

The background of the entire page is a silhouette of a person carrying a child on their shoulders. They are positioned against a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky with horizontal bands of orange, red, and yellow. The person is facing right, and the child is perched on their shoulders, also facing right. The overall mood is warm and nostalgic.

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# FRESNO'S VETERANS DAY PARADE IS LARGEST IN THE NATION

November 12, 2018 | Myles Barker

Over 30,000 people attended the largest **Veterans Day Parade** in the nation Monday in downtown Fresno. The parade began in 1919 and has been held every year since with the exception of World War II. "It was fantastic," said Daniel Payne, president of the Veterans Parade staff. Payne said he is impressed by how much the parade has grown over the years.

When he joined the parade's committee, Fresno was the third largest in the nation, behind New York and Las Vegas. It was expected to involve between 4,000 and 6,000 participants Monday. "It has definitely grown," Payne said. "It is a great feeling, and a great accomplishment." California is home to over two million veterans, more than any state in the U.S. More than 350,000 of them live in the Central Valley.

## Changing The Day

To inspire more participation from the public and to

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— Daniel Payne, president of the Fresno Veterans Day parade

allow more schools to take part in the parade, organizers changed the date this year from Nov. 11 to Nov. 12. Although some veterans didn't approve of the date change, Payne said it has definitely made the parade more engaging to have it on Monday instead of Sunday. "Some of the

veterans felt that we were insulting them by having it on the 12th instead of the 11th," Payne said.

"Our feeling was, is it an insult to have it on the actual day and then have only half participation and half (as many) spectators." KSEE 24 televised the parade, which started in front of Fresno City Hall and ended at Chukchansi Park. KSEE also live-streamed the event on its Facebook page.

## A Little Bit of Everything

The parade honored members of the U.S. Air Force and featured several veteran organizations as well as local

nonprofits and car groups. "We have a little bit of everything," said Virginia Cardinal, the chairwoman of the parade committee. Retired Lt. Col. Larry Duba was the event's grand marshal. He spoke about his time in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and thanked all veterans and families for coming together to celebrate Veterans Day. Rep. Jim Costa (D-Fresno) and State Senator Tom Berryhill (R-Modesto) also spoke.

## Community Coming Together

Seeing the community come together to support veterans is what Cardinal

appreciates most about the parade. "I also like seeing the younger kids get involved and wanting to give thanks and give back," Cardinal said. Giving

veterans and their families the honor and respect they deserve is what Payne looks forward to most.

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"I always hope that when (parade-goers) leave the parade that they feel proud honoring the service their family member or friend provided," said Payne, a retired Marine who served in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm. "I think a lot of them walked away feeling that was accomplished."

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# BRAND: THE PUBLIC SPOKE ON PARKS-ONLY TAX

November 9, 2018 | GV Wire

Measure P failed. Mayor Lee Brand acknowledges the ball is now in his court. Brand led the effort to defeat the city sales tax initiative that would have specifically benefited parks and cultural arts in Fresno. The city's voters said no, with 51% rejecting the 3/8 of a cent tax proposal on Election Day.

In order to pass, Measure P needed two-thirds support. GV Wire interviewed Brand for his thoughts on the Measure P battle — and what happens next. During the campaign, Brand called for a sales tax measure for the 2020 ballot that would address parks, public safety and other community-wide needs.

## Too Much for Too Long

Brand said the Measure P tax plan failed because it was too much, for too long, and for parks alone. He said the outcome confirms his analysis. Brand now wants to bring “the best and

brightest” together to explore another possible tax measure. He would consider pursuing a general fund tax, which would not dedicate the funds for a specific purpose and would only require a simple majority to pass.

He said he anticipates using the signature gathering process to qualify any future measure for the ballot, rather than attempting to convince a council supermajority (five of the seven members) to vote in support of a tax increase proposal.

[Click here to view the full interview »](#)

# THIS VIDEO BRINGS THE COST OF FREEDOM CLOSE TO HOME

November 10, 2018 | GV Wire

Since 2013, [Central Valley Honor Flight](#) has been thanking area veterans by providing them with expense-paid trips to visit America's service memorials in Washington, D.C.

To date, more than 700 World War II veterans, 300 Korean War veterans, and 25 Vietnam war veterans have taken part in the memorable and patriotic Honor Flight experience.

GV Wire's Jamie Ouverson was aboard Flight 17. Her documentary video above powerfully illustrates the debt of gratitude our men and women in uniform have earned this Veterans Day — and every day.

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Photo: Fresno State Athletics

# BECAUSE OF '17 LAW, BULLDOGS USE AUXILIARY FUNDS TO PLAY IN TEXAS

November 14, 2018 | GV Wire

The Fresno State men's basketball team's first road game this Thursday (Nov. 15) at TCU will be a challenge for at least two reasons. First, the Bulldogs play a team that is ranked 21st in the Associated Press poll and qualified for the NCAA tournament last year. Second, the game is in Texas, which means the school had to use auxiliary funding for the trip. [AB 1887](#), implemented in 2017, forbids using public funds traveling to states the attorney general deems to have discriminatory laws against the LGBT community.

Texas is on the list of nine states. The travel ban applies to California's public university athletic teams. School officials, however, say the trip is being covered with non-state funds.“More than 70% of our Central Unified students face food insecurity and often cannot afford clothing items, including a winter...

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# DID PG&E PROBLEM SPARK DEADLY PARADISE BLAZE?

November 12, 2018 | AP News & GV Wire

A utility is facing increasing criticism following a deadly blaze that leveled a Northern California town and killed at least 63 people. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. told state regulators last week it detected a problem on an electrical transmission line near the town of Paradise minutes before the Camp Fire broke out Thursday.

## Resident Says He Was Kicked Out of Meeting

Paradise resident Jim Flint tells television stations KHSL/KNVN in the nearby city of Chico he was kicked

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out of a community meeting Sunday night after asking a PG&E executive if the company was responsible for the deadly fire. Flint says he has lived

in Paradise for 29 years and the threat of a wildfire has always been there but says "the issue has been electrical power lines." He adds that "we need answers from these people."

## Stock Price Plummets

PG&E's stock price has plummeted since the company revealed the power line problem near Paradise. The stock dropped 15 percent Monday morning to \$33.91 a share. California fire officials say the blaze grew slightly overnight and that strong winds that could fan flames are again expected in the area by Monday afternoon. It remains 40 percent contained.

## Deadliest Fire in the Last 100 Years

Officials say more than 4,500 firefighters are on day four of their battle against the blaze. After a lull of strong winds that make for dangerous fire conditions, the area near Paradise will have wind gusts as high as 40 mph by Monday evening. Wildfire experts say the Northern California wildfire that has killed at least 63 is the deadliest in a century. California officials say the fire burning in a rural area far north of San Francisco killed

more people than any blaze in the state's recorded history. But the U.S. government doesn't closely track civilian casualties and records from long ago are incomplete.

Stephen Pyne, a regent professor at Arizona State University's School of Life Sciences and author of "Between Two Fires: A Fire History of Contemporary America," and Crystal Kolden, a professor at the University of Idaho and expert in fire science, said 1918 was the last time more people were killed in a wildfire.

## Not Keeping Good Statistics on Civilian Casualties

"For the modern era, this is definitely going to go down as the deadliest on record for the U.S.," said Kolden, who has studied wildfires for 20 years since she worked as a wild-land firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service. A century ago, the Cloquet Fire broke out in drought-stricken northern Minnesota and raced through a number of rural communities, destroying thousands of homes and killing an estimated 1,000 people. The fire helped prompt the federal government to start developing firefighting practices and policies.

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Pyne, who was a firefighter before he began researching wildfires in 1977, said U.S. government agencies still don't keep good statistics on civilian casualties from wildfires. "Fire statistics are not very good because they're remotely generated," he said. "It's very hard to find out even how many houses burned in a year."





# HOW WILL NEWSOM LEAD CALIFORNIA? HE EXPLAINS.

Photo: TIME

November 12, 2018 | CALmatters

In this 6-minute preview of his plans for California, **Gov-elect Gavin Newsom** explains why he's a risk-taker and how he plans to fix what ails the state.

In the video interview above, Newsom talks about how he will lead California. He covers healthcare, his relationship with President Donald Trump, climate change, and more issues facing the Golden State.

**Newsom Video Timestamps**

Here are his thoughts (accompanied by video timestamps):

- Single-payer healthcare (0:17)
- Taxes (0:57)
- Relationship with President Trump (1:15)
- Education (2:02)
- Success gap (2:28)
- Natural disasters (3:15)
- Climate change (3:29)
- Pensions (3:59)
- Death penalty (4:41)
- How he differs from Gov. Jerry Brown (5:03)

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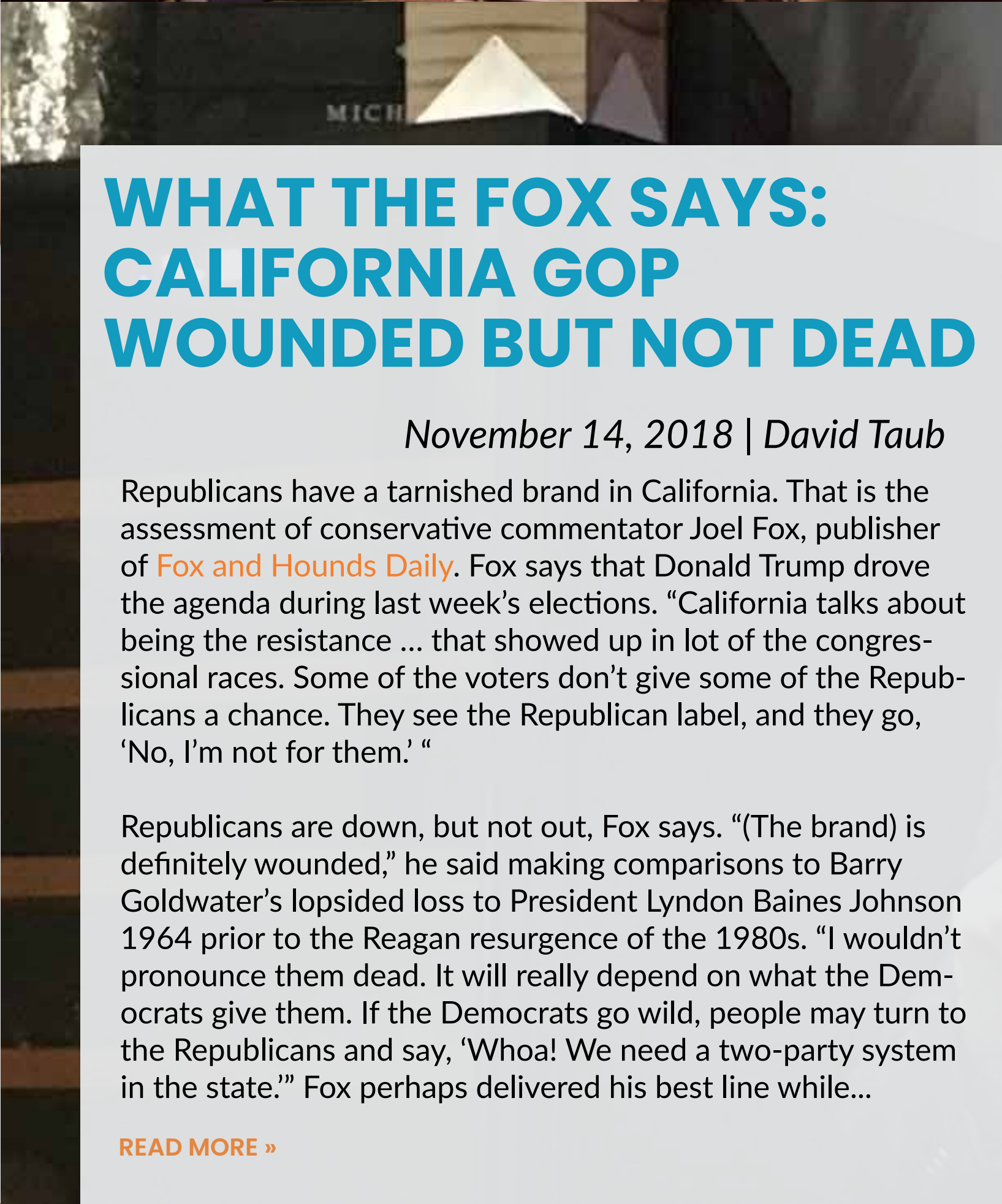
## DEM DOMINATION: CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE IS MANY SHADES OF BLUE

November 13, 2018 | CALmatters

The California Legislature, controlled by Democrats for decades, is likely to become even bluer when the new class is sworn in next month. Exactly how many more Democrats have been elected is still not certain; it takes a long time to count votes in California. But all signs point toward growing Democratic caucuses in both the Assembly and the Senate. Already they have secured a supermajority that sidelines Republicans to near irrelevancy.

That means the prevailing tension in the statehouse probably won't be between Republicans and Democrats — but between different shades of blue. It could make for some counterintuitive outcomes, once the results are tallied, including a Legislature that skews more toward business on some fights. The biggest shift appears to be heading for the state Senate, which in recent years has been the more liberal of the two houses. It is poised to tick toward the center, with two...

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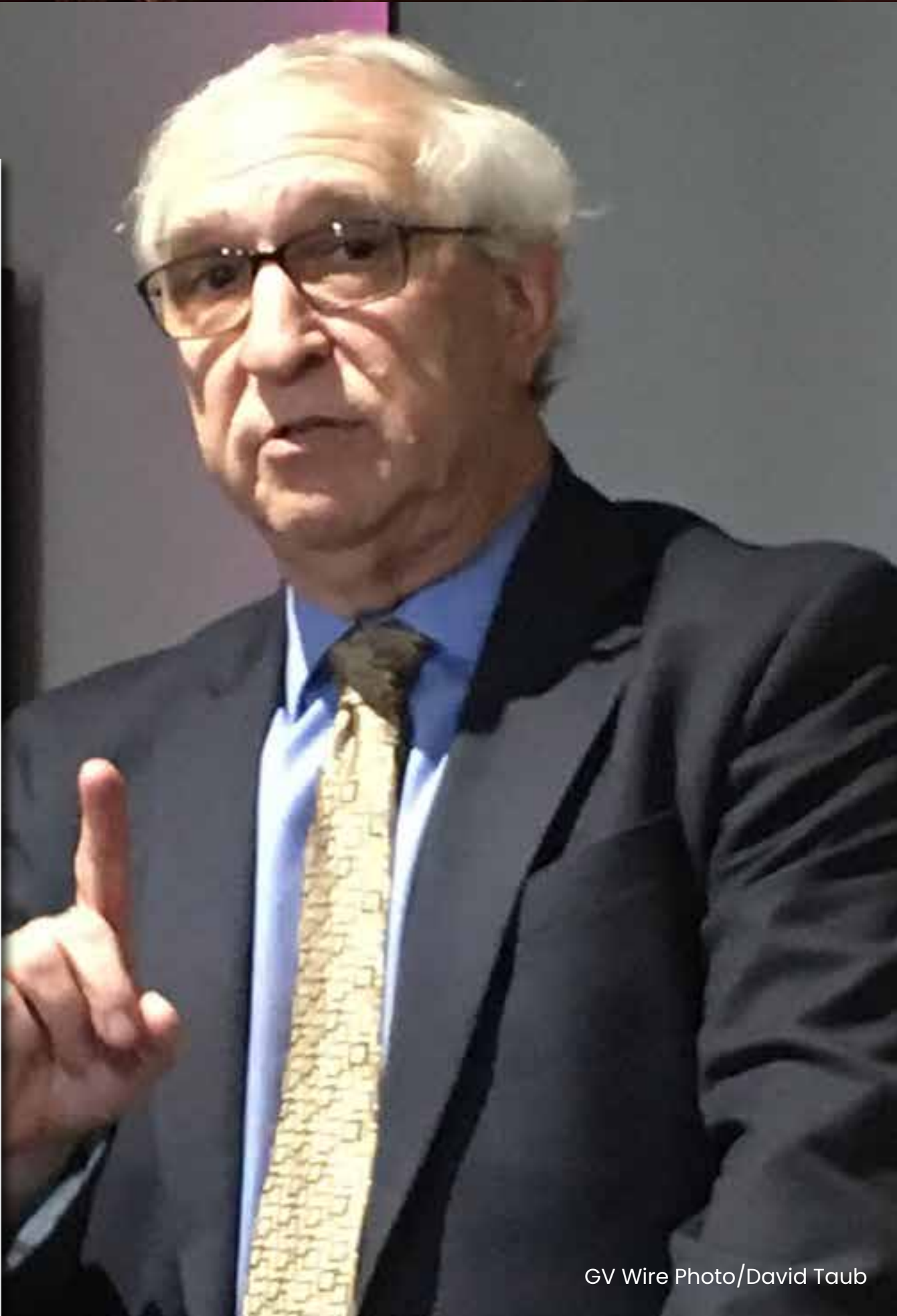
## WHAT THE FOX SAYS: CALIFORNIA GOP WOUNDED BUT NOT DEAD

November 14, 2018 | David Taub

Republicans have a tarnished brand in California. That is the assessment of conservative commentator Joel Fox, publisher of **Fox and Hounds Daily**. Fox says that Donald Trump drove the agenda during last week's elections. "California talks about being the resistance ... that showed up in lot of the congressional races. Some of the voters don't give some of the Republicans a chance. They see the Republican label, and they go, 'No, I'm not for them.' "

Republicans are down, but not out, Fox says. "(The brand) is definitely wounded," he said making comparisons to Barry Goldwater's lopsided loss to President Lyndon Baines Johnson 1964 prior to the Reagan resurgence of the 1980s. "I wouldn't pronounce them dead. It will really depend on what the Democrats give them. If the Democrats go wild, people may turn to the Republicans and say, 'Whoa! We need a two-party system in the state.'" Fox perhaps delivered his best line while...

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# U.S. COMIC BOOK GENIUS STAN LEE DIES AT 95

November 12, 2018 | AP News

LOS ANGELES — Stan Lee, the creative dynamo who revolutionized the comic book and helped make billions for Hollywood by introducing human frailties in Marvel superheroes such as Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four and the Incredible Hulk, died Monday. He was 95. Lee was declared dead at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, according to Kirk Schenck, an attorney for Lee's daughter, J.C. Lee. As the top writer at Marvel Comics and later as its publisher, Lee was widely considered the architect of the contemporary comic book. He revived the industry in the 1960s by offering the costumes and action craved by younger readers while insisting on sophisticated plots, college-level dialogue, satire, science fiction, even philosophy.

### The Unlikely Mix of Realistic Fantasy

Millions responded to the unlikely mix of realistic fantasy, and many of his characters, including Spider-Man, the Hulk and X-Men went on to become stars of blockbuster films. He won the National Medal of Arts in 2008. Recent projects Lee helped make possible range from the films "Avengers: Infinity War," "Black Panther"

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and "Guardians of the Galaxy" to such TV series as "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D" and "Daredevil." Lee was recognizable to his fans, having had cameos in many Marvel films and TV projects, often delivering his trademark motto, "Excelsior!" "Captain America" actor Chris Evans mourned the loss on Twitter: "There will never be another Stan Lee. For decades he provided both young and old with adventure, escape, comfort, confidence, inspiration, strength, friendship and joy. He exuded love and kindness and will leave an indelible mark on so, so, so many lives. Excelsior!!"

Lee considered the comic-book medium an art form and he was prolific: By some accounts, he came up

with a new comic book every day for 10 years. "I wrote so many I don't even know. I wrote either hundreds or thousands of them," he told The Associated Press in 2006.

He hit his stride in the 1960s when he brought the Fantastic Four, the Hulk, Spider-Man, Iron Man and numerous others to life. "It was like there was something in the air. I couldn't do anything wrong," he said. His heroes, meanwhile, were a far cry from virtuous do-gooders such as rival DC Comics' Superman.

### They Were Characters First and Superheroes Next

The Fantastic Four fought with each other. Spider-Man was goaded into superhero work by his alter ego, Peter Parker, who suffered from unrequited crushes, money problems and dandruff. The Silver Surfer, an alien doomed to wander Earth's atmosphere, waxed about the woeful nature of man. The Hulk was marked by self-loathing. Daredevil was blind and Iron Man had a weak heart. "The beauty of Stan Lee's characters is that they were characters first and superheroes next," Jeff Kline, executive producer of the "Men in Black" animated television series, told The Blade of Toledo, Ohio, in 1998.

Some of Lee's creations became symbols of social change — the inner turmoil of Spider-Man represented '60s America, for example, while The Black Panther and The Savage She-Hulk mirrored the travails of minorities and women. "I think of them as fairy tales for grown-ups," he told The AP in 2006. "We all grew

up with giants and ogres and witches. Well, you get a little bit older and you're too old to read fairy tales. But I don't think you ever outgrow your love for those kind of things, things that are bigger than life and magical and very imaginative." Lee scripted most of Marvel's superhero comics himself during the '60s, including...

"I think of them as fairy tales for grown-ups."  
— Stan Lee, 2006

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# DANNY TARKANIAN LOSES LATEST NEVADA CONGRESSIONAL BID

Photo: Nevada Independent

November 12, 2018 | GV Wire

Not even the backing of President Donald Trump could score former Fresnan Danny Tarkanian his first political win. Tarkanian, a Republican who adopted much of Trump's "America First" platform, fell to Democrat Susie Lee for Nevada's District 3 seat in the House of Representatives last week. Lee, an education and homeless advocate, captured 51.9% of the vote.

Tarkanian won over 42.8% of voters in a district that is just about evenly split in party registration. In addition, three minor party candidates appeared on the ballot.

"Obviously, we're disappointed with the results. We thought we ran a good race. It wasn't the outcome we thought it would be," [Tarkanian told the Las Vegas Review Journal](#).

Tarkanian said that attack ads against him cost him the race: "Obviously people bought into that and believed it. It's unfortunate that that's how politics works." Tarkanian, 56, has run for office seven times. He lost a bid for the Nevada's District 3 to Jacky Rosen in 2016 by about 1 percentage point — even while Trump carried the district. Rosen, a Democrat, knocked Heller from his Senate seat by a 5 percentage...

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## GUARD TROOPS SEARCH FOR MORE DEAD IN AFTERMATH OF WILDFIRE

November 14, 2018 | AP News

PARADISE — With scores of people still missing, National Guard troops searched Wednesday through charred debris for more victims of California's deadliest wildfire as top federal and state officials toured the ruins of a community completely destroyed by the flames. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke joined Gov. Jerry Brown on a visit to the leveled town of Paradise, telling reporters it was the worst fire devastation he had ever seen.

"Now is not the time to point fingers," Zinke said. "There are lots of reasons these catastrophic fires are happening." Brown, a frequent critic of President Donald Trump's policies, said he spoke with Trump, who pledged federal assistance. "This is so devastating that I don't really have the words to describe it," Brown said, saying officials would need to learn how to better prevent fires from becoming so deadly...

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## HILLARY WILL RUN IN 2020 AS LIBERAL FIREBRAND

November 13, 2018 | GV Wire

Get ready for Hillary Clinton 4.0. More than 30 years in the making, this new version of Mrs. Clinton, when she runs for president in 2020, will come full circle — back to the universal-health-care-promoting progressive firebrand of 1994. True to her name, Mrs. Clinton will fight this out until the last dog dies. She won't let a little thing like two stunning defeats stand in the way of her claim to the White House.

[Thus begins an op-ed published](#) Sunday, Nov. 11, by the Wall Street Journal. Adding considerable credence to the speculation about Clinton's 2020 plans: The authors are Mark Penn, an adviser and pollster to Hillary and Bill Clinton from 1995-2008, and former New York City politician Andrew Stein. In addition, another longtime Clinton aide, Philippe Reines, [told POLITICO](#) last month that he thought it was odd Clinton's name wasn't "in the mix" of potential 2020 contenders, though he said more recently that he couldn't think of a...

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# WORLD SCIENTISTS ADMIT ERRORS IN HIGH-PROFILE OCEAN WARMING STUDY

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Get ready for more “I told you so’s” from climate change skeptics.

Two weeks after a high-profile study was published in the [journal Nature](#) stating that Earth’s oceans are warming much faster than previously thought, its authors have [submitted corrections to the publication](#).

What went wrong with the study? The scientists apparently aren’t that good at math.

“Unfortunately, we made mistakes here,” Ralph Keeling, a climate scientist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and a co-author of the study, told the [Washington Post](#). “I think the main lesson is that you work as fast as you can to fix mistakes when you find them.”

## Oceans Are Warming

The central conclusion of the study — that oceans are retaining more energy as more heat is trapped within Earth’s climate system — is in line with other studies drawing similar conclusions, the Post reported. But Keeling said the authors’ miscalculations mean there is a much larger margin of error in the findings, which means researchers can weigh in with less certainty than they did.

Britain-based researcher Nicholas Lewis says that he detected “a major problem” with the study after it was published.

“So far as I can see, their method vastly underestimates the uncertainty,” Lewis told the Post, “as well as biasing up significantly, nearly 30 percent, the central estimate.”

## Will Global Warming Be Less Severe Than Feared?

Lewis added that he tends “to read a large number of papers, and, having a mathematics as well as a physics background, I tend to look at them quite carefully, and see if they make sense. And where they don’t make sense — with this one, it’s fairly obvious it didn’t make sense — I look into them more deeply.”

Post reporters Chris Mooney and Brady Dennis noted that “Lewis has argued in past studies and commentaries that climate scientists are predicting too much warming because of their reliance on computer simulations, and that current data from the planet itself suggests global warming will be less severe than feared.”

You can read “[Scientists Acknowledge Key Errors in Study of How Fast the Oceans are Warming](#)” at this link.





# ISRAEL MUST PREVENT UNNECESSARY WAR IN GAZA: HAARETZ EDITORIAL

November 13, 2018 | GV Wire

This time, an army operation in Gaza went wrong, resulting in one Israeli officer and seven Palestinians being killed. The Pavlovian response by both sides naturally wasn't long in coming: rocket fire toward Israel, and in response, extensive Israeli air strikes.

This destructive cycle must be stopped immediately – not by threats to destroy Gaza, and certainly not by pointless remarks like [those made by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu](#) at a press conference in Paris on Sunday. “No political solution exists for Gaza, just as there isn't one with ISIS,” he said. Netanyahu knows very well that Hamas isn't the Islam-

ic State, and the proof is that negotiations are taking place, albeit indirectly, between Hamas and Israel on a long-term cease-fire. These are but two paragraphs in a Tuesday, Nov. 13, editorial from Haaretz, a left-leaning Israeli newspaper.

“Netanyahu understands quite well that the clashes in Gaza are the result of despair, distress, poverty and the lack of an economic horizon,” the editorial continues. “Therefore, the solution isn't military, but political. Gaza residents need jobs, electricity for hospitals, fuel to operate factories, generous investments and an emergency plan for rapid reconstruction. Quite aside from the humanitarian aspect, both Israel's...

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## SAUDI PROSECUTOR SEEKS DEATH PENALTY IN KHASHOGGI KILLING

November 15, 2018 | AP News

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's top prosecutor said Thursday he would seek the death penalty for five men charged with the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey, while the United States moved to sanction 17 Saudi officials it said were involved in the slaying.

The Saudi announcement appeared aimed at distancing the killers and their operation from the kingdom's leadership, including Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, amid a global outcry over the writer's death. Also on Thursday, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said the crown prince had “absolutely” nothing to do with Khashoggi's death. The U.S. Treasury Department, meanwhile, announced it was imposing sanctions on 17 Saudi officials who it said were responsible for or complicit in the killing. Among those targeted for sanctions are Saud al-Qahtani, who was one of the crown prince's closest aides, and Mohammed al-Otaibi, the diplomat in charge of...

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## BANGLADESH SCRAPS ROHINGYA RETURN, SAYS NO ONE WANTS TO GO

November 15, 2018 | AP News

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh — The head of Bangladesh's refugee commission said plans to begin the repatriation of 700,000 Rohingya Muslims to Myanmar on Thursday were scrapped after officials were unable to find anyone who wanted to return. The refugees “are not willing to go back now,” Refugee Commissioner Abul Kalam told The Associated Press. He said officials “can't force them to go” but will continue to try to “motivate them so it happens.”

Some people on the government's repatriation list disappeared into the sprawling refugee camps to avoid being sent home, while others joined a large demonstration against the plan. More than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled to Bangladesh from western Myanmar's Rakhine state to escape killings and destruction of their villages by the military and Buddhist vigilantes that have drawn widespread condemnation of Myanmar. The United Nations, whose human...

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