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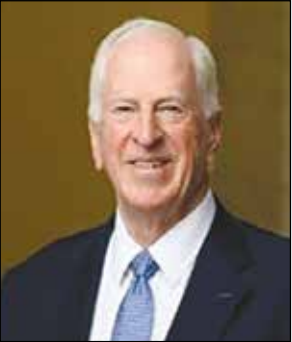
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Lambtown Festival Draws Thousands



Maddie Tiderencel, left, and Camille Utterback get Venom ready for showing Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Lambtown Festival in Dixon.
Photo by Kevin Dietrich

By Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The 40th annual Lambtown Festival was a success, with thousands of people from California and beyond attending the event at the Dixon May Fairgrounds, Oct. 3 and Oct. 4.

There was a wide array of vendors selling everything from handspun wool, handcrafted sweaters and embroidery kits to jewelry, spinning wheels and alpaca fleeces. Also on hand was music, food, a petting zoo and sheep dog demonstrations. And, of course, there were lots of sheep.

“I really enjoy coming here and being able to show my sheep,” said Maddie Tiderencel, 13, from the Blue Gum Ranch in Herald in



There were sheep from across the western United States at the festival, touted as California's largest sheep and wool event, with many varieties from around the state, including such locales as Winters, Quincy, Loma Rica and Montague.
Photo by Nicolas Brown

Sacramento County. Tiderencel brought three sheep to the

festival, including Venom, a crossbreed with chocolate brown fleece that she helped raise from a lamb.

There were sheep from across the western United States at the festival, touted as California's largest sheep and wool event, with many varieties from around the state, including such locales as Winters, Quincy, Loma Rica and Montague. Others came from as far away as Idaho.

The festival is critical for the knitting community, said Margaret Drew, who operates the Stonehenge Llama Ranch in Vacaville and was selling an array of fibers, including wool, cashmere and mohair.

“I get a lot of business from this event, because people are always looking for locally grown fibers,” said Drew, who has been coming to the festival for at

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What Does Moratorium Mean for Dixon?

Story and photo
by Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon City Council voted unanimously on Sept. 30 to implement a 45-day ban on both data centers and battery energy storage systems during a special meeting.

But there are questions as to how effective Dixon's moratorium on battery systems would be if an outside company wanted to press the matter.

At least one other nearby city has discovered that moratoriums don't always stop battery storage development.

In early 2024, the Solano County Board of Supervisors voted to enact a two-year pause on approving large-scale battery storage projects in order to create



Solano County land near the site of the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System project west of Dixon.

safety-focused land-use standards.

But Florida-headquartered NextEra Energy, seeking to build a battery energy storage system on 40 acres of farmland at the intersection of Kilkenny and Byrnes roads just west of Dixon, instead bypassed local government in Nov. 2024

and submitted an application for the Corby Battery Energy Storage System project to the California Energy Commission.

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Newsom Signs SB 690, Reforming CIPA to Protect Small Businesses and Nonprofits

Stop CIPA Shakedowns
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Stop CIPA Shakedown Lawsuits coalition celebrated Governor Gavin Newsom's signing of SB 690 on Sept. 30, a major reform to the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA) that will provide much-needed relief to thousands of California small businesses, nonprofits and public agencies facing abusive lawsuits and demand letters.

SB 690 passed the California Legislature without a single “no” vote, reflecting broad recognition among lawmakers of the need to address the misuse of a decades-old privacy law against organizations using ordinary website technologies. The new law will take effect Jan. 1, 2027, limiting private lawsuits involving CIPA's pen register and trap-and-trace provisions when claims arise from activity on websites, online applications, or mobile applications, while preserving California's strong consumer privacy protections and government enforcement authority.

“Tonight, thousands of California businesses have gotten relief from abusive litigation,” said Andrew Kingman, Alliance for Legal Fairness General Counsel. “We applaud Governor Newsom for signing SB 690 into law and delivering real relief to businesses, nonprofits and public agencies that have been forced to spend valuable resources defending themselves against abusive CIPA lawsuits. This is a meaningful step forward for organizations across California that have faced costly litigation and significant disruption, even when there is no allegation of actual harm or injury.”

“We thank Senator Caballero for her leadership and Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan for her sincere engagement in moving this issue through the Legislature, and we thank Governor Newsom for recognizing the urgent need for CIPA reform,” Kingman said in the statement.

Originally enacted in 1967, CIPA was intended to protect Californians from unlawful wiretapping and eavesdropping on landline phones. But

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Nominations Open for Environmental Recognition Awards

City of Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The City of Davis is accepting applications for the annual Environmental Recognition Awards now through Jan. 31, 2027. Awards will be given in the following three categories for their work done in 2026: Individual, Business and Non-Profit Organizations/Volunteer Groups/Schools. In addition, an Environmental Legacy award will be given recognizing events and programs that have made a significant difference in environmental quality of life in Davis over time.

To be eligible for an Environmental Recognition Award, a nominee’s actions and/or achievements should address a current environmental concern through an established record benefiting the environment and quality of life in and around Davis with commitment to continued effort long term. Nominees should

demonstrate creative implementations or development of an innovative project related to sustainability or the environment and set an example of how to conduct business, set up a home environment and/or live daily in a manner that encourages sustainability and harmony with nature.

There are a few changes to the nomination process this year, including a new online application. In addition, applications for the award will now be accepted year-round. Applications received by Jan. 31 each year will be considered for awards in the previous calendar year, while applications received after Jan. 31 will be held for consideration the next calendar year.

Those selected for awards will be recommended to the City Council for a ceremonial presentation and reception in April 2027.

For more information, visit [www. CityofDavis.org](http://www.CityofDavis.org) and search for “Environmental Recognition Awards.” ★

Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon Rams Football team dropped a 20-14 decision to El Camino on Oct. 2. Here, Dixon High School Senior Brandon Santistevan is seen in action against Rio Linda earlier this season. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Dixon Dropped by El Camino, 20-14

The Dixon High football team turned in one of its better performances of 2026 on Oct. 2, but came up just short at El Camino, 20-14.

El Camino jumped out to a 13-0 lead over the Rams and was able to hold on for the win.

The Rams are now 1-5 on the season and 0-2 in Golden Empire League play. El Camino improved to 2-4 and 1-1 in league competition.

Dixon returns home to play undefeated Sutter High School, beginning at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 at Finney Field. Sutter, 5-0, is coming off a 53-23 victory over Woodland.

Northbay Health Launches Residency Program

Northbay Health is taking a major step toward building the next generation of physicians in Solano County with the launch of its Internal Medicine Residency Program, the health system’s first residency program.

The inaugural class of 10 internal medicine residents will begin training July 1, 2027, bringing new physicians into Northbay Health’s hospitals, clinics and specialty services while creating a new pathway for physicians to train and serve in the communities of the region.

Residents will receive broad, hands-on clinical training across Northbay Health. The Northbay Green Valley Primary Care Clinic will serve as the residents’ continuity clinic, allowing them to establish and build lasting relationships with patients throughout their three years of training.

Their curriculum will include inpatient and acute care, as well as a broad range of specialties, including cardiology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, nephrology, hematology/oncology, pulmonary medicine, endocrinology, rheumatology, neurology, geriatrics, addiction medicine, hospice and palliative care, emergency medicine and critical care.

The new residency program builds on Northbay Health’s initial accreditation as an ACGME-sponsoring institution, received in November 2025. That accreditation established the foundation for Northbay Health to develop and oversee residency programs and marked the beginning of the health system’s broader Graduate Medical Education initiative.

The Internal Medicine Residency is the first program within Northbay Health’s emerging GME enterprise, which is being developed to expand opportunities for physician education and training and support the future healthcare workforce in the region.

Human Trafficking Forum set for Fairfield

A community forum on human trafficking will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 675 Texas St., in Fairfield. The forum seeks

to raise awareness, support survivors and build a safer community. This free event is open to the public, and breakfast will be provided. Solano County Supervisor Cassandra James will deliver the opening remarks.

For additional information, please contact Jacqui Nguyen, Solano Commission for Women & Girls, at 858-999-7706.

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](https://bit.ly/DavisGPUWorkshop3).

Holiday Décor and More Sale

The Dixon United Methodist Church is having a Holiday Décor and More sale on Saturday Oct. 10. Brand new gift store sample items will be sold at garage sale prices.

The sale will take place in the fellowship hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Jefferson and B Streets in Dixon. The entrance to the fellowship hall is on B Street. Cash only.

Milk Farm Presentation at Dixon Museum

A presentation on the Milk Farm Restaurant will be held at 2 p.m., Oct. 18, at the Dixon History Museum.

The presentation on the restaurant, which was open from 1926 until 1986, will be by Nelson Sparks and Bil Paul during the October meeting of the Dixon Historical Society. It will take place at 125 W. A Street in Dixon. ★

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

Sunday, September 20, 2026

0936 Welfare check in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

1326 Helen Campbell (61) of Dixon was contacted in the area of North First Street and Industrial and arrested for public intoxication.

1658 Suspicious Circumstance report in the area of West Walnut Street and South Jackson Street.

1740 Domestic Violence investigation in the 400 block of La Esperanza.

1914 Battery report taken in the 600 block of Glenside Drive.

2152 Noninjury traffic accident reported in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road.

0111 Traffic stop in the 800 block of West H Street resulted in the arrest of Armando AcevesLopez (24) of Dixon for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was later cited and released to a sober person.

Monday, September 21

0944 Death investigation in the 200 block of East Chestnut Street.

0959 Fraud report in the 2000 block of Mourning Dove Dr.

1027 Information report in the 600 block of West F Street.

1212 Vandalism report in the 1300 block of West H Street.

2056 Welfare check in the 700 block of West F St.

2305 Officers were flagged down at the temporary police department for a subject experiencing a mental health crisis.

Tuesday, September 22

0831 Violation of a court order report in the 200 block of East Chestnut Street.

1314 Vehicle accident with no injuries in the 300 block of North First Street.

2338 Patrol officers attempted an enforcement stop on a bicyclist at N Almond st and Humboldt Dr. The bicyclist fled and was located hiding in a yard in the 500 block of N Almond St. Arrested was Daniel Figueroa (52 year old male) of Dixon for fleeing, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Solano County Jail.

Wednesday, September 23

0837-11-82, Non-injury collision report, taken at the intersection of West B Street and North Lincoln Street.

1353-484 (a) PC, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts report, taken in the 400 block of North 1st Street.

1713- 602 (L) PC, Trespassing report, taken in the 200 block of Archer Place.

Thursday, September 24

0827-11-81, Minor-injury collision report, taken at the intersection of East Mayes Street and South 2nd Street.

1319-422 PC, Criminal Threats, 236 PC, False Imprisonment and 148 (a)(1) PC, obstruct an officer report taken in the 300 block of Schooner Ridge Court. Suspect Josh Beans (36-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested.

1654 Missing/Located Juvenile report taken in the 200 block of Cristy Place.

Friday, September 25

1319 Vehicle abatement/Tow report, in the 1300 block of Bello Drive.

1103-273.5 PC, Felony Domestic Violence arrest, in the 1300 block of Angela Court. Suspect Asiaque Jackson (29-year-old, female, out of Sacramento) was arrested without incident. S-Jackson was transported to Solano County Jail and booked for the above-mentioned charge.

1330 Found Property report, taken in the 300 block of North Almond Street.

1530-10851 CVC, Stolen Vehicle report, taken in the 200 block of Stratford Avenue.

1717 Information Report, taken at Northwest Park.

1725-459 PC, Burglary report taken in the 900 block East A Street.

Saturday, September 26

0743 Information report taken in the 2500 block of North 1st Street.

1353 Warrant arrest report, in the 600 block of Amesbury Drive. Suspect Michael Glynn (54-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested without incident. S-Glynn was transported to Solano County Jail and booked for the above-mentioned warrants.

2030 A battery report was taken in the 200 block of Dorset Ct.

2156 Officers responded to a petty theft in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave. Navariah Miller (19-year-old female of Dixon) and a Juvenile, were cited and released from the scene.

0043 Officers responded to a mental health incident in the 200 block of Victoria Dr.

Sunday, September 26

1400 Information report taken in the 2000 block of Lark Way.

1442 Vehicle towed in the 600 block of Fountain Way.

1628 Vehicle accident in the area of North First Street and East F Street.

Monday, September 28

0942 A found property report was taken in the 200 block of East Chestnut St.

0943 A found property report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.

1033 A fraud report was taken in the 1000 block of Windmill Dr.

1057 A confidential report was taken in the 900 block of Regina Way.

1101 A court order violation report was taken in the 900 block of Patwin Ct.

1422 A threats report was taken in the 1100 block of Olaf Ct.

1825 Burglary report taken in the 1100 block of North 1st Street.

2150 Information report taken in the 2200 block of Mourning Dove Drive.



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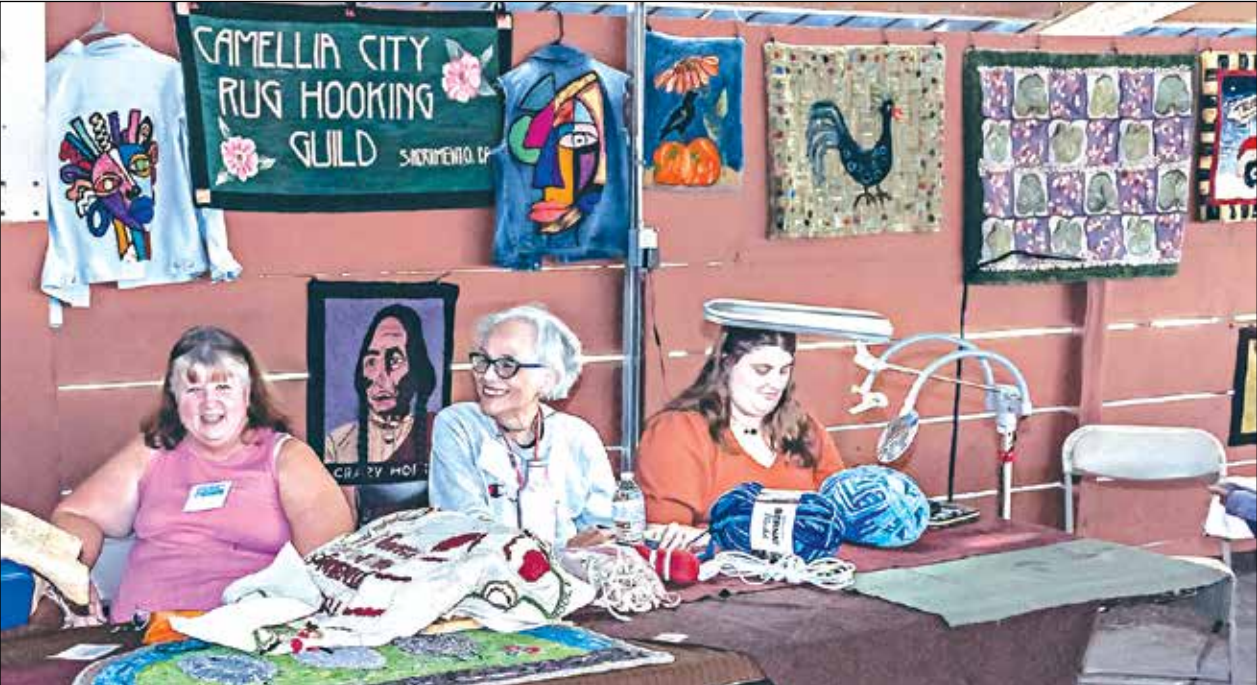
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Lambtown Festival Draws Thousands



There were also a number of demonstrations during the festival, including sheep shearing and rug hooking, along with wool auctions and the Make It with Wool contest. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Clothing made from wool is displayed at the Lambtown Festival fashion show. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Children interact with animals including goats and geese at the Lambtown Festival petting zoo. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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least 30 years.

Sarah Pedersen of Sea Change Fibers in Milwaukie, Ore., took part in her seventh festival. Among items Pedersen was selling were hundreds of hanks of yarn. Hanks are lengths of yarn wound into large circular loops and twisted into a neat, rope-like bundles for easy storage. Each hank typically contains several hundred feet of yarn.

“Events such as this are very important for the knitting community and independent dyers,” she said. “And I especially love the opportunity to connect with people.”

There were also a number of demonstrations during the festival, including sheep shearing and rug hooking, along with wool auctions and the Make It with Wool contest.

The festival featured nearly 80 workshops, on such subjects as rare sheep breeds, spinning yarn and processing flax.

Winners of the different Lambtown Festival competitions and events will be published in a later edition. ★

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Riley Reviews

“HEART OF THE BEAST” A SAGA OF LOVE, LOYALTY, AND SURVIVAL

A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

“HEART OF THE BEAST” Rated PG-13

Brad Pitt has met his match in a starring role shared with a German Shepherd in “Heart of the Beast,” a touching story that can easily be summed up as an emotionally realistic saga of how loyalty and love between man and canine underpins a mutual desire for survival.

Pitt’s James Belmont, a retired Special Forces officer who has endured brutal combat missions in what looks like Iraq and Afghanistan, credits his own war-torn survival in part to the bravery of Odin, his beloved combat dog.

Belmont describes Odin as a “highly trained combat canine. He has seen war and ferocious hardships.” Now in retirement, “it’s time for him to know peace,” says the veteran, and that’s what they are seeking.

After 30 years in the military, Belmont pursues the quiet life in Alaska where he can fly his Cessna plane to the wilderness for camping and salmon fishing, along with his faithful companion Odin who he often calls Odie.

While Belmont bears the scars of combat on his battered torso, Odin faced plenty of dangers and injuries that cause him to have titanium teeth and a prosthetic leg. Having endured war together since the time Odin was a pup, the two have a bonding chemistry that is palpably real.

The taciturn Belmont, bearing emotional scars that cause him to have nighttime PTSD flashbacks of combat, is as resourceful as MacGyver when dealing with the elements and jerry-rigging makeshift tools in the wilderness.

Dialogue is in short supply in this story. Not very talkative, Belmont is wary on the first night of camping when a stranger appears out of nowhere. He cautiously holds his sporting rifle until he can let his guard down.

Meanwhile, the older gentleman (J.K. Simmons) has a friendly demeanor and enjoys a cold beverage offered by Belmont. They share stories with good humor, though the stranger is more loquacious.

By the early morning, the visitor packs up his belongings and paddles away in his boat, leaving a gracious note referring to a passage in a book he leaves behind for Belmont.

Continuing their journey in the small plane with pontoons, disaster strikes when Belmont loses control and a crash landing in the water puts them in mortal danger. This is not a spoiler because

the trailer reveals this accident as well as many other harrowing events.

As a result of the crash, Belmont and Odin get separated, and things look more than a little dire at first, but you already know a journey back to civilization lies ahead. It just depends on how treacherous it will get.

Armed with a compass and a map, Belmont’s combat service has him well-equipped to figure out in which direction to go, even though it’s going to be a 58-mile hike of navigating hazardous terrain that includes a raging river incident that is also disclosed in the trailer.

While their lives are in grave danger, the harsh elements of the wilderness are just the least of their worries. A massively huge grizzly bear proves to be threatening but Odin stands his ground.

Crossing over a ravine high above raging waters on a shaky bridge consisting of unstable tree trunks proves to be particularly precarious, but not as dangerous as a vicious attack late at night by a pack of snarling wolves.

Going back to the beginning, the film opens with Odin standing in the middle of a deserted road when a young woman (Anna Lambe) driving an old pickup truck spots him, and then the story flashes back one week.

Was this opening scene meant to tell us something about how the story would play out over seven days of a brutal fight for survival against the unforgiving elements? After the saga ends, think back to that moment to contemplate what thoughts crossed your mind.

Well, it is best not to ponder it too much. What matters most is that “Heart of the Beast,” for all the perilous struggles man and dog suffer in the taxing elements of the wilderness, celebrates the dignity and courage with which Belmont and Odin have a true connection.

Odin (played by Uber and a backup crew) is more expressive and believable in his role as the loyal companion than most two-legged thespians vying for an Oscar award as a leading or supporting actor.

Brad Pitt as the laconic veteran Belmont who has endured so much in the hellscape of war is equal to the talent of his faithfully devoted combat dog. Pitt would be similarly worthy of recognition for his very moving performance.

“Heart of the Beast” may be predictable in that man and animal, driven by their complementary survival instincts, are best friends looking out for each other. It really comes down to being a love story with great emotional pull. ★



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.

El Niño Increases Chances of Winter Storms and Floods

California’s water year will be shaped by the arrival of El Niño, a climate pattern that raises the likelihood of intense precipitation and flooding in the coming months. Experts call the upcoming system a super El Niño. A National Weather Service report in August said there’s a 69% chance its strength would exceed that of previous El Niño events dating back to 1950. Farmers said they were wary of extreme weather

similar to atmospheric river storms that flooded many California farms in 2023. Monterey County farmer Jynel Gulate said those storms submerged 200 acres of her farm, broke her levee in multiple places and destroyed a house, causing financial damage that has been difficult to recover from. Gulate said she wants the state to make changes that would better prepare people for future floods. “I don’t like hearing that it’s going to be a super El Niño because there’s no way we can have another flood like 2023,” she said. “That would be absolutely tragic.”

Owl Study Assesses Rat Management in Nut Orchards

For more than a decade, university wildlife researchers have studied how installing barn owl nesting boxes and accompanying owl predation help manage small rodents in vineyards. Now they hope to take a similar approach during a three-year study that examines the effects of barn owl predation alone or combined with trapping to potentially manage roof rats in nut orchards. “We’ve documented that barn owls do indeed reduce the number of voles, gophers and mice, and we’ve learned a lot in the vineyard systems,” said Matthew Johnson, a Cal Poly, Humboldt, wildlife professor who led much of the research. “Now we’re really excited to try some similar approaches in orchards.” Although many growers have erected owl boxes to control small rodents in vineyards, he said little scientific data existed until recently about barn owl predation and how cultural practices influenced it. There’s been even less research into the feathered predator’s impacts on orchard rodents. ★



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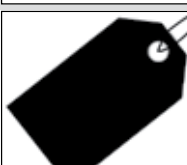
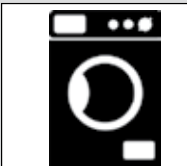
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Why don't we eat reptile eggs?

- Bella, 7, Arizona

Dear Bella,

I love cracking an egg over my morning kibble. It keeps my fur sleek.

I asked my friend Ryan Wagner about eggs. He’s a biologist at Washington State University. He studies reptiles and amphibians.

He told me that many people do eat reptile eggs.

“Reptile eggs are eaten as a delicacy by many cultures,” Wagner said. “It’s not very common in the United States. But in Central and South America, iguana eggs have been eaten for thousands of years. And traditional communities often eat turtle eggs—especially sea turtle eggs—for sustenance, religious purposes and traditional medicine.”

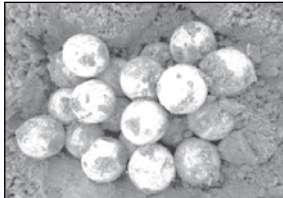
Some places make rules about who can eat which reptile eggs and how they can harvest them. That helps protect endangered or threatened reptiles like sea turtles. Commercially or illegally harvesting those eggs risks losing all sea turtles.

You’re definitely not going to find reptile eggs at the grocery store.

Humans spent thousands of years domesticating birds. That’s how we got chickens.

Laying chickens give around 250 to 300 eggs every year. That’s about one egg per day for most of the year. They don’t need to mate with a rooster to lay eggs. So, those are unfertilized eggs.

The wild ancestor of the chicken is still alive—the red junglefowl. These birds only lay 10 to 15 eggs each year. That happens once a year when food is easy to



Sea turtles are marine reptiles. Sea turtle moms swim back to a beach near where they were born. That’s where they lay about 100 eggs in sandy nests. The eggs look like soft ping-pong balls. Cynthia Rubio/USFWS



This white leghorn hen (left) is the most common breed of laying chicken. The red junglefowl (right) is the living, wild ancestor of all chickens DeJungen CC BY-SA 3.0, JJ Harrison CC BY-SA 3.0

find. Those eggs may be fertilized or unfertilized.

There are more than 12,000 kinds of reptiles. Many of them are seasonal breeders.

“If you keep a turtle or a snake or a lizard, it’s not regularly laying unfertilized eggs,” Wagner said. “Most reptiles lay eggs one time of year, often right after overwintering.”

Farming reptile eggs would be tricky. Reptile biology is complex. It’s less understood than chicken biology—partly because people have farmed chickens for so long.

Reptiles are cold-blooded and many are solitary. Their body temperature adjusts to the temperature outside. A keeper must manage the temperature and moisture for each individual enclosure.

Many reptiles mature slowly. So, it could be years before they mate and lay eggs.

Most reptiles lay soft-shelled eggs. The leathery shells allow the egg to suck up moisture from the environment. That keeps it from drying out. These eggs need careful handling and moisture control during transport, too.

Reptile eggs can also contain Salmonella. That’s bacteria that sometimes makes people sick. Farmers work hard to keep chicken eggs free of these bacteria. They would need stronger strategies to farm reptile eggs. That’s because reptiles are more likely to carry Salmonella in their gut.

Maybe early humans could have domesticated a reptile—instead of the red junglefowl. They probably could have figured out how to keep them. The reptile might have adapted to living with people and providing eggs.

But it doesn’t make sense to switch now. At least 21% of reptiles are at risk of extinction. That’s why biologists like Wagner study them.

Outside of harvesting by traditional communities, I-guana say reptiles are better suited for our appreciation than our breakfast table.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

What Does Moratorium Mean for Dixon?

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A year later, Middle River Power of Chicago filed an application with the California Energy Commission to build two battery energy storage systems on 10 acres within Vacaville, called the Vaca Dixon Power Center project.

The Vacaville battery projects were part of the motivation behind the Sept. 30 special City Council meeting, Dixon Mayor Steve Bird said.

“If it can happen there, it can happen here,” he said.

Changes to California law were enacted in 2022 in a bid to boost battery storage plant applications and help the state meet its clean energy goals and bolster power grid resiliency.

Assembly Bill 205, which expanded state authority over clean energy infrastructure, enabled the California Energy Commission to OK projects and bypass the county- or city-approval process regardless of any prohibitions or moratoriums imposed by local jurisdictions.

“We’re concerned about the legislation and how they’re using it,” Bird said. “They’ve taken away local control, and I never like giving up our local control.”

Dixon City Council is expected

to come back within 45 days and vote on extending the moratorium on data centers and battery energy storage system projects for up to two years.

To date, Dixon has not received an application for either a data center or battery storage system, but the scope of the Corby and Vaca Dixon proposals forced city officials to act.

The Corby project would include a 300-megawatt battery energy storage system, associated project substation, inverters and other items such as a sound barrier, retention basins and storage containers. It would connect to Pacific Gas & Electric’s Vaca-Dixon substation across Interstate-80.

The project, with an estimated value of \$385 million, represents a significant capital investment in California, according to NextEra Energy, the largest electric power and energy infrastructure company in North America.

“It will provide California with additional flexibility in managing the energy grid, helping keep the lights on even during the hottest months of the year, when demand for electricity is at its peak,” according to the company. “It will also help balance the diverse renewable energy resources on

the grid minute by minute, filling in the gaps even when the wind is not blowing, and the sun is not shining.”

The Vaca Dixon Power Center project would include separate 100-megawatt and 57-megawatt battery energy storage systems. A valuation for the project has not been disclosed, but it is believed to be in excess of \$200 million.

The project “will help lower energy costs, improve grid reliability and strengthen California’s transition to a more resilient, clean energy future,” according to Middle River Power. It would be built at the northeast corner of Kilkenny Road and I-80 in Vacaville, a short distance from the PG&E Vaca-Dixon substation.

Both projects have drawn opposition from Vacaville residents. The California Energy Commission is expected to vote on whether to proceed with the Corby project at a Nov. 18 meeting in Sacramento.

“It is deeply frustrating to watch our local elected officials establish thoughtful moratoriums and pass strict safety and zoning standards, only to have the state effectively sidestep them,” said Sarah Dunn of the community organization Keep Vacaville

Safe. “When local leaders act directly on behalf of their constituents to protect public safety, groundwater and local emergency response capabilities, seeing those safeguards bypassed undermines the core of local land-use authority.”

California has emerged as a leader in energy storage deployment, achieving a 3,000-percent increase in battery capacity since 2019, California Energy Commission Commissioner Noemí Gallardo told Energy-Storage News recently.

Most of this capacity consists of lithium-ion battery energy storage systems.

As of Oct. 2026, there are 275 utility-scale battery storage projects in California, according to Cleanview, a firm which tracks U.S. power infrastructure and data center development. A majority of those are in Southern California and the Central Valley.

Data centers and, to a lesser degree, battery energy storage system projects have been a growing topic of discussion across the state and nation. Proposals to put facilities in rural areas have raised questions about environmental impact, water and energy use, and safety.

Vacaville resident Briana

Miller cited many concerns about the Vaca Dixon Power Center project in a letter to the California Energy Commission in Aug. 2026, including the impact on farmland.

“Building the facility on prime agricultural land in Solano County would result in the permanent loss of a valuable resource and negatively affect nearby farming operations. There is a risk of contamination from fires to irrigation canals and residential well water located nearby,” Miller wrote.

A worry associated with battery storage sites is lithium-ion fires. In early 2025, the Vistra Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility in Monterey County caught fire, generating considerable state and national attention.

Bird said that while state officials may hold ultimate sway over local decisions on battery energy storage system projects, he believes it was important that the City Council took a stand with its moratorium.

“They may allow battery storage facilities whether we like it or not, but our decision sends a message that we have concerns and we’re not going to just open our arms and welcome them in,” he said. ★

Get Ready to Rock Out

The bay area’s most rock and roll symphony, Renegade Orchestra comes to Davis



Don’t miss out on the chance to experience the virtuosic skills of top bay area musicians blend the heart of rock music into their energetic performance. Photo courtesy of Renegade Orchestra



Renegade Orchestra mixes top Bay Area strings players with a mix of symphony playing, wedding string quartets, Grammy Award-winning, Juilliard graduating violins, violas and cellos. Photo courtesy of Renegade Orchestra

By Ryley Metten

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Take everything you don’t like about a classic orchestra and throw it out the window! Bay Area based “rock and roll symphony” Renegade Orchestra is performing at Davis Odd Fellows on Friday Oct. 16.

During the heat of the pandemic in 2021, a group of highly trained local orchestra players grew immensely tired of performing namelessly, dressed in black, to the same classical music they have heard for years on end.

After years of playing in major classical orchestras, they found themselves wanting to do something different, to create a unique experience for those concert attendees. With extra time on their hands, they began practicing rock music and alas Renegade Orchestra was born!

While still keeping the talent

and beauty of amazing string players in a traditional symphony, Renegade Orchestra throws everything you know about a traditional orchestra away. No longer do the members stand still, nameless, dressed in black, instead, each member of the 14-core ensemble is encouraged to dress in their unique style while performing rock hits.

Renegade Orchestra mixes top Bay Area strings players with a mix of symphony playing, wedding string quartets, Grammy Award-winning, Juilliard graduating violins, violas and cellos, while the rhythm section consists of a range of players from North Beach jazz musicians to recent college grads. With the mix of these worlds colliding, a new “rock band” sound manifests, attracting live music lovers and orchestra connoisseurs alike to their shows

“We take the strings and

combine that with a rock band to create an entire new sound,” Conductor Jason Eckl said.

Unlike most Orchestra’s repeating the same songs, Renegade Orchestra approaches song selection quite differently. Each year, the symphony takes song requests from the audience which end up on a master list of songs to be played at their future shows.

Renegade Orchestra’s Conductor then goes through the audience requested songs list and chooses the ones that have been most requested and what he thinks will sound best live. This creative methodology forges an interactive and immersive experience for both the performers and audience members.

Don’t miss out on the chance to experience the virtuosic skills of top bay area musicians blend the heart of rock music into their energetic performance.

“If you love rock music, but hate formality, come out and see this show!” Conductor Jason Eckl said.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 at RenegadeOrchestra.com. The concert will be held on Oct. 16th at 7 p.m. at Davis Odd Fellows on 2nd Street.

Come out to see the power of amazing string players perform some of your favorite rock hits. Who knows, maybe your song suggestion could end up on their setlist! ★



BY JOSH F.W. COOK

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POLICY AND ETHICS

Proposition 43: Close the Two-Thirds Loophole

By Josh Cook

Proposition 43 would restore the two-thirds voter threshold for every local special tax in California—no matter who puts it on the ballot.

Starting January 1, 2027, cities, counties, school districts, community colleges, and special districts could not impose, extend, or increase an earmarked tax without that supermajority. It would also bar new value-based property taxes except Proposition 13’s 1 percent rate and voter-approved bonds. Taxes already passed by simple majority would stand.

California has two kinds of local taxes. A general tax goes into the general fund and needs only a majority. A special tax is earmarked for a specific purpose—schools, parks, fire protection, transit, or other programs—and traditionally requires two-thirds voter approval. That higher bar was intentional: voters should reach broad consensus before imposing a tax dedicated to a particular purpose.

Today, however, a special tax can be placed on the ballot through a citizen-initiative process, allowing it to pass with a simple majority. The purpose remains special, but the voting threshold can be reduced to 50 percent plus one. Public-employee

unions and other organized interests have used this approach to advance earmarked taxes that otherwise would face the two-thirds requirement.

In San Francisco, for example, a district and teachers’ union drafted a parcel tax and used individual residents as the formal proponents, allowing the measure to avoid the higher threshold. At a time when so many families are struggling to make ends meet, wouldn’t it be better to be upfront with them and say, “We need two-thirds of you to do this,” instead of finding some sneaky way to add some other tax on top of all the other taxes that have sneakily been added over the years?

At some point, those in government should consider what happens when you erode people’s trust that the government is transparent, honest, upfront, and forthright. Special interests that drive these mechanisms to keep getting more money may find they run out of goodwill if voters always feel like they’re being played at the ballot box.

Prop. 43 responds to a nonstop carousel of mechanisms that people in Sacramento have used for the last 20 years to do nothing but grow government faster than the population. If it passes, it will send a message to the people planning the next 22 ballot measures designed to fund the thing they love. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Get Excited Kings Fans

By V.G. Harris

Time to wake from a summer slumber and embrace the 2026-27 season, because the Sacramento Kings will be in action Monday night against the daunting Los Angeles Lakers.

While the Lakers are without Lebron, they are arguably packed with talent and last year’s rookie Adou Thiero is just waiting for an opportunity to show the Laker fans what this highly athletic NBA forward can bring to the hard court.

Likewise, the Kings are blessed with a deep team, something that they have struggled with in the past, and that brings with it the looming question, who will be Doug Christie’s starters, and who will garnish the majority of minutes off the bench.

Minutes are a precious commodity in the NBA, and players like Malik Monk simply cannot get lost in the shuffle as new faces enter the arena, and the tendency is to play newcomers and rookies early while sometimes forgetting who it is that got you there.

Not lost on anyone is the paltry 22 wins of a season ago, but most fans have put that agonizing number in the “lost to injury” column and I believe rightfully so.

It’s the reason Doug Christie is back for a second season, and with a solid draft and the acquisition of an apparently healthy Ben Simmons, Christie has the chess pieces to make last season’s 22 wins a distant memory.

Without question this team will need to walk before it can run. Putting too many minutes on rookie Darius Acuff Jr. or veteran Ben Simmon’s should be the last thing coach Christie should do, and developing a rotation that satisfies minutes while producing results is the balancing act that he has before him.

This is why we watch the game Kings fans, and while the offseason may not have been as active as you would have liked, I am grateful that the Kings have a post presence led by Domantas Sabonis and backed up by youngsters clamoring for playing time. Both Precious Achiuwa and Dylan Cardwell will undoubtedly get quality minutes and they should.

Coming out of the gate Sabonis needs to establish who he is, and once again be the cleaner of the boards that the NBA has seen

over the past four seasons. With that rebounding acumen comes stopping the competition from second chance points and presents fast break opportunities for the Kings.

Many were critical when the Kings brought in Domantas Sabonis and sent Tyrese Haliburton to the Indiana Pacers, but with that trade the Sacramento Kings became the No. 1 scoring team in the NBA.

It was a magical season that saw the Kings win 48 games, make the playoff’s outright, and take the archrival Golden State Warriors to a seven-games series.

So, what will the partial rebuild from Scott Perry bring us this year?

Only time will tell, but I can assure every basketball fan reading this column that there is no shortage of talent on this team.

The Looming question resides in the coaching staff, and whether this team can play together and find a real identity. Every team needs one, and most have one.

If you talk to coach Christie, he will tell you defense is the name of the game, but my question is can you teach defensive strategies, and will this team that is getting younger buy into what you’re teaching?

No one is going to argue that the Kings need to play defense, but will your veterans step up and lead by example or simply buy into what the national pundits want to banty about.

Enter Keegan Murray who needs to impress and do it early!

Yes, the clock is ticking with regards to Keegan Murray’s tenure as a King, but the ball is still in his court and the opportunity starts tonight.

I still have faith that Keegan can find the game that made him the NCAA scoring champion in the nation, and he just needs to remember the accomplishments of his rookie year.

His defense has taken a step forward. Now, it’s time to find the shooting stroke that suddenly went dormant.

Mentorship, teaching, are not just words, they are where leadership begins. I’m waiting to see if this coaching staff and Scott Perry have it, but the question will be answered soon.

Get excited Kings fans!
All the best! ★

Californians Are in a Sour Mood but Don’t Want to Change the Political Status Quo



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Californians are in a sour mood these days, and for good reason.

The state’s economy is stuck in neutral with scant job creation since the end of the COVID pandemic. Major sectors, such as high technology, are experiencing layoffs and job shrinkage and California is tied with two other states for the nation’s highest unemployment rate.

Meanwhile, Californians’ cost of living — especially housing, utilities and fuel — has climbed sharply, more than 100% since 2000, while personal income, adjusted for inflation, has actually declined fractionally since 2020.

A recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California reflects the angst.

“Majorities of California adults (54%) and likely voters (52%) say the state is headed in the wrong direction,” PPIC found. “This belief is held by nearly all Republicans (94%) and a majority of independents (55%), compared to one in three Democrats (32%).”

PPIC continues, “Californians are much more pessimistic about economic conditions over the next year, with seven in ten adults (71%) and likely voters (73%) as well six in ten or more across parties (61% Democrats, 90% Republicans, 72%

independents) expecting bad economic times for the state.”

If Californians are dissatisfied with the present and sour on the future, one might assume that they would express that negative frame of mind by rejecting the state’s political status quo in favor of candidates who promise change.

However, with voting by mail beginning in a few days, the Democratic Party that has dominated California politics for the last three decades can comfortably expect to maintain — or even increase — its hegemony.

All of the statewide offices, including the governorship, will remain in Democratic hands. Polls by PPIC and UC Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies have found Democrat Xavier Becerra with a double-digit lead over Republican Steve Hilton for the governorship.

Democrats will retain supermajorities in both houses of the Legislature and probably gain a few congressional seats, thanks to gerrymandered districts that voters adopted last year to help neutralize Republican gerrymanders in other states.

A handful of legislative and congressional districts are in play but the macro results favoring Democrats are certain. Republican candidates, from Hilton down, are handicapped by low voter registration and Californians’ deep disdain for President Donald Trump. Just 27% of California voters approve of Trump’s performance, according to the Berkeley IGS poll.

The most uncertain — and therefore most interesting — aspects of this year’s election are a very close battle for the mayoralty of Los Angeles, pitting veteran incumbent

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” (OBBB) 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 OBBB deals with income tax on Social Security benefits actually received. The OBBB (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 OBBB 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 OBBB 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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In 2016, Donald Trump’s support for tariffs helped propel him to a shocking electoral victory. In 2026, his tariff policy may help tank Republicans in the midterms. This turnabout counts as a surprise of Trump’s second term, and an unwelcome one for the president and his party.

During his political ascent in 2015-2016, Trump exploited issues where there was a disconnect between popular and elite opinion, and trade was prominent among them. His protectionism -- expressed in pungent and exhorting terms -- poached traditional Democratic ideological territory and appealed to the working-class voters that allowed him to crash the traditional Democratic “Blue Wall” states. In sheer political terms, what could go wrong? Well, nothing -- until he got his way.

It turns out that Liberation Day was the beginning of the end for any appreciable political support for his tariff policy. The assumption has usually been that the politics of tariffs favor protectionism -- the benefits are very visible and focused for specific sectors and businesses, so they will be highly committed to maintaining them, while the costs are widely dispersed among people who won’t care so much.

The logic here has been turned on its head, though. The costs felt by

The Revolt Against Tariffs

all the people with no direct stake in protectionism are tanking support for the tariffs. On top of this, there’s the fact that Trump won the second time promising to reduce prices, whereas import duties increase them. The Yale Budget Lab estimates the costs to households as about \$1,000 a year. The shambolic and arbitrary rollout of the tariffs, as well as the dubious legal basis for many of them, hasn’t helped, either.

According to a poll that the libertarian Cato Institute conducted with Morning Consult, 74% of Americans say the tariffs increased the prices they pay, including 66% of Republicans. Fifty-three percent of the public says that the tariffs have weakened the economy, and 49% say they have hurt their quality of life. Regarding the latest trade spat with Canada, a Politico/Public First poll found that 56% of Americans think the tariffs against Canada were “wrong.” According to a CBS/YouGov survey, people prefer a candidate who opposes Trump’s tariffs over one who supports them, by 26 points.

Democratic Senate candidates are promising to reverse Trump’s tariffs, even the card-carrying protectionist Sherrod Brown is critical. And some Republican candidates in states with lots of trade with Canada have dissented from the trade war with Our Friendly Neighbor to the North.

The Midwest is a trouble spot for the GOP in the midterms, and it’s not hard to understand why. China cut its purchases

of U.S. farm products in retaliation for Trump’s tariffs, and the farm sector has been slammed. Exports of wheat, cotton, beef and pork to China plummeted last year, and overall agricultural exports to China fell by 66%.

When you layer on top of this the price of diesel fuel jumping 80% and fertilizer increasing 15% because of the Iran war, it’s a formula for a revolt. The tariffs have led to a tangle a little more than a month before the election. Trying to address complaints about high grocery prices, the administration wants to relent on beef tariffs to help consumers, but farmers -- hurt by other tariffs -- are balking at a measure that will reduce prices at a time when they are struggling.

One way or another, someone is going to be unhappy. Even if Trump’s theory of the tariffs is correct -- that higher import duties will lead to re-industrialization -- the policy involves immediate disruption and increased costs in exchange for a protectionism-driven build-out that will take years to be fully achieved.

Long before then -- indeed, by January -- an opposition congressional majority hostile to the president and his tariffs may be entrenched in Washington. In politics, it’s often “careful what you wish for,” especially if it involves higher prices on an inflation-fatigued public.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Historic Bipartisan Bill to Revitalize Rural America

Office of Mike Thompson
News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, CA (MPG)- On Sept. 17, Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-04) and Rep. James Gallagher (R-CA-01) introduced their bipartisan Revitalize Rural America Act (RRAA) to jumpstart rural economies in Northern California and across our country. The RRAA will expand rural health care access, boost support for local agriculture and help rural communities bring home more federal funding for everything from infrastructure to education.

“Our rural communities are struggling to remain competitive and provide critical services,” said Thompson. “Our landmark, bipartisan bill boosts access to health care services, makes rural housing more affordable,

brings workers back to rural areas, and delivers needed relief to farmers and ranchers. This legislation marks a huge first step in boosting our rural economies and bringing relief to the nearly 50 million Americans living in rural communities nationwide.”

One in seven Americans live in rural America, and rural communities in the U.S. generate over \$2 trillion in economic output each year. Our rural communities make significant contributions to U.S. culture and our economy. But these communities are falling behind and need support to succeed.

The bipartisan Revitalize Rural America Act would strengthen rural communities by keeping hospitals open, expanding access to doctors and telehealth, and helping small towns secure federal resources. The bill makes

key telehealth flexibilities permanent, supports the recruitment of essential workers to underserved areas, creates a refundable payroll tax credit for rural hospitals and provides technical assistance to help rural communities compete for federal grants.

The legislation also supports rural workers, farmers and local economies by reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens, improving coordination across federal rural development programs, and providing tax relief for the sale of qualifying agricultural property. Together, these provisions address the interconnected challenges facing rural America, including health care shortages, limited government capacity, rising costs, and the loss of family farms and other economic anchors. ★

Newsom Signs SB 690, Reforming CIPA to Protect Small Businesses and Nonprofits

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the decades-old law, written long before the internet existed, has increasingly been exploited to bring over 4,000 abusive lawsuits over common website tools such as analytics tools, pixels and other digital services, without any allegation of actual harm or injury.

The signing of SB 690 marks an important step toward modernizing CIPA and ensuring California’s privacy laws protect consumers without being exploited

to pursue abusive litigation against businesses and organizations.

While SB 690 provides important relief, more work remains. The coalition will continue working with policymakers and stakeholders to pursue additional reforms addressing CIPA Section 631 and ensure California’s privacy laws provide strong protections for consumers without enabling abusive litigation.

For more information about SB 690, visit StopCIPAshakedowns.com. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001502
The following persons are doing business as: Perfume Synergy, 2830 Thornbury Court, Vallejo, CA 94591.
Solano Equity Investments LLC, 101 W. American Canyon Road 508-294, American Canyon, CA 94503.
Date filed in Solano County: August 26, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 15, 2026
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 25, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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PERFUME 10-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001432
The following persons are doing business as: Our Lady of Peace Home Care, 900 Dawnview Way, Vacaville, CA 95687
Cabe Procare LLC, 900 Dawnview Way, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: August 13, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 12, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001679
The following persons are doing business as: Red Lion Wildfire Defense, 47 Monte Vista Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Kvon Wildfire Mitigation and Forestry Consultancy LLC, 47 Monte Vista Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94590.
Date filed in Solano County: September 25, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 24, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
ROSETTE 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001474
The following persons are doing business as: CME Smog & Auto Repair, 777 Elmira Road Suite A, Vacaville, CA 95687
Phoenix Legacy Ventures LLC, 210 Lenis Avenue, Winters, CA 95694.
Date filed in Solano County: August 21, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 20, 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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CME 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 202600162
The following persons are doing business as: Rosette Western Wear, 119 Falaise Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687
Lourdes Lizbeth Omelas, 119 Falaise Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: September 17, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 16, 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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the expiration September 24, 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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RED 10-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001688
The following persons are doing business as: Superior Heating and Cooling, 5130 Fulton Drive Suite K, Fairfield, CA 94534.
R.L. Fuller, Inc., 5130 Fulton Drive Suite K, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: September 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 28, 2031. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE #2021002417
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Rapid First Plumbing, 5013 Roberts Avenue Suite B, McClellan, CA 95652.
The Fictitious Business Name referred to above was filed in Solano County on December 15, 2021, File Number: 2021002417
Rov Enterprises, Inc., 5013 Roberts Avenue Suite B, McClellan, CA 95652.
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
Filed with the Clerk of Solano County on September 8, 2026.
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RAPID 10-30-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-07929
Milagrito Perlita Hernandez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Milagrito Perlita Hernandez to Miracle Perlita Tuller.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: A Jones
Dated: September 8, 2026
Publish: Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 2026
HERNANDEZ 10-9-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-06811
Felisha Marie Gibson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Julianna Marie Coram to Julianna Marie Gibson-Coram
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: August 10, 2026
Publish: Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 2026
GIBSON 10-16-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-08663
Sarah Woehler and Anthony Wharton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Rylie Rae Woehler to Rylie Rae Wharton.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-08565
Teresa Pham filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Teresa Pham to Teresa Pham Lam.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 5, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty
Dated: September 30, 2026
Publish: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
PHAM 10-30-26



SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 26-006, pursuant to Government Code section 65858, imposing a 45-day temporary moratorium on the approval of new land use applications for data centers to allow for the evaluation of potential public health impacts and additional land use regulations. The ordinance applies to facilities used primarily to house computer servers or data storage equipment with at least 5,000 square feet of floor area or a designed electrical load of at least 2 megawatts. While the ordinance is in effect, the City will not issue any entitlement or permit to establish, construct, or expand a data center.

The ordinance took effect immediately upon adoption and will expire on November 14, 2026, unless extended by the City Council in accordance with Government Code section 65858.

This Urgency Ordinance was introduced and adopted at a Special meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 30th day of September 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BOGUE, HENDERSHOT, JOHNSON, ERNEST, BIRD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixonca.gov.

Kristin M. Janisch
Elected City Clerk

Dixon Independent Voice 10-9-2026

LIEN SALE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will conduct a Lien Sale Auction on OCTOBER 28TH, 2026, at 11:00 AM. This is authorized by Division 8, Chapter 10 of the California Business and Professions Code. CASH ONLY. All items must be removed from the property immediately after sale.

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California Capital Airshow Returns with Night Show and World-Renowned Performer Lineup

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 20th annual California Capital Airshow (CCA), presented in partnership by Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova, returns Oct. 10-11 from noon to 8 p.m. daily at Mather Airport in Sacramento.

The two-day event will recognize CCA's 20th anniversary alongside the nation's 250th with an extraordinary lineup of performers, including the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds. The event will feature miles of aircraft on display and hands-on exhibits for all ages, and conclude with nighttime aerial performances and a massive pyro-musical fireworks show.

This unique show features nonstop aerial performances running from 3:30-8 p.m. each day, culminating with the night show. In addition to the two headlining jet teams, the USAF Thunderbirds and Canadian Snowbirds, airshow highlights include performances from the U-2 Dragon Lady and T-38 Talons of Beale Air Force Base, the United States Air Force C-17 Globemaster III Demonstration Team, and the United States Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet Demonstration Team. As the sun sets, the show will continue with maximum afterburner followed by aircraft lighting up the night sky with pyrotechnics, walls of fire, spectacular fireworks and hundreds of drones.

"This year's show is a milestone celebration that offers a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Darcy Brewer, CEO of California Capital Airshow. "We're bringing the Thunderbirds and Snowbirds to Sacramento to celebrate our 20th anniversary and the nation's 250th, with a night show and fireworks finale to match."

Airshow tickets are on sale now at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.



The Airshow team is grateful to its 1,000 passionate volunteers that keep the airshow running. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow

Each adult General Admission ticket includes free admission for up to six youth (age 15 and under) and free parking. A variety of upgraded tickets and experiences are also available for purchase. Tickets are available online only and will not be sold at the gate. They are expected to sell out, so attendees are encouraged to purchase their tickets soon.

Special thanks to our generous partners Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Sutter Health, Wilton Rancheria, Modern Aviation, SMUD, Teichert, Roseville Auto Mall, Sky River Casino, Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento Republic FC, Five Star Bank, Southwest Airlines, Atlas Disposal, UPS and iHeart Media.

In addition, the Airshow team is grateful to its 1,000 passionate volunteers, a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams of law



The event heavily relies on volunteers to assist with admissions, guest services, ramp and flight line security and more over the two-day event at Mather Airport. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow

enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe. Tickets and more information can be found at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.★



The event will feature miles of aircraft on display and hands-on exhibits for all ages, and conclude with nighttime aerial performances and a massive pyro-musical fireworks show. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow



The USAF Thunderbirds will headline the California Capital Airshow on Oct. 10-11. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow



The Thunderbirds and Snowbirds are coming to Sacramento to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the airshow and the nation's 250th, with a night show and fireworks finale to match. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow