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Honoring Our Service Members



Dixon High School students, staff and community members gathered in the school gym from 11:14 to 11:55 a.m. on Nov. 7 for the school's annual Veterans Day Program. The event included games, presentations and a patriotic spirit. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon High School students, staff and community members gathered in the school gym from 11:14 to 11:55 a.m. on Nov. 7 for the school's annual Veterans Day Program, recognizing those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

As students entered, the Dixon High School band played patriotic music, leading them into the gym where members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8151,



Around 20-30 Dixon High School students competed in a game called "Land, Sea and Air," which tested players' reflexes and listening skills. Similar to "Simon Says," participants stood on the floor for "land," jumped over a white line for "sea," and jumped in place for "air." Photo by Nicolas Brown

community guests and the student body assembled for the ceremony. A "Wall of Honor" displaying photos of students' family members who have served lined one side of the gym.

The event opened with a moment of silence for those who made the ultimate sacrifice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the presentation of the colors.

Principal Angela Brown, herself a veteran, said the annual assembly is a meaningful opportunity for the

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Solano Lights County Landmarks Green

Solano County News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Solano County announced today that county buildings would be illuminated green as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort by counties, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

From Nov. 4 to 11, county buildings and landmarks will be illuminated green to show support for veterans and raise awareness around the resources available at the county, state and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

Now in its fifth year, Operation Green Light is expected to draw hundreds of participating counties from states across the nation. The county's role in administering services for veterans includes County Veterans Service Officers helping fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year, as well as other services supporting the approximately 200,000 service members who transition into civilian communities annually.

Solano County residents, businesses and community organizations are encouraged to participate in Operation Green Light by changing one light to a green bulb. By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

Counties and residents across the country are sharing their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

For more information on Operation Green Light, visit naco.org/program/operation-green-light-veterans

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Solano-Yolo Rugby Club to Launch Camps



Families interested in learning more about the sport or registering for the upcoming season can attend one of the November or December camps for information. Camps are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 22 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 6. Hosted at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Dr., attendees are encouraged to bring cleats and water. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Solano-Yolo Rugby Club is preparing for its upcoming youth rugby season with two introductory camps scheduled for Nov. 22 and Dec. 6. The sessions are designed to introduce new players to the sport while helping returning athletes build fundamental skills.

Club President Kelley Evans said the camps will focus on basic rugby

skills in a non-contact, supportive environment.

"They will receive a basic introduction to rugby in a fun environment," said Evans. "There will be no tackling or physical contact, just a focus on skills like passing the ball, running and evading."

The camps will be led by head coach Rick Flynn, along with several assistant coaches, including US Rugby Hall of Famer Steve Gray. According to Evans, the preseason

sessions are open to all youth interested in the sport.

"They're not essential, but they provide a solid foundation and introduction to the game," said Evans. "We welcome anybody and doing the camp is a good way to get an early start on the season."

The Solano-Yolo Rugby Club draws players from Dixon, Vacaville, Davis, Woodland and Winters, serving students from second grade

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Dixon Athletes Honored at Hall of Fame Induction Dinner



The Dixon High School Hall of Fame Association held its annual Inductee Dinner on Nov. 8. The inductees included (left to right) Danny Caldwell, Keith Jones, Michelle Bello, Madison Dwelley, Coach Gabe Villasenor, and many others. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon High School Hall of Fame Association held its annual Inductee Dinner on Nov. 8 at Madden Hall in the Dixon May Fair grounds, 655 South First Street. The evening's theme, "By Honoring the Past, We Promote the Future," guided the gathering.

The program began with socializing and a no-host cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45, with a salad course preceding a steak or vegetarian entrée. Live music set the tone as 30 tables filled with friends, family members, former classmates and current well-wishers. During the event, Dixon High School Athletics Association (DHSAA) sold drink tickets. The table was staffed by volunteers Raquel McMullen, Yvonne Lenhares and Katie Tully. According to Lenhares, a portion of ticket sales will support Dixon High School sports programs.

Dinner was catered by Bud's Pub & Grill and a no-host bar, covered by the Lions Club, included alcohol supplied by the DHSAA. Sponsors for the event included MVP Sports Group, the Lozano Family and Nickum Holdings Inc. Each table was supplied with Taffy by Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm.

At 8 p.m., master of ceremonies Sheila Barrett McCabe opened the induction ceremony with the national anthem and remarks acknowledging past inductees present.

McCabe said, "When I think about my high-school experience, athletics and agriculture played important roles in my development... Tonight, we have the privilege to honor those with high character and athletic prowess. While we come together to honor Dixon High School's athletic past, we also wish to honor our athletic future."

Inducted into the Class of 2025 were: Dan Caldwell (Class of 1958), Cindy Duncan (Class of 1969), John Alarcon (Class of 1975), Keith Jones (Class of 1988), Patrick Denofrio (Class of 1991), Michelle Bello (Class of 2009), Madison Dwelley (Class of 2013), Coach Gabe Villasenor and Special Contributor Willis Simpson. Also recognized was the 1953-54 Boys' Basketball Team (Coach Archie Yelle; Jerry A'Day, Bob Barker, Steve Bartok, Lonnie Cagle, Farrell Funston, Dave Munn, Dave Muller, Tino Munoz, Ronnie Parkhurst, John Simpson, Bob Younger).

Caldwell moved to Dixon in 1943 and achieved three varsity letters. He also helped lead the school to the 1956 YCAL Championship and the 1957 SCAL co-championship.

"Oh it's fun to be recognized," said Caldwell. Organizers reminded



At the end of the ceremony, inductees were gifted green jackets, confirming their hall-of-fame status. Photo by Nicolas Brown



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"This is all brand new to me. I thought I was going in with the team, but they're putting me in by myself. I was surprised and grateful."

Duncan, a self-described "1950s tomboy," was also honored, being one of the first female athletes to earn accolades at the school. Denofrio, unable to attend, was represented by his JV football coach, accepting on his behalf. Simpson's son, John Simpson, accepted the award for his father. The team members present from the 1953-54 Boys' Basketball Team were invited to the stage for recognition. Each inductee received a trophy and a plaque. The evening concluded with each inductee donning a green jacket, symbolizing their Hall-of-Fame status.

According to Michelle Bello, the class of 2009 Inductee, the event allows her to continue her family's legacy of athletic excellence.

Bello said, "Oh gosh, I mean, I'm definitely grateful, my cousin, my grandfather and dad have all been inducted, so it's nice to continue the family legacy. I'm very thankful, even surprised. When you play sports, you don't really think about accolades or recognition, so it's nice to be appreciated."

Also noted were the 2025 Dixon High School Male Student Athlete of the Year, Nathan Bloom, and the Female Student Athlete of the Year, Tatianna Treisman.



Sponsors for the event included MVP Sports Group, the Lozano Family and Nickum Holdings Inc. Each table was also supplied with taffy by Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm. Photo by Nicolas Brown

attendees that nominations for the Class of 2026 are open online and next year's dinner is scheduled for Nov. 14, 2026.

The dignitaries and honorees celebrated alongside sponsors and volunteers who helped ensure the evening's success, reinforcing the event's goal of honoring past achievement while inspiring future generations of Dixon Rams.

For more information, visit dixonhighhalloffame.com or email dixon-highaa@yahoo.com. ★



Live music set the tone as 30 tables filled with friends, family members, former classmates and current well-wishers. During the event, Dixon High School Athletics Association (DHSAA) sold drink tickets. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Dixon High School sports programs. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Council Approves Updates for Cannabis Businesses

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the Nov. 4 meeting of the Dixon City Council, official changes to the city's Cannabis Business Pilot Program were considered.

The pilot program was established in 2017, and since that time there have been three approved and operational cannabis businesses: one manufacturing, BEGK, and two dispensaries, Club420 and Dixon Wellness.

At a prior meeting, the City Council discussed potential updates to the pilot program and provided feedback to staff. Proposed changes included clarifying the procedural requirements for cannabis business entitlements and strengthening the City's enforcement authority to ensure consistent compliance with local and state regulations.

Now back before council for approval, the changes in the conditions of operations include standardized conditions that apply to all cannabis businesses, along with a streamlined review process and improved clarity for operators.

Another change is the prohibition of temporary structures, while allowing a compliance period for operators to make the switch to permanent structures.

At a later date, the city plans to move forward with authorizing the Marijuana Business Tax, approved as Measure K by voters in 2016, which allows up to a 15 percent tax of gross receipts of any cannabis business. Existing businesses won't be subject to that tax as long they maintain development agreements (DAs) with the city, which instead impose specific fees for a public benefit fund to support fire and police department positions.

The DAs for the retail businesses previously set the monthly public benefit fee of 5 percent of gross sales or \$30,000, whichever was higher. But council had requested it be changed to just 5 percent since many of the businesses are currently struggling financially.

Another change requested by council was more flexible regulations for cannabis delivery, to ensure the existing businesses can remain competitive. Only businesses with current licenses to operate in Dixon will be legally allowed to deliver within city limits, so any deliveries from operators in other areas will not be permitted.

Other changes include the requirement

of a conditional use permit and four-year terms for the DAs, which will now be optional.

Some significant revisions in the enforcement policies include permit revocation if operators violate any part of their permit or agreement, violate city code or state laws or regulations, or fail to pay required taxes. They can also impose fines for some violations and temporarily suspend the permit in the case of health or safety issues.

It was also proposed that each business would be subject to an annual random financial audit, requiring them to respond and provide financial documents within 48 hours of the audit notification.

During public comment, Dixon Wellness CEO Haley Andrew said it would be difficult to provide all required financial information for an audit within 48 hours. Instead, she suggested that operators should respond within 48 hours to begin working with the auditor and gathering the documents.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said that the DAs for the established cannabis businesses expired much too long ago, and he urged staff to expedite the process to set new agreements, so the operators know how to move forward.

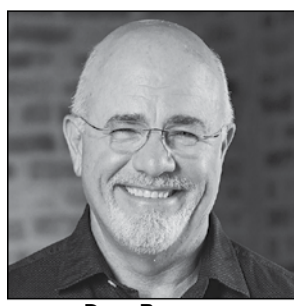
City Attorney Douglas White said it would be reasonable to adjust the language to allow a response to the audit within 48 hours and then allow the operators the necessary time to work through the audit process.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the updates to the Cannabis Business Pilot Program.

During General Public Comment, a resident expressed concern about the recent appointment of an assistant city manager. He thought there was supposed to be a public announcement and recruitment period for new employees, but he didn't hear anything about it until the council approved the position at the last meeting.

City Attorney White clarified that the employment rules referenced by the speaker applied to represented employees who are part of a union group. He said directors are contract employees who are direct appointments of the city manager, and the requirement is just that their contract be ratified by the council in a public meeting.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Nov. 18. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says Sometimes, It's Lonely at the Top

Dear Dave,

When I started my business, I never realized just how lonely leadership can feel. The weight of every decision, pressure to protect the culture and having very few peers who understand how heavy things can be is overwhelming sometimes. How did you stay grounded and connected during the early days of building your company?

- Derek

Dear Derek,

I'm going to be honest with you. The reason you feel like you're doing it all alone is because you're doing it — all alone. And you're right. It's heavy, and it gets lonely. But it's one of the prices you pay when you decide to own and run a business and serve others. For better or worse, it goes with the territory.

When I first started, I didn't know of any businessmen's groups or support organizations for small-business leaders. So, I took a pretty simple route and began calling and

emailing other business-people and ministry leaders, asking if they'd like to do a weekly Bible study together. It wasn't something I was teaching; I just wanted to get in a room and connect with people.

Putting together that little group turned out to be one of the best things I've ever done. We learned so much about God, our faith and ourselves over the 14 years we met together. We went through a lot of life together — good and bad. Eventually, we began learning about each other's businesses and careers, and we began exchanging ideas that helped us all learn and grow professionally as well.

Of course, now I have a wonderful team around me, and things aren't so lonely anymore. My leadership group is made up of men and women of all ages. They're all very mature, sophisticated and smart. We're here for each other every day.

That said, I still think it's extremely important to associate with people who are at, and beyond, the level you find yourself. It doesn't matter if you're talking about spiritual de-

velopment or everyday business practices — the principle's the same. So, I'd suggest finding a local civic club or advisory group, something that features group coaching like we do in EntreLeadership. Ask about becoming a member of something like this, or just start attending meetings of your local Chamber of Commerce and introduce yourself. My guess is you'll find plenty of folks in the same place you are, and with the same concerns you have.

I really appreciate the honesty and vulnerability in this question, Derek. God bless you, and best wishes!

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-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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DIXON POLICE LOG

Friday, October 10

0831 Information report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
1354 Death investigation in the 1400 block of Ingrid Drive.
2211 Assault with a deadly weapon investigation in the 1300 block of West H Street.

Thursday, October 9

0553 20001 CVC, hit and run with injury at the intersection of Pedrick Road and E80. Suspect Christian Ramirez-Martinez (20-year-old male, out of Dixon) was arrested and transported to Solano County Jail. Victim was transported to Sutter Davis.
1324 Information report taken in the 1300 block of Lincoln Street.
1355 Non-injury collision report taken in the 700 block of Alwin Drive.
2030 Domestic violence investigation in the 1300 block of West H Street.
2248 Salvador Duran (45) of Winters was contacted in the 2100 block of Mourning Dove Drive and later arrested for DUI, violation of DUI probation and driving on a suspended license.

Wednesday, October 8

0945 Confidential report taken in the 700 block of West F Street.
1159 5150 W&I (Mental health hold) in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
1343 Courtesy 415 PC (Disturbing the peace) in the 1600 block of Exposition Parkway.
1426 Information report in the 1300 block of Cornell Drive.
1930 Oscar Orozco (31) of Dixon was arrested in the 1000 block of North First Street and arrested for trespassing and violation of probation.

0040 Flavio Ortiz (44) of Dixon was contacted during a vehicle stop in the 2800 block of West A Street and arrested for driving on a suspended license.

Tuesday, October 7

1033 Fraud report taken at the Police Department.
1054 Information report taken at Dixon High School.
1400 Confidential report taken in the 800 block of North Adams Street.
1711 Hit and run accident reported in the 400 block of East Mayes Street.
2027 An informational report was taken in the 200 block of Bowen Lane.
0052 A warrant arrest report was taken in the 2000 block of North First Street. Officers contacted (S) Charlie McNeil (65) of Dixon. McNeil had 8 outstanding warrants for arrest. McNeil was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

Monday, October 6

0830 Information report taken at the Police Department.
0912 Hit and run reported in the 100 block of South Second Street.
1126 Restraining order violation reported in the 1400 block of Nut Tree Avenue.
1942 A felony hit and run, and possession of brass knuckles arrest report was taken at the intersection of S. First St. at East Pkwy. Officers contacted (S) Andrew Clark (38) of Yuba City. Clark was arrested and booked into the Solano County Jail.
2036 A theft report was taken in the 1600 block of North First Street.

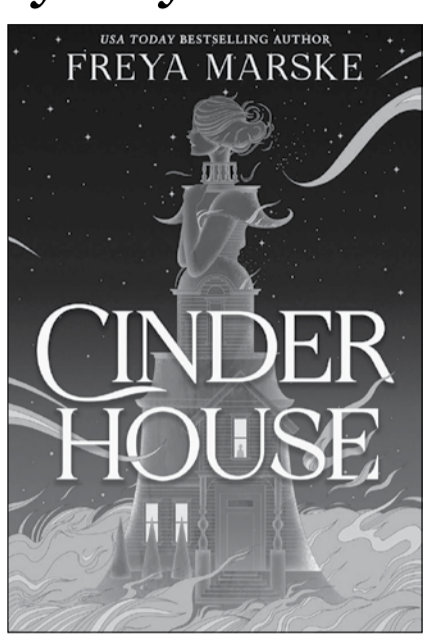
Saturday, October 5

0939 Flavio Ortiz (44) of Dixon was contacted in the area of West F Street/Glenside Drive and arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
1110 two-vehicle non-injury collision in the area of South Fifth Street/South Seventh Street.
2144 A driving with a suspended driver's license and warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of Pitt School Road. at Rehmann Drive. Officers contacted (S) Elvis Linn (21) of Dixon. A records check revealed that he had two outstanding warrants out of Placer County and Solano County. Linn was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
1942 A felony hit and run, and possession of brass knuckles arrest report was taken at the intersection of S. 1st St. at East Pkwy. Officers contacted (S) Andrew Clark (38) of Yuba City. Clark was arrested and booked into the Solano County Jail. 2036- A theft report was taken in the 1600 block of North 1st St.



Cinder House

by Freya Marske



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Ella is more than just a ghost bound to her house; she is the essence of the house, and the house is an essence of her. Ella's father first succumbed to the poison tea brewed by her stepmother, and then Ella. Though she drank less than her father, it was the fall that took her life, as the house shuddered in shock of its owners' losses, the house kept her trapped within its walls. Both house and Ella were then one, and through that, Ella felt every part of the house, as the house

felt her. For Ella, being a ghost was very much the same; her stepmother and stepsisters could still see her presence, binding her to the cleaning and household chores. But Ella longed to escape from the house's grasp as well as her stepsisters, if even for a moment, but neither of them was willing to let her go.

Years passed, and then one day, the shackles were lifted, just for a mere moment, and Ella discovered a way to escape the bonds that held her tethered to the house. Even though no one could see her, Ella was free to walk upon the city streets and sit invisible within the ballet theater's seats, drinking in all the beauty of the ballet. But this little bit of sanctuary only lasted until the stroke of midnight, when Ella was yanked back into the bounds of her house's walls.

Ella was perfectly content with her new ghostly life, wrapped in the music of the ballet, until she made an unlikely friendship with a fairy charm seller. Who

tempted her with the greatest piece of magic. For a small barter, Ella could take an almost human form, for 3 nights, in order to attend the Prince's ball. Ella couldn't resist the thought of the music, the dancing, and the chance at freedom, and instantly accepted.

Ella wasn't there for the Prince, but the moment she laid eyes upon him. Recognition drew.

And just for one moment, Ella had the chance to dream and dance! But not all fairy tales have a happy ending? Or do they?

Freya Marske's retelling of the famous fairy tale we all knew growing up is not just a retelling, but a complete reimaging. She takes the familiar elements of fairytale magic, magical shoes, and a clock that strikes midnight, and shatters them. This story takes a haunting spin on magic, longing, and finding where one truly belongs. Marske whisks her readers into a time of forgotten fairy tales and candlelit balls, luring them in with the sweet sounds of music that slowly drift into a haunting lullaby. Readers will be enchanted by the story, longing for a fairy tale ending.

While at its core a true fairytale, this Cinderella retelling is crafted for the adult reader who never quite outgrew fairy tales and years to be enchanted by magic once more. A gentle echo of a traditional fairy tale intertwines with longing and desire, a haunting echo that envelops the reader like a ballroom dance. ★



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"BOSTON BLUE" AND "SHERIFF COUNTRY" ON CBS

Television network executives always find ways to be boastful regarding any data to bolster claims of superiority over their competitors. CBS, which has been known as the Tiffany Network for high-quality programming, is no different than its rivals.

Case in point would be the CBS claim that it is on track to win its 17th consecutive season as the most watched network.

The network is banking on two new police procedurals to help deliver good ratings.

For the fall season, "Boston Blue" picks up, in a manner of speaking, where "Blue Bloods" left off after more than a decade as the popular show about the Reagan law enforcement family in the New York Police Department.

Moving from the Big Apple to Beantown, NYPD detective Donnie Wahlberg's Danny Reagan ends up in Boston when his son Sean (Mika Amosen), a rookie in the Boston Police Department, becomes seriously wounded while attempting a rescue in a burning building.

While "Boston Blue" is considered a drama that expands the beloved "Blue Bloods" universe, the other new police series is "Sheriff Country," which is similarly viewed as an extension of the hit drama "Fire Country."

"Boston Blue" is off to a promising start. It's fresh, and yet Donnie Wahlberg informed critics at the CBS press conference that he looked "forward to bringing faith, family, and tradition back to television on Friday nights," which stays true to the "Blue Bloods" principle.

When Danny Reagan comes to Boston, he wastes little time getting involved in chasing a suspect. Out of his law enforcement jurisdiction, Danny runs afoul of Boston detective Lena Silver (Sonequa Martin-Green), who just happens to be a member of a law enforcement family not dissimilar to the Reagans.

Lena's mother is District Attorney Mae Silver (Gloria Reuben). Her stepsister is Boston Police Superintendent Sarah Silver (Maggie Lawson). Sarah is Mae's stepdaughter. Add into the mix rookie cop Jonah Silver (Marcus Scribner), half-brother to Sarah. Well, that appears to be how they are all related.

Jonah is a friend and partner to Danny's son Sean; both went through the police academy together. Both also ran into the burning building on that fateful night, with Jonah saving Sean when he was seriously hurt by an explosion.

During the first two episodes, Danny is authorized by the Police Superintendent to work with Lena to investigate the case of a murder victim that Jonah and Sean came upon

when attempting to save workers from the fiery conflagration.

Given the title of "Boston Blue," one expects that Danny Reagan may have to trade his Mets t-shirt for a Red Sox jersey, if only because he does, in fact, wind up working with the Boston Police Department.

While spun off from another series based in the same fictional town of Edgewater, California, "Sheriff Country" stands alone in storytelling that tangentially refers to its connection with the rural nature of wildfires in "Fire Country."

Morena Baccarin stars as the interim sheriff Mickey Fox, who is unlike the Reagan law enforcement family in "Blue Bloods." While she wears a badge, her father Wes (W. Earl Brown) is a criminal who is now trying to be a legal grower of marijuana.

Trouble at home for Mickey causes distractions not just in dealing with her father, but her teenage daughter Skye (Amanda Acuri) struggles with staying sober, while her boyfriend Brandon (John Daniel) has been arrested for selling narcotics.

To say that life is complicated for Mickey overlooks the additional matter of her political survival in an upcoming election. Her top deputy Nathan Boone (Matt Lauria) may be angling for the job himself by ingratiating himself with local kingmaker Punch Elliot (Sean Bell).

If all this is not enough drama for the Sheriff, Mickey's ex-husband Travis Fraley (Christopher Gorham), a local attorney, is now romantically involved with Sheriff's deputy Cassidy Campbell (Michele Weaver).

At a CBS conference for critics, Michele Weaver summed up the dynamic of the series, noting the "writers do such a good job of making these characters human, and you get to know these humans, the good and the bad, and the messiness of them."

Edgewater turns out to not to be a sleepy town. Rampant crime may jeopardize Mickey's bid for election. Still, "Sheriff Country" juggles plenty of personal dynamics to hold interest in where relationships play out.

The fall season had originally planned to include a new drama from Dick Wolf, best-known as the producer of the "Law & Order" television franchise and familiar for creating other law enforcement series like "Chicago P.D." and "FBI."

What's next for Dick Wolf is new series "CIA," a one-hour drama centered on two unlikely partners. Tom Ellis stars as a reckless CIA case officer teamed up with a by-the-book FBI agent who believes in the rule of law.

Apparently, "CIA" is now destined for mid-season to allow for creative thinking, or something of the sort, for a show that's also considered an expansion of Dick Wolf's "FBI" universe. ★

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statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001531
The following persons are doing business as: Little Spool House, 810 June Court, Dixon, CA 95620. Brooke Cancas, 810 June Court, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: October 16, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 15, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001464
The following persons are doing business as: Legacy Creative Productions, 225 Fairoaks Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688. Legacy Creative Productions LLC, 225 Fairoaks Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Date filed in Solano County: September 29, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 28, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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LEGACY 11-28-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-09118
Lourdes Maria De Herrera filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lourdes Maria De Herrera aka Lourdes Maria De Soto to Lourdes Maria Herrera
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 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty
Dated: October 15, 2025
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HERRERA 11-28-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUSTY HOWARD NAGLE CASE NO. PR25-00292
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Rusty Howard Nagle.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Julie Ann Wanderstadt, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Julie Ann Wanderstadt be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
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 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in

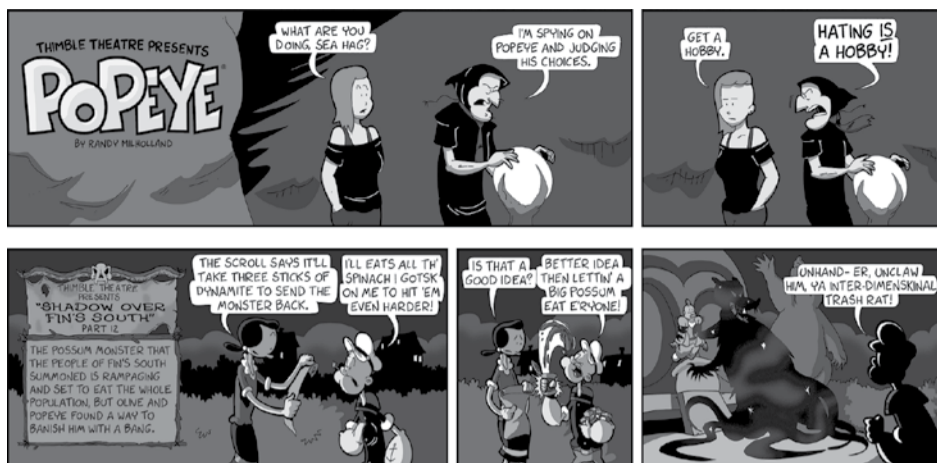
Dept 5; Room; 301 Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person 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 Petitioner is: Julie Ann Wanderstadt, 725 West F Street, Dixon, CA 95620; 916-585-2872
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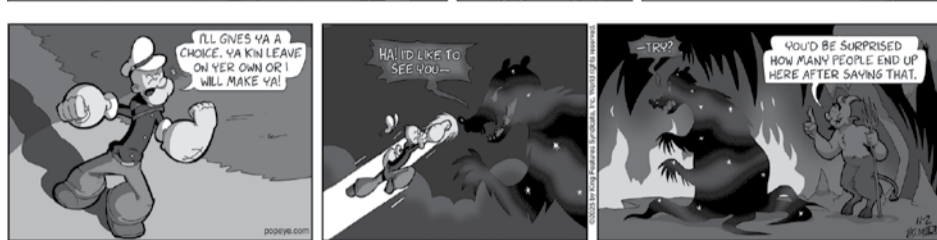
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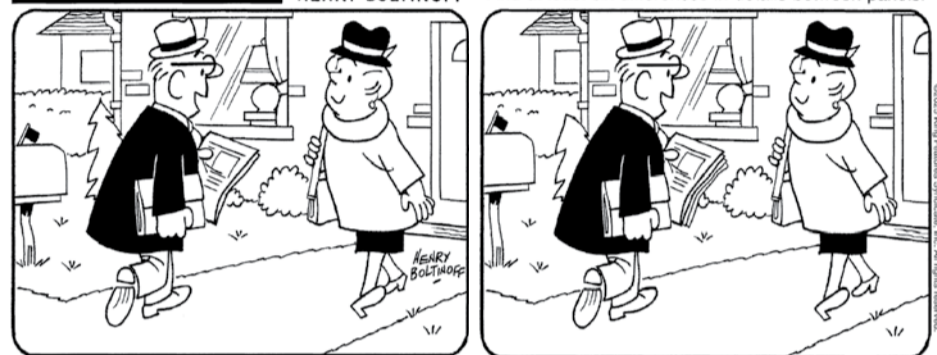
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 - Increase rpms (2 words)
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 - Bow or bolo
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 - Whole number between -1 and 1
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Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

Alcoholics

Anonymous – If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous at 800-970-9040 for either local meeting information or to speak to someone.

American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Live music every Friday. Live band first and third Fridays.

Bingo – Is played every Monday and Wednesday at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. 5th St., beginning at 12 p.m. Call 707-678-7022 for more information.

Friendship Services of Solano County – Do you spend a lot of time alone? Would you like a telephone companion? Call Friendship Service at 707-644-9062 x242 or 707-644-8909 and ask Cyndi about becoming a client. It's free. A program of Catholic Social Services. A provider of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging. Email: friendship@csssolano.org.

Meals on Wheels – Homebound seniors can receive meals delivered to their homes by calling 707-425-0638. Lunch also served at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 South 5th St. at 11:30 a.m. M-F. Reservations required – call 707-425-0638 one day in advance.

Regular Meetings:

Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

American Legion

Auxiliary – Dixon Post 208 meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, contact Pat Holland (President) at 707-678-3685 or Leah Marlin (Vice President) at 530-304-5385. Visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

Bids For Kids – Is a volunteer organization created to promote and foster youth participation in agriculture. Anyone interested in this endeavor is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact secretary, Lisa Dage at 707-246-5623, fivedages@sbcglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jamesfuller@yahoo.com.

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact Matt at 707-685-1750 or email scoutmaster@troop-152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop-152dixon.com.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings – at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. Call Linda at phone below to RSVP. Open to everyone. No July meeting. For info call 446-7492 or visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. (4 to 12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7 to 7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation

classes at 7:50 to 8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 and over, Juniors under 16, and those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

CITY OF DIXON: The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at www.ci.dixon.ca.us. For further information, call 707-678-7000 and ask for the City Clerk's office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., or Transportation Dept.

City Council – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Commission – Meets the third Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

Dixon Adult Literacy Program – Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: Literacy@solanocounty.com or 707-784-1526.

Dixon Boat Club – Meets first Thursday of the month. For more information, call Butch at 707-678-3622.

Dixon Downtown Business Association – Dedicated to enhancing

the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information.

Dixon Game & Conservation Club – Meetings on second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children's lives meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954, the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-club-house.org/sites/dixonca>. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

Dixon Rotary Club – Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. St., Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.

Dixon Scottish Cultural Association – Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit <https://scot-sindixon.us/>.

Dixon Senior Club

– Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.

Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club – Need to speak in front of people? Want to improve your communication skills? Want to have fun learning? Check us out! We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Living Hope Church. For more info, call or text Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or Rose Cooke at 707-297-0918.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the third Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings – The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

Domestic Violence Support Group – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Dry Dock – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson St.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239.

Friends of the Dixon Public Library – Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-624-0144.

Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization – We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more information.

Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud's. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865.

Lambtown Committee – Meets third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Hall. Email John Knight at johnknightpto@gmail.com

Living With Cancer – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free.

Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner

of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email pres.nsdcc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/.

NSDC Democrats in Action – Monthly lunch meeting is every fourth Thursday at noon at Fuso Italian Restaurant at 535 Main St., Vacaville. Meet to discuss actions that can be taken towards local, state, and national political issues. See above for contacts.

Promises AA Group – Meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

Sexual Assault Support Group – Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Solano County Mental Health Education – Monthly presentations on various topics will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2101 Courage Dr., Fairfield. Call Rachel Ford at 707-784-8362 for more information and monthly topic.

Sons of the American Legion – Meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Dixon American Legion Post 208 Hall. For information, call Wayne Holland at 707-301-0941.

Soroptimist International of Dixon – Meets Thursdays at noon at the Dixon United Methodist Church (20 N. Jefferson). Call President Barbara Rigdon at 408-306-7390. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

36th District Agricultural Assn. – Board of Directors meet the second Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. in the board room located at 655 S. First St. (Dixon May Fair)

Tremont Teachers and Parents Association – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tremont School. For more information contact 678-9533.

Toastmasters – Meets every other Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) – Dixon Post 8151 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. For information, contact Cecil Dennings (Commander) at 209-395-8019. Also visit us online at m.facebook.com/DixonVFW.

Young Ladies Institute of Dixon – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Walnut Growers Optimistic About Markets

After several challenging years, California walnut growers were optimistic this fall as harvest met with more favorable market conditions. The industry entered the 2025-26 marketing year essentially sold out of supply, which growers expect will make it easier to sell this year's crop—projected to be 710,000 tons—at higher prices. Strong export demand, a new domestic marketing push and mild summer growing conditions that produced high-quality nuts have buoyed the industry. "I think we're in a good position to be able to move a lot of the crop at a decent price," said Daniel Bays, who grows walnuts and other crops in Stanislaus County. "Last year's small crop with relatively good quality primed the market where the buyers are looking at California for high-quality nuts."

California Farm Advocates Seek Rule Change on Autonomous Tractors

California farm advocates may be closer than ever to achieving regulatory changes that would clear the way for wider adoption of autonomous tractors in the state. Despite entrepreneurs from the Golden State developing cutting-edge technology used on farms around the world, the use of autonomous tractors is largely prohibited on California farms due to a 1977 workplace safety regulation. In November 2024, state regulators impaneled an advisory committee comprising various

stakeholders to examine the issue, and the regulators are expected to release a report later this month summarizing the committee's work over the past year. "I believe the regulations will change in the near future," said Tim Bucher, co-founder and CEO of the Bay Area-based company Agtonomy. "In the meantime, we work together and continue to educate."

California Euthanizes Four Wolves after Nonlethal Deterrence Failed

After months of failed efforts to reduce "an unprecedented level" of livestock kills using nonlethal methods, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife said it euthanized four gray wolves from the Beyem Seyo pack in Sierra Valley last month. "This decision was not made lightly nor was it easy," CDFW Director Charlton Bonham said. According to the department, the pack had become habituated to preying on cattle as a primary food source, and the feeding pattern was being taught to young wolves, which would leave to form their own packs and teach the same cattle-preying behavior to future offspring, threatening the "ecological integrity" of the endangered species' recovery. Steven Fenaroli, a California Farm Bureau director of policy advocacy, said the organization supports CDFW and local law enforcement for "protecting public safety and taking decisive, science-based action to address escalating wolf predation on livestock in Northern California." ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



In the NBA there are no white flags or throwing in the towel when the game is so lopsided that you can't bear to watch another minute. No, that option just doesn't exist.

After defeating the mighty Milwaukee Bucks on their home floor and backing that up with a win against the bay area Golden State Warriors, fans were beginning to raise an eyebrow. It appeared that the Sactown boys were starting to gel, but lopsided losses to Oklahoma City and the Minnesota Timberwolves removed any temporary euphoria that Kings fans might be feeling.

Exposed? 100% exposed and more than just a little bit embarrassing, and what did we get to hear from head coach Doug Christie? We were told once again that the Kings need to play better defense as they had just allowed 144 points on their home court.

Defense you say. In the past 12 months the Sacramento Kings have walked out the door Davion Mitchell, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones, and what do they have to show in return. Not a single player, and my question is why did you give up on each of these players?

The Sacramento franchise is suffering from a prolonged attack of talent fatigue. That's a condition that renders front office's the inability to assess talent, and the Kings have been suffering from this malady for decades. Even a change in ownership didn't fix the problem, as Vivek Ranadive took over where the Maloofs left off, and the Sacramento fans believed that some semblance of normality would finally surface.

But alas, that has not been the case. G.M.'s and coaches have come and gone, but the same inability to assess talent remains.

Last night, fan favorite and the Kings best defender Keon Ellis remained on the bench for the first 3 quarters watching the game, before coach Christie seemed to remember that he was available and then came in when the game was long decided.

Russell Westbrook is the real deal and still has a load of game at the tender age of 36. Westbrook has quickly won the hearts of fans, and much like Domantas Sabonis he brings 100% effort every night.

Westbrook is a pleasure to watch and if used correctly can be a game changer.

Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise that no one saw coming and backing up Sabonis as Domantas has battled nagging injuries early in the season, Eubanks has been more than earning his keep.

The play of Zach Lavine cannot be overstated as he has been stellar from start to finish and could easily be heading to an all-star invitation. LaVine has stepped up his defensive presence while leading the team in scoring nearly every night. His 3-point shooting is over 40% and is among the league leaders. Add to that the component of leadership, and it's safe to say the Kings would not have 3-wins were it not for Zach Lavine.

Once again, the Kings are getting what they paid for in DeMar DeRozan and much like Russell Westbrook, DeMar looks ageless.

So why have the Kings lost 7 or the first 10 games? I go directly to the inability to assess the talent that is already on this team.

Sitting Keon Ellis for 3 quarters for the 2nd straight game against a high-powered Minnesota team lacks understanding, but it's not just Ellis that is a head scratcher. Why has Doug McDermott sat on the bench for the first 10 games when he is a proven 3-point shooter and could be used as a rotational player. Not just garbage time, but minutes in the first half as well.

I fail to understand how the Kings can cut ties with Isaac Jones but retain other players that never even see a minute of action.

It didn't take the Detroit Pistons long to take advantage of the Kings mistake and add Mr. Jones to their roster.

Look for Isaac in the playoffs this year because that's where you will find him.

If I sound a little frustrated, you read this right. It's time to wake up and smell the roses and I'm talking to the Kings franchise. Let's act like we've been there before.

Let's not throw in the towel Kings Fans, but rather hope that the coaching staff wakes up soon!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Dr. Universe: Why do some humans like to do bad things? Is it the thrill or were they always born bad

- Leonel, 14, Texas

Dear Leonel,

I've met some naughty cats. I've also known some misunderstood ones.

I asked my friend Chris Barry why humans are sometimes like that, too. He's a psychologist at Washington State University.

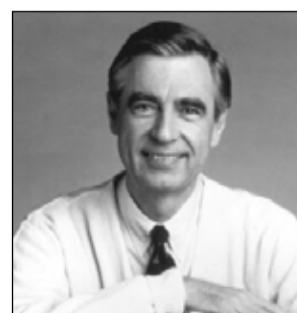
He told me we're talking about behaviors that don't align with social norms. They give most people bad feelings. That's like feeling uncomfortable when someone does something violent or mean.

Sometimes those behaviors come from the person's nature, or temperament. Sometimes they happen because the person enjoys taking risks. Or maybe they struggle to think before they act.

It could be all those things, even within the same person. Plus, temperament, thrill-seeking and impulse control all have to do with how someone's brain works.

One big factor is how old the person is when the behavior starts. If they're super young, that's a clue it might be related to temperament. It may continue when they grow up.

If the behavior starts during adolescence, it might be temporary. People sometimes take more risks during those



The public television celebrity Fred Rogers taught empathy in his TV show—for other people and for the kids watching. That's a form of social-emotional learning. Rogers worked with child psychologist Margaret McFarland to make sure each episode connected with kids and did that job. Courtesy photo

Empathy is seeing someone cry and feeling bad for them. Or watching someone get hurt and understanding how bad they feel.

How much empathy a person feels is a spectrum. Some people respond strongly to other people's feelings. Some people have a hard time connecting with other people's emotions. Most people are somewhere in between.

People with low empathy may not connect their behavior with how it makes other people feel.

But feeling empathy isn't the only option. People can also think empathetically. They can learn to imagine another person's perspective—even if they don't connect with their emotions.

People can also learn to maximize their executive function. That's how we manage our time and goals. It's also how we check our impulses and think through decisions. That's easy for some people and harder for others. But everyone can get better at it with practice.

That's why we need caregivers and experts to teach us those empathy and social-emotional skills. It works best if that learning starts when we're small. That gives us a long time to practice being thoughtful humans—or cats.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

Pro-Housing Laws Have Failed to Raise New Home Numbers



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California YIMBY, an organization founded eight years ago to promote housing construction in response to an ever-increasing gap between demand and supply, held a victory party in San Francisco recently.

"Welcome to the most victorious of California YIMBY's victory parties," Brian Hanlon, founder and CEO of the organization, told attendees.

Its acronym (Yes In My Backyard) symbolizes its years-long battle with NIMBYs (Not in My Backyard), people and groups who have long thwarted housing projects by pressuring local governments that control land use.

YIMBY's party marked the passage of several pro-housing legislative measures this year, two of which have long been sought by housing advocates. Assembly Bill 130 exempts many urban housing projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, while Senate Bill 79 makes it easier to building high-density housing near transit stations in large cities.

"2025 was a year," Hanlon gleefully declared.

The celebratory atmosphere was understandable because this year's legislative actions capped a half-decade of ever-mounting state government activism on housing that followed Gov. Gavin

Newsom's 2017 campaign pledge to build 3.5 million new units of housing if elected.

That goal was wildly unrealistic, as Newsom should have known, but he did push hard for legislation to remove barriers to housing development. His housing agency also ramped up pressure on local governments to remove arbitrary hurdles that YIMBY-influenced officials had erected and to meet quotas for identifying land that could be used for housing.

However, the celebration omitted one salient factor: Pro-housing legislative and administrative actions have failed to markedly increase housing production.

New housing starts were around 100,000 a year when Newsom took office in 2019, and they are about that number today, with the net increase even lower.

As the Housing and Community Development Department admits in its statewide housing plan, "Not enough housing being built: During the last ten years, housing production averaged fewer than 80,000 new homes each year, and ongoing production continues to fall far below the projected need of 180,000 additional homes annually."

The Census Bureau calculates that since Newsom took office, new housing permits in California ranged from a high of 120,780 units in 2022 to a low of 101,546 last year. Newsom's own budget agrees with the Census Bureau's data for the same period and projects future construction through 2028 at 100,000 to 104,000 units a year.

Those are the numbers. But how data on housing is collected and collated has been a somewhat murky process,

and opponents of housing projects often challenge how they comport with quotas the state imposes on local communities.

Fortunately, the Census Bureau has unveiled a new statistical tool that should go a long way toward having complete data that includes not only conventional single- and multi-family projects, but alternative forms of housing such as backyard granny flats, officially known as Accessory Dwelling Units; basements or garages that are transformed into apartments; single-family homes converted into duplexes or apartments; mobile homes or office buildings that become housing.

The tool uses several sources of data but is heavily reliant on the Postal Service, which maintains a constantly updated roster of addresses that includes all housing types.

More accurate data should make it easier to overcome conflicts and may even reveal that California's pro-housing actions have had positive effects that current methodology misses.

"The housing crisis has persisted in part because we haven't been able to measure our progress accurately," an article about the new tool published by the Niskanen Center, a think tank, concludes. "With the Census Bureau's Address Count Listing File data, that excuse is gone. Now the question is whether policymakers will use this powerful new tool to finally build the housing America needs."

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

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Tuleyome Offers Certified California Naturalist Course

Tuleyome News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Tuleyome, the expert organization on the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, is offering a Certified California Naturalist course in early 2026.

Instruction focuses on the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region and western Sacramento Valley while providing participants with skills and resources that are applicable anywhere to increase their knowledge, understanding, and enjoyment of the natural world.

The Certified California Naturalist course is presented by Tuleyome in partnership with the University of California extension program. This multi-week course is offered from January to March 2026, with classes occurring on eight consecutive Fridays plus at least three field trips. Friday classes will be held in downtown Woodland.

No advanced degrees or previous naturalist experience is required.

The UC California Naturalist Program introduces Californians to the wonders of our unique ecology and engages the public in study and stewardship of California's natural communities. The program uses a science curriculum, hands-on learning, problem-solving, citizen science, and community service to instill a deep appreciation for the natural communities of the state and to inspire individuals to become stewards of their local resources.

In addition to in-person instruction, students are required to attend field trips in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region and western Sacramento Valley. Field trips consist of low-impact walking trips and auto-tours, so they are suitable for all fitness levels. Impromptu walks are also often provided by the



Students get up close to nature during Tuleyome's Certified California Naturalist Course. Photo by Nate Lillge

instructors as time permits to give participants even more experience in the field.

Tuleyome has offered the Certified California Naturalist course since 2018. In that time, over 200 naturalists have been certified and are dedicated to conserving, enhancing, restoring, and enjoying the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region and the western Sacramento Valley. Lifelong Californians and recent arrivals benefit from the course. The program has been so successful that Tuleyome has been requested to provide trainings to the Bureau of Reclamation – Lake Berryessa, Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, and California Conservation Corps. In addition to the multi-week



Students learn from Tuleyome's team of instructors, experts in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region. Photo by Nate Lillge

course, Tuleyome offers a one-week, intensive course at Wilbur Hot Springs Resort. Questions about the course should be directed to Nate Lillge at nlillge@tuleyome.org ★

Honoring Our Service Members



The free event was open to students and community members alike. Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8151 were also in attendance, including Jessica Peris (Second to left). Photo by Nicolas Brown

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school community to show gratitude.

“As a veteran, being part of an annual Veterans Rally holds a special place in my heart,” said Brown. “It’s a time to stand together, students, staff and community, to honor those who served and to remind us all that freedom is not free. Each year, this gathering keeps the spirit of gratitude and service alive.”

The program featured interactive games among students and teachers, with each team representing a different branch of the military. In the first game, competitors carried red, white, blue and green balloons from one side of the gym to the other without dropping or popping them. The blue team took the win.

Another game, “Land, Sea and Air,” tested players’ reflexes and listening skills. Similar to “Simon Says,” participants stood on the floor for “land,” jumped over a white line for “sea,” and jumped in place for “air.” About 20 to 30 students were selected at random to compete, as classmates cheered them on.

Air Force veteran and VFW member Jessica Peris, who served six years, said programs like this one help students understand the meaning of service and sacrifice.

“Honoring our veterans is about more than a single day of recognition,” said Peris. “It’s about reminding our kids what service, sacrifice and commitment to something greater than yourself really means... As a military family, I’ve seen firsthand the quiet strength it takes to serve; not just for

those in uniform, but for the families who stand behind them...kids just like those in attendance today. When schools host ceremonies like this, it keeps that sense of gratitude alive in the next generation.”

Sophomore Patrick Wentworth said the program allowed him to reflect on his own family’s military history.

“I salute to honor those who have fallen and to honor my family’s legacy,” said Wentworth. “My grandpa and father were Navy. Because they fought for our country, I want to honor their service and influence.”

The event concluded with veterans in attendance being asked to stand as members of the school’s Leadership Club distributed goodie bags in appreciation. Students and staff applauded as the gym rose to thank the veterans for their service.

Community recognition for veterans continued beyond campus. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Mountain Mike’s Pizza at 1700 N. First St. hosted an all-day Dine & Donate fundraiser benefiting Dixon High School programs. In addition, Boy Scout Troop 152, Cub Scout Pack 253 and local families gathered at Silveyville Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 8 to place flags on veterans’ graves, with flag retrieval scheduled for Nov. 12 at 4 p.m.

The morning’s program served as a reminder of the community’s shared gratitude, uniting Dixon High School students, staff and residents in honoring those who have dedicated their lives to service. ★

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