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Dixon Lauds State of the City



The 2026 Dixon State of the City address was released on Oct. 29. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon city leaders touted infrastructure improvements, process enhancements and community outreach in the 2026 State of the City address, released on Oct. 29.

Highlights included completing planning for the Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing project, awarding a contract for a new fire station, adding a fully digitalized business license-renewal system and releasing the Dixon Grown website, designed to help residents better understand development in the city.

"When we talk about the state of Dixon, we're really talking about the roads we travel, the neighborhoods we call home, the businesses that invest here, the first responders who answer the call and the city employees who keep our community moving," Mayor Steve Bird said.



Mayor Steve Bird speaks to residents in the virtual State of the City address. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

The 2026 State of the City address was a virtual effort and included brief presentations from more than a dozen city officials, ranging from the mayor and community development director to the police and fire chiefs.

Dixon saw several important endeavors make significant progress over the past year, including the $25.2 million Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing project, which has been in the planning stage for several years.

Plans and specifications are 100 percent complete, said Leland Markusen, Dixon's construction project manager.

"We expect the federal government to officially approve and provide the funding by the end of this year, with construction on track to begin in 2027," he said.

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Air District's 'Don't Light Tonight' Season in Effect

Vouchers Available to Replace Old Fireplaces and Woodstoves

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is reminding residents that its "Don't Light Tonight" program began Nov. 1 and runs through the end of February. "Don't Light Tonight" advisories ask residents not to burn wood on days when fine particulate matter, or PM2.5, pollution is forecast to reach an Air Quality Index of 78 or higher. These advisories apply to all of Yolo County and northeastern Solano County, including Dixon, Rio Vista and Vacaville.

"During winter, weather conditions can trap pollution close to the ground, and wood smoke from residential wood burning can further worsen air quality," said Air District Board Chair Jim Ernest. "Checking the 'Don't Light Tonight' status before lighting a fire is a simple way to help protect the health of our communities."

Residents can check daily "Don't Light Tonight" advisories at www.ysaqmd.org, follow YSAQMD on Facebook (Facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir), Nextdoor and X (@YoloSolanoAir), sign up for email or text alerts at www.ysaqmd.enviroflash.info, or call 530-757-3787. Daily status information is updated by noon when an advisory is issued.



The Air District is also encouraging residents to take advantage of its Woodsmoke Reduction Program, which offers financial assistance to replace older wood-burning devices with cleaner heating alternatives. The program offers $2,500 or $5,000 vouchers, depending on household income, to replace older, non-EPA-certified woodstoves, fireplace insert or open-hearth fireplaces with cleaner heating devices. Eligible replacements include natural gas, propane or electric fireplace inserts and EPA-certified wood-burning devices such as woodstoves and pellet stoves.

Replacing older wood-burning devices can help reduce neighborhood wood smoke throughout the winter. To learn more about eligibility and apply, visit www.ysaqmd.org/woodstoves.

Wood smoke contains fine particulate matter, PM2.5, and other harmful air pollutants. These tiny particles can penetrate deep into the lungs and worsen asthma, trigger asthma attacks and contribute to

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Solano Public Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division is urging residents to get vaccinated following a sharp early increase in flu cases across Solano County. With other respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), continuing to circulate, Public Health encourages residents to take preventive measures throughout the respiratory virus season.

"We are seeing over six times as many flu cases in Solano County compared to this time last year, and we are very early in the season," said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, acting health officer for Solano County. "Virtually everyone benefits from getting vaccinated against influenza, even if you're usually well. Just one flu shot this season can reduce your risk of getting sick and greatly reduce your risk of ending up in the hospital. Get vaccinated now."

Solano Public Health encourages residents to take the following precautions.

Get vaccinated

Vaccines are the best protection against infection. Vaccines are safe and effectively reduce risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death.

Everyone six months and older should get the flu shot each year. Each updated vaccine adds another layer of protection against respiratory viruses.

The flu vaccine takes two weeks to become fully effective once administered. Getting vaccinated now gives your body time to build protection as respiratory virus season picks up.

The West Coast Health Alliance also recommends all children from 6-23 months of age get a COVID-19 shot, along with anyone two years of age and up with risk factors or concerned about illness, and everyone 65 years of age and older. If you are regularly in close contact with someone with medical risk factors, you should get a COVID shot too.

You can get a COVID-19 shot and a flu shot at the same time.

Ask your medical provider about RSV vaccination if they have not been vaccinated previously for very young children, pregnant individuals or

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

DIXON POLICE LOG

Thursday, October 22, 2026

1947 Officer responded to a domestic battery in the 600 block of Glenside Dr.

0250 Officers responded to a check the welfare in the 1300 block of N Lincoln. Jose Paulino (57 year old male of Dixon) was arrested for public intoxication.

0323 Officers assisted Napa PD with an ongoing investigation originating out of Dixon.

0337 Officers responded to a report of a missing/runaway juvenile in the 300 block of South 2nd St.

Friday, October 23, 2026

0636 Hit-and-run collision taken in the Motel 6 parking lot.

0913 Traffic stop in the 2600 block of Plaza Court resulted in the arrest of Michael Keijona (51), out of Fairfield, for possession of methamphetamine for sale.

1319 Info report taken for ammunition turned in for destruction.

1933 Officers responded to a report of a possible single vehicle motorcycle collision in the 8500 block of Pedrick Rd. Through investigation, officers discovered an unreported stolen motorcycle out of Fairfield, was abandoned at that location.

Saturday, October 24, 2026

0837 Solita Evans (37) of Vallejo was placed under arrest in the 2500 block of N. First St. for 496d(a) PC, **11364(a)** H&S and Marcus Johnson (59) out of Fairfield was arrested for 11364(a) H&S and outstanding warrants.

1358 Grand theft report taken at CVS Pharmacy.

1434 Luis Leon-Alvarado (39) of Dixon was placed under arrest in the 800 block of N. Adams St. for outstanding warrants.

1526 Hit and run report taken at Carl's Jr.

1923 Officers responded to an injury traffic collision in the 500 block of Fulton Ct.

2252 Officers contacted an individual in the 100 block of South First St, who was challenging others to a fight. Jesus Escobar (43 year old male of Dixon) was arrested for Public Intoxication.

0034 Officers conducted a traffic stop at North Adams and West D St. The driver, Ernesto Dealba (26 year old male of Dixon) was arrested for Driving on a Suspended License and a probation violation.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

0536 A domestic violence arrest report was taken in the 400 block of La Esperanza Dr. Officers contacted (S) Jose Zarate (40) of Dixon. It was determined that he was in violation of domestic violence, criminal threats, violation of a restraining order, brandishing a weapon and possession of suspected drug paraphernalia. Zarate was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.

2115 Domestic violence investigation in the 700 block of Stratford Ave.

0230 Nicholas Bryant (46) of Sunnyvale was contacted in the 8000 block of Pedrick Road and later arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, October 26, 2026

0818 Report of a stolen big rig taken from the 300 block of Industrial Way. The vehicle was dropped off in the 700 block of Vaughn Road where a second big rig was hot wired and moved from its location but recovered a short distance.

1138 Flag down in the 700 block of Stratford Avenue resulted in the arrest of Flavio Murillo-Ortiz for domestic violence and resisting arrest. He was taken to county jail.

2101 Officers responded to an injury collision on Batavia Rd South of West A St.

2102 Officers responded to a fallen tree branch causing damage to a vehicle in the 400 block of W Chestnut.

2206 Officers responded to a reported harassment call in the 900 block of West A. St.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

1125 Found Property 800 block North First Street.

1707 Confidential report at Dixon PD.

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Dixon News Briefs



Some of the hundreds of Dixon children who turned out for Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct. 30 in downtown Dixon. Photo by Kevin Dietrich

By MPG Staff

Dixon Chamber Accepting Board Nominations

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its board of directors.

Individuals can nominate two eligible members. Signed nomination forms must be received by 4:30 p.m., Nov. 9, 2026.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 707-678-2650 or by email at info@dixonchamber.org.

Dixon Dropped by Casa Roble

The Dixon High football team fell to 1-8 on the season with a 34-7 loss to Casa Roble on Friday, Oct. 31.

The Rams' lone tally came when Maddox Gilday scored on a quarterback keeper early in the contest.

Dixon completes its 2026 campaign with a game at Natomas on Friday, Nov. 6. Natomas, also 1-8, is coming off a forfeit loss to Sutter High School.

Davis Names New Police Chief

The city of Davis named Matt Davis its police chief, effective Nov. 9.

Davis comes from the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, where he has served as undersheriff since 2022. He previously served as a sergeant, lieutenant and captain with the office.

Davis is a graduate of Davis High School and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University Sacramento. He began his career with the Sacramento Police Department in 2002 before moving to the Yolo County Sheriff's Office.

Davis will take over for Todd Henry, who left the Davis Police Department in September to accept a position with the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Matthew Petersen has served as Davis's interim police chief since then.

DDBA Names Scarecrow Contest Winner

The Pip Wine Bar & Shop on North First Street took top honors in the 2026 Downtown Dixon Business Association's Scarecrow Contest.

The establishment won a DDBA membership for the coming year.

Book Sale to Benefit Dixon Library

Friends of the Dixon Public Library will hold a bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Friendly Bookworm Bookstore, 200 N. First St., Dixon.

This is an opportunity to fill a grocery bag with second-hand books for $5. Standard-size grocery bags will be provided. Cash or check only.

Proceeds go to support Dixon Library programs.

Horseplay Fundraiser Set for Nov. 9

Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center will have a fundraiser from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 9, at Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 S. First St., Dixon.

Tickets are $50. Entrée choices include prime rib, tri-tip and salmon. Raffle prizes and items from Horseplay will be available.

Horseplay is a Dixon nonprofit that gives special-needs children and adults in Solano, Yolo and Napa counties the chance to interact with horses for therapy.

To get tickets, text or call Alisyn Powell at 916-832-0969.

Moose Lodge to hold Spaghetti Feed

Dixon Moose Lodge No. 1120 will hold a spaghetti feed from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 13, at 180 W. A St., Dixon.

Those dining in can enjoy an all-you-can-eat feast. Take-out orders are also available. There will be a raffle and door prizes.

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at the lodge or by calling 530-867-1693.

Bunco at Dixon Moose Lodge

Bunco at the Dixon Moose Lodge will take place at 12:30 p.m., Dec. 12, at 180 N. B St.

The event includes prizes, with food and beverages available for purchase. Cost is $20 per attendee. Moose members and their guests are welcome.

For more information, call Sherry Haight at 916-704-7875.

Yolo Collection Receives Hoppin Desk

The Yolo County Historical Collection at the Gibson House has received the writing desk of Emily Hoppin, a Woodland agriculturalist and activist whose work helped shape local civic life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Hoppin's descendants in Michigan donated the desk to the Historical Collection in September.

Hoppin (1854-1915) moved to Yolo County from Michigan after marrying Charles Rossiter Hoppin in 1875. She became active in women's rights, agriculture and civic organizations. Her roles included president of the Yolo Women's Christian Temperance Union, vice president of the Farmers' Protective Association and director of the Yolo County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about the Yolo County Historical Collection, contact Sarah Bartlett at 530-908-9421 or Sarah.Bartlett@yolocounty.gov.

Davis Announces Downtown Construction Pause

A holiday moratorium on construction and roadwork that requires the closure of a street, sidewalk or parking space in downtown Davis will be in effect from Nov. 27 through Jan. 2.

The Davis City Council adopted a resolution at its Oct. 6 meeting to establish a Downtown Davis holiday construction moratorium. The moratorium is meant to minimize non-essential construction-related disruptions during this busy period in the downtown area.

Yolo County Property Taxes Due

The Yolo County Tax Collector's Office is reminding property owners that the first installment of 2026-27 secured property taxes is due Nov. 1 and will become delinquent if not paid by Dec. 10, 2026. A 10 percent penalty will be added to payments made after the applicable deadline.

Property owners who have not received a tax bill should contact the Yolo County Tax Collector's Office as soon as possible at 530-666-8625 or TaxInfo@YoloCounty.gov. ★



Dixon Lauds State of the City



A screenshot from State of the City shows the site for Dixon's second fire station, an $8 million structure, to be located at 653 Pitt School Rd., with construction expected to begin by year-end. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

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Other key infrastructure efforts during the year include work on Dixon's police station and second fire station.

The city began renovation and expansion work on its police station, with construction at the 201 West A St. location expected to be completed next summer, and it awarded a contract for its second fire station, an $8 million structure to be located at 653 Pitt School Rd., with construction expected to begin by year-end.

Officials also praised the city permitting process, which they described as faster and easier to access through online channels. In 2025-26, the city received 36 planning applications, conducted more than 8,500 inspections and finalized more than 1,500 permits.

"That activity represents homes being improved, businesses growing and new projects moving forward in Dixon," said Sam Correll, a management analyst with the city.

During the year, the city launched its Dixon Grown webpage, a community outreach effort designed to help residents understand how Dixon is considering future potential growth. During the year, the city held community meetings and other events in addition to sharing information and resources about development on its webpage. Among goals is giving residents a voice in the planning process.

"Our goal is to make it easier for residents and businesses to invest in Dixon while ensuring the growth is well planned and supported," said Raffi Boyolan, Dixon's director of community development.

Other efforts during the year included completion of the West A Street widening project, which expanded the roadway to four lanes, and the beginning of the West A Street Corridor study, which will create a roadmap for future improvements.

Also highlighted was Dixon's Readi Ride program, the city's public dial-a-ride transit system, which provided approximately 7,800 door-to-door rides within Dixon during the year, and continued maintenance of roads, sidewalks and streetscapes.

Behind-the-scenes improvements included the streamlining of the city's internal processes and expansion of its online services for residents and businesses.

"One example was this year's business license renewal season, when all communications and renewals were handled digitally for the first time," said Kate Zawadzki, Dixon's assistant city manager. "That means a faster, easier and more convenient process for our local business community." ★

Air District's 'Don't Light Tonight' Season in Effect

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serious cardiovascular effects, including heart attacks and strokes, according to the U.S. EPA. Children, older adults and people with heart or respiratory conditions are particularly vulnerable. Reducing wood smoke can help improve air quality and protect community health.

During the 2025–26 "Don't Light Tonight" season, 35 advisories were issued, up from 18 the previous season. Persistent high pressure limited air mixing last winter, allowing pollution to build up over multiple days. Light winds also reduced pollutant dispersion, while frequent morning fog contributed to increased particle formation.

Air quality was in the Good AQI category on 24 percent of days and the Moderate AQI category on 76 percent of days. No days reached the "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" category, which begins at an AQI of 101.

About the Air District

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the District is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. For more information, visit ysaqmd.org. Connect with the Air District via Facebook, X, LinkedIn and Nextdoor. ★

Goodwill to Reopen in Dixon

By Kevin Dietrich

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A Goodwill retail thrift store should be open in Dixon by year-end.

Goodwill is renovating the former Discount Store site at 1025 N. Adams St., next to CVS, and has begun advertising job openings there.

Goodwill collects and sells donated household goods and clothing to fund local job training, career counseling and employment placement services.

Goodwill previously operated in Dixon at 1700 N. First St., at what today is Mountain Mike's Pizza, before closing several years ago.

That location was shuttered in 2021, when Goodwill closed eight stores across Solano, Alameda and Contra Costa counties as a result of the economic downturn associated with the COVID-19 lockdown.

The 1.74-acre North Adams Street location served as a discount store for several years before closing about two years ago.

The city issued a permit in mid-July for Goodwill to upgrade the site. The work is anticipated to be completed in "fall of 2026," according to information found on the Dixon Grown website, a city-backed site that provides information on development in the city.

Goodwill began advertising job openings at the Dixon store in late October. Positions to be filled include: customer service manager and full-time and part-time retail merchandise processors.

When completed, the store will be part of Goodwill of San Francisco Bay, which currently operates three stores in Solano County – two in Fairfield and one in Vallejo.

Goodwill Industries of Sacramento Valley and Northern Nevada, a separate entity, operates thrift stores in Davis and Woodland, among other locations. ★

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First Northern Reports Third Quarter 2026 Net Income of $6.2 Million



The Company continued to be "well capitalized" under regulatory definitions, exceeding the 10% total risk-based capital ratio threshold as of Sept. 30, 2026. Photo designed by Magnific

First Northern Bank News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - First Northern Community Bancorp (the "Company", NASDAQ: FNRN), holding company for First Northern Bank ("First Northern" or the "Bank"), today reported net income of $16.8 million, or $1.02 per diluted share, for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2026 up 11.1% compared to net income of $15.2 million, or $0.91 per diluted share, for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2025.

Net income for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2026, was $6.2 million, or $0.38 per diluted share, up 3.1% compared to net income of $6.0 million, or $0.36 per diluted share, for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2025.

Total assets as of Sept. 30, 2026, were $1.99 billion, an increase of $82.5 million, or 4.3%, compared to Sept. 30, 2025. Total net loans, including loans held-for-sale, as of Sept. 30, 2026, were $1.13 billion, an increase of $78.0 million, or 7.4%, compared to Sept. 30, 2025. The increase in net loans was primarily driven by growth in commercial loans, which was partially offset by net reductions in commercial real estate, agriculture, residential mortgage and consumer loans. Total deposits as of Sept. 30, 2026, were $1.76 billion, an increase of $74.1 million, or 4.4%, compared to Sept. 30, 2025.

The Company continued to be "well capitalized" under regulatory definitions, exceeding the 10% total risk-based capital ratio threshold as of Sept. 30, 2026.

President and Chief Executive Officer Jeremiah Smith commented, "First Northern continued strong momentum during the third quarter, highlighted by accelerating loan growth and solid deposit generation. Total loans increased $41.1 million during the quarter, representing an annualized growth rate of 14.7% for the three months ended Sept. 30, compared to a 10.5% annualized growth rate for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2026. Total deposits increased $68.6 million during the quarter, representing an annualized growth rate of 16.1% for the three months ended Sept. 30, 2026, compared to a 6.5% annualized growth rate for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2026."

"We also made meaningful progress in improving our credit quality with the successful resolution of a longstanding nonaccrual lending relationship. This resolution reduced nonaccrual loans by $1.2 million, or 25.6%, during the quarter and contributed to an increase of $1.8 million in nonaccrual interest income recognized when compared to the same quarter last year. This increase in nonaccrual interest income recognized was the primary driver of the $2.5 million increase in net interest income when compared to the same quarter one year prior."

"Beyond our financial results, we continued to execute on strategic initiatives designed to enhance long-term shareholder value. On Oct. 13, we successfully completed a major system upgrade, replacing our core banking platform and establishing a modern technology foundation to support future growth, improve operational efficiency and reduce ongoing data processing costs. As anticipated, project-related investments contributed to a modest increase in non-interest expenses during the third quarter, with additional costs expected in the fourth quarter as we complete the upgrade."

"Together with our Nasdaq listing and inclusion in the Russell 3000 Index, these milestones represent significant progress in our longterm strategy. We remain focused on building a resilient, efficient and competitive bank while delivering lasting value to our customers, communities, employees and shareholders." ★



Riley Reviews

"ANIMALS" SUSPENSEFUL THRILLER WITH CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL TONE

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"ANIMALS" Rated R on Netflix

On the political front during this year's election cycle, the most prominent mayoral race is set in America's second largest city, only one year after Zohran Mamdani, the Democratic Socialist, was elected as the chief executive of New York City.

Los Angeles has been beset with numerous problems that would plague the re-election campaign of any incumbent mayor. The wildfires that destroyed Pacific Palisades, rampant homelessness and attendant crime issues, and unaffordable housing, stand out.

The race came down to Mayor Karen Bass, a politician with a background as Speaker of the California State Assembly and member of Congress, who was widely criticized for being in Ghana when the January 2025 wildfires devastated hillside areas of the city.

Bass was forced into a runoff by City Councilmember Nithya Raman, a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, who has been consistently opposed by the LAPD union for her initial "defund the police" position.

What does the political scene in Los Angeles have to do with Netflix's "Animals," a suspenseful thriller shaded by a political campaign? A lot, when you consider that it stars Ben Affleck as a candidate for mayor of Los Angeles.

Oddly enough, Affleck's Mark Kimball, a wealthy lawyer funding his own campaign, has somewhat of a parallel story to affluent businessman and real estate developer Rick Caruso, who ran against Bass four years ago in a costly losing effort.

Kimball may live in a sprawling multimillion dollar home and have inherited wealth from his father, but his pockets are not as deep as those of a billionaire who poured tens of millions into a losing campaign in 2022.

We first see Kimball engaging in retail politics at outdoor markets and coffee shops in snippets of glad-handing with patrons, but there are also stark images of the burnt-out sections of the Palisades, which gives the film a contemporary take.

When on the stump, Kimball doesn't overlook the wildfire as a campaign issue, noting that "we watched our skies darken and our hillsides burn. We held our breath as flames swept through our neighborhoods."

Like many garden variety politicians, Kimball is long on platitudes and short on solutions. "The strength of our city is our bond and our humanity," Kimball intones, going on to say, "we choose hope over fear."

As far as the campaign goes, Kimball deals with enough dread to give pause. Polling shows him a few points behind the incumbent, who's never seen, and his campaign manager Sam (Steven Yeun) urges him to take out an $8 million mortgage loan, without consulting his wife, Abigail (Kerry Washington).

You may well imagine that the wife is none too happy that their net worth is now vulnerable to the vagaries of electoral politics. There's additional trouble in paradise as she's also having an affair.

The thriller plot kicks in when the Kimballs' young son goes trick-or-treating with the son of their Mexican housekeeper Cecilia's (Adriana Paz) boyfriend, and while Mark and Abigail are at home bickering over the mortgage deal, a chilling phone call claims to have kidnapped their boy.

Meanwhile, Cecilia inquires of the Kimballs if they had some work for her illegal immigrant boyfriend, Ramon (Luis Gerardo Mendez), which is a complication because the optics wouldn't be good for the campaign.

There's a twist to the kidnapping scheme that creates even more tension and turmoil for the Kimballs and how they are going to handle the ransom demand of $7 million, when they don't have access to that amount of cash after taking out the second mortgage to fund the campaign's final stretch.

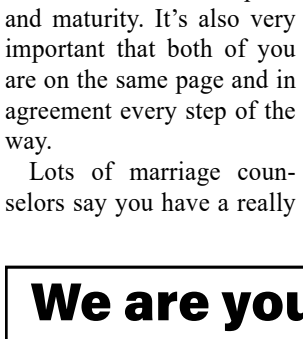
Meanwhile, the campaign manager is in full damage control only days away from the election, resorting to bringing on board a fixer named Dayle Burton (Gillian Anderson), who can front the money at a hefty interest rate.

For reasons that may complicate the political calculus, Dayle counsels against calling in the police and seeks in an ethically questionable manner to help guide the conversations with the kidnapper, which seems to only make matters worse.

Hanging over the candidate is a question of how everything will play out with the Latino vote, even though Kimball is apparently fluent in Spanish. Why this is even an issue is best left to be revealed if you have made it this far into the film.

The political angle is a bit ludicrous. Kimball fancies himself as a charismatic figure destined for higher office, like running for President. No one has ever been elected directly from City Hall to the White House.

While there was promise in the film's thriller aspect until it unraveled in absurd fashion, "Animals," also directed by Ben Affleck, is a pedestrian effort, best left to viewing while you are folding laundry or paying utility bills. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Realigning, Teaching and Building Expectations Gradually

Dear Dave,

My fiancé and I are getting married next spring. This means I'm also going to become stepfather. The only concern I have is that my fiancé's daughter seems to be a little irresponsible. She's 23 and still living at home. She doesn't care about having a steady job, and if she doesn't have money to make her car payment, she expects her mom to make it for her. My fiancé and I both agree that she hasn't expected enough of her daughter in the past, but we're not sure how to change things going forward. Do you have any suggestions?

– Reece

Dear Reece,

This is a tough situation for you and your fiancé. But I think you're both on the right track in wanting to teach her some discipline and maturity. It's also very important that both of you are on the same page and in agreement every step of the way.

Lots of marriage counselors say you have a really good chance of a successful marriage if you're in agreement on four things—religion, money, children and in-laws. So, first things first. I'd strongly suggest you and your fiancé go through pre-marital counseling to make sure you're on the same page when it comes to handling this and other issues. You might also want to read a book called "Boundaries" by Dr. Henry Cloud. And do this together. It's a great book. It will give you several ideas for creating a reasonable timeline aimed at teaching her more responsibility.

Now, I would recommend letting her mom present any changes to her initially. Let her start the process by explaining that she's made mistakes in not teaching her more about personal responsibility and self-reliance. Then, she can begin to lay out a few simple expectations and rules.

If she doesn't currently have a job, there's absolutely nothing wrong with requiring her to get one within 30 days. I'm not talking about a full-blown career necessarily, just something to put her on the road to becoming a little more self-sufficient. During this first phase, looking for work every day of the week should be her job. And it wouldn't be a bad idea to start teaching her about budgeting, saving and everything else that goes into handling money wisely, too.

Phase two might consist of requiring her to help around the house doing chores on her days off. Then, after a month or two of this, phase three might involve her paying a small amount in rent.

Do you see what I'm doing? By stepping up the expectations gradually, you're building a foundation, so she'll have the tools and knowledge to be able to move out in a few months and start living life like a mature, responsible adult!

– Dave

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

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Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Why don't we drink dog milk?

– Suzy, 7, Wisconsin

Dear Suzy,

I love a saucer of milk. But that's usually cow milk or maybe goat milk.

I asked my friend Kim Davenport why nobody drinks dog milk. She studies dairy cows at Washington State University.

She told me dogs don't make extra milk.

"We've selected cows to make more milk," Davenport said. "Whereas dogs make enough milk for their puppies, and that's about it."

The amount of milk a dog makes varies a lot. It depends on the dog's size, breed, age, how many puppies they have and how old those puppies are. Even a large dog nursing a big litter might produce about three quarts of milk a day.

Dogs usually only nurse their puppies for a few weeks. Their milk has more protein and fat than cow milk, which may help the puppies grow quickly.

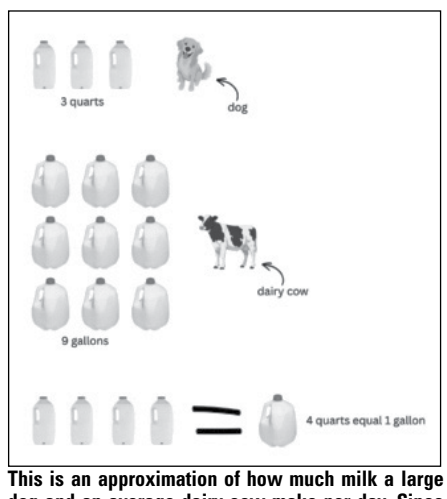
Today's dairy cows produce gobs of milk. They usually make 6 to 9 gallons of milk every day—and sometimes much more. And they can nurse their calves for months.

It wasn't that way for the extinct ancestors of today's dairy cows. They were called aurochs.

Aurochs likely made just enough milk to feed their calves. We don't know exactly how much that was. But wild cows today produce about 2 gallons of milk a day—much less than modern dairy cows.

Scientists think that ancient humans were taming aurochs about 10,000 years ago. They were massive, ferocious wild animals. But over thousands of years, domesticated aurochs became the cows we know today.

We think ancient humans had lots of reasons to domesticate those fierce aurochs. They probably used all parts of an aurochs for food and crafting. They used aurochs meat, hides, bones and horns. Plus, aurochs were super strong. A big domesticated animal could carry or pull stuff for humans.



This is an approximation of how much milk a large dog and an average dairy cow make per day. Since 4 quarts equal 1 gallon, this dairy cow would make about 36 quarts of milk.

Much later, humans developed specialized breeds by selecting cows with different traits. That's how we got dairy cows.

Ancient humans also domesticated wolves. Over time, dogs became hunting partners and camp guards. That happened way before they domesticated aurochs. Eventually, we'd have dog breeds that do specialized tasks—like pest control, herding and looking cute in a bow tie.

But dogs probably didn't make enough milk to justify making a dairy breed of dogs.

I guess their biology got in the whey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



Four Generations of Farming Yield a New Craft Venture

The seeds of Far West Cider Co. first sprouted thousands of miles away from the Chinchiolo family's apple orchards in San Joaquin County. Intrigued by the idea of hard cider, company founder and home brewing enthusiast Adam Chinchiolo mixed up a batch while living in Australia. Then came a few years of state-side planning, training and experimentation to yield a new enterprise for the century-old, largely organic Lucky You Orchards. The company is a true family effort for the Chinchiolos, some of whom taste-tested plenty of hard cider fermented in Adam's garage during the research and development stage. "I think there was some trial and error, but as he refined his cider-making skills, it's gotten a lot better," said patriarch Steve Chinchiolo, who noted he was a fan of the concept from the start, as it allowed the farm to incorporate a value-added product to its core business—growing apples. The hard cider business made its first commercial sale a decade ago, building its brand around apples and other fruit grown by the fourth-generation family farm.

Expert Talks Illegal Cannabis Impacts on Agriculture

Although California legalized recreational cannabis in 2016, illegal cultivation continues. State officials have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to address the problem. Dan Sumner, a University of California agricultural economist and co-author of "Can Legal Weed Win?: The Blunt Realities of Cannabis Economics," said a major reason for the continued prevalence of illegal cannabis cultivation is that growers seek to avoid the regulatory costs that are borne by agricultural producers, especially in California. "The problem for a grower switching from illegal to legal is that this involves a group of people who have been operating a business without government licenses, without necessarily paying minimum wage, without having a porta-potty on the farm that met state regulations, without having pesticide-use inspectors come," Sumner told Ag Alert® in an interview. "If I went down the list of regulations that farmers must comply with ... there are a lot of them, and they're costly."

Ag Program Aims to Upskill Farmworkers

A program launched two years ago in California aims to teach farmworkers new skills. The Agricultural Technology and Education Collaborative, or AgTEC, program is offered at six colleges in the Central Valley. So far, the program has seen more than 800 enrolled students and about 150 graduates spread across the participating colleges. The program, launched in late 2024, aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive amid agriculture's evolving technologies and needs. While it's open to students of all backgrounds, it's particularly oriented towards farmworkers interested in expanding their agricultural skills. Karen Aceves, AgTEC's regional director, said the program can help fill a need in the changing world of agriculture while retaining workers already in the industry. "We don't know where our industry is going," Aceves said. "We need someone who's adaptable and can adapt to those changes." ★

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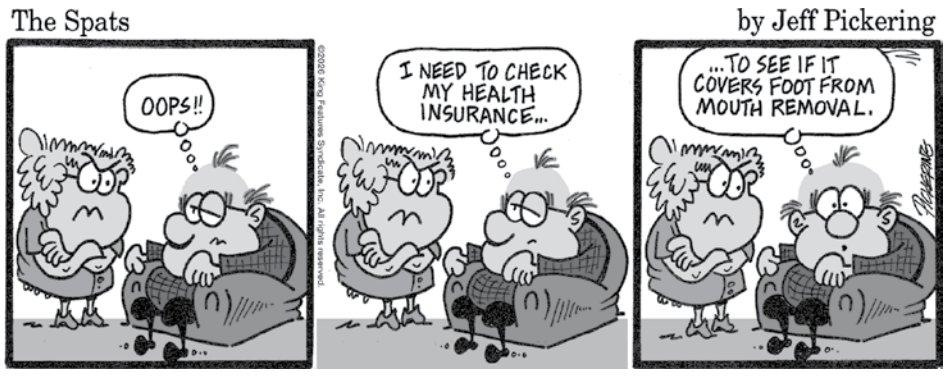
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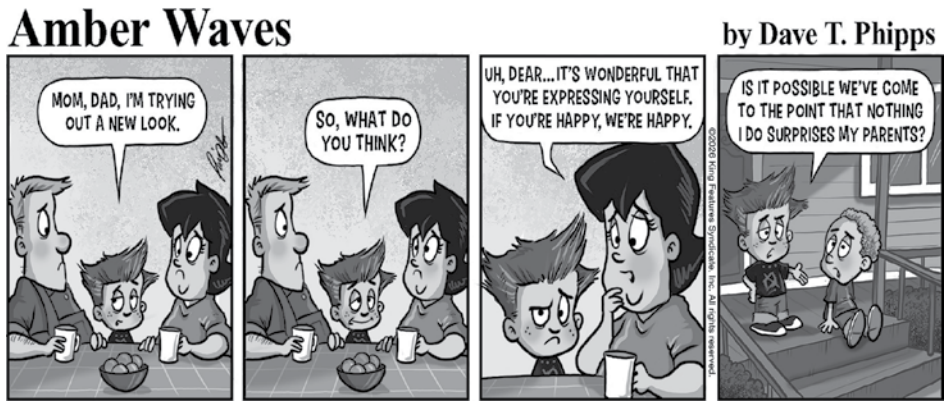
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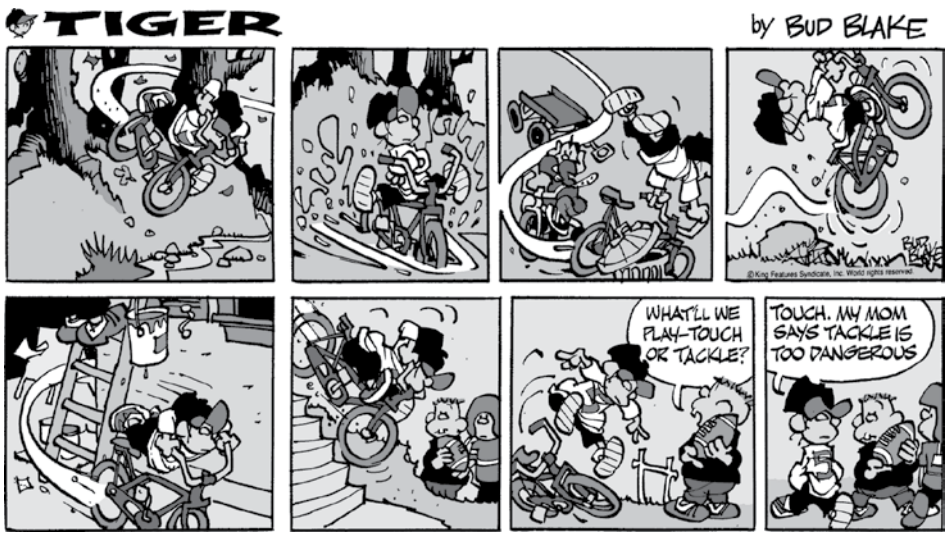
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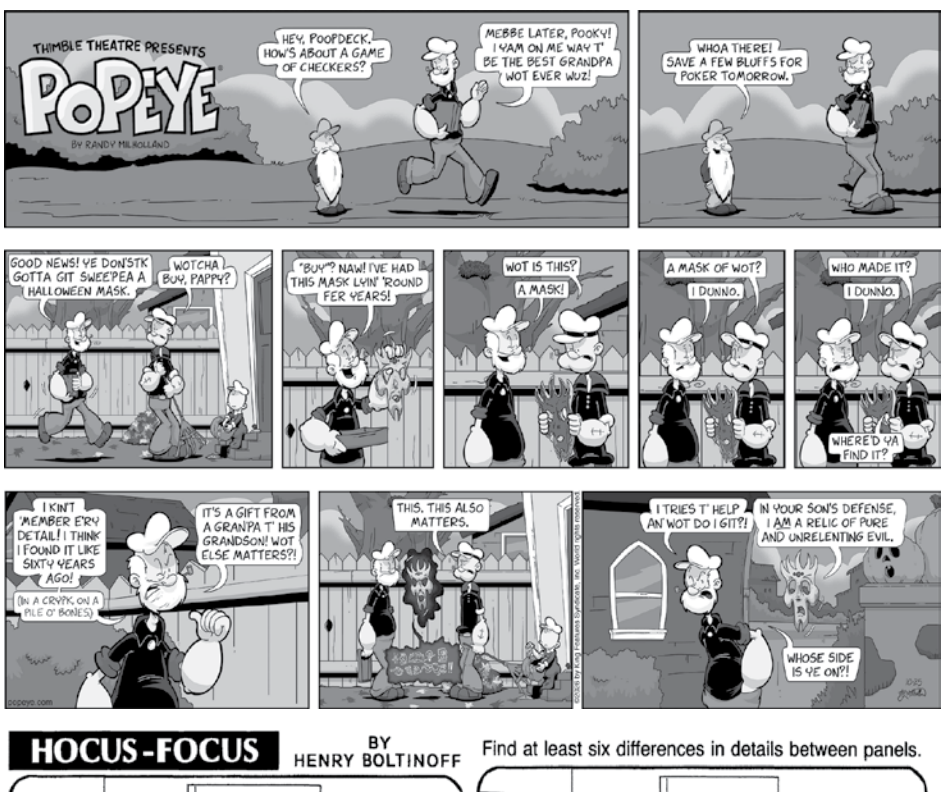


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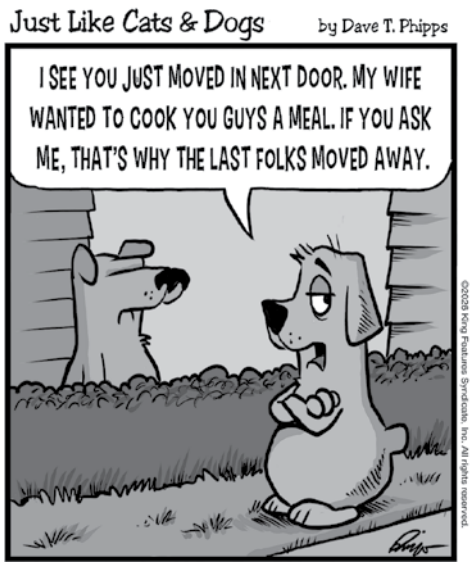
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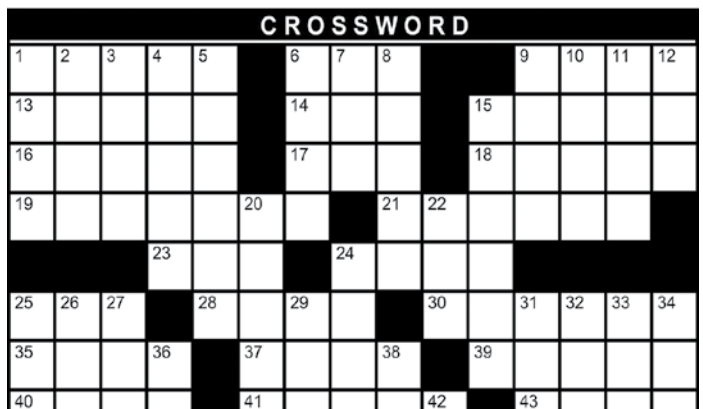
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Let's Get a Win

By V.G. Harris

As the Sacramento Kings enter the week with a winless 0-6 record to start the 2026/2027 NBA season, fans scratch their heads and ask the question, "where do we go from here?"

In this column I have discussed the value of leadership, and as the Kings continue searching for their first win of the season, I'm asking from what quarter will that leadership come?

Radio talking heads and pundits from all corners are calling for a change in the coaching staff and for All star Domantas Sabonis to be traded.

Doug Christie appears to be a ships captain without a rudder, and of the 6 losses the Kings have to start the season, only 2 of those games did Sacramento have a legitimate chance of winning.

If I have any criticism, it is not having a collective game plan. Simply telling the team to play better defense or shoot more 3's is not a game plan, and I wonder how long it will be before the players begin to lose faith.

All eyes are on Monday night's game against the Dallas Mavericks, and I am hopeful although doubtful that it will produce a win.

For those fans that simply say we don't have the players, I would say as I have before that there is legitimate talent on this team already.

Domantas Sabonis continues to be the constant foundation of the team, and whether it's scoring, rebounds, or defense, Domantas gives it 100% effort from start to finish.

When we talk about leaders, they come from outside the court and most definitely on the court.

While the organization won't stop talking about trading Sabonis, I completely disagree with their assessment, and if the worst thing that Sacramento will have to endure is a cellar dweller of a season to weather the storm, I believe that the fan base will hold their nose and stay the course.

Let it not be said that Sacramento fans ever turned their backs on this team, because it has never happened.

However, ownership needs to begin the process of making cogent changes that will not just bring energy to this team, but true direction.

The idea of playing the rookies and second year players is a no-brainer, but the offensive is unimaginative, and on defense any semblance of guarding the 3-point line simply isn't there.

Fans need to give credit where credit is due, and both Domantas Sabonis and Zach Lavine have shown up in a big way.

Is it any surprise that a healthy Domantas Sabonis is already leading the league in rebounding once again, and relative newcomer De'Andre Hunter is currently 32nd in the league in 3-pointers made.

Zach Lavine is tied in 32nd place in 3-pointers made, and I look for that to improve dramatically if the Kings can make progress with their offensive schemes.

Yes, Kings fans, it is a dark time in Sactown, but this early in the season it is way too early to throw in the towel.

I am but one opinion, and I'm anxious to hear from you, the fans.

Go to thekingskorner.com and subscribe to my website and please, by all means leave me a comment. What direction do you believe the Sacramento Kings should go?

I'll publish your collective thoughts, and we'll navigate through this difficult time together.

Without question bright spots remain in both Darius Acuff Jr., and rookie Emanuel Sharp, and how the Kings develop these 2 youngsters will be a testament of good things to come.

I heard a poem many years ago that the Kings should take note of and it goes like this:

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost,
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost,
For want of a horse, the rider was lost,
For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost,
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

Kings fans, Doug Christie and his staff don't need to reinvent the wheel. They need to find one small thing that is wrong and correct it. Once that has been accomplished, find the next thing, and repeat the process.

Once this exercise has been done a dozen times watch the victories mount up, and one more thing. Keep us informed as to what you're doing. We're all waiting for positive things to root about.

All the best! ★

California's Campaign Drama Entices Political Junkies, But Serious Issues Get Short Shrift



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

This year's political campaigns gave California's political junkies plenty of chaotic events to savor: gerrymandered congressional districts; the sudden, scandalous downfall of a frontrunner for governor, and running feuds with President Donald Trump over voting.

However, for those of us who just want effective governance that addresses the multitude of challenges arising from California's socioeconomic complexity, the campaign season has been drearily disappointing.

Few, if any, office seekers have even mentioned such serious issues as unstable water supplies, budget deficits, homelessness or rising living costs, much less offered voters clear-eyed approaches to them.

The Democratic playbook has often been to blame Trump for everything negative, even though those important issues afflicted California long before he appeared on the political scene.

Meanwhile Republicans, with very slim chances of making gains in such a blue state, have pinned every unresolved problem on outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom, even though he inherited many of them when he took office in 2019.

Polls tell us that Californians are in a sour mood. They're worried about soaring living costs and the economy in general and are unhappy with the status quo. Yet they seem unwilling to make big political changes — preferring the known to taking a chance on the unknown.

That contradictory attitude is particularly evident in the campaigns for the two most important offices being filled this year, the governor and mayor of Los Angeles.

Despite having served in public offices for decades, including a stint as attorney general, Xavier Becerra's support for governor in polls last spring was in the low single digits. Back then the odds-on favorite, Congressmember Eric Swalwell, self-destructed as multiple women accused him of sexual harassment or even assault.

Swalwell not only dropped out of the race but resigned his congressional seat. The only other candidates with double-digit support were left-leaning billionaire Democrat Tom Steyer and Republicans Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco.

But they were unacceptable to Democratic leaders and their labor union allies, who immediately chose Becerra as a known quantity and therefore the most acceptable of the single-digit candidates. With Democrats holding a massive edge in voter registration, that made Becerra the likely next governor, and he still is.

Becerra's campaign has consisted almost entirely of blaming Trump and refusing to offer any tangible approaches to the multiple issues he'll likely inherit from Newsom. He knows he can win without committing himself publicly, so he doesn't.

While Becerra represents the don't-rock-the-boat stance at the state level, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, another veteran of multiple offices, is his counterpart in the state's largest city.

But she, unlike Becerra, cannot coast into victory. Bass is carrying heavy baggage from her sloppy handling of the wildfires that swept through Los Angeles and its suburbs early last year.

Bass was junketing in Ghana when the fires erupted, even though there had been forecasts that hot winter winds could create wildfire conditions. She tried to blame others for the miscue, fired the L.A. fire chief and later attempted to alter an official report on how the fires were handled.

Bass is highly unpopular but offers herself as a known quantity, while her left-leaning opponent, city councilmember Nithya Raman, represents the potentially disruptive unknown. The outcome could go either way.

Thank goodness the cacophony of shrieking TV spots making promises that cannot be kept or portraying rivals as devils incarnate — and the fliers filling our mailboxes — will all end soon.

Sometime after the polls close Tuesday — maybe weeks later in some close contests — we'll learn who survived. The losers will be disappointed, the winners will be jubilant and once again we will hope that they'll do more than plot how to climb the next rung on the political ladder.

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

Social Security Matters

Am I Entitled to More Social Security as a Veteran?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I served in the U.S. Army from July 1964 to July 1967. Am I eligible for a higher Social Security payment? Thank you. ***Signed: Vietnam Era Army Vet***

Dear Army Vet: Please accept my sincere thanks for your military service. I believe you are referring to the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service" which has been the subject of many published articles. That refers to a special Social Security accommodation available only to those who served in the military during specific periods of time - but it does not add to your monthly Social Security payment. Rather, it adds to your military earnings record for the years you served, which may (or may not) result in a higher Social Security benefit when you later claim Social Security.

Here's how it works in your case:

Serving between 1964 and 1967, if you told Social Security of your military service when you applied for Social Security benefits (or gave them a copy of your DD-214), they would have added up to $1,200 per year to your military pay record (FYI, those who served after 1966 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years). However, whether those special extra credits would affect your monthly Social Security benefit depends on your lifetime earnings record when you later claimed Social Security.

When you applied for benefits, Social Security reviewed your lifetime earnings and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" (or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your Social Security full retirement age). If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than your earnings while serving in the military, Social Security would have used your later higher earning years to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings would not have had an effect on your Social Security benefit. However, if any of your military earnings (including the "special extra credits") were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your Social Security benefit.

So, whether you would benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your earnings history after you were discharged from active duty. If your military earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you provided SSA with a copy of your DD-214 when you applied for Social Security, then your current SS benefit already includes consideration of your military service (FYI, Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied). If you didn't tell SS about your military service when you applied for Social Security, or if you aren't sure, you should contact the SSA at 1.800.772.1213 and ask if you were given those "special extra credits for military service" for your 1960s military service years when you applied for Social Security. But if you had at least 35 years of higher earnings after you left military service, your current SS benefit is already based on those later higher earning years, and you will not get any additional /Social Security benefit because of the "special extra credits" for your military service years.

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Abdul El-Sayed is no JFK

Abdul El-Sayed, the Democratic Senate candidate in Michigan, thinks he's another JFK, not in terms of charm or wit, but as a fellow victim of religious bigotry.

When he ran for president in 1960, Jack Kennedy indeed encountered anti-Catholic prejudice, including the preposterous claim that he'd take orders as president from the Vatican. This was irrational conspiracy theorizing, whereas the questions that El-Sayed is facing about his family's ties to extremist groups are well-founded.

It wasn't a right-wing smear artist who first said that El-Sayed's mother was with the Muslim Brotherhood, but his own half-sister. She tweeted in 2012, "Had an amazing talk with my mom about her activism in the Muslim Brotherhood during the early 70s while she was in college #respect." She suggested that other family members in Egypt were involved in the Muslim Brotherhood. His mom -- just her luck -- also worked for the Islamic American Relief Agency, which the U.S. government designated a supporter of terrorist groups.

Now, El-Sayed could say that none of this has anything to do with him, since his biological mother didn't raise him, and that his mother made a mistake in working for the Brotherhood. Or he could produce evidence of the falsity of what his half-sister said, which, if it's wrong, shouldn't be difficult given that both his mother and half-sister are around (his half-sister is a radically anti-Zionist University of Chicago professor who is very excited about El-Sayed's candidacy).

Instead, he's argued that questions about this constitute rank Islamophobia. He makes it sound as though the Muslim Brotherhood is a fraternal association, a Knights of Columbus for Muslims, such that any concerns about associations with it are inherently hateful. His reaction is a little like someone being asked about his family's alleged KKK associations, and responding, "How dare you question my white Protestant heritage."

In a viral exchange, a questioner at a town hall asked the candidate if he disavows the Muslim Brotherhood. El-Sayed responded with a curt, "Yeah, sure," before challenging his interlocutor about why he was asking and going on a long riff about freedom of religion in America. Of course, no one is challenging his right to worship as he pleases, or to run for public office as a faithful Muslim. The questions have to do with the associations and his own views.

His father-in-law, a major donor to his campaign, served on the founding committee of the Islamic Society of North America, a group designated as an unindicted co-conspirator in the 2007 Holy Land Foundation case. He also -- just his luck -- served as president of the Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan chapter, another group named an unindicted co-conspirator in that case.

As for El-Sayed himself, the New York Times reports that when he was a student at the University of Michigan, he was president of the Muslim Students Association, an organization founded by the Muslim Brotherhood in the 1960s. In 2012, he joined an open letter backing Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohamed Morsi, who had just become president of Egypt: "We, leaders of the Egyptian community, support the revolutionary decisions taken by the president, and we call on him to purge the media and the police as quickly as possible."

Here one must pause to express a little sympathy for El-Sayed: Who among us hasn't, at least once, urged an Islamist authoritarian to crack down on his political opponents? During this Senate campaign, El-Sayed excused an Islamist attack on a Michigan synagogue (before apologizing). He invited streamer Hasan Piker, who has repeatedly expressed sympathy with terror groups, to campaign with him. And he has refused to say that Iran is more dangerous than Israel.

He doesn't deserve the benefit of any doubt and has responded to questions about all of this with evasions and high dudgeon. No matter how often El-Sayed invokes JFK, Kennedy didn't defend his Catholic faith as a way of distracting from his own extremism and that of people around him.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Solano Public Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated

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older adults.

Prevent the spread of illnesses

Wash your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

If you are at greater risk, consider wearing a good quality well-fitting mask, such as a KN95, indoors and around larger groups of people.

Cover your coughs and sneezes. If sick, refrain from touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Stay home until symptoms are improving and you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Seek treatment early

Certain groups of people may experience complications from the flu and COVID-19. These groups include pregnant women, children younger than five years old, adults 65 years of age and older, and people with chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, asthma and diabetes.

Doctors can prescribe antiviral medications that reduce the severity and duration of illness. Contact your healthcare provider as soon as symptoms develop, especially if you are at higher risk of serious illness.

Anyone who is very sick should go to the emergency room for treatment.

Where to get vaccinated

Residents seeking vaccination against the flu and other respiratory illnesses can contact their healthcare provider or local pharmacy. Additional vaccination locations can be found through Vaccines.gov or MyTurn.ca.gov. To locate more places offering vaccines locally, visit the Solano County Immunization Program page for information on free or low-cost community clinics and upcoming vaccination events.

For more information

For the latest science-based vaccination recommendations for respiratory viruses, residents can refer to guidance established by the California Department of Public Health and West Coast Health Alliance. To monitor local trends in flu and other respiratory illnesses, residents can access weekly updates through Solano County's respiratory virus surveillance reports. ★

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HYPERION 11-27-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-08846
Matthew Miles Rliey filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Matthew Miles Riley to Nox Nyx Zyer.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Unable to read on document.
Dated: October 9, 2026
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RILEY 11-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-09582
Charles Joseph Tamondong Ching filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Charles Joseph Tamondong Ching to Charles Manuel Tamondong Soriano.
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. December 7, 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: October 13, 2026
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CHING 11-20-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JACK O. BERRY
CASE NO. PR26-00634
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Jack O. Berry.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Teresa Bibian Montoya, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Teresa Bibian Montoya be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m. in Dept 22; Solano Superior Court, County of Solano, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Barbara Sonin, 21 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695; 530-662-2226
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

The Dixon City Council will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT: **240 Dorset Ct (Club 420/Artist Tree - Amended and Restated Development Agreement and Amendment to Conditional Use Permit).** The City of Dixon City Council will consider a proposed Development Agreement (DA) between the City of Dixon and TAT Dixon LLC, doing business as The Artist Tree, and Read Brothers Investments LLC., along with an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit (CCUP).

Club 420 currently operates a commercial cannabis business at the site under an existing Development Agreement that expires in December 2026. The proposed DA would: (1) authorize the change in ownership and operation from Club 420 to The Artist Tree; (2) extend the term of the Development Agreement; (3) update the agreement to reflect the City's recently amended cannabis regulations; (4) revise the public benefit payment and minimum monthly benefit requirements; and (5) establish a schedule and development milestones for construction of a permanent building to replace the existing portable trailer buildings. The Artist Tree's cannabis operations are otherwise expected to remain substantially the same. The proposed Cannabis Conditional Use Permit (CCUP) amendment would add a condition of approval to existing Use Permit (PA19-28) linking the CCUP to the Development Agreement. The item was previously reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 8, 2026 and recommended for approval to the City Council. APN 0108-100-140; Zoning District: Corridor Mixed Use (CMX); Read Brothers Investments LLC, owners, Lauren Fontein/TAT Dixon LLC, applicant; File No's: PLAPP25-0223/DA25-0225/UP25-0224.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm** at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. This meeting **will** be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at **http://www.zoom.us** or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact **Raffi Boloyan, Community Development Director** at **(707) 678-7000** or **rboloyan@cityofdixonca.gov**. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open Mondays to Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and every other Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at **https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos.**

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing, in person or remotely, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the application.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to **CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us** or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, City Council, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the City Council and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand," or 2) via teleconference press *9.

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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New Perspective on Transition from Nurse Bee to Forager

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology


Queen bee and her retinue. Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Noted bee scientist Robert E. Page Jr. examines the nurse-to-forager transition in honey bees in an entirely different perspective in newly published research in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

Page, a retired UC Davis and Arizona State University (ASU) entomology professor and administrator, along with scientist Eric Bonabeau of Berkeley, analyzed "the nurse-to-forager transition in worker honey bees (Apis mellifera) from a network perspective, treating the transcriptome as a gene–gene correlation system whose global organization reflects collective regulatory states."

"Division of labor in social insects is enabled by coordinated changes in physiology, neural signaling and gene regulation, yet it remains unclear to what extent behavioral maturation reflects incremental changes in individual genes and/or a reorganization of transcriptomic regulation at the system level," they explain in the paper, titled "System-Level Reorganization of Gene Networks Underlies the Nurse-to-Forager Transition in Honey Bees."

Page wrote the article as part of a special series of inaugural articles by members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). Elected a NAS member in 2026, he is a UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus Professor, emeritus chair of the UC Davis entomology department and emeritus provost of ASU.

In discussing the significance of the research this week, Page commented: "In this paper, we wanted to view gene expression networks from 10,000 meters and focus on the topological structure of them rather than the individual gene-gene interaction structures. I think this gives a very different global perspective on the dynamics of the networks through development, one that isn't often given."

"Using fat body gene expression data across five developmental time points that span an interval of behavioral transition, we construct signed gene–gene correlation networks and quantify their macro- and mesostate properties," they related in the research article. "We then descend to the level of the gene and construct microstate gene lists of interacting genes. Behavioral maturation of worker honey bees is accompanied by coordinated, nonmonotonic changes in global network structure rather than simple global shifts in interaction strength across the network."

"The intricate symphony of gene expression that accompanies the development of bees and their transition from nurses to foragers reveals some interesting patterns that we analyzed using tools from network science and statistical learning," Bonabeau commented in a post on LinkedIn. "It involves a fundamental reorganization of gene networks, rather than simply changes in the expression of individual genes."

"The implication is that behavioral differentiation may reflect collective changes in molecular organization, not just individual gene activity," Bonabeau wrote. "Big caveat: the study demonstrates correlations, not causal regulatory mechanisms or dynamical attractors."

Among their findings early gene networks exhibit predominantly positive correlations. Between days 6 and 10, their organization changes dramatically. Two groups of genes become internally coordinated but negatively correlated with each other: a nurse-associated, high-vitellogenin (VG) module and a forager-associated, low-VG module. --VG is an important multifunctional protein. By day 15, bees exhibit two distinct gene-expression profiles, suggesting alternative physiological states.

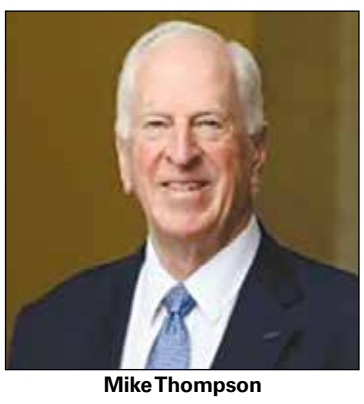
Page, known for his research on honey bee behavior and population genetics, particularly the evolution of complex social behavior, constructed the first genomic map of the honey bee and pioneered the use of modern techniques to study the genetic basis of social behavior evolution in honey bees and other social insects.

A UC Davis doctoral alumnus (1980), Page worked closely with Professor Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. , for whom the UC Davis bee biology facility is named. Together they published many significant research papers and the landmark book, "Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding" (Wicwas Press, 1998), considered the most important resource book for honey bee genetics, breeding and queen rearing.

Page maintained a UC Davis honey bee-breeding program, managed by bee breeder-geneticist Kim Fondrk, for 24 years, from 1989 to 2015.

Page is the author of several books, "Honey Bee Genetics and Breeding (Wicwas Press, 2025); "The Art of the Bee" (Oxford University Press, 2020) and "The Spirit of the Hive" (Harvard University Press 2013). In 2023, he launched a YouTube Channel, https://youtube.com/@artofthebee. ★

Thompson Secures $115 Million in Federal Dollars Owed to Local Residents


Mike Thompson

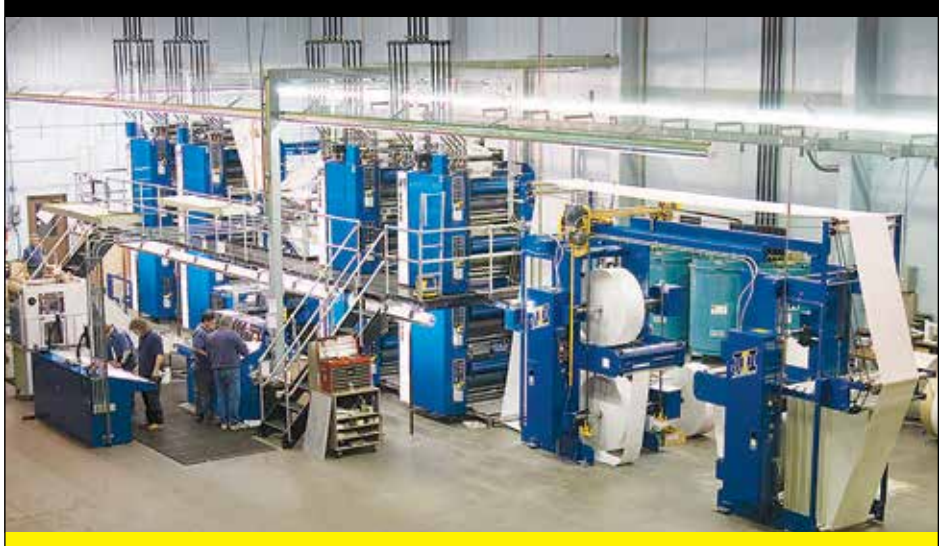
Office of Mike Thompson News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Oct. 27, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) announced his team reached a new milestone in constituent services: Over $115 million federal dollars returned back to the pockets of residents.

An important part of Thompson's job is to help residents of California's Fourth Congressional District navigate the complex federal agency system – and to fight to get people the benefits they are owed by the federal government. Since Thompson's team began tracking casework data in 2016, Mike Thompson and his office have worked to close over 17,000 cases for residents and returned over $115 million owed to constituents by federal agencies. Money returned to constituents includes veterans and survivor benefits, Social Security checks, IRS refunds and more.

"My team and I pride ourselves on cutting through red tape and delivering for people. Whether we're working to secure backpay for wrongly denied Social Security checks or helping the surviving family members of a veteran get the benefits they deserve, my team and I are always here to help. Casework on behalf of residents is the unseen side of my job and also one of the most important parts of my job. I look forward to continuing to close cases and get things done for members of our community," said Thompson. ★

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