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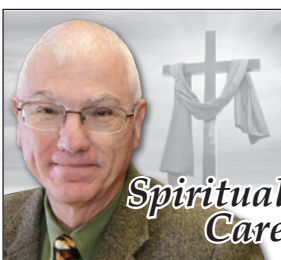
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## Macy's Launches With Ribbon-Cutting



Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and Macy's employees join Macy's Elk Grove manager Bryan Montemayor, with scissors, and Elk Grove City Vice Mayor Rod Brewer, fourth from right, for a ribbon-cutting Aug. 23 at the opening of the Elk Grove Macy's. Photos by J.G. Wirt

By J.G. Wirt

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The new Elk Grove Macy's opened with a ribbon-cutting Aug. 23 in the Laguna Crossroads shopping center at Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road.

While the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce staged the ribbon-cutting, early visitors browsed the store the day before its grand opening. The 31,000-square-foot store offers scaled-down departments for men's and women's clothing and shoes, children's wear and toys.

The space, formerly the home of Buy Buy Baby, is the fourth of the new, smaller Macy's but the first in the area. The store offers well-known market brands and Macy's private

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Customers browse the shoe department during the Aug. 23 soft opening.



## Council Weighs Emissions Reduction Ideas

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - How to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings was the focus of the Aug. 14 Elk Grove City Council meeting, with questions of how to balance the city's goal of addressing climate change with the costs faced by homeowners and business owners.

Carrie Whitlock, strategic planning and innovation program manager, made the presentation, which is part of development on the Climate Compass, the city's plan to meet its climate, sustainability and resilience goals. City Council did not take formal action on the informational item.

Building sector emissions made up 38% of Elk Grove's greenhouse emissions in 2021; these emissions come from electricity generation for residential and nonresidential buildings, from residential and nonresidential natural gas and from backup generators.

Based on state forecasts, the city's overall emissions will decrease slightly by 2030 but the proportion of emissions from buildings will grow to 46%. The graph does not account for Sacramento Municipal Utility District's pledge to reach zero carbon emissions by 2030; Whitlock said if the district succeeds, this would eliminate the electricity emissions.

By 2045, overall emissions are projected to drop by more than half. Building emissions would make up more than 52% of the total, with natural gas as the only contributor.

Whitlock said the lack of electricity emissions is due to a state law requiring all electricity to come from renewable sources by 2045.

In both 2030 and 2045, a significant gap remains between the emissions currently projected and the state-mandated target.

Whitlock detailed potential strategies to lower emissions. One possibility involved creating a "reach code" that sets a higher standard in a certain metric for new construction, major renovations and appliance retrofits. For existing structures, this

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## Rotary: Making a Positive Difference

Story and photos by Ramona and Chris Scarborough

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Want to make a positive difference in your community?

Or even internationally? But don't know how to make that happen?

Joining Elk Grove Rotary Club can be your springboard to involve yourself in worthwhile projects.

### Benefits for You

Not only will you be helping others but these endeavors will bring you many benefits as well.

According to Cathy Guy, a member since 2005, she got a nudge from her sponsor who told her, "Every Principal of Elk Grove High School has been a Rotarian."

Not breaking tradition, Guy joined. "However, I've stayed for several reasons, especially the rewarding friendships with like-minded people," Guy said. "Also, I can show my daughter and granddaughters how a person, along with others, can make a positive difference in their community and throughout the world."

Her husband, Don Guy, joined last year. He says, "I saw a need where my skills and experience would benefit the club and the community."

Hearing directly from speakers brought in each week, Rotary

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Don Guy, a one-year Rotarian, stands with wife Cathy Guy, a member since 2005.



# Californians: Your Rent May Go Up Because of Rising Insurance Rates

By Levi Sumagaysay  
CALMatters.org

**CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - Like single-family homeowners in California, landlords are facing higher insurance premiums, too. And they're passing along some of those costs to their tenants.

Many insurance companies have stopped writing policies in the state because of increased wildfire risks, but that's not the only reason. They say in the case of any catastrophe, the potential costs of replacing any residential or commercial property, from labor to material costs, is just plain more expensive now. So even owners of properties in areas that are not at high risk for wildfires have had their policies canceled because their buildings may need repairs or improvements. Landlords are having to find other insurers, or having to turn to the ever-growing and more expensive FAIR Plan, the insurance industry-run plan that is mandated under California law to be the insurer of last resort.

This is where the insurance crisis could worsen the housing crisis, according to some experts. Increased insurance costs for properties other than single-family homes are starting to affect the rental market — in a state where almost half of residents are renters — and could compound the state's housing problems, they say.

Josh Hoover, an insurance broker in the Los Angeles area, handles mostly commercial accounts and said "it's almost impossible" to find coverage for any large structure. In late 2022, Allstate said it would stop writing new property insurance in the state, including commercial policies. Then State Farm, the biggest insurer in the state, recently canceled policies for tens of thousands of homes, residential community associations, business owners and commercial apartment properties.

"Even buildings made in the '80s are now considered old, which is ridiculous," Hoover said. "Most carriers want everything updated in the last 30 years. They want a new roof, electrical redone, plumbing redone — they want you to have copper pipes."

## For Landlords, 'Death by a Thousand Cuts'

Earlier this year, Farmers canceled the policy on a 33-unit apartment building



A rental sign in front of an apartment complex in Tower District in Fresno on July 27, 2023. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/Catchlight Local

in San Bernardino that was built in the 1960s, said its co-owner, Uwe Karbenk. Karbenk found an out-of-state insurer instead of going with the more expensive FAIR Plan, but his premium has still increased by \$28,000 to more than \$41,000 a year.

Combined with state laws that limit how much he is allowed to raise the rent each year — 5% plus inflation, or up to 10% in some cases, with possibly other rent-control measures on the way — Karbenk said being a landlord in California is "a little bit like death by a thousand cuts." He added that if his profit margin continues to shrink, he would rather invest in something else besides real estate.

"One of these measures, it's not a big deal," Karbenk said. "But over the years, it's really difficult for mom-and-pops."

Mike Placido and his wife are definitely a mom-and-pop. They own two rental properties, a four-unit building in San Gabriel and a duplex in Alhambra. He said they bought the properties as a way to supplement their retirement income when the time comes in a few years.

When State Farm canceled the policy on their San Gabriel property, Placido got a quote from the FAIR Plan for \$8,600, much higher than their old \$2,600 premium. Instead, he was able to cobble together three different policies from a Florida-based insurer to get the coverage the old policy provided for \$6,500, a 150% increase. So he said he plans to raise rents in January.

"It's not like I'm some land baron," Placido said.

"I'll pass along as much as I possibly can, as much as the market can bear, and I'll shoulder the rest. I have no choice."

## Yet Another Worry for Renters

About 44% of Californians are renters, according to the U.S. Census. The median monthly rent in the state is \$2,850, a third higher than the national figure, according to online real estate marketer Zillow. About 30% of the state's renters are considered severely cost-burdened, meaning they spend at least half of their income on housing, according to an analysis by the Public Policy Institute of California. Now their rents could rise to even more burdensome levels.

Shanti Singh, legislative director for statewide renters' rights organization Tenants Together, said "it's still kind of an unknown how common it is" that tenants' rents are rising along with insurance costs, partly because not all landlords say why they're raising rents.

"It depends on the landlords," Singh said. "Some are transparent; a lot of them aren't."

Any significant rent increases have not yet shown up in Zillow's data, which shows California's median rent is actually down about \$100 compared with last year, though it has climbed higher since the beginning of the year.

In the Bay Area, two renters who didn't want to be named out of fear of retaliation from their landlord said the rents at their live-work complex jumped earlier this year, and the reason was spelled out to them in an email that had

"insurance costs" in the subject line.

Singh said she fears things will only get worse for renters as the effects of climate change, such as wildfires, continue to weigh on the affordability of insurance, and in turn, housing.

"Tenants are going to have the least recourse," Singh said. They "always

uninhabitable and uninsurable — whichever comes first.

Sarah Karlinsky, director of research at the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley, said the lack of enough housing within already developed cities means more building "at the fringe of regions, in places that are more dangerous,"

climate change make it more important than ever for renters to have their own insurance, said Emily Rogan, senior program officer for United Policyholders, a consumer advocacy group.

Renters insurance would cover the costs for tenants to stay "somewhere else as you figure out where to live in case of a severe weather event," Rogan said.

## Effects on Commercial Properties and Businesses

Small businesses that rent their space will be affected by their landlords' rising premiums, too.

John Reed owns a mixed-use commercial property in Oakhurst, outside Yosemite — an area that has seen its share of fires in the past several years. Last year, his fire insurance cost about \$2,800, but Berkshire Hathaway canceled his policy. He got three different quotes from the FAIR Plan, with the highest being \$24,000. Then, he found a plan from Lloyd's of London for about \$14,000.

Reed said he will have



Mike Placido stands in front of a four-unit rental property that he and his wife own and manage in San Gabriel on Aug. 12. Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

end up bearing a disproportionate brunt of what they can afford."

## Housing and Climate Change

Singh and others who deal with California's lack of affordable housing expressed concern about whether certain parts of the state will eventually be

also known as the wildland urban interface, or the WUI, in wildfire speak.

"If we don't want to continue down this road, we have to fundamentally rethink our development patterns," Karlinsky added.

Laurie Johnson, an urban planner and former chief catastrophe response and resiliency officer for the California Earthquake Authority, pointed out that some property owners in the state who own their buildings and have no mortgages might choose not to insure their properties because of the rising costs. That's worrisome, she said.

"It feels like we want to keep our multifamily stock insured and don't want to take the risk of losing it," Johnson said. Hoover, the insurance broker, agreed and said he has had some clients tell him they plan to forgo insurance.

Johnson added that just as jurisdictions have been requiring seismic retrofitting in case of earthquakes, protection against fires and other catastrophes — and the ability to replace whatever might be lost — is vital: "You would be displacing so many people."

The growing risks of

to pass on his increased costs to his six tenants. "As a landlord, I can't hit them with the whole burden all at once," he said. "If I'm able to afford it, I will try to spread that out over a two- or three-year period."

California's insurance commissioner, Ricardo Lara, has unveiled a multi-part plan to address the state's insurance woes, mainly focused on wildfires. For example, insurers will be allowed to use catastrophe models if they agree to write policies in certain areas of the state. But Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller pointed out that Lara also recently announced a deal with the FAIR Plan that creates a high-value commercial coverage option.

"The reforms will have broad benefits for the availability of insurance," Soller said.

Levi Sumagaysay covers the California economy for CalMatters with an eye on accountability and equity. She reports on the insurance market, taxes and anything that affects the state's residents, labor force and economy. ★



Pictured here are houses in San Francisco on July 12, 2023. Photo by Samantha Norris, CalMatters



# Elk Grove Native Serves Aboard Navy Warship in the Pacific Northwest



**Petty Officer 2nd Class Manuel BarriosLucano, a 2020 graduate of Elk Grove High School, serves aboard USS Barry, a U.S. Navy warship.** Photo by Ensign Siannah Spriggs

# Macy's Launches with Ribbon-Cutting



**Bryan Montemayor is manager of the new Elk Grove Macy's.** Photos by J.G. Wirt

By Ashley Craig, Navy Office of Community Outreach

**SEATTLE (MPG)** - Petty Officer 2nd Class Manuel BarriosLucano, a native of Elk Grove, California, serves aboard USS Barry, a U.S. Navy warship homeported at Naval Station Everett, Washington.

The ship is currently in a Seattle shipyard undergoing routine maintenance.

BarriosLucano graduated from Elk Grove High School in 2020.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Elk Grove.

"Two lessons I learned growing up in my hometown that I apply to my Navy career are being aware of different cultures and being open-minded," said BarriosLucano. "We have a lot of cultures in the Navy and a lot of different types of people, so you have to be mindful of how you talk to people and be open-minded."

BarriosLucano joined the Navy three years ago. Today, BarriosLucano serves as a damage controlman.

"I joined the Navy because I wanted to do something that mattered," said BarriosLucano. "I wanted to be the first in my family to serve in the U.S. military. The

Navy sounded like there would be more travel opportunities and I really wanted to do that. I was stationed in Japan for two years."

A Navy destroyer is a multi-mission ship that can operate independently or as part of a larger group of ships at sea. The ship is equipped with tomahawk missiles, torpedoes, guns and a phalanx close-in weapons system.

More than 300 sailors serve aboard Barry. Their jobs are highly specialized, requiring both dedication and skill. The jobs range from maintaining engines to handling weaponry along with a multitude of other assignments that keep the ship mission-ready at all times, according to Navy officials.

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

BarriosLucano has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I am most proud of making petty officer second class in two years in a rate that has less than a

10% chance of advancement," said BarriosLucano. "I'm also proud of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM) I earned for being among the only watchstanders to pass evolutions in drills during the MOB-E certification in August 2022."

BarriosLucano serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

BarriosLucano is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible. "I want to thank my mom and dad, Gilda Sotelo and Tomas Sotelo, for always supporting me and keeping up communication," added BarriosLucano. ★

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brands in a boutique format. The company calls the smaller stores "highly curated," which translates to smaller and more trendy selections of merchandise.

"These stores optimize our physical store footprint and bring us closer to existing and desired customers while encouraging more frequent visits," said Marc Mastronardi, chief stores officer at Macy's.

Other Macy's locations in the area include downtown Sacramento, Arden

Fair, Citrus Heights and Roseville.

"Macy's opening is a plus for the city and a plus for the residents," said Elk Grove Vice-Mayor Rod Brewer, who was part of the ribbon-cutting. "It's going to give Elk Grovians another place to shop where they don't have to go too far."

Macy's Elk Grove, at 7621 Laguna Blvd., is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. ★

# Rotary: Making a Positive Difference

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meetings will help keep you informed about what is going on in the area.

For example, Colm Marmion spoke recently about exciting changes at the airport and included pictures of the proposed new parking garage and expansion of both terminals.

Community Projects

What interests you? Does helping underprivileged children become better educated appeal to you? Mentoring helps struggling eighth-graders through high schoolers stay in school and graduate. Scholarships are available for continuing education.

Dictionaries are personally delivered by Rotary members to each third-grader. Through partnering with The Literary Project, the Rotary members bring a backpack full of age- and gender-appropriate books to the students.

This is one of the projects Mark Thomas has been involved in for 24

years.

"At first, I thought Rotary would be a good place to meet prospective business clients but soon I was hooked on the idea of helping others," Thomas said.

Providing basic needs, such as feeding the hungry and providing clothing, make a positive impact on the community. Rotarians lend a hand with the Elk Grove Food Bank and Clothes Closet.

International Programs

What about affecting people's lives globally? Think of how satisfying it would be to assure that villages in Kenya had clean water to drink by using rainwater harvesting. Women in Africa are given sewing machines and sewing lessons. Rotary members' contributions give these wives and mothers an opportunity to help support their families.

In conjunction with the World Health Organization, Rotary plays a leadership role in the global war to end polio.

An annual fundraiser, Beef and

Reef, (vegetarian options available) has outstanding menu selections, fun and dancing that helps support many programs. Go to <https://elkgroverotary.org> to purchase your tickets for this year's event that is on Oct. 12.

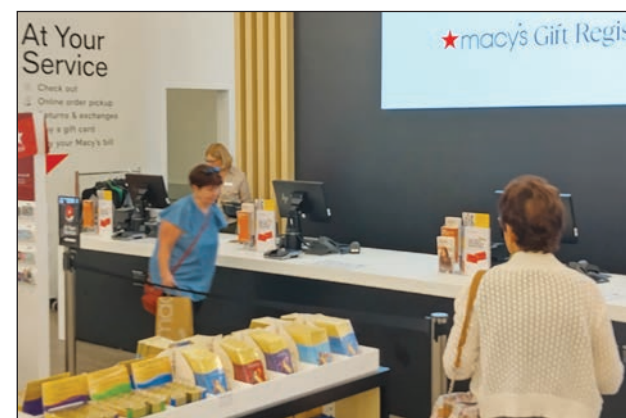
Consider Joining

Whatever reason you might have for considering joining the Elk Grove Rotary Club, you can visit a meeting first. There are no age requirements but they do require that new members are established in a career and live and work within the vicinity. You must be able to devote at least 12 hours of volunteer time every six months and have the financial resources to pay the district and international affiliation fees. You should be able to attend at least 50 percent of the club meetings. For more information, go to: <https://elkgroverotary.org>.

Meetings are held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays at The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs, Elk Grove. The local Rotary website is at [elkgroverotary.org](http://elkgroverotary.org). ★



Customers browse the jewelry department during the Aug. 23 soft opening of Macy's Elk Grove.



Early customers make the first purchases at the new Macy's Elk Grove, a 31,000-square-foot store in the Laguna Crossroads shopping center at Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road.

# County Rezones Aim to Boost Affordable Housing

Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted Aug. 20 to adopt a series of resolutions and ordinances to rezone sites throughout the county, a move aimed at addressing the shortfall of 2,884 units in the county's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the lower-income category (households with incomes less than 80 percent of area median income; income levels less than \$69,050).

The plan will rezone 74 infill sites across the county to allow for the construction of housing units for a range of income levels. By rezoning these parcels, the county hopes to encourage developers to build more multi-family units and subsidized housing projects.

"This rezoning project is a significant step toward addressing the critical housing shortage in Sacramento County and we have certain sites that already have developer interest," said Todd Smith, Sacramento County planning director.

"By prioritizing the development of lower-income housing units, we are not only meeting our immediate obligations but also laying the groundwork for a more inclusive, equitable and green future," Smith said. "These rezones will create opportunities for families and individuals who need it most, ensuring that our communities remain vibrant and diverse while also reducing vehicle miles traveled, meaning lower greenhouse gas emissions."

The 74 rezoned sites are located

within 10 community planning areas: Antelope, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael/Old Foothill Farms, Cordova, Fair Oaks, North Highlands, Orangevale, Rio Linda/Elverta, South Sacramento and Vineyard.

These rezones take effect on Sept. 19.

While the Regional Housing Needs Allocation obligations have now been met, the county remains committed to increasing residential capacity in furtherance of section A1 of the County's Housing Element with a goal of rezoning additional sites in 2025. ★

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# POLICE LOGS

## Friday, Aug. 16

1:23 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Brookshire, 40, on domestic battery charges.

3:47 p.m., Calvine Road/Heritage Hill Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Jenea Brookins, 44, on charges of DUI, speeding and running a red light.

9:56 a.m., Grant Line Road/Calvine Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Moreno, 26, and Miguel Rivera, 29, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and conspiracy.

6:24 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Arynn Littlejohn, 26, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner, child endangerment and DUI.

8 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Deollas, 60, on DUI charges.

8:54 p.m., 6700 block of Kenton Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph Ogaz, 30, on DUI charges.

9:55 p.m., 10060 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Brenda Broussard, 69, on charges of DUI and ignition interlock device violation.

## Saturday, Aug. 17

4:21 p.m., 9200 block of Laguna Springs Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Kate Agyeman, 37, and Kwaku Agyeman, 45, on contempt of court charges.

10:22 p.m., 9600 block of Melrose Avenue: Elk Grove Police arrested William Sin, 30, on DUI charges.

## Sunday, Aug. 18

12:11 a.m., Sheldon Creek Drive/Gossamer Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Sisouvanh Vongvirath, 19, on reckless driving charges.

7:32 p.m., 8300 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Chris King, 33, on charges of DUI and ignition interlock device violation.

9:30 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Jodaan

Johnson-Brown, 28, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner.

## Monday, Aug. 19

12:22 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Porter, 47, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner and criminal threats.

8:58 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Corey Akers, 34, on false impersonation, burglary tool possession and warrant charges.

10:47 p.m., 8700 block of Center Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Vincent Sloan, 44, on warrant charges and charges of battery causing serious bodily injury, resisting arrest.

## Tuesday, Aug. 20

8:47 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Elkmont Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Flora Kogan, 40, on warrant charges.

8:37 a.m., 10400 block of Oboe Way:

Elk Grove Police arrested Stephanie Romero, 28, on warrant charges.

6:34 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Keelan Jasper, 19, on shoplifting charges.

9:36 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Brent Benford, 35, on corporal injury to an intimate partner and child endangerment charges.

## Wednesday, Aug. 21

2:26 p.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Long Khang, 29, on embezzlement charges.

## Thursday, Aug. 22

1:22 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Hill, 43, on robbery charges.

5:49 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Benjamin Vogt, 37, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner. ★

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.CosumnesCSD.gov) and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

**The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, Aug. 6 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](http://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](http://www.egwd.org).

**The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District Board** has in-person meetings every second Thursday of each month at 3 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](http://www.EGCCD.com). ★

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At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/.

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The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

Check out the local website for featured

rotating local artist. The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at their new location, 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

The Center entrance is on Walnut Avenue, with parking available out front or in public lots in Old Town Elk Grove.

They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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, visit ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org or call (916) 685-5992.

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Call for Artists at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

All art competitions require online submission through Smarter Entry. Fees may be paid directly online through this system.

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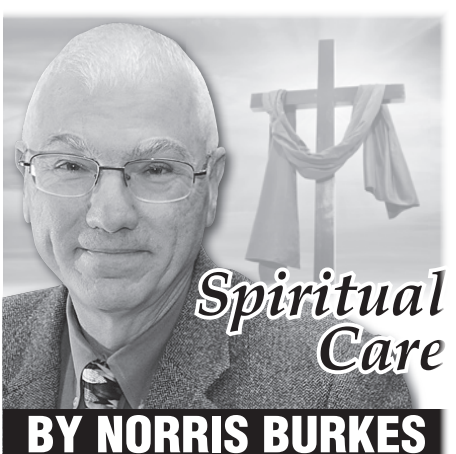
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# Characters Real and Imaginary

dropped his sidearm on a rock in his firepit and shot himself to death.

Who needs fiction? Evidently, I did, because all those stories from the 1800s primed the pump of my author's heart. I began incubating the historical-fiction series, *The Cañon City Chronicles*.

Gold was never found in Cañon City, but the fertile fields and orchards fed miners at Cripple Creek, Leadville and elsewhere. And the gold that mattered most trickled down mountain ravines in yellow aspen and shone in the character of hearty souls who peopled the town.

Such background details made it into my first book in the series, "Loving the Horseman." So did the bit about the guy who shot himself.

Over time, the fictional Hutton family developed against the backdrop of actual local events like the Royal Gorge Wars and the Bone Wars. One book mentions Old Mose, a famous rogue grizzly, and focuses on moving pictures, or flickers, filmed in the area in the early 1900s.

Most of the characters in these books are people I've cooked up on my own. But others sneak up on me when I'm

not looking, leaving me with the sense that I've met them before and just can't remember when or where.

One such character fits the latter category: a little cowboy named Kip.

He's the youngest of three brothers, the tag-along. The one who gets left out more often than not.

Recently, I realized where I'd met Kip, though that wasn't his real name. He was a student from my other life as a sixth-grade teacher: my Dandelion Cowboy.

Each morning he'd line up in front of my classroom with the rest of the first-period students. Except he wasn't much like the rest of the students.

In his Wranglers and scuffed cowboy boots, he didn't dress like the others.

A towhead among dark-haired children, he quietly stuck out in spite of how much he tried not to.

But in the spring when the dandelions sprouted, he was often at the front of the line with a short-stemmed bouquet and a shy smile.

The little cowboy was a loner. A throwback, perhaps, from a long line of those who prefer the company of their horse and a good view of the herd.

I didn't realize he was Kip until after the fact. After he'd become a favorite secondary character in books 4, 5 and 6 of my series.

Today when I see a patch of what most people call weeds, I wonder about my Dandelion Cowboy, if he stuck to his ways in spite of the crowd.

I like to think he embodies a verse from the New Testament that says, "Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God" (Galatians 1:10 NLT).

And maybe there's a little bit of me in Grace Hutton, the main character from Book 6, when she says of her favorite nephew Kip, "That boy could smile the sun right out of the sky."

*Davalynn Spencer is the author of the award-winning, inspirational Western series, "The Cañon City Chronicles," 14 additional novels and one devotional book for women. Connect with her via her website at www.davalynnspencer.com.*

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Guest Column by Davalynn Spencer

Back when flip phones were on the cutting edge, I was a police reporter, photographer and religion-page editor for The Cañon City Daily Record newspaper in Colorado. Life was never boring.

But I wanted to be a novelist. Writing feature stories assuaged my longing to push a more creative pen, and my newspaper's Back in Time section often had me mining treasures at the local history museum for all sorts of fascinating facts.

Like the account of Utes in the 1860s who made off with a settler's child. Mom quickly retrieved her son, trading him for a pan of freshly baked biscuits. Another settler camping along the Arkansas River

## RELIGION NEWS

### Grace Church Welcomes You to Join Us as We Worship the One True God

Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 5:30pm, Grace Church's Cornerstone Evening will host Heidi Moore and Jacqui Ortiz; two candidates for the Elk Grove School Board. Each candidate will share their thoughts and ideas and then time will be provided to ask questions.

You're welcome to join us at 9766 Waterman Road, Suite F (next to Mel Dogs restaurant). For more information, call (916) 714-3444 or email: office@gracechurcheg.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

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

Local community members are invited to attend free 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 leads the discussion. 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.

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

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR continues the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm. On Sept. 1, Gary Mendoza will perform and Papa Day Blues Band on Oct. 6.

Scotty Inman will return to Elk Grove on Nov. 15 for an evening concert of

worship and fellowship. Joining Scotty will be the Herb Henry Family, California's First Family of Gospel Music, and Faith Valley. Tickets are \$25 with assigned seating. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit several charities - One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down. For tickets go to www.itickets.com/events/479656.

The concert will be held at The Center at District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Come early before the concert starts and listen to the musical talents of Chan Louie and enjoy some refreshments. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the concert starts at 7:00 pm.

### UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics:

Sept. 1 - "Traditional Actions or Right Heart?"; Sept. 8 - "How Big Is God's Circle?"

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 elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

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

Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to their celebrations of Holy Mass at 8700 Bradshaw Road..

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, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321. ★

# Places of Worship

**Full Gospel Church**  
9286 E. Stockton Blvd.,  
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Pastor Daniels  
916-685-6607  
Tuesday Prayer Healing 6pm  
Sunday School 10am  
Sunday Worship 11am

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd.  
Pastor Joe Dapelo  
916-689-7300  
Summer Service Hours (June 2-Aug. 25):  
One in Worship service 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am (beginning June 2)  
Website: <https://stpeterseg.org>  
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## ABOUT TOWN

### Gardeners of the Grove Meets Sept. 3

The Gardeners of the Grove will hold its September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Master Gardeners will lead Garden Chatter, a discussion on successes and failures of summer gardening.

The meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd. (Entrance is on the Elk Grove Boulevard side.) Social time starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome! For more information, contact Anne Padilla: apadilla0511@gmail.com.

### Chamber Seeks Citizen of Year Nominations

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce is inviting nominations for 2024 Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes an Elk Grove resident who "has rendered outstanding volunteer service directly to the greater Elk Grove Community."

A nominee must be a resident of the Elk Grove area, be an individual or a couple, be alive at the time of nomination, and must not be campaigning for political office at the time of nomination.

To submit a nomination, fill out the form found at [bit.ly/3X4p0Zq](https://bit.ly/3X4p0Zq) (case sensitive) and send it, along with a signed letter of recommendation, to the chamber.

Submissions are accepted by mail at Citizen of the Year Committee, C/O Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624. Email is [chamber@elkgroveca.com](mailto:chamber@elkgroveca.com), and fax is 916-691-3810. The submission deadline is Sept. 18.

### Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for September

Sept. 1 - 4 p.m. - Gary Mendoza Trio - Jazz. Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd. \$10 donation at the door.

Sept. 2 - 10:30 a.m. - WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada. Open to all members.

Sept. 2 - noon - Lunch at Pete's, 2475 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 5 - noon - No-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 6 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

Sept. 7 - 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 8 - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Picnic at Elk Grove Park, Site 9A. Club to provide chicken and water. Bring a dish to share. Contact is Carol at 916-747-5621.

Sept. 11 - noon - No-host Lunch followed by Beginners Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 13 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card

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

Sept. 16 - noon - Mahjongg at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada. Contact is Pat Hunter, 530-559-0191.

Sept. 18 - 10 a.m. - Meet at Big Lots to rideshare to a tour of Sutter's Fort (admission \$5) with lunch to follow. Contact is Myra at 916-838-7509.

Sept. 19 - noon - General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., \$35 includes lunch. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance by calling Pat at 916-802-4524.

Sept. 20 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

Sept. 24 - 5 p.m. - Dinner at Brickhouse, 9027 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Susie at 916-798-0007.

Sept. 25 - 1 p.m. - Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Merrylynn at 916-549-4264.

Sept. 26 - noon - No-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 27 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

### Elk Grove Community Band Concert Sept. 16

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Fall Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The Sept. 16 program will feature several pieces with an Olympics theme.

The band's future concerts are Oct. 28, Dec. 16, Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025.

Learn more at [elkgrovecommunityband.org](http://elkgrovecommunityband.org).

### After-Hours Business Mixer Sept. 17

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce will hold its After-Hours Business Mixer on Sept. 17, co-hosted by BMO Bank and Town Planner Calendar.

The networking event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at BMO Bank (7500 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 100). Attendance is free for chamber members, and \$15 for nonmembers.

### Weekend in Greek Food Fest Sept. 23-24

The annual Weekend in Greece food festival will take place Sept. 23 and 24 at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (9165 Peets St.) The event will run 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the 23rd, and 11 a.m. to 5

p.m. on the 24th. Greek dishes, drinks and pastries will be on offer, and visitors can also enjoy live music, dancing, vendors and church tours. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit [weekendingreece.org](http://weekendingreece.org) or call 916-683-3443.

### Local Pioneer History Talk on Sept. 16

Elk Grove Historical Society's monthly speaker series continues on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m., with a talk from David Lema on the Edgingtons and the Springsteds, two of Elk Grove's pioneer families.

Lema is chair of the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation, whose goal is to preserve the personal and family stories of the Elk Grove area.

The free, hourlong presentation will take place at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd. For more information, visit [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com).

### Elk Grove High 1984 Reunion Sept. 14

Exciting news! Tickets are now available for the Elk Grove High School Class of 1984's 40-year Reunion!

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Red Barn Events located at Van Steyn Family Farm (11146 Ed Rau Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757).

Tickets are priced at \$70 each, which covers a taco bar, delicious desserts and non-alcoholic beverages.

To purchase your ticket, you can send payment to Jeni (Hess) Gunn via Venmo @Jennifer-Gunn-15 or mail it to Jennifer Hess Gunn, P.O. Box 396, Elk Grove, CA 95759. If you have any questions, reach out to [eghsclassof1984@gmail.com](mailto:eghsclassof1984@gmail.com).

### Wilton Bingo Played Monthly

Wilton Bingo is the first Saturday of each month in the Wilton Community Center at the corner of Colony Road and Dillard Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 10 games.

Unfortunately, the Taco Girl truck will not be there in September; our usual fare will still be available for sale. Our Good Neighbor table is still happening, so if you can donate a quality used item, it would be appreciated.

All proceeds go to two non-profits: The local Park Council and the Wilton History Group.

Any questions: call Lorraine Robinson, 916-212-8896.

### 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 [jbvespers@gmail.com](mailto:jbvespers@gmail.com) or call Nan Mahon at 916-806-9476.

Upcoming acts are: Sept. 1, Gary Mendoza Trio (jazz); Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band (blues); and Nov. 3, Beth Duncan (jazz).

### Legion Baseball Team Fundraiser Set for Sept. 27

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 will host a fundraiser Sept. 27 in support of its new Legion Baseball Team.

American Legion Baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues since its inception in 1925.

The funds generated by this event will be used to purchase equipment, to pay for umpires, tournament entry fees and Legion insurance, among other costs to support the team.

The event, from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Civic Center at District 56, will include a Bratwurst Dinner; beer, wine and spirits; live music by Nina Kuhl; casino (3-card poker, poker and blackjack-21.5); raffles and gift baskets.

Tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets, go to [post233.americanlegionelkgrove.com](http://post233.americanlegionelkgrove.com); click on website; click on Post 233; click on Fundraiser.

### Point Pleasant Cemetery Day Sept. 14

The Historian Committee of the Point Pleasant United Methodist Church will hold a Family Cemetery Day on Sept. 14 at the Point Pleasant Cemetery, located at 3329 Point Pleasant Road, beginning at 10 a.m. The church encourages visitors to bring flowers for both the graves of their loves and those of others.

There will be a handout for a self-guided tour of the graves of the charter members of the church in 1896; the graves of several pastors; and the grave of a Civil War soldier. On display in Memorial Hall will be several items from the archives.

There will be an appetizer and dessert potluck in Memorial Hall and attendees are asked to bring their favorite dish to share.

Drinks, plates and utensils will be provided.

### Veterans Meetings Listed

American Legion Post 233, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove.

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Wednesday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: 2nd Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Marine Corps League: 1st Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073: 2nd Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★

### MEMORIAL

#### VAL CANTU • 1941 - 2024

Born in Texas. Died in Elk Grove, California of cancer. Val served in the Navy, stationed in San Diego and decided California was where he belonged. Val worked for the Employment Development Department for many years. After retirement he went to work for CalTrans before starting a new career with the River Cats. At his beloved baseball club he worked as a parking attendant and then a handicapped shuttle driver.

Val met his wife, Judy, of nearly 53 years as a blind date. They were introduced to each other by his cousin and the rest was history. They raised two daughters, Leslie, husband Kenny of Charleston, South Carolina and Angela, husband Ryan, of Riverbank, California.

They have four beloved grandchildren, Austin, Casey, Lucy and Eulalie. Also survived by sisters Irma, Rosie and Veronica all of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Hector.

Val's passions were roses, trains and travel often combining the latter two. Service will be Sept. 4 at St. Mary's Cemetery 6509 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento CA. Visitation at 1:00, service at 2:00, reception to follow. Please no flowers. If you wish, make a donation to your local animal shelter or rescue organization.

### MEMORIAL

#### HOPE OLVERA LUNA • 3/13/1926 – 8/2/2024

On August 2, 2024, Hope Olvera Luna went home to be with her Lord and Savior. She went peacefully from the comfort of her home surrounded by her children in Wilton, CA. She was 98 years old.

Hope is preceded in death by her husband's Concepcion Luna (1959) Jose Rojas (2011), son, Alfonso, daughter Mary Espinoza, grandson, Anthony, mother Lucy Garcia as well as her 11 siblings. She is survived by her children John (Nancy), Richard, Linda O'Neill, Robert (Denise), Alex (Sally), Mike, Joe (Sharon), Paul (Susie), Judy Elias (Patrick) and her "9th son" Henry Noriega, 26 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren as well as her brother Ralph Garcia (Louise) and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

Hope was born on March 13,



1926, in Visalia, CA. She attended Elk Grove High School and eventually started her life in Wilton, CA. Hope faithfully attended New Life Tabernacle in Sacramento. She had a love for the Lord, her family, her church family, gardening, cooking and she is known for her homemade tortillas.

A memorial service for Hope is scheduled on August 30, 2024, at New Seasons (6555 44th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823). The viewing will start at 10am, with the service to promptly begin at 11am. It will be followed by a graveside burial ceremony at 1pm at St. Mary's Cemetery (6509 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95820). Friends and family, please join us as we celebrate Hope's life at the SES Portuguese Hall (10428 E. Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624) immediately following the burial.



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# Board of Supervisors Adopts Infill Program

**Sacramento County News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted Aug. 20 to adopt the County's Infill Program Update and directed staff to implement certain actions identified in the plan to accelerate the Program.

In July 2021, Sacramento County received a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant for an update to the 2008 Infill Program with the purpose of identifying current barriers to infill development and developing a strategy to address these barriers.

Informed by the prior effort, stakeholder engagement and recent Board

direction resulting from the Development Review Process Improvements Review and the Board's Housing and Infill Workshop, the Infill Program Update is a roadmap to facilitating policy and procedural changes and increasing and accelerating housing production in the county.

"Residential, commercial and mixed-use projects resulting from the adoption of this program will create more vibrant communities, and investment in these communities," said Todd Smith, Sacramento County planning director.

"Infill development also helps cut down on long commutes, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a more sustainable environment,

which is a big priority for Sacramento County."

The Program Update identifies seven barriers to infill development and provides an implementation program consisting of 13 actions intended to address these barriers.

Barriers to infill include: New growth areas - Greenfield development in new growth areas is often seen as being more cost-efficient and easier than acquiring and assembling land for the construction of infill development.

Infrastructure - Many of the traditional commercial corridors in the county were built and designated for cars rather than people and have aging utility infrastructure that may now be equipped to handle new higher-density

development.

High development costs - Another major barrier to infill can be the high cost associated with acquiring urbanized land, project application fees and development impact fees for improvements in the public right of way.

Lot size and parcel assembly - It is common for parcels in already urbanized areas to be smaller than in areas designated for greenfield development.

Permitting process - Longer and more difficult paths to approval can dramatically add to project costs and timelines.

Development regulations - Strict and complex zoning standards and design guidelines that do not allow for flexibility can

present barriers to successful infill development.

Coordination - The number of departments and agencies in the county necessitates time-consuming coordination among internal departments and divisions and external agencies.

The actions identified to address these barriers range from actions that can be taken immediately to those that may take years to fully implement and include: increase coordination with residents, community groups and stakeholders, increase coordination and partnerships with agencies/departments involved in the development review process, amend existing fee reduction and waiver programs, expand

other financial programs and resources, hire Development Process Managers, hire Infill Coordinators, hire on-call consultants, expand the Fast Track Permit Processing Program, expand and routinely update applicant resources, analyze and amend Special Planning Areas and Neighborhood Preservation Areas and Corridor Plans, establish mixed-use zoning districts and objective standards, update Zoning Code Development Standards and update the County's General Plan.

To stay up to date on the County's infill efforts, check out our Infill Development website at <https://sacramentocounty-infill.com>. ★

# Council Weighs Emissions Reduction Ideas

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could be triggered at the time of retrofit. She said this policy would allow flexibility in which fuel source a house will use. The city of Sacramento has adopted a similar policy, and Sacramento County is considering its own.

For existing developments, the city could develop a comprehensive building energy retrofit plan aimed at decarbonization. This choice would delay implementation until after the plan is complete, and the extent of emissions benefits would depend on the plan's details.

Another suggestion was to raise the minimum percentage of new residential development that must be all-electric. Whitlock said 43% of Elk Grove's new development is all-electric, above the city's current quota. She noted that the concept could have a "significant impact" on emissions, depending on the new

minimum, but it gives less fuel-source flexibility.

Additionally, Whitlock was concerned such a regulation could run afoul of a recent federal court decision that prevents local governments from regulating the amount of natural gas used on a property.

Representatives of Realtors and building trades supported reducing emissions but urged City Council to assist homeowners and mitigate effects on housing costs.

Joshua Oken, government affairs coordinator for Sacramento Association of Realtors, commended Elk Grove for taking steps on climate change.

"However, it is crucial to our fight against climate change does not inadvertently place undue burdens on homeowners and prospective homeowners within our communities," Oken said, adding that rising house prices disproportionately affect first-time buyers. He

supported a program to recycle old appliances and said education is important for residents to engage.

Vance Jarrard, a legislative advocate for North State Building Industry Association, said his group sees "challenges" in how a reach code could raise housing costs and looks forward to continuing discussion.

Councilmember Darren Suen supported city-funded grants to help existing residents meet new standards.

Registering surprise at the proportion of new all-electric housing, Suen asked Jarrard to comment on the trend.

"In general, I would say that the trend is going toward more electric overall. I think homebuilders see that there is a desire for it in the market and a push from the state to head in that direction," Jarrard said. He continued that developers have concerns about the ability of utilities to meet the higher electricity demand.

Vice-Mayor Rod Brewer agreed with Suen on retrofit costs; he supported working with banks to create homeowner incentives.

Councilmember Kevin Spease asked about the triggers for the reach code proposal, which Whitlock said would have to be defined while developing the policy. Spease asked to involve the restaurant industry in discussions.

Councilmember Sergio Robles reiterated the need to involve industries.

"Let's just make sure that we're not affecting the first-generation business owners, the first-generation restaurants at a time when they're closing all over the region," Robles said.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen pointed to the practical and legal concerns with the proposals as the "greatest challenge" and emphasized avoiding harm to low-income residents. ★

**MEMORIAL**

**FRED RAY BOSWELL • 9/9/1937 — 5/2/2024**



Fred Ray Boswell, age 86, son of Ivan F. Boswell and Alta M. Boswell, was born on September 9, 1937, at home, in rural Taney County, MO. He passed away in his sleep and went to be with the Lord on May, 2, 2024.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Edna M. Boswell; wife, Monteha (Monti) Woltman; wife, Norma Jaeger; and 3 brothers, Danny, Edward, and Gordon. He is survived by his daughter, Regina Boswell, and son in law, Peter Kosinski of Edgar Springs, MO; bonus daughter and son in law, Kathy and Mike Shallcross; 4 grandsons: Aiden, Jared, Andrew and Kyle Shallcross; 3 great granddaughters, Vera Kosinski, Abigail Kosinski, Brooklyn Vaughn; great grandson, Elisha Kosinski; 3 brothers: Bob, Bruce and Randy; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Fred married Edna (Eddie) on August 15, 1959 in Carson City, Nevada after only knowing each other for one month. Eight years later their daughter was born. Their first purchased home was on Frank Ct., Sacramento, CA. They eventually bought property on Quince Ln, Wilton, CA and together with his brothers, he built his new home for his family. Fred and Eddie raised their daughter on a small hobby farm with cows, chickens, ducks, dogs, pigeons, rabbits, a pony at one point, and then

brothers went to a self-sufficient boarding school in Branson, the School of The Ozarks. He used to love to tell stories of his life and mentioned that he would have to milk cows and do farm labor to earn his keep. He was kicked out of school for fighting his senior year and immediately joined the Navy. He proudly served our country for 3 years with an honorable discharge as a Boiler Operator II. He went on to become a plumber, working for Lawson Mechanical with brother's Bob, Gordon and eventually his nephew Craig. He was a member of the UA Local Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union for 65 years.

Fred never met a stranger in his life and would talk to anyone who would listen and engage in conversation. He had the gift of gab, often times leaving his daughter to tug on his shirt when she was little, to tell him that they needed to go, or else mom was going to be mad.

Most importantly, he loved Jesus and his family bigger than the whole world, especially his grandson, Aiden and his son in law, Peter Kosinski. Dad, you are missed immensely by me, your friends and family. We hope you are getting many Double Eagles in Heaven.

Friends and family will be notified when the grave side burial will take place at the Elk Grove Cemetery and when a gathering will be held and Craig and Lupita's home.

**MEMORIAL**

**LOIS FAYE TRANT • 5/22/1937 - 6/12/2024**



On June 12, 2024, Lois Trant of Galt passed peacefully at her daughter's home in Garden Grove, California while recovering from a leg fracture. She was a devoted disciple of Jesus, a dedicated mother to many, and an integral part of her church and Galt community. In all aspects of her 87 years of life, Lois strived to be of service to God and to those in need.

Lois was born on May 22, 1937, in Florence, Arizona to Frank and Lucille Dale. After spending the first part of her life moving between multiple states, Lois settled in Galt in 1972. She married Robert "Bob" Trant on November 1, 1963. Together they joined the Galt SDA Church on February 26, 1966. Full of faith, Lois was a tremendously involved member of her church for almost 60 years.

Lois enjoyed spending time with family and friends, attending church activities, crocheting, camping, traveling, gardening, collecting rocks, and caring for her animals. Lois truly enjoyed basking in God's creation, especially the beach.

Lois was also a foster parent for Sacramento County for 24 years, fostering approximately 37 children. Many kept in touch with her throughout her life.

She worked as a Teacher's Assistant at Galt High for many years helping students enhance their reading skills. She tirelessly volunteered as a tutor at the Galt SDA Church School and served on the Galt Beautification Council. She also worked at Rescue3 of Elk Grove until her retirement in 2002.

Lois loved and adored her family. She is survived by her many sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob Trant of nearly 40 years, her brothers Tim and Richard, and two of her daughters.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 11:00am on Sunday, September 1, 2024, at the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Instead of flowers to honor Lois's memory, she asked that you feed a homeless person, shelter a stray animal, or give a gift to a needy child.



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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV014772

ShawnPreet Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of ShawnPreet Singh to Shawn Singh Badhan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 27, 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV015718

Amelia Elizabeth Little has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of

Amelia Elizabeth Little to Amelia Elizabeth Hawthorne.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 11, 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV015790

Sodabeh Azamy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Ayaz Azamy to Ayaz Azamy.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 11, 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV014929

Alpana Kaur has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alpana Kaur to Deepika Chahal.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 27, 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV015845

Shawn Michael Talamantes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shawn Michael Talamantes to Shawn Michael Hawthorne.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 12, 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV016265

Van Le Anderson and Shawn Michael Anderson have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Connor Murphy Anderson to Connor Murphy Minh Anderson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 19, 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.

LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE 9/9/24 10AM AT 8240 14TH AVE, SACRAMENTO 16 DODG LIC# 8ZLS997 CA VIN# 2C3CDXCT7GH211450 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 8-30-24

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SUMMONS

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# Explore County Parks with Agents of Discovery

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Agents of Discovery, an interactive, augmented reality game, is now available at two Sacramento County Regional Parks: Gibson Ranch Regional Park and River Bend Park.

Gibson Ranch Regional Park is at 8556 Gibson Ranch Park Road, Elverta, and River Bend Park is at 2300 Rod Beaudry Drive, Sacramento.

The Agents of Discovery app is available to park visitors, free of charge. While in participating parks, users will be encouraged to explore new areas to find “challenges” that will ... well, challenge their knowledge of the parks.

“Our team has been diligently creating engaging challenges to ensure that visitors have an enjoyable and educational experience,” said Liz Bellas, director of Regional Parks. “Agents of Discovery will provide

valuable insights about our local parks and open spaces, showcasing the many benefits of parks and recreation for people of all ages.”

When users enter the active park area, they will begin receiving tips through the app that will help them find and complete the challenges.

While Agents of Discovery is best downloaded and played using WiFi, it is also accessible using cellular data.

Under “Missions,” search for the park you plan on visiting, either “River Bend Park” or “Gibson Ranch Regional Park,” and download mission prior to visiting.

Make sure that GPS is enabled. Be aware and cautious of possible traffic, other people and obstacles that could be in your way when playing Agents of Discovery. Be sure to look around and be safe when playing.

Create an account to save your progress. Agents of Discovery is fun for all ages. Children should get parental permission before downloading this app.

Parks are open from sunrise to sunset. Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and head to either Gibson Ranch Regional Park or River Bend Park and start playing. ★

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### TRUSTEE SALE

undersigned trustee (“Trustee”) for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee’s Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): Amrik Singh, An Unmarried Man Recorded: recorded on 12/29/2022 as Document No. 202212290951 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California; Date of Sale: 09/19/2024 at 01:30PM Place of Sale: at the East main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$460,558.81 The purported property address is: 230 Cicero Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95758-7257 Legal Description Lot 33, as shown on the “Plat of Laguna Vista Subdivision No. P00-096 a portion of the West 1/2 of Section 23, T. 7 N.R. 5E. M.D.M.”, filed in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, on April 7, 2003 in Book 314 of Maps, Map No. 3, and as amended by that certain Certificate of Correction, recorded February 10, 2006, in Book 20060210, Page 1270, Official Records. Personal Property See Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof Assessors Parcel No. 117-1410-014-0000 The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust 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 Under Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases, Rents, and Profits, and Fixture Filing (the “Notice of Default and Election to Sell”). The undersigned caused the 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee’s Sale. 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. 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 (877)440-4460 or visit this internet web-site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F24-00071. 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, 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)440-4460 or visit this internet website site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F24-00071 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 trust-

ee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.” Notice To Potential Bidders: We Require Certified Funds At Sale By Cashier’s Check(S) Payable Directly To “Assured Lender Services, Inc.” To Avoid Delays In Issuing The Final Deed. THE PROPERTY COVERED IN THIS ACTION INCLUDES ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE BENEFICIARY HAS A SECURITY INTEREST DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO, IT BEING THE ELECTION OF THE CURRENT BENEFICIARY UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST TO CAUSE A UNIFIED SALE TO BE MADE OF SAID REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2924F(b)(2) OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE. Date: 8/8/2024 Assured Lender Services, Inc. Kathy Damico, Trustee Sale Officer Assured Lender Services, Inc. 111 Pacifica Suite 140 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (714) 508-7373 Sales Line: (877)440-4460 Sales Website: www.mkconsultantsinc.com Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff FAX request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit “A” (Personal Property) All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Trustor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or disposition of the Property. Published 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 2024

ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-30-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee Sale No. 156642 Title No. 210275465 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/03/2007. 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. On 09/19/2024 at 1:30 PM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/10/2007, as Instrument No. xx, in book 20070810, page 0474, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of

California, executed by Hanh Le, Mai-Trang T. Le, 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 117-1260-051-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6 3 6 1 Chesterbrook Dr, 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: \$142,093.08 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. Dated: 8/20/24 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Devin Ormonde, Foreclosure Manager The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC 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: 156642. Infor-

mation 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 156642 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-4823303 08/30/2024, 09/06/2024, 09/13/2024

ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-13-24

T.S. No. 116784-CA APN: 116-0930-111-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/16/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 10/4/2024 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/22/2022 as Instrument No. 202204220809 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: DONNA HARTJE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN 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 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; AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO 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: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9554 DOMINION WOOD LN, 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$263,218.99 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 a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 (855) 313-3319 or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 116784-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 TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 116784-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 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108 Published 8/30/2024, 9/6/2024, 9/13/2024

ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-13-24



## City of Elk Grove - Historic Preservation Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Receipt of this notice indicates that you own and/or live at property located within the required noticing radius for the below project.  
If you wish to comment on the proposed project, you may be present at the hearing, or you may deliver written comments prior to the hearing.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California**, to consider the following matter:

### ELK GROVE REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES:

The City seeks to designate six (6) local historic resources for listing in the Elk Grove Register of Historic Resources and acknowledge the 49 historic resources already listed in the Elk Grove Local Register of Historic Resources due to their previous listing as historic resources on the National Register of Historic Places. The six (6) local historic resources the City seeks to designate include five buildings within Elk Grove Heritage Park at 9941 E. Stockton Boulevard, and an existing residence at 4625 Bilby Road.

The Historic Preservation Committee’s recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final Review and designation.

LOCATION/APN:	9941 E. Stockton Boulevard/132-0061-013 and 4625 Bilby Road/132-0030-049
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner (916) 478-3684 or <a href="mailto:killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org">killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org</a>

Dated: August 30, 2024

### 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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 478-3620 or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

For more information: Antonio Ablog, Planning Manager (916) 687-3335 or [aablog@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:aablog@elkgrovecity.org)



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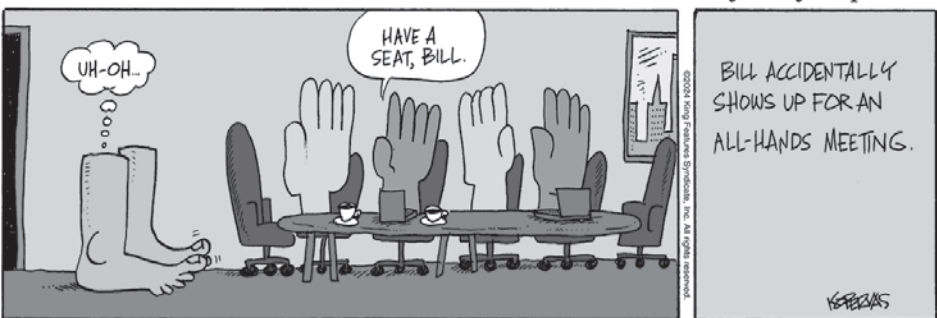
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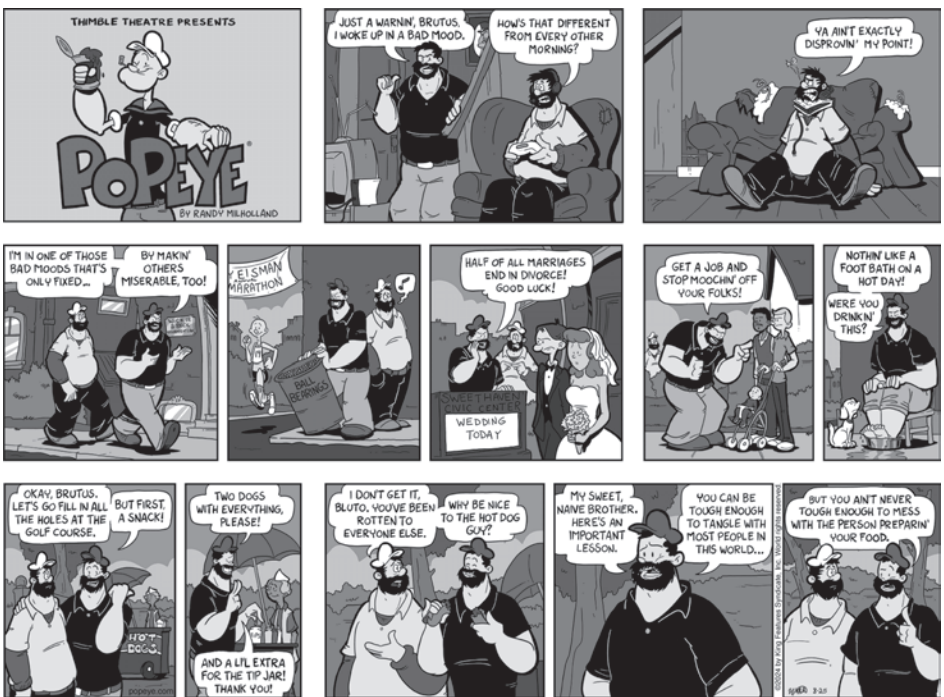
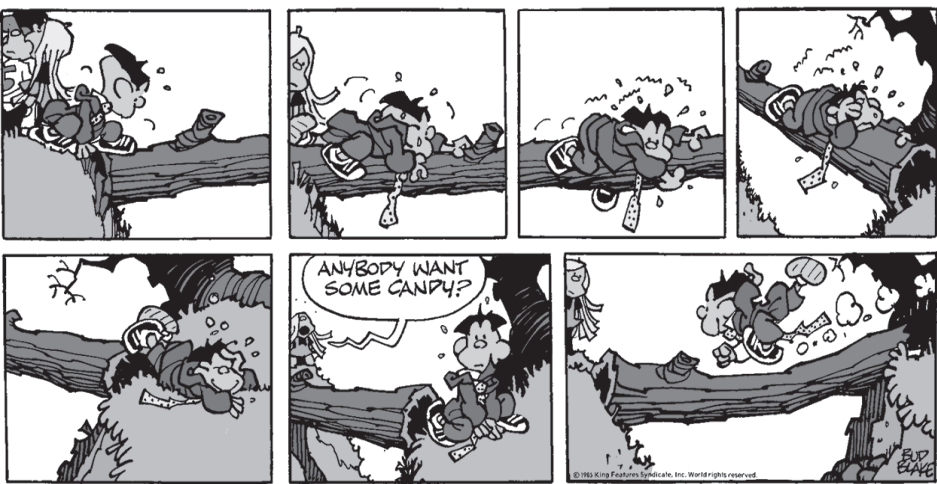
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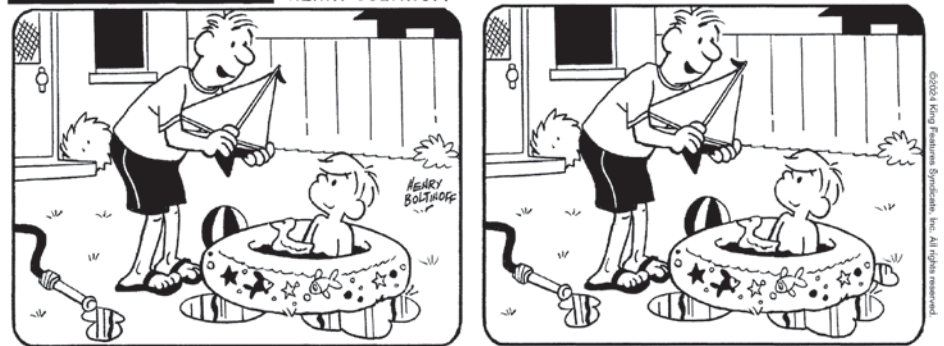
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# High School Football Roundup for Elk Grove: Week 1

By Brandon Long

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - This past Friday, Aug. 23, kicked off the 2024 high school football season and as expected, it did not disappoint. As teams all over the Greater Sacramento area began their 2024 campaign, we had the opportunity to witness some amazing matchups and close games. Here in Elk Grove was no different, as members of the Elk Grove Unified School District began their seasons in epic fashion. With the modifications to the Delta League this year, EGUSD schools will have only a handful of non-league games to prepare themselves for what will seem like a gauntlet in a Delta League that now encompasses all of Elk Grove.

past weekend. Pitman lost to Central Valley 27-0 in Week 1 and will also be looking to right the ship as they host the Wolfpack. Cosumnes Oaks will look to continue the rushing attack that found success against Vanden and make some adjustments defensively to contain the Pitman passing game.



**Elk Grove**

Week 1: Vs. Manteca (Loss, 49-9)

It will be back to the drawing board for the Thundering Herd as they dropped their first game of the season against Manteca 49-9. The Manteca running attack was the emphasis for the Buffaloes Friday night, as they ran for a collective 340 yards and seven touchdowns. Sophomore, Nikko Juarez, was responsible for 235 yards and four touchdowns of the collection. Thundering Herd senior David Hale also found success on the ground, rushing for 143 yards and a touchdown.

In what many believe will be a one-off performance for the highly ranked Thundering Herd, they will need to regroup defensively to reign in the rushing attack for future opponents.

Week 2: Elk Grove (0-1) @ Downey (1-0) 7 p.m.

Elk Grove will be right back at it this week on the road against Downey. Downey will come into this Week 2 match-up after a 34-28 victory against Lincoln. There will be an opportunity for Elk Grove through the air as the Knights gave up 321 passing yards last week against Lincoln. This will be a great re-set opportunity for the Elk Grove defense as they look to re-establish themselves as one of the better defenses in the area.



**Franklin**

Week 1: @Johnson (Win, 44-6)

The Wildcats got their season off to a hot start with a thumping of Johnson last Friday night. Franklin was able to put together a true definition of a team win with three quarterbacks seeing action and senior Abraham Truett finding the end zone twice. The Wildcats also saw two running backs hit the century mark as senior Allen Rogers II ran for 152 yards and two touchdowns and senior Kyle Fong ran for 115 yards and a score. With what seems like the entire roster getting in on the stat sheet, the Wildcats should feel good about where they're at.

Week 2: McClatchy (0-1) @ Franklin (1-0) 7:15 p.m.

Franklin gets their home opener this Friday night against a McClatchy team that will be looking to bounce back after a loss this past weekend to River Valley. In their 48-31 loss, McClatchy gave up 415 rushing yards to River Valley. This should be a distinct advantage for a Franklin team that just saw their two senior running backs go over the century mark. Friday will provide the Wildcats a great opportunity to make a statement here in 2024.



**Laguna Creek**

Week 1: @Vista del Lago (Loss, 33-27)

The Cardinals fell on the wrong end of a close game against Vista del Lago this past weekend. In a game that saw Vista del Lago get off to a hot start by scoring

20 points in the first quarter, the Cardinals were playing catch-up most of the game. To their credit, Laguna Creek showed a lot of guts and came storming back to make it a ball game again after holding the Eagles to a scoreless third quarter. Senior Armon Thorntona had a great game with 139 yards on 26 carries and 3 touchdowns. The Cardinals fought tough in this season opener and will have another opportunity this Friday night to bounce back.

Week 2: Laguna Creek (0-1) @ Tokay (0-1) 7:15 p.m.

The Cardinals will head right down the road to take on Tokay this weekend and look to avenge last week's defeat. Tokay had three turnovers in their 13-0 loss to Lodi last week proving to be the difference in the football game. Laguna Creek will need to come out of the gates ready to roll this weekend but there may be opportunities for this defense to redeem itself and snag some take-aways against Tokay.



**Monterey Trail**

Week 1: @Inderkum (Loss, 27-21)

The Mustangs went on the road to play a tough Inderkum team in their season opener, and the game was a back-and-forth slug fest for all four quarters. Inderkum, who showed quick strike ability throughout the first half, was able to take a multiple possession lead. Senior quarterback Ricky Cole threw for 247 yards and three touchdowns Friday night for the Tigers. In the second half, the Mustangs were able to find their rhythm and get back into the game. Senior running back D'Adrien Sanders ran for 156 yards and a touchdown in the season opener. Junior receiver Jimmy Jackson also found the end

zone for the Mustangs. With a late game interception by Jackson, as well, the Mustangs found themselves with an opportunity to win the game in the closing minutes but fell short. The Mustangs will look to avenge the loss this weekend at home.

Week 2: Pittsburg (0-0) @ Monterey Trail (0-1) 7:15 p.m.

Monterey Trail will host Pittsburg Friday night as the Pirates will make their season debut. With a game against a tough Inderkum team under their belt, the Mustangs will look to continue the success they found in the second half last week against a Pirates team that won the Bay Valley league last year out of the North Coast section last year. A home game may be just what the doctor ordered for Monterey Trail this week as they look to avenge last week's loss.



**Pleasant Grove:**

Week 1: @River City (Win, 37-0)

The Eagles put together a decisive victory in their season opener against the River City Raiders in week 1, shutting out the Raiders. Senior quarterback Cole Davis put on a clinic throwing for 318 yards and four touchdowns in Pleasant Grove's victory. Three receivers found the end zone, including senior Cody Nydegger who had 120 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Seniors Jacob Beals and Pharrell Williams also found the end zone as the passing attack by the Eagles proved to be too much for River City to handle. The Eagles scored 31 of their 37 points in the first quarter of their week 1 shutout.

Week 2: Pleasant Grove (1-0) @ Lodi (1-0) 7:15 p.m.

Pleasant Grove will be right back at it Friday night on the road at Lodi. The Flames, coming off a 13-0

victory against Tokay, will be a good test for an Eagles team that flexed their muscle in their season opener. Pleasant Grove will see a defense that had three takeaways last week and will need to continue to be smart with the football in this match-up. The Eagles will see a lot of different rushers for the Flames this Friday night as Lodi will give a lot of different looks.



**Sheldon**

Week 1: @Destiny Christian Academy (Loss, 40-6)

The Huskies opened their 2024 season on the road at Destiny Christian which got the victory. Freshman quarterback Gavin Workman threw for 134 yards and a touchdown as he gained valuable experience for Sheldon. Senior receiver Zion Johnson was on the back end of that touchdown pass as he garnered 85 yards and a score. The Huskies, in a bit of a rebuilding year, will lean on this game as an opportunity to gauge where they are at early on in this season. Sheldon will go back to the drawing board this week and look for an answer defensively as they prepare for their home opener this weekend.

Week 2: River City (0-1) @ Sheldon (0-1) 7:15 p.m.

The Huskies will have a great opportunity to avenge their week 1 loss against a River City team that gave up 37 points in their opener against Pleasant Grove. The Huskies should see their slew of senior receivers find open space and be able to have success through the air. River City, who was shut out this past weekend, should provide the Huskies offense an opportunity to find their rhythm, and with a home opener on the schedule provide an atmosphere that the Huskies are eager for. ★

# College Football Rosters Showcase EG Talent

By Brandon Long

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - As the college football season prepares to kick off, many Elk Grove area alumni are preparing for the upcoming season.

Following their successful high school careers, these student-athletes had the ability to take their talents to the next level and play college football while obtaining a college education.

They have made the most of their opportunities at the high school level and now look to prove themselves in their collegiate careers.

With so many high-caliber high school football programs in the area, it is no wonder that many of them have found their way to play at the next level. Elk Grove has consistently been a hotbed for collegiate talent, with many college football programs specifically scouting the area

to fill the needs of their current rosters. Universities from all over the West Coast and beyond look to Elk Grove to find skilled players that can help take their programs to the next level.

Many local and West-Coast universities have Elk Grove-area alumni that hold spots on their rosters. These universities include Sacramento State, Stanford, Nevada and San Jose State just to name a few.

With the college football season quickly approaching, keep an eye out for these local student-athletes to make a name for themselves at the Division I level and bring even more eyes to the Elk Grove area as college coaches seek out more talent to round out their rosters.

Current high school athletes benefit from the success of former student-athletes in the area. The more success in the area, the more opportunities that arise for

up-and-coming athletes to get more looks from college scouts.

The new uniting of the Delta League should also prove to increase the level of competition in the area and pit some of the best talent that Elk Grove has to offer against one another. This will only add to the opportunity that Elk Grove student-athletes have to showcase their talents and prove that they can add value to a collegiate roster.

This season will showcase many college athletes that call Elk Grove home. They are at various levels of college football and parts of their careers.

With so much excitement about the upcoming high school football season for Elk Grove, it is important to continue the support for those that have made it to the next level and continue to put Elk Grove on the map.

Some of these athletes to keep an eye

on this season at the college level include:

**Zeke Burnett**, sophomore running back, Sacramento State (Elk Grove HS)

**Fata Puloka**, red-shirt freshman defensive lineman, Sacramento State (Monterey Trail HS)

**Declan Follette**, freshman offensive lineman, Sacramento State (Laguna Creek HS)

**Simione Pale**, sophomore offensive lineman, Stanford (Elk Grove HS)

**Caleb Ramseur**, junior running back, Nevada (Monterey Trail HS)

**Oluwanfemi Oladejo**, senior line-backer, UCLA (Cosumnes Oaks HS)

**Michael Sullivan**, red-shirt junior defensive lineman, UCLA (Sheldon HS)

**Malik Gucake**, junior edge rusher, San Diego State (Sheldon HS)

**Mohammad Othman**, freshman offensive lineman, San Jose State (Pleasant Grove HS) ★







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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



# Labor Unions, Cities Unite Against Cardroom SB 549

*Elevate Public Affairs News Release*

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Gaming Association, California Cardroom Alliance and Communities for California Cardrooms announce growing opposition with many labor unions joining against Senate Bill 549 by Sen. Josh Newman as it could have a “devastating impact on public sector jobs.”

Joining in opposition to SB 549 includes the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), California Professional Firefighters, and SEIU California and Teamsters Local 630 as well as a growing number of locals such as AFSCME District Council 36, AFSCME District Council 57, AFSCME Local 101, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades DC 36, Los Angeles County Firefighters Local 1014 and the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association.

They join a growing number of cities that have filed letters in opposition including California Contract Cities Association, California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority, California Cities Gaming Authority, City of Bell Gardens, Town of Colma, City of Chula Vista, City of Citrus Heights, City of Commerce, City of Compton, City of Emeryville, City of Gardena, City of

**The measure could easily force cardrooms out of business and result in a loss of \$500 million in tax revenue statewide — meaning less revenue for public safety, public health, homelessness services and infrastructure.**

Hawaiian Gardens, City of Inglewood, City of Oceanside, City of San Jose and City of Tracy.

SB 549 will create a PAGA-like law for gaming tribes to be able to sue their competitors – the cardrooms. This would usurp state regulators and the Attorney General which oversee the legality and permissibility of cardroom games. It would also permit for the first time ever a one-sided injustice as cardrooms would not be allowed to sue tribal casinos. The joint letter opposing SB 549 by these labor unions states: “SB 549 Could Have a Devastating Impact on Public Sector Jobs: SB 549 is an attack on local cardrooms, which are a significant source of revenue for general funds in many cities across California... Many have revenue sharing agreements with municipalities providing a significant amount of funding for essential public services like police,

fire, parks and recreation, etc. The measure could easily force cardrooms out of business and result in a loss of \$500 million in tax revenue statewide — meaning less revenue for public safety, public health, homelessness services and infrastructure.

The loss of local tax revenue could spell devastation for many cities across California. For example, approximately 78% of the City of Hawaiian Gardens’ general fund comes from cardroom revenues. Similarly, 50% of the City of Commerce’s general fund comes from cardroom revenues. Larger cities like San Jose and Fresno would also be seriously impacted. This bill will destabilize essential services.

If signed into law, cities who depend on this revenue stream could be forced into municipal bankruptcy or even disincorporation. This could have potentially devastating impacts that puts jobs, pensions and the financial wellbeing of working families at risk. We have seen this happen before: the Orange County Bankruptcy.”

“SB 549 Puts Workers in the Middle: The mere cost of litigation alone could lead to lower wages, loss of jobs or cardroom closures. And cardroom closures could devastate some cities who may have to file for municipal bankruptcy or disincorporate.”

For more information about why SB 549 is bad for California, go to [BadBetforCA.com](http://BadBetforCA.com). ★

Monday morning as I was writing this column, I tuned into a local sports talk radio station that will go nameless, and listened to the two hosts as they discussed the top 40 Kings players of all time.

What was most interesting, as I listened to their personal choices, was who they put in the top 10 since the Kings came to Sacramento.

Conspicuously missing from that list from both hosts were the names Domantas Sabonis and De’Aaron Fox. Neither could make their top 10 list.

Bench players Doug Christie and Brad Miller made the list, but not the rebounding champ for the past two seasons, or the fastest man in the NBA in our own De’Aaron Fox.

Call me a homer, and I’ll be proud to wear the title, but I will tell you without a shadow of a doubt, Domantas Sabonis and De’Aaron Fox have already acquitted themselves honorably to make the top ten list of all time for the Sacramento Kings.

Argue where you place Chris Webber, Vlade Divac, or even Demarcus Cousins, but please show some small modicum of basketball acumen and place Mr. Sabonis and Mr. Fox on the list of the top 10!

Did I get a little fired up? You bet I did. I enjoy talking about the stalwarts of the past as much as the next fan, but I am all about the team as represented today!

Let’s spend our time on whether Keegan Murray can elevate to the next level, and garner talk as an all-star candidate someday. Or perhaps whether the Kings will have multiple players with a 20-plus scoring average this season.

Maybe we should discuss how many former Kings have ever led the NBA in rebounding. Names like Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Charles Barkley, Elvin Hayes, and yes, Sacramento’s own Chris Webber have worn that title, but surprisingly none of them ever did it two years in a row.

Oh, did I mention a candidate for the triple-double title? Perhaps because it never happened before Domantas Sabonis did it last season, along with the

double-double title as well.

OK, I got that off my chest, but I hope you get the impression that I am high as a kite on the existing squad. I’ll go into the 2024-25 season and stare at a team that will challenge 50 wins and then some.

Newcomer DeMar DeRozan was recently quoted as saying, “I want to be one of the guys that hits the beam.”

Domantas Sabonis said, “DeRozan makes us much harder to guard.”

I could not agree more, and I will tell you without a doubt that if you get an invite to a Kings game this season, take it, and take it quick. Seats at Golden 1 are going to be scarcer than hen’s teeth, and if it’s pure entertainment you’re looking for, just hang with the Kings this season.

One of the compelling things about the Kings that continues to bring me back again and again is the obvious delight they have playing together.

When a King hits the hardwood on their back, it’s a mad scramble to see who will get there first to help the player to his feet.

I hear no acrimony from the bench as it relates to playing time, which is somewhat uncommon.

I’m particularly proud of the way Malik Monk has conducted himself coming off the bench for the past two seasons, when this talented player could easily be starting for any other team. Regardless of whether Malik remains the Kings’ sixth man, or breaks into the starting lineup, he has my never-ending support.

Truly, this team has so much talent up and down the lineup, I could poll 10 season ticket holders, and get five to 10 different names as to who is their favorite.

Acquisition discussions have been quiet, but it’s always quiet before the storm. Know that Monte McNair is showing up to work each day, and much is happening behind the scenes.

I hope you’re looking forward to the upcoming season as much as I am, and especially opening night! ★

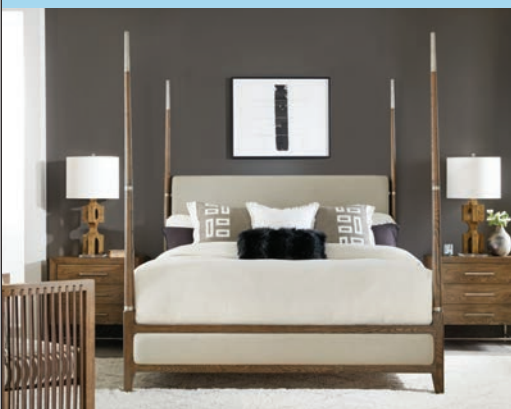
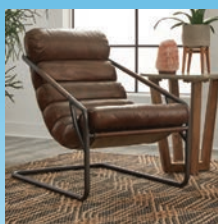
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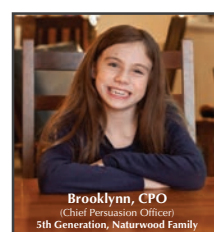


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