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Teachers Trained in Solar School Curriculum



From left, teachers Tabitha Kniesch and Luis Rodriguez set up a solar device with help from Kristen McBrien of We Care Solar. Photo courtesy of PG&E

PG&E News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Teachers in Woodland, Davis and Dixon recently had a lesson in solar power and are now helping students explore solar energy and connect classroom learning to real global challenges.

Thirteen teachers, including two from Sacramento, took a course at Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s Gas and Safety Academy in Winters and taught by We Care Solar, a non-profit based in Berkeley that provided the 15-hour training. The session was funded by a grant from PG&E.

The program includes hands-on teaching tools teachers take back to their classrooms including 10 Solar Suitcase Learning Kits for each school. Students not only learn how solar electricity works, but how it applies in the real world. The science, technology, engineering and

mathematics (STEM)-oriented curriculum is designed to help create the next generation of scientists and engineers.

The We Care Solar Suitcase Learning Kit mirrors the We Care Solar Suitcase used in off-grid maternal health clinics and schools in East Africa, with integrated lessons that help students understand global energy access challenges and solar solutions.

“The philanthropic aspect of We Care Solar also gives students a broader understanding of the world outside of the United States and how many parts of the world lack basic energy resources and infrastructure,” said teacher Aaron Hebb of Lee Middle School in Woodland. “The We Care Solar program offers my students three different ways to research career pathways: electronics and basic circuitry, alternative energy,

and community outreach. This is a great program, and I highly recommend it for students everywhere.”

“I think my students are going to be much more engaged because they’ll actually get to do something with what they’re learning,” said Tabitha Kniesch, a teacher at Grant Union High School in Sacramento. “Instead of just reading about solar energy or looking at a diagram, they’ll be able to set up the solar panel, collect real data, charge the battery, power a light, and see firsthand how changing different variables affects the system.”

Educators from the following schools participated in the recent We Care Solar training: Center High School, Antelope; Chabot Space & Science Center, Oakland; Davis JUSD Harper Junior High School, Davis; Dixon High School, Dixon;

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Council Approves Bonds for Construction Projects

Requests Alternative Locations for Catholic School Proposed Downtown

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the Sept. 1 meeting, the Dixon City Council considered approval of a lease revenue bond issuance request. The bonds would generate funding to cover the expansion of the police department building as well as the construction of the new fire station.

The bond structure would use city properties as collateral to issue and sell enough bonds to generate \$10 million in proceeds for the two construction projects.

The bonds will create a general fund obligation of \$635,083 to be repaid each year, which will be included in the annual budget. The interest rate is approximately 4.85%, and the bonds will reach final maturity in 2057 after 30 years.

Assistant City Manager Kate Zawadzki explained that the \$10 million in funding will be held in a trustee account, and it can be invested to create additional earnings to offset the interest costs. The city will draw from the account as needed to reimburse costs on the two projects.

During the public hearing, a resident asked whether the funds would be earmarked only for those projects and not shifted to other purposes. Zawadzki confirmed that the funds will be restricted to the two construction projects.

The council voted unanimously to approve the bond issuance. The funds should be available to the city by early October.

The council also continued a discussion on the proposed construction of a private Catholic school within the downtown mixed-use zoning area.

The project applicant is the Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy, which currently uses classrooms at St. Peter’s Catholic Church. They have outgrown the space there and are requesting a zoning amendment to allow construction of a new school on a 0.517-acre vacant lot at the northeast corner of East A Street and North Second Street.

The project would require a zoning text amendment for a conditional allowance of a private school within the

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UC Davis Professor Recognized

By MPG Staff

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Professor Walter Leal was awarded the 2026 Applied Chemical Ecology Award from the International Society of Chemical Ecology for research targeting insect pests that damage plants, spread diseases and destroy crops.

Leal is a distinguished professor of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology in UC Davis’s College of Biological Sciences and former chair of the UC Davis Department of Entomology.

He was recognized for work on insect chemical communication involving mosquitoes, navel orangeworms, Asian citrus psyllids, citrus borer moth and other pests. He delivered his award presentation at the recent International Society of Chemical Ecology conference at Cornell University.



UC Davis Distinguished Professor Walter Leal delivering his Applied Chemical Ecology Award presentation at Cornell University. Photo courtesy of International Society of Chemical Ecology

The award recognizes career achievements by chemical ecologists for contributions in developing technologies for advancing practical applications in chemical ecology.

“Walter is, without a doubt, one of the foremost authorities

on the integration of chemical ecology fundamental research (molecular, biochemical, and physiological interactions among insects and between insects and plants) and translational research culminating in numerous patents, on the

identification of numerous semiochemicals,” wrote nomination team leader Professor Coby Schal, of North Carolina State University and a former International Society of Chemical Ecology president.

Chemical signaling is fundamental to all life forms, including microbes, plants and animals. Chemical cues allow animals to appraise their environment, detect food, toxins, prey, predators and pathogens, and to evaluate potential reproductive partners. Leal’s research has led to 23 patents.

A native of Brazil, Leal received his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from the Federal University of Pernambuco in Recife, a master’s in agricultural chemistry from Mie University in Japan, and a Ph.D. in applied biochemistry from the University of Tsukuba

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Dixon News Briefs



DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon High School Rams football team has an away game on Sept. 18 at Marysville High School.

Memorial Stadium, 2201 Ramirez St., Marysville. For more information, visit Dixon Rams Athletics on Facebook or call 707-693-6330.

Dixon, 1-2 overall, is coming off a 21-7 loss to Colfax on Sept. 11. The Rams will return home to play Rio Linda on Sept. 25 at Finney Field. ★

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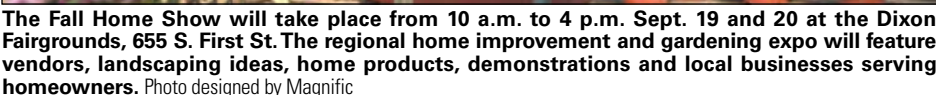
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By MPG Staff

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.

The Dixon Library will have a Teen Career Talk with the California Conservation Corps, beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 22.

Geared toward individuals ages 10 to 18, the event, at 230 N. First St., offers information on post-K-12 education and training opportunities with the California Conservation Corps. Registration is recommended but not required. For more information, call 866-572-7587.

Young adults ages 10-18 are invited to attend teen financial literacy sessions from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month through Dec. 2 at the Dixon Library, 230 N. First St.

Patelco Credit Union will assist with such banking basics as budgeting, savings and credit scores. Registration is recommended but not required. For more information, call 866-572-7587.

Registration for the city of Davis Junior

Basketball, for youth in third/fourth grade and fifth/sixth grade divisions, is open.

Team practice begins the week of Jan. 18, and the season ends Feb. 27. The enrollment fee is \$176 per player. Space on team rosters is limited, and waitlists are limited to five participants. Registration runs through Oct. 9. To register, click on the “Recreation Online” button at cityofdavis.org or call the registration desk at 530-757-5626.

Also, Davis is seeking individuals to coach the Junior Basketball program. Interested individuals can complete a Coaching Interest Form online at: cityofdavis.org/city-hall/parks-and-community-services/volunteer-opportunities.

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.

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. ★

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in Japan.
He joined the UC Davis Department of Entomology in 2000, after serving as head of the Laboratory of Chemical Prospecting, National Institute of Sericultural and Entomological Science, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Japan.★

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



DIXON POLICE LOG

Monday, August 31, 2026
1924 Vandalism report in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.
2030 Robbery investigation in the 2600 block of Plaza Court.
2300 Counterfeit bills used at a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
1041 A vandalism report was taken in the 200 block of West A St.
1103 A confidential report was taken in the 800 block of Sommer Dr.
1315 A warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of West H St. at North Almond St. Officers contacted (S) Raymond Wisniewski who had a no bail warrant out of Placer County. He was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
1643 A coroner's report was taken in the 500 block of North Washington St.
1800 Vandalism report taken in the 2500 block of North 1st Street.

Wednesday, September 2, 2026
1126 An information report was taken in the 300 block of pheasant run.
2201 Information report taken in the 200 block of Bowen Lane.

Thursday, September 3, 2026
1202 A battery report was taken in the 200 block of East D street that had occurred the night previous at a separate location.

Saturday, September 5, 2026
1106 A vehicle was towed from the 200 block of Heritage Ln.
1126 A traffic stop was initiated in the 100 block of N Second St. Daniel FigueroaRios (47 year old male) of Dixon, was arrested for Unlicensed Driver, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Prior Convictions, and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. He was booked at the Solano County Jail.
1820-20002 CVC, Hit and Run, report taken in the 600 block of South Almond Street.
1852- 11-82, Non-injury Vehicle Collision, report taken in the 1800 block of Rockrose Court.
2029-242 PC, Battery report, taken in the 200 block of West Chestnut Street.
2338-23152 (a/b) CVC, Driving Under the Influence arrest and collision report, taken in the 100 block of South 7th Street. Suspect Chantel Gomez (31-year-old, female out of Dixon) was arrested without incident. She was processed at the Dixon Police Department and released on a citation to family.

Sunday, September 6, 2026
0845 A domestic violence arrest report was taken at Hall Park. Officers contacted (S) Luis Santos Cazares (36) of Fairfield. It was determined Cazares was in violation of domestic violence and was arrested. He was taken to the Solano County Jail.
1303 A domestic violence report was taken in the 2500 block of North 1st St.
1431 A possession of a controlled substance and probation violation arrest report was taken in the 2600 block of Plaza Ct. Officers contacted (S) Julio Lopez of Dixon. Lopez was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
2043 Domestic violence incident was reported in the 1300 block of West H Street.

Monday, September 7, 2026
1055 A possession of a controlled substance and probation violation arrest report was taken in the 2500 block of West A St. Officers contacted (S) Eddie Washington of Woodland. Washington was arrested and cited and released.
1800 Information report taken at Dixon PD.

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
0837 A warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of West A St at Estates Dr. Officers contacted (S) Elizabeth Herrera (41) of San Francisco. A records check revealed she had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Ventura County. She was arrested and cited and released.
1057 A violation of placing false tabs on a vehicle arrest was taken in the 1300 block of N. Lincoln St. Officers contacted (S) Christopher Bridges. He was cited and released.
1243 A confidential report was taken in the 1300 block of North Lincoln St.

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
0750 Officers responded to a court order violation in the 1500 block of Valley Glenn Dr.
0825 A non-injury collision was reported at North 1st and West H St.
0913 Officers responded to a court order violation in the 900 block of Patwin Ct.
1124 A theft report was taken in the 500 block of South 1 St.

Thompson Secures Funding for Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Response Activities

Congressman Mike Thompson News Release

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing \$4 million in emergency funding to address the growing threat posed by the invasive glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) in California. This summer, Rep. Thompson, U.S. Senators Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Adam Schiff (D-CA), along with Rep. David Valadao (CA-22) and ten colleagues teamed up to urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide emergency funding to address the growing threat posed by the invasive glassy-winged sharpshooter in California.

The funding announcement follows congressional letters and a call between Rep. Thompson and USDA Undersecretary Hoskins about the importance of federal assistance to stop the spread of glassy-winged sharpshooters for California agriculture producers. USDA has been working in close collaboration with Secretary Karen Ross of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and county agricultural commissioners as they lead the response and conduct trace-forward activities.

“Glad that USDA is providing \$4 million in funding to fight the glassy-winged sharpshooter,” said Thompson. “I have been working to ensure



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing \$4 million in emergency funding to address the growing threat posed by the invasive glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) in California. Photo designed by Magnific

our Agriculture community receives the support it needs to address this issue, and while this is a great step in the right direction, there is still more work to be done to protect our community.”

This funding will allow the CDFA to expand trace-forward investigations, increase inspections, destroy infested materials and strengthen trapping and visual surveys at high-risk locations associated with recent GWSS-infested plant shipments. The Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) works with the CDFA and county agricultural commissioners through a long-standing cooperative program to manage and contain GWSS in California.

APHIS receives an annual appropriation to support the CDFA and county partners in preventing the further spread of Pierce’s disease. In fiscal year 2026, APHIS has allocated more than \$15 million to the CDFA for GWSS activities. ★



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End of an Era

American River College News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - It is the end of an era for American River College baseball and athletics as former player, coach and equipment manager Kurt Mattson has officially retired.

Kurt played for the Beavers in 1978 after having graduated from Del Campo High School in 1977. After ARC, he spent one year at Sac City College then went on to play and graduate from the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) where he still is in the top 10 in several pitching categories for the Rebels. Kurt then pitched for several years in the San Francisco Giants organization where he had a career Earned Run Average (ERA) under 2.00.

He pitched professionally for a short time in Australia



Kurt plans on still being a part of the athletic department when he can while also taking some trips to do things that he was never able to do, such as going to some SEC football games. Photo courtesy of American River College

as well, which gave him a live long love of the land down under. Kurt returned to ARC in the late 1980's as the pitching coach, working with legendary Head Coach Kevin Higgins, where Kurt helped guide many future professional and collegiate pitchers, including Mike Lincoln, who spent several years in the major leagues.

Kurt returned to UNLV as the Rebels pitching coach in 1997 and led the UNLV staff for several seasons.

After his stint at UNLV Kurt stayed in Las Vegas where he worked as an electrician for several years before once again returning to ARC as the men's equipment manager in 2005. He spent 21 years in



It is the end of an era for American River College baseball and athletics as former player, coach and equipment manager Kurt Mattson has officially retired. Photo courtesy of American River College

that role before retiring on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Kurt plans on still being a part of the athletic department when he can while also taking some trips to do things that he was never able to do, such as going to some SEC



Kurt played for the Beavers in 1978 after having graduated from Del Campo High School in 1977. Photo courtesy of American River College

football games. American River College baseball and the athletic department will miss his presence on a daily basis, but we know he will

still be part of the family and attending events. Thank you for all that you have for American River!



The River Cats Hit Big in Vegas

Led by a Three-Homer Game From Will Brennan

Sacramento River Cats News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After a tough homestand vs. the Salt Lake Bees, Sacramento hit big to begin their final roadtrip of the season at Las Vegas.

Scott Bandura doubled to lead off the game, his fourth leadoff double since stepping into the leadoff position on Aug. 23. Four of his five total leadoff hits have been doubles, with a single on Aug. 25.

Parks Harber drew a walk, then Bo Davidson knocked a 107mph line drive directly at the face of Vegas starter Jamie Arnold, who immediately walked to the dug-out and exited the game.

The Aviators released an update Wednesday afternoon that stated: "Jamie Arnold suffered intra-orbital and maxillary sinus fractures. Dr. Brendan G. Johnson, a dual board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon, determined that no surgery is required. There is no timetable for return."

Hayden Juenger entered in place of Arnold and Will Brennan grounded into a double play that scored Scott Bandura, and Diego Velasquez grounded out.

Joe Whitman was the starter for Sacramento, sending down the Aviators in order to begin the game.

The Cats started off the second with three-straight singles, the third from Aeverson Arteaga scoring Eddys Leonard. That hit from Arteaga extended his hitting streak to nine-straight games, his longest hitting streak since Aug. 24-Sept. 11, 2022, with Single-A San Jose when he hit in 15-straight.

Fernando Gonzalez then grounded into a double play that scored Charlie Szykowny. Bandura swiped second and advanced to third on a throwing error, but Harber lined out to end the inning.

Whitman allowed a single and a walk in the second but escaped without a run.

In the third, Bo Davidson led off with a single and Will Brennan his first home run of



After a tough homestand vs. the Salt Lake Bees, Sacramento hit big to begin their final roadtrip of the season at Las Vegas. Photo courtesy of Sacramento River Cats

the night, putting Sac up 5-0 early.

Vegas went three up and three down, all line outs to Brennan in right field.

Gonzalez walked to lead off the fourth, but Scott Bandura grounded into the third double play of the night, and Harber flied out, marking the first of just two innings in which the Cats would not score.

After ground outs to Johnthan Rodríguez and Joey Meneses, the Aviators made a push with a Brayan Buevas single and Jack Winkler reaching on a fielding error from Arteaga, but Bryan Lavastida ended the inning on a fly out.

Davidson doubled in the fifth, Velasquez drew a walk, and Leonard singled to score Davidson. 6-0 Sacramento.

Whitman allowed a leadoff single the Luke Mann, but sent down all three of the following batters.

Gonzalez tripled in the sixth, his first career three-bagger, and subsequently scored on a sac fly from Bandura.

Whitman allowed a single to Buevas in the sixth but retired all three other batters.

Will Brennan led off the seventh with his second home run of the night, a solo shot to right field.

Whitman allowed another single in the seventh to Lavastida, but Luke Mann grounded into a double play and David Diaz flied out, keeping a goose egg on the board for Vegas.

The eighth was yet again led off with a home run, this time from Scott Bandura, his 10th of the season with Sacramento. It was a 416-foot shot to right field, Bandura's longest recorded home run of his career.

Harber flied out, and Davidson knocked a triple, his first since Aug. 19, 2025, with Double-A Richmond. It marked the first multi-triple game for Sacramento since July 9, 2025.

Will Brennan then blasted his third home run of the night, a two-run shot to right center field. He became the 17th Triple-A player and fourth PCL player to have three home runs in a game this season.

He also became the 12th River Cat in recorded franchise history (since 2005) to have a three-homer game, and first since Austin Dean did so May 15, 2022. It was the first three-homer game and second multi-homer game of Brennan's career (2 HR, June 20, 2024, with the Cleveland Guardians).

Brennan totaled five RBI on the night, the

third five-plus-RBI game of his career, with the other two occurring in 2022 with Triple-A Columbus.

Velasquez doubled following the homer, extending his hitting streak to 11-straight games, his longest since hitting in 13-straight from April 18-May 2, 2025, with Richmond.

Ryan Walker entered in the eighth in place of Whitman. The Aviators would score their only run that inning, a 359-foot, solo shot to right field from Johnathan Rodríguez.

The ninth was the only other inning the River Cats did not record a run; however, Arteaga did knock another single to lead off the inning.

The Aviators earned one more hit in the bottom of the ninth but went quietly into the night for a final score of 11-1.

Sacramento recorded 18 hits on the night, including a whopping nine extra-base-hits. Both matched their season highs, both done previously on May 20 vs. Sugar Land.

They also had the leadoff batter reached base in all nine innings, with three singles, two doubles, a triple, two home runs and a walk. It was the first time Sacramento has done so in recorded franchise history. It was also the first time a PCL team has had all nine leadoff batters reached base since Oklahoma City did so June 2, 2019, at Memphis.

Whitman earned the win, his fourth with Sacramento and ninth on the season. He threw 7.0 scoreless innings, allowing five hits, one walk and fanning three batters. It marked the second time this season a River Cats pitcher has thrown back-to-back 7.0-plus inning starts. It was also the first time a River Cat has thrown a combined 15.0-plus innings in back-to-back starts since Andrew Suárez did so on Aug. 7 and 12, 2018 (15.1 combined innings).

Davidson went 4-for-5 on the night with a single, double and triple; just a home run shy of the cycle and was on deck before Harber grounded out in the ninth. It marked Davidson's third four-hit game with Sac, all three coming at Las Vegas.



Watanabe Captures 2026 State Fair Women's Golf Championship

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 2026 State Fair Women's Golf Championship was played Sept. 5-6 at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course.

Sakura Watanabe won the Women's Championship title scoring 71/70/141. In 2022 she won the Low Net Division as a 13-year-old. She is a senior at Granite Bay High School and has committed to play for the University of San Francisco in 2027.

The Low Net Winner in the handicap division was Tyra Jarvis with a 20 handicap scoring 64/67/131.

In the Senior Division, Karen Garcia won with a score of 66/70/136.

Garcia celebrated a hole in one on hole five during the first round. She also won the County Senior Womens Division at Mather Golf Course in July.

The Championship Flight was open to all women amateur golfers with a World Handicap System (WHS) Index of 6.6 or less. The Senior Division was open to players ages 50 and older with a current handicap index of 18.4 or less. The competition was 36-hole stroke play.

Tournament chair for the Sacramento Golf Council was Charlie Cheung.



Sakura Watanabe wins 2026 Womens State Fair Golf Championship. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Karen Garcia wins Senior Division of 2026 State Fair Golf Championship.



Tyra Jarvis wins 2026 State Fair Womens Low Net Division.



Riley Reviews

US OPEN TENNIS FINDS THE AMERICANS GOING DEEPER THAN USUAL

A Special Article by Tim Riley

Opening Night of the US Open Tennis Tournament, the final round of the world tour that is known as the Grand Slam taking place in the Queens borough of New York City, did not feature a theme or a ceremony this year.

Arthur Ashe Stadium, the main and largest venue, always features top players in both day and nighttime sessions.

The first day game matches featured American woman Jessica Pagula, ranked number three, easily beating her Belgian opponent in two straight sets.

Before the opening night match of Serbian pro Novak Djokovic, there was plenty of speculation about health issues arising during the Cincinnati Open run-up when his body started to give out.

Is it time for Djokovic, who has won a record 24 Grand Slam titles, to retire or can he make a run of a 25th major (he's won 4 Grand Slams at the US Open)? Ironically, he was won a record 10 Australian Open titles.

The irony of his history with the Australian Open is the controversy in which Djokovic became embroiled with Australia when he made it widely known that he was against the forced vaccination of the COVID shot to play under the draconian rules of Australia.

The US Open's daily program assessed the game day situation differently. The number 4 seed Djokovic appeared to benefit from the world's number one Jannik Skinner on the sidelines and second-ranked Carlos Alcaraz looking to "find his feet" after missing four months with an injury.

Djokovic was up against Argentinian Mariano Navone, a 25-year-old competing in his third Open singles main draw, with his best effort happening two years ago in a second-round finish.

Lacking irony, the Open's program claimed that Navone's first match with Djokovic "doesn't figure to be a lengthy one" given that the Serbian is a guy looking for a 25th major win. The match that Djokovic lost in five sets was a marathon event lasting 4 hours and 36 minutes.

The Cincinnati Open turned out to be a prescient indicator of what was to come on the first night marquee event. During the introduction to the crowd, Djokovic was hailed at the GOAT (the Greatest of All Time), but again his body gave out.

Unless during the previous Fan Week, which is mostly available gratis to the public, there was a featured event qualifying as such, the next closest thing would be the sixth-annual HBCU Live returning to the grounds on the first Wednesday.

HBCU Live celebrated the culture, history and price of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), honoring the legacy of trailblazer Althea Gibson, an HBCU graduate and first Black Grand Slam champion.

It was only at last year's Opening Night that Gibson was recognized for the 75th anniversary of winning the 1950 U.S. National Championships (the forerunner of the US Open).

The tournament begins with all 128 qualifying men and 128 women competing in each round of elimination play,

which is the best reason in my opinion to come for the first week. Even after the first round, 64 players each for men and women must pack their bags.

Had it not been for attending the first round, I would have missed Swiss player Stan Wawrinka (winner of the 2016 US Open) for his farewell performance against Italian Matteo Berrettini.

What was interesting in Wawrinka's 3 straight sets loss is how much the New York crowd showed its affection for a player once rated as high as number 3 in the world rankings.

Wawrinka was not even expected to compete in the US Open. One player's misfortune of an injury allowed the Swiss, who had announced that the 2026 tour would be his last, to become a wild card at practically the very last minute.

For the American men, the highest ranked at number 8 is Ben Shelton, who lost the first game 6 to 1 to Tallon Griekspoor of the Netherlands, only to win the second game by an identical score, followed by a grueling win in the third set and an easy ride in the fourth and final set.

Eleventh ranked American Frances Tiafoe had to defeat fellow American Martin Damm in the first round, and ninth ranked American Taylor Fritz also had to beat wild card Darwin Blanch, another fellow American.

Ten Americans have reached the Round of 16, the most since 2002. Five men and five women, including third ranked Jessica Pegula, are in the mix. Coco Gauff (number 4) and Iva Jovic (number 14) are the next highest ranked women to advance. The five men reaching the fourth round is the most since eight in 1995.

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For adult libations, the signature cocktail is the Honey Deuce, a combination of Grey Goose vodka, raspberry liqueur, lemon and three honeydew melon balls, and priced at only \$23. Honey Deuce even has its own merchandise.

Back to sports to close out this report, as of Sunday, September 6th, two American women, Jessica Pegula and Emma Navarro, face off against each other in the quarterfinals, so at least one will make it to the semi-finals.

As for the American men, Frances Tiafoe and Ben Shelton, ranked 11th and 8th respectively, along with Alex Michelsen, have survived the Round of 16, advancing to the quarterfinals.

There are so many exciting players to follow and one who has a bright future is Filipino Alexandra Eala, a 21-year-old ranked number 17, who decisively beat American Mary Stoiana in an exciting first round and then lost to 14th ranked American Iva Jovic in a tough battle in the third round. ★



New 'Smart' Farm Tech Targets Vegetable Production

Agricultural technology took center stage during a field day last month as a dozen developers showed off "smart" weeders and thinners that differentiate weeds from crops, autonomous bird hazers and an autonomous lettuce harvester. The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Connect event was designed to bring together stakeholders to discuss growers' pain points and how they could work together to address them. Nearly 300 growers, pest control advisers, equipment manufacturers, educators and others took in the agricultural tech demonstrations hosted at Sabór Farms' lettuce fields near San Juan Bautista. "We all have these different perspectives, different educational levels, different life experiences, and all of that input is what makes something work," said Jennifer Clarke, California Specialty Crops Council chairperson. "Otherwise, these guys spin their wheels creating technology we can't use."

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 non-injurious 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. ★



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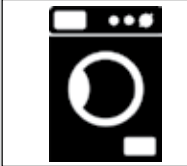
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- Lahna, 9, New York State

Dear Lahna,

Your question made me think about how words change. The dictionary adds new words and definitions all the time.

The latest update to the Oxford English Dictionary added *jelly*, meaning jealous. It also included *drop bear*. That's an imaginary scary-

koala that appears in stories.

I asked my friend Nikolaus Overtoom how we got the abbreviation for *ounces*. He's a professor of ancient history at Washington State University.

It turns out *ounces*—and later *oz*—evolved as words traveled from Ancient Rome through Medieval Europe and into England.

"The mixture of linguistic elements in English makes it one of the most flexible, diverse and complex languages in history," Overtoom said. "It is a language that continues to evolve and grow to this day, with each generation creating and adopting new English words."

Like *doomscrolling*. That word also made it into the dictionary this year.

The story of *oz* starts with *ounces*.

Before the Ancient Romans started using coins, they carried lumps or bricks of bronze. It was like money—but super heavy. If you had to a pay a big bill, you might need a wooden cart to tote your payment.



Lumps of bronze were called *aes rude* (top). This version of the first coin, *Aes grave*, is called an *as* (middle). *Uncia* coins (bottom) were worth 1/12 the value of these. But Romans didn't invent the first coins ever. Those probably came from Lydia, an ancient kingdom in what's now Turkey. Chuy 1530 CC BY SA 3.0. Classical Numismatic Group CC BY 3.0

Eventually, the Romans wanted to standardize these bronze chunks. They made *aes grave*, the first coins in Rome. These were still pretty heavy. Each coin weighed one Roman pound, or *libra*. A Roman pound was 12 ounces. But sometimes people needed to weigh or pay smaller amounts. So, they came up with a unit that was 1/12 of a Roman pound—an *uncia*.

Since *uncia* just means 1/12, it's also how people measured lengths shorter than a Roman foot. That's how we got the English word *inch*.

As time went on, regular people stopped speaking formal Latin. It evolved into new languages—like French, Spanish and Italian. When the Normans (medieval French descendants of the Vikings) took over England, they brought French words. One of these was *unce*, from the Latin *uncia*. That changed into the English word *ounce*.

Back in medieval Italy, merchants used the Italian version of the word: *onza*. Sometimes they shortened it to *oz*.

As people traded with each other, *oz* traveled to England.

There were other changes, too. You might have clocked that a Roman pound isn't the same pound we use today.

That's because we use a *wool pound*, or *Avoirdupois*. That pound is the same as 7,000 grains of barley, or 16 ounces. English wool traders changed it because the number 16 was practical. It can be halved four times to weigh or sell smaller amounts.

A *Roman* pound is the same as 5,000 grains of barley, or 12 ounces. People who sell precious metals and gems today still use a variation of this—the *Troy pound* (5,760 grains).

But that original Roman pound—*libra*—is why we use the abbreviation *lb*.

It seems weird since neither of those letters show up in the word *pound*. But if you track how the words changed over time, it makes an *ounce* of sense.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The Simmons Factor

By V.G. Harris

Ben Simmons has stolen the preseason show thus far and understandably so. 2018 rookie of the year in the NBA and a three-time all-star, brings with it a lot of optimism and certainly fan excitement.

After sitting out the entirety of the 2025-26 season recovering from back problems, Simmons says he is 100 percent healthy and ready to prove his naysayers wrong.

Many have questioned his toughness, but two back surgeries are nothing to scoff at, and as many people can attest to, back injuries can be hard to overcome.

At 6-foot-10, Simmons represents a skyscraper of a point guard and is even taller than hall-of-famer Magic Johnson.

The apparent plan is for Simmons to back up Darius Acurr Jr., and if so, it could pay dividends.

Without question a point guard of his size represents problems for opposing teams, so what remains to be seen is how he fits in with Scott Perry’s new look Kings, and does he have the motor to be a game changer.

The good news as it relates to Ben Simmons is that on a team that is hungry for players with defensive qualities, Simmons has a proven history of being a top flight defender, and although not known for being a big scorer, Simmons can certainly make his mark of the defensive end.

If, as has been expressed, the Kings intend to bring Simmons off the bench and have him back up Darius Acuff, giving him 20-25 minutes per game may be a recipe that will work for a player that has proven to be injury prone.

Meanwhile, aside from Acuff, there are two other draft picks that need attention, and that most notably means on court minutes.

Emanuel Sharpe is another player that comes to the Kings with a history of being a tough defender, and Kings fans got to see his defensive skills on display during the NBA summer league.

Sharpe has a natural knack for the ball and was a division one standout in college on the defensive end of the floor. It makes fans wonder how Simmons and Sharpe would look on the court together, as Sharpe is a natural

shooting guard and Simmons plays the point. Just possible that times are changing for the better.

Trade talks continue to swirl as it relates to Domantas Sabonis, and that should not come as welcome news.

I see Sabonis as the anchor of this team, and if anyone comes with a pedigree it is most certainly Domantas.

The Kings need this big man to have a comeback season after being limited to a career low 19 games last year due to injuries. This stalwart has proven himself not just to the Kings organization, but to the league as well, and Sabonis has earned the respect of players throughout.

Alex Karaban, drafted 29th overall, comes to the Kings with four seasons of college ball, and an NCAA title under his belt. Used to winning, Karaban should be a consistent player off the bench, and if coach Christie develops a consistent flow with minutes, Karaban can become a valuable commodity for Sacramento this season.

Much depends on how Christie develops what has now become a young team, and effective use of players like Achiuwa, Cardwell, Karaban and Sharpe will make a big difference in the win/loss record of the Kings this season.

The Kings young players aren’t the only ones that need to earn their stripes. It’s high time the coaching staff steps up and shows what they can do.

It is hard to measure Doug Christie after a season where his team was largely on the disabled list, but make no mistake about it, this year marks the litmus test in his young coaching career.

If the 20-25 wins that the pundits have expressed are what the Kings have to look forward to is in any way correct, look for a complete shake-up of the coaching staff.

There is way too much talent for this team to be on the south side of 30 wins, and even one more tweak could represent an acceleration of Scott Perry’s rebuilding program.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because I believe you’re going to see a much healthier team than just a season ago!

All the best!

California’s Future Water Supplies Depend on the Outcomes of Four Intertwined Battles



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Since the earliest years of its history, California has been a political battlefield over divvying up the state’s water. The intensity of the multisided conflict, like water itself, ebbs and flows.

By happenstance this is one of the more intense and climactic periods in the eternal competition over water. It’s driven by uncertainty over the effects of climate change on precipitation and by looming decisions on how to cope with those effects.

What happens on four intertwined fronts in the near future will determine how water will be managed and allocated in the coming decades. In no particular order:

Colorado River

Decades of conflict over allocating Colorado River water, involving not only California but other Western states, are coming to a head. Runoff from snow in the Rocky Mountains has been declining, and the two major reservoirs on the Colorado, Lakes Mead and Powell, have been shrinking and rapidly approaching operational failure. Federal authorities have been pressing the states involved to agree on how the shortages should be managed, but it’s been a stalemate.

California is less dependent than Nevada and Arizona, which rely on

the Colorado to serve their fast-growing urban centers. When the Bureau of Reclamation imposed some temporary operational rules recently, Nevada sued and Arizona is threatening to follow.

Sites Reservoir Project

An off-stream reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley to capture and store water during years of high precipitation has been proposed for decades. But with projections of decreased snowpacks due to climate change, the project, called Sites, has gained momentum in recent years.

Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to nail down the project before leaving office in four months. Last week, the administration’s Water Resources Control Board issued a draft water rights decision for Sites. The project needs permission to draw water from the Sacramento River before it can secure financing for the 1.5-million-acre-foot reservoir.

Delta Tunnel Project

Newsom also wants to pin down another major project — a tunnel that would carry Sacramento River water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to improve deliveries to Southern California via the California Aqueduct. A conveyance of some kind has been proposed for more than 60 years but has never been able to clear political, legal and financial hurdles.

Advocates say the project would take pressure off the Delta, but it faces stiff opposition from environmental groups who contend it would worsen the Delta’s environmental problems. Putting together a package of regulatory permission and financing from water

agencies that would benefit has been a daunting, and so far elusive, goal.

San Joaquin River Diversions

While proposing the 45-mile-long tunnel to divert some Sacramento River water from flowing through the Delta, state water officials are simultaneously pressuring San Joaquin Valley farmers to reduce San Joaquin River diversions to increase flows into the Delta.

Supposedly reductions would be voluntary, but the state is also working on mandatory cutbacks if not enough water is voluntarily offered. Last week, Westlands, the largest water district in the valley, pulled out of the voluntary negotiations, saying the state was moving toward coercion. If the state issues mandatory cutbacks, it would probably become a legal battle over whether the state can interfere with long-standing water rights.

The conflict is exacerbated by reductions in water farmers can draw from underground aquifers with wells. There are projections that reductions in water supply, could take as many as 900,000 acres of farmland out of production.

That possibility drove major agricultural interests to successfully press the Legislature last week to make it easier to remove farmland from open space preserves, to replace crops with solar power arrays.

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

Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security. My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don’t want Medicare? I am on my wife’s employer plan, and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier. She doesn’t plan on retiring for another 8 yrs. Also, I would like to wait till my full retirement age (FRA) before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point? Signed: *Retired but Curious*

Dear Retired but Curious: As long as you are covered by a “credible” healthcare plan (such as that from your wife’s US Postal Service employer), you can defer enrolling in Medicare

until your Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) coverage from your wife’s employer ends. When that happens, you (and your wife) will enter a Medicare “Special Enrollment Period” (SEP) during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don’t need to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it, and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you

have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your wife’s employer (even while you are collecting Social Security).

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because you are still covered by your wife’s USPS employer healthcare plan. Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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A decade later, Colin Kaepernick is as tiresome as ever. To mark the 10-year anniversary of his kneeling during the National Anthem, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback is out with a new memoir, “The Perilous Fight.” (Get it?)

In an interview with NBC News in advance of the book’s release, which he clearly imagines as part of a vindication tour, he proved himself as committed to woke racial politics as ever.

He told NBC that his protests were about fighting “police killing black folks” and “systemic oppression.” He added that he was thinking -- not very modestly -- about the Montgomery bus boycotts, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King while he took a knee.

It’s certainly true that Kaepernick sacrificed his career to his protests, although he was a marginal player by the end. In his prime, Kaepernick was a top-notch athlete and electric performer. No one can take his exemplary 2012 and 2013 seasons away from him. In one playoff game in 2012, he passed for 263 yards and ran for 181, a single-game record for rushing by an NFL quarterback.

He couldn’t maintain this level of performance, though. In 2015, he lost his starting job to journeyman Blaine Gabbert. He won it back for a time in 2016, although he got benched during one game

Ten years later, Kaepernick Remains Unpersuasive

after throwing for all of 4 yards. The 49ers went 1-10 when he started, and by one metric, he ranked 23rd out of 30 qualifying quarterbacks. So he was hardly the GOAT, instead once-very-good, now-mediocre.

Then there was the issue that his style of play didn’t necessarily fit in most offensive schemes.

Layer on top of this the circus he’d bring to town with his kneeling and it’s understandable that teams didn’t find him an alluring proposition in 2017 when he was a free agent. There were myriad options available as backup quarterbacks who weren’t notorious for disrespecting the national anthem immediately prior to games.

TITLE: None of this would have mattered if Kaepernick had maintained his 2012 level of play; in that hypothetical, teams would have signed him even if he started to do the black power salute during huddles.

Kaepernick has now worked himself into a position where he’s compared NFL players to enslaved people (in an absurd Netflix documentary), and he’s bitter that he isn’t numbered among them as a 38-year-old who hasn’t played in 10 years.

Then there’s the substance of his advocacy. The high-water mark for Kaepernick’s anti-police worldview came in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd, when the NFL basically apologized for not listening to his supposed wisdom and the police were put on their back foot in many cities

around the country.

The result was an increase in violent crime that, of course, disproportionately victimized black people. The country has now recovered from this idiocy -- based on the lie that the police indiscriminately kill black people -- and the country is much safer for the people who Kaepernick purports to care most about. If we ever go anywhere near his preferred policy of abolishing the police and prisons, we’d instantly create the worst crime wave in the country’s history.

Kaepernick is sometimes compared to Muhammad Ali. The legendary boxer sacrificed part of his career by claiming conscientious objector status during the Vietnam War. Ali was hated for a time, but his true greatness as a boxer, his incandescent charisma and his outsized place in the culture allowed him to transcend that political controversy and become a beloved American figure.

That is not going to happen to Colin Kaepernick, whose claim to fame is kneeling on the sidelines during some NFL games. He’s very dismissive of the enduring change wrought in the NFL by his protests and the tumult after 2020. The league has painted the words “End Racism” in end zones. Kaepernick rightly considers these pointless messages performative, but so was his scorn for the anthem of his own country a decade ago.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Solano County Receives Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The County of Solano, Department of General Services, Purchasing Services, has been awarded the prestigious 2026 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) from the National Procurement Institute (NPI). The AEP Award is earned

by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence. This annual program recognizes procurement organizations that embrace Innovation, Professionalism, Productivity, Leadership, and e-Procurement. The AEP program encourages the development of excellence as well as continued organizational improvement to earn the award annually.

For 2025, there were 216 successful applicants including 85 cities, 48 counties, 23 special districts, 26 school districts, 15 higher education agencies, seven state or provincial agencies and 12 others. In addition to the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI), the AEP is sponsored by the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), Canadian Public

Procurement Council / Conseil canadien des marchés publics (CPPC), Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement and Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA). The AEP is supported by

the Airport Purchasing Group (APG), AXIA Cooperative, GOVMVMT, NCPP The Professional Association for Cooperative Procurement, OMNIA Partners, Pavilion, Strategic Government Resources (SGR), Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC), and the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC). ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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.)
Publish: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 2026
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.)
Publish: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 2026
NEW 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001524
The following persons are doing business as: Misty Insurance Services, 2409 Topgallant Court, Fairfield, CA 94534. Silvana Zuniga Navarro, 2409 Topgallant 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.)
Publish: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 2026
MISTY 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001502
The following persons are doing business as: Perfume Synergy, 2830 Thornbury Court, Vallejo, CA 94591. Solano Equity Investments LLC, 101 W. American Canyon Road 508-294, American Canyon, CA 94503.
Date filed in Solano County: August 26, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 15, 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 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.)
Publish: Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 2026
PERFUME 10-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001432
The following persons are doing business as: Our Lady of Peace Home Care, 900 Dawnview Way, Vacaville, CA 95687
Cabe Procure LLC, 900 Dawnview Way, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: August 13, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 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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OUR 10-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001584
The following persons are doing business as: Mostly Points, 715 Engineer Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Jacob Wilhite, 715 Engineer Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: September 9, 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 September 8, 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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MOSTLY 10-9-26

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.
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 #CU26-07671
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
Publish: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 2026
QUIROZ 10-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-07929
Milagrito Perlita Hernandez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Milagrito Perlita Hernandez to Miracle Perlita Tuller. 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 23, 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: September 8, 2026
Publish: Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 2026
HERNANDEZ 10-9-26

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
Publish: September 4, 11, 18, 2026
FELCIANO 9-18-26

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 right's 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 9-18-26**



Council Approves Bonds for Construction Projects

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downtown mixed-use area.

Council reviewed this project in April but continued the item and asked staff to look at considerations like compatibility with existing school start times at the nearby Anderson Elementary School and John Knight Middle School, pedestrian safety concerns, and whether a school use would negatively impact downtown parking or the ability of local businesses to obtain liquor licenses.

The applicant agreed to stagger their start and end times to ensure they won't add traffic congestion to the school drop off and pick up times in the area. They also addressed the pedestrian safety concerns with new language requiring crossing guards to ensure pedestrian safety. While the city cannot legally restrict anyone's right to object to liquor license applications, the applicant said they don't plan to make any such objections. They also believe the planned onsite parking should ensure staff do not take up street parking downtown.

During public comments, various community members and people affiliated with the school spoke in support of the project, stating that the building will be a beautiful addition to downtown while providing an excellent educational opportunity. They also stressed the necessity of constructing the school at that location, since it is near the Catholic Church where students are required to attend daily mass.

Some residents spoke in opposition to the project, stating that a school is not compatible with the downtown zoning, and it would only benefit a small group and not the community as a whole. The Downtown Dixon Business Association (DDBA) is also opposed to the project in that location, stating that the amount of space downtown is limited, and uses should be targeted to entertainment and dining to create a vibrant downtown.

Vice Mayor Jim Ernest said everyone agrees the Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy offers a highly regarded educational program, and the new school would be asset to the community. But he said, "My concern is the location. The property is in our downtown commercial area. We have a vision for our downtown. Our

zoning is intended to create a vibrant downtown core. We want restaurants, retail, entertainment, commercial activity. A school isn't consistent with our downtown vision."

Ernest suggested the possibility of looking into a land swap with a city-owned property that could provide a better location and maintain the downtown property for the uses already consistent with the designated zoning. He said, "The goal here is to find a win-win: To support Sacred Heart and protect our long-term vision for a vibrant, economically successful downtown."

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said he's heard from a lot of residents about this project, and the community is pretty evenly split on this issue. He said, "There's a long-term view of what we want to see in our downtown and what we want it to be." While he said the design and intention of this project are "wonderful," he said the council has to give downtown businesses the best chance to thrive.

Councilmember Thom Bogue agreed that he likes the design and supports the school, but a lot of time and effort went into planning for the downtown corridor, and they dedicated it as mixed-use for a reason.

Councilmember Don Hendershot still had concerns about how a school at that location would impact local businesses.

Councilmember Johnson suggested they table this item to look into Ernest's land swap idea. Johnson said he wants to see this project happen, and another location could actually give the school more outside space for the students as well as room to grow if their program expands in the future.

Mayor Steven Bird agreed that the location is the biggest concern and said the council has the responsibility to consider all possible options before making a decision.

The council voted unanimously to continue the item at a future meeting and directed staff to look into other location options and discuss possibilities with the applicant.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council was scheduled for Sept. 15. ★

City of Vacaville Director of Public Works Brian Oxley Announces Retirement



Brian Oxley

City of Vacaville News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - City of Vacaville Director of Public Works Brian Oxley has announced his retirement, effective Oct. 1, concluding more than two decades of service to the city and more than 25 years in public works and municipal engineering.

Mr. Oxley began his career with the City of Vacaville in 2002 and most recently served as assistant director of public works overseeing engineering before being appointed director of public works Jan 1. Throughout his career, he has helped advance complex infrastructure projects and supported the development and maintenance of public facilities and systems serving the Vacaville community.

"Vacaville has been an important part of my professional life for more than two decades, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served this community," said Mr. Oxley. "I am especially proud of the Public Works team and the work we have accomplished together. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated

professionals, and I know the department will continue to serve Vacaville well."

"Brian has dedicated much of his career to serving Vacaville, and his contributions can be seen throughout our community," said City Manager Savita Chaudhary. "His technical expertise, institutional knowledge, and commitment to public service have been invaluable to our organization and our community. We thank Brian for his many years of service and wish him and his family all the best in retirement."

Director of Utilities Justen Cole will serve as interim director of public works effective Oct. 1 and will provide leadership and continuity for the department while continuing to oversee the utilities department. ★

Support Inclusive Programming at the Inaugural Adaptive Recreation Community Day

City of Vacaville News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Vacaville Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the inaugural fundraiser, Adaptive Recreation Community Day, supporting inclusive recreation opportunities for the Vacaville community. This new family-friendly event takes place Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Play4All Park, 815 Elmira Road.

Adaptive Recreation Community Day will feature pay-to-play carnival-style games, inflatable activities, raffle baskets and more. This inclusive community celebration brings families and community members together

while raising funds to support the City's Adaptive Recreation programs which helps provide year-round recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

The event is made possible with support from community sponsors: Lewis Management and Chick-fil-A Vacaville Commons. Be sure to have your camera ready for a photo opportunity, as Chick-fil-A will join the celebration with a special appearance by one of their Holstein cow mascots.

Admission is free. Tickets for raffles, inflatable games, and select activities will be available for purchase. All proceeds will support the City's Adaptive Recreation program. Learn more on the Adaptive Recreation webpage. ★

Dixon Leaders Swap the Dias for Coffee Counters to Put Resident Voices First

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Over cups of coffee and morning pastries, Dixon residents spent August doing something rare in modern local government: sitting face-to-face with their elected officials for unscripted, direct conversations about their town's future.

The City of Dixon recently wrapped up its district-wide "Coffee with a Councilmember" series, an initiative designed to break down traditional civic barriers by bringing local government out of City Hall and directly into neighborhood meeting spots.

From Rosemary's Farm to Fork to local coffee shops, Mayor Steve Bird, Vice Mayor Jim Ernest and Councilmembers Kevin Johnson, Thom Bogue and Don Hendershot spent the month pulling up chairs alongside city staff to listen, take notes and build trust.

"I think I speak for the whole council when I say we really enjoyed this," said Mayor Steve Bird. "Getting to sit down one-on-one with residents, hear their concerns and what matters to them, that is time well spent."

Rather than formal three-minute public comments at a podium, these informal gatherings invited genuine dialogue. Neighbors shared heartfelt thoughts on Dixon's growing footprint, traffic safety, accessibility and creative ideas to support homegrown businesses.

"I appreciated the opportunity to sit

down with city leaders and have an open conversation about what our local businesses need to be successful," said Olimpia Garner, local State Farm agent. "It was encouraging to be able to share feedback and ideas about how we can better support our business community and create more reasons for people to shop, dine and spend their dollars right here in Dixon. These conversations are important, and I'm glad the city is creating opportunities for local businesses and residents to have a voice."

The coffee series is part of Dixon Grown, the City's ongoing community education and engagement initiative launched in February 2026 to ensure resident voices actively guide municipal growth. It builds on July's "Popsicles in the Park" and interactive community workshops held earlier this spring.

As Dixon prepares to release the developer-funded draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for major proposals — including the Harvest Master Plan, Lombardo Ranch Master Plan and south-east annexation projects — the city is bringing the community's insights directly into the next phase of planning. Once the draft EIR is released, residents will have another formal opportunity to review and submit comments.

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