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## Dixon High School Rallies for Veterans



Humberto Maza proudly stands with his family and recruiters after being officially inducted into the Army National Guard.

Story by Kendall Brown,  
photos by Nicolas Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The spirit of patriotism lives on at Dixon High School as they celebrated Veterans Day with a rally.

Starting at 11:14 a.m. Nov. 8, the Friday before Veterans Day, Dixonites entered the Dixon High School gym to witness the elaborate program the school had prepared.

The public was met with red, white and blue regalia, including star-shaped balloons, colored ribbons, Army National Guard banners, and, of course, American flags. There was a festive air as students piled into the gymnasium, joining military personnel, proud parents and teachers.



Sgt. First Class Perez, a Recruitment Retention Battalion member, addresses the DHS student body.

The event began with Dixon High School Principal and veteran Angela Brown giving a brief introduction before presenting Dixon High School student Cristian Mata. Mata entertained the crowd with his rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" on electric guitar as Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1851 presented the colors and saluted the young man's powerful performance.

Sgt. First Class Perez, a member of the Recruitment Retention Battalion in the Army National Guard, then addressed the student body about the significance of Veterans Day and the courage and commitment necessary to make such sacrifices.

"I think it is important to honor those that volunteer," Perez said. "Everyone who wears this uniform chose to do this. Someone that takes the time to fight for our freedom should be honored."

After Perez's speech, Dixon High School senior Humberto Maza was sworn into the Army National Guard. His family joined him in the center of the gym as his peers cheered

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## City Council to Review Homeless Camping Ordinances

By Shaunna Boyd

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - At the Nov. 5 Dixon City Council meeting, city Treasurer James Ward presented a quarterly treasurer report, stating, "We're in good financial shape."

Ward said that more than 60 percent of the city's investments are an AA+ rating, "so we're doing well." The company that handles the city's asset investments is currently undergoing a system change, so exact numbers will be provided after that change is finalized. But, Ward said, the prior quarter was financially positive and this quarter showed even more improvement.

Deputy city attorney Nubia Goldstein presented an update regarding ordinances against homeless encampments, as requested by Councilmember Don Hendershot.

Goldstein explained that a recent Supreme Court ruling (Grants Pass v. Johnson) overturned prior restrictions on state and local governments' ability to enforce ordinances criminalizing behaviors related to homelessness, such as camping or sleeping in public places. Governments now have the authority to ban public camping and implement fines and arrests.

In response to the new ruling, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order earlier this year ordering the removal of homeless encampments on state properties, while also ensuring homeless individuals are given reasonable notice to move, or later retrieve, their belongings. The directive also requires that individuals be offered supportive services. While the executive order only applies to state properties, it does encourage local jurisdictions to adopt similar policies.

Goldstein cautioned that despite the ruling, there are still legal limitations, so selecting policies that align with those of the state could reduce the city's potential for litigation. She added that issuing fines is only an effective tool if people can pay them; otherwise, it will lead to issues of implementation and administration. Goldstein suggested it would be best to ensure any city policies provide due process and offer reasonable enforcement measures.

When Caltrans cleans up homeless camps along the highways, Hendershot said, "those people are going to migrate into our

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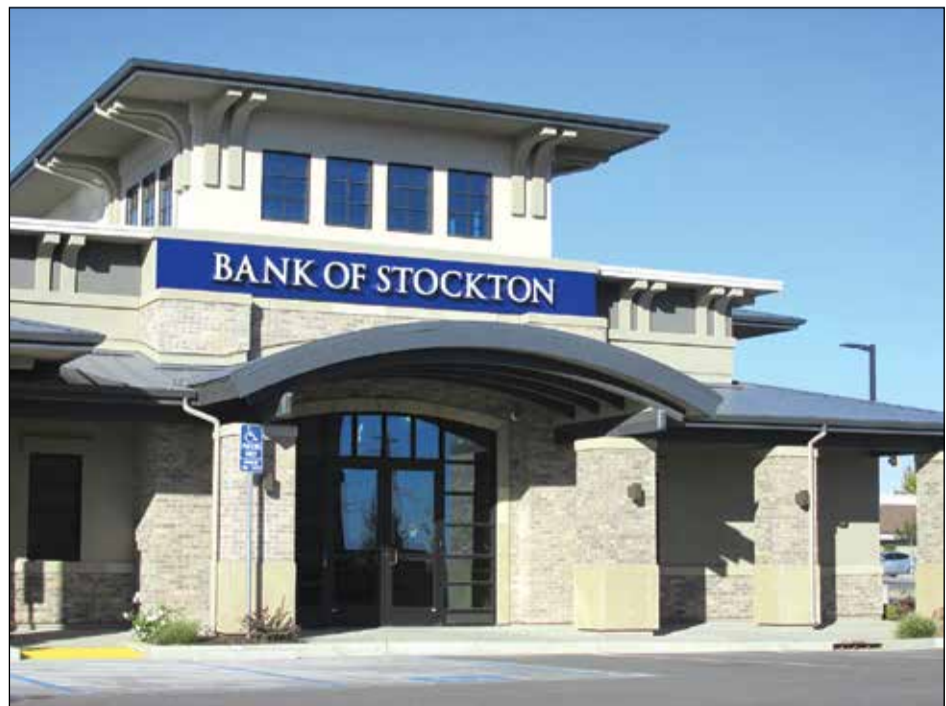
## Bank of Stockton Holds Grand Opening

Story and photos  
by Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Bank of Stockton, 2200 N. First St. officially opened on Nov. 4; this new branch in Dixon, the bank's 21st overall, will complete a 21-branch footprint across 17 cities and within nine counties.

This means that the sheer amount of physical locations Bank of Stockton has established allows it a wider surface area of service, spanning from Napa to Sonora. The organization's commitment to technological advancement and customer convenience sees many innovations, such as bill discovery. Introduced in 2022, this function of online banking gives customers the ability to more easily find and input biller information.

Bank staff and upper management made appearances on Nov. 4, conversing with guests as they entered. CEO and



The Bank of Stockton, 2200 N. First St., opening in Dixon has completed a branch footprint, having 21 sites across 17 cities, allowing them to serve much of California.

Chairman of the Board, Douglass Eberhardt II, also attended. He is the ninth president in the bank's 157-year history.

"We are very happy to be a permanent part of the Dixon community," Eberhardt II said. "The

foundation of our community banking success is our focus on customer relationships and excellent customer service, and we look forward to bringing this to the community of Dixon."

Manager Fernando Ontiveros, a Dixon native, is also excited to continue to serve his community.

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# Veterans Hall Burglarized

# Dixon News Briefs



Veterans are more than just fun and games. They gather monthly at Veterans Memorial Halls like these men of Dixon American Legion Post 208 to work toward providing a variety of services and benefits to veterans and their families.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - There was a mean trick played on the Veterans Hall the day before Halloween, costing them hundreds of dollars in damage and about \$800 in cash kept in the safe from two fundraising dinners.

The Solano County Sheriff's Office was called when Wayne Holland, a past Post 208 Commander who handles the grocery shopping for the Friday night and various fundraising dinners, came to the hall to unload groceries and noticed the break-in at about 8:30 a.m.

"The office door was open and that was unusual because we always close and lock it," Holland said. "I checked the bar area and noticed the cash register open. That's when I called dispatch."

The Solano County Sheriff's Department handles cases for the Veteran's Memorial Hall because the building is owned by Solano County and that is protocol. In the discovery, four bags of money were stolen. There

for special events and the Friday night dinners.

"I'm not a drinker but if I broke into a bar, I would have at least taken one bottle," Holland, who has lived in Dixon nearly 45 years, added with a laugh. He also noted that they were deeply appreciative of the Dixon Soccer Club that 'passed a hat' for them at their Saturday night recognition dinner at the hall to help defray repair expenses.

"They donated a whopping \$300," he added.

There are currently 137 members in Post 208, but Holland was quick to add that there were 228 members when he transferred to the club 15 years ago. As of 2024, dues are \$45 per year but will increase to \$50 per year in 2025.

"We need more—and younger—members to join," he said.

Both Marlin and Holland gave credit to the Napa/Solano Veteran Riders Motorcycle Club for their support, but they also encouraged any local military to consider helping to keep the Greg 'Coach' Coppes Veterans Memorial Hall open by joining.

The Legion advocates for veterans' needs, including better pay, housing, and medical care. They also lobby for benefits, such as pensions and the Veterans Health Administration. The Legion offers services like temporary housing, mentoring, job training, career assistance, education and family and community support. For more details, visit their Facebook page or contact them at 707-678-6308 or alpost208@aol.com. ★

was money from the bar, petty cash, dinners, and about \$200 from lottery ticket sales.

"It's frustrating to come in and find it all gone. This is money we need to run the hall. I felt like I wanted to quit. I wanted to hand in my spatula... and my ladle. I'm here every day. If there are cooks who want to come in and cook...." Holland said.

Said Leah Marlin, "It's just so discouraging."

Marlin is a member of the American Legion Post 208 Women's Auxiliary. She is the volunteer office manager who helps coordinate hall use, including funerals and various fundraising activities.

"The person or people had to have used a crescent wrench or pipe wrench to break in the way they did and came in the back door. Then, broke every handle of every door down the hall...never touched anything in the offices but broke every door so we have to have each of them repaired," Marlin said.

They both were surprised no liquor was taken from the bar that is open



The Ya'llterations, led by Hattie Craven, perform a rousing outdoor show at Ruhstaller Beer Farm, 6686 Sievers Road. Craven is supported by her father Joe Craven on fiddle, Anna Elva on drums and Jordan Feinstein on bass. Photo Courtesy of Kendall Brown

By MPG Staff

## Little League Pulled Pork Dinner

Dixon Little League will host a drive-thru pulled pork dinner from 3 to 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at The Creative Space, 160 W A St. A plate of food costs \$25 and will have smoked pulled pork, Texas chuckwagon beans, mac and cheese, southern corn souffle and dinner rolls. Tickets are limited, so get yours today.

For more information, or to purchase a ticket using cash, contact support@dixon-littleleague.org.

## Olive Oil Tasting

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, one of three federally recognized Wintun Native American Tribes, will host a special olive oil tasting event at Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 15. Products from Capa Valley's Seka Hills Olive Mill & Tasting Room will be featured. Registration is required to attend and is only for those 15 and older.

For more information, or to register, visit www.solanolibrary.com, or call 866-572-7587.

## Scentsy Bingo

Solano Kitten Network, a nonprofit volunteer-based rescue group, will host a bingo night to support the kitties. The event will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. on Nov. 17 at American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. Dinner and nonalcoholic beverages will be included, as well as a \$30 buy-in for 25 games; additional games can be purchased for \$1 per game or a pack for \$10. Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag of cat food for extra cards and extra cash for the dessert auction and raffles.

For more information, or to reserve your ticket, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook Page, or call 707-330-4688.

## Soroptimist of Dixon Bunco Fundraiser

Soroptimist International of Dixon will host a Bunco fundraiser at Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. Starting at 11 a.m. on Nov. 17, the fundraiser will include a no-host bar and lunch for \$30 per person. All proceeds will benefit the lives of women and girls in the community.

For more information, visit Soroptimist Int'l of Dixon's Facebook Page, or call Lynda Jones at 916-996-8328.

## Teen Open Mic Night

Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., will host a Teen Open Mic Night from 4 to 5 p.m. Nov. 20. Teens aged 10 to 18 are encouraged to showcase their bold and creative side; showcase your talents using poetry, comedy, rap, musical instruments, dancing or singing. Acts will be limited to five minutes, and any obscene content is prohibited. Registration is also required to attend.

For more information, or to register, visit www.solanolibrary.com, or call 866-572-7587.

## Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm

Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm,

6248 Silveyville Road, is opening early this year; patrons can now grab a tree for the family the Saturday before Thanksgiving, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 23. Regular hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and the farm will be closed Mondays and Thanksgiving. For more information, visit www.silveyvil-letreefarm.com, or call 707-678-1823.

## Travis Credit Union Launchpad

Travis Credit Union of Vacaville, One Travis Way, will host its 2nd Annual community launchpad from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 20. This in-person event, presented in partnership with Solano-Napa SBDC, the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Vacaville, will be a learning experience; explore the latest ideas in business, converse with innovative entrepreneurs and gain access to invaluable business resources that are influencing the flow of industry in the area.

For more information, visit www.solanapasbdc.org, or call 707-449-4000.

## Free QWEL Training Certification

California Water Services is offering online QWEL (Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper) certification in both English and Spanish. This free 20-hour training course is available to landscape maintenance professionals and C-27 contractors servicing Cal Water services areas. Classes are offered from 6 to 8:30 p.m. over two weeks, starting Dec. 2. Space is limited and classes are expected to fill up fast.

For more information, or to register, visit www.qwel.net/pub/class/, or call 916-475-1206.

## Senior Club Holiday Luncheon

The Senior Club of Dixon, 201 S. Fifth St., will host their annual holiday luncheon at 11 a.m. Dec. 6, and tickets are on sale now. Join the Senior Club in a festive holiday tradition over a catered lunch, served at 11:30 a.m., and an afternoon of cheer and community. Tickets are available at \$20 for club members and \$25 for non-members. Afternoon entertainment will also be present, so you will not want to miss out; tickets are available until Nov. 27.

For more information, visit www.city-ofdixonca.gov, to find senior services, or call 707-678-7022.

## Pancakes with Santa

The Rotary Club of Dixon will host a Christmas breakfast meet-n-greet with Saint Nicholas himself. From 8 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 7, bring the family to Dixon High School's Multipurpose Room, 555 College Way, for an enchanting morning of holiday cheer and plenty of pancakes. Tickets are available for \$5 at the door, but please leave the pets at home.

For more information, visit the Rotary Club of Dixon's Facebook Page, or call 916-240-0147. ★

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# Man Found Guilty of Pimping

Solano County District Attorney's Office News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 24, in Department 8 of the Solano County Superior Court before the Honorable Wendy G. Getty, the jury found Defendant Leon Haynes Guilty of Pimping in violation of Penal Code § 266h(a). The defendant also admitted an allegation that he was on probation at the time of the offense.

During a human trafficking rescue operation in 2022, law enforcement contacted commercial sex workers in

an attempt to identify and apprehend their pimps and traffickers. That operation led deputies to Leon Haynes, who knew that his girlfriend worked as a prostitute and that money she made as a prostitute paid the couple's shared bills.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 8. He faces up to six years in state prison.

The case was investigated by Solano County Sheriff's Detective Christopher Cavazos and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Elaine Kuo. ★

# City Council to Review Homeless Camping Ordinances

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Hendershot said he requested this information because the council needs to know the background to understand what they can do.

Councilmember Thom Bogue said that fines for the homeless do not make sense: "How are they going to pay that?"

Bogue said the presentation helped explain all the challenges, since "it's not nearly as simple as I thought it was going to be." Bogue said the council needs to "tread lightly and carefully in how we put things together in this going forward."

Councilmember Kevin Johnson suggested the council should review any relevant ordinances currently on the books.

"If we have it, it should be easy to understand, it should be enforceable, it should be something that's reasonable. And if it's not, it should be changed or removed."

Johnson said the next step should be to bring existing policies back to the council for a thorough review.

Councilmember Jim Ernest suggested it might be best to wait and see, because one side sees the restrictions as unreasonable and inhumane while the other side sees

criminalization as a tool to force mental health treatment. Ernest said that bigger decisions need to be made at the national level before they implement any new policy at the local level.

During public comment, one resident said, "It looks like we're chasing an issue that doesn't exist. We have no public camping around here."

He said the city should wait to see the outcome of Gov. Newsom's plans for cleaning up homelessness in Sacramento, because if the governor isn't able to solve the problem, a smaller city likely won't have much success either.

"We need to put the problem back where it lies," with the closure of mental health facilities, the resident said. "We don't want to criminalize this" and run into problems with potential litigation. "I think we should be finding solutions for the homelessness, not simply getting them out of one place and having them move somewhere else."

Mayor Steven Bird said staff had enough direction from council to move forward with bringing applicable ordinances to a future meeting for review.

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 19. ★



Bank of Stockton's friendly staff, including CEO Doug Eberhardt II (fifth from the right), emphasized that they are committed to customer service.

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banking experience that is tried and true," Ontiveros said.

Angela Brusa, Bank of Stockton's vice-president and marketing director, described much of the art around the bank, highlighting Dixon's historical and agricultural background.

"History means a great deal to us and we enjoyed incorporating local Dixon history into the Dixon branch interior," Brusa said. "From Timm Dairy milkmen, featured on our branding wall, to paying homage to local Dixon history using a shadowbox coffee table with Dixon photos, we are thrilled to finally open. It's going to be a great fit for us and we already feel very welcomed."

The first patrons entered the bank about 9:10 a.m.



New patrons were greeted with artful décor and pastries as they entered the banking establishment.

Nov. 4 looking for a security deposit box; they were greeted with smiling faces and baked goods such as croissants, muffins and chocolate chip banana bread. Each staff member introduced themselves as more customers made their

way to the bank. The Bank of Stockton initially opened its doors in 1867, just two years after the Civil War. For more information, visit [www.bankofstockton.com](http://www.bankofstockton.com), or call 707-676-6520. ★

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# Dixon High School Rallies for Veterans



A duo of teachers competes in the Army Games, the final act of the event.

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for the momentous occasion.

"I always wanted to serve my country and explore the possibilities," Maza said when asked about his accomplishment. "I feel happy; I'm glad they're spreading awareness of the branches. I feel like that's overshadowed by college and educational programs."

Pink and black armbands were then tossed into the crowd, each sporting the California Army National Guard logo and contact information; the student body, barely able to hold back their excitement, began the first of many rousing U.S.A. chants.

Msgr. Mackenzie then took to the stand to speak on honor, integrity and sacrifice. At 16, Mackenzie became the youngest person to ever join the Armed Forces as a musician, and his career took off from there. His time fighting for freedom taught him it takes a team to win, and a winning team

needs supporters. Citizens outnumber soldiers by a wide margin and doing your part does not require one to put on a uniform and enlist.

Army Games, the penultimate activity, then began. This team-based relay race saw competitors, staff and students carry a series of weights from one side of the gym to the other. A group of Dixon High School football players ultimately took the prize but all teams put in great effort.

The ceremony ended with a heartfelt gesture. Principal Brown closed the day's programming by asking the veterans in the room to stand and remain standing. As the student body cheered, each of them was gifted a goodie bag of treats.

Dixon High School's Veterans Day rally brought attention to the resilience and discipline necessary to pursue such a life.

"By understanding their stories, we can carry them forward," Perez said. ★

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Dave Ramsey

## Dave Ramsey Says Imitate Successful Behavior This Isn't Just a Dispute

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And I want you to model your financial behavior after people who are in the position you want to be in one day!

— Dave

### This Isn't Just a Dispute

Dear Dave,

Recently, my husband and I discovered that his ex-wife used his Social Security number to open three or four credit card accounts. We've called the credit card companies, and we've disputed the charges and explained the situation. Is there anything else we can do?

— Kendra

Dear Kendra,

File a police report immediately, and if possible, have this woman arrested. That may sound harsh, but the fact is she has committed criminal fraud. That's not something you, or anyone else, should take lightly. If you haven't already, make sure you both also put fraud victim alerts on your credit reports immediately.

I'm very serious about this, Kendra. Don't stop with just alerting the credit card companies. You should be speaking with, and communicating via email—plus snail mail—directly with the fraud victim division at every credit card company involved. And here's the really important part. Make sure they understand that this is a denial of responsibility on your part—not simply a dispute.

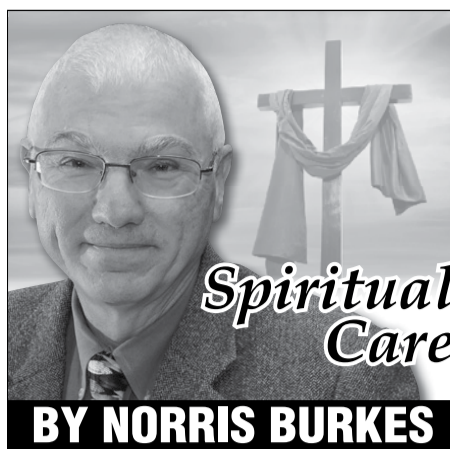
Try to be nice, and let them know you're sorry this happened. But clearly explain that all these charges are the result of a criminal act perpetrated against you. You may have to stand your ground with some of the credit card companies, because they might try to lay a guilt trip on you—or outright lie—to get you to pay the bills. Don't do it. These charges are not your responsibility.

I'm really sorry this happened to you folks.

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.* ★

## Say more than, "Thank for your Service."



BY NORRIS BURKES

This Veterans Day, I want you to do more than just thank a veteran for his or her service.

As a veteran of 28 years, I want to challenge you to go beyond patriotic rhetoric by asking some specific questions of the veterans you encounter.

First, ask us what we did in military service. Don't worry; our stories aren't just about bombs and bullets and boats.

For instance, most of us would love to tell you about how we deployed on more than a few humanitarian missions.

If you ask, we'll tell about operations like "New Horizon," where we built schools, clinics and playgrounds all over South America.

Some of us can tell you about cleaning up New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, while others will tell you about flying into countries devastated from earthquakes or tsunamis.

Ask us what we did, and we might recollect building runways in the desert, pitching tents in the jungle, hot-loading a plane, setting up communications links in the Australian outback and launching a satellite that gave you the cable TV you enjoy.

Get us talking and we'll tell you about fixing planes, loading planes, flying planes, jumping from planes, fueling planes in flight.

As a chaplain, I can tell you about the blessings I prayed over planes as well as the blessing I had of walking away from a plane crash.

This generation of service members might lose you in their technical talk, but I assure you they are proud to talk about the satellites they control, the drones they fly and the cyber warfare they engage.

did, ask them where they've been.

They'll likely share their version of Johnny Cash's song, "I've Been Everywhere."

They've filled passports doing temporary duty in places like Antigua, Ukraine and Djibouti on the Horn of Africa.

They've flown planes over the North Pole, landed them on the South Pole and navigated submarines under both.

And yes, they've even spent some time in "dark sites" that don't exist.

They shivered with their families on assignment in Minot, N.D., and spent a few sweltering years in Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

My family loved the two years they spent in Izmir, Turkey, while other military families enjoyed the island seclusion of Guam or the Azores.

A few lucky ducks will regale you with stories of embassy duty in Paris, London or Madrid.

But if you want to go deep, ask them what it means to have served.

If you listen well and they think you're interested, they just might tell you.

But it's just as likely they won't be able to tell you. It's just as likely that there will be a hitch in their voice, a mist will form in their eyes, and they'll turn away from that question.

Don't get me wrong. They're proud of the things they've done and they want to share them with you.

But I caution you: There are some things they won't share.

Taking an oath to obey the legal orders of those appointed over them meant that they also did the unimaginable and for some the unspeakable.

I know because they told their chaplain.

They told me about the lives they couldn't save and the lives they had to take. They've shown me their physical wounds and they've bared their moral wounds.

Thankfully, the stories of most servicemembers run the course of everyday life; albeit a life of transfers every two or three years, endless inspections and exercises, family separations, and making ends meet on military pay.

It was a life of long ago, but it was life from only yesterday.

## California Will Likely Feel the Consequences of Donald Trump's Decisive Victory



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

Elections have consequences, as California is likely to learn when Donald Trump once again moves into the White House.

The state has been a bastion of anti-Trump sentiment ever since the bombastic billionaire real estate tycoon first ventured into politics nearly a decade ago.

Its political figures — particularly Gov. Gavin Newsom, former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Senator-elect Adam Schiff — have sought and achieved notoriety for their public denunciations of Trump.

Trump has responded in kind. As president, he attempted to thwart some California policies, such as its reductions of farmers' supplies, and as a candidate portraying Vice President Kamala Harris's home state as a hellhole of crime and social decay.

There's no reason to believe that Trump, despite election night promises to bridge the nation's stark conflicts, will not continue using California as a punching bag during his second stint as president.

The agricultural water conflict is likely to resurface because the state is still trying to reduce farmers' share. Trump's promised crack-down on undocumented

immigrants would likely have its greatest impact on California. The state's aggressive crusade to reduce reliance on carbon-based fuels will conflict with Trump's pledge to ramp up oil and gas production.

That's just three points of friction between California and Trump's second presidency, and many more are out there such as gun control and transgender participation in women's sports.

California officialdom appears ready for four years of confrontation. On election night, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas told Politico, "California will do everything we can to protect America from Donald Trump." Attorney General Rob Bonta promised to wage legal battles against Trump on gun control and abortion rights, telling the political news outlet, "We have gone down to the detail of what court do we file in."

Positioning as a Trump foe is a slam dunk tactic for California politicians, especially those, such as Bonta, who may aspire to succeed Newsom as governor two years hence.

But, one might wonder, what does Harris's defeat and Trump's victory bode for Newsom? He will no doubt lead the opposition if Trump tries to punish the state, as he anticipated in a recent interview.

"They're not going to wait to wind up. It's ready, fire, aim — not ready, aim, fire," Newsom said. "And that is going to create a dynamic that will be profound in two senses — from a governing perspective and also from a political attack perspective."

However, would he take the next step of joining

what will be a clutch of Democratic politicians angling to succeed Trump in 2028?

While laboriously building a national political profile in the last two years, Newsom repeatedly denied any ambition of becoming a presidential candidate, saying at one point he has "sub-zero interest."

National political media never bought the line and continued to portray him as a potential aspirant for the White House. However, whatever ambition Newsom may have had if Joe Biden bowed out this year was dashed when Democratic leaders immediately anointed Harris as the substitute.

Her decisive defeat probably means that she has hit the political ceiling, particularly since initial election night finger-pointing dwelled on her shortcomings as a candidate, as well as the Democratic Party. The door is now open for Newsom to run, unless he truly intends to finish out his second term as governor and return to life as a restaurateur and wine merchant.

Newsom has spent half of his 57 years climbing up the political ladder, one rung at a time. Is he really willing to give it up? What he does in the coming months, either entering the Democratic Party's forthcoming battle royale or exiting the national political arena, will answer the question.

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

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# Why Trump Won and Won Big! The Issue is Liberty!



Commentary by  
Harold Pease Ph. D.

November 5 was the most important election in our nation's political history. American flags were everywhere so patriotism was strong, and the people felt they needed to get back to freedom basics. The silent majority came forward. Donald Trump's 900-plus rallies were attended in numbers never seen before. Kamala Harris rallies had to have a concert with someone famous, or have a previous president, Bill Clinton or Barack Obama, with her to break a thousand attending; worse, or have rally goers paid to attend. As anticipated, the people came out for Donald Trump.

In a truly fair election without electronic cheating, illegals voting, voter rolls cleaned up, ballot harvesting, totally uncensored information, media

not weaponized and etc. Trump would have won by at least 70%, maybe 75% as we have indicated before. But cheating was off the charts the last two years, more especially the last month, with hundreds of examples, even so, he won with THEIR electronic voting system but not by these percentages. This makes his victory much more profound. No one in American history has experienced more election opposition.

Why this profound victory? Several reasons can be identified. The vast majority of Americans know now that Joe Biden did not win in 2020, Trump did. That Covid-19 was mostly used for mail-in-balloting, which is, and always has been, prone to cheating. That Hunter Biden's laptop was real and held back from exposure by America's intelligence community until after the 2020 presidential election. A fourth of Biden voters would have chosen Trump had they known this. That the laptop revealed 459 crimes, most of which should have put the president's son in jail for many years—but didn't. That Biden was personally corrupt, had over 20 shell companies extracting millions from foreign

countries, some potential enemies, with Hunter selling state secrets. Classified documents were in Joe's possession as a U.S. Senator and Vice President in several different places that should have given him a lengthy prison sentence even before he ran for president in 2020.

Americans now know that the CIA was corrupted decades ago—at least since the Kennedy Assassination. That the FBI has turned rogue even leading the January 6 insurrection while dressed as MAGA. That it is the lead suspect for many in the assassination attempts on Trump both at Butler, Pennsylvania and Trump's Florida Golf Club—it yet suppresses the telephone conversations on several of the phones of both would be assassins that likely would have exposed accomplices, even themselves, as aiding. That the DOJ was weaponized to go after parents at school board meetings, MAGA, and everyone else exposing Deep State corruption.

Most now believe that the Deep State is real. It has been around since the McKinley presidency preceding the Spanish American War and was in both major political parties thereafter. It was a movement of monopoly

tycoons, principally John D. Rockefeller and JP Morgan, seeking first power over the nation, then world economic dominance. It came out of the shadows and organized publicly in 1921 as the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), anyone of major importance thereafter, in either major political party, was CFR connected. The Deep State maintained control over both major political parties through George W. Bush. Its two principal opponents during those years were John F. Kennedy and Barry Goldwater, both destroyed by the Deep State, Kennedy by assassination and Goldwater by election annihilation. The Tea Party movement rose in 2009 against both political parties and Trump, an outgrowth of that movement although not a part of it, opposed the Deep State entirely. MAGA people rejected their control. Today Deep State control is embedded with the Democrat Party and RINO faction of the Republican Party who both see extinction of themselves if Trump wins.

In this digital war MAGA are the patriots and the Dems and RINOS the globalists. Only the most ill-informed are unaware of this reality. As

Democrats flee to MAGA for freedom from the Deep State, most notably Elon Musk, Robert F Kennedy Jr. and Tulsi Gabbard, they are replaced by illegal immigrants who are immersed with gifting for their loyalty: health-care, food stamps, social security, placement and housing in cities and promised citizenship. These are the invisible army Barack Obama promised should be created—as big as the armed forces. These are likely to rise with chaos never seen before in America if enough cheating fails and Trump wins.

LibertyUnderFire.org has published on all of these topics over many years—793 columns. Trump has slowly, but successfully, awakened the public to this awful condition. It had to be this way to prevent a very bloody civil war in 2020. Trump had to vacate the White House so that Biden and the Deep State could rule to be exposed. Everyone is at a different place on the exposure trail. Not everything we have written above is believed by all but enough is that in an election without corruption which November 5 was not, Trump would have won by at least 70%. This 9 years of awakening, with Trump the principle

victim, has prevented a bloody civil war.

There is yet another reason for Trump's victory—tyranny, that most believed eventually would have come to all had he not won! Those who visibly oppose are punished. The DOJ and FBI are Deep State assets now. This last week, the week before November 5 election, nearly four years after the J6 event “suspects are still being arrested, convicted and jailed. This week alone:[a] Father and son from New Jersey [were] arrested—West Virginia man arrested—Illinois man pleads guilty—Texas man found guilty,—2 men from Virginia found guilty—Colorado man sentenced to 3 years—California man sentenced to one year” (Ep. 3489b, Nov. 1, 2024, 34:10).

This, after the Supreme Court ruling June 28, 2024, in Fischer v. United States, on Section 1512(c)(2), that overturned most J6 convictions (about 350 persons). This SCOTUS decision has been mostly ignored by the Biden/Harris Admin. as they have most other court decisions and the Constitution. The real issue as to why Trump won so big is liberty!

Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution and a syndicated columnist. ★

## Trump Wins BIG and America Self-Corrects

*The border is about to be closed and Mexico may be paying for it*

Commentary by  
Katy Grimes, California Globe

The American people just sent a big message to the left:

Men pretending to be women will no longer play in girls' sports.

Trans-women are men, and can't get pregnant, by the way.

The border is about to be closed—and Mexico may be paying for it.

Haitians eating the cats and dogs and Venezuelan gangs will be deported.

The spigot spending money on illegal aliens will be shut off.

Abortion is not the “right” stupid ghoulish leftist women think it is.

Pornographic books in our children's schools should be burned. Trump said he will cut federal funding for any school pushing critical race theory, racial gender ideology, and DEI.

Sex-trafficking children will be stopped and a lot of prominent people will be prosecuted.

America will become energy independent once again.

Inflation will be reduced and America will be affordable again.

World War III will be halted.

America's military will be rebuilt.

A recent Gallup poll showed that an overwhelming majority of U.S. voters want new voter integrity laws:

84% want to require all voters to provide photo ID in order to vote; 83% want to require people who are registering to vote to provide proof of citizenship.

Trump promised he will secure our elections, including same day voting, voter ID, paper ballots and proof of citizenship.

The Democrat talking point was “Trump is Hitler.” Republicans are not fascists, and Trump isn't

Hitler. In fact, the American people just showed the left how much we love America—the America the founders created.

Notably, whenever your debate devolves to “you are Hitler,” you have lost the argument as well as the battle.

Equally, Kamala calling Trump a “fascist” when her polling was sinking was heinous—especially after three assassination attempts on the former President.

The middle class the left always calls the “white working class” is actually black working class, Hispanic working class, Asian working class and white.

Trump even won young people. Identity politics is dead.

Voters want tougher criminal penalties and are about to get them. In fact, California voters are so exhausted from the state's escalating violent crime and business-killing retail theft,

as well as the dismissive response from Democrats, California voters overwhelmingly just passed Proposition 36, which will make significant reforms to California drug and theft laws. This is big.

Notably, Gov. Gavin Newsom and most legislative Democrats oppose tougher criminal penalties and have unbridled disregard for crime victims.

Trump will make the expiring individual income tax cuts from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. We all win.

On Business Taxes, Donald Trump will lower the corporate income tax rate from 21 percent to 20 percent, and lower the corporate income tax rate to 15 percent for companies that make their products in the U.S.

The attacks on Elon Musk for his purchasing Twitter in order to allow free speech on the internet are now toothless.

Free speech is a critical issue for most Americans, and that mattered in the 2024 presidential election.

The 2024 Presidential Election may have been the most corrupt, immoral scandalous election ever, and with the weakest presidential candidate in recent history—Kamala Harris.

Trump's win is why they tried to bankrupt him, why they tried to impeach him, why they tried to imprison him, why they tried to kill him. The corrupt left knew that when given a choice and fair elections, the American people would re-elect Donald Trump.

Katy Grimes, the Editor in Chief of the California Globe, is a long-time Investigative Journalist covering the California State Capitol, and the co-author of “California's War Against Donald Trump: Who Wins? Who Loses?” ★

## California Secretary of State Issues Unprocessed Ballots Report

California Secretary of State  
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., reminds all Californians that county elections officials are hard at work continuing to count ballots from the Nov. 5 General Election.

County elections officials have up to 30 days after Election Day to complete their extensive tallying, auditing, and certification work (known as the “official canvass”). The frequency of updated results varies by county.

As of Nov. 7, California's county elections officials have already processed and counted 10,728,985 million ballots from the Nov. 5 General Election. County elections officials estimate 5,472,423 million outstanding ballots remain to be processed and counted. The unprocessed ballots report—a compilation of estimates from county elections officials—is available at [electionresults.sos.ca.gov/unprocessed-ballots-status](https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/unprocessed-ballots-status).

Vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by county elections officials no later

than 7 days after Election Day must be processed.

“County elections officials have been hard at work processing and counting the millions of ballots cast by California voters. Ensuring the accuracy and the integrity of the vote count is critical to our democracy. State law gives county elections officials up to 30 days after Election Day to complete vote counting, auditing, and certification,” Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber said. “In California, we work to ensure every ballot is counted properly and every ballot is accounted for,” Secretary Weber added.

County elections officials must report their final results to the Secretary of State for the Presidential contest by Dec. 3 and all other state and federal contests by Dec. 5. The Secretary of State will certify the results on Dec. 13.

For additional information about the ballot counting process, go to [sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/vote-counting-process](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/vote-counting-process).

The Nov. 5 General Election Calendar can be found at [elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2024-primary/section-08-general-election-calendar.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2024-primary/section-08-general-election-calendar.pdf). ★

## Thompson Releases Statement on President-Elect Donald Trump

Office of Congressman  
Mike Thompson News Release

NAPA, CA (MPG) - Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-04) has released the following statement on President-Elect Donald Trump:

“The voters have spoken. While half of our country is deeply disappointed—including myself and many community members in the Fourth District—the most important step now is that we start to pick up the pieces so we can continue to make the United States a better place to live.

“I remain committed to protecting the rights and livelihoods of the American people while also working with the President-elect and my colleagues on

both sides of the aisle on issues where we can find common ground. I will continue to work to lower costs, improve community safety, fight climate change, and protect Americans' fundamental rights and freedoms.”

Congressman Mike Thompson is proud to represent California's 4th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties. He is a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Rep. Thompson is Chairman of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. He is also Co-Chair of the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Wine Caucus and a member of the fiscally-responsible Blue Dog Coalition. ★

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# Food & Farm NEWS

## Achieving Organic Targets May Require Creating New Markets

In April, Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration announced California will aim to convert 10% of its cropland to organic agriculture by 2030. Those targets could be a heavy lift in light of recent trends in organic acreage. In 2022, the most recent year with data reported, about 4% of the state's cropland was organic, and after years of expansion, the share of acreage that was organic had declined for two straight years. Some stakeholders are pushing for the state government—as a major food buyer for schools, prisons and other publicly funded institutions—to leverage its purchasing power to create the market needed for California to achieve its goals.

## State Water Board Announces Draft Updates to Bay-Delta Plan

California water officials are taking another step forward as part of a broader process to improve conditions for struggling fish populations in the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its tributaries. Last week, the California State Water Resources Control Board announced draft updates for the Sacramento River and Delta phase of the state's water quality control plan, known as the Bay-Delta plan. Thad Bettner, executive director of the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, a group that holds contracts with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to divert water from the Sacramento River, said the draft updates mark the beginning of the implementation process, which he said "could have significant impacts on agriculture and the environment."

## Farmers are in peak season producing Japanese dried persimmons

Otow Orchard in Placer County is in full swing producing hoshigaki, traditional Japanese dried persimmons. Each year, farm owners Tosh and Chris Kuratomi set aside some of the persimmons grown on their 40-acre property, and over about three to six weeks, hand-peel the fruit, string it onto a rack and massage it every three to five days until it's sufficiently dried into a sugary delicacy. They then package it and sell it at their farmstand and by mail order. This year's persimmon crop has been plentiful but with small fruit, Tosh Kuratomi said, adding that he's almost running out of rack space. As usual, customer demand nearly is exceeding supply, even at a cost of \$60 per pound mail order or \$37 per pound at the farm stand.

## Online Grocery Shopping Continues to Gain Popularity

A recent report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture highlights a significant shift toward online grocery shopping in the U.S. It notes that about one in five individuals who typically do household grocery shopping made an online purchase in the past month. Shoppers most likely to shop online were women, ages 15-24, non-Hispanic White, married or partnered, from a household with young children and more educated. Time constraints were the top reason for shopping online. Pickup and delivery options were used almost equally. USDA noted that the rise in online grocery shopping presents opportunities to improve food access, encourage healthier choices and reshape the grocery retail landscape. ★



# Riley Reviews

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING GETS AN EARLY RUSH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

### A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

#### "THE LINCOLN LAWYER: Season 3" on NETFLIX

Christmas lights are mostly not up yet, and still holiday programming is already available before anyone has had the chance to carve up a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner.

You can count on the Hallmark Channel to fill their schedule with a surfeit of Christmas movies. It happens every year, and this one is no exception.

Hallmark didn't even wait for Halloween before launching "Scouting for Christmas," in which Tamera Mowry-Housley's Angela is a busy realtor since her amicable divorce a couple of years ago to Dakota (James Paladino), a paleontologist whose adventures kept him anywhere but home.

Now, she is a devoted if often harried, single mom to smart and loving 10-year-old girl Brooklyn (Audrey Wise Alvarez). Angela's busy schedule makes it hard for her to find time for much of anything, or anyone else.

Angela can barely get Brooklyn to her scout meetings on time, much to the disapproval of other mothers. Brooklyn gets the idea to have William (Carlo Marks), the owner of her favorite bakery, cater her scout troop's annual holiday event, and asks Angela to work on pitching the idea to the other moms.

Despite sensing that her daughter might be trying to play cupid, Angela agrees to help and finds herself enjoying time with William, but is reluctant to open her heart and life to someone new.

When Dakota enters the picture again, after missing his ex-wife, Angela must decide what is best for her daughter and best for her heart. "Scouting for Christmas" presents a holiday dilemma.

Oddly enough, Hallmark's all-new, six-episode holiday series "Mistletoe Murders," was launched on Halloween, in what can be some sort of counter-programming on the eve of an ancient Celtic festival when the souls of the dead returned to their homes.

Sarah Drew headlines as Emily Lane, a small-town shop owner with a secret. The series also stars Peter Mooney as local detective Sam Wilner and newcomer Sierra Marilyn Riley as his teenaged daughter Violet.

"Mistletoe Murders" follows Emily, the outwardly friendly proprietor of a charming year-round Christmas-themed store, Under the Mistletoe. However, her inner voice reveals a sardonic sense of humor, cunning intellect, and keen eye for details most people would miss because she has a big secret.

Residing in the quaint tourist town of Fletcher's Grove, Emily finds herself compelled to investigate a crime when her friend is accused of murder. Emily had tried to fit in without letting

anyone get too close, but the murder case changes everything.

And when she begins her sleuthing, Detective Wilmer, a smart local cop, with a crush on Emily that is not completely unrequited, begins to wonder if there's more to Emily than meets the eye.

Of course, it's only a matter of time before Emily's secret past catches up with her. Other than the fact that Emily runs a holiday-themed gift, "Mistletoe Murders" makes for an interesting choice for a Christmas-related program.

A sequel to Hallmark's "Three Wise Men and a Baby" returns in a story that begins five years later with the Brenner brothers preparing for another memorable Christmas in "Three Wiser Men and a Boy."

In a crazy turn of events, the director of Luke's (Andrew Walker) son Thomas' (Miles Marthaller) school holiday musical steps down. Luke is desperate to make his son's stage dreams come true.

Luke enlists the help of his brothers Taylor (Tyler Hynes) and Stephan (Paul Campbell). Meanwhile, the trio navigates meeting their mom Barbara's (Margaret Colin) new boyfriend.

The brothers grapple with their own feelings about this relationship. In true Brenner brother fashion, they are all in for a Christmas they will never forget. Maybe they will end up being wiser men.

Earlier in the year, Great American Family announced that Danica McKellar ("The Wonder Years") and Oliver Rice ("Firefly Lane") were set to star in "A Royal Christmas Ball," which was acknowledged as a working title.

With a premiere date of this television film set for Friday, November 29th, the title is now "A Cinderella Christmas Ball." This change may be owing to the fact that the working title was taken for a TV movie seven years ago.

McKellar's Chelsea Jones is a dance instructor and studio owner in Chicago who inspires kids to find themselves through dance. Just before Christmas, Chelsea discovers a photo she's never seen before.

Chelsea thinks the young woman is her birth mother who passed away when she was only five years old. The woman is in a wedding dress tugging on the hand of a man wearing a wedding ring, but all that is all than can be seen of the man Chelsea believes may be her father.

The photo's handwritten inscription reads, "Our place, Havenshire, December 23, 1984." With only the internet, a plane ticket, and lifelong determination to go on, Chelsea now has four days in Havenshire to solve the mystery of her birth family.

Along the way, she'll sneak into a castle, teach stubborn Prince Phillip (Oliver Rice) how to dance, and be in just the right place on Christmas Eve when the bells toll. ★

# DA's Office Receives Grant for Specialized DUI Prosecution Team

## Solano County District Attorney's Office News Release

**FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) -** The Solano County District Attorney's Office announced Nov. 4 that it has received a \$382,534 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support a specialized prosecution team that handles alcohol- and drug-impaired driving cases. The grant program runs through September 2025.

"Driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs poses

a significant risk to everyone using the roadway. We too often see drivers under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs involved in traffic accidents resulting in injury or loss of life. These consequences are both devastating and preventable. We are fortunate to partner with the California Office of Traffic Safety as we join efforts to hold offenders accountable and deter this dangerous activity," Solano County District Attorney Krishna Abrams said.

The specialized

prosecution team will also partner with the statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Training Program (TSRP) to train other prosecutors and investigators and collaborate with law enforcement agencies on best practices for handling and managing driving under the influence (DUI) cases.

This is the 13th year the Solano County District Attorney's Office has received funding from the OTS for a specialized DUI prosecution program. Last year, the

prosecution team filed 1468 DUI cases, including 58 DUI drug cases and 20 DUI combined

alcohol and drug cases.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California

Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

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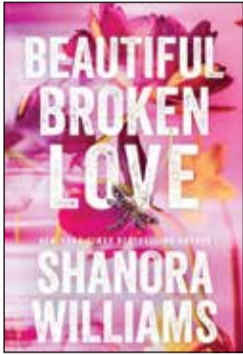
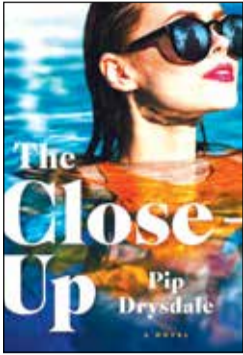
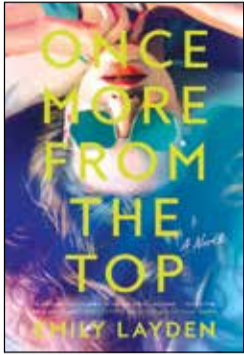


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# Take A Moment to Relax Before the Holidays



**Once More From The Top**  
by Emily Layden; Mariner

Most people have heard of Dylan Read's music, or at least know of her. Dylan became a household name when she released her album in her senior year of high school, propelling her to instant fame and notoriety as a pop star for the last 15 years. Carefully crafting the perfect lyrics and melody, Dylan Read is a perfectly maintained icon.

What people don't know is the childhood she has kept hidden, a past that is about to resurface in more ways than one. Now, Dylan will have to face her past and its influence on her musical career.

A truly immersive story that will take its readers deep into the psychological effects of hidden secrets, old friendships, and the true cost of fame.

**The Close Up**  
by Pip Drysdale; Gallery Books

When Zoe Ann Weiss moved to LA to become an author, she never expected to fall for a bartender who

was an aspiring actor; all she wanted to do was write. But Zach felt like a muse, and quickly, she released her first novel, a thriller, that flops. Then Zac ghosts her, and the writer's block hits.

Three years later, Zoe is at a dead-end job, with no prospect of love and extreme writer's block. Until she makes a delivery that changes everything. Now a famous actor, Zach, is on the other end of the door, and all the feelings flood back. All too quickly, their romance seeps into the public eye and Zoe's book goes viral. Now, everyone knows who she is. But the more she becomes known, a stalker emerges, reenacting scenes from her book against her. While Zoe's writer's block is finally healed, she has a new problem: she could be writing the end of her own demise.

A fast-paced thrill ride that will take its readers into a whole new world of drama, deceit, and twists that will keep them

distracted from any drama in their own lives.

**Beautiful Broken Love**  
by Shanora Williams; Montlake

A "sexy sports romance" that will sweep readers into the emotional clutches of grief and healing.

Seven months ago, Davina's life was shattered when her husband died in her arms. Now, she can only cope by throwing herself into her self-built skincare line. As her brand grows, she becomes a viral success and is on the edge of landing a major endorsement deal. Now, all she has to do is meet with Deke Bishop, the hot NBA star, to endorse her brand. But there is more to Deke than meets the eye; he is hiding his own pain, and there is an intensity with him she can't deny. As feelings begin to bloom, so does the guilt. Now Davina must learn how to give herself permission to love, before a chance at love slips through her grasp. ★

What a difference a week makes, and after Sunday night's thrilling overtime win over a much-heralded Phoenix Suns team that had only one loss on their season record, Sacramento Kings fans are flying high.

After a disappointing and somewhat head scratching start, the Kings have climbed out of an 0-2 hole, to post a respectable 6-4 record after ten games.

Sunday's contest featured three Kings players with 20 points or more, with Huerter and Murray chipping in with 17 and 14 points respectively.

Well balanced is the name of the game, and in the fourth quarter, the Suns were without an answer for the mid-range game of both DeRozan and Fox. Both players drove deep into the paint time and time again, only to step back and take easy 6-to-10-foot jumpers that touched nothing but net.

It was a mid-range clinic, and DeMar DeRozan has already given Kings fans a serious dose of what to expect the rest of the season. This heady veteran has the quintessential mid-range jump shot, and he not only makes them with regularity, he has a habit of getting fouled as well.

Fouling DeRozan is probably not the best strategy for opposing teams as he is shooting a sizzling 86.4% from the charity stripe.

Going into the Nov. 10 game against the Suns, remarkably, the cellar dweller Sacramento Kings in 2023/2024 in free throw shooting, were leading the entire league with an 84% success rate. All but one player on the team is averaging 80% or better from the line, and this represents one of the most dramatic turnarounds in many years.

Only bench player Alex Len, shooting a dismal 50% from the line, is struggling, and if this trend continues the Kings will add significantly to their season win total.

Among the most notable contributors are stalwarts DeAaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis, who after averaging a paltry 71% last season, have raised their averages to 86% and 83% respectively. This is a dramatic improvement, and it begs the question, what happened during the off season to contribute to such a remarkable improvement?

I have noticed that DeAaron is taking just

a split second longer before releasing the ball, and some wrist action has been eliminated. His shot has more push and less wrist, which will undoubtedly lead to more made free throws.

Sabonis' shot looks the same, but his concentration looks better, and he's putting more arc on his shot than in seasons before.

All said, we will gladly applaud these early season results and say going from last to first in the NBA in anything deserves noteworthy credit.

After the season's first two games, both losses, pundits and fans alike were wondering how long it would take for 6-time all-star DeMar DeRozan to fit in with his Kings teammates.

The next eight games have answered that question, and with the exception of the Kings 107-98 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, the Sac Town boys have been in every game this season. The current 6-4 record could easily be 8-2, but without question, the ranks of Sacramento Kings fans are filling every game with excited basketball fans that are ready for a historic season. My prediction of 50 plus wins, barring injury, will not only happen, it will propel this team beyond the first round of the playoffs.


Many fans are hoping and predicting that Monte McNair will make an in-season trade or acquisition that will strengthen the bench.

The win on Sunday, Nov. 10 saw bench superstar Malik Monk go down with an ankle injury and will reportedly miss the Nov. 11 game against the San Antonio Spurs (after press time). If there is one player the Kings can ill afford to miss its spark plug Malik Monk, and we all wish Malik a speedy recovery.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because these hardwood gladiators that have suddenly discovered the mystery of making free throws, are in action this week against the Spurs, Sun's again, Timberwolves, and the Utah Jazz.

If you haven't been out to a game, don't miss the chance. This group loves playing together and they are a pleasure to watch!

All Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★



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