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## Musician Regales Dixon Historical Society



Kat Sena performed Sept. 20 at the Dixon History Museum. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Historical Society

### Dixon Historical Society News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Historical Society welcomed musician and educator Kat Sena to the Dixon History Museum for a Sept. 20 presentation blending music, storytelling and local history.

Sena first came to know Dixon while traveling between San Francisco and Nevada to visit her father. What began as stops along the way eventually grew into an affection for the community – and even inspired one of her original songs, titled “Lost in Dixon.”

During her presentation, Sena shared original music alongside familiar American songs, weaving each selection together with stories about personal history, perseverance, education and the importance of preserving the experiences that make up a community’s collective history.

She opened with her original song “Paper and a Pen,” encouraging audience members to write down their own stories and preserve their personal histories.

Throughout the afternoon, attendees were invited to sing along to

songs including “Paddy Works on the Railway,” “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad,” “This Land Is Your Land” and “Oh! Susanna.”

Dixon itself also played a starring role in the program.

After researching local history, Sena learned the story of Nancy Geary, a black woman and Dixon business owner whose ice cream shop once stood at the corner of First and B streets. Inspired by Geary’s perseverance and the gathering place she created for the community, Sena wrote “The Old Corner Ice Cream Shop.” She

unveiled the new song for the Dixon audience during the presentation.

A longtime music educator, Sena earned a degree in Choral Music and founded the Alamo Friendship Chorus in 1995, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. She spoke about the importance of music education and her own journey balancing being an educator with creating and performing her own work.

Sena recently released her seventh album, “Be the Sun.”

At the conclusion of the program, Dixon Historical

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## Dixon Fire Department Douses Area Blaze



By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Fire Department responded to and extinguished a residential structure fire on Sept. 25, a short distance from Tremont Elementary School.

Just before 2 a.m., the department received a report of a fire in the 300 block of Manning Way. Upon arrival, crews encountered a working fire involving the second story of the residence. All residents were safely evacuated from the home.

A second alarm was requested due to the conditions encountered and the potential need for additional resources. Once first-alarm resources arrived on scene and crews made significant progress on the fire, the second alarm was canceled.

Fire crews extinguished the blaze at approximately 2:17 a.m. Firefighters remained on scene for several hours to ensure the fire was fully extinguished. The cause of the fire has been determined and is not considered suspicious.

Personnel and resources from the City of Vacaville Fire Department, UC Davis Fire Department, Winters Fire Department, City of Davis Fire Department and Fairfield Fire Department assisted the Dixon Fire Department. Vacaville Fire personnel also provided coverage at Dixon Fire Station 81 while Dixon crews worked the incident.

Additional assistance was provided by the Dixon Police Department, Medic Ambulance and the American Red Cross. The residents were provided with a SAVE (Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency) card through the California Fire Foundation to assist with immediate needs following the fire.

The NorCal Emergency Responders Organization provided breakfast to members of the Dixon Fire Department who remained on scene in the morning. ★

## Dixon Couple Celebrates 74 Years Together



David and Normalee Barton on their wedding day, Sept. 28, 1952. Photo courtesy of Linda Knox



David and Normalee Barton celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25 at The Farmstead in Dixon. Photo courtesy of Linda Knox

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Family and friends of David and Normalee Barton of Dixon helped the couple celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25.

The couple, born and raised in Woodland, were married Sept. 28, 1952, at Woodland United Methodist Church.

The Bartons recently moved to The Farmstead at Dixon community after living in Knights Landing for 55 years. David ran a grocery store in Knights Landing and a food stand called Barton’s Freezette, while Normalee was a secretary at Grafton Elementary School in the community.

David served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Couples who celebrate 70 or more

years of marriage together are exceedingly rare, representing just one-tenth of 1 percent of all marriages, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Bartons have two daughters, Linda and Sally, three grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

The couple relish social activities, and both enjoy being around other people, daughter Linda Knox of West Sacramento said. ★



# Musician Regales Dixon Historical Society

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Society member Pat Nicodemus presented Sena with a collection of books about Dixon history and a postcard featuring the mural outside the Dixon History Museum.

The afternoon reflected the Historical Society’s mission of preserving not only Dixon’s buildings, photographs and artifacts, but also the stories of the people who have shaped the community.

The Dixon Historical Society will continue its 2026 presentation series with a program on the Milk Farm in October, followed by a presentation on the history of

the Dixon Fire Department in November. The Society is also seeking local families interested in sharing their family histories and welcomes suggestions for future historical topics and programs.

For more information about the Dixon Historical Society and Museum, visit [dixonhistoricalsociety.org](http://dixonhistoricalsociety.org) or stop by the museum at 125 W. A St. Admission is free. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact 707-693-3044 or [dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). ★



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# Dixon News Briefs



Sophomore quarterback Maddox Gilday runs against Rio Linda on Sept. 25 at Finney Field. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

## Dixon Dropped by Rio Linda

Dixon High School opened its Golden Empire League schedule in somber fashion, dropping a 35-0 decision to Rio Linda on Sept. 25 at Finney Field.

The Rams, now 1-4 on the season, were sacked nine times by Rio Linda, which scored in every quarter and amassed 373 yards of offense.

Dixon is back in action on Oct. 2, traveling to Sacramento to play the El Camino Eagles. El Camino, 1-4, is coming off a 28-24 loss to Woodland.

## Barley Discusses School Bond Measure

Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brett Barley spoke before the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club on Sept. 16, urging passage of a \$49 million school bond in the upcoming election.

Measure U, a general obligation facilities bond measure, will be on the ballot Nov. 3.

Barley spoke about making repairs and upgrades in Dixon-area schools. These include removing hazardous materials, upgrading air conditioning and heating units, repairing leaking roofs, replacing aging infrastructure and upgrading technology to enable schools to meet current health and safety codes, according to a Dixon Women’s Improvement Club press release.

If passed, the measure would result in a \$30 increase per \$100,000 of property. The median price of a new home in Dixon is approximately \$630,000, which would mean an additional \$189 a year in property taxes if Measure U passes.

This figure would be in addition to the \$36.75 per \$100,000 of property Dixon residents are paying for the next 20 years for the \$30.4 million school bond passed in 2016. The two bonds combined would mean an increase of more than \$420 annually on a \$630,000 home.

None of the money from Measure U would go to salaries, and there would be an independent citizen oversight committee doing financial audits to ensure proper spending.

Barley said schools need this funding to bring modern labs, career technology, computer systems and modern instructional technology to Dixon students.

## Dixon Counsels Residents on Signage

Dixon is asking residents, businesses and organizations to make sure signs are placed only where permitted.

Signs may not be placed in the public right-of-way or on public property unless authorized by the city or otherwise permitted by law. This includes streets, sidewalks, medians, public parking lots, utility poles, traffic-control devices, parks and city fencing.

This applies to all types of signs, including campaign and political signs, yard sale and signs advertising businesses, events or causes. Political signs must comply with these requirements. Anyone who has placed a sign in an unauthorized location is asked to remove it.

Unauthorized signs may be removed as part of routine public works maintenance. To report an unauthorized sign or other code enforcement concern, residents can contact officials at 600 East A St., Dixon, 95620-3697, at 707-678-7000 or at [www.cityofdixonca.gov/departments/PublicWorks/App](http://www.cityofdixonca.gov/departments/PublicWorks/App).

## Community Workshop Set for Davis

Davis will hold a community workshop on the Davis General Plan update at 6 p.m., Oct. 14., at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 E. 14th Street, Davis.

City staff will be on hand to review the draft revised land use and mobility maps. Children’s activities and refreshments will be provided. Register for the workshop at <https://bit.ly/DavisGPUWorkshop3>.

## Davis Seeks Community Input

Davis is inviting the community to share their perspectives as it begins developing an economic development brand and

marketing strategy.

An online survey asks participants how they view Davis today, what they see as strengths and challenges, and what they would like Davis to be known for 10 years from now. The city is seeking perspectives from all those with an interest in Davis.

“Before we decide how to market Davis, we need to understand how people see us today – what they value, what they think sets Davis apart and where they believe there are challenges or opportunities,” said City Manager Daryel Dunston.

The survey will be open until 4 p.m. on Oct. 31 at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DavisBrandSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DavisBrandSurvey).

## Lambtown Festival Starts Oct. 3

The 40th annual Lambtown Festival takes place at the Dixon May Fairgrounds on Oct. 3 and Oct. 4.

The weekend festival will feature workshops, expanded educational programming and dozens of vendors from across Northern California.

Workshop subjects include knitting, weaving and dyeing. Other workshops look at rare sheep breeds, spinning yard and processing flax. Workshop registration is open at [lambtown.org](http://lambtown.org), with most prices ranging from \$40 to \$170. Materials might be included, depending on the session.

There will be sheep shows on Oct. 3 and Oct. 4.

General admission is \$25 for a weekend pass, \$20 for Saturday only, and \$15 for Sunday (\$5 for Sunday after 1 p.m.). Admission is free for children 12 and under.

In addition to workshops, the Lambtown Festival features live music, food trucks and the California Make It With Wool fashion competition.

For more information, visit [lambtown.org](http://lambtown.org) or email [info@lambtown.org](mailto:info@lambtown.org).

## Solano Nonprofit Facing Financial Challenge

A nonprofit serving Solano County has been hit by “significant and unanticipated operating costs,” according to officials.

Food is Free Bay Area, which operates from the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, is struggling to offset new costs and logistical challenges, Solano County Foundation CEO Leslie A. Janik said in a statement.

New costs include: more than \$18,000 in new electrical hookups, an ongoing refrigeration lease of \$2,500 per month, new shade structures, fencing and wind protection, a temporary water/washing station and portable restroom access for clients and staff.

“For an organization with an annual operating budget of less than \$400,000, these unexpected expenses are significant,” Janik said. “Without additional support, Food is Free has indicated that it may need to reduce or eliminate services.”

Through the first half of 2026, Food is Free served roughly 4,500 to 6,200 senior individuals monthly. The organization also serves approximately 250 seniors each month through the USDA Commodity Senior Food Program.

Food is Free also supports seniors through distributions at senior centers in Rio Vista, Benicia, and Vallejo, provides limited home delivery for older adults with transportation barriers, accepts incontinence supplies and durable medical equipment for seniors, and receives and delivers senior meals each week.

The Solano Community Foundation is accepting donations through our Solano Community Impact Fund, with special instruction to go towards Food is Free Bay Area. You can also contact Mike Ioakimedes of Food for Free at [mike@solanoef.org](mailto:mike@solanoef.org) or by phone at 707-980-5456.

## Senior Resource Fair

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

# UC Davis Grad Returns to Lambtown

By Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Christine Knobel is back at the Lambtown Festival this weekend, a year after being recognized for her knitting prowess. Knobel won top prize in the wearable accessories category of the California Make It With Wool competition last year at Lambtown. She went on to take national honors with a pullover sweater she made over the course of three months.

“I was incredibly surprised that I won, because this was only the second sweater that I had ever knitted,” said Knobel, who is adept at an array of skills, including sewing, pattern drafting and draping, which involves positioning and pinning fabric on a dress form to develop the structure of a garment design.

Knobel lives in the Bay Area and works at The Sewing Room, a sewing and fashion school, workshop and retail boutique, in Alameda. She graduated from UC Davis with a bachelor’s degree in design in 2016 and a master’s in fine arts two years later.

She will be one of hundreds who will be attending the Lambtown Festival, the state’s largest salute to sheep, lamb and wool, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary at the Dixon May Fairgrounds on Oct. 3 and Oct. 4.

Among highlights of the weekend will be this year’s California Make It With Wool contest, on Saturday,



Christine Knobel wearing the pullover sweater that won top prize at both the California and National Make It With Wool competitions. Photo courtesy of Christine Knobel

Oct. 3. Judging takes place in the morning, followed by the awards and fashion show at noon.

Knobel entered the competition for the first time in 2023.

“A friend told me about the Make It With Wool contest, and I made something really quickly,” Knobel said. “It was fun and flashy, but I didn’t understand that the goal of the competition was to showcase skills.”

Last year, she pulled out the stops with a sweater she described as a willow pullover all-over basketweave stitch pattern. The all-over basketweave stitch uses a mix of knit and purl stitches to give the appearance of an

interlaced woven basket.

She used the same sweater to take top honors at the national Make It With Wool sweater contest early this year in Reno. At Lambtown this year, she will be entering the wearable accessory and one-piece garment categories for adults.

Knobel said she’s been sewing most of her life and is fairly good at crafts in general.

She said Lambtown offers a great opportunity to learn and develop new skills.

“At the first festival I attended, I signed up for a workshop on making wool coasters, and it was really fun,” she said. “I always learn a lot when I go.” ★

# Bill Would Boost Tomato Transparency



Trailers full of tomatoes just east of Dixon set to be shipped to area tomato-processing facilities.

Story and photo by Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson recently introduced a bill that would strengthen efforts to keep low-quality foreign-grown tomatoes from entering the U.S. market illegally.

Thompson, who serves the state’s 4th District, which includes parts of Solano and Yolo counties, was one of several congressmen to introduce the Rooting Out Misabeled Agriculture Act, or ROMA, last month.

The bill would build on existing technology with the creation of a U.S. Department of Agriculture database of isotopic signatures for processing tomatoes.

Isotopic testing analyzes naturally occurring elements in food to create a geographic “fingerprint” to help identify where a product was grown, according to the bill, introduced on Sept. 8.

“My district grows the best processing tomatoes in the world, and American consumers deserve to know that when a tomato product is labeled as American, it is actually made from tomatoes grown here in the United States,” Thompson said. “Our farmers and processors should not be undercut by foreign products that are blended, mislabeled or used to evade our trade and forced-labor laws.”

The legislation would give the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service the tools to develop the scientific fingerprint needed to verify where tomatoes are grown and bolster consumer confidence, Thompson said.

Thousands of acres of tomatoes are grown around the Dixon area, and the city is home to Campbell Soup’s tomato-processing plant on Pedrick Road, which handles hundreds of tons of locally grown tomatoes annually.

The legislation is directed in part at China, which is a major producer of processing tomatoes. Some Chinese regions where tomatoes are grown are “linked to serious forced-labor concerns,” according to a press release from Rep. David Valadao (CA-22), another sponsor of the bill.

“Chinese tomato products ... face longstanding concerns over quality and food safety, including reports of rotting tomatoes and undeclared fillers that would not meet the standards required of U.S. products,” Valadao said.

There has been recent concern in Europe that Chinese tomato paste can be rerouted through supply chains and deceptively marketed as locally grown.

“This practice makes it increasingly difficult for consumers to know where their tomato products actually come from – and whether the quality and safety of those products match what is advertised,” Valadao said.

Research has shown that isotopic testing can distinguish tomatoes from different regions, including China and Italy, even after the tomatoes have been processed into paste and other products.

The bill would give California processing-tomato growers a powerful new tool to fight fraud in the marketplace, said Mike Montna, president and CEO of the California Tomato Growers Association in Sacramento.

“By creating a scientific, isotopic fingerprint for our crop, this bill helps ensure that products labeled as U.S.-grown tomatoes actually are – protecting our growers, processors and consumers alike,” Montna said. “This will ensure that imported tomatoes entering our market are what they claim to be.” ★

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# Riley Reviews

## “FAST AND FURIOUS” FRANCHISE TAKES A NEW HIGH-SPEED TURN

A Film and TV Review  
by Tim Riley

### “FAST AND FURIOUS” ATTRACTION AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

The “Fast and Furious” film series, centered on action thrills with fast cars, started a quarter-century ago and shows no signs yet of slowing down and until the next movie comes around the plan right now at Universal Studios Hollywood is a thrill ride.

The film series began with “The Fast and the Furious,” starring Vin Diesel’s Dom Toretto as a street-racing legend and Paul Walker’s Brian O’Connor as an undercover cop infiltrating the illegal street racing crew.

Over time, the series, which included spinoffs like “Tokyo Drift” and “Hobbs & Shaw,” shifted its focus to other criminal networks and the high-stakes heist genre, but you could always count on the common denominator of fast cars.

With “Fast & Furious: Hollywood Drift,” the Universal Studios Hollywood theme park has reimagined the franchise’s popularity into an eagerly awaited, first outdoor, high-speed roller coaster that delivers an unprecedented surge of adrenaline.

With its striking visual design and state-of-the-art technology, this new ride is the fastest in the Universal theme park, which is designed to redefine the thrill ride experience and surely to draw more crowds to the Hollywood park.

For obvious reasons, Universal’s \$7 billion “Fast and Furious” franchise serves as the driving force behind the Hollywood theme park’s “Hollywood Drift” bringing alive the pulse-pounding speed of street racing.

After all, this new theme ride is a natural fit for the park where movie-themed attractions already take center stage.

“Jurassic World – The Ride” is a water-based thrill ride featuring animatronic dinosaurs and a dramatic 84-foot drop.

“Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey” is a dark ride inside Hogwarts Castle that utilizes robotic arm vehicles to fly through scenes from the film series. Another high-speed roller coaster is “Revenge of the Mummy – The Ride.”

The “Fast and Furious” ride celebrates the franchise and captures the spectacle, suspense and meticulous choreography created for edge-of-your-seat driving sequences the films are renowned for, offering guests a chance to experience the energy and thrill of high-speed action for themselves.

Located on Universal’s Upper Lot, “Hollywood Drift” is situated within an expansive red brick-garage-like structure. Two stationary, photo op prop car reproductions welcome guests just outside the ride as they make their way through the entry archway towards the queue.

In a technological first, a portion of the

“Hollywood Drift” ride track races through a transparent encased section of the queue, building on the anticipation as guests wait to ride.

A unique dual-launching, split-ride track alternates trains from dispatch to propel guests on an epic adventure that takes them over and under portions of a multi-level escalator, through four spectacular launches.

Following this, there is an inverted dive loop, twisted pretzel loop and inverted stall, among others, at speeds up to 72 miles per hour and a force of 3.6 Gs along 4,100 feet of elaborate aerial track while drifting at 360 degrees in their individual ride vehicles.

Thrill seekers begin their journey lap-bar harnessed into one of four iconic ride vehicles – the Dodge Charger, Mazda RX-7, Nissan Skyline and the Toyota Supra – each modeled after the cars driven in the film series.

The arrival platform is anchored by an all-original, large-scale mural which depicts the finale street racing action scene in the first 2001 “Fast” film, with a montage of the aerial-bound Dodge Charger and Toyota Supra vehicles racing against a speeding train.

Equipped with a fully independent audio system, each ride vehicle surrounds guests with true-to-type engine sound effects unique to the car they are driving. Because each vehicle is fully rotational and programmed to drift in motion along each train, guests enjoy varying experiences depending on the ride.

With real estate at a premium at the Hollywood theme park, the hillside terrain was transformed to use natural contours to deliver breathtaking panoramic views of the San Fernando Valley and the Universal Studios lot.

Designed to advance the storyline while keeping guests entertained, the queue guides guests through an environment filled with recreated props from the films. Select displays feature QR codes that guests can scan for behind-the-scenes insights.

Due to the dynamics of the roller coaster, guests are required to place all belongings in complimentary lockers, located within the queue area. They are required to pass through metal detection before entering the ride platform.

This means that all loose articles, including mobile phones, among other items, are placed securely in the lockers. One imagines the ride is too fast with gravitational pull for you to be taking cell phone pictures. The ride is probably not for the faint-hearted.

Universal Studios will not rest on its laurels with its roller coaster. Already in the works is a new film in the saga, “Fast Forever,” which will race into theatres nationwide in March 2028. ★



### New DWR Director Discusses Water Resiliency Plans

The California Department of Water Resources swore in its new director, Thomas Gibson, in July. Gibson previously worked in various state agencies addressing water issues, including stints at the state Department of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resource Agency. He spoke with Ag Alert® about his priorities as he steps into his new role, which he said include the Delta Conveyance Project, the Sites Reservoir Project and groundwater recharge. “Our mission is to sustainably manage the water resources of the state of California, and a huge part of that is agriculture and supporting the \$60 billion a year farming and ranching economy,” Gibson said. “The priority projects I mentioned—every one of those has a key tie into agriculture. It really would be hard to separate the two because so much of what we do is really an important connection to agriculture and maintaining our California agriculture.”

#### Vineyard Adaptation to Heat an Economic Balancing Act

Vineyard growers facing a hotter and more volatile climate may have several ways to protect the value of their vineyards, but a new study suggests there is no single best adaptation strategy. The most profitable choice depends on how severe heat becomes, according to research published this year in the American Journal of Enology and Viticulture. Under relatively mild warming, growers may be better off maintaining established vineyards and varieties. As heat stress increases, shade

technology can become economically attractive. Under the most severe conditions modeled, switching to a more heat-tolerant grape variety produced the strongest returns. “Extreme heat is no longer a once-in-a-decade problem for winegrape growers,” said Kristen Barnhisel, winemaker for San Jose-based J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines and president of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture, which publishes the journal. **Vineyard Workers Feel Wine Industry Pain**

California farmworkers suffered a wave of job losses during the past few years as work in the state’s winegrape vineyards dried up amid a yearslong market slump. Since 2023, declining wine consumption left growers with an oversupply of grapes, forcing many to sell their fruit at a loss or watch it rot on the vines. To limit their losses, growers cut back on labor and other costs, and vineyard owners removed an estimated one-quarter of the state’s winegrape acreage. As a result, the iconic sector likely shed at least several thousand vineyard jobs, industry leaders estimated, with some workers getting laid off and others losing hours. “It’s pretty ugly,” said Guadalupe Gonzalez, a Napa Valley vineyard crew supervisor who has worked in the region’s vineyards for more than a decade. Gonzalez said she used to work seven days a week during harvest, earning enough to save up for the offseason. But last year, she said, work slowed as grapes went unpicked and more wineries opted to harvest with machines. This year, “It’s a thousand times worse,” she said. ★



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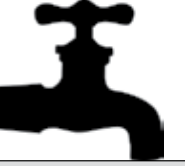
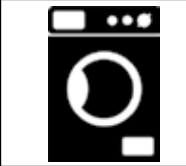
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I talked about it with my friend Kathy Kincaid. She’s a nurse practitioner at Washington State University.

She told me our hearts have four chambers. The upper chambers are the right atrium and left atrium. The lower chambers are the right ventricle and left ventricle.

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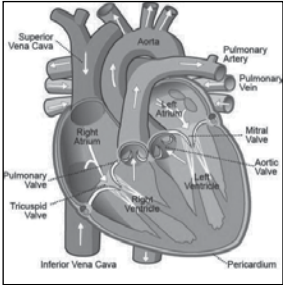
Here’s the route blood travels through your heart. Oxygen-poor blood returns to your heart through the right atrium and travels to the right ventricle.

Then, it goes out to your lungs. That’s where it picks up fresh oxygen.

That oxygen-rich blood goes back to your heart and travels through the left atrium and then the left ventricle. From there, it pumps out to your whole body.

A hole in your heart means there’s an opening in the wall between the right side and left side of the heart. That’s between the two atriums or the two ventricles. That opening allows blood to leak between the chambers instead of following the normal route.

Everybody starts out with one kind of hole in the heart. That’s because a



Here you can see the four chambers. The valves are one-way gates that direct blood along its route. The veins, arteries, aorta and vena cava are blood vessels. The pericardium is a sack that keeps the heart safe. Wapcaplet CC BY-SA 3.0

fetus doesn’t breathe with lungs. Inside the uterus, the fetus floats in fluid—not air.

“When we’re in the womb, we’re getting all our oxygen from our birth parent,” Kincaid said. “Once we’re born, we transition to getting oxygen from our lungs.”

So, a fetus’ heart gets oxygen through the placenta and umbilical cord. Most of the blood pumped toward the lungs takes a shortcut.

That shortcut is a natural opening between the upper chambers of the heart—called the foramen ovale. It allows blood to pump from the right side of the heart to the left side while mostly skipping the lungs.

When a newborn baby takes a first gulp of air, a flap closes over the hole. It usually seals completely.

Except when it doesn’t. In about 25% of people, the opening doesn’t close all the way. That’s called a patent foramen ovale. It’s usually no big deal. If it causes any problems, a heart doctor will manage

or fix it.

There are other kinds of holes in the heart, too—like septal defects. These are openings between the upper chambers or lower chambers that formed while a fetus’ heart was growing.

If a doctor suspects a heart problem, they’ll do medical tests and decide if you need treatment—like medication, a procedure or surgery.

Septal defects happen because of a combination of your genes and stuff in the environment. Doctors usually can’t pinpoint an exact cause.

But there’s one way we can help minimize the risk to babies—get the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) shot.

Rubella, or the German measles, is usually a mild sickness. But it can cause problems for a growing fetus, including septal defects.

That’s a problem because many people with rubella don’t have symptoms. They can pass it on without ever knowing they’re sick. And people can’t get this shot while they’re pregnant. So, they need the community to help out.

“That’s one reason we make sure that everyone around the birth parent is vaccinated,” Kincaid said. “Making a nice protective cocoon around everybody is an important part of being in society.”

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8. "Be quiet," onomatopoeically speaking

11. Clean the white-board, e.g.

12. Morally wicked

13. Former anesthetic

15. Bad luck precursor

16. Banned apple spray

17. \*Ringo Starr's instrument, pl.

18. \*Home of the bagpipes

20. Big one, at 7-Eleven

21. Contemplate

22. Jewelry stone

23. Hindu queens

26. Something earned

30. Tokyo, formerly

31. \*Riddim pair music genre

34. Spock's famous body parts

35. \*Animal, source of violin bow strings

37. Scott Joplin's "Ma-ple Leaf \_\_\_\_"

38. Away from port (2 words)

39. Not much (2 words)

40. Post-graduate journey?

42. Always, to a poet

43. Baby bear (2 words)

45. Beach-comber's collection

47. Cholera

48. Popular pie nut

50. Glazier's unit

52. \*Flute player

55. Pointy teeth

56. 36 inches

57. Sticky stuff

59. Hot \_\_\_\_ buns

60. Code word for K

61. Mauritania's Eastern neighbor

62. Soda pop container

63. Ems follower

64. Highest point

DOWN

1. \*Piano has at least \_\_\_\_ pedals

2. Part of a glass, pl.

3. Leading oil-producers' grp.

4. Indicate

5. Home to Teatro alla Scala

6. Popular core exercise

7. Deer social group

8. Synagogue

9. Cannabis plant

10. Store posting, abbr.

12. Old-fashioned carry-on bag

13. Straight ones in draft-er's toolbox

14. \*Louis Armstrong's instrument

19. \*And Then \_\_\_\_ Were None

22. "Wow!"

23. User's "getaway"

24. Sun-dried brick

25. Water wheel

26. Intense anger

27. Painter's prop

28. Angler's basket

29. Former Russian leaders

32. Snatch

33. Toothy fish

36. \*Lute family instru-ments

38. \*Perfect" Buddhist

40. Theatrical prompt

41. Former Portuguese money

44. Edible herb

46. Brain teaser

48. Like average Jane

49. British peers

50. Prefix for "beyond"

51. Any minute, arch.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Enter Elred Payton Jr.

By V.G. Harris

The Sacramento Kings just had a moment to digest the signing of former all-star Ben Simmons and ruminate about the possibilities of what Simmons might bring to the team, when suddenly news arrived that another guard had been signed.

Not a household name, Elfred Payton Jr. is now a proud member of the Sacramento Kings.

Signed by the Philadelphia 76ers with the 10th overall pick in the 2014 draft, Payton brings with him a wealth of experience in what has been an up and down career thus far.

Entriguing is his penchant for triple doubles, something that most NBA players never achieve.

During the 2018-19 season, Payton achieved a feat that only Wilt Chamberlain, Michael Jordan, Russell Westbrook and Oscar Robertson ever achieved in NBA history when he amazingly recorded five triple-doubles in consecutive games.

Add to that the fact that Payton is known more for his defense than his offense, and the Kings just signed a player that potentially could raise some eyebrows in a positive way.

Every NBA team knows the value of a solid bench and how important that is, and although not probably a starter for the Kings, Elfred Payton has seen his share of starting roles in the NBA.

As a junior in college playing for Louisiana-Lafayette Payton was awarded defensive player of the year in division one college basketball.

At just 6-foot-3 Payton drew enough interest to be picked up by the Orlando Magic, New York Knicks, Charlotte Hornets and the New Orleans Pelicans, after leaving the Philadelphia 76ers, and with the recent signing by the Sacramento Kings, Payton hopes to do what Ben Simmons is attempting, and resurrect a stuttering career.

A bio with such broad achievements, it's no wonder that Scott Perry decided to take a chance on this much traveled baller.

Already the Kings have three new rookies that the Sacramento fans can't wait to see in legitimate NBA action, and now they have both a healthy Ben Simmons and a 32-year-old Elfred Payton Jr. to see as well.

Can Elfred Payton Jr. remind Kings fans of what a young Davion Mitchell provided with his high energy defense off the bench and once again bring to the floor a player with true shut-down abilities.

Well, if he can, Scott Perry is beginning to give Doug Christie what he's been praying for in players that are defensive minded first.

Any time a player has been traveled as much as Elfred Payton Jr. the natural question is why, and only time will tell if he has holes in his game, or he simply never found the right fit.

I'm hoping Sacramento is just what the doctor ordered, and Mr. Payton is about to get the jump start he's been looking for.

You won't have to wait long Kings fans, because preseason is just one week away, and what remains to be seen is how Doug Christie will use his new faces, and can he build a team chemistry in under a month?

Everyone loves a feel-good story, and nothing feels better than seeing a player come back and soar to the heights.

Ben Simmons certainly knows what that feels like, and the question is whether he's truly healthy and does he have the motor every Sacramento fan is hoping he has.

I look for a full house on Oct. 23, as the Kings kick off the regular season against the Portland Trail Blazers at Golden One Arena.

After a better than solid draft, and now two very interesting acquisitions, Sacramento fans have plenty to root for, so time to get excited Kings fans and buy your tickets.

Now, along with Domantas Sabonis, the Kings have a legitimate triple-double threat in Elfred Payton Jr., and a player that has a nose for defense.

Make no mistake about it, the rebuild is happening right before your eyes, so now it's time to take stock in what you have and be careful not to trade away a player that is integral to the success of the team.

Let this young team play together and come together, and just maybe, something remarkable may show itself.

Time to watch NBA basketball and find your new favorite player. I know I already have, and I can't wait to see the Kings prove the pundits wrong.

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Tilting California Voters Toward Raising Local Taxes Often Involves Tricks, Manipulation



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's Nov. 3 ballot contains 14 statewide ballot measures and five of them pertain to taxes, including the much-debated Proposition 40, which would tax the wealth of the state's billionaires.

Meanwhile, local ballots are also heavily loaded with measures that would either raise taxes to benefit school districts or local governments or authorize the issuance of bonds that require new taxes to repay.

The California Taxpayers Association has counted 273 such measures that, if all passed, would levy \$3 billion a year in direct taxes on retail sales and property, and sanction \$19.5 billion in bonds, with interest costs of more than \$1 billion a year.

The largest tax measure asks voters in San Francisco and four other counties to hike sales taxes by nearly \$1 billion a year to bolster public transit services.

In the last decade, a flurry of local sales tax measures has raised rates to over 11% in some jurisdictions. The biennial deluge of local tax and bond measures draws heavy campaign spending by proponents and opponents and some questionable gamesmanship by the local agencies that propose them.

Under the guise of "information," it's not unusual for them to spend taxpayer money on brochures and other forms of communication that approach out-and-out advocacy, often hiring professional campaign consultants to prepare the materials and otherwise use techniques that tout the supposed benefits that taxes or bonds will provide.

If it crosses the line, an "information" campaign violates a state law that declares, "An officer, employee, or consultant of a local agency may not expend or authorize the expenditure of any of the funds of the local agency to support or oppose the approval or rejection of a ballot measure, or the election or defeat of a candidate, by the voters."

However, prosecutions for violation are as rare as the proverbial hen's teeth, although the Fair Political Practices Commission does crack down when instances are brought to its attention.

Another technique officialdom uses to tilt tax elections in its favor is to pretend that ballot measures are not, in fact, tax increases.

Last month, the state Court of Appeal upheld a lower court's finding in Riverside County that the Hemet Unified School District misleadingly declared in the language of a \$225 million bond issue that it would not raise taxes. The declaration hinged on the new measure continuing property taxes that had been collected for a previous ballot measure, but both courts rejected that rationale and ordered that the language be altered.

"While the full text of

the measure may accurately explain the true nature of Measure I," the appellate court ruled, "the term 'no-tax-rate-increase,' on its face, connotes such a conclusive meaning, that voters are likely to find it unnecessary to read the full ballot materials, erroneously believing that 'no-tax-rate-increase' has the plain meaning their tax burden will not increase."

"The impact of such terms in ballot titles and questions has previously been addressed and found impermissible where the terms constitute advocacy or partiality ... Replacing 'no-tax-rate-increase' with 'rate-extension' would be accurate, neutral, and does not mislead voters into believing their tax burden will not increase."

It's also noteworthy that Hemet Unified's board of trustees voted on Aug. 12 to place the bond issue on the November ballot but gave the public just five days to submit arguments on the issue. Compressing the time for opponents to respond is another common technique employed to tilt the game.

Tricking voters is election fraud as onerous as stuffing ballot boxes. Unfortunately, while officials may be a bit embarrassed if caught, such behavior does not invalidate a ballot measure that voters pass.

It should.

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

Mom Worries Daughter Making Bad Social Security Decision



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** My question is not for me, but for my daughter who 62 years is old. She does not want to take her Social Security now. Her husband was a doctor and passed away recently. She had been married to him for more than 10 years and, in the meantime, he married someone else. I thought the President erased taxes on earned money so that people could collect what was due them no matter what they earned. My daughter keeps telling me she has already earned too much this year and cannot collect her widow's benefits until next year. I don't understand what no tax on Social Security means then. Also, she wants to wait until she is 67 before she collects her own money. She has been a nurse and believes her own benefits may be larger than her widow's benefits. Is she correct to wait for that long?

**Signed: Worried Mom**

**Dear Worried Mom:** Your daughter is likely correct. There are two factors which come into play in your daughter's circumstance – one is the Annual Earnings Test (for those collecting early SS benefits), and the other relates to Federal income tax on SS benefits received. I'll try to clarify both of these for you:

If your daughter claims her widow's benefit at age 62, her benefit will be significantly reduced (by approximately 20+%) from what she would get at her SS full retirement age, and that would be a permanent reduction. And, if she works (which you imply she does) she would also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much she can earn by working prior to reaching her SS full retirement age (her "FRA," which is age 67). The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes yearly) and, if her annual 2026 earnings exceed that amount, Social Security will take away \$1 of benefits for every \$2 she is over the annual limit. For example, if she is \$25,000 over the limit, SS would take way benefits equal to \$12,500. That would mean she wouldn't get any SS benefits for the remainder of this year and likely some of next year also. And, if her earnings are significantly more than the annual limit, she may even be temporarily ineligible to receive a widow's benefit (until she either reaches her FRA or earns less money). FYI, the Annual Earnings Test will go away when your daughter reaches age 67 but, until then, the AET will likely restrict her ability to receive Social Security benefits if she continues to work full time.

The next factor to be aware of is the so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OB BB) which the President claimed means "no tax on Social Security." This is an entirely different factor than the Annual Earnings Test (AET) described above. The above AET discussion dealt with SS earnings limits while

taking benefits before FRA, whereas the OB BB deals with income tax on Social Security benefits actually received. The OB BB (enacted last year) provides an extra \$6,000 deduction per person (on the tax return filed with the IRS) for those 65 years of age or older. That extra IRS deduction is designed to offset (either totally or partially) any income tax which is levied on Social Security benefits received by those age 65 or older. It's also important to know that the OB BB only provides temporary income tax relief, because the law expires after the 2028 income tax year.

All of which leads me to conclude that your daughter's decision to wait longer to claim her widow's benefit from her deceased ex-husband is a prudent choice. As long as she is working and earning more than the annual earnings limit before age 67, the AET will restrict how much Social Security she is able to receive. If she later stops working or goes to part-time employment, she can revisit her decision at that time. And, depending on her own personally earned Social Security benefit amount at age 67 (vs. her widow's benefit), she can assess whether to claim her personal SS retirement benefit or to, instead, claim her benefit as her ex-husband's widow if that amount is larger than her own SS retirement. And, unless Congress later extends the OB BB prior to 2029, she will, at that time, likely need to pay income tax on the Social Security benefits she receives.

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The Lynching Epidemic that Wasn't

were acts of suicide -- awful in their own right, but not evidence that we are once again living in the Deep South circa 1892. These news stories invariably recount how the local police have concluded a person found hanging on a tree died by suicide -- as well as all the speculation on social media that something more insidious must have been at play.

In one horrifying case, a young African-American woman was found hanging from a tree outside an abandoned house in Jackson, Mississippi, and her death was indeed ruled a murder. A CNN report several days ago related the heightened scrutiny around the crime given "Mississippi's long history of racial violence involving hangings." The police have now arrested a 51-year-old suspect and charged him with murder, although he doesn't advance the narrative of the Pressley letter -- since he, too, is African American.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention figures, more than 11,000 people in the United States died by suicide by hanging or a related means in 2024 -- or, on average, more than 30 a day. Hundreds of these people were African Americans. In this context, a handful of black suicides by hanging occurring outdoors over the course of half a year or more wouldn't necessarily be shocking.

The will to believe the worst, though, is very strong among the people who signed the Pressley letter. They are perpetually convinced that the KKK

is on the verge of riding again and making the U.S. the equivalent of the Reconstruction-era South.

One line in the Pressley letter says that black people have been found hanging from trees in places as dispersed as "Mississippi, Michigan and New York." The geographic randomness suggests a widely dispersed social phenomenon; the signatories conclude instead that there are racist murderers seeded throughout the country, all carrying out brutal, symbolically resonant killings.

This is a terrible thing to believe of one's own country -- not just of its people, but of all the law-enforcement authorities who must be suppressing evidence of systematic racial violence. No matter. The Squad and its ilk have a dim view of the United States and -- as racial obsessives who consider themselves fearless crusaders for justice -- must find great emotional satisfaction in the notion that they are fighting the same battle as, say, the legendary scourge of lynching Ida B. Wells.

Wells, though, didn't have to make up outrages, whereas the current crowd tends to give credence to every story based on a fake noose or a hate-crime hoax. Pressley and Co. clearly hoped to stir up a social panic, but the weakness and irrationality of their argument serve only to underline their own profound and disturbing racial paranoia.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Residents Voice Views on Roadways

Story and photo  
by Kevin Dietrich

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Efforts to assess local roadway safety through an online interactive map earlier this year garnered considerable attention from Dixon residents.

More than 300 comments were received online and at in-person events, according to Emma McNeil, Dixon’s acting public information officer. The survey findings are being used to help update Dixon’s local roadway safety plan.

The city is developing the plan to reduce crashes, save lives and improve safety on city roads. As part of the process, Dixon launched the online interactive map during the summer to gather feedback on priorities, needs and potential improvements within Dixon.

Significant frustration was registered about an array of topics, including train tracks through downtown Dixon, the perception that the city’s roads are unfriendly to bike riders and the overall condition of outlying thoroughfares.

Feedback was often very specific: “The left-hand turning lane from Batavia onto Dixon Avenue needs to be repaved”; “Speeding daily on Folsom Fair Circle. It’s a race track!”; and, near the intersection of Pitt School Road and West H Street, “Dead city tree: could fall on pedestrians walking on the sidewalk.”

Others were more general: “I’ve been noticing huge cracks everywhere I drive in Dixon,” and “People speed all over town.”

Some comments were buttressed with dramatic language: “The road on Pedrick from the



Traffic seen on Pedrick Road, near the Campbell’s Soup processing facility.

tracks to the freeway is criminally unsafe.”

To be fair, Pedrick Road appears to be a sore spot with many residents. It received more than three dozen comments on the online survey, many focusing on the quality of the pavement.

“Pedrick Road needs to be repaved,” a resident wrote on July 15.

“Some of the worst potholes in the city,” another commented on July 21.

“Pedrick Road is a raceway all

day long,” wrote a third individual on July 23.

A local roadway safety plan is a means to help cities evaluate how people currently travel, understand where and why crashes happen, and recommend projects, policies and programs to help reduce serious injuries and fatalities.

The next step is to review the comments gathered through community outreach and an analysis of traffic accidents and then use those findings to develop

proposed safety improvements, McNeil said.

“The community will have another opportunity to review and comment on the recommendations and draft plan before the final plan goes to City Council for consideration,” she added.

Dixon is working with DKS Associates on its local roadway safety plan. DKS is involved with reviewing the existing plan, analyzing crash data, gathering community input, developing safety recommendations and pre-

paring the draft and final plan, McNeil said.

It is also helping the city prepare grant applications through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. DKS Associates was awarded a contract in March for the project, which is not to exceed \$150,000.

A public review of the draft plan is expected during the fall, with the plan scheduled to be finalized this winter, according to a project timeline released by the city. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME

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