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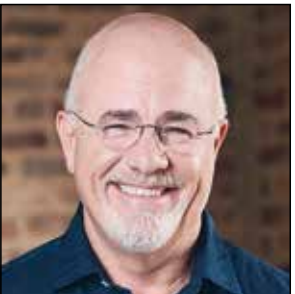
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Starting Jan. 1, 2025, many significant new laws will go into effect across California, impacting everything in daily life from traffic regulations, employment, housing to healthcare. Image from Pixabay

By **Ornella Rossi**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Starting Jan. 1, 2025, many significant new laws will go into effect across California, impacting everything in daily life from traffic regulations, employment, housing to healthcare.

TRAFFIC LAWS

Senate Bill 1107 will raise the minimum auto liability insurance requirements for California

motorists. Currently, drivers must carry liability coverage of \$15,000 for injury or death of one person, \$30,000 for injury or death of multiple people, and \$5,000 for property damage. Beginning Jan. 1, these requirements will increase to \$30,000 for bodily injury or death of one person, \$60,000 for multiple persons and \$15,000 for property damage.

Assembly Bill 413, commonly known as the “Daylighting Law,” will take effect in 2025, banning

drivers from parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk. This law aims to improve pedestrian safety by providing clearer visibility at intersections. The law applies to both marked and unmarked crosswalks, and while cities are working to implement signage and curb markings, not all areas will have red-painted curbs in time for the new rule.

Senate Bill 905 closes the “locked door loophole” in California’s auto

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Bird Flu: What Residents Need to Know



Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is actively monitoring the bird flu situation locally and coordinating with state and federal agencies. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

**California Department
of Public Health
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 18, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency regarding the bird flu threat. The California Department of Public Health is providing an update on the bird flu situation. The current risk to the public remains low. No person-to-person spread of bird flu has been detected in California. People rarely get bird flu, but those who interact with infected dairy cows, poultry, or wildlife have a greater risk of

infection. Pasteurized milk and dairy products are safe to consume. Pasteurization inactivates the bird flu virus. California Department of Public Health is working to protect public health related to bird flu. We monitor infection data, evolving science, and the people affected. Our knowledge will change as we learn more. We are committed to reducing the impact to those at highest risk.

Confirmed Human Cases

As of Dec. 20, there are 36 confirmed cases of bird flu in humans. In 35 of those cases, the exposure

source was determined to be cattle.

California’s Response

On Dec. 18, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to strengthen California’s robust response to bird flu. California Department of Public Health is working with local, state and federal partners to monitor bird flu in farm animals and people who work closely with poultry and dairy cows.

California has distributed protective gear to dairy farms and workers. People who work with infected dairy cows or raw milk should use protective gear to

reduce the risk of getting bird flu.

Public health leaders are helping ensure individuals with symptoms of bird flu have access to testing and treatment, if needed. California has received 5,000 additional seasonal flu vaccines for people who work with dairy cows in the Central Valley. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against serious illness from seasonal flu and may reduce the chance of human and bird flu viruses mixing and becoming more dangerous.

Updated flu and COVID-19 vaccines are

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By **Shaunna Boyd**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The swearing-in of officials from the recent election was conducted at the Dec. 17 Dixon City Council meeting. Mayor Steven Bird, Vice-Mayor Kevin Johnson and Councilmember Don Hendershot were all re-elected to serve another four-year term on the City Council, and Simon LeBleu was re-elected as city treasurer for another four-year term.

Vice-Mayor Johnson said it is a “true honor” to serve and thanked the public for their support.

“Thank you to all my supporters and the people of Dixon who put their trust in me to represent them for another term,” Bird said.

During public comment, a Dixon resident called out the City Council for the Dec. 12 emergency meeting during which City Council certified the recent election results. Council called an emergency meeting to meet the state’s deadline for implementing the passage of Measure J, a one-cent local sales tax approved by Dixon voters.

The resident said that the emergency meeting was “illegal” and that such meetings should be reserved for a true emergency that “severely impacts public health or safety.” He said that he would report the meeting and file a lawsuit against the city.

Councilmember Jim Ernest addressed the public comment, stating that the emergency meeting “saved the city \$750,000, from what I understand,” because the city otherwise would have had to wait another fiscal quarter before implementing Measure J.

The resident said, “That’s the estimated sales tax that you’re going to steal from the people of the City of Dixon and people coming down the road. That being said, you don’t seem to understand: The meeting was illegal because it was not an emergency. It’s not an emergency because you want to collect money from people.”

City Council then considered a construction agreement with Bartley Pump for emergency repairs to Valley Glen well, with a cost of \$166,943. Repairs at this well site began in February 2023, with an initial approved cost of \$182,000. However, during the course of work, more issues became apparent and there is now an additional cost to complete the necessary repairs.

“We don’t have an option not to have the well,” Vice-Mayor Johnson

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New Year's Eve Dining Has Options



Many popular venues in town will operate at regular or extended hours during New Year's Eve. Photo courtesy of Sylvester/Pixabay

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Christmas has come to a close, and with New Year's Eve around the corner, many restaurants and bars in the area will be closed for the next few days. Luckily, several major bars and restaurants will be open in Dixon but will not be holding any particular events or festivities.

Cattlemen's Steakhouse, 250 Dorset Court, will be open on New Year's Eve for an additional hour, from 3 to 10 p.m. instead of its regular 4 to 10 p.m. schedule. The steakhouse will also be open on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at regular hours. Cattlemen's also offers a variety of dishes that can be ordered ahead of time and taken to-go. For more information or to order online, visit cattlemens.com/restaurants/dixon, or call 707-678-5518.

Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 S. First St., will maintain

regular hours on New Year's Eve, serving dinner until 9 p.m., as the holiday falls on a Tuesday. The Pub will also be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. New Year's Day. For more information, visit budsdixon.com or call 707-678-4745.

Dawson's Bar & Grill, 105 N. First St., is hosting a New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31. There will be entertainment, dinner and drink specials and extended hours for the bar. The restaurant will serve food from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the bar will remain open until 2 a.m. so guests can ring in the new year at Dawson's. The restaurant will return to regular operating hours on New Year's Day, serving food from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the bar closing at 10 p.m. For more information, visit dixondawsons.com or call 707-678-2067.

HK Garden Chinese Restaurant, 1145 Pitt School Road, will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. This can also be said of Capital China Restaurant, 1285 Stratford Ave., Suite H, which will operate at regular hours both days, from 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. Many Chinese restaurants tend to be open around this time because the Chinese New Year is on a Lunar-based calendar, meaning it is based off the rotations of the moon rather than the sun. The upcoming Chinese New Year will fall on Jan. 29. For more information, call HK Garden at 707-678-3638 or call Capital China at 707-678-8338.

For those craving breakfast, Denny's, 1250 Stratford Ave., is open daily 24 hours a day, including on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Starbucks, 2590 N. First St., will also be open both days, closing at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 and 8 p.m. Jan. 1.

Local options are plentiful in Dixon, regardless of the holiday. ★

Dixon News Briefs



The Wreath Project, held on Dec. 14 at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, was successful. Every gravesite in the national cemetery was adorned with a holiday bough. Photo by Kendall Brown

By MPG Staff

Dixon Girls Softball Registration

Dixon Girls Softball is holding regular registration for its upcoming spring 2025 season until Dec. 31. The team will also host catching, slapping and pitching clinics on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 at Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm, 6248 Silveyville Road. For \$45 per person, participants can join the slapping clinic, which focuses on drag bunting, slap hitting and power slapping from 9 to 10 a.m. either day. The catching clinic, also \$45 per person, focuses on framing, blocking and throwing from knees, and runs from 10 to 11 a.m.

On the other hand, hour pitching sessions are \$55 per person, can be scheduled ahead of time, and focus on video analysis, velocity reading, proper mechanics and arm care. For more information, visit Dixon Girls Softball's Facebook Page or call coach Jon Campista at 905-502-6001.

Dixon Alerts

Dixon Alerts, a new notification system, has been introduced to the general public by the City of Dixon. The alert system allows residents and visitors to sign up for notifications on traffic alerts, events and other urgent news. Alert Solano will still be used in urgent or life-threatening situations but those interested can register for Dixon Alerts via text message by texting DIXON to 226787.

For more information, visit the City of Dixon, CA Facebook page.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Boy Scouts of America Troop 152 hosts a Christmas tree recycling event on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4. Donors can pay a minimum of \$20 to have their tree picked up at an address of their choosing. Pre-registration is necessary and can be done by either signing up through the T152 Square Store and donating by credit card or using the organization's online Google Form located on their website and donating by cash or check. Calling or texting is also a viable option when signing up; even without a Christmas tree, donations can be made directly to Troop 152 at troop152dixon.square.site.

For more information or to register, visit troop152dixon.com or call 707-676-6152.

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8151, will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 15. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at The Olde Vets Hall, 231 N First St. Official business meetings start at 7 p.m. but the hall opens for set-up and socializing at 6 p.m. Socializing will continue after the business portion of the meeting.

For more information, visit vfw8151.org or call 209-395-8019.

2025 New Year's Eve Party

Solano Family First Responders is hosting a New Year's Eve party at the Sunrise Banquet Hall and Event Center, 620 Orange Drive, Vacaville. Beginning at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 31, guests should prepare for a night filled with vibrant music, dancing and joyful festivities, all for \$108.55 per person. A table for eight can also be reserved for \$855.50. Free parking, complimentary champagne, a deejay, food service, door prizes and a photo booth are included. Event proceeds will benefit

the family of Vacaville Police Officer Matthew Bowen, who lost his life in the line of duty last July 11.

For more information, visit solanofirstresponders.com or email [SolanoFamilyFirstResponders@gmail.com](mailto:Solanofamilyfirstresponders@gmail.com).

Dirty Cello New Year's Eve

Winters Theatre Company is hosting a reasonably priced night of fun and music that ends at a reasonable hour. From 8 to 10 p.m. Dec. 31 at Winters Opera House, 13 Main St., rock out with the San Francisco-based Dirty Cello band, with its unique fusion of blues, rock and Americana; led by cellist Rebecca Roudman. The performance is \$35 per person.

For more information or to reserve tickets, visit wintertheatre.org, or call 530-795-4014.

Optimizing Equine Performance

Blissful Equine, an organization that focuses on holistic bodywork for horses, is hosting a fun, hands-on class that teaches participants how to lengthen their horse's performance life and help them achieve their athletic potential. The seminar from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan. 11 will be led by Dawa Fitzmaurice at the UC Davis Equestrian Center, 1 Equestrian Lane, Davis.

Fitzmaurice, the head trainer for Blissful Equine, is a holistic equine bodywork expert who integrates a variety of modalities to help horses reach their athletic potential and stay vibrantly healthy. Class sizes are limited, so secure your ticket for \$49.87.

For more information, visit blissfulequine.com. To buy tickets, visit Eventbrite.com.

Family Storytime

Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., is hosting its weekly Family Storytime from 10 to 11 a.m. Jan. 7. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities for families with children of all ages. The library is on winter break from Dec. 25 to Dec. 29. The library will reopen briefly on Dec. 30 and 31 but will close at noon on both days; the library will again close Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. Regular hours and programming return Jan. 4.

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

Penguin Cakes Kids' Class

Every Baking Moment, 143 N. First St., is hosting an in-person kids class for \$12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 8. The class will focus on making penguin cakes and offers a take-home kit for those who are not available for the in-person class. Kits must be reserved by 5 p.m. Jan. 7 but can be picked up anytime from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 8.

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

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive. This in-person event is a way to connect with local professionals, entrepreneurs and business owners. Attendees are encouraged to bring plenty of business cards.

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

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Holidays Around the World



Office coordinator Olivia Wasser and Dixon High School Principal Angela Brown ring in the holiday season in style.

Story and Photos by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon High School at 555 College Way recently held a holiday event to honor traditions and practices worldwide.

The event, open to the public, showcased festive decorum, having four fully-furnished Christmas trees at each corner of the gym. Students entered through double doors lined with massive candy canes, finding themselves in a winter wonderland of music, snacks, a photo area and a student wearing an inflatable gingerbread man costume.

Several booths lined the outer edges of the gym, each representing one of 15 countries, including Italy, Germany, El Salvador, China, Sweden,

Iceland, Israel, Scotland, Palestine, Japan, France and Indonesia.

Dixon Community Theater's Kelly Pidgeon James made an appearance, manning a table representing the Bahamas. Dixon Community Theater also offered an immersive experience based on Taiwan's Lantern Festival. Guests were asked to enter a covered tent with a projector that displayed an array of floating lanterns made of rice paper. These lanterns are released on the 15th day of the first month of the lunar calendar to celebrate the Lunar New Year, which will fall on Jan. 29.

Each booth presented new, fascinating information, each boasting the holiday traditions, music and activities of its chosen country. What appeared most popular with the

students was the food offered. Notable mentions include the El Salvador booth serving pupusas (filled with pork, cheese and beans), the German booth's potato pancakes and the Italian booth's Italian soda.

Students, both participants and patrons, were excited about the experience. Jannah Lattimore, part of the team that crafted the England booth, was proud to discuss her project.

"For our assignment, we're doing Christmas around the world, as you can see," said Lattimore. "We're doing England. We have Christmas crackers where, when you pull it apart, the person who breaks it gets the prize."

Lattimore illustrated how the Christmas crackers work, further emphasizing her hard work on this project. ★



Students serve their peers Salvadoran pupusas, filled with cheese, pork, and beans.

Councilmembers Seated for New Terms



Elected officials took the oath of office at the Dec. 17 meeting of the Dixon City Council. From left are city Treasurer Simon LeBleu, Councilmember Don Hendershot, Vice-Mayor Kevin Johnson and Mayor Steven Bird. Photo provided by the City of Dixon

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While the repairs are costing more than anticipated, Johnson said, other options would have been significantly more expensive.

"Let's get it fixed and working and safe for the community," Johnson said.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the repair costs for the Valley Glen well.

Bird presented a recommendation to fill a vacancy on the Dixon Planning Commission to complete the term ending next June. The city received two applications for the position and Bird recommended appointing longtime Dixon resident Bill Allard, who has an extensive background in construction and in real estate.

City Council voted unanimously to appoint Allard to fill the Planning Commission vacancy.

Council also considered a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with engineering firm Brown & Caldwell to provide review and oversight of future Hexavalent Chromium (Chrome VI) treatment pilot testing, in order to meet a new state mandate.

Jordan Santos, junior engineer for the City of Dixon, explained that the California State Water

Resources Control Board adopted a new Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for chromium in drinking water. The new level went into effect in October 2024 and the City of Dixon's water system is currently out of compliance. The city is under a three-year state-mandated timeline to implement the required treatments.

Under the proposed contract, Brown & Caldwell will help the city look at effective treatment options and the potential costs of implementation at each well site. Santos said the process will involve very small-scale tests of "specific treatment technologies to see how they function with Dixon's water and how we would hypothetically implement said infrastructure into our water system."

Three potential treatment options are approved by the state and all will likely cost millions of dollars per well site, Santos said, so the process will also look at how that cost would impact Dixon ratepayers.

"It's a fairly bleak situation for a small agency like us," said Santos. "We have to be pragmatic about this. We have to understand fully what the state is requiring of us."

Johnson added that the City of Dixon is part of a lawsuit against the state,

challenging the unfunded mandate.

"It's worth the effort, because this is completely overbearing on our community," said Johnson. "If the state wants to mandate it, then they can't place this on communities where it could potentially double water bills."

If the lawsuit is successful, Johnson said, the state would be prohibited from enforcing the mandate or at least would be required to provide grant funding to help cover the costs.

In the course of the lawsuit, Santos said, the City of Dixon will be asked how much this mandate will actually cost, and that question can't be answered at this time. So, to assist in the litigation, Dixon needs to undergo this process to show the actual costs of implementation and impact on ratepayers.

The proposed \$22,100 contract with Brown & Caldwell will mostly be covered by existing funding for treatments within the water operations budget, with an additional \$2,100 budget adjustment requested.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the budget adjustment and the Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Caldwell.

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

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Bird Flu: What Residents Need to Know

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recommended for everyone 6 months and older. Visit [www. https://myturn.ca.gov/](https://myturn.ca.gov/) to schedule your appointment today.

What is Bird Flu?

Bird flu, also known as avian influenza A (H5N1) or highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI),

is caused by a virus that can cause serious illness and death in birds and mammals. Human infections with bird flu viruses are rare, but they can happen when the virus gets into a person's eyes, nose, mouth, or when inhaled.

What are the symptoms of bird flu in humans?

Bird flu symptoms include eye redness or discharge, headaches, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, diarrhea, vomiting, muscle or body aches, fatigue, trouble breathing, fever (100 degrees F or higher), pneumonia and seizures. Symptoms can be serious and lead to death.

Who is at higher risk of getting bird flu?

You are at higher risk if you work with or are around poultry, dairy cows, alpacas, wildlife or raw (unpasteurized) milk. This includes any contact with animal fluids, feces, or feathers.

How does bird flu spread?

It spreads from sick

cows, birds, or other infected animals to people by breathing in dust or droplets with the virus. Splashing raw milk from an infected cow in your eyes, nose or mouth. Touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands after touching raw milk, cow or bird feces, or other contaminated items or surfaces. Handling sick or dead animals infected with the virus. Drinking raw milk.

How do I avoid getting bird flu?

Avoid contact with infected animals. Avoid direct contact with birds and other animals that could be infected with bird flu. Wild birds can be infected with bird flu even if they don't look sick.

Get the seasonal flu vaccine. California Department of Public Health recommends that all Californians, especially workers at risk for exposure to bird flu, receive a seasonal flu vaccine. While the

seasonal flu vaccine will not protect against bird flu, getting vaccinated can lower the risk of being infected with both seasonal flu and bird flu at the same time. Getting vaccinated also reduces the chance of severe illness from seasonal flu.

Only consume pasteurized dairy products. The bird flu virus can be present in raw, unpasteurized milk. Unpasteurized milk may contain other germs that can make you sick. Do not touch or consume raw milk or raw milk products. Pasteurized milk and dairy foods are safe to eat.

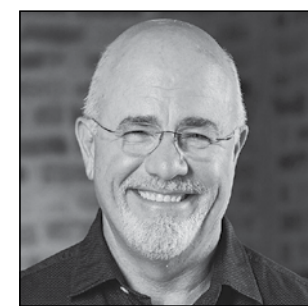
What if I get bird flu?

Tell your employer right away. Contact your local public health department right away to arrange for testing and treatment. Tell them you may have been exposed to bird flu. Visit the California Department of Public Health website at, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/> for additional information. ★

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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says Compromises Are Part of Marriage

real reason for the objection. It could very well be that she doesn't want to be further away from her family, and that's natural—to an extent. But like you said, there could be other factors involved.

There might be something in your past that bothers her, or something she doesn't want you to revisit. There may even be feelings of discomfort with your family for things that have happened or been said. It could also be the insecurity that goes along with a move, a new home and a new job. I don't know how far away you're talking about moving, but it could also be she's worried about leaving her job.

From a relationship standpoint, you two each need to lay your cards on the table and be honest with each other. Open up, and really talk about it. Otherwise, it's going to become a sore spot and cause even more problems. Part of marriage is making compromises. Sometimes compromises must be made by one, or both, people in order to do what's best for the re-

lationship in the present and in the long run.

It could be that you just need an impartial referee. Would you both be willing to attend a few sessions with a good pastor or marriage counselor together? Talking to either one doesn't mean your marriage is on the rocks, but sometimes a compassionate and objective third party can help dig down below the surface to uncover issues and help find a reasonable solution to problems.

I hope this helps. God bless you both, Freddie.

— Dave

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



Farm Bureau Delegates Approve Policies

California Farm Bureau approved changes to the organization's policies last week during a House of Delegates session at the organization's 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey. Farm Bureau develops policy recommendations each year through its Commodity Advisory Committees, which are groups of members that meet regularly throughout the year. This year, delegates voted to approve proposed updates to policies related to wolf management, crop insurance and eminent domain.

Increased Almond Shipments Signal Better Times Ahead

Despite economic challenges for those in the almond business, the Almond Board of California painted an optimistic outlook for the industry, emphasizing the organization's ongoing efforts to build demand for the nut by easing trade barriers and making new strides in marketing, innovation and research. Almond Board President and CEO Clarice Turner said the board is "confident that better days lie ahead." She noted "tangible signs" of robust demand for almonds, with the industry having shipped more than 200 million pounds of the nut for 11 straight months.

Annual Meeting Workshop Takes on Navigating SGMA

Ten years into the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, local agencies are implementing plans and projects to achieve long-term sustainability in aquifers by limiting overdraft, land subsidence and impacts to drinking water. Navigating SGMA challenges, including the probation process under the California State Water Resources Control Board and how to fund and implement groundwater sustainability plans, was discussed as part of an educational workshop for members at the California Farm Bureau's 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey last week.

Startups Get Help to Speed New Tech to California Farmers

UCANR Innovate, the innovation arm of the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, has opened applications for its VINE Connect program. California farmers are at the heart of global food production, but staying ahead requires constant innovation. To meet this challenge, VINE Connect bridges the gap between innovation and application by helping entrepreneurs tailor proven technologies for farmers to ease weed control, harvest and other farming tasks. Each year, the VINE Connect program runs three cohorts, each centered on different focus areas within California agriculture. ★

Can New State Regulations Resolve California's Existential Insurance Crisis?



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

There's no law requiring California property owners to carry insurance, but the vast majority buy it to protect themselves from fire and other perils, or are required to do so by their mortgage lenders.

There's also no law requiring insurance companies to offer coverage in California, but most would prefer to do so in the nation's most immense concentration of property needing protection.

For decades, insuring California's homes, farms and commercial properties was a hum-drum business of willing sellers and willing buyers. However, the former have become less willing as the state experiences an ever-increasing number of wildfires — even during winter months — that devastate homes and businesses in fire-prone areas.

Last Friday, as the latest of those fires was driving people from their homes in the quaint seaside village of Malibu, Ricardo Lara, the state's elected insurance commissioner, formally unveiled a large chunk of his plan to stem the exodus of insurers from California.

It would allow insurers to use computer modeling of future exposure to set premiums, while requiring them to offer coverage in risky communities roughly in line with

their shares of the market. Until now, insurers set rates based on past losses.

"Giving people more choices to protect themselves is how we will solve California's insurance crisis," Lara said in a statement as he released details of the modeling plan. "For the first time in history we are requiring insurance companies to expand where people need help the most. With our changing climate we can no longer look to the past. We are being innovative and forward-looking to protect Californians' access to insurance."

He also noted that in setting rates, insurers will be required to consider hardening efforts by threatened communities and property owners to reduce potential losses.

Lara claims support from environmental groups, farmers and other stakeholders, in addition to insurers. But he's drawing sharp criticism from Consumer Watchdog, an organization that has sponsored landmark changes in insurance regulation. The group has also received millions of dollars in fees from intervening in insurance rates cases, and has been a harsh critic of Lara throughout his time in office.

"Full transparency is what keeps insurance rates honest but Commissioner Lara's rule does away with that protection," Consumer Watchdog executive director Carmen Balber said in a statement. "The rule will let insurance companies raise rates based on secret algorithms but not expand coverage as promised."

The new rules take effect in January. Farmers Insurance, California's

second-largest property insurer, has already pledged to expand its coverage in response to Lara's actions. The American Property Casualty Association, a trade group, also reacted positively.

"California will continue to have a robust regulatory and rate approval process that guarantees that rates reflect the actual cost of covering claims," the association said.

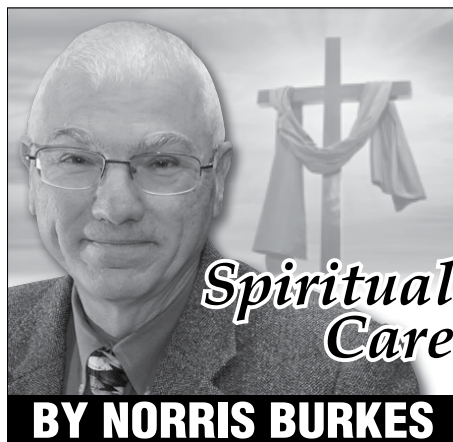
While the rules unveiled last week are central to Lara's plans, there are other elements that remain: shoring up the FAIR Plan, California's last ditch insurer for property owners who cannot obtain coverage elsewhere, speeding up insurance rate case approvals, and allowing insurers to include costs of reinsurance — coverage of their potential losses — in setting rates.

Adoption of Lara's plans may result in premium increases, but maintaining a viable insurance market is a vital factor in the state's economy. The inability to buy insurance would devastate the residential and commercial real estate market and require property owners to pay for fire losses out of their own pockets.

Lara's plans may not be perfect, but nobody — including Consumer Watchdog — has offered a better alternative. He should be credited with at least attempting to deal with one of California's existential crises.

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

Resolved to be Authentic



BY NORRIS BURKES

As I work though the 23rd year of this column, I will confess that column writing isn't always an easy gig. It sometimes requires walking a fine line between expressing what I really think or simply spouting what entertains my reader.

As every columnist can testify, strong opinions can either sell papers or lose subscriptions.

If I play it too safe, I bore you. If I venture too far into religious or political topics, or share personal vulnerabilities and temptations, I run the risk of offending you.

That's why I've made this 2025 New Year's resolution.

I resolve that I will work harder this year to write with more authenticity. I won't focus on the popular or how I might improve the ups and downs of my readership, but on writing authentically.

To that end, today's column will preview upcoming topics of 2025 and how I see where God fits into politics, religion, family and personal struggles.

In politics, I will support voices of reason and grace. I don't subscribe to the argumentative style of liberal commentators like Rachel Maddow or conservative ones like Ann Coulter. Instead of focusing on the noise level, I look for the truth and tone.

As a chaplain, I promise I won't spout politics UNLESS, politicians start spouting religion.

Our social welfare system needs

drastic reform. But from my end, I will promote faith groups that assume their responsibility to help the poor.

When it comes to gun control, I have no use for handguns, nor will I ever own a gun. However, if I felt the need to "protect" my home, I'd use the shotgun my pastor/dad used. He always said that a shotgun blast would either scare the intruder or stop him dead — all without killing a "friendly."

Of course, I obviously have opinions about religion. For instance, if there's a hell, Hitler is surely in it and Gandhi is certainly not. Heaven isn't an exclusive country club. I won't use my faith as a way to eternally divide people.

I love the Christian Bible, and I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to reveal the entire truth about God. However, the Bible is not a final authority for history or science, and it's certainly not an addendum to the Trinity. Meaning, I use the Bible in worship services, but I don't "worship" the Bible.

I see abortion as a heartrending response to tragic problems. I will portray it in my columns as a decision between a woman and her doctor. BUT, while there are reasons for abortion, it ain't birth control. I support adoption, and those who know my story, know I live that belief.

Finally, in my personal life, I can be selfish sometimes. I've lost my temper with my children, and I've known temptation and depression. I've told some off-color jokes and have even known inebriation. I'm not proud of everything I do, but my shortcomings help me write this column — a column about meeting God in everyday life.

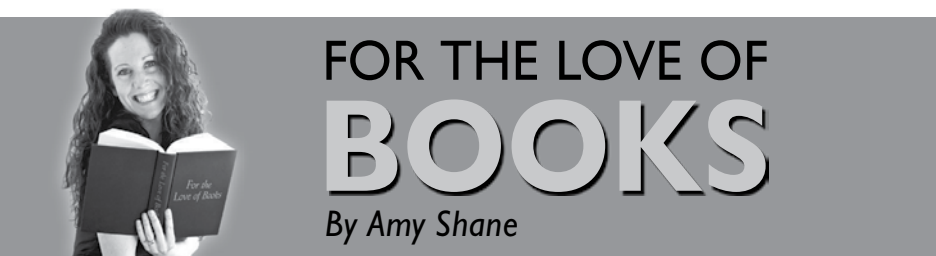
But, at the end of the day when I put the final touches on this column, I leave the most authentic word to my friend Popeye who said: "I am what I yam what I yam ... And I'll never hurt nobodys and I'll never tell a lie / Top to me bottom and me bottom to me top / That's the way it is 'til the day that I drop. What am I? / I yam what I yam." ★

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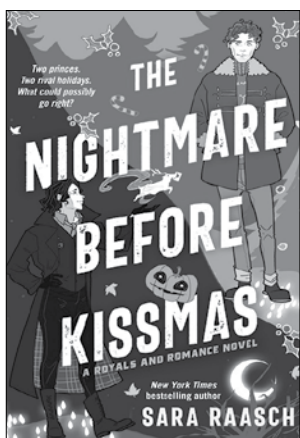




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Holiday Drama Continues with These New Reads

When the holidays are over, but the drama is, are you looking for a holiday escape? These books will whisk any reader away from the stress of the holidays, but watch out—they may be too distracting.



The Nightmare Before Kissmas – A Royals and Romance Novel
by Sara Raasch; Bramble Publishing

Nicholas “Cole” Claus always loved Christmas until his dad made it all about publicity and marketing. Now, he will do anything to escape his upcoming reign as Santa. As heir to Christmas, Nicholas is betrothed to Iris, the Ester Princess, and his brother's crush, making the whole situation even more of a nightmare.

Then Cole's rival arrives to challenge his hand in marriage to Iris, throwing him into the path of the Prince of Halloween, Hex. As a fake competition ensues, everything becomes a mess, opening the door to a swoony rom-com of emotions. With new feelings, fake competitions, and a marriage of convenience, this rom-com becomes a whimsical, fun, romantic romp.

Halloween and Christmas collide in this fun holiday mash-up, combining off-limits romance, magic, fantasy, and holiday royalty. The Nightmare Before Kissmas was an instant viral sensation combining The Nightmare Before Christmas along with the popular book Red, White, & Royal Blue and is sure to bring some holiday cheer and steamy romance.



You Better Watch Out A Thriller
by James S. Murray and Darren Wearmouth, St. Martins' Press

Just when you think Christmas is safe-think again. It's 48 hours until Christmas, but Jessica, along with a group of strangers, will find themselves in a terrifying predicament. Trapped in an unknown deserted town, six strangers will fight for their lives. Not sure how any of them got there. Jessica knows one thing for sure: she must find a way out. With a serial killer on the loose and their lives in the balance, Jessica quickly learns this Christmas could be a true Silent Night.

From the minds of two internationally best-selling authors, James S. Murray—“Murr” from Impractical Jokes and International author Darren Wearmouth, comes a terrifying read just in time for the Holidays. A storyline that makes sure readers know why each character has been abducted, combined with scenes from the killer's POV, makes for a truly chilling and atmospheric read. With this book's frightening tone and creepy vibes, readers will find the perfect holiday escape that will keep them up late. ★



Riley Reviews

“JUROR #2” DELIGHTS WITH NARRATIVE TWISTS OF COURTROOM DRAMA

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“JUROR #2” Rated PG-13

Courtroom dramas have the ability to be riveting entertainment that capture one's rapt attention for every possible twist and turn during heightened moments of revealing developments.

Classic films, like “To Kill a Mockingbird” with Henry Fonda defending a black man against a false rape charge in small-town Alabama in 1932 or “Witness for the Prosecution” with Charles Laughton defending Tyrone Power accused of murder, have produced enthralling courtroom dramas.

None of the many films in the genre may surpass the spellbinding allure of Sidney Lumet's classic 1957 legal drama “12 Angry Men,” where a dozen men in a New York City murder trial deliberate on the fate of a teenager accused of killing his abusive father.

As Juror #8, Henry Fonda is the only one who initially questions the evidence and resists an immediate rush to judgment and wants to have discussion on the case because he has a feeling of reasonable doubt.

Without a long, torturous summation of the path to the eventual outcome, it should be noted that “12 Angry Men,” with its excellent cast of notable actors and nominated for an Academy Award Best Picture, is arguably the best legal drama of all time.

Well into his tenth decade, Clint Eastwood is an institution all to himself in a long career as actor, director and producer, most recently starring in 2021's “Cry Macho.” His likely final directorial effort may be “Juror #2,” which seems largely inspired by “12 Angry Men.”

In Sidney Lumet's film, an honorable man stands unaided by his fellow jurors to not reach a hasty verdict. The similar situation in “Juror #2” hinges less on ethical qualms and more on muddled moral grounds.

The titular character turns out to be Justin Kemp (Nicholas Hoult), a writer for a Georgia magazine that he describes as not being “Vanity Fair.” His wife Allison (Zoey Deutch) is in the final stage of a precarious pregnancy.

Summoned to serve on a jury for a murder trial, Justin wants to get out of this duty since the couple suffered a miscarriage the year before, and he feels the need to stay close to home.

The judge (Amy Aquino) is this case fails to entertain his request to be excused, and neither the prosecutor Faith Killebrew (Toni Collette) nor the defense attorney Eric Resnick (Chris Messina) object to his

selection for the murder case.

The accused is James Michael Sythe (Gabriel Basso), an ill-tempered guy in a volatile relationship with his girlfriend Kendall (Francesca Eastwood). After a night of drinking at a local bar, James becomes abusive and Kendall walks away alone on a rainy night.

Many people at the bar witness the altercation between the couple in the parking lot and notice James driving away, seemingly following her in his car as she takes off on foot down a dark highway.

The next day, Kendall's body is discovered by a hiker in a creek off the side of the road. An old man living in a nearby trailer identifies James as the man he saw that night standing on the highway near the scene of the crime.

Political ramifications enter into the courtroom case because Prosecutor Killebrew is campaigning for district attorney in the fast-approaching election and needs to prove her crimefighting credentials to pull off an electoral victory.

A major question that arises early in the judicial proceedings is whether Justin, known only as Juror #2 during the trial, finds himself questionably compromised since he realizes he was at the same roadside bar on the night Kendall was killed.

As a recovering alcoholic, Justin feels not only guilty for ordering a drink he didn't touch, but on the drive home he hit something on the road. As he got out the car, all he could see was a “deer crossing” sign and assumed that's what he may have hit.

Not only did Justin tell his wife that the damage to the car happened on another road so that she wouldn't know he stopped at a bar, but he develops a nagging feeling during the trial that maybe he's the one at fault.

This is where the trial gets interesting because the morally conflicted Justin is at first the lone holdout on a guilty verdict, which would solve his personal dilemma of wanting to move on.

But then a retired cop (J.K. Simmons) serving as a juror starts to poke around with his own unsanctioned investigation, managing to get himself booted off the jury in the process. Simmons, as always, is a remarkable presence, and it's unfortunate his role is rather limited.

Quitting may not be a word in Clint Eastwood's vocabulary, but if “Juror #2” is his last cinematic effort, at least he leaves on a decent note.

In what was a curious strategy, the Warner Bros. studio had a very limited release of “Juror #2” in November, but now it is streaming on HBO's Max, and it is definitely worth seeing. ★

Henderson Remembered as Electrifying Legend of the Game

National Baseball Hall of Fame News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rickey Henderson used the ultimate combination of power and speed to break numerous major league baseball records during his career.

But what solidified his place in baseball history was his love for the game.

Henderson died on Dec. 20, at the age of 65. His enthusiasm for the game manifested itself in 1,406 stolen bases – by far the best total in history.

“Rickey Henderson was not only the greatest base stealer of all-time, but one of the most memorable personalities of his generation,” said Jane Forbes Clark, Chairman of the Board of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. “The enthusiasm and energy he brought to Cooperstown each year will truly be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife, Pamela, and their family.”

Born on Dec. 25, 1958, in Chicago, Ill., Henderson spent most of his childhood in Oakland, Calif. An All-American running back in high school, Henderson turned down multiple football scholarships to sign with the Oakland Athletics in 1976.

In his first full major league season 1980, Henderson broke Hall of Famer Ty Cobb's 65-year-old American League stolen base record of 96 with 100 swipes. In 1982, he stole 130 bases, breaking Hall of Famer Lou Brock's modern era major league single-season record of 118.

“He's the greatest leadoff hitter of all time, and I'm not sure there's a close second,” said Billy Beane, senior advisor to the Athletics and the team's former long-time general manager.

He played for nine teams over his

25-year career including the Athletics, Yankees, Padres, Mets, Red Sox, Dodgers, Angels, Mariners and Blue Jays. He led the American League in steals 12 times and went on to be the all-time record holder with 1,406 thefts, earning him the nickname “Man of Steal.”

“It wasn't until I saw Rickey that I understood what baseball was about. Rickey Henderson is a run, man,” said Athletics teammate Mitchell Page. “That's it. When you see Rickey

Henderson, I don't care when, the score's already 1-0. If he's with you, that's great. If he's not, you won't like it.”

His speed wasn't his only skill. Henderson set all-time records for runs scored (2,295), unintentional walks (2,129) and leadoff home runs (81). The 10-time All-Star won the MVP Award in 1990, leading the

American League in runs scored, stolen bases and on-base percentage. He finished in the top ten in MVP voting five other times.

“He was one of the best players that I ever played with and obviously the best leadoff hitter in baseball,” said Hall of Famer Dave Winfield.

Henderson won two World Series during his career, in 1989 with Oakland and in 1993 with Toronto. He spent most of his career in left field and won a Gold Glove Award in 1981. He finished with a .279 batting average, 3,055 hits and 297 home runs. He electrified crowds with his flair and enthusiasm for the game.

Henderson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009 on his first appearance on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot.

“If my uniform doesn't get dirty, I haven't done anything in the baseball game,” said Henderson. ★



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County Proclaims Local Emergency Due to Storm Damage

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Administrator's Office, in coordination with the Office of Emergency Services, has proclaimed a local emergency following significant damage to levee infrastructure within the Suisun Marsh and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

The proclamation follows King Tides overlapping with a wind and precipitation event from Dec. 13 to 16, resulting in 2.27 inches of rainfall and peak wind gusts of 54 miles per hour. The storm caused widespread damage to levees in multiple reclamation districts, including slips, seepage, erosion, wave wash, cracks and breaches.

The impacts were acutely felt in Reclamation District 1607,

where Van Sickle Island sustained substantial damage. Chris Lanzafame, President of Reclamation District 1607, stated,

"Van Sickle Island took a direct hit from the storm at high tide. Our levee, which was recently repaired from the February (2023) storms, failed at a 150-foot breach, and Van Sickle is now flooded again," said Chris Lanzafame, president of Reclamation District 1607.

The damage's full extent to the levee infrastructure cannot be assessed until after the winter season. Soil conditions remain saturated and additional storms increase the risk of further damage. Solano County has requested the governor to proclaim a State of Emergency and is seeking assistance through the California Disaster Assistance Act, due to the damage's magnitude.



Van Sickle Island levee breach. Photo credit of California Department of Water Resources

The proclamation of a local emergency will remain in effect for seven days until confirmed and ratified by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. An emergency meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 27, after press time, to ensure ratification occurs within the required timeframe. This proclamation will allow the county to access necessary resources to mitigate the impact

of the storm and prevent further damage.

About Reclamation Districts & King Tides:

Reclamation districts are special districts established to provide flood protection and water management for agricultural and urban lands in flood-prone areas. The California Department of Water Resources works alongside these districts to maintain and secure infrastructure, especially in areas such as the Suisun Marsh and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Solano County is home to multiple reclamation districts that manage vital flood protection systems, safeguarding public safety, property and the environment.

King Tides are the highest high tides of the year, one to two feet higher than average high

tides, according to the California Coastal Commission. They are caused when there is alignment of the gravitational pull between the sun, moon and Earth. These tides typically happen two to four times a year, often during the winter and summer months. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts King Tides in the United States. California's 2025 King Tides are expected to occur between next Jan. 11 to 13, Nov. 5 to 7 and Dec. 4 to 6. You can check tide reports to see the times of high and low tide. Learn more at oceanservice.noaa.gov

Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts at AlertSolano.com and go to Emergency.SolanoCounty.com for tips on preparing for future disasters. To sign up for Nixle alerts, text your zip code to 888777.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-001889
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 John Benedict and Maria Benedict, 1939 B Peabody Road, Vacaville, CA 95687.
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Jennifer Ann Munguia filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jennifer Ann Munguia to Jennifer Ann Enoch.
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. January 27, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
 Judge of the Superior Court: Tim P. Kam
 Dated: December 4, 2024
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TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 0113-522-040 TS No.: 24-07830CA TSG Order No.: 240207680 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AUGUST 16, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded August 24, 2022 as Document No.: 202200055649 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by: Christopher Walter Morris, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: January 6, 2025 Sale Time: 9:30 AM Sale Location: At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 2 File No.: 24-07830CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purportedly be: 545 Pheasant Run Dr, Dixon, CA 95620. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$77,802.72 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

The City of Dixon City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

PROJECT: AMENDMENTS TO NORTHEAST QUADRANT SPECIFIC PLAN RELATED TO A VACANT 37.5 ACRE SITE ALONG PEDRICK RD [DIXON INNOVATION CENTER PROJECT] - Request for a series of amendments to the Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (NEQSP) focused on a 37.5 acre vacant lot zoned General Industrial (IG)- NESP Overlay, which is planned for future industrial development. The applicant has proposed amendments to the NEQSP which include:

- 1) Amendment to Figure 2-2, Land Use Element, to change the designation from CH (*Highway Commercial), to ML, Light Industrial to be in conformance with the existing Industrial General Plan land use designation and General Industrial - Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (IG-NESP) zoning, and
- 2) Addition of comprehensive Industrial land use regulations and development standards to Specific Plan for the applicant's 37.5 acre site.

The project site is located generally southeast of I-80, along the west of Pedrick Road. The site is bounded by Pedrick Road and Solano County unincorporated agricultural lands to the east, agricultural lands to the south (the site of the proposed Dixon 257/The Campus project), and Interstate 80 to the west, and the TEC Equipment warehouse to the north. No development is proposed or included in this action and would be subject to separate consideration and action at a future date. APN: 0111-010-080; Zoning District: General Industrial - Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (IG-NESP); PW Fund B Development, LLC, owner, Bret Hogge, Buzz Oates Construction, applicant; File No: PA22-028, SPA22-01

For the proposed amendments to the NEQSP, an Addendum to the Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 92113073) has been prepared, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that an Addendum to a previously adopted Environmental Impact Report may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions to the project are necessary or none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent Environmental Impact Report have occurred. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15164 and 15162, none of the conditions requiring preparation of a subsequent Environmental Impact Report have occurred, and the project would not result in any new significant impacts not analyzed or considered under the Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan EIR

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This 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: You can view the project plans , CEQA document and other studies and application materials on the project page at www.cityofdixon.us/environmentalreviewdocuments under the heading of "Dixon Innovation Center." You may also contact Brian Millar, Contract Planner, by phone at (530) 902-9218 or by email at bmillar@cityofdixonca.gov. You may 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. The staff report and agenda documents for the public hearing will be made available prior to the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to CityCouncil@cityofdixonca.gov, or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, 600 East A St., Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the study session. 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 meeting 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.

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) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU24-09104
 Araceli Bounds filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Araceli Bounds to Sally Araceli Bounds.
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. February 26, 2025, 8:30 a.m. Department 12, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
 Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
 Dated: December 4, 2024
 Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU24-09105
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 Benedict Restaurant Corporation, 1939 B Peabody Road, Vacaville, CA 95687.
 Date filed in Solano County: December 18, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 12/28/2015
 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 December 18, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Live music every Friday. Live band first and third Fridays.

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

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

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

Regular Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact John at 707-678-9693 or email Scoutmaster152@gmail.com for more information. Check us out on the web: <http://www.troop152dixon.com>.

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

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. (4 to 12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7 to 7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50 to 8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 and over, Juniors under 16, and those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

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

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

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

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the fourth

Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

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

Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954, the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-clubhouse.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://scotsindixon.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 Fairfield Business Center Drive. 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 707-678-5447.

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

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

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

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 Brenda Walker at 707-688-1367. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

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

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

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

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

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

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 burglary laws. Under the new law, prosecutors no longer need to prove that a vehicle was locked in order to charge someone with burglary. Instead, they only need to show that forcible entry occurred. The change is expected to make it easier for victims of car break-ins to pursue legal action, with felony convictions carrying penalties ranging from 16 months to three years.

cost-of-living provision built into California's minimum wage law.

Senate Bill 1100 prohibits employers from requiring a valid driver's license for job applicants unless driving is a core function of the role. Employers must also demonstrate that using alternative transportation would not be comparable in travel time or cost.

HOUSING LAWS

Assembly Bill 2347 introduces stronger protections for renters by extending the timeline for tenants to respond to eviction notices. Under the new law, tenants will have 10 business days, up from the previous five-day deadline, to contest an eviction.

Starting in April, Senate

Bill 611 will provide additional protections for renters in California by prohibiting landlords from charging tenants a fee for paying their rent or security deposit by check. In addition, landlords will be required to provide a written statement to tenants if they charge a security deposit that exceeds the standard amount.

CRIME

Senate Bill 1414 introduces stricter penalties for individuals convicted of soliciting a minor for sex. The law raises the crime of soliciting or buying sex from minors under 16 from a misdemeanor to a felony, carrying more severe legal consequences. If the person solicited is under

16, or under 18 and a victim of human trafficking, the offense could be punishable by jail time of up to a year and a fine of up to \$10,000 or a prison sentence ranging from 16 months to three years. For repeat offenders, the penalties are harsher, with mandatory felony charges and a prison sentence of 16 months to three years.

EDUCATION

In the education sector, Assembly Bill 1780 prohibits private nonprofit universities in California from considering legacy status in admissions. The ban, effective in September 2025, means that ties to donors or alumni will no longer play a role in college admissions decisions.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

In a move aimed at consumer protection, Assembly Bill 2863 will require companies offering auto-renewal services to provide customers with an easy option to cancel subscriptions. Starting July 1, 2025, consumers will be able to cancel their subscriptions by the same method they used to sign up.

HEALTH

A major update in healthcare comes with Senate Bill 729, which mandates that health insurance plans cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, including in vitro fertilization (IVF), starting July 1, 2025.

Senate Bill 1061 will protect consumers by prohibiting credit reporting agencies from including medical debt on their credit reports, ensuring that such debt cannot negatively impact individuals' credit scores.

Assembly Bills 1817 and 2771 will ban the use of harmful chemicals known as PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in clothing, textiles and cosmetics sold in California. These chemicals, which have been linked to serious health issues such as liver damage, thyroid disease, reproductive problems and cancer, will no longer be allowed in products. ★

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