. that made additional demands at the 11th hour. Now both sides are imposing new duties on the other, and Trump is threatening 50% tariffs on all Canadian cars, trucks and parts beginning in the new year.

It is certainly true that we can impose more pain on the Canadians than they can on us and grind them down economically. We can also land the 101st Airborne in Nova Scotia. But why would we want to do it?

The contention with Canada is characteristic of Trump’s economically

A Foolhardy Conflict with an Inoffensive Ally

senseless, legally dubious and politically harmful push to tariff everything and everyone he can.

Trump’s imposition of all these duties -- often relying on strained interpretations of U.S. statutes -- has run directly counter to his promise in the 2024 campaign to reduce prices, a pledge central to his victory. Although the administration maintains that the cost of tariffs isn’t passed on to U.S. consumers -- instead borne by foreign countries and producers -- its actions implicitly concede the opposite.

The administration excluded an array of consumer electronics from new reciprocal tariffs on China to avoid unpopular price increases, and it lifted tariffs on a long list of food stuffs late last year. Twice this year, including about a week ago, the administration widened exceptions for beef imports. If tariffs were genuinely cost-free, none of this would have been deemed necessary by the most protectionist administration since that of Herbert Hoover.

A chief argument for tariffs is that they will revive American manufacturing. Even if this is true, it’s a long-term play, whereas the disruption from tariffs is experienced immediately. It’s also a questionable proposition; increasing the price of imported goods used in manufacturing, which is the effect of the scattershot tariffs, doesn’t do U.S. producers any favors. It is telling that the National Association of Manufacturers opposes the sweeping tariffs.

Polling consistently

finds that the duties are unpopular. Majorities oppose Trump’s handling of the issue, and the public believes that the tariffs have increased prices and should be lowered. The trade war with Canada in particular fares poorly. A YouGov survey found that 62% of people oppose the imposition of 50% tariffs on many Canadian imports.

At the end of the day, Trump has chosen a long-standing ideological goal and his legacy over his short-term political standing. He has advocated for major tariffs for decades and has finally gotten them. They are likely to endure, even if they hurt now. His most probable Republican successor, J.D. Vance, presumably wouldn’t roll them back, and the Democratic candidate in 2028 might be equally protectionist. Regardless, it’s going to be difficult for future presidents to give up the revenue generated by the duties.

And so a president who campaigned on lowering prices has embraced a policy that, at the margins, increases them. Unless things are smoothed over with our Friendly Neighbor to the North, there will be more where that came from -- in a dispute with a country that no one considers an economic threat to the United States.

If the midterms end up sending a broad message of discontent, the tariffs will surely be a reason why.

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

Dixon Fire Personnel Deploy to Monterey County Wildfires

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Fire Department personnel were deployed in early September as part of a Solano County strike team assisting with the Timber and Plaskett fires in Monterey County.

The regional strike team brought together firefighters and equipment from Dixon, Fairfield, Benicia, St. Helena and Calistoga to support wild-fire suppression efforts on California's Central Coast.

Dixon firefighters were assigned to work alongside personnel from agencies throughout California as crews conducted fire suppression and structure protection operations in steep and challenging terrain.

The deployment was part of California's mutual aid system, which allows fire departments to provide personnel, engines and other resources



Dixon firefighters were assigned to work alongside personnel from agencies throughout California as crews conducted fire suppression and structure protection operations. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Fire Department

to communities facing emergencies that require additional assistance.

The Timber Fire began Aug. 8 in Monterey County, while the Plaskett Fire began Aug. 26. Both incidents prompted large-scale firefighting operations involving local, state and federal resources.

At the time Dixon announced the deployment, its personnel were continuing to assist crews assigned to the incidents.

The deployment also included resources from the Fairfield Fire Department, Benicia Fire Department, St. Helena Fire Department and Calistoga Fire Department.

Dixon officials recognized the firefighters representing the city and highlighted the role of mutual aid agreements in allowing departments across the region to provide resources during major wildfires and other emergencies. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001423
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. 2026001331
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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001519
The following persons are doing business as: Carlson Gracie Vacaville, 321 Nut Tree Road Suite 311B, Vacaville, CA 95687.
RG Vacaville LLC, 321 Nut Tree Road Suite 311B, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: August 28, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2026
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 27, 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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CARLSON 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001495
The following persons are doing business as: Glow 465 Facial Spa, 2260 N Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Diana Aguayo Vazquez, 518 Suisun Street, Suisun City, CA 94585.
Date filed in Solano County: August 26, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 25, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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GLOW 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001528
The following persons are doing business as: New Heading Press, 880 Bounds Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Russell Trent Walton, 880 Bounds Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: August 31, 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 30, 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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NEW 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001524
The following persons are doing business as: Misty Insurance Services, 2409 Toppallant Court, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Silvana Zuniga Navarro, 2409 Toppallant Court, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: August 31, 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 30, 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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MISTY 10-2-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE # 2026001073
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.
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ALMINA 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 #CU26-07579
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
Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty
Dated: August 12, 2026
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-07671
Aleksander Raul Quiroz filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Aleksander Raul Quiroz to Tex Sasha Zyer.
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. November 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: A Jones
Dated: August 31, 2026
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QUIROZ 10-2-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
CARY FELCIANO
CASE NO. PR26-00510
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Cary Felciano.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lisa Anne McCann, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Lisa Anne McCann be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 5, 2026, 9:30 a.m. in Dept 22; Old Solano Courthouse, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Watson, Hoffe & Hass, 3700 Barrett Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805; 510-237-3700
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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. CA-26-1052974-BF
Order No.: 260242998-CA-VOI
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/25/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn

by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **Taylor Lyn Rogers, A Single Woman and Devin Abrew, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants** Recorded: **4/26/2024** as **Instrument No. 202400017498** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **SOLANO** County, California; Date of Sale: **10/2/2026 at 09:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Santa Clara St. Entrance of the Vallejo City Hall, located at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$496,849.87** The purported property address is: **550 W CREEKSIDE CIR, DIXON, CA 95620** Assessor's Parcel No. : **0115-142-070** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-26-1052974-BF**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction

pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **866-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-26-1052974-BF** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-26-1052974-BF and call (866) 645-7711 or log-in to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 866-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-26-1052974-BF IDSPub #0316808 9/4/2026 9/11/2026 9/18/2026 DIXON INDEPENDENT**

A Morning Like No Other – Ground Zero at 25 years



An early morning skyline view from the Staten Island Ferry. This was the daily view of thousands of commuters to Manhattan before 9/11. Years later, I met with my friend, the captain of the ferry, in Sacramento for lunch. John had to leave New York because he just couldn't live another day in that memory. He stopped his ship in the middle of the harbor that 9/11 morning, as he and his entire shipload of travelers and crew watched the horror unfold.



Reflections at East River and John Finley Walk. Photo by a savior

Commentary and photos by Paul V. Scholl

After a long night of late work well into the morning, I was in a deep sleep. The repeating ring of the telephone awakened me. I received an alarming telephone call from a close friend frantically trying to get my attention. She said “just get up and turn on the TV. You won’t believe what is happening”. She was absolutely right.

As I sat there on my white leather couch in my small rental home in Roseville, tuned in as the world was tuned in, to the disaster in New York as it unfolded live for everyone to see. We were all New Yorkers that day.

I had previously lived in Manhattan. After returning to California, I traveled to New York City often to teach classes at The Learning Exchange and spiritual training centers as a part of my ministry. I also met with many clients as a spiritual life coach each visit. Through these visits I became friends with so many great people who lived in The City. I stayed at their homes, got to know their families, learned about their lives, loves, and fears. Many of them worked in the immediate area of the Twin Towers.

As I sat there watching the towers fall along with the rest of the world, I had no idea if any of those friends or members of their families were being crushed under the weight of that destruction. It was a personal anguish and horror felt by millions

simultaneously. It was a grief embedded forever. And we as a nation vowed to never forget.

Everything changed for everyone during those hours. Terrorism had come to our shores, and those whom we had charged to protect us failed miserably. We have been paying for their failures ever since.

And for those who paid the ultimate price, giving their lives to save others inside and around the Twin Towers? And for all the First Responders who witnessed the death and destruction at the end of their fingertips and right before their own eyes? What did they get from so many after only 25 years? Many forgot.

Yes, life goes on, but as individuals we do not. Our time is limited. We are here to understand life, liberty, love, and loss. We are here to understand joy and grief. These become the web that builds our evolution, our DNA that we pass on to those who follow us. If we do not teach our emotional history to our children, good and bad, they will suffer repeating our mistakes and the feeling of betrayal from us for not forewarning them.

Enter our current day Neon Nation. Have we lost our way in one generation? Does the “Shiny thing” distract us so easily because it is too hard for us to focus on the truth and explaining it to others as our society crumbles around us?

A few months after 9/11 I traveled back to New York to offer support to any of those friends who needed it. I traveled to the site while the clean-up was still under-way. I saw the scorched church and cemetery. There were still many “Missing” flyers posted to walls and lampposts. I saw the many memorials around the site. When I found one memorial that listed all of the names of those lost I read every one of them. I thank God to this day that not one of my



One of the many memorial walls surrounding the Ground Zero site. Photo by Paul Scholl

friends was on that list.

The history of Ground Zero is complex and still unfolding. The more the years fall away the more important it is that we reveal as much as we can about that fateful morning and all that led up to it.

When someone kills your son or daughter, husband or wife, it doesn’t matter what political party they belong to. It doesn’t matter what religion they belong to. It doesn’t matter their motive. All that matters is your loved one is gone forever. Grief takes over. And no one can ever really fill that void. It never truly heals. You just learn how to manage it in the silent times, alone with your Creator.

All those who lost loved ones during those tragic days only asked one thing from us. Never Ever Forget.

On this remembrance weekend 25 years later, take a few moments in silence to share the grief and the weight of the losses experienced by so many on September 11, 2001. If only with that simple action, love will prevail.



Visitors reading through the many memorials and “missing” posters.



A dedication plaque honoring the fallen first responders.



A memorial sculpture remembering all the construction workers.



And then an angel appeared over the site in my camera lens.