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## Academy Graduates 20 New Firefighters



Cosumnes Fire Department Academy 2024-01 graduate John Barkley, center, poses for a photo with his daughter, right, and Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez. Barkley and 19 others completed the training to become firefighters. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

**By Matthew Malone Staff Writer**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Cosumnes Fire Department recognized 20 newly minted firefighters on June 27 in an academy graduation ceremony.

Held at District 56, the event celebrated the graduates' hard work so far, and speakers described the rewards and challenges of life as a firefighter.

"The 20 graduates you see before you, they've persevered for the last

five-and-a-half months of intense training: mentally, physically, emotionally," Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez said in a speech. "Today is the end of the beginning, as it's said, of their career. However, tomorrow is the

beginning of what will be the noblest thing that they ever do in their entire life and that will be (serving as) a firefighter."

Rodriguez said that the graduates will fight fires, give emergency medical

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## Council Approves Budget, Contract for Zoo

**By Matthew Malone Staff Writer**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Elk Grove City Council signed off on a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year at its June 26 regular meeting, as well as a cost-sharing agreement with the entity looking to move the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove.

Councilmembers have praised the \$374-million budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 as an indication of the city's financial health. Speaking at the May 22 meeting, City Manager Jason Behrmann said the budget is balanced and funds the city's reserves, with surpluses projected in the next five years.

City Council tabled its final decision on the budget on June 12 because Councilmember Darren Suen was absent.

At the June 26 meeting, Suen thanked his colleagues for delaying the vote so that he could weigh in. He agreed with Elk Grove resident Lynn Wheat, who, during public comment on June 12, asked for more ways to prevent graffiti, such as by growing ivy on targeted walls. Suen acknowledged concerns raised by Vice-Mayor Rod Brewer that ivy could damage structures.

"The budget reflects our investments in public safety, maintaining or keeping a handle on our homeless population, bolstering and maintaining infrastructure and securing economic development opportunities for the city," Suen said, motioning to adopt the budget.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen highlighted multiple aspects of the budget, including 15 new full-time positions, including four Elk Grove Police Department personnel funded through the Measure E sales tax; workforce development and small-business initiatives; and investment in the Grant Line Business Park.

City Council approved the budget by a 5-0 vote.

In a further step toward bringing the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove, City Council unanimously passed a cost-sharing agreement with the Sacramento Zoological

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## Capital Airshow Presents Aerial Awe



A U.S. Air Force "Thunderbird" pilot signs autographs for young aviation enthusiasts. The Thunderbirds will perform in the 2024 California Capital Airshow on July 13 and July 14. Photo courtesy of California Capital Airshow

**California Capital Airshow News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG).** - The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, returns 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 13 and July 14 to Mather Airport in Sacramento.

The two-day event will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, including the Italian jet team Freccce Tricolori, and the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, plus miles of ground attractions and the return of nighttime aerial performances. Both days conclude with a massive pyro-musical fireworks show.

"This year's show offers a truly

once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Darcy Brewer, California Capital Airshow executive director. "Our attendees will enjoy performances by two world-renowned jet teams, Freccce Tricolori and the Thunderbirds, along with some of the most skilled pilots from around the globe, right here in Sacramento."

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# District Meets Standards in Educational Plan

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove Unified School District board of education reviewed and approved the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan at its June 25 regular meeting, after reviewing results for various performance measures.

Staff presented local indicators for the Local Control and Accountability Plan, which describes how the district plans to meet its educational goals. Out of seven indicators listed by the state, the district is focusing on five: basic services, implementation of state academic standards, parent engagement, school climate and broad course of study.

Research project manager Caitlyn Yee said the district has met standards for all five indicators.

For example, the parent

engagement indicator was measured through 2023 Parent Survey, which found 92% of parents say their school provides a respectful environment, 91% say their school involves parents and 87% say their school provides opportunities for parent input.

To assess whether students receive a "broad course of study," the district evaluated different sets of classes for elementary school students, and for middle and high school students.

Among elementary students, 99% were determined to have a broad course of study, all of them having received grades in English, math, science, social science and physical education, and 99% receiving a grade in visual and performing arts.

Because of required enrollment in core classes, the middle school and high school evaluations

looked at enrollment in honors classes, accelerated math, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate. Yee said 53% of middle school students were enrolled in at least one of these course types and 48% of high school students were enrolled.

Trustee Carmine Forcina said staff had earlier told the board the response rates for the student and staff survey on school climate. Noting that some response rates were less than half of the full amount, Forcina asked how the district can get a 100% response rate and how it can trust the results as representative.

Deputy Superintendent Mark Cerutti said the district is considering shortening the survey window to create greater urgency for responses.

Cerutti said the district is analyzing the populations it surveys so it can eventually judge how representative a subset of respondents is.

"I want to say that, a year from now, whether or not we will be comfortable (extrapolating results), we will be able to say more accurately, 'How representative is that group of the whole?'" Cerutti said.

Cerutti told Trustee Michael Vargas that each school has access to site-specific results, allowing school staff to draw insights from them.

Elk Grove Charter School also presented its own Local Control and Accountability Plan, reporting that it had met standards in the same five indicators as the Elk Grove Unified School District.

The board voted to approve both Local Control and Accountability Plans.

The board shared its well-wishes for student

board member Isabella Sigal, who was attending the final meeting of her year representing student interests. The Franklin High School graduate will attend University of California at San Diego in the fall.

Trustee Sean Yang said serving on the board gave Sigal an opportunity to learn about leadership, financial literacy, public speaking and civic engagement.

"I think that this journey of yours, being here on this dais with us every board meeting, has prepared yourself to be extraordinary, whatever you want to strive for in the near future," Yang said.

Trustee Beth Albiani commended Sigal's efforts in the role.

"I appreciate how you fulfilled all the previous goals for this job and tried to make some for yourself, and the time that you

spent leaving your knowledge in a way that the next (student) board member can benefit from is greatly appreciated."

For Trustee Michael Vargas and Board President Gina Jamerson, Sigal helped the board by representing the perspective of students.

Jamerson appreciated "the amount of work that you do outside of this meeting, the work that you do with the other students and being able to bring their voice to us on important matters, the way that you continue with your dedication to equity and continue to bring the need of the students for mental health counseling."

Trustee Carmine Forcina said Sigal prepared for her time on the board and "moved the needle on more involvement as a student board member with the groups that you were representing." ★

# Academy Graduates 20 New Firefighters

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situations before joining, treatment and perform a wide range of other services for community members. They will begin a probationary period of on-the-job training.

Of the academy class, two are U.S. Marine Corps veterans. The vast majority are from Elk Grove or the Sacramento area. Rodriguez said that 15 of the firefighters' positions are funded with money from the city of Elk Grove's Measure E sales tax.

Rodriguez expressed confidence that the new firefighters would "honor tradition and protect lives."

Elk Grove Fire Department, one of the predecessors of Cosumnes Fire, hosted its first academy 25 years ago, Deputy Chief Dan Quiggle said. Retired Capt. Mark Pascual graduated in that first class, and his daughter, Ashley Pascual, was one of the graduates on June 27.

Quiggle spoke about the commitment that it took for the graduates to undergo the months of training.

"They're going to continue to demonstrate that commitment to themselves, to the community that we are here to serve, and to their fellow firefighters," Quiggle said.

Family support is essential for a firefighter, Quiggle continued. Regardless of the graduates' family

situations before joining, he said, "you now have the Cosumnes Fire family in your life and your commitment to that family and that family's commitment to you are critically important for you to be successful as a firefighter, as a paramedic and as a person."

Jim Luttrell, board president of the Cosumnes Community Services District and a former firefighter, encouraged the graduates to always take promotion exams, take notes on their experiences and remember that they represent the fire department.

Graduate Michael Bates received an award for physical fitness, having recorded the best time on an obstacle course testing a variety of firefighter skills.

Nicholas Zagyi was named as the academy valedictorian; Academy Director Capt. Joel Burke said Zagyi hadn't failed any written test or skills assessment.

"We began this journey with a common goal: become firefighters, firefighters that had to serve our communities and protect lives and property with courage and dedication," Zagyi said. As we embark on this path, we quickly realize that this profession demands much more than just bravery; it requires commitment, relentless training and a profound sense of duty."



Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez addresses the audience during the graduation ceremony for Academy 2024-01. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District



Cosumnes Fire Department Academy participants enter their graduation ceremony. Photo by Matthew Malone

Zagyi thanked the academy instructors for pushing the new firefighters and for providing "the bedrock to our success." He also

expressed his classmates' gratitude for the support of their families.

"As we step into our roles as probationary

firefighters, let us carry the values and principles we have learned here at the fire academy." Zagyi said. "Let us continue to strive

for excellence, to always place the need of others above our own, and to never waver in our commitment to serving and protecting our communities. Let us remember that we are not just individuals but part of a much larger team, a brotherhood and sisterhood bonded by a common purpose."

The ceremony concluded with each graduate having their badge pinned by a loved one. Then, the firefighters took turns ringing a bell to mark the start of their career at Cosumnes Fire.

The Academy 2024-01 graduates are John Barkley, Bates, Breyton Borja, Andrew Bowers, Cristian Camacho, Kyler DeLapp, Dylan Hocoavar, Steven Inderbitzin, Willie Lafradez, Maren Nelson, Nhily Nguyen, Eric Olsen, Ashley Pascual, Mark Prozorov, Carlitos Salamanca, Andrew Samano, Seth Schachter, Matthew Schuman, Darren Vogt and Zagyi. ★



Ashley Pascual, right, shakes hands with Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez as she graduates from firefighting academy. Pascual's father is a retired Cosumnes Fire captain. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District



Academy graduate Mark Prozorov, left, has his badge pinned by his son and wife. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

# Legendary 'Big Boy' Locomotive Visits Roseville July 12-13

MPG Staff

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION (MPG)** - Union Pacific's legendary Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive built to conquer mountains, will make 19 whistle-stops in five states during its Westward Bound Tour from Wyoming to California.

In addition, this mighty steam locomotive will be on public display in Roseville from July 12 to July 13.

The display days offer an up-close look at the 1.2-million-pound marvel along with the "Experience the Union Pacific" rail car, a captivating walk-through exhibition that provides a unique glimpse into the rich history of railroading.

Northern California residents will also be able to see the steam locomotive in Oroville during a whistle stop on July 11, tentatively scheduled from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. at Old Depot, 2181 High St., Oroville. (Check <https://www.up.com/heritage/>



**Big Boy No. 4014 will stop in Roseville for two days. The public is invited to check out this historical icon.** Photo courtesy of Union Pacific

steam/schedule/index.htm to make sure the train is on time.)

### Big Boy History

Twenty-five Big Boy locomotives were built for Union Pacific to haul freight over the steep grade of the Wasatch Mountain Range in Utah during World War II. Eight were preserved after the locomotives were retired six decades ago, but only Big Boy No. 4014 is still in

operation.

During World War II, Union Pacific operated some of the most modern and powerful steam locomotives ever built. Among them were the famous "Big Boys," the largest steam locomotives in the world. Working with them were the "800-class" high-speed passenger locomotives, as well as hundreds of older class steam engines. Union Pacific's steam legacy continues today with the

preservation and operation of its historic fleet: No. 844 and No. 4014.

Today, Union Pacific delivers goods in 23 western states. More information at [www.up.com](http://www.up.com).

### See the Locomotive for Free in Roseville

City of Roseville officials are excited to provide a historical opportunity to see Big Boy No. 4014 on July 12 and July 13 in downtown Roseville.

Roseville will offer additional festivities at Vernon Street Town Square, 311 Vernon St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13. Festivities for all ages will include live music, food trucks, Old West performances from the Black Flag Gang, Vernon Street Town Square Spray Ground and a Farmers' Market with a kids' zone.

On July 13, the Carnegie Museum, 557 Lincoln St., Roseville, will feature the history of Big Boy and a kids' railroad activity.

"With the Roseville railyard being the largest rail facility on the West Coast, handling 98% of all rail traffic coming into Northern California, we are all excited to view and experience this rolling museum of rail history in Downtown Roseville," said Roseville City Councilmember Scott Alvord.

Alvord and his wife, Karen, previously owned a restaurant on Vernon Street, parallel to the Roseville train tracks, for 12 years. "The railroad

has always given Roseville character," he said, which is why they chose that restaurant location.

"I am excited for the many new families who moved to Roseville in recent years because they get to experience some of fun railroad history that Roseville was built on," added Karen Alvord, who is now a Roseville City Council candidate.

### About the Tour

Union Pacific reminds all rail fans to keep safety top of mind and stay 25 feet back from the tracks when taking a picture or viewing this mammoth machine. That means never take a picture or video standing on the track or the ballast and never climb on the locomotive or equipment.

A steam tracking map showing No. 4014's location and route will be available at [UPsteam.com](http://UPsteam.com).

Big Boy left its home base in Cheyenne, Wyo., on June 30, traveling across Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California. ★

## Capital Airshow Presents Aerial Awe

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This unique show features four hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 5:30 p.m. both days. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will kick off the event followed by Freccia Tricolori, U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster demo teams and an impressive roster of

highly skilled civilian performers including priceless vintage warbirds.

As the sun sets, the show will continue with maximum afterburner followed by aircraft lighting up the night sky with pyrotechnics, walls of fire, spectacular fireworks and a 500-drone show.

Discounted Airshow tickets are on sale now at [CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com](http://CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com).

com.

Adult General Admission tickets start at \$42.50 and each ticket includes free admission for up to six youth (age 15 and under) and free parking. A variety of upgraded tickets and experiences are also available for purchase.

Tickets are available online only and will not be sold at the gate. Purchase tickets before they sell out.

The California Capital Airshow "gives special thanks to our generous partners Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Modern Aviation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Visit Rancho Cordova, Folsom Lake Dodge, Donaghy Sales, SMUD, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Kaiser Permanente, Atlas Disposal, Sunbelt, Teichert, Elite Power, FOX 40, iHeart Media and UPS."

In addition, the Airshow team "is grateful to its

1,000 passionate volunteers, a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe."

Tickets and information can be found at [CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com](http://CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com).

### About the Airshow

Established in 2004, the nonprofit California Capital Airshow plans and operates the family

friendly annual event that honors the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people.

California Capital Airshow gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and educational youth programming throughout the year.

For more about the airshow, performers and discount tickets, visit [www.californiacapitalairshow.com](http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com). ★



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# Strauss Festival Stages 'Two Kingdom Tournament' July 25-28

By **Beth Hedlund and Margie Jones**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Welcome to the 2024 Strauss Festival's "Two Kingdom Tournament!"

This year's festival, July 25-28 at Elk Grove Regional Park, will enchant with the story of two kingdom princes competing to win the hand of the beautiful princess. Audiences will be able to cheer on and vote for their favorite kingdom -- the purple or red -- as the competition unfolds.

Classical Strauss music will be played by the 40-piece Camellia Symphony Orchestra and showcased in a variety of dances: polka, quadrille and waltz. Gorgeous costumes and amazing stage settings bring the story all together for guests to enjoy.

The festival's volunteer cast of 88 features dancers ages 3-80. Cast members include the Littles, Beginning Polka,

Polka, Quadrille and Waltz groups, each with a unique style of dance. Strauss' famous ending waltz of the evening, the Blue Danube, will close the program with a brilliant display of fireworks at the show's conclusion each evening.

The Strauss Festival has several first-time dancers as well as veteran dancers that have been with Strauss for 20-plus years. This incredible legacy of volunteers and fans has grown over the last three and a half decades.

Plan to have refreshments at the park as there will be food trucks: The Greek, Cowtown Creamery, Costa's, Carpenter Coffee, Kona Ice and hot dogs by Elk Grove Rotary, just to name a few. Bike Dog Brewery was a hit last year and will be back again this year with its keg beer. A variety of Bogle wines will also be available for purchase.

Check out the Strauss Merchandise Booth for 2024 Strauss shirts,

stickers, mini flashlights and other Strauss merchandise. The Strauss History Booth will be open to display festival posters and memorabilia from the last 35+ years.

There are three seating options: blanket seating, bleachers seating and seating for those needing ADA accommodations. Blanket seating includes an area for your blanket and/or chairs when the blanket is put down on the morning of the show you wish to see. The bleacher seating is available on a first-come basis. ADA seating is available and must be reserved ahead of time, with a limited number of seats available for each performance. For complete details on seating options, please see [www.straussfestival.com](http://www.straussfestival.com), email [info@straussfestival.com](mailto:info@straussfestival.com), or call 916 714-2527.

"Two Kingdom Tournament" runs for four nights, July 25-28, with the promenade of dancers beginning at 7:30 p.m. At



Pirates polka to the music of Johann Strauss Jr. during opening night of the 2023 Strauss Festival of Elk Grove. Citizen file photo

8:15 p.m., the show begins, and it concludes each evening around 10 p.m. For the 35th year, Strauss continues to honor the wishes of founder Iris Zimelman that the Strauss Festival should be free to all that wish to attend.

Even if it is hot during the day, by the time the

show begins at 8:15 p.m., it is beautiful in the park. In fact, we encourage patrons to bring a sweater, as the Delta breezes tend to kick up in the evening. There is a small parking charge of \$10 per vehicle at the park, which goes directly to the Strauss Festival.

Please join us for this

35th year of an amazing, full stage production, "Two Kingdom Tournament," at the Strauss Festival: an Elk Grove "gem" of which we are extremely proud!

*Beth Hedlund and Margie Jones are co-chairs of the Strauss Festival Board of Directors.* ★



Dancers perform for a Strauss Festival fundraiser. Photo courtesy of Strauss Festival of Elk Grove.



"The Blue Danube Waltz" closes out each night's performance. Photo courtesy of Strauss Festival of Elk Grove.

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# Local Register Would Protect Historic Properties

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - In an effort to better protect and recognize Elk Grove's historically significant properties, city planning staff held an open house on June 27 to educate and gather input on the planned Elk Grove Register of Historic Resources.

Senior planner Kyra Killingsworth said the register would provide a way to give local recognition to places that have played in an important role in Elk Grove.

"We're acknowledging that we really do cherish these properties, and with a local list, we can possibly have more grants opportunities or incentive opportunities for these people to have options to help preserve the properties," Killingsworth said. She was pleased with the attendance, saying it showed active interest in the proposal



City of Elk Grove planning staff speak to workshop attendees about the planned Elk Grove Register of Historic Places. Photo by Matthew Malone

from historic-property owners in the city.

The register is planned to start with 42 properties, most concentrated in Old Elk Grove, and all but a few are also listed on the National

Register of Historic Places. Killingsworth hopes more properties will be added over time.

Staff said the local register doesn't change much for those whose property is already on the national

list but the local register would allow for recognition of resources that might not meet the criteria for national listing.

Listing as a historic resource can give an owner access to tax

breaks and special building codes designed to help them maintain the building's historic integrity. Owing a designated historic property comes with responsibilities, such as a duty to keep the property in good repair and a requirement to get approval for certain exterior changes.

Historic-house owners Arthur Lavoie and his wife, Maribel, attended the workshop to see how the register would affect them. When they bought an Elk Grove house built in 1859, people they knew worried it was haunted.

Ghosts weren't a problem but living in a historic house brought issues more bureaucratic than supernatural, they said. As the couple applied for permits or sought information on tax breaks, they found a lack of clarity on whether to talk to the city or the county.

"Now they have all the steps for everyone to go through on what they need to do for a historical

property. We had to do it all on our own because nobody really knew," Lavoie said.

Lavoie was happy to see the development of the local register.

Planning manager Antonio Ablog said the city plans to review a few factors when deciding whether to add a property to the list, including when it was built, whether the property maintains its historic style and what role it played in Elk Grove's past.

Staff will present the feedback they gathered and a proposal for the register at a future Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee meeting. If the committee supports the project, it will proceed to the Planning Commission and then Elk Grove City Council.

For more information about the Elk Grove Register of Historic Resources, visit the city's webpage on the topic at bit.ly/4eOWCSU (case sensitive). ★

## Inmate Death at Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - On Friday, June 28, at approximately 11:15 p.m., a 41-year-old male inmate died while in custody at the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC).

The man had been in custody since March 28, when he was brought into custody by the Sacramento Police Department for a felony warrant. The inmate was housed in the Christopher Boone Facility (CBF).

Deputies were alerted by an inmate worker that another inmate needed medical assistance. Deputies responded to the locked cell and discovered the

unresponsive inmate. They immediately pulled the inmate outside of the cell and administered first-aid as RCCC medical staff and the Cosumnes Fire Department responded.

Fire personnel arrived and continued life-saving efforts, but the inmate was ultimately pronounced deceased at the jail.

The Sheriff's Office will complete a thorough inmate death investigation in accordance with department procedures and state laws.

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office will determine the cause of death and forward its findings as prescribed by law. The Coroner's Office will release the identity of the deceased in accordance with their protocols. ★

## Son Arrested in Deaths of Parents

Elk Grove Police Department News Release

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Detectives have arrested the victims' adult son in connection with a June 28 double homicide on Crosscourt Way.

Officers responded to the 9000 block of Crosscourt Way, near Waterman and Calvine roads, following a report of suspicious circumstances around 2:13 p.m. Friday, June 28. The reporting person, the victims' son, 44-year-old Mark Navarrete, claimed

to have gone to his parents' house after several unsuccessful attempts to contact them.

Upon entering the home, he said he discovered both his parents deceased inside.

Additionally, Navarrete told officers one of his parents' vehicles was missing from their garage.

A canvass of the area revealed video footage of Navarrete parking a car a few blocks from his parents' house. He then went to his parents' house and later left in their car, according to

police. Officers found the victims' car a few blocks away, where Navarrete had reportedly parked his own car before going to his parents' house.

Sunday morning, detectives served a search warrant at Navarrete's house, which led to the discovery of evidence related to the crimes, police said. Navarrete was arrested and booked at the Main Jail on two counts of murder.

The Sacramento County Coroners Office will release the victims' names following forensic identification. ★

# Council Approves Budget, Contract for Zoo

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Society, which operates the zoo, as well as budget amendments that allow the city to begin making its own contributions. Contracts with two design firms will flesh out the plans for the area around the zoo site and for the zoo itself.

City Council in May gave final planning approval for the zoo's move to southern Elk Grove, also giving comment on the terms of the financial agreement.

The agreement covers Phases 1A and 1B of the zoo plans, filling out 30 acres of the property with the zoo's core pathway and African animals such as giraffes, rhinoceroses, giraffe-related okapis and primates called geladas.

The overall project, projected to cost about \$302 million, is split into four phases, and some funds will come from a future bond issue. The zoological society is responsible for covering 32% of the annual debt-service payment.

The city and the zoological society also plan to enter into a use and operating agreement. In addition, if the city terminates the project before bond funds are received, any donations stored with the

city would be returned.

Under the agreement, the zoological society would be required to meet certain fundraising milestones twice a year until Jan. 1, 2027, when it should have raised at least \$50 million in donations and pledges. Any donations scheduled for after the final deadline would be discounted by 4%. The society must transfer the full \$50 million before bonds can be issued.

The city and the society would collaborate on raising \$30 million more for the energy efficiency and animal care elements of the zoo project. They would also create a method of accepting in-kind donations from third parties.

Additions to the capital improvement plan include the building of the zoo, as well as enhancements to the surrounding roadways and utilities, and construction of parking lots and a stormwater basin.

To fund a \$107.8-million total contribution, the city will draw from reserve funds for economic and capital development, as well as fund balances in the Laguna and Poppy Ridge community facilities districts and other funds.

SHR Studios, which developed the

concept for the new zoo leading up to City Council approval, will continue its design work for the zoo itself. Kimley-Horn and Associates will concentrate on the off-site improvements.

During public comment, Wheat criticized the use of the community facilities district balances, saying residents of the districts don't know it will happen.

Suen asked how to speed up the project.

"The sooner we can get things approved and move to construction, I think it's more advantageous to us from a financing standpoint," Suen said.

Staff said they were looking at the project in stages and coordinating with local agencies to prepare for the necessary approvals.

"I think we're moving much as we can, as quickly," said Christopher Jordan, the city's director of strategic planning and innovation.

Brewer thanked staff for answering his questions regarding funding requirements and the conditions for moving forward in the funding process.

Councilmember Kevin Spease recalled his proposals when City Council

commented on the financial agreement in May, which included creating an oversight committee for the bonds.

Before the bond issue or any on-site work, he also wanted requirements that the zoological society have all \$50 million in hand, and that City Council conduct a full project review.

Finally, he proposed that no on-site improvements happen before the bond issue.

Spease was happy to see the cash-in-hand requirement for the zoological society. Spease said the oversight committee will be considered closer to bond issuance and he voiced his support for the agreement.

Councilmember Sergio Robles praised the "compromise" involved in developing the agreement.

City Council voted 5-0 to approve the item.

In other business, councilmembers heard from participants in the Civic Summer Youth Program, in which high school students met with city officials to learn about public service and how the city operates. ★




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# ABOUT TOWN

## Historical Society Open House July 6

The Elk Grove Historical Society welcomes the community to visit its museums during its first Saturday open house, July 6 from noon to 4 p.m. The museums, dedicated to early Elk Grove history, are in Heritage Park at 9941 E. Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove Regional Park. Admission is free.

The Rhoads School is closed until September when it will reopen to the public.

## Elk Grove Lions Club

### Breakfast July 13

The Elk Grove Lions Club will host their next Community Breakfast on Saturday, July 13th at the Albani Recreation Center.

As usual, on the menu will be all the buttermilk pancakes you can eat with scrambled eggs, bacon, link sausage, fruit bowl, orange juice and coffee but in addition this month biscuits and Southern style gravy will also be included all for the same price of \$10 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

The breakfast will be served from 8-10 a.m. at 8833 Sharkey Ave.

The Albani Recreation Center was formerly the Senior Center of Elk Grove.

## Chamber of Commerce Activities in July

The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce will host the following activities in July:

July 10 - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Virtual Membership 101.

July 16 - 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. - After Hours Business Mixer hosted by Cosumnes Community Services District at Rotary Grove.

July 19 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - State of the County with Supervisor Pat Hume

## Academic Program for Teens

Light of the Valley Church (LoV) of Elk Grove has partnered with Youth for Christ (YFC) to provide fun, fellowship, competition, tutoring and spiritual direction to teens, raising up well-rounded young men and women.

An Academic Summer Program will be held from June 25 to July 25 at Light of the Valley on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 3:30

p.m., including basketball, activities, games, math tutoring and more.

Contact Omar Turner (Youth for Christ) at 916-628-0935 for more information.

## Girls Basketball Camp Scheduled Aug. 3

Bill McClintock's Frontline Basketball Camp will offer girls ages 12 to 18 the opportunity to build their basketball skills. The camp will be held Aug. 3, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Cosumnes River College, and it is designed for players in the forward and post positions.

Registration costs \$100, and the registration deadline is July 15. To register, visit [frontlinebasketball.com](http://frontlinebasketball.com).

For questions, contact Bill McClintock by phone at 831-233-8760 or by email at [bmcc42@gmail.com](mailto:bmcc42@gmail.com).

## Jazz and Blues Hour Held Monthly

The monthly Jazz and Blues Hour concert series will bring various bands and musicians to Elk Grove Presbyterian Church (8153 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 50) on first Sundays

through November.

Performances start at 4 p.m., and attendees are asked to make a \$10 donation at the door. For more information, email [jbvspers@gmail.com](mailto:jbvspers@gmail.com) or call Nan Mahon at 916-806-9476.

Upcoming acts are: July 7, Tressa Gaye's Twisted Jazz; Aug. 4, Julie and the Jukes (blues); Sept. 1, Gary Mendoza Trio (jazz); Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band (blues); and Nov. 3, Beth Duncan (jazz).

## Widowed Persons Social Club

The Widowed Persons Social Club (WPSC) will host the following

activities:

July 5 - 10 a.m. Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

July 6 - 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Gathering at Peet's Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

July 7 - 4 p.m. - Jazz and Blues Hour - Susan Skinner Quartet - Jazz. Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd. \$10 donation at the door.

July 10 - noon - no-host Lunch followed by Beginners Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

July 12 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at

La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

July 15 - 11:30 a.m. - Mahjongg at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada.

Contact is Pat Hunter, 530-559-0191.

July 18 - noon - General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., \$35 includes lunch. Make reservations at least a week in advance with Pat at 916-802-4524.

A widowed person can attend up to three events before joining Widowed Persons Social Club. Contact Bonnie Dale at 916-422-1522 if interested in membership. ★



## DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?

### Street Racing LA Socialite Kills Two Boys Then Begg Judge For Light Sentence

A street-racing Los Angeles socialite who hit and killed two young brothers was sentenced to 15 to life in prison for her crimes. The sentence was handed down after Rebecca Grossman asked the judge to "consider her suffering" as he handed down the sentence. In open court the socialite said she was "not a murderer" and added the pain she caused her family and the family of the two dead youngsters were "punishments I already endure."

Grossman was convicted of two counts of second-degree murder for the deaths of Mark Iskander, 11, and his brother Jacob Iskander, 8, after a six-week trial. She learned her fate during a June 10 court hearing. The facts revealed Grossman was engaged in a "high-speed game of chicken" with her lover, former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Scott Erickson. The pair had been drinking at a nearby bar prior to the incident. "I am not a murderer, and I ask you to recognize that true fact," Grossman wrote in a letter to Superior Court Judge Joseph Brandolino, obtained by The New York Post.

"My pain, my recognition of the pain the Iskanders suffer, and the pain I watch my family endure, are punishments that I already suffer and will for the rest of my life. Please consider this suffering when you consider what more punishment to impose on me in this case." Her lawyers have argued she should be let off with probation. "I can only imagine the pain that (the boys' parents) Nancy and Karim Iskander feel minute by minute," Grossman wrote. "I will carry my pain for the rest of my life."

Grossman sent a bizarre letter to the Iskanders, in which she said she would have driven her car "into a tree" if she'd had the chance, to avoid the tragedy. Despite her claims, the boy's mom, Nancy Iskander, said the socialite treated her family as "the number one enemy in the world," and fought to delay the sentencing multiple times. According to Iskander, the socialite had used multiple "strategies" including creating conflicts of interest to delay the hearing, which was originally scheduled for April 10.

"The issue became that every time we try and move on and move on to that next step, the legal system or Ms. Grossman, or both, take us back into the fight, back to the fight for justice," Ms. Iskander said. "It's horrific to say the least. She has not expressed remorse but more importantly, she has not even shown mercy. . . . I felt that she had many opportunities to show mercy, plead guilty or figure out a way to just shorten the process of the fight, and not having to take me back again and again into that courtroom. But she didn't. She's had many opportunities to show mercy and she did not show any mercy on my family, in fact, she only shows hate ... as if we're the number one enemy in the world."

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# POLICE LOGS

## Wednesday, June 19

1:08 p.m., 8300 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Keith Nesbit, 36, on resisting arrest charges.

1:54 p.m., Waterman Road/Kent Street: Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Rangel, 37, on warrant charges and charges of receiving a stolen vehicle, burglary tool possession, and drug paraphernalia and meth possession.

9:28 p.m., 5900 block of Bar Harbour Court: Elk Grove Police arrested Kip Virts, 68, on DUI charges.

9:40 p.m., 8200 block of Iron Gorge Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Stephanie Bassett, 43, on meth possession charges.

## Thursday, June 20

1:36 a.m., Bellaterra Drive/Whitelock Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Jack Ritchie, 18, on charges of DUI causing bodily harm.

2:49 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Babson Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested

Clarence Ringo, 42, on drug paraphernalia possession and warrant charges.

7:20 p.m., Waterman Road/Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Cyrus Mitchell, 35, on meth possession and warrant charges.

7:53 p.m., 7500 block of Delta Pointe Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Christian Walker, 33, on felony reckless evading and resisting arrest charges.

8:05 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Mercedes Hassinger, 27, on domestic battery charges.

## Friday, June 21

4:57 a.m., Harbour Point Drive/Longport Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Gregory Jauregui, 35, on charges of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia possession, and driving with a suspended license.

9:10 a.m., Grant Line Road/Highway 99: Elk Grove Police arrested

Christian Tyler, 23, on reckless driving charges.

8:12 p.m., 5100 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Jordan Bowser, 20, on robbery charges.

9:07 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Anthonie Pearson, 28, on domestic battery charges.

11:28 p.m., 10100 block of Van Brocklin Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Layton Haynes, 41, on charges of criminal threats, assault to cause great bodily injury, and child endangerment.

## Saturday, June 22

8:34 p.m., 9300 block of Candalero Court: Elk Grove Police arrested Mary Wallace, 60, on warrant charges.

10:45 p.m. 9200 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Lorenzo Carr, 21, on burglary and resisting arrest charges.

11:51 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Di Lusso Drive:

Elk Grove Police arrested Zulaikha Hurtado, 39, on DUI charges.

## Sunday, June 23

12:42 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Yogesh Nand, 42, on shoplifting charges.

4:19 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Roxy Kealoha, 33, on shoplifting charges.

8:13 p.m., 9800 block of Armeno Court: Elk Grove Police arrested Francis Singh, 39, on public intoxication and resisting arrest charges.

11:09 p.m., 4900 block of Efthemia Way: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 16-year-old on assault with a deadly weapon charges.

## Monday, June 24

5:32 a.m., 8500 block of Mission Falls Circle: Elk Grove Police arrested Omari Perry, 35, on vandalism and battery charges.

8:41 a.m., 8000 block

of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Sayed Sadat, 27, on warrant charges.

9:16 a.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Valdez, 57, on trespassing charges.

12:35 p.m., 9200 block of Big Horn Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Xiliang Nie, 62, on criminal threats and warrant charges.

4:26 p.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Jeanvaughn Autar, 31, on resisting arrest charges.

9:56 p.m., Elk Grove-Florin Road/Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Jamie Bernal, 26, on reckless driving charges.

## Tuesday, June 25

1:30 p.m., 9700 block of Waterman Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Tomas Duran, 36, on public intoxication and resisting arrest charges.

3:39 p.m., 9200 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road:

Elk Grove Police arrested Constantin Tenase, 26, on warrant charges.

4:10 p.m., 9400 block of Quintero Avenue: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 15-year-old on resisting arrest and warrant charges.

## Wednesday, June 26

4:10 p.m., 9400 block of Quintero Avenue: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 15-year-old on resisting arrest and warrant charges.

5:31 p.m., 9200 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Aston Belgarde, 40, on parole violation charges.

10:52 p.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Valdez, 57, on trespassing charges.

## Thursday, June 27

1:48 p.m., Promenade Parkway/Bilby Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Roxy Kealoha, 33, on parole violation charges. ★

# MEETING MINDERS

Community members can watch these meetings online and submit public comments for the officials to review.

The Elk Grove City Council has its regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month.

A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's

website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. It governs the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system.

The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person

at the Cosumnes Community Services District headquarters, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Members of the public can also view it online by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.EGUSD.net.

Past board meetings can be watched on the district's YouTube channel, "ElkGroveUnified."

The Florin Resource Conservation District Board, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online

meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application.

To access them, visit the district's website, www.egwd.org.

The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District Board has in-person meetings every second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They meet at their district office, 8540 Elk Grove Blvd.

Attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. Find agendas at www.EGCCD.com. ★

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Chair Exercise NEW TIME 8:30	Knit & Crochet 9:30	Brain & Body NO CLASS 7/24 8:30	Chair Exercise 9:00	Chair Exercise 9:00	
Women's Talk Group 10:00	Men's Talk Group 9:30	Grief Group 3rd Wed 8:30	Open Artist Studio 9:00	Mahjong 9:30	
Chair Exercise 10:00	Zumba Gold 10:00	Chair Exercise 9:00	Open Games 9:00	Chair Exercise 10:00	
Standing Pilates 10:00	Guitar Workshop 11:00	Chair Exercise 10:00	Zumba Gold 10:00	Parkinson's Caregivers 3rd Fri 10:15	
Open Games 10:00	Zumba Chair 11:30	Tai Chi 10:00	Beginning Spanish NO CLASS 7/25 10:30	Bingo 12:00	
Aerobics NO CLASS 7/15 11:30	Sign Language NO CLASS 7/2 12:30	Alzheimer's Caregivers 1st Wed 10:00	Ham It Up 11:30	Women's Talk Group NO CLASS 7/26 12:00	
Core & Strength NO CLASS 7/22 11:30	Mahjong 1:00	Parkinson's 3rd Wed 10:30	Light Body Toning 11:30	Bridge 1:00	
Beg Western Line Dance 1:00	Hula NO CLASS 7/2 & 7/30 1:00	Ukulele 10:30	Intermediate Spanish NO CLASS 7/25 12:00		
Bridge 1:00	Line Dance All Levels NO CLASS 7/2 & 7/30 2:00	Book Group 2nd Wed 11:00	Scrabble 12:00		
Writers Group 1:00	Genealogy 2:00	Samba World Fitness 11:00	GLT FIT NO CLASS 7/18 1:00		
Intermediate Hatha Yoga 1:30	Mindfulness NO CLASS 7/9 2:00	Aerobics NO CLASS 7/17 11:30	Rock Painting 1st & 3rd Thur 1:00		
		Chair Yoga 12:15	Get Arty w/Fence 2nd & 4th Thur 1:00		
		Zumba Chair 12:30	Men's Talk Group 1:00		
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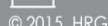


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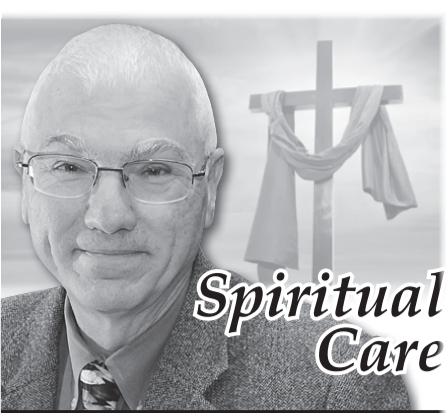


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**BY NORRIS BURKES**

# ‘Forced Worship Stinks in God’s Nostrils’

Under a new Louisiana law, every public school from elementary to college will be required to post the Ten Commandments by the end of this year.

If Jesus were around today, and I believe he is, I think he’d find the new law reeking with hypocrisy.

He’d likely question the irony of enforcing Commandment No. 2 in a state that still carries the stench of 130 graven images of confederate “heroes.”

He’d likely call “foul,” as the LSU Tigers, the eighth-best team nationally, dishonor the Sabbath with Saturday games.

But worst of all, he’d ask if the state legislature planned to include the fine print of Mosaic law with 248 do-this commandments, and 365 definitely-do-not-do-these commandments.

For instance, will the posted commandments include Exodus 21:29, which says if an ox gores someone to death, both the owner and the ox must be executed?

I’m not trying to villainize the Pelican State, but I am trying to prove a point on

this Independence Day weekend about the principle of separation of church and state.

The principle has taken some hits in recent years.

Opponents make two points. First, the separation idea is not in the Constitution. Second, they say our founding fathers would have never favored such a split because they sought to make the USA into a Christian nation.

The first argument is true. Separation of church and state is only an interpretation of the First Amendment, which clearly forbids our government from establishing a religion. Additionally, it’s interpreted to mean the government can’t favor any single religion.

The second point is decidedly untrue.

Thomas Jefferson, the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, was “not a God-fearing humanitarian but rather a slaveholding epicurean deist,” says Tim Alberta in his latest book, “The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism.”

“Jefferson was not an earnest follower of Christ but was known to mock revivalists and rarely attend church,” Alberta writes.

I gained some understanding of Jefferson’s view during my visit to Roger Williams National Memorial last summer.

It’s possible that Jefferson’s understanding of the church and state issue was forged from Williams’.

Living 100 years prior to Jefferson, Williams was excommunicated from the Anglican Church for blasphemy. Banished from his home in 1636, he was forced on a most horrendous walkabout through a blizzard to present-day Rhode Island. It was there he established a Baptist community free from puritanism.

According to a National Park Service article, Roger Williams believed government-established religions were “... responsible for the death of millions of innocent souls whose only crime was having their own, unique conscience.”

Williams added with succinct clarity, “Forced worship stinks in God’s nostrils.”

Alberta notes that Jesus himself “physically ran and hid from the people who desired to make Him king. Jesus dismissed his critics by telling them, ‘Give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’”

Alberta concludes this thought with an interpretation from a modern-day preacher who gained fame in 1965.

“In other words, pay your taxes, forget politics, and serve God with all your heart.”

That man was the late Jerry Falwell

– before he successfully revived his failing college through a political arm called “The Moral Majority.”

Imagine what might happen if a different religion wanted to post its treatise.

Visualize a Baptist mom in New Orleans whose job transfer takes her family to Dearborn, Mich. Once there, she will likely enroll her Baptist son in a school belonging to the largest Muslim-populated school district in the U.S.

Once in class, Mom will need some assurances that her son can enjoy his religious freedom without being required to memorize the Five Pillars of Islam.

As you approach the voting booth this fall, let’s keep church and state separate. But most of all, beyond Nov., I encourage people of faith to “Serve God with all your heart.”

Currently, the Louisiana law is being legally challenged. In the end, I suspect Louisianans will find, as did a dozen other states, that their law won’t pass the “the sniff test.”

Join Chaplain Burkles’ mailing list at [www.thechaplain.net/newsletter](http://www.thechaplain.net/newsletter) or leave voicemail at (843) 608-9715 or email [comment@thechaplain.net](mailto:comment@thechaplain.net). All his books are also available on his website, [www.thechaplain.net](http://www.thechaplain.net). ★

## RELIGION NEWS

### Music and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Our Men’s Bible study meets every two weeks and we are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes.

#### MUSIC EVENTS

There was no traditional JAZZ & BLUES HOUR in May. However, the Triumphant Quartet performed in Elk Grove for the 5th year. It was a wonderful performance at District 56, with well over 100 people attending.

The four charities we help support – Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank, One Thousand Schools and Sacramento Stand Down – each received a portion of the proceeds.

JAZZ & BLUES HOUR continues in July with Tressa Gaye’s Twisted Jazz for your enjoyment at 4pm Sunday, July 7th at our church.

#### SERMON TOPICS

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced

upcoming sermon topics:

July 7th – “Faith and Miracles”; July 14th – “The Power of Fear”; July 21st – “Teaching and Touching.”

Rev. McNamara recently attended a Pastors’ Conference at Zephyr Point focusing on Care for Creation and Relationships with Native Americans.

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd.

For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or [elk-grovepres@gmail.com](mailto:elk-grovepres@gmail.com).

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Check out our website at [GraceChurchEG.org](http://GraceChurchEG.org).

### St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church’s Mass Schedule

Elk Grove’s St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to their celebrations of Holy Mass. Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The church’s office hours are Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9:30-2:30, Wed, 9:30-6:00. For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit [www.SMGCC.net](http://www.SMGCC.net), or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church is at

8700 Bradshaw Road.

### Chabad of Elk Grove’s Weekly Torah Classes

Local community members are invited to attend weekly Torah Classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove. Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, “Flashbacks in Jewish History,” will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner is leading the discussion.

Classes are free. For location, call (917) 724-4443. Field of Hope United Church of Christ’s Services

Community members are invited to the Field of Hope United Church of Christ’s Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove.

Sunday School and nursery services are available. For more information, visit [www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org](http://www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org). ★

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Sunday Worship 11am

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Visit us every First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to meet featured artists, and enjoy live music.

For more information, visit [www.ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org](http://www.ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org) or call (916) 685-5992.

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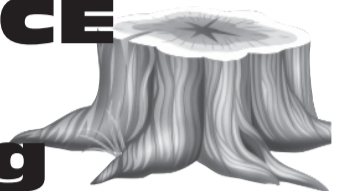
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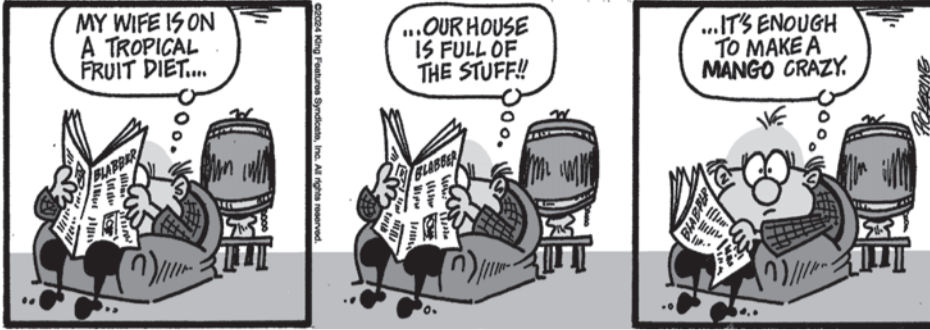
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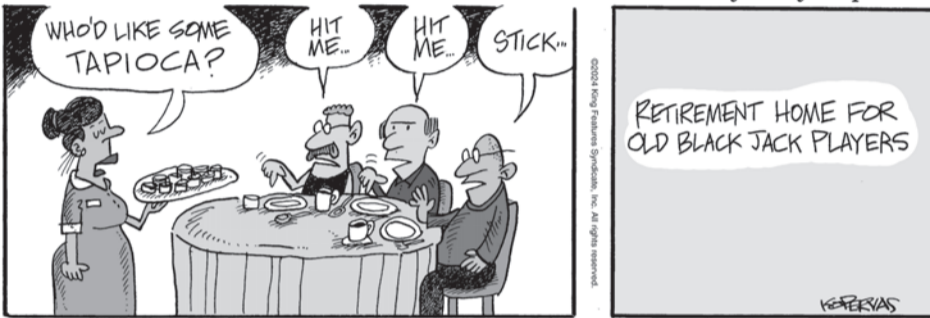
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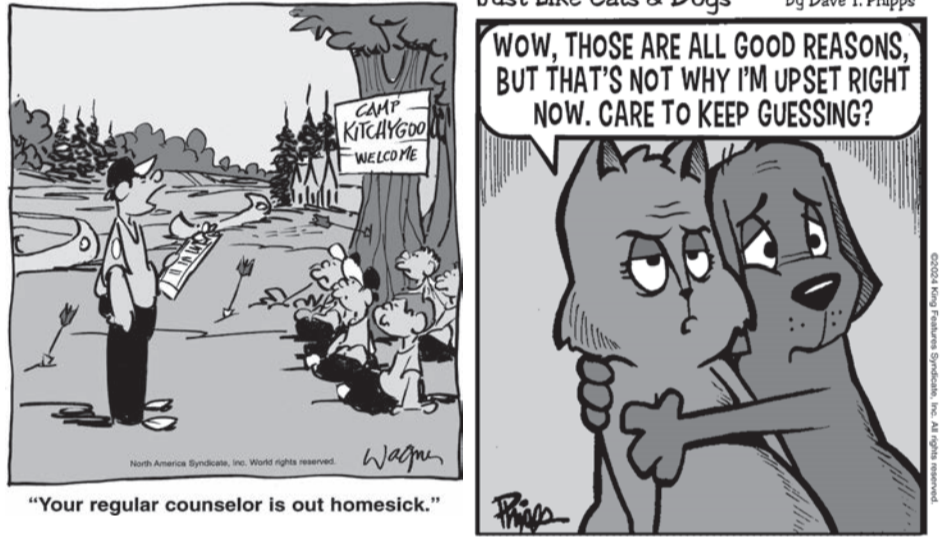
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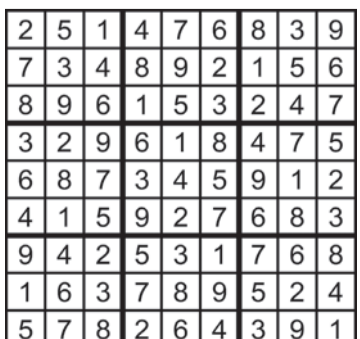


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04038
Konkco Mobile Wash Solutions, LLC, 9861 Dino Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fleet Clean" 9861 Dino Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024
FLEET 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04144
Bao Phung Phu, 9538 Hollow Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sac Valley Automotive" 7728 Fruitridge Road Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 28, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024
SAC 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04675
David Andrew Orvedahl, 5820 Birchwood Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Miranda Artisan Leather" 5820 Birchwood Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 14, 2024

Publish: June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2024
MIRANDA 7-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04757
Chrishay Masters, 5650 Whiterock Parkway #130 #2185, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Seeds of Love Doula Services" 5650 Whiterock Parkway #130 #2185, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 20, 2024

Publish: June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2024
SEEDS 7-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04799
Albert Di Paolo, 7542 Ryland Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Di Paolo & Son Machine And Locomotive Works" 7542 Ryland Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 21, 2024

Publish: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
DIPAULO 7-26-24

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV010600

Kao Choua Thao has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kao Choua Thao to Malee Thao.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 26, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: May 28, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
THAO 7-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV011530

Chao Yen Liu and Hsiuling Chang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chao Yen Liu to Chaoyen Liu and En Yu Liu to Winnie Enyu Liu.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: June 11, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
LIU 7-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV011525

Bing He has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bing He to Miona Bing He.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: June 11, 2024

Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
HE 7-12-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN BRAUN CASE NO. 24PP001654

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Barbara Jean Braun.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Dustin Thornton, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Dustin Thornton be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows July 18, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Harvey M. Payne III, 10085 Carroll Canyon Road, Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92131; 858-271-1900

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, 2024
BRAUN 6-28-24

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 152337 Title No. 02-20001144 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/20/2006. 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. On 07/11/2024 at 1:30 PM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 07/28/2006, as Instrument No. xx, in book 20060728, page 1792 and Modified by Modification Recorded on 3/21/2011 in book 20110321 page 0658, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of California, executed by Shelley B. Tillman, A Married Woman, As Her Sole and Separate Property, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said

County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST, APN 132-1220-044-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6814 Rawley Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$559,675.37 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 27368 VIA INDUSTRIA STE 201 TEMECULA CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (714) 730-2727 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 (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.servicelinkASAP.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 152337. 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 Web site. 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. If you are an "eligible bidder," 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 (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 152337 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. A-4818794 06/21/2024, 06/28/2024, 07/05/2024 ELKGROVECITIZEN 7-5-2024

Title Order No.: 2249086cad Trustee Sale No.: 23-01678A Reference No.: 22-01041 APN No.: 116-0840-052-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 6/2/2022. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 7/18/2024 at 2:00 PM, A.S.A.P. Collection Services, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 6/6/2022 as Document No. 202206061126 Book n/a Page n/a of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, property owned by: Virinder Singh Grewal WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state made payable to Platinum Resolution Services, Inc.) At: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA. All rights, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein, under Assessors' Parcel Number: 116-0840-052-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9571 Laguna Springs Dr Elk Grove, CA 95758-7961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$59,435.12 Estimated Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale The claimant, Laguna Springs Owners Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 6/14/2024 For Sales Information, Please Call (916) 939-0772 or go to www.nationwideposting.com A.S.A.P. Collection Services, as Trustee by: Platinum Resolution Services, Inc., as Agent PO Box 576766 Modesto, California 95357 Phone: 209-661-4368 Jeanne Jordan, Vice President NPP0461958 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 06/28/2024, 07/05/2024, 07/12/2024 ELKGROVECITIZEN 7-12-24

T.S. No.: 2024-00298-CA A.P.N.:115-1420-028-0000 Property Address: 8739 LOCKEPORT COURT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

注：本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다

NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UN-

DER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/25/2007. 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.

Trustor: Janice Lawson-King, a Widow Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 05/01/2007 as Instrument No. -- in book 20070501, page0200 and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 08/01/2024 at 01:30 PM

Place of Sale: AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 547,897.42

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8739 LOCKEPORT COURT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 115-1420-028-0000

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 547,897.42.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S 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 this 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)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00298-CA. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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. If you are an "eligible bidder," 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 (877)-518-5700, or visit this internet website https://www.realtybid.com/, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00298-CA 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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.

Date: June 14, 2024 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx Trustee Sale Assistant WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Publish 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 2024
Elk Grove Citizen 7-12-24

NOTICE OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC SEC. 6105) ESCROW NO. 152845

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: LIEN T. NGUYEN, 9145 ELK GROVE BLVD, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

Whose chief executive office is: SAME AS ABOVE Doing Business as: LYNN'S PROFESSIONAL NAILS AKA LYNN'S NAILS (Type - NAIL SALON)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: BQ APEX LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 3338 CLIFTON COURT, FREMONT, CA 94538

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 9145 ELK GROVE BLVD, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is JULY 23, 2024

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be JULY 22, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: JUNE 13, 2024 BQ APEX LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Buyer(s) 2457629-PP R ELK GROVE CITIZEN 7-5-24

CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 96) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.19.010. The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No. 2024-100 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 96. Introduced June 12, 2024; Adopted June 26, 2024; Effective July 26, 2024. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, July 5, 2024 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org



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**LEGAL ADVERTISING**  
*The Elk Grove Citizen Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Case No. 14303 - October 14, 1910  
The Elk Grove Citizen Adjudicated For and By the City of Elk Grove, Case No. CS01032 - August 25, 2000*

Legal Advertising  
7144 Fair Oaks Blvd #5  
Carmichael, CA 95608

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

American Towers LLC is proposing to construct a 60-foot Monopine (Monopole) telecommunications tower at 9570 Racquet Club, Elk Grove, Sacramento County, CA 95624, Parcel# 116-0061-065-0000. The new tower structure will be located in an existing, approx. 230-square-foot lease area, along with a 30ft buffer surrounding the lease area. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested persons may comment or raise concerns about the proposed action by submitting an e-mail to [enviro.services@americantower.com](mailto:enviro.services@americantower.com). Paper comments can be sent to: American Towers LLC, Attn: Environmental Compliance, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801.

Requests or comments will be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns and must be received on or before August 23, 2024 This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.

Elk Grove Citizen 7-5 - 7-12-2024

**PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 21700 through 21716 of the Business and Profession Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the California Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at a public sale personal property stored by the following delinquent tenant Stanley Tyler – B175 by competitive bidding on July 5nd, 2024 at 7:00AM at website <https://www.storagetreasures.com>.

General business and household items are set to be sold. Purchases must be paid for at the time of sale in cash only. All purchased goods are sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and tenant occurs.

Auctioneer: <https://www.storagetreasures.com/>

Elk Grove Citizen 6-28 - 7-5-2024

**City of Elk Grove – City Council  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CONCERNING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 ASSESSMENTS  
ANNEXATION NO. 67 INTO STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2  
FOR THE STATHOS SELF STORAGE, SUTTER CAMPUS EXPANSION, AND STONE  
SPRINGS ESTATES MAP PROJECTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, **August 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on April 24, 2024. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: July 5, 2024 and July 12, 2024

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

**ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**  
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 478-3635. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

Elk Grove Citizen 7-5 - 7-12-2024

**City of Elk Grove – City Council  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY  
TO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2006-1  
(MAINTENANCE SERVICES) ANNEXATION 97  
FOR THE STATHOS SELF STORAGE AND SUTTER CAMPUS  
EXPANSION PROJECTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on June 26, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 2024-103, in which it declared its intention to annex territory to the existing Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) (the "CFD"), and to levy a special tax to pay for certain maintenance services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code. The resolution describes the territory to be annexed, specifies the type of services to be financed, and describes the rate and method of apportionment of the proposed special tax. No change in the tax levied in the existing CFD is proposed. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the City Council has fixed Wednesday, **August 14, 2024, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the regular meeting place of the City Council, Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the annexation. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annexation of the territory or the levying of the special taxes will be heard.

Dated / Published: July 5, 2024

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION in the CITY OF ELK GROVE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Elk Grove, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the following three (3) Offices:

For Mayor (Full term of two years)  
For Council Member – District 1 (Full term of four years)  
For Council Member – District 3 (Full term of four years)

**Candidate Qualifications:** At the time nomination papers are issued to each candidate, each candidate must meet the following minimum qualifications for office as specified by the principal act or applicable code:

- Must be a citizen of the United States;
- Elective Office residency and registration requirement:
  - For the Office of Mayor – Must be a resident and registered voter of the City of Elk Grove.
  - For office as a Council Member – Must be a resident and registered voter of the council district from which he/she will be elected at the time the nomination papers are issued and throughout the term of office. (Offices to be filled are in Council Residency Districts 1 and 3, City of Elk Grove Resolution No. 2022-077 displays the district map and provides the legal descriptions of each district's boundaries).

**Code References:** Elections Code §§ 201, 10220, 10227, 12101; Government Code §§ 34882 and 34904; City of Elk Grove Resolution No. 2022-077. Official nominating petitions for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices may be obtained from and filed with the City of Elk Grove, Office of the City Clerk at: 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758, for appointments call (916) 478-2286.

Nomination documents will be available on and after July 15, 2024 and must be filed not later than **5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024**. However, if nomination documents for an incumbent are not filed by 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024, any qualified person other than the incumbent shall have until 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2024 to file nomination documents for the office. This extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

(All Vote Center locations will be open on November 5, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and regional Vote Centers will be available starting on October 26 through the date of the General Election – November 5, 2024. Check your Voter Guide for hours and locations.)

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JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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**City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California** to consider the following matter:

**RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING STANDARDS UPDATE - ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT:**

The proposed Residential Lighting Standards Update ("Amendments") is a text amendment to Title 23 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to amend Chapter 23.56 (Lighting) to add exterior lighting standards for single residential units and two unit residential. The amendments include the following: attached exterior lighting fixtures, freestanding exterior lighting fixtures, and exemptions for exterior lighting fixtures in residential zones. Additionally, a definition for the term "full cutoff" is added to Chapter 23.100 (Definitions).  
*The Planning Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final approval*

PROJECT APPLICANT:	City of Elk Grove 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758
LOCATION/APN:	Citywide
ZONING:	Citywide
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308.
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner, <a href="mailto:killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org">killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org</a> 916.478.3684

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**NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS**

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**NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS**

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing.

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**OLD TOWN PUB (PLNG23-026) – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, MAJOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS AND OLD TOWN DESIGN REVIEW TYPE 1:**

The Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a brewpub/lounge; a Major Certificate of Appropriateness; and Old Town Design Review Type 1 for minor exterior improvements to the façade, small addition, landscaping, lighting, hardscaping, and new outdoor patios for the property with existing historic commercial buildings and the adjacent non-historic property in the Old Town Special Planning Area.

PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT:	Larry and Joanna Baker 9036 Elk Grove Boulevard Elk Grove, CA 95624
LOCATION/APN:	9032/9030/9036 Elk Grove Boulevard; APNs: 125-0222-003 and 125-0222-004
ZONING GENERAL PLAN:	Commercial (C) within Elk Grove Old Town Special Planning Area (OTSPA) Community Commercial (CC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation)
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner 916.478.3684 or <a href="mailto:killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org">killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org</a>

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**10600 OAK POND LANE PROJECT (PLNG22-046) – TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP:**

The Project consists of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) to divide one existing ±5.08-acre parcel into two lots. No construction is proposed as part of the Project. Any future home construction will be required to comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) measures for new single-family construction.

PROPERTY OWNER:	Michael/Kelly Hulett Trust Michael/Kelly Hulett (Co-Trustees) 10600 Oak Pond Lane Elk Grove, CA 95624	PROJECT APPLICANT:	JTS Engineering Consultants, Inc. Javed T. Siddiqui, P.E. (Representative) 1808 J St Sacramento, CA 95811
LOCATION/APN:	10600 Oak Pond Lane; APN: 123-0180-012		
ZONING:	Agricultural Residential (AR-2)		
GENERAL PLAN:	Rural Residential		
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15315 (Minor Land Divisions)		
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kevin Valente, Planner 916.372-6100 or <a href="mailto:kvalente@elkgrovecity.org">kvalente@elkgrovecity.org</a>		

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**NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**

Please take notice Laguna Self Storage located at 3000 Dwight Rd., Elk Grove CA 95758 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.bid13.com](http://www.bid13.com) on 7/25/2024 at 10:00AM. Angelina Neal; Randell / Brian Tillis/ Ember. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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# EG Teams Showcased at Boys Cali Live

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Various local basketball teams participated in the Cali Live Boys 2024 Tournament from June 28-30 in Roseville.

The tournament featured the Franklin Wildcats, Monterey Trail Mustangs and Sheldon Huskies to showcase their players' talent in front of scouts against the best teams in California.

This tournament featured scouts from UCLA, USC, Oregon State, Sacramento State, Stanford and Fresno State among others throughout the weekend.

The Wildcats started out rough with losses to St. Monica Prep on June 28 by a score of 56-52 then to Foothill High School from Santa Ana on June 29 by a score of 68-44.

They were able to bounce back in their second game of the day with a win over Francis Parker from San Diego by a score of 62-57 and another win over Natomas by a score of 60-59 to conclude their participation in this tournament on June 30.

A standout player for the Wildcats at this tournament was Aiden Rollins, a guard who is going to be entering his junior year, as many praised him on X.

"Improved feel as a playmaker in half-court and transition situations. 6-3 with a rangy frame and great defensive instincts. Crafty finisher around the basket. Underrated rising junior in California," contributor to Prep Hoops Devin Ugland said on X.

Rollins also received a shoutout from Brandon Cole on X, a former D2

and junior college coach, as he said he can't wait for college coaches to tell him that they missed out on Rollins as he impacts winning on both ends while having a 4.0 GPA.

In 30 games this past season, Rollins averaged 15.1 PPG, 4.3 RPG and 3.5 APG for the Wildcats.

As for the Mustangs, they left the tournament with a 2-2 record, beating Mission Bay 74-52, losing to Los Alamitos 89-76 and Liberty 73-66 then closing with a win over Albany 56-48.

Among the top performers is a newcomer to the high school scene, incoming freshman Devaughn Dorrough, who caught a lot of eyes throughout the weekend.

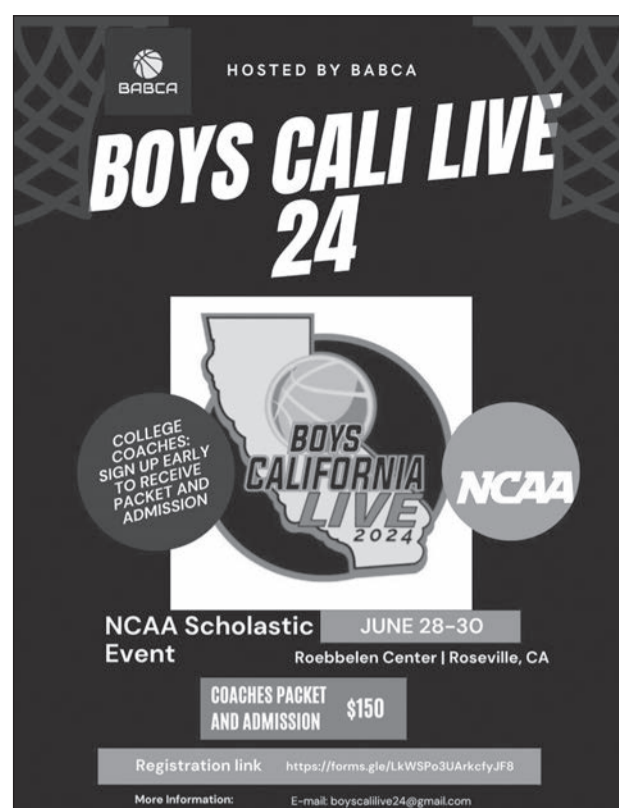
He's 6' 7" and was described as skilled, strong and with a high IQ on X

from West Coast Preps Sacramento. In the win against Albany, Dorrough had 17 points, seven rebounds and two blocks, according to the Monterey Trail Basketball X account.

Other top performers, as pointed out by the Mustangs on X, include Rashawn Inglemon with 11.5 PPG along with 3.5 APG, Derron White with 14 PPG along with 3.5 APG and Ahzil Franklin with 12.2 PPG along with 4.75 RPG.

As for the Sheldon Huskies, after returning from Arizona after their participation in the Section 7 tournament, they also concluded their participation in this tournament with a 2-2 record.

It started off with losses to St. Anthony 76-45 and Pacifica Christian 60-58 but got back even with



Screenshot of Boys Cali Live tournament promotion. Photo by Alejandro Barron

two wins on June 30 to Somerset-Losee of Nevada 58-44 and St. Ignatius 61-48.

With the upcoming No

Contact Dead Period, local basketball teams will have to put on pause their summer preparation for their upcoming season. ★

# Sports Opinion: Let the Kids Play

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - In two recent interviews where I spoke to local junior college athletes who this fall will be taking their talents to four-year universities, the most difficult question I asked was not about their athletic careers.

The question they spent the most time thinking about was, "What do you like to do in your free time?"

When you dedicate so much time to be able to thrive within your sport, you spend all your time practicing or playing even during summer break.

On June 25, the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section tweeted out a reminder in regard to the No Contact Dead Period which spans from July 1 to July 14.

In January of this year, the section passed this dead period where the rules and

guidelines say that there are no practices, no team building, no weightlifting, no conditioning, no meetings or no fundraisers.

The section says that no member of a school's athletic department is to make contact with any student-athlete.

They say this was passed by an overwhelming majority as this allows athletes, coaches and parents to take a break from sports to plan a family vacation, spend time with friends and to rest and recover.

Personally, If I were forced to take time off from sports when I was in high school, well that would be taking time away from seeing my friends because I can't go to practice. Yes, I'd see them in a non-athletic setting, but our main hangout would be the field.

The biggest one of all, I never took a "family vacation" because the only

reason I traveled was due to summer tournaments. My most memorable trip in my life was to San Juan, Puerto Rico and the only reason this happened was due to sports.

When you dedicate so much time to your sport, taking time off for vacations or hanging out with your friends outside of games or practices are non-existent.

No fundraisers is a part of this No Contact Dead Period and how many firework stands have you seen lately that are to fundraise for your local high school sports programs?

"If my guys show up with their parents to spin a fireworks sign and we get sanctioned..." tweeted an unhappy Monterey Trail Mustangs basketball head coach Robert Fields.

Cities that have parades which include participation from high school teams

with players and coaches on floats are now prohibited, as pointed out by @cameraguymark on X.

Not only did coaches express their opinions but the X account for the Sac-Joaquin MaxPreps also expressed their opinion on how this period is nearly impossible.

"This seems nearly impossible. For example, thousands of softball teams, including many from our section, are heading to Colorado on July 1. HS coaches are also club coaches. How can they stop that when this means so much for recruiting?"

Summer is filled with tournaments that are crucial for recruiting. A tournament from July 1 to July 14 could be the make or break for a student-athlete to be recruited to play at the collegiate level.

"I foresee a lot of unnecessary and unfortunate

sanctions coming down in the 24-25 season. Imagine a baseball or softball team getting penalized in the playoffs next May because a player participated in a key travel tourney in July that could help shape their future," Nick Pecoraro of Premier Preps tweeted.

These are sanctions waiting to accumulate throughout the section, as so many high school coaches also coach club teams, with their high school athletes also playing club with them.

What sanctions will the section give? Suspend players and coaches for a certain amount of games? Suspend them for the season? Suspend a whole team from participating?

Quite frankly, it seems no matter what you do, you can get in trouble for this No Contact Period.

With so many parents being coaches, it seems

like this rule will force certain student-athletes to move out of their home for two weeks with the fear of being sanctioned this upcoming season.

In high school, I remember there being a dead period in December, too, where people around us said to keep practicing and lifting as long as you don't wear school gear and to act dumb if anyone asked us where our coach was.

You cannot stop athletes from participating in their sport. People will ignore this and get away with it or someone will try to be careful during this period and be sanctioned. Regardless, it's not fair.

Those who love their sports are not being held against their will to practice.

At the end of the day, these are kids who are playing a kids' game so let the kids play. ★

# Prepare for Boating Hazards

**U.S. National Weather Service News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Before you go out on the water, check the forecast at your local National Weather Service coastal office. You should also check for the latest National Weather Service buoy observations from the National Data Buoy Center.

You should also make sure your boat has essential -- and in some cases, required -- safety equipment and communications tools.

## Life Jackets

Before you and your family get out on the water this year, grab a life jacket and "Wear It!" Nearly 85 percent of those who drown while boating were not wearing a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket is one of the most effective and simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating. Boaters are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board for every passenger on their vessel.

## Fire Extinguishers

U. S. Coast Guard-approved,

marine-type fire extinguishers are required on boats where a fire hazard could be expected from the engines or fuel system. When required, boats less than 26 feet must carry at least one B-I, Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher. Boats 26-40 feet must carry two B-I or one B-II Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher(s). Boats 40-65 feet must carry three B-I or one B-II and one B-I Coast Guard approved extinguishers.

You shouldn't have to travel more than half the length of your boat to get to the fire extinguisher. Check your fire extinguishers at least once a year to ensure they are properly charged, stored and are undamaged. Start your boating season

with this vital safety check.

## Communications

Cell Phones, Weather Radios and Other Options

If you have a smart phone, get weather news at [mobile.weather.gov](https://mobile.weather.gov).

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards will sound an alert when the National Weather Service issues a weather advisory. Weather radio is a vital tool for a mariner.

There are many other communications options available to mariners on the U.S. National Weather Service marine site: <https://www.weather.gov/marine/> ★

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### City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Wednesday, July 24, 2024** at the hour of **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

Present to Council for approval the Report of Delinquent Solid Waste and Storm Drain Utility Charges and authorizing the necessary actions to collect the charges as a special assessment on the property tax roll.

A list of properties affected by this proposed action is available at the City Clerk's office at the address below and may be requested by emailing the City Clerk at [jlindgren@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:jlindgren@elkgrovecity.org). Additional information regarding this item may be obtained in the office of the Finance Department of the City of Elk Grove located at 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, 95758.

All interested persons are invited to present their objections, protests and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated/Published: July 5, 2024 and July 12, 2024

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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### City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 10  
CONCERNING STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS IN DISTRICT 1,  
ZONE 2-J (LAGUNA AREA)  
FOR THE SUTTER CAMPUS EXPANSION PROJECT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, **August 14, 2024**, at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on the Engineer's Report and a supplement thereto prepared and filed in connection with proposed street maintenance assessments on property identified in the report as supplemented. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

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# Soccer Standout Barajas Headed for Chivas

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - One of the most popular soccer teams in the world is finalizing a deal to bring an Elk Grove Charter alumnus to their squad.

Club Deportivo Guadalajara, better known as Chivas, is looking to acquire Fidel Barajas, a Mexican international who currently plays for MLS side Real Salt Lake.

The Sacramento native and Elk Grove Charter alumnus has been an impact player in his short career. The 18-year-old was named USL Championship Young Player and All-League Second Team last year with the Charleston Battery.

In 2023, Barajas scored



Fidel Barajas. Photo Courtesy of Real Salt Lake

four goals with nine assists in the regular season with the Battery while scoring one goal and two assists in the playoffs before heading off to international duty.

He was unable to help the Battery's run to the USL championship, where they ultimately lost, due to being in Indonesia for the 2023 U-17 World Cup with the Mexican National Team.

In this competition, Barajas would score with his weak foot as he sent a right-footed strike past the New Zealand goalkeeper from outside the box in Mexico's 4-0 win in Indonesia on Nov. 11, 2023.

Although nothing has been confirmed yet from either Chivas, Real Salt Lake or Barajas, it's rumored the deal is worth \$4 million, according to sources briefed on the deal who told The Athletic.

Chivas had been looking to acquire Barajas into its youth system since he was 12, and he was a fan of the team since he was a kid, said his parents in an interview for ESPN Deportes.

"A coach of his, Jose Ortiz, always talked about

Chivas to him and he even told him he would take him to play for Chivas because when he was 12 (Luis Fernando) Tena wanted us to send him (Fidel) when Tena was coaching Chivas," said Fidel Barajas Sr.

Fidel's mother, Marisol Juarez, recalls when Chivas invited her son to visit the team, with the players talking to him and giving him advice, but ultimately she said it would have been difficult on him and the family to send him to Mexico at age 12.

"For us, it wasn't the correct age for him to leave home nor for us to move with him," Juarez said.

Six years later, Chivas and Barajas reunite to give him the opportunity to play

for his favorite team.

Chivas has the second-most league titles in Mexico's top flight of soccer, Liga MX, where pressure is constant from the fans of Guadalajara.

For a long time, Chivas fielded only players born in Mexico, but it has twisted the rules a bit.

For example, a controversy had sparked recently with the transfer of Cade Cowell to Chivas from the San Jose Earthquakes, as he plays for the US Men's National Team but his mother was born in Mexico.

In Article 30 of the Mexican Constitution, it states that those who are born outside of Mexico to at least one Mexican-born

parent are given Mexican nationality by birthright.

In this case, Cowell is technically Mexican. But he was heavily criticized as he was not born in Mexico, spoke Spanish and represented the US, Mexico's rival, on the international stage.

Barajas may receive some of this criticism, as he has represented both the US and Mexico at the youth levels but can win the fandom over as the speedy winger is an offensive threat.

Chivas hasn't won a league title since 2017 and looks to Barajas to spark the offense. He has two assists in 17 appearances in his first taste of top-flight soccer in MLS with Real Salt Lake. ★



## Kings Korner

talent at one of the big-man positions.

Make no mistake about it, the Sacramento Kings are not big up front, and Domantas Sabonis may be the quintessential rebounder in the NBA, but that doesn't mean he can't use some help alongside. Our forwards are on the small side, and since we didn't address this issue with the first-round pick, free agency or a trade will be the only avenue left for Sacramento to shore up its front line.

For me, the player that I believed would fit the puzzle best was Jonas Valanciunas, as he would play nicely alongside

Domantas, allowing Sabonis to slide into the #4 spot.

That unfortunately will not happen, since the Washington Wizards just signed Valanciunas to a three-year, \$30-million deal.

I am at a loss to explain why the Kings weren't in the mix and giving it an all-out effort to sign this talented big man, but I remain hopeful that Monte McNair has a plan in place to fix the Kings' ever-present needs at power forward.

In a somewhat surprising move, the Kings traded heralded and ever-popular Davion Mitchell along with

benchman Sasha Vezenkov to the Toronto Raptors for Jalen McDaniels. Sadly, the Kings' second-round pick, Jamal Sheard, was included in the deal, so from the 2024 draft Sacramento rests its hopes on Devin Carter.

I am convinced there is more to come, and I withhold any grade with regards to Monte McNair's offseason moves at this point.

Former GMs have done far worse, and free agency can be a panacea for a team that may not have solved all its needs in the draft.

To be sure, there were players on the board at No. 13 that fit the mode for the type of front-line player the Kings need, but the question is whether they had the skill set to make a difference and step into the

starting lineup.

In all likelihood Devin Carter will come off the bench in much the same way that Davion Mitchell did, and I for one am going to miss Davion's fiery spirit and tenacious defense, but at the same time I don't want to diminish the potential that Devin Carter brings to the team.

Carter's 6'9" wingspan helped him garnish 8.7 rebounds last season for Providence, while claiming Big East player of the year honors.

Sacramento, barring injury, is replete with talented and multi-dimensional guards, so what remains is Monte McNair's ability to fix the Kings' undersized front line.

Reportedly, Sacramento is interested in Brandon Ingram, and the real

question is whether they are willing to pay the high price he demands. Ingram is considered one of the premier forwards in the NBA coming off a season in which he scored 20 points per game with five rebounds and nearly six assists.

Also, a contender for the Kings starting lineup could be Laker forward Kyle Kuzma, who if signed would come at a much more affordable price for Sacramento.

Stay tuned, all you Kings fans, because Monte McNair is not by any means finished with the 2025 roster.

This will be interesting at the very least, so hang onto your seats!

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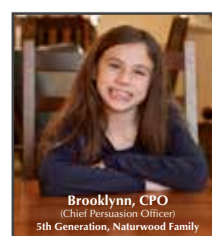
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