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Landeros Caps 2025 Season with Jiu-Jitsu Title



Landeros trains at Team Alpha BJJ in Dixon under coach Fabio Prado (right), where she has practiced for nearly two years. Prado also hosted the G3 Team vs. Team BJJ tournament held at Dixon High School Nov. 15. Photo courtesy of Luis Landeros

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Abby Landeros, a 13-year-old from Dixon, has earned Season Champion status for the 2025 Jiu Jitsu World League season, marking a significant achievement in her competitive career less than two years after she began training.

Landeros, a seventh grader at John Knight Middle School and yellow belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ), was named Season Champion after finishing the year in the top 2 percent of competitors in her age, weight and belt division. The designation reflects consistent performance across the 2025 season, including points earned,

victories and submissions. In September, Landeros reached the No. 1 national ranking in her division. She secured her championship standing following competition in Stockton Nov. 22, where she won her match, and again on Dec. 6 in San Diego, where she earned a victory, a
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The Making of a Lawyer

By Kay Beasley

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The name of a long-time Dixon lawyer slipped right off the tongue of former Dixon City Councilman Devon Nishimura when asked about who he attributed the launch of his legal career. Nishimura, formerly Devon Minnema from Dixon, graduated from Cal Northern School of Law in May, passed the bar in July, and was sworn in by U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis Cota last month as an Officer of the Court.

Doris McCready, a long-time Dixon lawyer and member of Soroptimist International of Dixon, was instrumental in starting his success.

"Nobody practiced election law so I figured civil litigation was as close as I could get when the City of Dixon was trying to sue me about politics," he explained. "I was contacting her about legal advice and about representing me. I had done some research online and gave her a brief of the case over the phone. I described to her my position, what was going on,



Devon Nishimura, a former Dixon City Councilman, and his wife at his CalNorthern School of Law graduation. Courtesy Photo

and what I thought -- even cited some of the cases I had looked up. I told her 'I want to fight this thing.'"

But she was impressed with how I presented it and was impressed that I had already gathered some of the precedents. Then she gave me the names of a couple firms that might be

able to help," he said. Before their conversation ended, McCready asked him if he ever considered going to law school.
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Travis Credit Union Announces Teacher Grant Program 2025 Winners

Travis Credit Union News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - Travis Credit Union (TCU) announced Dec. 18 the inaugural winners of its Teacher Grant Program, a first-ever initiative providing five \$1,000 grants to K-12 educators across Northern California. The program was created to help teachers enhance classroom learning through new supplies, technology and creative projects that directly benefit students.

The five winning educators, selected from dozens of applications representing schools across Travis Credit Union's 12-county service area, were chosen for their demonstrated commitment to student success.

"This grant program is our way of saying thank you and ensuring educators have the resources they need to inspire the next generation," said Kevin Miller, president and chief executive officer at Travis Credit Union.

The 2025 Teacher Grant Recipients are as follows. Adam Boisvert Richmond High School, Richmond; Alicia Salomon, Rodriguez High School, Fairfield; Jakeb Stanley, Dozier-Libbey Medical High School, Antioch; Jennifer Beermann, Korematsu Elementary School, Davis; Natalie Hart, Bethany Lutheran School, Vacaville.

Natalie Hart of Bethany Lutheran School shared that the grant will empower her 5th and 6th grade students to create blessing baskets for first responders and individuals experiencing homelessness.

"Through this project, students will have the joy of giving and learn the importance of serving others. We are so thankful for TCU's support, as this opportunity allows my students to make a real difference while growing in compassion and faith," said Hart.

At Rodriguez High School, recipient Alicia Salomon plans to use the funds to support a series of hands-on, community-focused art and literacy projects. Her students will paint the school's golf carts, illustrate and write children's stories to share with elementary students at Oakbrook, and paint a mural in Suisun City. Alicia expressed her deep gratitude to Travis Credit Union for investing back into the community.

"Thank you, Travis Credit Union, for choosing me as a recipient of the Teacher Grant!" said
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Dixon News Briefs

Community Rallies After Vandalism at Veterans Memorial Hall



Scout Troop 152 is hosting a tree recycling fundraiser Jan. 3 and 10. Dixonites can sign up online to have their Christmas trees recycled by local Scouts after the New Year for a donation. Photo courtesy of BSA Troop 152 and Jennifer McMillan

By MPG Staff

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 1. 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.

Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser

Scout Troop 152 is hosting a tree recycling fundraiser Jan. 3 and 10. Dixonites can sign up online to have their Christmas trees recycled by local Scouts after the New Year for a donation. No donation is too small, but a suggested donation of \$20 per tree is appreciated. Proceeds will fund campouts, service projects, equipment, leadership training and year-round adventure for the troop.

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

Easy as Pizza

Soroptimist International of Dixon is partnering with Pizza Guys for a fundraiser all day Jan. 12. Held at Pizza Guys, 1455 Ary Lane, attendees are encouraged to mention Soroptimist when they order to participate. A portion of sales will be donated to the club for community grants.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-693-6666.

Dixon Girls Softball Registration

Dixon Girls Softball has opened registration for the Spring 2026 season. Regular registration lasts until Dec. 31, with late registration lasting from Jan. 1 to Jan. 15. Regular registration costs \$225 and late registration costs \$250. 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.

Dixon Library Book Club

Dixon Library is hosting its monthly morning book club meeting from 11 a.m. to noon Jan. 8. The morning book club is a monthly, adult-oriented group that will be reading "They Called Us Enemy" by George Takei. 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.

Friendly Bookworm Christmas Sale

The Friendly Bookworm is hosting a Christmas sale until Jan. 3. Located at 230 N. First St., next to the library, the bookstore is offering 50% off all Christmas merchandise, including books, jigsaw puzzles, movies, greeting cards, toys and music CDs. Notably, the shop will be closed Dec. 24 to Dec. 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 31.

For more information, visit the Friends of the Dixon Library Facebook page or call 707-624-0144.

Cat Show at the May Fair

The Cat Fanciers' Association Northwest Region Cat Show, titled "Cats Royale," will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 10. Held in Madden Hall, 655 S. First St., exhibitor hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with public visiting hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, students with identification and seniors, and \$40 for families. The show will feature a variety of cat breeds and include a costume contest.

For more information, visit dixonmayfair.com or call 707-678-5529.

Annual Hobo Beef Stew Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting its annual Hobo Beef Stew dinner and raffle at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 16. Held at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., the event offers a no-host bar at 4:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 per person.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 530-304-5385.

Read to a Dog

Dixon Library is hosting Read to a Dog from 3 to 4 p.m. Jan. 5. Hosted at the library, 230 N. First St., the activity provides children ages five to 12 with 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. This will be the first event the library hosts after its winter program break.

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

Dixon Moose Lodge Cornhole

Dixon Moose Lodge hosts cornhole every Monday at 6 p.m. Hosted by 4bagzin, a cornhole apparel shop, the weekly event features drinks, snacks, music, and competitive cornhole. Held at the Moose Lodge, 180 W. B St., participants can sign in using the Scoreholio app for \$10 per person. Newcomers can expect tutorials on cornhole from on-site personnel. Members and qualified guests are invited to play and support the lodge.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-9407. ★



A break-in and vandalism discovered at Veterans Memorial Hall has caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage and prompted a community fundraising effort to help restore the longtime gathering place for local veterans and residents. Photo courtesy of American Legion Post 208

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A break-in and vandalism at Veterans Memorial Hall has caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage and prompted a community fundraising effort to help restore the longtime gathering place for local veterans and residents.

The incident occurred on or before Dec. 24 at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., which is regularly utilized by American Legion Post 208. According to Post 208 Commander Greg Young, offenders entered the building, discharged fire extinguishers throughout the hall, broke bottles of alcohol and forced entry into secured areas.

"They went through all the offices and sprayed the liquid from the fire extinguisher everywhere," said Young. "They also broke into the safe in the liquor room from the bar and stole \$1,000 and broke into our ATM and stole all the money from that."

According to Young the damage appeared to be largely indiscriminate, with no clear motive beyond theft and destruction. Two fire extinguishers were discharged inside the building, requiring extensive cleaning and sanitizing, particularly in food preparation and storage areas.

"We found out later during the cleanup that there was more damage," said Young. "Everything that touched food had to be scrubbed down to avoid contamination."

Young has been a member of American Legion

Post 208 since 2018 and became commander in 2025. While he does not live in Dixon, he said he has strong ties to the community and to the hall, which serves as a central venue for both veterans and the public.

The break-in was discovered when members of the American Legion stopped by the hall while attending a funeral service at another veterans facility in Dixon.

"They saw our doors were opened, investigated, and contacted me, the hall manager and the sheriff's department," said Young. "That's when everyone showed up to see what had happened."

Young described his reaction upon seeing the damage and learning that money had been stolen from both the safe and the ATM.

"I was very angry, hurt, very upset," said Young. "Just mortified someone could do this to a veterans' hall."

Veterans Memorial Hall is used regularly for community events, including weddings, quinceañeras, birthday celebrations, retirement parties and memorial services. It also hosts American Legion meetings, Friday night dinners and gatherings for local businesses and organizations.

"This hall is not just for veterans," said Young. "It's there for everyone and everything."

Despite the extent of the damage, the hall was cleaned and prepared for continued use after a large volunteer effort. Young said more than 100 people responded to a call for help and spent about five hours

cleaning the facility Dec. 26. "It was one of the best things I've ever seen," said Young.

On Dec. 24, Young launched a GoFundMe fundraiser to help cover repairs and replacement costs, including the ATM, safe and damaged equipment. As of Dec. 29, the fundraiser had raised \$3,665 from 52 donations.

For Young, the response from the Dixon community has been a source of encouragement.

"For a while, I was starting to think we were a forgotten space in Dixon," said Young. "The fact that we had so much support, from non-veterans to veteran-tied people, just showed that people do care about this hall."

According to Young, the post plans to improve security moving forward, including reinstating a camera system that had been removed during the COVID-19 pandemic due to reduced hall use and funding constraints.

"We had the cameras in place, but we had to sacrifice that," said Young. "Now we're looking to get that back up and running."

For those unable to donate financially, Young said volunteering time or supporting events such as Friday night dinners is another way to help.

More information is available on the American Legion Post 208 Facebook page or by emailing alpost208@aol.com. Donations to the fundraiser can be made at gofundme.com/f/restore-dixon-vets-hall-after-vandalism. ★



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County Receives Grant to Expand Car Seat Safety

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County Health & Social Services Department, Public Health Division, is pleased to announce receipt of a \$191,934 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to continue its life-saving child passenger safety efforts through the Solano Car Seat Connection Program.

The grant runs through September 2026 and will continue to support vital program services that work closely with parents and caregivers on teaching proper car seat use and safe installation. Grant funds support car seat safety classes, individual inspection appointments and community-wide checkup events conducted by Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians in English and Spanish.

The Solano Car Seat Connection Program provides in-person car seat safety classes and virtual options to increase accessibility for all families. All services are available in both English and Spanish. The classes educate parents and caregivers on best car

seat safety practices and current California car seat laws, such as keeping children under the age of two (2) in a rear-facing car seat unless they weigh at least 40 pounds or are at least 40 inches tall.

In early 2026, the program will also host a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) Training, providing community members and partner agencies the opportunity to become certified CPS Technicians and help expand access to car seat safety education across Solano County.

“Offering local CPST certification training is an exciting next step,” said Giselle Salinas Zavala, Health Education Specialist with the Injury Prevention Program. “It will help us strengthen our network of trained technicians and ensure more families across Solano County have access to accurate, up-to-date car seat safety education.”

According to the Office of Traffic Safety, while seat belt use in California is 96.2 percent, 780 unrestrained occupants were

killed in traffic crashes in 2023. Nearly 60 percent of car seats are used incorrectly nationwide, and local inspections by Certified Technicians suggest that the rate in Solano County is closer to 90 percent.

Together, these numbers highlight why early education on proper car seat and booster seat use is vital, making OTS-funded programs like the Solano Car Seat Connection critical to community safety. They provide car seat inspections, educational classes, car seat distribution to eligible families and technician training. Since 1996, the program has helped thousands of Solano County families ensure their children are safe and secure in vehicles.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information on the Solano Car Seat Connection, visit About VibeSolano and VibeSolano Classes, both of which are available at solanocounty.gov. ★

The Making of a Lawyer



The swearing in ceremony at Dixon City Hall in 2016 that included newly elected Treasurer Wesley Atkinson, Councilmen Devon Minnema and Steve Bird, and Mayor Thom Bogue. File Photo

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“She told me I might make a good lawyer.”

Nishimura was attending Woodland College at the time, working full time at Dixon Tractor Supply, plus involved in his Dixon City Council duties.

“I thought a bachelor’s degree was a long way down the road at that time. I didn’t even have an Associates, yet,” he told her. “That’s when she told me you don’t have to have a bachelor’s degree to go to a California Bar law school –you only need an associate. She told me about Lincoln Law School.” She had attended a similar school.

“Well, that was a lot more do-able. I could do four years of school, but six more years of school sounded awful,” he said with a laugh. “I told her that’s great information to know and it stuck in my head.” But when he looked into it, there was

no way to make that work with his Council schedule.

Like many young people, he considered his options for his future. He made an unsuccessful run for Supervisor and two years later, a “long shot” for Dixon Mayor but was edged out by Steve Bird.

“When I ran but didn’t get elected, the gates were open and I could go to law school,” he said. He enrolled at Lincoln Law in Sacramento and married in 2021 transferring to Cal Northern School of Law in Chico near where the couple moved. While attending classes at night, he worked for the Tehama County Counsel in Red Bluff during the days.

He now works his new passion full time on a variety of cases but mostly defense at Maire & Deedon in Redding.

“You’re dealing with people who never once in their life thought they’d get sued. Maybe there was a lapse of judgement but

there are plenty of opportunists who think there’s a chance to cash in,” he said. “Clients have been served with papers and it’s not their choice to start litigation.”

“Someone is out to ruin their lives and that’s a lot of what being a defense attorney is about. You’re being entrusted with someone’s livelihood – putting people in the hole for years not to mention possibly wiping out an entire generation’s worth of work. It’s about protecting them.”

Although the Quo Warranto was dismissed by the State Attorney General, there was no apology by the City of Dixon. Yet, he has no hard feelings.

“I was well past all of that a long time ago,” he said. “In hindsight, I’m glad I had that experience with Dixon City Council because it put me where I’m at now and I hope nobody ever has to go through that.” ★

Beer for a Butterfly Contest Opens



Pictured is a cabbage white butterfly, or Pieris rapae. The first person to find the first live cabbage white butterfly of the year in the three-county area of Sacramento, Yolo and Solano will receive a pitcher of beer or its equivalent. Courtesy photo

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Suds for a bug? A bug for some suds?

The annual “Beer for a Butterfly” contest, launched in 1972 by butterfly guru Art Shapiro, now a UC Davis distinguished professor emeritus, is underway as of Jan. 1.

The first person to find the first live cabbage white butterfly, Pieris rapae, of the year in the three-county area of Sacramento, Yolo and Solano -- and is declared the winner -- will receive a pitcher of beer or its equivalent.

Shapiro, who has monitored butterfly populations in Central California since 1972, and maintains a research website at <http://butterfly.ucdavis.edu/>, says the point of the contest “is to get the earliest possible flight date for statistical purposes.” It’s all part of his scientific research involving long-term studies of

butterfly life cycles and climate change.

Assisting with the 2025 contest will be the Bohart Museum of Entomology, directed by Professor Jason Bond, who is the Evert and Marion Schlinger Endowed Chair, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, and executive associate dean, UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

The 2025 contest rules stipulate that contestants must collect a live butterfly in the wild, video it, and email the entry to the Bohart Museum at bmuseum@ucdavis.edu, listing the time, date and place. The insect must be an adult -- no caterpillars or pupae -- and must be captured outdoors, Shapiro said.

The professor also participates in the contest. In fact, Shapiro has been defeated only four times and those were by UC Davis graduate students. Adam Porter won in 1983; Sherri Graves and Rick VanBuskirk each won in the late 1990s; and Jacob Montgomery in 2016. The first three were his own graduate students. ★

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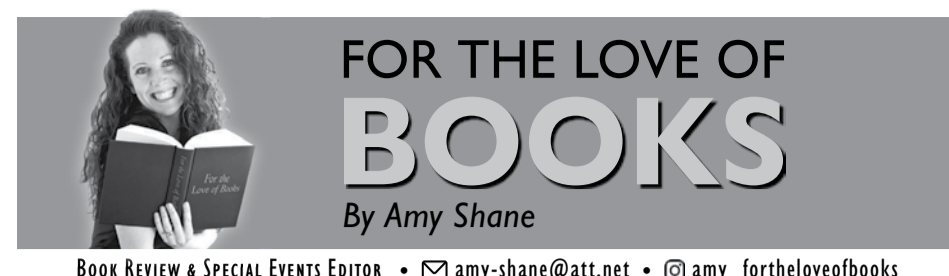
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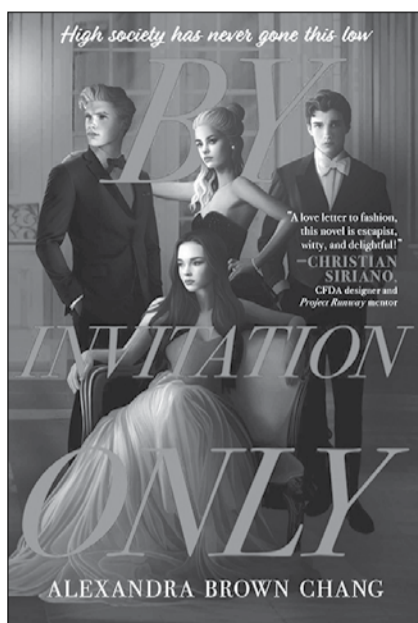
by Alexandra Brown Chang

For high society's elite, being chosen to debut in La Danse des Débutantes is the highest honor one can receive. Each year, the most exclusive debutante ball in the world chooses from the most famous, elite, and wealthy families in the world, deciding who is truly worthy to be introduced to society as a debutante.

For Chapin Buckingham, being an elite "it" girl has always been easy. As the daughter of two Hollywood legends and a mother who is still society's leading woman, debuting at La Danse des Débutantes is a given, even an expectation of her mother's.

Piper Woo Collins has always worked hard for everything she has ever wanted. The daughter of an EMT and a mother who has passed away, getting to attend college, is a huge feat. The high society world of popularity, money, and fashion is something that she has never even batted an eye at, until she was featured in Teen Vogue for her win at the International Science Fair. But once again, she only hoped that the feature would help her obtain a scholarship to attend college.

Amelie's sole goal this year is to repair La Danse's soiled reputation; the height of a scandal, the debutante ball is the face of repugnance, and she will do anything to help it regain the reputation it deserves. Then she reads about Piper, a down-to-earth, intelligent, and beautiful girl. Piper is



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the perfect girl to help turn their reputation around. The perfect Cinderella story, and one that the tabloids and media can definitely get behind. The only roadblock is convincing her to join.

In a competition for society's highest honor, the debutantes will stop at nothing to win. But for Piper, it's not about the crown; it's about the promised college scholarship, and for Chapin, she has her reasons as well. While Chapin has every reason to hate Piper, it is hard to hate the clueless girl without any fashion sense, and finds herself oddly wanting to help. But in a cut-throat competition, where there is everything to lose and everything to gain, the claws come out.

This book is a reader's invitation to the high-stakes luxury world of fashion. Escape into the world of fashion, luxury, romance, and even friendship with an ode to the fashion elite in *By Invitation Only*. Alexandra Brown Chang gives readers a welcome escape into the world of high society, where one can dream of fancy gowns, high fashion, and debutante balls. Featuring an inside look into leading fashion houses such as Dior, Chanel, and Givenchy. With even a quote on the cover from fashion icon and legend Christian Siriano, "A love letter to fashion."

High society reaches a new level of luxurious entertainment, making it the perfect read for any fashionista or reality show fan! ★



Riley Reviews

"MERV" IMPASSIVE ROMANTIC COMEDY FOCUSED ON AN ADORABLE TERRIER

A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

"MERV" Rated PG

The holiday season continues into the new year if one desires to catch up on films with a Christmas backdrop, if not an outright yuletide theme, that are running on streaming services like Netflix and Amazon Prime.

In Amazon Prime's "Merv," set during a wintry holiday season in freezing Boston, the titular character is a wirehaired terrier (played by Gus). Other dogs named Gus have been entertainers, but not one with the famous acclaim of a Houston rescue dog.

Dogs are inherently lovable for the most part, and the story of Gus the dog, an abused mixed-breed canine rescued in 2018 who survived torture that caused massive swelling of his head, ends with a feel-good story of adoption by a caring owner.

Fortunately, "Merv" is not one of those tearjerker movies with a tragic fate for the dog. What's interesting here is that Merv has a range of emotions that eclipse those of his loving owners, Anna (Zoey Deschanel) and Russ (Charlie Cox), who have split from living together and have agreed to joint custody.

"Merv" is upbeat despite the discord affecting the humans, and that's due to the dog's uncanny ability of showing expressive glances and doing simple things like sitting still in bath water with soap bubbles crowning his head. He looks like a dog that would be easily picked at a shelter.

The film opens in Russ' untidy apartment littered with dirty dishes, pizza boxes, Chinese takeout cartons, dog toys, among other detritus. Russ is snuggling with Merv on a sofa that looks like it was rescued from a dumpster.

However, today is a sad one for Russ, since his week of guardianship has come to an end. For his part, Merv exhibits signs of depression as he's apparently not keen on being shuttled back and forth and would prefer a reunion of his parental figures.

Given snowy conditions, Merv is dressed in a doggie parka and make-shift booties to make the trek to Anna's. Unlike Russ' unkempt abode, Anna's apartment is more welcoming, but Merv can't hide his disappointment of shuffling between broken homes.

Meanwhile, back at his place, Russ is viewing videos of happier times on Facebook and checking his Instagram account of The Mervinator, where his photos of the pooch are superimposed on a dinosaur, martial artist, flying eagle, and Mount Rushmore.

An elementary school teacher, Russ has great rapport with his students, who know a lot about the Mervinator and are inquisitive about his personal life, wondering if he's married or dating someone.

The school's Vice Principal Desmond (Chris Redd) also takes an interest in Russ' personal life, suggesting that he grab a beer with his mortgage broker, while observing Russ has been a miserable jerk lately for not joining him at a game and missing out on birthday pizza.

As an eye doctor, Anna treats patients who are equally probing, with an elderly lady asking about a planned vacation with her handsome boyfriend in a picture frame that was once on her desk.

On a blind date at a trendy restaurant, Anna meets a pretentious lug who can't even correctly pronounce the name of his supposedly favorite wine and insufferably suggests they should either split a few appetizers or go straight to dessert.

When the blind date says her sharing custody of a dog is a red flag, that is an immediate warning sign, which is followed by Anna asking him about the one thing he would save in his burning condo, and it turns out to be his safe rather than a pet or a loved one. Good riddance to this loser.

Like nervous parents, Anna and Russ take Merv to the vet because he's sad and listless, only to find out he's healthy. That the dog has been mopey all the time makes no sense to his guardians because of the notion they hold that Christmas is the dog's favorite holiday.

Maybe a change of scenery will improve Merv's spirits. To that end, Russ decides that his week with the dog will be spent at a beach resort in Florida that caters to canines with all sorts of dog-centric activities.

Not to be left out of the fun, Anna decides to surprise Russ and Merv with an impromptu visit to the resort. By this point, you would be thinking that Merv will be the catalyst for the couple getting back together.

This being a romantic comedy, a twist is thrown into the equation when Russ meets attractive single dog parent Jocelyn (Ellyn Jameson) on the beach and gets invited to her dog's birthday party.

While "Merv" has lovable characters with Zoey Deschanel and Charlie Cox as the couple that look cute together, the movie does not rise above being a formulaic romantic comedy that we've seen many times before.

The appeal of this film is probably for dog lovers only, given how Merv's cuteness and charisma carry "Merv" for light-hearted amusement that will be soon forgotten. ★

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

Saturday, December 20, 2025

0917 Linnise Rodriguez (24) of Vacaville was arrested for grand theft at a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
1117 Agency assist for the Sacramento Police Department.
1235 Information report in the 200 block of Early Dawn Drive.
1304 Vehicle accident with no injuries in the 200 block of West A Street.

Friday, December 19, 2025

0528 Hit and Run reported in the 900 block of West A Street.
0801 Trespassing reported in the 100 block of South Second Street. John Obrien (70), of Dixon, was arrested for Trespassing and transported to the Solano County Jail.
0832 Parking violation reported in the 500 block of Cypress Street. A black BMW was towed by Jeff Ramirez Towing.
1034 Informational report taken in the 200 block of West A Street.
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2223 Warrant arrest in the 1400 block of Ary Lane. Officers responded to a trespass call and contacted Suspect Michael Krone (37-year-old out of Citrus Heights). S-Krone was found to have a warrant out of Sacramento County. S-Krone was cited and released on scene.

Thursday, December 18, 2025

0722 Court order violation in the 200 block of East Chestnut Street.
1412 Found property turned into the police department.
2057 Driving under the influence of alcohol arrest in the 1000 block of North First Street. Suspect Iqbal Gill (58-year-old out of Dixon) was arrested and transported to Dixon Police Department for processing. S-Gill was released to family with a citation.
2141 Warrant arrest at the intersection of Fitzgerald Drive and Vaughn Road. Suspect Martin Mosely (31-year-old out of Sacramento) was the passenger in a vehicle stop. S-Mosely was found to have a warrant out of Merced County. The warrant was cite and release only. S-Mosley was cited and released on scene.
0026 Information report taken in the 300 block of Sycamore Drive.
0238 Residential burglary report taken in the 1300 block of Bello Drive.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

0734 Welfare check in the 1800 block of North Lincoln Street resulted in a located missing person.
0754 Suspect threatening to vandalize property in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive. Domingo Mouton, 35-year-old from Dixon, was arrested for violating a domestic violence restraining order. He was transported to Solano County Jail.
1138 Theft report taken in the 300 block of Gateway Drive.
1445 Missing juvenile report taken in the 1400 block of Ferrero Drive. Juvenile was located.

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

0853 Found property report taken in the 300 block of North Second Street.
0903 Vandalism reported in the 1000 block of Newgate Way.
1536 Found property report taken at the Police Department.
1832 An informational report was taken in the 1200 block of Hopkins Drive.
2334 A court order violation report was taken in the 600 block of Marvin Way.

Monday, December 15, 2025

1134 Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 300 block of Archer Place resulted in the removal.
1306 Confidential report taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.
1500 Lost property report area of Pitt School Road and Stratford Avenue.
1610 Confidential report 400 block East A Street.
2013 A public intoxication arrest report was taken in the 2000 block of North First Street. Officers contacted a juvenile who showed objective signs of intoxication. The juvenile was cited and released to his parents and taken to a hospital by ambulance for medical checkout.

Sunday, December 14, 2025

1234 Hit and run traffic accident reported in the 700 block of Alexander Drive.
1324 Information report taken in the 200 block of Fuller Lane.
1404 Mental health hold in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.
1844 An informational report was taken in the 1100 block of Camelia Drive.



California Farm Bureau President Heralds 'Bright Future'

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass applauded the organization's principles and celebrated its accomplishments this year in an address delivered last week at the Farm Bureau's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. "Despite all the challenges we have in the world, all the challenges we have in agriculture, we still have a tremendously bright future," Douglass said. "I believe that it's because of Farm Bureau that the future of California agriculture looks bright." A diversified farmer and rancher in Glenn County, Douglass was first elected in 2023 to lead the Farm Bureau. Last week, she was reelected to another two-year term. Also reelected last week to two-year terms were Vice President Shaun Crook, a Tuolumne County forester, and Second Vice President Ron Peterson, a Stanislaus County cattle rancher and dairy farmer who also grows almonds and silage crops.

California Farm Bureau Updates Group's Policies

California Farm Bureau approved changes to the organization's policies last week during a House of Delegates session at the organization's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Delegates voted to approve new and updated policies related to issues

such as wine import subsidies, abandoned farmland and immigration enforcement. In total, California Farm Bureau approved 13 new or updated policies, several of which came in response to recent challenges farmers and ranchers have faced. "Every year, when we have changes that we want to incorporate—if it's a new issue that's come up or maybe we're unhappy about how a policy was previously written—we take the opportunity to make those changes," said Matthew Viohl, a federal policy director for the California Farm Bureau.

Young Farmers and Ranchers Urged to be Industry's Voice

Young farmers and ranchers from across California convened Dec. 6-7 in Anaheim for the 2025 California Young Farmers & Ranchers State Conference, where agricultural leaders underscored the need to strengthen grassroots involvement and cultivate the next generation of industry advocates. "We need diverse voices and perspectives to help shape our future—not only the future of Farm Bureau, but of California agriculture as a whole," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass, a Glenn County farmer and rancher. "Our young farmers and ranchers are an important feeder for our county Farm Bureau boards and for the leadership of the California Farm Bureau." ★

Required Ear Tagging For 2026 Dixon May Fair



Tags and paperwork will be available for pick up in the Dixon May Fair office. Courtesy photo

Dixon May Fair News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Those youth planning on exhibiting a Market Beef at the 2026 Fair, May 7 to 10, need to be aware of the following deadlines and requirements. FFA advisors, 4-H leaders, Grange leaders or parents of independent juniors must pick up tags prior to Jan. 9.

Tags and paperwork will be available for pick up in the Dixon May Fair office

from Dec. 15 to Dec. 19 and Jan. 5 to Jan. 9. Paperwork, entry fees, bill of sale and picture (front and side view) must be returned to the fair office no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 9. Entry fees and entry forms must be paid by Jan. 9.

The Dixon May Fairgrounds is located at 655 S. First St. in Dixon.

For more information, visit dixonmayfair.com/general-information/ or call 707-678-5529. ★

Travis Credit Union Announces Teacher Grant Program 2025 Winners

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Rodriguez. “We are deeply touched and grateful for TCU investing back into the community.”

The Teacher Grant Program builds on Travis Credit Union’s long history of educational outreach, including the Generation Wealth financial education initiative which has reached more than 13,000 students since 2009, and the Community Impact Scholarship Program which has awarded nearly \$700,000 to over 400

students since 2004. These initiatives reflect the credit union’s belief that strong schools help create strong communities.

About Travis Credit Union

Travis Credit Union, based in Vacaville, California, has been recognized at the federal, state and local levels for its longstanding financial education and financial advocacy efforts. TCU was named as a Best Regional Credit Union

by Newsweek in 2025 and 2026. It has also been selected as a Best-In-State Credit Union by Forbes and earned the U.S. Air Force Distinguished Credit Union of the Year award for eight years. Founded in 1951 on Travis Air Force Base, TCU today serves 12 Northern California counties. It is the twelfth largest credit union in California, with 250,000 members and \$5 billion in assets. Learn more about our mission at traviscu.org. ★

MEMORIAL

IRVING GERATY • 06/10/1933 - 12-12/2025

Irving Geraty, of Dixon, California, passed away with his loving family at his side on December 12, 2025. He was 92 years old. Irving was born and raised in Sacramento, CA. He served as a mechanic with the US Army in Korea from 1953 until his Honorable Discharge in 1955 with the rank of Corporal.

He married Darlene Barker, also of Sacramento, in 1960. They moved to Dixon in 1963, where they raised Stephen (d), Alison, Kristen (Jeff Hailey), and Delbert (Lisa). He and Darlene delighted in their grandchildren, Kaitlin, Timothy, and Megan.

They also shared a love for live jazz music, boating, and drives along the coast. Darlene passed away just shy of their 60th wedding anniversary in 2019.

Irving was proud of his family’s long heritage in Dixon and found comfort living amidst the almond orchard he planted alongside his father.

He had a life long passion for baseball and found joy in coaching with Dixon Little League. Throughout his life he enjoyed building models, collecting model trains, car races, and everything involving airplanes. Irving took up golf in his late 60’s and played well into his 80’s. Most of his golf buddies were a good ten years younger (or more!) and it was his goal to play just as well, or even



one day beat them.

After Darlene’s passing, Irving became active with church. His life then centered around Sunday services, especially socializing with friends in the Fellowship Hall and attending the weekly Men’s Group where there was always plenty of laughter and doughnuts. He could also be found having dinner at the local VFW, where he exchanged stories and forged more new friendships.

Irving will be remembered for the glint in his eye when telling a good story and enjoying his favorite sweet desserts.

Friends and family are invited to attend funeral services
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10:00am Viewing
11:00am Service
Interment at Silveyville Cemetery

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Ask DR. UNIVERSE

What determines the size and shape of someone’s belly button?

- Isana, 16, Washinton State

Dear Isana,
My belly button is a subtle scar on my tummy. It’s covered by fluffy cat fur—and it’s not easy to see. But humans have obvious belly buttons. They come in different sizes and shapes.

I asked my friend Cindy Brigham-Althoff about that. She’s a nurse midwife and professor at Washington State University. She teaches student nurses about birth.

She told me the scientific name for a belly button is umbilicus. It’s what’s left of your umbilical cord.

Before you were born, a temporary organ called the placenta grew next to you. A cord connected the placenta to a spot in the center of your developing tummy. Oxygen and nutrients traveled in blood from the placenta and down the umbilical cord to your body. Waste left your body and flowed the other direction.

After you—and your placenta—were born, a midwife or doctor placed two clamps on your umbilical cord. They used special scissors to snip the cord between the clamps. That separated you from your placenta.

“The umbilical cord has no sensation,” Brigham-



This is what a newborn baby’s clamped umbilical cord looks like before it’s cut. Some people don’t cut the umbilical cord. They leave the placenta attached until it naturally separates. Wild mammals usually bite through their babies’ umbilical cords with their teeth.. Courtesy photo

Althoff said. “So, babies don’t feel when the cord is clamped and cut.”

What’s left is a small, meaty stump.

Some newborn babies need medicine or fluids delivered by an IV. Sometimes they can receive that through their stump, so they don’t feel a needle poke at all.

Within a few weeks, your stump dried up and fell off. It left behind a scar—your belly button!

Brigham-Althoff told me that process has nothing to do with the size or shape of your navel. How it looks at the start is a total wild card.

But your belly button probably won’t look the same for your whole life. As people grow and

get older, they may add fat tissue to their abdomens. That makes the belly button appear bigger or deeper. It can even change its shape. That’s why an outie belly button—where some of the umbilical scar tissue pokes out instead of dipping in—is super uncommon among adults.

All mammals with placentas wind up with an umbilicus. It’s a remnant of life inside the womb. It’s a reminder that we have a lot in common with our mammal relatives.

Who are all as cute as a (belly) button.

Sincerely,
Dr. Universe

Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email

andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

Bids For Kids – Is a volunteer organization created to promote and foster youth participation in agriculture. Anyone interested in this endeavor is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact secretary, Lisa Dage at 707-246-5623, fivedages@sbcglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, 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 for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop-152dixon.com.

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

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

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

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

Planning Commission – Meets the second

Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through

enhancing children's lives meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954, the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-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 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

contacts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Very Odd Election Year Starts with Republicans Possibly Leading the Governor's Race



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The 2026 campaigns for governor, a raft of other statewide offices, 52 congressional seats and 100 slots in the state Legislature officially begin today with the onset of candidate filing. It could be one of the oddest election cycles in California's 175 years as a state, albeit one that puts the state's convoluted politics in the national spotlight.

There are so many Democrats running for governor that it's theoretically possible for a Republican to win the office, despite the state's deeply blue political profile, especially with the possibility of even more Democratic hopefuls jumping into the mob -- as a herd of kangaroos is dubbed in Australia.

Meanwhile, both incumbent members of Congress and aspirants will be running in districts that have been radically gerrymandered to shrink Republicans' tiny delegation even more, as Democrats seek to regain control of Congress.

The possibility of a Republican governor, although very scant, stems from the state's top-two primary election system. All candidates, regardless of party, will appear on the same June 2 primary election ballot, and the two with

the highest percentages of the vote -- no matter how small those shares may be -- will face each other in the November election.

With upwards of a dozen Democrats now running and the possibility of others, it's possible the two Republicans in the mix so far -- Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and former television commentator Steve Hilton -- could theoretically finish one and two with perhaps as few as 10-15% of the votes each.

It's not likely if the Democratic cohort shrinks in the next few months as the weakest contenders drop out, lacking enough money or poll support to continue. However, the lack of a natural Democratic frontrunner and the seeming lack of party leadership strong enough to cull the herd bolster the mathematical possibility of a GOP upset.

Had former Vice President Kamala Harris or U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla decided to run, either would have been the immediate frontrunner. But by opting out, they left a vacuum.

At the moment, former Congresswoman Katie Porter is leading the Democratic pack, albeit with scarcely double-digit support in the polls. She and former Controller Betty Yee are the only two women now running with Harris. Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and former state Sen. Toni Atkins out. Porter also gained recognition during her unsuccessful bid for a U.S. Senate seat last year.

Billionaire Tom Steyer is currently the most visible contender, spending some of his immense

wealth on television and internet ads to depict himself as a populist who rails against "Sacramento politicians" and promises to reduce electric bills -- not unlike how Donald Trump achieved success.

Beyond Porter, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Attorney General and Biden cabinet member Xavier Becerra appear to be the strongest Democratic strivers. However, everyone is still waiting to see whether Attorney General Rob Bonta or Los Angeles businessman Rick Caruso will opt in.

Having so much uncertainty this late in the game is very unusual. However, at some point, perhaps around February or March, when the Democratic field finally begins to shrink, it will be possible to sort out the truly viable candidates from the wannabes and do some realistic handicapping.

Until then, as Willie Brown, the former state Assembly speaker and San Francisco Mayor and one of the state's most astute politicians, put it to Politico:

"The field is not considered of a quality that you as a Democrat would expect in California. We're still pretty much carried away with stardom, with individuals who have some impact ... We don't have any candidates like that at the moment."

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The holidays are almost behind us, but our beloved Sacramento Kings saw to it that Kings fans were treated to an early Christmas gift. Two unlikely wins in the past four games, thrilling the hometown fans with electric wins over the Houston Rockets and the Dallas Mavericks gave every Kings fan a gift to remember.

A closer look at the Mavericks game gave fans a chance to stare and wonder, who is that guy sinking 3 for 6 shots from the 3-point line and adding 9 big points to the win total. None other than all but forgotten Doug McDermott, who ignited the team and created havoc for the visiting Mavericks team.

As I have expressed, McDermott is a weapon and should be used as such. He presents an immediate problem for opposing defenses when he enters a game, and against Dallas he was exactly that.

The Kings lit the beam with a 113-107 win over the visiting Mavericks, and for once McDermott had a reason to shower after the game.

I was pleased to see that his insertion into the Dallas game was not an anomaly, as McDermott saw action in Sunday night's game against the Lakers as well. Despite the fact that McDermott was only 1 for 4 from 3-point land, just seeing a rotation that had him playing a part was gratifying for me, and I hope it marks a change in Doug Christie's approach to in-game rotations moving forward.

In spite of their record, the Kings have real talent on this team and were it not for injuries and the inability to put lineups on the floor that represent sense, the likelihood of Sacramento approaching a 500 record at this point in the season is not out of the question.

Are there moves that need to be made? Yes, and they will come, but in the meantime, let's use the talent we currently have and see more wins like the ones over Houston and Dallas.

Not to be overlooked is the sensational play of ageless wonder, Russell Westbrook. A pivotal piece in the win over Houston, Westbrook added 21 crucial points, sinking 5 shots from beyond the arc, while adding 13 rebounds and 4 assists. King's fans are watching a legend

in action, and as he thrives on both ends of the court each night, no one would believe he is 37 years old. If you haven't yet bought a ticket to see this future hall-of-famer play, I exhort you to do so as quickly as you can. He is worth the price of admission, and you will say you've seen one of the great basketball players of all time.

In the Kings' recent win over Dallas, Westbrook passed Magic Johnson on the all time assists list, moving into 7th place. It remains to be seen if this will be Westbrooks' last season, but if he continues to play at the pace he is now, there's every reason to believe that Kings fans may be in for one more season.

Domantas Sabonis is sorely missed, yet Sacramento finds ways to win in spite of their focal piece missing, and in the win over the Mavericks the Kings did not have the services of either Zach Lavine or Keegan Murray.

What that should tell Kings fans is that not only is there talent on this team, but team chemistry and rotations matter. I am hopeful that the appearance of Doug McDermott is just one small step in the right direction.

What will this team resemble with a healthy Domantas Sabonis in the paint, and Christie making rotations that make sense?

If there is anything good about an injury, in the case of Domantas, it forced Christie into playing 7' rookie Max Renaud, and he has responded in a big way.

Renaud had 12 points and 14 rebounds in the win over the Rockets and added 19 points in the win over Dallas.

Can Domantas and Renaud play side by side? Only time will tell, but I have long wondered if Sabonis could thrive as a number 4, and with Renaud in the lineup there is a chance we could witness just that.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because a move is in the offing, and it's my prayer that this next move is auspicious.

All the best for a happy and prosperous New Year!

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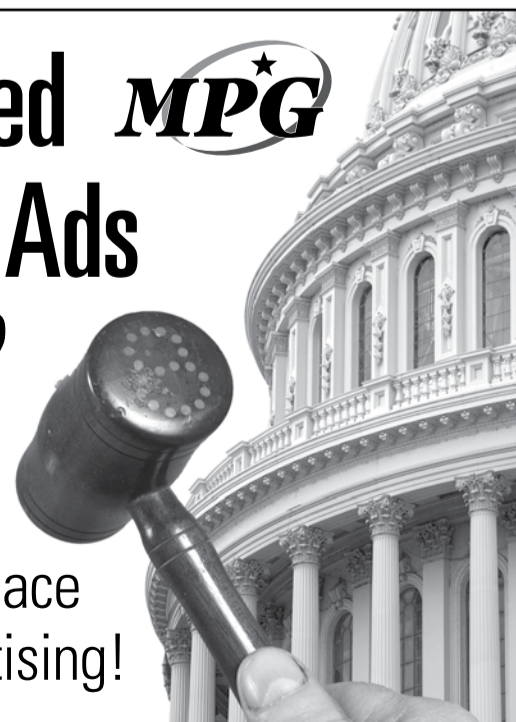
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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 The following persons are doing business as: MS Pam's Playhouse, 2551 Turri Court, Fairfield, CA 94533
 Pamela J Melders, 2551 Turri Court, Fairfield, CA 94533.
 Date filed in Solano County: November 13, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 8, 2026
 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 November 12, 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: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
 PAMS 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001568
 The following persons are doing business as: James Boat Fiberglass & Upholstery, 420 Gateway Drive Suite A, Dixon, CA 95620.
 James Darren White, 420 Gateway Drive Suite A, Dixon, CA 95620.
 Date filed in Solano County: October 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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 Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
 JAMES 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001739
 The following persons are doing business as: Mountain Mikes Pizza, 1700 N 1st Street, Dixon, CA 95620.
 Dixon Food Ventures LLC, 725 Martingale Court, Dixon, CA 95620.
 Date filed in Solano County: December 5, 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 November 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: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
 OPULENT 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001790
 The following persons are doing business as: Fuel For Function, 7158 Browns Valley Road, Vacaville, CA 95688.
 Fuel For Function LLC, 7158 Browns Valley, Vacaville, CA 95688.
 Date filed in Solano County: December 16, 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 December 15, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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business name on: August 15, 2025
 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 December 4, 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: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001652
 The following persons are doing business as: Opulent Provenance, 288 Gardenstone Place, Fairfield, CA 94533.
 Alfred Mitchell Sanedrin, 288 Gardenstone Place, Fairfield, CA 94533.
 Date filed in Solano County: November 17, 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 November 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.)
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 Date filed in Solano County: December 16, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 CASE #CU25-10909
 Ignacio Efrain Villaseñor Torres filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ignacio Efrain Villaseñor Torres to Ignacio Efrain Villaseñor. 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. March 2, 2026, 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: Christine A. Carringer
 Dated: December 3, 2025
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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 15, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001794
 The following persons are doing business as: Arjan Transport, 965 Walton Court, Dixon, CA 95620.
 Gurdeep Singh, 965 Walton Court, Dixon, CA 95620.
 Date filed in Solano County: December 16, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 31, 2005
 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 December 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: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 TS No. **CA-25-1011391-AB**
 Order No.: **250171552-CA-VOI**
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/9/2022. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **TAMMY STEWART, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**
 Recorded: **6/10/2022** as **Instrument No. 202200040584** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **SOLANO** County, California; Date of Sale: **1/22/2026 at 9:30 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$723,213.64**
 The purported property address is: **625 CYPRESS ST, DIXON, CA 95620** Assessor's Parcel No.: **0114-143-100** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **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 itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **866-539-4173** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1011391-AB**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 CASE #CU25-11717
 Desiree Kojak filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Silas Thomas Kojak Torres to Silas Thomas Basquez.
 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. March 16, 2026, 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: Christine A. Carringer
 Dated: December 22, 2025
 Publish: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 PROBATE CODE § 19003
 CASE NO. PR25-00759
 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO
 IN RE: THE 2009 RONNIE DEAN FRYE AND DENISE MILLER FRYE REVOCABLE TRUST
 RONNIE DEAN FRYE: Deceased.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors and contingent creditors of the Decedent, RONNIE DEAN FRYE, deceased June 17, 2025, that all persons and entities having claims against the Decedent are required to file a creditors claim with the Solano County Superior Court, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, California 94533, and mail a copy to Gary R. Lieberman, Esq. 7 Mt. Lassen Drive, Suite A-150, San Rafael, California, Attorney for Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of Notice to Creditors, or if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, within thirty (30) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail with return receipt requested. Dated: November 17, 2025
 Gary R. Lieberman, Esq. Attorney Denise Miller Frye
 Published 12/26/2025.
 01/02/2026. 01/09/2026
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will conduct a Lien Sale Auction on January 28th, 2026, at 10:00 AM. This is authorized by Division 8, Chapter IO of the California Business and Professions Code. CASH ONLY. All items must be removed from the property immediately after sale.

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you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1011391-AB** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1011391-AB and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 866-539-4173 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Post-Sale information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1011391-AB IDS**
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Landeros Caps 2025 Season with Jiu-Jitsu Title



According to Landeros, competition allows her to measure her progress while staying focused on effort rather than outcome. Photo courtesy of Luis Landeros

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submission and sufficient points to confirm her title on a global level.

"I felt very excited, emotional, and just wanted to thank God for giving me the opportunity to be the champion," said Landeros after learning she had earned Season Champion status.

As part of the recognition, Landeros will receive a trophy, an additional championship belt and an update to her official online competitor profile acknowledging her Season Champion title.

Landeros trains at Team Alpha BJJ in Dixon under coach Fabio Prado, where she has practiced for nearly two years. Prado also hosted the G3 Team vs. Team BJJ tournament held at Dixon High School Nov. 15.

Outside of jiu-jitsu, Landeros maintains a demanding schedule. She

participates in wrestling and flag football and was recently honored at school as a top student athlete.

"I do wrestling, and after wrestling I do jujitsu," said Landeros. "When I come home, I shower, do homework and just focus on that the rest of the day."

According to Landeros, competition allows her to measure her progress while staying focused on effort rather than outcome.

"I like seeing how other people compete and just going out there and having fun," said Landeros. "I never give up on the mat. I try my best, and I do it for my country, my grandma, my family and everyone who has supported me throughout my journey. I also do it for Dixon."

Her father, Luis Landeros, said the accomplishment is notable given her experience level.

"She may be the first girl in the history of Dixon

with only two years of jiu-jitsu becoming a world league champion," said Luis Landeros. "She works really hard, but I want her to be a kid too. She's going to be a model for a lot of kids growing up here."

Landeros said she has faced moments of doubt but credits persistence and family support for helping her continue.

Landeros said, "I felt I was losing my strength, but I decided I had to keep going for my parents and myself."

Looking ahead, Landeros plans to compete Jan. 31 at Stockton Arena and Feb. 22 in Long Beach. Her long-term goal is to remain Season Champion throughout 2026.

"For 2026, I'm going to come back stronger than ever," said Landeros.

For more information, Landeros shares updates on her jiu-jitsu journey on Instagram at @abbythebabymonster. ★

January Marks Start of Winter Sports Action



Dixon High School boys soccer (pictured) opens league play on Jan. 5 with an away match against Casa Roble High School. Varsity and junior varsity teams are scheduled to play at 4 p.m. at Casa Roble High School, 9151 Oak Ave. in Orangevale. Photo courtesy of Dixon High Athletics

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Winter sports activity in Dixon will pick up in early 2026 with a full schedule of high school competitions and community programs beginning in January.

Dixon High School boys soccer opens league play on Jan. 5 with an away match against Casa Roble High School. Varsity and junior varsity teams are scheduled to play at 4 p.m. at Casa Roble High School, 9151 Oak Ave. in Orangevale.

The varsity team continues its road schedule Jan. 7 with a 6 p.m. match against Destiny Christian Academy at 3401 Mayhew Road in Sacramento. Dixon returns home Jan. 12 to face Rio Linda High School at 4 p.m. before traveling to Sutter Union High School for a 3 p.m. match against the Sutter High Huskies on Jan. 14. The game will be played at 2665 Acacia Ave. in Sutter.

Dixon High School basketball teams also begin league play during the first week of January. The boys varsity basketball team will host Rio Linda at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5, followed by a home game against Woodland at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7. The Rams' first road contest of 2026 is scheduled for Jan. 9 at Natomas High School, where they will face the Nighthawks at 3301 Fong Ranch Road in Sacramento.

The girls varsity basketball team mirrors that schedule, opening with a 7 p.m. home game against Rio Linda on Jan. 5 and hosting Woodland at 7 p.m. Jan. 7. The team's first away game is set for 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at Natomas High School.

Wrestling competition begins with Dixon High School hosting the Morey Memorial Wrestling Tournament at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 10. The event will include coed varsity and junior varsity teams. Coed varsity wrestling is scheduled to compete at El Camino High School at 6 p.m. Jan.

20. Boys varsity wrestlers will travel to Destiny Christian Academy for a 6 p.m. match on Jan. 27.

Tickets for Dixon High School home games and additional athletic information are available at dixonramsathletics.com. All home games will be played at Dixon High School, 555 College Way.

Community sports programs are also preparing for winter and early spring seasons. The Solano-Yolo Rugby Club will begin regular practices in January under the leadership of Club President Kelley Evans and Head Coach Rick Flynn. Youth players in the U10, U12 and middle school divisions began practicing Dec. 9 and continue to meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hall Park. High school players will start practices Jan. 6, following the same schedule and location. Practices will be held rain or shine.

Players are encouraged to bring cleats suitable for rugby or soccer, a mandatory mouthpiece, water and weather-appropriate clothing.

Youth rugby games will take place at multi-team sites beginning Jan. 3, with additional dates scheduled through March 7. A kickoff tournament is planned for Jan. 24 in Rio Linda, and the end-of-year tournament is set for March 7. High school preseason matches begin Jan. 24, followed by league play starting March 7. The season concludes with playoffs on May 5 and a championship on May 9. Details are available at soloyouthrugby.com.

Dixon Little League will open its season March 6 and 7, with registration remaining open through Jan. 4. Required player documents are due Jan. 19. Additional information is available at dixonlittleleague.org.

For updates, schedules and participation information, Dixonites are encouraged to check each organization's website regularly. ★

New Year, New Laws

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is committed to keeping the public informed so they can make the safest choices for themselves and their families. As part of this effort, the California Highway Patrol is highlighting new public safety laws passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Unless otherwise noted, these laws take effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Crimes: Burglary Tools (AB 486, Lackey)

Assembly Bill 486 makes it a misdemeanor to possess a key programming device, a key duplicating device, or a signal extender with the intent to commit burglary. The offense can result in up to six months in county jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

This bill expands existing law by adding those three tools to the list of tools illegal to possess with the intent to commit burglary.

Electric Bicycles: Required Equipment (AB 544, Davies)

Assembly Bill 544 mandates that electric bicycles must have a red reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear during all hours of operation, not just during darkness as the law previously required.

The bill also allows the California Highway Patrol-developed online electric bicycle safety and training program to fulfill the safety course requirement for minors who receive a helmet violation involving electric bicycles.

Off-highway Electric Motorcycles (SB 586, Jones)

Senate Bill 586 defines an "off-highway electric motorcycle" or "eMoto" as a vehicle that: is designed primarily for

off-highway use; is powered by an electric motor that does not require a motor number; has handlebars for steering, a manufacturer-provided straddle seat, and two wheels; and is not equipped with manufacturer-provided pedals.

This bill also classifies an off-highway electric motorcycle as an off-highway motor vehicle (OHV), subject to the same rules and regulations. This includes a requirement that a person operating an off-highway motor vehicle wear a safety helmet and that every off-highway motor vehicle not registered under the Vehicle Code display an identification plate or device issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Pedestrian Safety: School Zones: Speed Limits (AB 382, Berman)

Assembly Bill 382 allows local authorities to lower the school zone speed limit from 25 to 20 miles per hour by ordinance or resolution through Jan. 1, 2031. After this date, the speed limit will automatically decrease from 25 to 20 miles per hour in school zones when proper signage is posted.

State Highway Work Zone Speed Safety Program (AB 289, Haney)

Assembly Bill 289 authorizes the Department of Transportation to establish a work zone speed safety system

pilot program. The program will utilize a fixed or mobile radar or laser systems to detect speeding violations and capture a clear photograph of a vehicle's license plate. Citations will be issued to the vehicle's

owner with specified requirements and procedures for program implementation, citation issuance, review and appeal.

Vehicles: Highway Safety (AB 390, Wilson)

Assembly Bill 390 expands the "slow down and move over" law to include any highway maintenance vehicle or stationary vehicle using flashing hazard lights or warning devices such as cones and road flares. Drivers approaching such a vehicle must move into a lane that is not next to

the stopped vehicle or slow down to a safe speed if changing lanes is not possible.

Traffic Safety: Speed Limits (AB 1014, Rogers)

Assembly Bill 1014 authorizes the Department of Transportation to reduce a speed limit by five miles per hour on a highway, and mandates warning citations during the initial 30 days after a speed limit is lowered.

Vehicle Removal (AB 875, Muratsuchi)

Assembly Bill 875 authorizes a peace officer to impound a vehicle for at least 48 hours if the vehicle has fewer than four wheels but does not meet the definition of an electric bicycle, is powered by an electric motor capable of exclusively propelling the vehicle over 20 MPH on a highway and the operator is not licensed to operate the vehicle or is a class 3 electric bicycle being operated by a person under 16. A safety course may be required as a condition of release if the impoundment involves a child under 16 years old operating a class 3 electric bike as described in Section 312.5 of the Vehicle Code.

The following public safety laws were passed during the 2024 legislative session and will go into effect in 2026.

Electric Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices and Storage Batteries (SB 1271, Min)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, Senate Bill 1271 focuses on improving the safety standards for electric bicycles, powered mobility devices, and related lithium-ion batteries. It requires these devices and their components, such as batteries and charging systems, to be tested by accredited laboratories to meet specific safety standards.

The bill also mandates labeling these products to show compliance with safety regulations, ensuring consumers are informed. Furthermore, it prohibits distributing, selling, or leasing e-bikes and related equipment unless they meet these standards, aiming to reduce risks like fire hazards and electrical malfunctions.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2028, the bill would prohibit a person from renting or offering for rental an electric bicycle, powered mobility device, charging system, or storage battery unless it has been tested to the specified safety standard.

Autonomous Vehicles (AB 1777, Ting)

Upon the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) adoption of necessary regulations, AB 1777 creates new authority for a law enforcement officer to issue a "notice of autonomous vehicle (AV) noncompliance" to an autonomous vehicle manufacturer for an alleged traffic violation committed by one of their vehicles.

Beginning July 1, 2026, AB 1777 establishes additional requirements for how AVs that operate without a human operator in the vehicle interact with first responders, including a requirement for manufacturers to provide a two-way device in the vehicles to communicate with first responders.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

