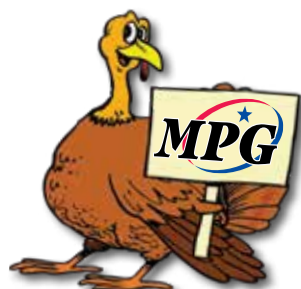




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## Girls' Flag Football Caps Undefeated Season Earns Third Straight GEL Title



The Dixon High School Girls' Flag Football team closed its season 20-0 overall and 14-0 in Golden Empire League play, securing its third consecutive league championship and extending a run that head coach Kirk Morris considers the product of a committed group of student-athletes. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Girls' Flag Football

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon High School girls' flag football team closed its season 20-0 overall and 14-0 in Golden Empire League play, securing its third consecutive league championship and extending a run that head coach Kirk Morris called the product of a committed group of student-athletes.

"Being 20-0 and to three-peat as league champion is no small feat," said Morris. "We have some pretty amazing flag football student-athletes that like to compete at the highest level and push each other to be one big family."

The Lady Rams advanced through their first postseason appearance



The Lady Rams advanced through their first-ever postseason appearance with a 50-0 win over Millennium High School on Oct. 28. Their season ended in the second round with a 37-13 loss to Sonora High School. According to Coach Morris, senior leadership was central to the team's success. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Girls' Flag Football

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According to Morris, the team's development this year included athletes who were new to the sport.

"Watching our student-athletes that have never touched the football, let alone played at a high level ... their growth over the season has been super fun to watch," said Morris. "Super proud of these young students."

Senior leadership was central to the team's success. The program's original players, seniors Emily Morris and Jordin Callen, completed their

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## Solano County Public Health Encourages Residents to Join the Great American Smokeout

By MPG Staff

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, is observing the Great American Smokeout, which falls Nov. 20. This nationwide annual awareness campaign encourages individuals, communities and organizations to quit smoking for at least a day, share support resources, amplify stories of recovery and unite in the fight against tobacco addiction.

Recent data shows a downward trend in lung cancer rates in Solano County, reaching 297.2 per 100,000 in 2023. Yet, tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of disease and death in the U.S., responsible for more than 480,000 deaths nationwide and taking the lives of approximately 40,000 Californians every year.

Smoking is linked to at least 12 types of cancers and about 90% of adults who smoke began before the age of 18, highlighting the impact of early use. Despite major declines in youth tobacco use over the past 20 years, more than two-million middle and high school students still use tobacco products, according to the 2024 National Youth Tobacco Survey.

Locally, efforts to track and share tobacco information continue. In 2024, adults aged 21 to 25 conducted the Local Adult Flavored Tobacco Purchase Survey in Solano County, making purchase attempts at 60 retailers. Results found that flavored tobacco products, mostly fruit-flavored vapes, were sold at 14 locations and were often visibly displayed.

"To protect our youth and most vulnerable populations, cities like Benicia and Vallejo have passed proven tobacco-control policies, including smoke-free multi-unit housing and outdoor dining laws," said Tracy Nachand, Project Director for the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) with Solano County Public Health. "Solano County voters also approved California Proposition 31 in November 2022, ending the sale of most flavored tobacco products."

Residents can get

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## December Events Bring Holiday Cheer

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - A full slate of holiday events is scheduled in Dixon and the surrounding area this December, featuring community performances, charitable drives, family activities and seasonal attractions.

Dixon Community Theater will open its holiday production, "Dixon's Great Big Little Christmas Show," with three performances Dec. 5 to 7 at the Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way. The Christmas cabaret comedy will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5, and at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7.

The Friday performance will include a special appearance by second- and third-grade students from Dixon Montessori Charter School. A North Pole Mailbox will be available at each show for children to send letters to Santa Claus.



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Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets are available through Dec. 3 at

dixoncommunitytheater.org but will also be sold at the door. Free entry to the Dec. 6 matinee is offered to patrons who bring a new,

unwrapped toy to donate to Dixon Family Services, limited to one admission per family. For more

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# December Events Bring Holiday Cheer

# Dixon News Briefs



The Rotary Club of Dixon will host its annual Pancakes with Santa breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 6 in the Dixon High School multipurpose room at 555 College Way. Admission is \$5, payable by cash or Venmo. Pets are not permitted. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4. This free in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Photo by Kendall Brown

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information, call 707-903-8387.

According to the theater, the show centers on two sisters who run a performing arts academy and attempt to stage their annual holiday revue. The performance includes local vocalists, junior groups and a mix of classic and contemporary Christmas music.

The Western Railway Museum, 5848 California 12 in Suisun City, will host its Holiday Lights Walk-Through and Santa Trains from Dec. 5 to 21, Fridays through Sundays.

The indoor Holiday Lights Walk-Through in Carhouse 3 is open from 10:30 a.m. to noon and features illuminated displays, decorated vintage railcars, craft activities and letter writing to Santa. Admission is \$16.88 for adults, \$11.63 for children ages 2 to 14, and \$9.53 for museum members.

Santa Trains will run hourly from noon to 5 p.m., with the museum open from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event includes a train ride, indoor light show and visits with Santa, who will give each attendee a golden bell. Tickets cost \$32.64 for adults, \$28.43 for children aged 2 to 14, \$29.49 for seniors 65 and older, \$22.13 for adult members and \$16.88 for child and senior members. Additional details are available at wrm.org or by calling 707-374-2978.

Dixon Rams Youth Cheer will hold a spaghetti feed fundraiser from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 12 at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. Proceeds support the Mighty Mite and Peeewe squads' trip to Nationals. Tickets cost \$20 per person or \$70 for a family four-pack and include

spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. The event will also feature raffle prizes and a cake walk. Tickets can be purchased with cash or through Venmo at @DixonYFC.

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Dixon's annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 13. Lineup begins at 4:30 p.m., with the parade starting at 5:30 p.m. Organizers report that the event will include food and toys, and coat donations will be collected for Dixon Family Services. The parade route will be announced soon. Additional information is available on the Dixon's annual Christmas Car Parade Facebook page or by calling 707-628-9771.

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is holding its second annual Giving Tree through Dec. 15 at 220 N. Jefferson St. Donations can be made in person from 8 to 11 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays or by Venmo. Beneficiaries include the Dixon High Rams Vault, Maine Prairie High Vault and the Anderson Nest. Ornament donations range from \$5 to \$100. A nonperishable food barrel provided by Cornerstone Church will also be available. More information is posted on the Chamber's Facebook page or available at 707-678-2650.

With Christmas and New Year's fast approaching, these events offer residents multiple opportunities to participate in seasonal traditions and support local organizations throughout the holiday season. ★



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By MPG Staff

## “Mommy or Daddy and Me” Cookie Class

Every Baking Moment is hosting a “Mommy or Daddy and Me” Thanksgiving Cookie Class at 10 a.m. Nov. 22. Held at the shop, 143 N. First St., the 90-minute session costs \$40 and includes all necessary supplies. Instructor Renee will lead the class, and space is limited.

To register, call or text 707-693-0112. For more information, visit everybakingmoment.com.

## Rugby Camps

Solano-Yolo Rugby Club is hosting two training camps Nov. 22 and Dec. 6. Held in Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Dr., the free camps will teach 3rd- to 12th-grade boys and girls the basics of rugby. No experience is necessary, but only kids and adolescents from Solano and Yolo counties are eligible. Organizers implore attendees to bring cleats and water. Camps are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 22 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 6.

For more information, visit solanoyouthrugby.com or email solanoyolorugbyclub@gmail.com.

## Dixon Girls Softball Registration

Dixon Girls Softball has opened registration for the Spring 2026 season. Early registration ended Oct. 31, but regular registration began Nov. 1 and lasts until Dec. 31. Regular registration costs \$225. Dixon Girls Softball is also looking for dedicated and enthusiastic coaches to join their 12U Travel and 10U Select teams for the upcoming season.

For more information or to register, visit dixongirlssoftball.com or email infor@dixongirlssoftball.com. Coaching applications are available on the Dixon Girls Softball Facebook page.

## A Magical Victorian Christmas

The City of Dixon, in partnership with the Downtown Dixon Business Association (DDBA), is hosting yuletide festivities in the downtown area from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6. The event will include a stationary parade of Christmas floats and tractors, a special appearance from Santa, live music, train rides, vendors and the tree lighting at 7 p.m. in Women's Improvement Park, 220 N. Jefferson St. Notably, First Street/CA 113 will be closed between East C Street to East Mayes throughout the event.

For more information, visit downtown-dixonca.com or call 707-678-8400.

## Veterans Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veterans Dinner at 6 p.m. Nov. 21. The dinner, held at The American Legion Veterans Hall, 1305 N. First St., offers an all-you-can-eat meal for \$12 per guest. Entrees include meatloaf, mashed potatoes

and green beans. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., but the bar opens at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook page or call 707-678-6308.

## Silveyville Tree Farm

Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm will open for the season at 9 a.m. Nov. 22. Located at 6248 Silveyville Road, the farm will open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday, closing Tuesdays and Thanksgiving Day.

For more information, visit silveyville-treefarm.com or call 707-678-1823.

## Festival of Trees

Kiwanis Club of Dixon is hosting the festival of trees from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 13. Held in Dixon High School's small gymnasium, 555 College Way, the event offers a festive atmosphere and the chance for Dixon, Solano and Yolo citizens and business owners to sponsor or decorate a tree to be displayed on the day of the event. Proceeds from the event go to Dixon High School's Rams Vault, as well as both the high school and middle school band programs. Tree decoration will be held from 1:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 12. The organization is also looking for donations of baked finger foods for the event.

For more information, visit the Kiwanis Club of Dixon, CA Facebook page or call 707-635-3303.

## Winter Coat Drive

Cornerstone Baptist Church of Dixon is hosting a winter coat giveaway from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 13. Hosted at the church, 185 W. Cherry St., organizers will be hosting a drive to gather donated coats from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7. Organizers are seeking both adult and kid coats, new or clean/gently used. If drop-off times don't work, donors are encouraged to call 707-678-5234.

For more information, visit cornerstoneindixon.com/events or contact office@cornerstoneindixon.com.

## Dixon Library Book Club

Dixon Library is hosting its monthly morning book club meeting from 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 11. The morning book club is a monthly, adult-oriented group that will be reading “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon. Coffee and tea will be provided for attendees, and the meeting itself will be in the library's front room, 230 N. First St.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

## Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4. This free in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-2650. ★

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# Girls' Flag Football Caps Undefeated Season

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third undefeated league season. Emily Morris, a captain and middle linebacker who also played quarterback, was named league MVP and is a three-time first-team all-league selection.

"She plays defense and offense at an extremely high level," said Morris. "Her lockdown defense and confidence makes everybody better around her."

Morris is committed to playing Division I softball at Saint Mary's College.

Callen, also a captain, anchored the defense as a cornerback and contributed as a wide receiver.

"Callen is our lockdown corner," said Morris. "She's been a constant figure of big games and huge catches. She is an amazing student-athlete who will most definitely be missed in our program."

First-year senior Yadira Mendoza joined the team after last year's school powderpuff game. Morris said she excelled immediately at center.

"She wanted to be a center, one of the hardest positions on the field, and she did an amazing job at her craft," said Morris. "She has most definitely set the bar for the future centers at Dixon High School."

Another senior, Azayla Puch, known by teammates as "Juice," served as a running back and defensive rusher.

Morris described Puch as one of the fastest athletes



Alongside new players, Kirk Morris credits the team's continued success to support families, cheerleaders and the school community. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Girls' Flag Football

in the area.

"She could take a one-yard gain and turn it into a 60-yard touchdown run," said Morris. "She has set the bar extremely high for Dixon High School sports."

Taresli Guzman, another senior on the team, was unfortunately incapable of competing during the season due to injury, but according to Morris, Guzman remained supportive of her teammates.

Morris said younger players benefited from practicing alongside veterans.

"My approach is always to include the younger players with the varsity team to help build confidence," said Morris. "Developing is all about confidence in your craft."

He also credited

families, cheerleaders and the school community for their support.

"Our fan base got to see some amazing plays and amazing games," said Morris.

Looking ahead, Morris said, the program will continue pursuing league titles.

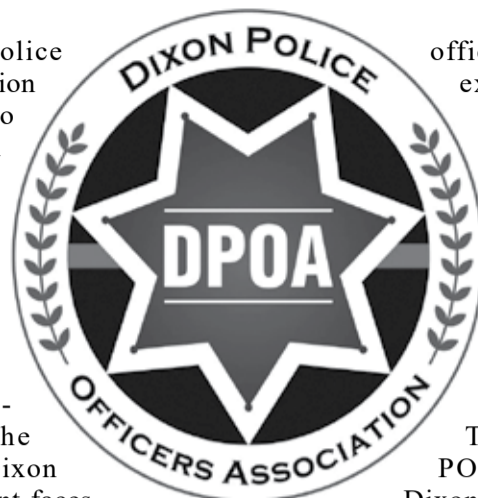
"Next year we're going to still reach for the stars," said Morris. "Four in a row would be something special."

Reflecting on the season, Morris said, "It was truly a magical run. The year was filled with spectacular plays, watching this group come together as one. Super proud of the whole entire program."

For more information, visit the Lady Rams Instagram page, @ladyramsflagfootball or call 707-693-6330. ★

# Thank You to the City from the Dixon Police Officers Association

The Dixon Police Officers Association would like to thank the Dixon City Council Members for the new contract that recently went into effect. This new contract shows a mutual understanding of the obstacles the Dixon Police Department faces in recruiting and retaining experienced Law Enforcement Officers. With this new contract, the Dixon POA looks forward to entering a new era, in which we continue to work hand in hand with the City Council of Dixon to keep Dixon safe, retain experienced and highly trained



officers, and recruit experienced officers from other agencies.

This new contract shows that above all else, the City of Dixon values its Police Officers and seeks to keep them in Dixon.

Together, the Dixon POA and City of Dixon are dedicated to keeping the level of service that the citizens of Dixon deserve.

Thank you, Mayor Bird and Council Members Hendershot, Johnson, Ernest, and Bogue, for this contract. We look forward to working hand in hand with you as the City of Dixon continues to grow.

# Public Health Encourages Residents to Join the Great American Smokeout

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involved with the Great American Smokeout by taking steps toward quitting smoking, whether on their own or with support from friends, family or structured programs. The event encourages individuals to make a plan, set a quit date and seek out tools that can help them succeed.

Participants are also urged to explore guides, helplines and online resources, including programs such as Kick It California, which offer cessation tools and personalized assistance. These services provide information, counseling and encouragement for people at any stage of their quit journey.

Creating a supportive environment is another key part of the Smokeout.

Supporters can help loved ones quit by offering encouragement, reducing triggers and celebrating progress. Sharing the stories of people who have successfully quit can also inspire others to take the first step.

Advocates can spread awareness about the dangers of smoking and the health benefits of quitting, helping communities understand the impact of tobacco use. Hosting workshops or community events is another way to promote smoking cessation and connect people with resources that can help them quit for good.

For more information or support with quitting, visit Smoking Cessation Resources on Solano County's website at solanocounty.gov. ★

# Fall Festival Brings Families to Dixon High School



Dixon Unified School District hosted its annual Fall Festival from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Dixon High School quad, 555 College Way, drawing students, families and community members for an evening of seasonal activities, performances and food. Photo courtesy of Isabella Quiniola/Dixon Unified School District

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Unified School District hosted its annual Fall Festival from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Dixon High School quad, 555 College Way, drawing students, families and community members for an evening of seasonal activities, performances and food.

The quad was transformed into an Apple Hill-themed setting, complete with autumn décor and a large welcome sign provided by Yard Love Dixon. Visitors moved through rows of booths and attractions operated by school clubs and organizations, with each game or activity costing \$1 to \$2.

Proceeds will support the groups that staffed them. Options included pumpkin bowling, pumpkin painting, face painting and a booth offering participants the chance to win a goldfish.

Live entertainment ran throughout the event. Performers included a local high school band, the Dixon Community Theater, Ramtown Karate and classes from Gretchen Higgins Elementary School. A deejay



One of the most popular draws at the annual Fall Festival was the dunk tank staffed by Dixon Unified educators and district leadership. Alongside several teachers, Board President Julian Cuevas (pictured) also participated. Photo courtesy of Isabella Quiniola/Dixon Unified School District

also played music during the festival, providing background sound as patrons visited activities and vendor stations.

One of the most popular draws was the dunk tank staffed by Dixon Unified educators and district leadership. Volunteers included Hannah Palchik, an English teacher at John Knight Middle School, Andrué Wright, a social science teacher at

Dixon High School and George Fountain, a physical education teacher at John Knight Middle School. Dixon Unified School District Board President Julian Cuevas also took a turn in the tank.

The event offered a variety of food options and fall-themed goods. Vendors sold Apple Hill-inspired treats, tamales, baked goods and items from local food



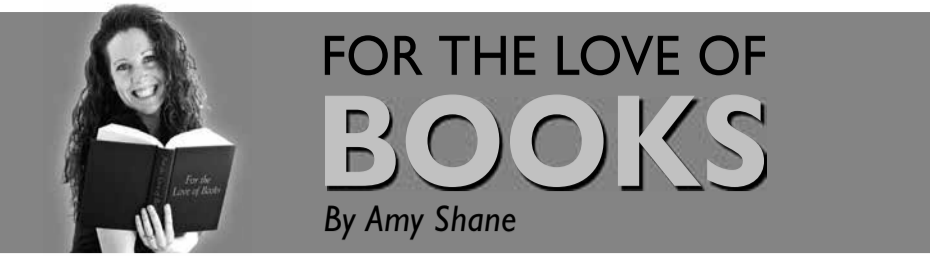
The annual Fall Festival event included several attractions, such as vendors, live music, wagon rides and a petting zoo. Photo courtesy of Isabella Quiniola/Dixon Unified School District

trucks. Craft booths featured handmade jewelry, woodwork, crochet pieces, wellness products and early holiday gifts.

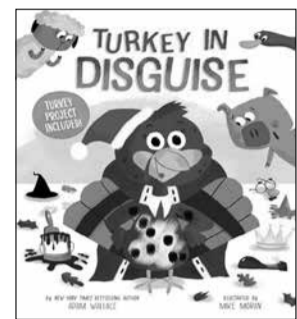
Additional attractions included a petting zoo and wagon rides. Families were able to view livestock from Dixon Future Farmers of America (FFA) and take wagon rides around the school grounds.

The event saw steady turnout and provided families an opportunity to connect with school programs and student organizations.

For more information on future Dixon Unified School District events, visit the Dixon Unified School District Facebook page or call 707-693-6300. ★



## Thanksgiving Books For Young Readers



### Turkey In Disguise

by Adam Wallace and Mike Moran;  
Silver Dolphin Books

Turkey was not excited for the annual November ball. While her friends were excited, Turkey needed a disguise to help her seem less “boring.” Turkey tried on every disguise she could think of, from a unicorn to a ninja to a zombie to a witch. She tried to be French and even a park bench, but nothing worked. Will Turkey ever find the right disguise, or will she learn that being who she really is matters most?

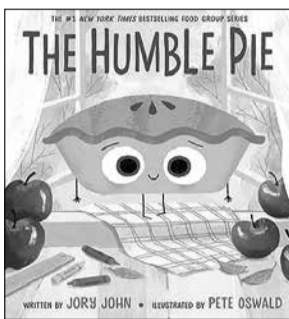
The hilarious rhyming story Turkey in Disguise is the perfect read-aloud for Teachers, classrooms, and at home. Highlighting the importance of being yourself. This book also carries its own Turkey in Disguise art project in the back of the book, where you can color and make your own disguises for Turkey to wear.

### The Humble Pie

by Jory John and Pete Oswald;  
Harper Collins

From the creator of the Bad Seed is the 8th book in the series, The Humble Pie. Humble Pie always goes with the flow and never gets in the way. He is there to help others in need, and always lets them take the spotlight. But when Humble Pie becomes lab partners with Jake the Cake, he suddenly is doing the project all by himself. Is it finally time for Humble to stand up for himself?

The Humble Pie is a remarkable story that is not only educational but also entertaining, fun, and engaging. It helps young readers be



strong and confident and stand up for themselves, all while being a wonderful reminder of how to champion for themselves.

### Cake vs Pie

by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen and Stephani Stilwell; Clarion Books

The competition is on! There can only be one favorite dessert, and it is between Pie and Cake. Cake is the one everyone celebrates, and Pie is so sweet that he is irresistible. When Cake first meets Pie, they become instant friends, but then Pie lets all the attention go to his head. Then Cake quickly started to feel deserted by all his friends. When Cake tried to work things out with his friend Pie, a fight broke out — a food fight. All too quickly, food was flying, and it was at that moment that Cake and Pie knew what they had to do - Rise together.

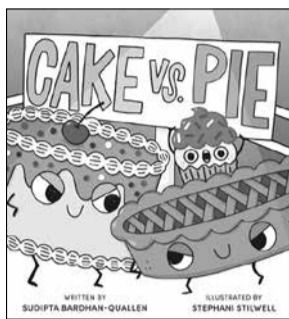
Cake vs Pie is the standout book featuring friendship, jealousy, and finding where one belongs. This book is a fun foodie book that explores the many facets of friendship and what happens when things go awry.

### Turkeys in Disguise

by Cynthia Platt and Josh Cleland;  
Harper Collins

Oh no, it's Thanksgiving, and turkey is on the menu. Can these clever kids help disguise the turkeys so they don't get eaten?

Children will giggle in delight with Turkeys in Disguise. This hilarious book is a feast for imagination, filled with humor and creativity as it is a book all about hiding the main course. ★



## Riley Reviews

“LAW & ORDER TORONTO” ON CW;  
“NOW YOU SEE ME” MAGICAL CRIME

A Film and TV Review  
by Tim Riley

### “LAW & ORDER TORONTO: CRIMINAL INTENT” ON CW NETWORK

No matter where the “Law & Order” franchise lands, even in Canada, the one familiar constant is the voice of the narrator that should trigger memories of other iterations.

Indeed, for the opening narration of “Law & Order Toronto: Criminal Intent,” a Canadian production based on the American franchise created by Dick Wolf, the voice of Steven Kirnkilton remains instantly recognizable.

“In Toronto’s war on crime, the worst offenders are pursued by the detectives of the Specialized Criminal Investigations Unit. These are their stories,” intones the narrator, whose imposing tone suggests a satisfying police procedural is on offer.

The good news is that the Canadian series is now running on the CW Network, beginning with the first season that has already been eclipsed by the second season enjoyed by our neighbors to the north.

The cast is primarily Canadian, with the notable exception of British-born actress Karen Robinson in one of the key roles as Inspector Vivienne Holness, to whom the two main detectives report their ongoing investigations.

Like the original, starring detectives in the New York-based “Law & Order: Criminal Intent” portrayed by Vincent D’Onofrio and Kathryn Erbe, Aden Young and Kathleen Munroe make a great team as Detective Sergeants Henry Graff and Frankie Bateman, respectively.

The fourth central character, Deputy Crown Attorney Theo Forrester (K.C. Collins), brings authenticity to the role that in the United States would be that of an Assistant District Attorney.

Showing great promise for the series, the first episode focuses on shady crypto investor Daniel (Ali Kazmi), recently married to trophy wife Sophie (Amber Goldfarb), entertaining clients on his private yacht, only to fall off the side of his boat and later be found washed ashore.

Working together with good chemistry, Detectives Graff and Bateman start their probe into the mysterious death, unearthing the possibility that Daniel stole hundreds of millions of client money, leaving Sophie in a precarious spot when she becomes the victim of a hit-and-run accident that is hardly coincidental.

Graff and Bateman play off each other nicely, with the former proving to be quirky with his endless knowledge of art, literature, and cultural issues, while the latter is more balanced and direct in questioning.

That Graff has infinite familiarity with

fine art is amusing when, during a visit to Sophie’s home, he informs her that a painting hanging upside-down is by a French artist no one has probably heard of.

The fan base for “Law & Order” series is so strong that it may come as a surprise if the Canadian version fails to get traction in the United States. The “Toronto” edition merits more than a look; it’s a winner that should run for many seasons.

“NOW YOU SEE ME: NOW YOU DON’T” Rated PG-13

A dozen years have passed since the original “Now You See Me” brought a team of illusionists known as the Four Horsemen working their magic to commit heists during a performance, drawing the attention of an FBI agent and Interpol detective.

My memory has faded on the 2013 film and its first sequel only three years later. The Four Horsemen are a little older now, but maybe not much wiser, since they cannot resist their Robin Hood impulse to fleece the well-connected.

The group leader is J. Daniel Atlas (Jesse Eisenberg), backed up by the exuberant card shark Jack Wilder (Dave Franco) and Isla Fisher’s Henley Reeves, an escape artist who returns after an absence during the second film.

Woody Harrelson’s Merritt McKinney, a mentalist who appears to be either stoned or missing a few cells, is back. Rounding out the gang is Lizzy Caplan’s Lula, and thus, unless it’s magician’s misdirection, it looks like the group is really the Five Horsemen.

Well, no matter, because the group expands with a younger generation of three social activist illusionists. Feisty June (Ariana Greenblatt), Bosco (Dominic Sessa), and Charlie (Justice Smith), draw attention for their antics at a show to swindle and redistribute an obnoxious crypto huckster’s bank accounts.

When the Gen-Z magicians team up with the Horsemen, the action gets rolling with a grand design to heist a diamond larger than a baseball from the wicked Veronika Vanderberg (Rosamund Pike), a rapacious, unctuous diamond heir from South Africa.

A true villain, Veronika partners with drug traffickers and war criminals to launder money for their criminal enterprises. Naturally, the group can’t resist the challenge of stealing what is most precious, to say nothing of boosting one of her race cars for a high-speed joyride.

The biggest mystery of this third “Now You See Me” is what possessed the creative team to generate another sequel after nearly a decade. Was there a push from a fanbase to unleash a budding franchise? If a fourth film is forthcoming, maybe the answer was in the affirmative.

“Now You See 3” does have its moment of awe and excitement, but it may prove to be forgettable as early as the next day. ★

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



## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Tuesday, November 11

0849 Vandalism report in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

2018 A coroner’s case was taken in the 400 block of La Esperanza Drive.

### Monday, November 10

0741 Report of a vehicle burglary in the 200 block of West Walnut Street resulted in the arrest Oscar Orozco of Dixon for burglary. He was taken to county jail.

0911 Fraud report taken in the 700 block of Evans Road.

0918 Fraud report taken in the 400 block of West D Street.

1010 Found property turned in at the Police Department.

1521 Gasoline theft reported in the 1500 block of North Lincoln Street. The Reporting Party reported that someone drilled into their vans gas tank and drained out all of the gasoline.

### Sunday, November 9

0914 Samuel Sverlow (31) of Dixon was contacted in the 1400 block of Ary Lane and arrested for drug paraphernalia.

1006 burglary of a business in the 300 block of Industrial Way.

1201 Juan Castillo-Delgado (30) of Dixon was contacted in the area of North First Street & Regency Parkway and arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

1826 An informational report was taken in the 1000 block of Vaughn Road.

1930 An informational report was taken in the 200 block of East Broadway Street.

### Saturday, November 8

1056 Court order violation in the 2200 block of Mourning Dove Drive.

1758 A fraud report was taken in the 1400 block of Bello Drive.

2142 A theft arrest report was taken in the 1400 block of Roosevelt Street. Two juveniles were contacted and arrested. They were cited and released to their parents.

0221 A court violation report was taken in the 500 block of Rossi Drive.

### Friday, November 7

0848 Three vehicles were towed in the 600 block of Rossi Drive for parking violations.

1316 Agency assist with the fire department in the 100 block of Heritage Lane. A mental health hold and an APS report were taken.

0219 2800.2 CVC, Felony Evading, 23152 (a/b) CVC, DUI on I-80 West & Midway Road off ramp. Suspect Nathaniel Leighton (26-year-old, out of Vacaville) was arrested and booked into Solano County Jail.

### Thursday, November 6

0128 Warrant arrest in the 2500 block of Plaza Court. Suspect Jose Carranza-Chavez (49-year-old, out of Vacaville) was contacted and found to have a warrant out of Napa County.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

0233 5150 W&I, Mental Health Hold in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

### Tuesday, November 4

0730 Citizen Contact Auction Lane. Norma Cuyun (51) of Dixon was arrested for an outstanding bench warrant and booked into the Solano County Jail.

0933 Traffic Stop East A Street at Pedrick Road. Martin Quijano (39) of Dixon was arrested for an outstanding bench warrant and booked into the Solano County Jail.

1245 Found property report at Dixon Police Department.

1621- A battery report was taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

1656 A child abuse arrest report was taken in the 400 block of South Adams Street. Officers contacted (S) Isidro Cortez-Bueno (40) of Dixon. Isidro was later arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

2229 A public intoxication arrest report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane. Officers contacted (S) Paula Lorraine Iveyweinberg (57) of Dixon. Iveyweinberg was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

### Monday, November 3

1117 Vandalism 2500 block Plaza Court.

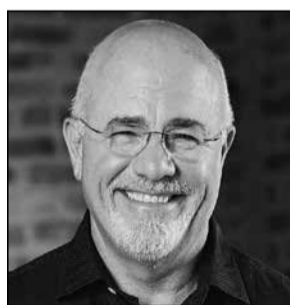
1233 Confidential Report 500 block College Way.

1412 Threats report 300 block East A Street.

0035 An informational report was taken in the 1300 block of West H. Street.

### Sunday, November 2

1329 Assault/battery incident in the 200 block of Dorset Court.



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My girlfriend and I have been dating seriously for a little over a year. We’re both 28, and I know I love her, but there’s something that worries me. She’s very smart, but at the same time, she’s not very responsible with money. I know that no one is perfect, but sometimes she’ll get behind on her bills in order to do things like buy clothes or go to concerts. How should I approach talking to her and explaining my concern about this? I’d like to ask her to marry me sometime next year.

– Lincoln

Dear Lincoln,

Congratulations on finding the lady you want to marry! I’m also glad you’re looking at things from a mature point of view where the future is concerned.

Dating is fun. And marriage is wonderful, when you’ve found the right person to spend your life

## Dave Ramsey Says Lack of Knowledge, Immaturity or Worse?

with. But there’s something I want you to keep in mind. In a marriage, real life shows up in a hurry. That’s why it’s so important that couples be on the same page when it comes to their lives together, their hopes and dreams—and their finances. Unexpected things can arise that make life hard, even when you’re with someone you love.

If I were you, I’d move slowly and see if she starts showing some signs of getting her spending under control. To be honest, her financial behavior is pretty immature right now. Sometimes when folks act this way, it’s just a phase. Or, it’s a case where they weren’t taught how to properly manage money when they were younger.

If this is the case here, I’d recommend talking to her about it gently, explaining your concern and maybe introducing her to the idea of living on a monthly budget. If you’re already doing this, it would be the perfect opportunity to demonstrate how it works for you, and how it would make han-

dling finances as a couple easier in the future. That way, once she understands the process—and the value of having a plan for spending money on paper before the month begins—it will be easier for her to stick to it.

But if it doesn’t work, and this way of living turns out to be a character flaw, I promise you it will cause issues later on. And those issues will begin to cloud every other aspect of your relationship.

Best of luck, Lincoln. God bless you both!

– 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 Montessori Among Top Schools in Solano County

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Education has released its annual California School Dashboard, and Dixon Montessori Charter School (DMCS) is proud of its most recent accomplishment: earning green or higher ratings in every category. It is one of four schools in Solano County to do so.

The California School Dashboard, available at [caschooldashboard.org](http://caschooldashboard.org), is the state's official accountability and improvement system for public schools. It measures more than just test scores, it tracks growth, equity, attendance and school climate across all student groups.

"California's accountability system rewards schools that are improving, not just performing," said Ben Ernest, Executive Director of Dixon Montessori Charter School. "Dixon Montessori isn't just keeping up, we're leading."

There are more than 100 public schools in Solano County. Dixon Montessori stands alongside Matthew Turner Elementary (Benicia), Virtual Academy (Fairfield) and Buckingham Collegiate Charter High School (Vacaville) in achieving top-tier



Dixon Montessori Charter School, 355 N. Almond St., has announced that it continues to outperform state averages in both reading and math, underscoring its ongoing commitment to academic excellence and whole-child education. Photo by Debra Dingman

results.

The 2025 Dashboard shows notable improvement in several key areas. The school earned a blue rating in chronic absenteeism, improving by 1.6% from last year. It also received a green rating in its suspension rate, reflecting a 0.7% improvement.

Student achievement indicators also trended upward. English language arts scores improved by 4.6 points, while mathematics saw a significant gain of 11.3 points. Science performance remained steady, earning another green rating.

Dixon Montessori Charter

School also met or exceeded standards in several state priority areas, including parent engagement, implementation of academic standards, access to a broad course of study, and local climate.

"These results reflect more than data," said Ernest. "They

show the dedication of our teachers and the hard work of our students."

The school uses a unique blend of Montessori philosophy, Project-Based Learning (PBL) and California State Standards to create a joyful learning environment where students thrive both academically and socially.

"If you take a tour of DMCS, you'll see students who are engaged. They might be building projects, giving a speech or working on Montessori jobs," added Ernest. "Their hands-on work gives them confidence, and that's the real measure of success."

Founded in 2005, Dixon Montessori Charter School is a tuition-free, public charter school serving students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade. Dixon Montessori Charter School combines Montessori principles, project-based learning and state standards to cultivate life-long learners. The school is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and authorized by the Dixon Unified School District.

For more information, visit [dixonmontessori.org](http://dixonmontessori.org) or [caschooldashboard.org](http://caschooldashboard.org). ★

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001535  
The following persons are doing business as: Neighborhood Christian School, 955 E A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Noral Christian Schools Inc, 955 E A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Date filed in Solano County: October 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 1979  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 16, 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.)  
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025  
NORCAL 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001550  
The following persons are doing business as: Tally Ho Bookkeeping Services, 360 Ostergard Aly, Dixon, CA 95620. Derolyn Rene Ostergard, 360 Ostergard Aly, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: October 21, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 20, 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.)  
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025  
TALLY 11-21-25

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.)  
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025  
LITTLE 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001464  
The following persons are doing business as: Legacy Creative Productions, 225 Fair Oaks Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688. Legacy Creative Productions LLC, 225 Fair Oaks 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.)  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
LEGACY 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001636  
The following persons are doing business as: Dar Construction, 226 Essex Way, Benicia, CA 94510. Radostin Ilyev and Dimitar Skulev, 226 Essex Way, Benicia, CA 94510.  
Date filed in Solano County: November 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 9, 2010  
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. 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 November 11, 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.)  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
DAR 12-12-25

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Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
DAR 12-12-25

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  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
HERRERA 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 #CU25-09592  
James Matthew Gonzales-Harris filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: James Matthew Gonzales-Harris to James Matthew Harris  
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HERRERA 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 #CU25-09592  
James Matthew Gonzales-Harris filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: James Matthew Gonzales-Harris to James Matthew Harris  
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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  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 2025  
NAGLE 11-21-25

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### LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will conduct a Lien Sale Auction on December 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM. This is authorized by Division 8, Chapter 10 of the California Business and Professions Code. CASH ONLY. All items must be removed from the property immediately after sale.

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1410 REGENCY PKWY  
DIXON, CA 95620-4500

UNIT A064- FALLON THOMAS- holiday decor, tv, shop fan, hats, bedding, clothes, laundry basket, misc, box and bins of household items, duffie bag, laptop plastics bins of shoes, sleeping bag.  
Bond # 0342850 Dixon Independent Voice 11-21, 11-28, 2025

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

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

**PROJECT:** Adoption of 2025 California Building Standards Code – Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council will consider an Ordinance to incorporate the adoption By reference the 2025 California Building Standards Code with local amendments, Adding Chapter 16.20 (Wildland-Urban Interface Code) and Amending Chapter 16.13 (Dixon Emergency Hazard and Placard System), and applicable sections of Title 16 (Building And Construction), of the Dixon Municipal Code. The State of California adopts a set of new construction codes every three years, referred to as the California Building Standards Codes (Title 24). The purpose of this public hearing is to adopt the 2025 California Building Standards Code, which automatically becomes effective January 1, 2026.

*This adoption of the Building and Fire Codes and Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15061(b) (3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3), 'general rule' provision).*

**HEARING DATE & LOCATION:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988-621-1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Larry Paisely, Chief Building Official at (707) 678-7000 x1113 or [lpaisley@cityofdixon.ca.gov](mailto:lpaisley@cityofdixon.ca.gov) or Randy Schafer, Acting Fire Chief at (707) 678-7060 x2106 or [rshafer@dixonfireca.gov](mailto:rshafer@dixonfireca.gov). Copies of the primary code and the secondary codes being considered for adoption, are on file with the City Clerk, and are open to public inspection. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN:** All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing, in person or remotely, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed item. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the matter. This hearing will waive full reading of the Ordinance and accept public testimony. The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

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

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

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

*Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

MY WIFE AND I ARE ALWAYS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT...

...THAT I'M WRONG!!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**POPEYE**  
BY SUNDY HIRSHLUND

THE GOD OUR ANCESTORS CONDEMNED US TO TRIED TO EAT US, NOW HE'S GONE, ALL WE'VE KNOWN IS SERVING HIM, NOW WHAT?

I HEAR THERE'S A CULT THE COUNTY OVER LOOKIN' FOR NEW RECRUITS.

YOU ELEVATE NOT LEARNING LESSONS TO A SUPERPOWER.

THERE YA BOTH ARE!

THANKS FER COMIN' T GOT US, BILL!

YOU'RE THE BEST!

PARDON ME, BEFORE YOU TWO GO, WE WANT TO APOLOGIZE.

WE SHOULD HAVE NEVER USED MAGIC TO WRECK YOUR SHIP BUT WE WERE DESPERATE TO END THE CURSE, STILL, IT WAS WRONG.

YOU CAUSED THE WRECK?!

I KIN'T PRETEN' I AINTSK MAD, YA ENDANGERED ME OLIVE, BUT YA FELT TRAPPED, AN I BELIEVES IN FERGIVENESS.

SO I HOPES YA KIN FERGIVE ME FER NOT BEIN' ABLE T'STOP NOT'S 'BOUT THAPPEN.

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

REALITY HASN'T HIT HIM YET.

I GUESS HE THINKS KARMA IS REAL.

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

SON, I HOPE WHEN YOU GET BIG YOU FIND A CAREER YOU ENJOY AS MUCH AS I DO FARMING.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, "FIND A JOB YOU LOVE AND YOU'LL NEVER WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE."

BUT I'VE HEARD YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT GETTING UP AT DAWN AND YOUR BACK ALWAYS HURTING?

YEAH, WELL IT'S A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Club is different. 2. Man has less hair. 3. Cap is different. 4. Nose is different. 5. Shoe is different. 6. Golf bag strap is different.

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

FLAG ON THE PLAY! PASS INTERFERENCE ON UNCLE BILL...

I CHALLENGE THE CALL...

YOU'RE OUT OF CHALLENGES, BILL

NFL REFS AT THANKSGIVING DINNER

## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

AFTER YOU CHECK IN HOME, HUGO

C'MON OVER AND WE'LL DO OUR HOMEWORK AND THEN WATCH TV

START WITH MATH?

I HATE MATH

SOCIAL STUDIES? WE CAN DO THAT ON THE BUS TO SCHOOL

SCIENCE? DURING SUPPER

ENGLISH? DO THAT DURING STUDY PERIOD

SPELLING? DO IT BEFORE BREAKFAST

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## GRIN & BEAR IT

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

WHAT WOULD I GIVE FOR A NICE WINDY DAY IN THE DIRECTION OF MY NEIGHBOR. IT WOULD REALLY CUT OUT THE MIDDLEMAN.

"Halftime is quality time, son!"

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**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- Type of haircut, pl.
- Tiny helper
- \*What rain does in famous nursery rhyme
- What accomplices do
- Ring like a bell
- Sign of life
- Lascivious look
- Pretentiously artistic
- Tiny island
- \*Bring her back! (2 words)
- Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
- Inmate with life sentence
- \*One for Sorrow (Two for...)
- Melville's "Pequod," e.g.
- More fancy
- Request for tailor
- Encoded message
- Land measure
- Omit
- \*Hush-a-bye, baby, still
- Take a base
- Hokkaido native
- Veal serving
- Beehive State native
- What Cupid did (2 words)
- \*Tip me over!
- Lt.'s inferior
- Plant louse
- \*Pay as you earn" tax system
- \*How do your ears wobble? (3 words)
- Sacha Cohen's middle name
- Render speechless
- Medley
- Apathetic
- Not tanned
- Nearly
- Bird's groomer
- It's open to interpretation
- #57 Down, pl.

**DOWN**

- It's soothing
- Do as directed
- British Broadcasting Corporation, colloquially
- Take a leisurely walk
- Chill-inducing
- Procrastinator's word
- \*What the old lady swallowed
- \*She's been to London to visit the Queen
- Paelia pot
- ...friendly
- Expose to moisture
- One way to cook fish
- Mountain climber's spike
- Brother's daughter
- \*Who stole the cookie from the cookie...?
- Semolina source
- Sunny prefix
- Kind of acid
- Perceive by touch
- Frost over (2 words)
- One of the Muses
- Find new tenant
- \*What Jack Horner pulled out
- Not miss
- \*...of..., he had ten thousand men
- Beer garden mug
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- With regard to, archaic
- Software plug-ins
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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](http://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](http://www.dixonveterans.org/Legion).

**Anderson PTO** – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email [andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com](mailto: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@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:fivedages@sbcbglobal.net) or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, [jameskfuller@yahoo.com](mailto:jameskfuller@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](mailto:scoutmaster@troop-152dixon.com) for more information. Check us out on the web @ [troop-152dixon.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.downtowndixonca.com), email [DDROAC@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org). Email [dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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/second 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:pres.nsdcc@gmail.com). Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

### Farmers Plant Less Cotton in Face of Stagnant Market

With cotton prices around the world continuing to stagnate, California growers planted fewer acres this year than almost any time in the past century. "Upland cotton is at 85 to 90 cents a pound right now. That's the same darn price as when I started 30 years ago," said Roger Isom, CEO of the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association. "It's tough out there for our farmers." California farmers planted 91,000 acres of pima cotton and 15,968 acres of upland cotton this year—a 38% drop in pima but a 30% increase in upland from 2024, the CCGGA reported. Overall, cotton acreage declined 33%. Kings County continued to lead in plantings, with 47,753 of the state's 106,968 acres. "Quality is great, but the demand is down," Merced County farmer Jeff Mancebo said.

### Natural Wine Trend Revives Old-Fashioned Methods

A cadre of California grape growers and winemakers crafts wine as it was made hundreds if not thousands of years ago. No filtering, no fining, no additives. Just grapes, wild yeast, a barrel and time. Darek Trowbridge of Old World Winery in Sonoma County farms biodynamically—an organic practice that treats the vineyard as a living system. To make his

natural wines, Trowbridge uses a practice called head training, which allows vines to grow freely from the trunk without a trellis. He also mows rather than tills the soil and spreads composted mulch of his own design at the base of the vines to conserve water, boost nutrients and increase yield. "This is a beautiful way to grow a vine on its own," he said. "Just let it be. Let it do its thing, organically. And it works."

### California Aquaculture Producers Prepare for Holiday Season

California aquaculture producers are getting ready for a busy holiday season, when demand typically rises for freshwater fish and seafood. "Aquaculture producers across California are consistently supplying high-quality seafood and recreational fish. This is especially true during the busy holiday season, as many growers provide products for special occasions and family gatherings," Butte County aquaculture producer and consultant Tony Vaught told Ag Alert® in a field report. The state produces a diverse range of freshwater fish, including tilapia, channel catfish, trout and steelhead, as well as saltwater fish, oysters, clams and mussels. California also produces most of the nation's caviar from sturgeon farms. "Demand for these products remains strong due to reduced wild catches and increasing global seafood consumption," Vaught said. ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



November 5 seems like a long time ago, but that's the last time the Sacramento Kings won a basketball game. Since then, it has been a string of defeats that now registers six with an average deficit of 20 points per defeat.

When things are going this badly, it's important to look for a lifeline. A sliver of hope or a whisp of sunlight on a dreary day.

Fans are looking forward to the return of 4th year man Keegan Murray to help right the ship.

While Keegan has not ascended to the level of an all-star, Keegan has made definite strides in particular with regards to his defensive presence and his rebounding.

Domantas Sabonis is off to a slow start due to injuries and is still ranked 4th in the NBA in rebounding, but he needs some help. Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise coming off the bench and keeping the Kings in games, but Jonas Valanciunas has been sorely missed.

Gone are the days when the celebrated big man would come off the bench and give the Kings perhaps the best one-two punch in basketball.

Fans will forever scratch their heads and ask the question why, as the Kings allowed Valanciunas to walk out the back door and sign with the Denver Nuggets. Not surprisingly, the Nuggets are in the top 10 in rebounding while the Kings rank 25th in the league.

But the conundrum is not just the lack of rebounding or even the lack of talent on this Sacramento team. It resides in their inability to work together as a team and play up to their individual ability. Cohesive they are not, and sadly the answer at point guard in Dennis Schrader has been a bust when he's in the starting lineup.

Head coach Doug Christie sent Schrader to the bench when his contribution became almost nonexistent, and surprisingly Dennis responded when 2 stellar games in a row.

Yes, there is talent on this team, but knowing how to place the talent so the team begins to flow has been a mystery.

Ten games back with a 3-11 start is far from what the Kings franchise had

expected, and it has prompted pundits and fans alike to begin calling for a complete rebuilding of the team.

What that represents to Kings fans is the likelihood that your favorite player may soon be playing for another franchise, and it's a hard pill to swallow.

For me, over the course of just one year, I saw Davion Mitchell, DeAaron Fox, Trey Lyles, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones all cast to the winds, and I believe the Kings would be a much better team with a much better record if they had all 5 of these players back.

Bad decisions simply must stop. Some were made from the Monte McNair administration, but some are from current brain trust with Scott Perry at the helm. Make no mistake about it, Vivek Ranadive has had his hand in many if not all the player fax paus, and if things are going to change for the better, the owner must start letting the GM and coaches have some level of autonomy.

But fans are buying tickets and going to games with expectations. How can the players and coaches turn humbling defeats into victories.

Coaches must start analyzing the talent on this team and putting them in positions to win. That means using the strengths of every player and giving him the opportunity to use those strengths.

The Kings have a player under a guaranteed contract that has played in one game for limited minutes by the name of Doug McDermott. McDermott has a reputation for sinking 3's with great consistency but he has all but been forgotten.

Yes, there are bigger fish to fry than this example, but it starts with the coaching, and getting a maximum effort out of every player every night. Fans need to see that the players care as much as they do.

This team can still win games and even back-to-back games. Let's keep rooting for this squad and see if we can make some noise.

Don't lose heart Kings fans. These players are our extended family, and we need to treat them that way!

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

# Ask DR. UNIVERSE

## Dr. Universe: Why did they Invent Paper?

- Sofia, 9, Florida

Dear Sofia,

Every week my column gets printed on paper. Sometimes I use paper to dry my paws. Or clean up after I use the litterbox.

I asked my friend Xuyi Wang who invented paper—and why. He studies Chinese history at Washington State University.

He told me that paper as we know it was invented in ancient China. Paper made it easier to wrap things up and write things down.

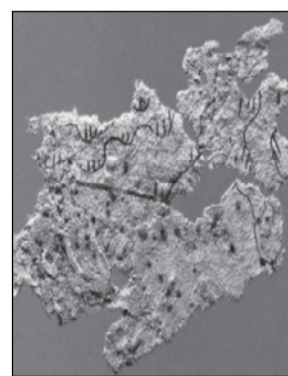
“Papermaking is one of the most significant inventions because paper does so many things,” Wang said. “People kept refining it and making different kinds of paper.”

The earliest paper fragments we have are from the 2nd century BCE. They include bits of map and paper used to wrap expensive objects.

Before that, people all over the world used different things in place of paper. They wrote on animal bones, clay tablets or metal plates. They scribbled on strips of bamboo or bark. They even used silk fabric or sheets of animal skin.

But those materials were bulky or expensive. Imagine carrying around a book inscribed on bones or metal plates. A bundle of silk would be easy to move, but it cost lots of money.

Paper solved those problems. It's light and



This is the oldest known piece of paper. It was found by archaeologists at a burial site in China in 1986. It dates to the 2nd century BCE. That's between 200 BCE and 100 BCE. (The years count down to 1 BCE then start counting up at 1 CE until we get to the year we're in now.) Courtesy photo



This stamp shows the court official who presented papermaking to the emperor. His name is Cai Lun. His improvements made papermaking practical. He added old rags and fishnets to the bark and hemp mush to make the paper cheaper and sturdier. Courtesy photo

foldable. It's less expensive to produce. To make a little silk, people must raise thousands of silk-making moths. They grow tons of mulberry trees to feed them. Then they spin that silk into fabric.

Papermakers used bits of plant material like hemp and bamboo. They mashed

it up with water to make a paste. Then they spread it on a mold and let it dry. It was skilled work—but not like spinning silk.

Wang told me paper really took off because of what was happening in China at that time.

“One of the biggest reasons papermaking was popularized was the government's need for writing,” Wang said. “They badly needed something cheaper, lighter and more portable.”

It was the Han Dynasty, which is also called the golden age of Chinese history—because so many important things happened then.

Running a prosperous empire means keeping lots of records.

This was also the time when the Buddhist religion came to China. They needed a good way to copy a bunch of religious texts.

Once papermaking took off, people used the new tech for all kinds of things. They shared it with people all over the world. There's even evidence people used it for toilet paper back then.

History is real people solving real problems. Like running a government, shipping and storing valuable objects and managing personal hygiene.

After that, paper was really on a roll.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Universe

# California is a High-Tax State

Are More Taxes Balm for Its Budget Deficits?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has long had the reputation — backed by copious data — of being a high-tax state, which made Gov. Gavin Newsom's declaration last June, in a prerecorded State of the State address, a bit startling.

“Here's the truth Republicans never tell you: California is not a high-tax state,” Newsom said.

Later he clarified his assertion, saying California's taxes on low-income residents are relatively lower than those in red states.

“Catering to big business and the rich is also why red states tax their lowest earners far more than California does. They punish you when you're struggling, but give you a free pass when you're wealthy,” the governor said.

There's some truth to that. California's very progressive income tax system, with the nation's highest marginal rate of 13.3%, makes its state budget highly dependent on taxing incomes of its wealthiest residents, while those in low- and moderate-income brackets pay little or no income taxes.

Nevertheless, taxes imposed by state and local governments put California in the highest ranks of the 50 states, not only in total — more than \$400 billion a year from all sources — but in per capita terms

— more than \$10,000 each — and as a percentage of its \$3.6 trillion in total personal income.

The Washington-based Tax Foundation ranks Californians' state and local tax burden 48th, one of the highest in the nation, out-taxed only by New York and New Jersey.

“California combines high tax rates with an uncompetitive tax structure, yielding one of the worst rankings on the Index,” the Tax Foundation says.

The state's \$322 billion 2025-26 budget counts on \$297 billion from about a dozen different taxes, while cities, counties, school districts and other local agencies take in another \$100 billion or so, primarily from property taxes and local shares of the sales tax.

The budget anticipates \$207 billion in general fund revenues. So far revenue is running a bit ahead, but general fund spending is budgeted at \$226 billion. Maneuvers to cover the gap include shifting \$7.1 billion from emergency reserves, pushing the June 2026 state payroll into the following fiscal year and tapping special funds for loans.

State budget experts call it a “structural deficit” that will continue indefinitely in the absence of either sharp spending reductions or tax increases.

There's little appetite for the former in a Legislature dominated by Democrats but some support for the latter. The California Taxpayers Association recently reported that legislators proposed more than \$16 billion in new taxes and fees during the recently concluded 2025 session.

The battle over taxes

appears to be headed for the 2026 ballot, with two pro-taxation measures being pushed by public employee unions and other left-leaning groups and one that would create a new hurdle for local tax increases.

One proposal, backed by the California Teachers Association, would make permanent a temporary tax increase on high-income Californians, first approved in 2012 to close a budget deficit and later extended to 2030 via a ballot measure. All of its revenue, as much as \$15 billion a year, would go to K-12 schools and community colleges.

A second measure, sponsored mainly by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, would impose a one-time 5% tax on the wealth of California's billionaires, raising about \$100 billion, which would be spent at the rate of \$25 billion a year to cover the state's structural deficit and prop up health care services.

The third, sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, would overturn a state Supreme Court ruling and re-impose a two-thirds voter approval requirement on all proposed local taxes designated for particular purposes.

California is a blue state with relatively high taxes now. Do voters want to add more or make it difficult to add more?

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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# Upcoming Events Planned at Dixon Library

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Library is hosting a variety of programs and activities over the coming weeks, offering opportunities for children, teens and adults to engage in seasonal crafts, learning and community events.

The week of Nov. 21 begins with Afternoon Adventures: No Bake Pumpkin Pie from 2 to 3 p.m. Nov. 21. Participants can create a festive, hands-on pumpkin pie, a seasonal treat designed to be simple and enjoyable for all ages.

On Nov. 22, the Peña Adobe Historical Society will host a workshop from 10 to 11 a.m., teaching attendees how to create corn husk dolls and shell necklaces using traditional Native American pump drills. Docents and a fifth-generation Peña descendant will provide historical and cultural context during the activity.

Read to a Dog returns from 3 to 4 p.m. Nov. 24, providing children ages 5 to 12 the opportunity to read aloud to certified therapy dogs. The program offers a relaxed, non-judgmental environment aimed at improving reading fluency and building positive reading experiences. The program will continue every Monday through December.

Family-focused programs include Family Storytime, scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 25, featuring stories and activities appropriate for children of all ages. That afternoon, teens and tweens aged 10 to 18 can participate in Nintendo Switch Gamedays from 3:30 to 5 p.m., enjoying the library's gaming console in an after-school setting. Concurrently, adults can join Fall-Themed Coasters from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to create seasonal coasters. Registration is required and materials are provided.

Bilingual Storytime is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 26, providing stories, music and movement for children aged newborn to 5 years old. The library will close Nov. 27 to Nov. 30 for Thanksgiving and Black Friday.

Programs resume in December with Kids Homework Help from 4 to 5 p.m. Dec. 1, offering free after-school assistance for students in kindergarten through sixth-grade, courtesy of the Dixon High School Key Club.

The library will also host a Week-Long Wrapping Paper Exchange from Dec. 8 to Dec. 12. Patrons can exchange new or lightly-used wrapping paper, gift boxes, bows, ribbons, tape and gift tags. Items for donation are accepted beginning Dec. 1, with the exchange station located behind the



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The Dixon Library offers several baking activities, such as Afternoon Adventures: No Bake Pumpkin Pie from 2 to 3 p.m. Nov. 21 and Teen Holiday Cookie Decorating from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 11. Photo courtesy of Dixon Library



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self-checkout desk.

Tarot Tuesday returns from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 9, offering free tarot readings for teens 14 and up as well as adults. Registration is required. At the same time, Drop-In Senior Tech Help will be available at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for guidance with technology, including e-books, email setup and smartphone use.

From 4 to 5 p.m. Dec. 10, the Solano County Family Justice Center will host a meet-and-greet, sharing

information about services available to the local community. The library will also offer a Teen Holiday Cookie Decorating session from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 11, where participants can decorate free cookies with a variety of toppings.

The library is located at 230 N. First St. and event questions can be directed to Ricky Gjertsen at [rdgjertsen@solanocounty.gov](mailto:rdgjertsen@solanocounty.gov) or 1-866-572-7587.

The Dixon Library will be closed from Dec. 25 to 28 in observance of Christmas. ★

# Nino's Cut and Shave Remains a Downtown Staple

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Nino's Cut and Shave, a longtime barbershop in downtown Dixon, continues to serve customers more than a decade after owner Nino Tomelloso first opened its doors.

The shop at 180 W. A St. is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and closed on Sundays.

Tomelloso, who was born and raised in Dixon, said his interest in barbering began in his childhood.

"I fell in love with the barber atmosphere when I was a kid," said Tomelloso. "My dad used to take me to a local barbershop and I loved the camaraderie and banter."

According to Tomelloso, that desire to support others helped shape the shop's mission.

"I really liked helping people feel better about themselves. That was always my goal," said Tomelloso.

Tomelloso has been cutting hair for more than 12 years and celebrated the shop's 10-year anniversary in 2024.



Nino's Cut and Shave, a longtime barbershop in downtown Dixon, continues to serve customers more than a decade after owner Nino Tomelloso (center) first opened its doors. Six barbers are on staff to support the needs of any patrons through appointments and walk-ins. Photo courtesy of Brianna Gamble Photography/Nino's Cut and Shave

The barbershop offers a range of services, including \$40 standard haircuts, \$15 lineups and \$35 straight-edge face shaves. Specialty designs vary in price, depending on detail, size and

time. Appointments can be made by searching for Nino's Cut and Shave on [booksy.com](https://booksy.com). Customers seeking additional information can visit the shop's Facebook page or call 707-693-5255.

Tomelloso said that the shop maintains a welcoming culture for both regulars and first-time visitors.

"It's very family-friendly," said Tomelloso. "There's a lot of

male banter but we're considerate of when moms or kids are in here."

One of the factors that distinguishes the business is its scheduling system, according to Tomelloso.

"We're one of the first to bring appointments to Dixon," said Tomelloso. "There's a lot of great barbershops in town, so we're happy to be part of the culture."

Nino's Cut and Shave employs six barbers and is known for a variety of techniques, including natural-looking scissor cuts, which Tomelloso said is among his specialties.

The shop remains active in local events, participating regularly in activities such as the Brewski Fest, the Wine and Art Stroll, and the Halloween Hunt.

Tomelloso encourages residents to stop by whether they need a haircut.

"Come say hi, even if you're not getting a haircut. Come kick it with us," said Tomelloso.

For more information about Nino's Cut and Shave, visit Nino's Cut and Shave on Facebook or call 707-693-5255. ★

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