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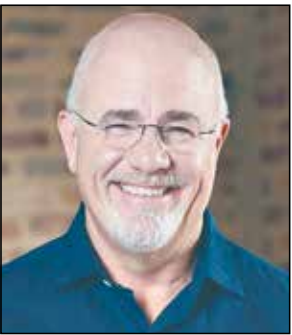
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Benz Family Lead Kidney Disease Awareness



Community members gathered the morning of July 11 at Solano Baking Company for Hope & Heroes: Living Kidney Donation Awareness Day. The event was organized by Kara Benz (far left) and Kendra Benz (second to right) and inspired by Gerna Benz (center). Family friend Sarah Landis (far right) flew in from Atlanta to support. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Community members gathered the morning of July 11 at Solano Baking Company for Hope & Heroes: Living Kidney Donation Awareness Day, an event focused on educating the public about kidney disease, living kidney donation and the impact of organ transplantation.

The free event was held from 8 a.m. to noon at the bakery, 1160 Pitt School Road, Suite C, and its adjacent outdoor dining area. Activities included a Seeds of Hope station with sunflower seeds and educational materials, a Tree of Hope and Wall of Hope where visitors could leave messages



Activities at the event included a Seeds of Hope station with sunflower seeds and educational materials and a Wall of Hope where visitors could leave messages of encouragement. Photo by Nicolas Brown

of encouragement, complimentary Hope cookies, a children's activity area and hourly appreciation drawings.

The event was inspired by Gerna Benz, husband of Solano Baking Company

owner Kendra Benz, who is living with chronic kidney disease and is awaiting a kidney transplant. According to the Benz family, the event was designed to go beyond their personal experiences by providing education and

connecting residents with resources about kidney disease and living kidney donation.

Kendra Benz said her husband's diagnosis changed their family's life and motivated them to create a community-centered event.

"It's a community event," she said. "We wanted to provide an event where community members can learn something, make a connection, and just feel more hope."

Benz said she initially envisioned the event as one centered solely on living kidney donation, but expanded its scope as she learned more about kidney disease and transplant options.

"We're trying to connect people, educate people and

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County Assessment Roll Increases for Fifteenth Year in a Row

**Solano County
News Release**

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The assessed value of taxable property in Solano County has surpassed \$80.5 billion, increasing by 3.38% for fiscal year 2026-27 and marking the fifteenth consecutive year of growth, Assessor-Recorder Glenn Zook announced July 8.

"Reaching a new high in total assessed value and marking our fifteenth consecutive year of growth reflects the continued confidence people and businesses have in investing in Solano County," said Zook. "New residential construction, commercial investment and property improvements continue to strengthen our local tax base, providing critical funding for the public services our communities depend on."

At the close of the roll, the value of all assessable property in Solano County reached \$80.59 billion (\$80,596,587,361), an increase of approximately \$2.6 billion over the prior year. This continued growth strengthens the property tax base that helps fund schools, cities, special districts, and other essential public services throughout Solano County. As of the close of the roll, approximately 1,300 assessment appeals from prior years, representing roughly \$8.8 billion in assessed value, remain pending review.

What Makes Up the County's Net Roll

The County's Net Roll combines the secured assessment roll, primarily consisting of land and improvements, with the unsecured assessment roll, which generally includes business equipment and other taxable personal property. After applying eligible exemptions, the Net Roll serves as the basis for distributing property tax revenues that support schools, cities, special districts and other local agencies providing essential public services throughout Solano County.

Continued Investment Strengthens Communities

The fifteenth consecutive year of assessment roll growth reflects continued investment throughout Solano County, including new residential construction, commercial development and property improvements. A strong and growing assessment roll provides a stable

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Celebrating Independence Day Safely

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Families, friends and community members gathered at Hall Park on the evening of July 4 for the City of Dixon's annual Fourth of July Celebration, an event city officials said attracted a larger crowd than in recent years and concluded without significant public safety or logistical issues.

The celebration, held from 4 to 9:15 p.m. at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, featured food vendors, live entertainment, recreational activities and a fireworks display.

The city did not provide an official attendance estimate, but Acting Public Information Officer Emma McNeil said staff observations indicated attendance appeared higher than during the previous two years.

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number of people who attended the event," said McNeil. "However, based on staff observations, attendance appeared to be higher than it has been over the past two years."

McNeil said organizing the annual event required extensive planning and coordination among multiple city departments and community partners. The city's Recreation team led

planning efforts, including coordinating with the fireworks vendor, preparing the staff report and obtaining City Council approval, selecting food vendors and

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entertainment, coordinating with the local pickleball community and aquatics staff and managing other logistical details.

The Public Works Department also played a key role before, during and after the celebration by preparing the park, setting up the stage for the live band, helping maintain a safe perimeter around the fireworks launch area and completing cleanup after the event.

City officials reported no significant logistical or public safety concerns throughout the celebration.

“There were no significant logistical or public safety challenges during the event and overall, everything went smoothly,” said McNeil. She added that additional public safety personnel were assigned in anticipation of a large turnout and that response plans were in place if needed.

According to McNeil, neither the Dixon Police Department nor the Fire Department experienced any unusual incidents compared with previous Fourth of July celebrations. A report summarizing police activity during the holiday period will be presented at the first Dixon City Council meeting in August, specifically at 7 p.m. Aug. 4.

According to McNeil,



The Public Works Department played a key role before, during and after the celebration by preparing the park, helping maintain a safe perimeter around the fireworks launch area, cleaning up after the event, and even setting up the stage for the live band. Photo by Nicolas Brown

the city has also received positive feedback from residents and attendees through social media following the event.

Mayor Steve Bird said the celebration reflected the community spirit that has become a hallmark of the annual event.

“It was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together to celebrate the Fourth of July,” said Bird. “Events like this are a great reminder of what makes Dixon such a special community. Thank you to everyone who came out, celebrated with us and helped make this year's event such a success.”

McNeil said the Fourth of July celebration provides an opportunity for residents to commemorate the nation's independence while strengthening community

connections.

She noted that the Dixon City Council allocated \$184,739 in the 2026-27 fiscal year budget to support community events and activities throughout the year, reflecting the city's continued investment in programs that bring residents together.

Fire Chief Randy Shafer thanked residents for helping make the holiday a safe one.

“We want to thank everyone in our community for celebrating safely and responsibly this Fourth of July,” said Shafer. “The Fourth is always a busy time for public safety and we appreciate everyone who did their part to help make this a safe and successful holiday.”

For more information, visit cityofdixonca.gov or call 707-678-7000. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Dixon Library's Summer Reading Program concludes from 10 to 11 a.m. July 22 with a Foam Party and Ice Cream Social. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the event will allow participants to cool off in non-toxic foam while dancing to music and enjoying ice cream. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Downtown Dixon Farmer's Market

Downtown Dixon Business Association's (DDBA) is hosting the Downtown Dixon Weekly Farmer's Market, held every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. through Oct. 28. Hosted at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St, the event, sponsored by the City of Dixon, features organic fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked breads, hot food vendors, live music and opportunities to meet local farmers.

For more information, visit downtondixonca.com/events or email dixondowntonba@yahoo.com.

Chamber Networking Lunch

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. July 16. This free in-person event, held at Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards. Lunch is provided.

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

Popsicles in the Park

Dixon Grown is hosting the Popsicles in the Park series throughout July, offering community members the opportunity to meet local elected officials and city staff while enjoying complimentary frozen treats. Events are scheduled at parks throughout the month, including Bowen Park, Pitt School Road and Sunflower Way, at 6 p.m. July 23 and Veterans Park, 1300 Valley Glen Drive, at 6 p.m. July 29.

For more information, visit dixongrown.com/Popsicles-in-the-Park/ or email news@cityofdixonca.gov.

Dixon Toy Show

The Collectible Show, a vintage toy and collectibles shop in Roseville, CA, is hosting the Dixon Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 25. Held at the Dixon May Fair grounds, 655 S. First St., the event will feature approximately 50 vendors specializing in vintage toys. Admission is free for children, early bird admission, from 9 to 11 a.m., is \$15 with general admission being \$5.

For more information, visit dixonmayfair.com/event/dixon-toy-show/ or call 707-678-5529.

Lunch Bunch at Pedro's Cocina

Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a lunch bunch networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. July 21. Held at Pedro's Cocina, 1425 Market Lane, the

free event offers guests a no-host lunch and networking opportunities.

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

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

Bunco Night

Joystick Gaming Lounge will host its monthly Bunco Night from 6 to 8 p.m. July 23. Held at the lounge, 420 Gateway Dr., Suite C, the event includes prizes, with food and beverages available for purchase. The event costs \$20 per attendee. Proceeds from beer and wine sales will benefit Kiwanis Club of Dixon.

For more information, visit joystick-dixon.com or call 707-676-5697.

Foam Party and Ice Cream Social

Dixon Library's Summer Reading Program concludes from 10 to 11 a.m. July 22 with a Foam Party and Ice Cream Social. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the event will allow participants to cool off in non-toxic foam while dancing to music and enjoying ice cream. Bathing suits, towels and swimming goggles are recommended.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

DFS Comedy Night

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

For more information, visit givebutter.com/DFSCComedyNight2026 or email info@dixonfamilyservices.org. ★

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



Wednesday, July 1, 2026

2254 11375 (b)(2) H&S, Possess controlled substance without prescription and 11364 (a) H&S, Possession of narcotics paraphernalia arrest, at the intersection of West A Street and North Lincoln Street. Suspect Oscar De La Torre (38-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested without incident. S-De La Torre was cited and released on scene.

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

0859 A vehicle was towed for expired registration in the 2500 block of West A Street.

1453 A fraud report was taken in the 400 block of Mast Court.

2023 Report of a Domestic Violence (DV) in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street. Mohamad Zahir (48) was arrested and taken to jail.

Monday, June 29, 2026

1332 A theft report and stolen vehicle report was taken at 1400 block of North First Street. Unknown suspect stole approximately \$28,000 worth of merchandise and a company truck.

1358 A child endangerment report was taken in the 1300 block of Ingrid Drive.

1451 A fraud report was taken in the 1900 block of Rehrmann Drive.

1900 Theft report taken in the 100 block of North Adams Street.

Sunday, June 28, 2026

1308 Vehicle towed for expired registration.

1800 Stolen vehicle report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane. The vehicle was later recovered in Sac County.

Saturday, June 27, 2026

1720 Zachery Royce (38) of Elk Grove was contacted in the 900 block of Business Drive and arrested for DUI.

1750 245 (a)(1) PC, ADW, 236 PC, False Imprisonment, 417 PC, Brandish a Deadly Weapon and 242 PC, Battery arrests in the 700 block of Sierra Drive. Suspects were arrested without incident. Both suspects were transported to Solano County Jail and booked.

Friday, June 26, 2026

1050 Information report.

1216 Vehicle burglary in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

Thursday, June 25, 2026

1309 Theft report of signs.

1407 Confidential report.

2215 273.5 PC, Felony Domestic Violence report, taken in the 100 block of Pegord Avenue.

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

1100 Fraud Report 900 block West A Street.

1344 Found Property 200 block North First Street.

1650 Domestic battery 1500 block Valley Glen Drive.

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

0910 Fraud Report 200 block Lynd Way.

1415 Fraud Report 1000 block Windmill Drive.

2319 A brandishing of a firearm arrest report was taken in the 200 block of Coleman Court. Officers contacted (S) Chelsea Sherman (34) of Sacramento. Sherman was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

Monday, June 22, 2026

0911 Theft Report 600 block Stratford Avenue License plate stolen overnight. After locating the stolen plate on Flock, officers checked the area and found it on a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 300 block of Berkshire Drive. Terry Dudley (37) of Dixon was contacted and arrested for possession of stolen property and false evidence of vehicle registration. He was booked into the Solano County Jail.

0945 Found Property 400 block Doyle Lane.

1907 A theft report was taken in the 1700 block of North First Street.

2134 A D.U.I. arrest report was taken in the 1900 block of North Lincoln Street. Officers contacted (S) Rogelio Lopez Jr, of Dixon. Lopez Jr. was arrested for D.U.I and transported to the Solano County Jail.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

1210 Violation of a court order in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

1633 Vandalism report in the area of Legion Drive and Duncan Court.

1855 An unattended death report was taken at the intersection of Milk Farm at Currey Road.

1855 An informational report was taken in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.

2048 An informational report that was referred to CPS was taken in the 1700 block of Belden Drive.

0343 A domestic violence report was taken in the 1400 block of Ingrid Drive.



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Benz Family Lead Kidney Disease Awareness



Organizers encouraged attendees to ask questions, hear personal stories from those affected by kidney disease and learn about living donation, emphasizing education and community connection rather than fundraising. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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learn from each other,” she said.
She also hopes attendees leave with new knowledge and a sense of encouragement.
“I wanted this to be a community event to use my platform that others may not have access to,” said Benz. “We try to be good villagers in our village.”
Kara Benz, Kendra’s daughter, said they wanted the event to serve anyone affected by kidney disease, whether they have received a transplant, may need one in the future, or want to learn more.
“We have people that have come from all over,” she said. “The main takeaway is we wanted this to be community-focused. The slogan is, 'One conversation can change a life.'”
She said initially they were uncertain how the event would be received but were encouraged by the turnout.
“The reception has been great, such a great turnout,” she said.
Kara Benz said family friend Sarah Landis traveled from Atlanta to participate as a spokesperson, while other family members traveled from Washington to support the event. The Benz family plan to make Hope & Heroes an annual event.
“I’m really happy with the turnout and the support of the community,” said Kara Benz. “Not enough people know about this, and one in three people are affected, so it’s important.”
Representatives from local health care

organizations also participated in the event. Daunje Saunders, manager of community engagement for NorthBay Health, said the organization provided blood pressure screenings and information about primary care and urgent care services available in Solano County.
“High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of kidney disease,” said Saunders. “Kidney disease, like diabetes and other things, is a silent killer that can affect you severely.”
Saunders said NorthBay Health joined the event because raising awareness through community outreach aligns with its mission.
“We knew this was something we were ecstatic about, so this is something we’ve been planning to be part of since we heard of it,” she said.
According to Landis, she wanted to support the event because of its message about the life-changing impact of organ donation.
“This isn’t just giving someone a pint of blood, which is also important,” she said. “This is the gift of life.”
Organizers encouraged attendees to ask questions, hear personal stories from those affected by kidney disease and learn about living donation, emphasizing education and community connection rather than fundraising.
For more information, visit Solano Baking Company on Facebook or call 707-678-0950. ★

Air District Offers Residents Free Home Air Purifiers

Applications Open Through July 31

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is now accepting applications from residents for a chance to receive a free air purifier through its 2026 Fresh Air For All – Home Air Filtration Program. The program helps households reduce exposure to wildfire smoke and other harmful air pollutants by improving indoor air quality.
“Through the Fresh Air For All program, we are helping residents create cleaner indoor environments and better protect themselves and their families when outdoor air quality deteriorates,” said Air District Board Vice Chair Carol Scianna.
Selected households will receive one Oransi AirMend150 HB air purifier with a HEPA filter and one replacement filter, providing up to 24 months of air filtration. Approximately 780 air purifiers will be awarded through a random drawing of eligible applicants. Only one application may be submitted per household.
Applications will be accepted online through July 31. Following the application period, eligible recipients will be selected through a random lottery process, notified and then shipped the device directly.
To apply, residents must complete an application at www.ysaqmd.org/incentives/fresh-air-for-all-home-filtration-program/ and provide their name and



Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District staff distribute free air purifiers at the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Safety Fair last year. Photo courtesy of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

address. District staff will review applications to verify eligibility before conducting the lottery. Once recipients are drawn, applicants will be asked to provide proof of address such as a driver’s license, utility bill or other official document.
Wildfire smoke can create prolonged periods of unhealthy air and poses serious health risks, particularly for children, older adults, pregnant individuals and people with asthma, heart disease or other respiratory conditions. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, HEPA filtration devices can significantly reduce fine particle pollution indoors when used in a well-sealed room.
The district encourages residents to use air purifiers during wildfire smoke events and to designate a "clean air room" in their home, such as a bedroom or living room, to provide a refuge from unhealthy outdoor air.
This is the second year the Air District has offered the program. Last year, more than 700 air purifiers were distributed to residents, with priority given to households in disadvantaged communities, including Rio Vista, parts of West Sacramento and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal lands. This year, the program has expanded, making more air purifiers available to all residents throughout the Air District. Residents who received an air purifier through the Fresh Air For All program in 2025 are not eligible to receive another unit in 2026.
For questions or more information about the program, contact airfilter@ysaqmd.org or call 530-757-3650.
The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District’s mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the district is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista and Vacaville. For more information, visit ysaqmd.org. Connect with the Air District via Facebook, X, LinkedIn and Nextdoor. ★

Primetime Barbershop Reopens Downtown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Primetime Barbershop is celebrating 21 years in business while beginning a new chapter at its recently reopened downtown location, where owners Leslie and Ed Romo say they plan to expand both their apprenticeship program and community partnerships.
The family-owned business hosted its grand reopening June 27 at 145 E. A St. after relocating back to downtown Dixon. Leslie Romo said the move was driven by the need for additional space and opportunities to grow community involvement.
“We wanted to do a little more growth in the community,” said Romo. “We also have an apprenticeship program we’ve been doing but



Primetime Barbershop is celebrating 21 years in business while beginning a new chapter at its recently reopened downtown location, where owners Leslie and Ed Romo (Center) say they plan to expand both their apprenticeship program and community partnerships. Photo by Nicolas Brown

just needed more space. We work with a lot of local youth groups, too, but we want to do even more with the community. We moved briefly, but now we’re back.”
Although the business celebrates its 21st anniversary this year, the shop traces its roots to 2005, when it was established in a location now occupied by Uptown Collective. The Romos purchased the business from Carlos Preciado in 2010 after he opened another barbershop.
“It’s always been my husband and me managing,” said Romo. “He is the barber manager, and I handle everything behind the scenes.”
The family’s involvement extends beyond daily operations. According to Romo, their daughters helped renovate the new location alongside other family members, creating what they describe as a welcoming atmosphere.
“We want everyone who enters here to feel the energy

of a family environment,” she said. “The theme is a classic, rustic, family-oriented space that moms and young girls can feel comfortable in.”
The shop currently employs six barbers and recently expanded its apprenticeship program. Romo said the larger location allows the business to train future barbers while helping preserve the trade.
“We have three apprentices in place, and that’s one of our goals, to never let this craft die,” she said.
Customers visiting the new location will find amenities beyond barber chairs, including a pool table, complimentary bottled water and beer for adults, and treats for children such as ice cream, lollipops and Otter Pops. The shop also offers a customer challenge in which anyone who can stop a timer exactly at 10 seconds earns a free haircut.
“We’ve had a couple of winners,” said Romo.
Standard haircuts cost \$45.

Romo said barber Allan Espinoza became a business partner when the shop relocated downtown and now helps support the business alongside the Romo family.
“We all have the same goal, supporting the community,” she said.
That commitment includes partnerships with local youth sports organizations, including Dixon Youth Football & Cheer, Dixon Leóns Competitive Soccer Club and other local athletic programs. Through its newest promotion, players, coaches and siblings affiliated with Dixon Youth Football & Cheer can receive \$40 haircuts Monday through Wednesday, with \$10 from each haircut donated to the organization.
“We have a lot of talented athletes in this community,” said Romo. “We want to ensure these kids have the opportunities that maybe we didn’t have growing up. We want to help out as much as possible.”
Romo said customer service and long-term relationships continue to define the business.
“Every customer that comes here is not just a client, they’re family,” she said. “Barbers build relationships with their clients over years. It’s not about the money, it’s about the relationship.”
As the business begins its next chapter, Romo expressed gratitude to the community and family members who helped make the move possible.
“On behalf of my husband and I, thank you to the community for the support we’ve received,” she said, also thanking her mother for instilling a strong work ethic and her two daughters and son-in-law for helping renovate the new shop.
For more information, visit Primetime Barbershop on Facebook or call 707-999-6679. ★

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Match Recap: Republic FC 2 – 1 Rhode Island FC

Republic FC Sports News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MGP) - Republic FC picked up three points at home in the club’s lone July home match. Goals from Kyle Edwards and Meyele Malango were enough to deliver the win against Eastern Conference side Rhode Island FC. Mark-Anthony Kaye assisted on both goals — his first multi-assist match in USL play. With the win, Republic FC jump into the middle of a crowded Western Conference table, only three points from a top three position. The Indomitable Club will head on the road for the rest of July, but has two games in hand over most of the conference.

Republic FC had a good chance in the 13th minute when Memo Rodriguez used some shifty footwork to break free of his defender and slot a ball through to Kyle Edwards. Edwards put a touch to the ball, but Rhode Island keeper Koke Vegas came out to cut off the angle. Just seconds later, Mayele Malango beat his defender on the left wing to send in a dangerous cross that was just out of reach for a diving Edwards.

Edwards wouldn’t let his



Match Recap: Republic FC and Rhode Island FC. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

next chance slip away. In the 19th minute, Mark-Anthony Kaye chipped a cross into the box to Edwards on the far post. Edwards outjumped the hands of the keeper to head the ball over his reach and just over the goal line for his third goal of the season and first assist for Kaye.

Rhode Island answered just five minutes later, when Hugo Bacharach got his

head to a cross from Amos Shapiro-Thompson.

Sacramento had another close chance in the 41st minute as Pep Casas floated a ball forward to Mayele Malango. Malango attempted to bring down the ball, but his first touch was just heavy enough that the goalkeeper was able to make a save. But just like his teammate, Malango would not be denied for long. Once again

it was Mark-Anthony Kaye starting the play as he carried the ball forward and slotted a ball to Malango, who curled in a beautiful shot from the edge of the 18-yard box.

Shortly after halftime in the 50th minute, Republic FC had an opportunity in the box when Mayele Malango dribbled the ball with ease towards the goal for a shot, but was denied by Rhode Island’s

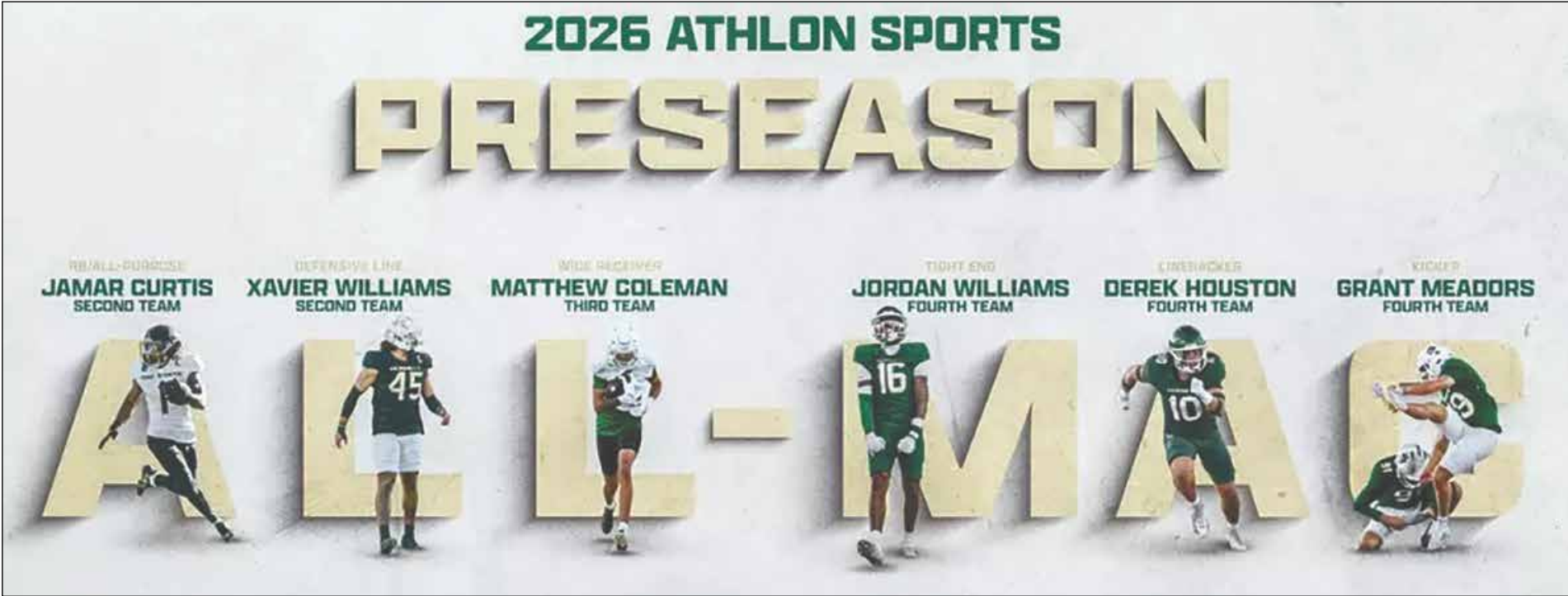
Koke Vegas and was put in the feet of Arturo Rodriguez. A deflection after a shot by Rodriguez gave another chance in the same play for Memo Rodriguez to advance the lead, but his shot on goal just missed the post and went out of bounds.

Rhode Island continued to knock at the door of Sacramento’s defense, but Danny Vitiello made save after save to keep the Indomitable Club at a 2-1 lead. A chance to even the score for Rhode Island in the 85th minute was made after a corner kick and pass to Leo Afonso at the top of the box for a shot that was easily collected by Vitiello.

With time dwindling down, both teams remained aggressive. The contest became more physical with several stoppages for fouls, but Republic FC ultimately finished strong with one final opportunity by Forster Ajago in the 89th minute, only to be blown dead by a whistle for a foul. Rhode Island responded in extra time with a shot into the box by Agustín Rodríguez and a vital block by Danny Vitiello to seal the victory for The Indomitable Club.

On July 11, Republic FC closed out group play in the Prinx Tires USL Cup. ★

Six Hornets Named to Preseason All-MAC Team



Five members of the Sacramento State Football Team and one new roster addition were named to the Athlon Sports Preseason All-MAC team. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With just over seven weeks remaining before the opening game of the 2026 season, five members of the Sacramento State football team were named to the Athlon Sports Preseason All-MAC team.

Running back Jamar Curtis and defensive end Xavier Williams top the list as they were named to the second team. Curtis enters 2026 with 3,214

career rushing yards — the second highest total in all of NCAA Div. I (FBS/FCS). The Walford, Md., native has tallied 17 career 100-yard performances and has 11 games with multiple touchdown runs.

Williams returns for his seventh year with the program and is coming off a 2025 campaign which saw him credited with 32 total tackles, including 8.5 for loss and six sacks. Williams has played in 37 games during his career but has also seen

his 2020 season canceled and missed all of 2021 and 2024 due to injuries.

Matt Coleman was named to the third team. Coleman spent the previous four years at San Jose State where he played in 36 games and had 66 receptions for 651 yards and three scores. He had at least 12 receptions in his three active seasons and set career highs with 12 catches for 119 yards against South Florida in The Hawaii Bowl following the 2024 season.

Linebacker Derek Houston, kicker Grant Meadors and tight end Jordan Williams were named to the fourth team. Houston was credited with 32 tackles in six games last season. That total included 14 stops against South Dakota State in the season opener. The previous season, he ranked second on the team with 62 total tackles.

Meadors finished 2025 with 87 total points after making 12-of-15 field goal attempts and 51-of-53

PATs. He earned Big Sky Special Teams Player of the Week honors during the year after making four field goals, including a season-long 42-yarder, against Northern Colorado. He concluded the year ranked fourth in school single-season history in extra points and was just one field goal shy of moving into a tie for ninth in program history.

Jordan Williams is the leading returning receiver on the team. Williams played in all 12 games a

year ago and finished the season with 15 catches for 170 yards and a touchdown.

Sacramento State will start its 2026 season on Aug. 29 with a MAC matchup at Eastern Michigan. The team's first home game will come on Sept. 5 against Mississippi Valley State. Season tickets for the six home games can be purchased at hornetsports.com/sports/2026/5/13/2026-football-tickets.aspx?path=football. ★

Emmy Ersdala Competes for Sweden at FIBA U20 Women’s EuroBasket

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis women's basketball rising sophomore Emmy Ersdala has been named to Team Sweden's roster for the 2026 FIBA U20 Women's EuroBasket, the Swedish Basketball Federation announced.

Ersdala earned the selection after her freshman campaign with the Aggies, where she averaged 2.5 points and 2.0 rebounds per game while recording two double-digit scoring performances.

The tournament marks the second time Ersdala has represented her home country in FIBA competition. She previously competed for Team Sweden at the 2024 FIBA U18 Women's EuroBasket,



Emmy Ersdala has been named to Team Sweden's roster for the 2026 FIBA U20 Women's EuroBasket. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

averaging 10.3 points and 4.3 rebounds over seven games.

Two games into this year's tournament, Ersdala has already made an impact on both ends of the floor, logging 26 minutes while recording two steals.

The 2026 FIBA U20

Women's EuroBasket ran from July 4–12. Sweden concluded group play on Tuesday, July 7, against Germany. Fans can visit www.fiba.basketball/en/events/fiba-u20-womens-euro-basket-2026/games for more information on the tournament. ★

Track and Field Joins MPSF For Indoor Season

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State will be one of seven schools joining the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) for indoor track and field beginning in 2026-27 season. The men and women from Boise State, Colorado State, Sacramento State, Utah State and Utah Valley will enter the conference, while the women from San Diego State and UC Santa Barbara will also join.

Five of the seven schools and eight of the 12 teams will be first-time members in MPSF Indoor Track & Field. The MPSF's 34th indoor track and field championship is scheduled to feature 31 teams – 19 women and 12 men – and will take place Feb. 26-27, 2027, at the Podium in Spokane, WA. The 31 MPSF Indoor Track & Field programs will be the largest since 2020, when 35 competed.

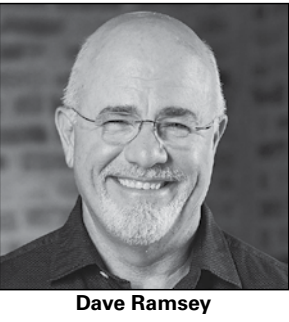
“We are grateful to the MPSF for inviting us to join their conference,” Sacramento State Director of Track & Field Kenny McDaniel said. “The MPSF is loaded with talented student-athletes and coaches and we look forward to competing against them in what

should be an outstanding championship.”

The seven teams mentioned above will join Cal State Fullerton, CSUN, Long Beach State, Oregon State, Pacific, Pepperdine, Portland, San Francisco, St. Mary's, UC Irvine, UC Riverside and Washington State.

“The addition of these exceptional programs reflects the strength and momentum of MPSF Indoor Track & Field,” MPSF Commissioner Foti Mellis said. “Our member institutions are committed to providing an outstanding championship experience, and we are excited to welcome both longtime conference partners and first-time participants as we build the future of MPSF Indoor Track & Field together. We look forward to an outstanding championship in Spokane.”

Sacramento State enters the MPSF from the Big Sky Conference, where its programs won seven women's and three men's team titles dating to 2007. While the Hornets will be competing in MPSF Indoor Track & Field for the first time, the school has been a member of the conference in women's gymnastics since 2014 (and previously from 2002-05) and was a men's soccer participant from 1992-2011. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I’ve never had a credit card in my life. I do have a \$600 monthly car payment right now, and it’s my only debt. I owe \$10,000 on the vehicle. Currently, I have a six-month emergency fund saved, plus \$25,000 in a regular savings account. I’m in sales, so my pay often fluctuates from month to month. Should I pay off the car from savings, or hang on to that money just in case things in my job take a downturn?

– Mike

Dear Mike,

I’m proud of you for never caving in to the temptation of credit cards. That sets you apart from the vast majority of folks in America today. But I’m not letting you off the hook on the car payments.

Dave Ramsey Says

Debt is Like a Ball and Chain

I don’t care what anyone else says, debt is never a good thing. And it’s absolutely the last thing you want in your life when your job compensation structure is unpredictable. Now, it sounds to me like you’re in pretty good shape financially, except for the car payments. It may be the only debt you have, but it’s still like a ball and chain around your neck when it comes to your money.

I want you to take a moment, and think about all the great things you could do if you didn’t have that monthly payment flying out the door. I mean, an extra \$600 in your pocket every month would be pretty cool, right? If I were in your shoes, I’d take \$10,000 out of savings today, and pay off that car. You’d be completely debt-free in a heartbeat, plus you could rebuild your savings in no time with the money you’ll free up. On top

of all that, you’d still have your emergency fund of six months of expenses sitting there untouched.

Debt always equals risk, Mike. Always. Write a check today, man, and pay off that car. You’ll be surprised at how much lighter and more comfortable you feel with no debt—or the potential consequences of debt—weighing you down!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



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POLICY AND ETHICS

Laguna Beach’s Sewage Spill Is a Preview, Not an Anomaly

By Josh Cook

Thalia Beach should have been packed over the Fourth of July weekend. Instead, families found yellow tape and closure signs.

On July 2, a malfunctioning sewer pump along a force main near Anita Street spilled roughly 2,000 gallons of raw sewage into the ocean. The Orange County Health Care Agency closed a quarter-mile stretch of coastline in both directions, and the beach remained closed for most of the holiday until bacterial levels finally met health standards on Sunday, July 5.

This latest “crisis” raises a pertinent question: how many more failures like this one are sitting under California’s streets and beaches, waiting for the wrong pump to fail on the wrong weekend? The numbers suggest the answer is “plenty.”

California’s wastewater systems serve over 40 million residents, treating approximately four billion gallons of sewage daily through roughly 900 publicly owned collection and treatment systems, with pipes and manholes often decades old and average ages frequently exceeding 50 to 60 years. The state’s wastewater infrastructure needs now exceed \$65 billion — about \$1,657 per resident — with conveyance systems alone requiring up to \$15 billion in repairs and new construction, and advanced treatment needing another \$10 billion. Those financial needs have doubled since 2012.

The category’s grade in ASCE’s independent assessment hasn’t moved: wastewater infrastructure nationally received a D+, unchanged from the prior report card. In its 2025 state-specific report, ASCE gave California’s overall infrastructure a cumulative “C-,” the same grade it received in 2019 — with drinking water and stormwater grades actually declining since then, even as a few other categories improved.

With the numerous conversations around the Billionaire Tax Ballot measure this year, there has been a reluctant confession among some of the political class. There is a point of diminishing returns, and raising taxes past a certain point actually gets you less “revenue.”

The last 5 tax measures put to voters in almost every California City aim to keep public Safety Services and other municipal amenities at current levels and to cover rising pension and healthcare costs. Many elected officials believe that when the infrastructure collapses, they will have to “go back to the voters”. Budget “balancing” through constant tax increases has been ongoing for the last 40 years in California amid a known deficit in deferred maintenance and replacement-cost allocations for the water and wastewater infrastructure in the ground.

Laguna Beach may be deemed an accident, but the underlying financial neglect of municipal infrastructure is an issue that can be ignored only until it can’t be. That day is not coming; it is now. ★



A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

Riley Reviews

“SPIDER-NOIR” DELIGHTS FOR REVISITING FILM NOIR IN A NEW LIGHT

“SPIDER-NOIR” on Amazon Prime

One of the many things learned from attending the TCM Classic Film Festival is that the film noir genre is popular with cinephiles, especially those who follow Eddie Muller, prolific author and founder of the Film Noir Foundation, as he shares his abiding love of the genre.

As the undisputed authority on film noir, Muller has a list of noir films that will stand the test of time, with most titles likely unfamiliar to the more casual film lover who enjoys crime dramas with dark themes and visuals.

On the Muller list of 25 exalted titles, a few stand out as universally recognizable. Humphrey Bogart in the detective story “The Maltese Falcon” needs no introduction. Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwick make “Double Indemnity” an enticing hard-boiled detective drama.

Interestingly, Muller makes a case for “Sunset Boulevard,” starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson, being noir: “Man uses woman. Woman uses man. Queasy sex. Betrayal. Madness. Gunshots. He’s face down in the pool he always wanted. Case closed.”

What about bringing the film noir genre to a television series but with the twist of the hard-boiled detective character having a past as a superhero comic book figure fighting crime in the urban jungle?

Amazon Prime’s “Spider-Noir” stars Nicolas Cage as Ben Reilly, a low-rent gumshoe in Depression-era Manhattan who is equal parts Philip Marlowe, Sam Spade and Spider-Man, who was once the crimefighting hero in the Big Apple.

Hard core fans of the genre will look for key elements of film noir. The detective will be lonely, cynical and morally ambiguous. A femme fatale inevitably leads men to unfortunate ruin. The urban landscape consists of neon lights, rain-soaked streets and smoky, cramped rooms.

An interesting feature to this eight-episode series is that the show may be watched in “Authentic Black and White” consistent with its 1930s setting or what is called “True-Hue Full Color,” with the ability to switch between the two modes.

As the first episode unfolds, Reilly’s superhero is shown to have once been, in his own words, “the city’s hero, always on guard, always ready to swoop in and save the day.” This monologue runs while this masked hero decimates a crew of jewelry store robbers.

Five years have passed since Reilly was slinging his web across the Manhattan

skyline fighting crime and the love of his life, Ruby (Amanda Schull), died in a tragic underwater accident (or was it an accident?) when he could not save her.

“We were going to be married in the spring. I even bought a ring to make it official, a ring I never had the chance to give her,” Reilly wistfully recalls, fully aware that his superhero alter ego had failed her.

Hanging up his spider suit, Reilly decided to become “an ordinary man,” packing his costume into a suitcase and becoming a detective like Mike Hammer and Philip Marlowe, taking on cases like tracking down deadbeats and sleuthing for evidence of infidelity in marital incidents.

Perhaps to separate Nicolas Cage’s character from the Marvel Comics universe of Peter Parker’s alter-ego superhero Spider-Man, here in “Spider-Noir” the masked crime-busting hero was known only as The Spider.

Reilly has a shabby office where his rent is past due and his loyal secretary Janet (Karen Rodriguez) is delightfully sassy, much like Lee Patrick’s Effie in 1975’s “The Black Bird,” where she filled the same type of role for George Segal’s detective Sam Spade, Jr.

Ever since The Spider packed away his suit, crime has become rampant and seemingly only reporter Robbie Robertson (Lamorne Morris) happens to know that Reilly was once the city’s guardian angel.

The villain of this series happens to be Irish mob boss Silvermane (Brendan Gleeson), who has the local politicians as well as the police in his pocket. To further his criminal enterprise, he recruits a pair of superpowered mutants to join his gang.

Naturally, you can’t be film noir without having a femme fatale. In this case, it’s singer Cat Hardy (Li Jun Li), an exotic beauty and singer at Silvermane’s nightclub who has her own bodyguard, Flint Marko (Jack Huston).

Evocative of a bygone era, “Spider-Noir” is a stylish depiction of gritty New York City. One can get pedantic by noting film noir was influenced by German Expressionism of the early 20th century. But let’s not bother to nitpick the origins and instead appreciate the genre’s flair.

“Spider-Noir” should make the film noir genre in the 21st century turn into a nostalgic visit to the past that is faithfully executed and proves that Nicolas Cage is perfectly cast as the hapless private eye fully committed to his role.

Fans of film noir and Nicolas Cage, two things one would not think necessarily go together, may find that “Spider-Noir,” as did I, offered a watchable entertainment that is surprisingly enjoyable. ★

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How do planets get their color?

- Adelynn, 10, Georgia

Dear Adelynn,

My favorite planet is Earth. I can’t help it. It’s my cozy home.

It’s also a brilliant blue with bits of brown and swirly white. I like that I can look at a photo of Earth and see familiar things—like water and land.

To learn more about it, I asked my friend Michael Allen. He’s an astronomer at Washington State University.

He told me a planet’s color tells us a lot about the planet itself.

“What gives the planets their color? It’s twofold,” Allen said. “One is composition, and two is state. And they’re actually related to each other.”

State means whether a planet is solid, liquid or gas.

Earth is solid. It has some liquid water on the surface—that beautiful blue. But it’s mostly a rocky solid beneath our feet.

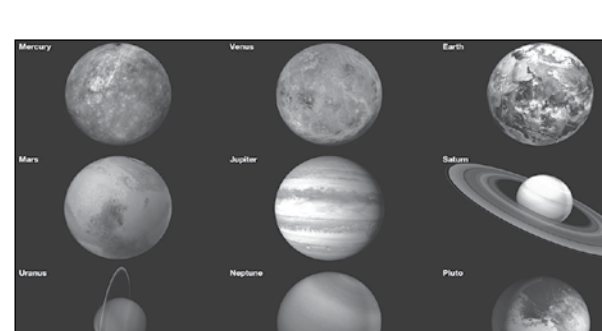
Composition is what makes up a planet. Scientists who study how the planets formed group the materials in the early solar system into two categories: refractories and volatiles.

The difference between them is the temperature at which they become solid. In astronomy, "condensing" is when a gas changes to a solid. But sometimes we just say “freezing” when a liquid or gas changes to a solid—to keep things simple.

A refractory freezes at high temperatures. It changes from a liquid or a gas into a solid even where it’s super-hot—like next to the sun.

Refractories can be metal or non-metal. Iron is a metal refractory. Silicon-based things like glass are non-metal refractories.

A volatile only freezes when it’s super cold. It’s things like carbon dioxide—one of the gases we breathe out.



Right before Jupiter, the temperature changes enough that the volatiles in the cloud could freeze. That boundary is called the ice line. The stripes we see on Jupiter happen because it rotates quickly. That makes the gases stream around the planet. The eye-shaped area is a whirlpool in the gases. ©NASA/Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory/Carnegie Institution of Washington (Mercury), USGS Astrogeology Science Center (Venus, Mars), NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center/Space Telescope Science Institute (Jupiter), NASA/JPL/Space Science Institute (Saturn) and NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center (Earth, Jupiter, Uranus)

We see a planet’s color because of the way our eyes and brains process the sun’s light as it reflects off that planet.

That explains planet Earth’s color, state and composition.

The parts that look brown are rock and soil. They’re solid refractories. They’re full of metal and non-metal bits. The brown mostly comes from iron.

The parts that look blue are water. They’re liquid volatiles.

The parts that look like white, wispy clouds are tiny bits of ice and water in the atmosphere. They’re solid and liquid volatiles.

The colors of the planets tell us what they’re like and what they’re made of. But it helps us understand our solar system, too.

“There’s a change in color as you go from Mercury all the way to Neptune. That means there must be a change in temperature and composition,” Allen said. “The fundamental understanding of the solar system is that single observation—that composition is related to temperature, which is related to the distance from the sun.”

The inner planets are rocky.

That’s Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. They’re made of solid refractories. Mercury contains lots of metal. Mars has much less. There’s a composition gradient as you move from Mercury to Mars.

The outer planets aren’t rocky. Their visible surfaces are mostly gases and ices. That’s Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. They’re made of volatiles.

Back when the solar system formed, everything was a dust cloud. It was so heavy it collapsed in the middle. That made the sun.

The parts of the cloud near the sun were very, very hot. The cloud was full of refractories like rock and metal. It was full of volatiles like carbon dioxide.

The sun’s light and solar wind helped push the cloud away. The farther the cloud traveled from the sun, the colder it was. At different distances from the sun, different materials froze and clumped together to form planets.

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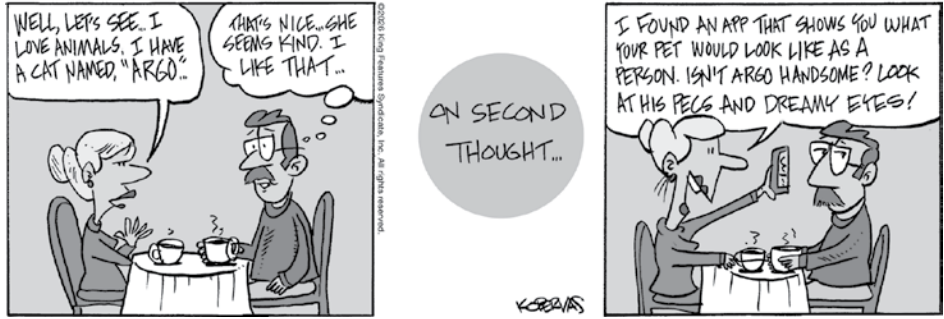
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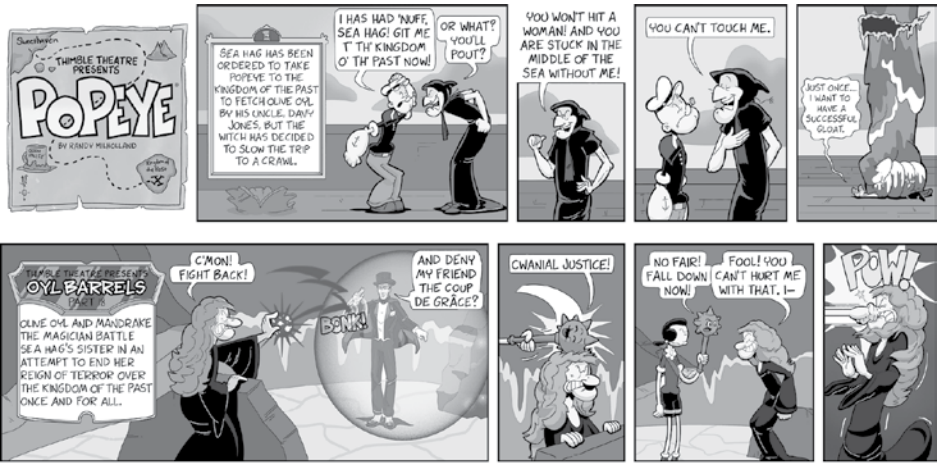


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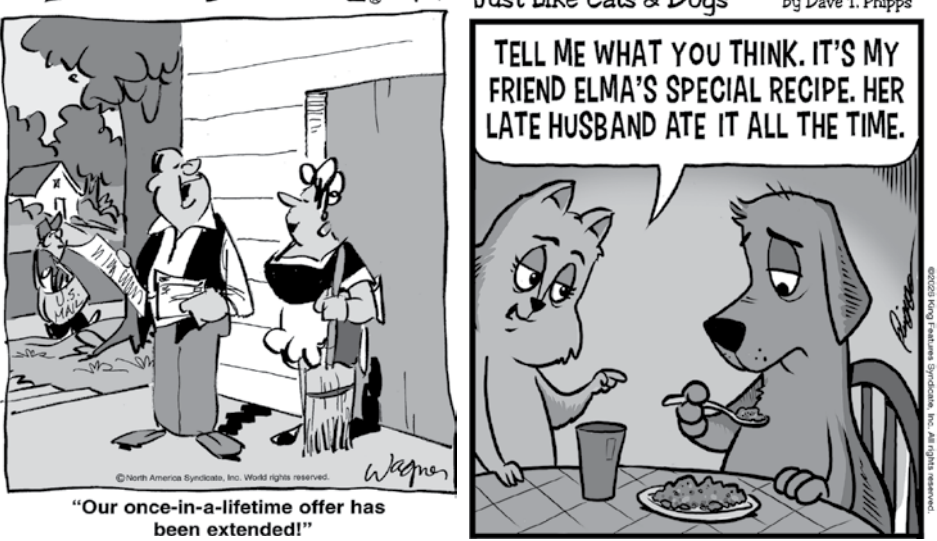
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Summer League Standouts

By V.G. Harris

If you’ve been watching this year’s summer league by now you’ve seen some pleasing results.

The Sacramento Kings came to play, and with that said, went on to win the first four games of the NBA summer league.

All good things must come to an end, and sadly the Kings didn’t show the same gritty defense or fire as they took the court against the Washington Wizards Sunday night. Whether tired or just an off night, A. J. Dybansa and his teammates were at the top of their game and reminded the young Kings that there are no nights off in the NBA.

If there was a bright spot for the Kings, it was the emergence of Jonathan Mogbo who, like Dylan Cardwell, played with enthusiasm all night while recording 11 points and nine rebounds in only 20 minutes of play.

Summer league is all about two key things. Accentuating the positive and finding out early what needs to be worked on.

The Kings can put a happy face and a thumbs up on the draft choices of both first-round draft choices Darius Acuff Jr. and Emanuel Sharp, and I believe can relax just a little when it comes to the criticism of Acuff’s defense.

I have watched Darius guard both fast and long players on the perimeter, and I have concluded that he has taken a lot of criticism without much to back it up. Acuff has exceptional quickness and his shot blocking abilities are underrated.

His college coach also chimed in to say that Darius chose to play through an ankle injury last season that limited his ability to play tough defense, and as a result was encouraged to focus on the offensive end, allowing his teammates to help on the defensive side of the ball.

That is certainly not an excuse, and I’m witnessing nightly a young player that is making a concerted effort to show his critics that he can play at both ends of the floor.

I am more concerned with Darius getting comfortable with the NBA three-point line and finding his shot on a nightly basis. He has had to perform under a great deal of pressure and overall, I believe he has done a stellar job.

Fans need to pay close attention to both Emanuel Sharp and surprising newcomer, Marquel Sutton who may be one of the real finds this year. Sutton has literally been stealing the show with his animated defense and prolific scoring thus far.

In the previous game Marquel was the game’s high scorer with 24 points and is the surprise find of the summer league so far.

If there is a spot the Sacramento Kings have struggled with finding, it’s the position of power forward.

Amazingly undrafted, at six-foot-nine and 225 pounds, Sutton is the epitome of the power forward the Kings have been looking for, and he not only can shoot from the three-point line but has shown a natural penchant for rebounding the ball. If this young man can continue to blossom, he may well be the player the Kings need to compliment Domantas Sabonis in the low post.

Likewise, Emanuel Sharp has been nothing but the solid performer complimenting Darius Acuff when they’re on the court together, so with all these accolades is it any wonder that the Kings won four straight games to start the summer league.

If you discount an obvious off night against the talented Washington Wizards squad, Sacramento has given every Kings fan a reason to sit up and take notice.

Pick your favorite player. Darius Acuff Jr., Emanuel Sharp, Jonathan Mogbo, Marquel Sutton, or the ever-enthusiastic Dylan Cardwell, the new look Kings are giving fans a reason to buy a ticket.

Now it’s all about assessing talent, something that has been a misery for this organization in the past.

Time to change the playing field and take note of what is already here before you trade away the future. Let these talented youngsters fit in with the veterans that know how to win and can be mentors at the same time.

Tout the accomplishments of Zach Lavine, Domantas Sabonis, and even Keegan Murray who needs to pay close attention to these young recruits and remember what he looked like his rookie year.

Stay excited Kings fans!
All the best!

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How Newsom’s Complex History with the Oil Industry Could Affect a Presidential Run



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gavin Newsom and his family have had a long and complicated relationship with the oil industry. The latest chapter in the saga, a legal and political dispute over state aid to the California’s refineries, could affect Newsom’s presidential ambitions.

The roots of this situation date back to the 1940s, when Gordon Getty, a son of oil magnate J. Paul Getty, lived with the Newsom family while attending school in San Francisco.

Newsom’s father, William, later became an attorney for the Getty oil empire and in 1973 delivered a \$2.2 million ransom to a gang that had kidnapped J. Paul Getty’s grandson in Italy, later describing it as “an interesting sort of job.”

After his parents divorced, Gavin Newsom was unofficially adopted by Gordon Getty, essentially returning the favor that the Newsom family had given him three decades earlier. In his recent memoir, Newsom describes being divided between his life as the son of an impoverished single mother and the surrogate son of a family with billions in oil industry money.

In 1975, then-Gov. Jerry Brown, another family friend, appointed William Newsom to a Placer County judgeship, later elevating him to the state appellate court. While on the bench

in the 1980s, the elder Newsom helped Gordon Getty gain legislation changing California trust law, thus allowing Getty to break the J. Paul Getty trust and obtain billions of petrodollars.

In 1995, William Newsom retired from the court and became administrator of the Gordon Getty Trust, telling an interviewer, “I make my living working for Gordon Getty.”

A few years earlier, the trust provided seed capital for a wine shop venture that Gavin Newsom and Gordon Getty’s son, Billy, were launching, called “PlumpJack,” after an opera Gordon Getty had composed.

Essentially, Newsom owes his start in business to the huge oil fortune that J. Paul Getty, once described as the world’s richest man, had amassed. Without that connection, Newsom would have been hard-pressed to begin what became a lucrative business career.

Nevertheless, Newsom metaphorically bit the hand that fed him in 2022, when he began vilifying California’s oil refiners, accusing them of gouging motorists on gas prices. Months later the Legislature passed a mild measure to have the state Energy Commission monitor refinery operations.

“There’s a new sheriff in town in California, where we brought Big Oil to their knees. And I’m proud of this state,” Newsom said. It was hyperbole, but within months refiners began announcing plans to shutter operations or threatening to do so, raising the possibility of gasoline shortages and higher prices.

Very soon thereafter,

Newsom did a political about-face. He urged refiners to remain and signed legislation making it easier to drill new oil wells.

This year the California Air Resources Board overhauled its cap-and-trade auctions, where refiners and other businesses purchase rights to emit greenhouse gases. The program was renamed cap-and-invest and refiners were given free emission rights as an inducement to remain in the state.

Newsom hailed the changes, but environmental groups are incensed at the turnabout. This month the nonprofit Communities for Better Environment filed suit in Los Angeles, alleging the changes violated the California Environmental Quality Act.

“The amendments lock in decades of subsidies for polluting industries, without CARB having performed the required analysis of their wide-ranging environmental harms that would empower decision-makers to make a fully informed determination about the wisdom of these significant changes,” the suit says.

The Democratic Party’s left wing has been on a roll in recent elections, and it includes environmental activists who view the oil industry as a villain.

Newsom’s newly minted pro-oil stance, plus his family’s history with the industry, could backfire in a presidential campaign.

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

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Social Security Matters

Should I Claim Spouse Benefits Now, or my Own Social Security Benefit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am writing to get advice on the optimal time to sign up for Social Security benefits. I am a 64-year-old female, and my birthdate is August 1961. My husband is already taking his SS benefits, so I have also wondered if it be advisable to take spousal benefits or full benefits. **Signed: Wondering Spouse**

Dear Wondering: If you take your Social Security benefits at age 64, they will be permanently reduced. And, for information, you cannot take only your spousal benefit; you must take your own SS retirement benefit whenever you claim and, if you are entitled to more as your husband’s spouse, you will also get a “spousal boost” to bring your monthly payment up to what you are entitled to as a spouse. If you claim at any time before your SS full retirement age (FRA) of 67, both your own SS retirement amount and your spousal boost amount will be actuarially reduced for claiming early. All of which means that claiming before your FRA (e.g., at 64) will mean your monthly benefit will be less than 50% of your husband’s monthly FRA amount.

Now, for clarity, it’s

important to know how spouse benefits are calculated: if your FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your husband’s FRA entitlement, then you will get a “spousal boost” added to your own SS retirement amount. Note that FRA amounts are always used to calculate spousal amounts, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed. If your husband waited until age 70 to get a higher monthly benefit, or even if he claimed before his FRA, your spousal amount would still be based on his FRA entitlement. If your FRA benefit is less than half of his FRA entitlement, you will get a spousal boost. If not, you won’t.

Assuming you will be entitled to a “spousal boost,” the decision you must make is whether to claim early (e.g., now at 64) or wait until you are 67 to get your maximum amount as your husband’s spouse. The factors to consider are these:

- Are you still working? If so, claiming before FRA means you will be subject to an annual earnings limit until you reach FRA. The earnings limit for early filers in 2026 is \$24,480 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit increases a bit yearly). If you substantially exceed the earnings limit by working, you may even be temporarily ineligible for SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or stop working full time.
- Do you expect your husband to predecease you? If so, then your benefit as a

widow will be 100% of the larger amount he is collecting when he passes (provided when that occurs you’ve reached your FRA and your own SS retirement is less). Depending on timing, that may mean that taking a reduced spouse benefit now, which will be replaced by your larger widow benefit later, is a logical choice.

- What is your own life expectancy? If you have health issues or have other reasons to believe you will not achieve “average” life expectancy (average is about 87 for a woman your current age), then claiming your Social Security benefits early is likely a prudent choice.

So, as you can see, you must evaluate your personal circumstances to make this decision. Although we aren’t able to say exactly when you should claim your SS benefits, I hope this provides the information you need to make an informed decision.

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It’s a shame, really. New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani is such a strong supporter of pluralism that he has to single out the state of Israel for unique opprobrium. Asked by Jonathan Karl of ABC News in an interview for “This Week” whether he supports Israel’s status as a Jewish state, Mamdani said he doesn’t -- he’d only support Israel “as a state with equal rights.”

“I believe that any state that privileges one religion over another is one that I can’t tell you I support,” he continued, “whether it be Israel or Saudi Arabia or anywhere else.”

Mamdani makes it sound as though Israel is a theocracy, and so he has to withhold his support until such time as it meets his exacting standards for state neutrality in religious matters and freedom of conscience.

The same is true, sadly, of Saudi Arabia. When was the last time, though, that you heard Mamdani or his movement, the Democratic Socialists of America, inveighing with great moral passion against Saudi Arabia?

This Mamdani line of argument is built on a falsehood about Israel and is transparently an exercise in bad faith and double standards.

Israel doesn’t have an official religion -- repeat, it has no state religion. Instead, it is the homeland for Jews. Its Basic Law says that Israel is “the

Zohran Mamdani’s Bogus Explanation for Opposing Israel

nation-state of the Jewish people, in which it realizes its natural, cultural, religious and historical right to self-determination.” In other words, Israel is for the Jews in much the same way, say, that Poland is for the Poles or Japan for the Japanese.

That these countries have distinct national identities defined by the peoples who live in them doesn’t mean they aren’t free societies. The Israeli Declaration of Independence says the Jewish state “will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture.”

And, indeed, there is freedom of religion in Israel. Christian, Muslim, Druze and Baha’i communities maintain their own religious institutions and are free to worship as they please. The wrinkle is that -- in an inheritance from the Ottoman Empire -- Israel recognizes various religions and gives their courts authority over matters such as marriage and divorce.

To liken any of this to Saudi Arabia is perverse. The desert kingdom is an absolute monarchy with no political rights and a state-enforced official religion; the Quran is its constitution.

If Mamdani were sincere in saying he cannot support any state that privileges one religion over another, he’d have to set himself against most Muslim countries in the world, which make Islam their official religion

and often discriminate against religious minorities. He’d have to look askance at Nordic countries, where there are established churches. He’d hate England for the official status of the Anglican Church, and utterly disdain Greece for its special recognition of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Mamdani, by the way, recently skipped New York City’s Israel Day parade but attended the Pakistan Day parade, despite the fact that Islam is Pakistan’s state religion and religious minorities face legal and informal discrimination in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

More consequentially, if the mayor took his pluralism seriously, he would oppose a Palestinian state on grounds that Palestinian society needs to further evolve to embrace Western norms -- lest we risk creating a new Islamic state that represses its people and rests on a foundation of Islamic law.

Of course, Mamdani will never do this. His purported universalism is a pretext, a way to dress up his irrational animus toward Israel.

Mamdani told Jonathan Karl that his view on Israel “comes back to a fundamental belief that we should all be considered equal.” Such is the mayor’s commitment to equality that he singles out one people and one state for particular obloquy and asks us to believe that pluralism demands that the Jews cannot have a homeland.

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

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

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

This Business is conducted by:
A Trust. NOTICE: In Accordance
with subdivision (a) of sec-
tion 17920 A Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires at the
end of five years from the date
on which it was filed in the office
of the county clerk, except as pro-
vided 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 ficti-
tious Business name statement
must be filed before the expiration
June 29, 2031. The filing of this
statement does not itself authorize
the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the
rights of another under federal,
state, or common law (see section
14411 ET SEQ., business, and
professions code.)
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
DWIGHT L. JACKSON
CASE NO. PR26-00302

To all heirs, beneficiaries, cred-
itors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or estate,
or both, of Dwight L. Jackson.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Marlene Jackson, in the
Superior Court of California,
County of Solano, requesting
Marlene Jackson be appointed
as personal representative(s) to
administer the estate of the dece-
dent.

The petition requests the dece-
dent's will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the
court.

The petition requests authori-
ty to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court ap-
proval. 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:
August 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m. in Dept
22; Superior Court of California,
County of Solano, 580 Texas
Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy to
the personal representative ap-
pointed 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 au-
thority may affect your rights as a
creditor. You may want to consult
with an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept
by the court. If you are 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 sec-
tion 1250. A Request for Special
Notice form is available from the
court clerk. The name, address
and telephone number of the
Attorney for Petitioner is: Jerilyn
Paik, ESQ, Law Offices of Jerilyn
Paik, 555 University Avenue, Suite
235, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-
568-1222

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

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

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

The petition requests the dece-
dent's will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the
court.

The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, however,
the executor will be required to
give notice to interested persons
unless they have waived notice or
have consented to the proposed
action.) The independent admin-
istration authority will be granted
unless an interested person files
an objection to the petition and
shows good cause why the court
should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows:
August 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
in Dept 22; Superior Court of
California, County of Solano, 580
Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within the
later of either (1) four months from
the date of first issuance of letters
to a general personal representa-
tive, as defined in section 58(b) of
the California Probate Code, or (2)
60 days from the date of mailing
or personal delivery to you of a
notice under section 9052 of the
California Probate Code. Other
California statutes and legal au-
thority may affect your rights as a
creditor. You may want to consult
with an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form is
available from the court clerk. The
name, address and telephone
number of the Petitioner is: Grace
Manago, 612 Seagull Drive,
Suisun, CA 94585; 707-761-2135
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Fundraisers and Awareness Events on the Way



Downtown Dixon Business Association will present its fourth annual Art and Wine Stroll Aug. 22. The event is expected to feature local wineries, food trucks, live music, art displays and shopping throughout downtown. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Local organizations are preparing a variety of fundraising and educational events over the coming weeks, offering residents opportunities to support community programs, learn about health issues and participate in local activities.

American Legion Post 208 will host a Bingo Fundraiser from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 2 at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Doors open at noon. Admission is \$30 for 10 games with six cards per game, and additional cards will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the organization's community programs.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208 on Facebook or call 530-304-5385.

Dixon Family Services will host its annual Comedy Night fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 8. The event includes dinner, raffle prizes, desserts and live entertainment and has become the organization's signature fundraising event.

Comedian Jeff Applebaum will serve as master of ceremonies after being invited by returning performer David Studebaker. Kaiser Permanente is the presenting sponsor and supports the organization's Basic Needs Program through community grants. Dixon Family Services is also seeking volunteers for future programs, including Food for Families and Adopt-a-Family.

For more information, visit givebutter.com/DFSCComedyNight2026 or email info@dixon-familyservices.org.

Downtown Dixon Business Association will present its fourth annual Art and Wine Stroll Aug. 22. The event is expected to feature

local wineries, food trucks, live music, art displays and shopping throughout downtown. Organizers said proceeds will help fund future community events, including the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival on Dec. 5.

For more information, visit downtown-dixonca.com or email dixondowntownba@yahoo.com.

The Dixon Lions Club will hold its 19th annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Fundraiser on Aug. 29 at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m., with tournament play starting at 7 p.m. The event is open to adults 21 and older.

Professional dealers will oversee tournament play, with prizes awarded to table winners. Proceeds from the event will support youth sports and activities, local school programs, Dixon High School scholarships and the Lions Club Vision Program.

For more information, visit Dixon Lions Club on Facebook or call 707-301-8483.

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

According to the foundation, donations have helped sponsor more than 1,000 mammograms and provide living assistance grants to more than 300 breast cancer patients throughout Solano County.

For more information, visit Solano Midnight Sun Breast Cancer Foundation or call 707-469-9909. ★

CAP Solano JPA Appoints Stephanie Weaver as Executive Director

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- The Community Action Partnership of Solano Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA) has appointed Stephanie Weaver as executive director of CAP Solano JPA, selecting an accomplished public-sector executive with extensive experience leading complex government organizations, administering large-scale public programs, and advancing collaborative solutions to improve the lives of vulnerable populations.

As executive director, Weaver will lead the regional agency responsible for coordinating homelessness response efforts throughout Solano County. She will oversee implementation of the JPA Board's strategic priorities, administration of state and federal grant funding, organizational operations, fiscal management, contract administration, and regional partnerships that strengthen housing stability and expand services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Working closely with Solano County, its seven cities, Housing First Solano, nonprofit organizations and community stakeholders, Weaver will help advance a coordinated regional approach to addressing homelessness and improve outcomes across the County.

Weaver will begin her new role July 20, succeeding Interim Executive Director Michael Wilson, who is retiring after more than 17 years of public service. Wilson has served as interim executive director since March 2026 after joining CAP Solano JPA as project manager in 2024. Before joining CAP Solano JPA, he served four years on the Vallejo City Council and spent 12 years as district representative to Solano County District 1 Supervisor Erin Hannigan.



The Community Action Partnership of Solano Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA) has appointed Stephanie Weaver as executive director of CAP Solano JPA. Photo courtesy of Solano County

“Weaver brings an exceptional combination of executive leadership, strategic vision and collaborative partnership-building that will greatly benefit CAP Solano JPA and the communities it serves,” said Megan Richards, principal management analyst in the Solano County Administrator's Office, who provides staff support to the CAP Solano JPA. “Her experience leading complex public organizations, managing large-scale programs and building strong relationships across government and community partners makes her exceptionally well-suited to advance the JPA Board's vision. We are excited to welcome Weaver and look forward to the leadership she will bring as CAP Solano JPA continues its important work addressing homelessness throughout Solano County.”

Weaver joins CAP Solano JPA following a distinguished career spanning federal and state government, nonprofit leadership and military service. Most recently, she served as administrator of the Veterans Home of California, West Los Angeles, where she directed 24-hour operations for one of California's largest veteran's homes, overseeing approximately 600 employees, strategic planning, emergency preparedness, contract administration and an annual operating budget of approximately \$100 million. She previously served as deputy administrator of the Veterans Home of California, Yountville, helping lead one of the nation's largest veterans care campuses and managing a budget exceeding \$130 million.

Earlier in her career, Weaver held senior leadership roles with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), where she oversaw national behavioral health initiatives and multi-billion-dollar grant programs supporting veterans, service members and their families. She also served as senior director for SAFE Project, leading national efforts to prevent substance use disorder and expand treatment and recovery services. A retired U.S. Army veteran with more than 22 years of military service, Weaver holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore and a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix. ★

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County Assessment Roll Increases for Fifteenth Year in a Row

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foundation for funding the public services residents rely on every day, including public safety, roads and infrastructure, parks, libraries and schools.

For More Information
Property details can be found on the Solano County Assessor/Recorder website.

Property owners with questions about their assessment can contact the Assessor division of the Assessor-Recorder's office at 707-784-6210 and by email at Assessor@SolanoCounty.gov. Taxpayers may also obtain information from the Solano County website www.SolanoCounty.gov/government/assessorrecorder. ★



Golden Mussels Plague Farms and Water Districts

The spread of golden mussels in California has alarmed farmers this year as the invasive species established itself in waterways across much of the state. In the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the freshwater mollusks began obstructing irrigation systems that sustain billions of dollars' worth of tree nuts, winegrapes, tomatoes and other crops. Among the most vulnerable agricultural infrastructure are hundreds of steel pipes that siphon water from the delta into irrigation pumps and ditches. Christopher Neudeck, president of Stockton-based civil engineering firm Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, said during the past six months “an onslaught of golden mussels” began clogging some siphons and pumps that pull water from delta rivers, choking off farmers' water supply. Replacing siphons, pump stations and drainage pipes affected by golden mussels could cost farmers in the delta more than \$35 million, according to an estimate Neudeck provided this year to the San

Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services.

California Awards \$2 million to Curb Livestock Attacks by Wolves

After months of discussions with agricultural leaders and community members, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife awarded \$2 million to organizations supporting efforts to reduce wolf-livestock conflicts. The funding includes \$1.1 million to the California Farm Bureau's California Bountiful Foundation to reimburse producers who have suffered a confirmed or probable wolf attack on livestock. The other organizations receiving funding-Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District and Working Circle-will use the remaining funds to assist in relevant outreach and education. “We have heard clearly from ranchers how hard the return of wolves has been on their livelihoods-not just financially but in the day-to-day mental and physical toll of managing this animal,” CDFW Director Meghan Hertel said in a statement. ★