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The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off



Volunteers use a forklift and sling to prepare a giant pumpkin for judging at the Giant Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 5.

Story and photos by Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 5, as per tradition for every year since the event's inception, the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival hosted the much-anticipated giant pumpkin weigh-off.

This event has been a staple of the festival since it was first started in 1994. More than 30 participants took part in the weigh-off despite the sweltering heat. Other volunteers took part in other portions of this popular event such as weighing squash, watermelon and cantaloupes, as

well as measuring the size of sunflowers and long gourds. Also in the competition was the "Future Farmers" section, consisting of children. Five kids took part, with each of their pumpkins' weights surpassing their own. Sankalp Immadisetty, a 15-year-old

Granite Bay High School student, won first place with his pumpkin weighing 777 pounds. His younger brother, Sreeyan, also competed and came in fifth place, with his pumpkin weighing 171 pounds, and showed support for his older brother.

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Changes Coming to SMF Airport

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - Effective Oct. 1 and without much ceremony, the Sacramento International Airport (SMF) hourly parking lot was closed, according to the airport website.

This was the closest parking lot to Terminal B, had more than 600 parking spaces available and was ideal for short visits to the airport to meet or drop off travelers using Terminal B. Terminal B accommodates the following airlines: Aeromexico, Alaska Airlines, Frontier, Hawaiian Airlines, Hertz, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit and Volaris.

The Sacramento International Airport's website indicates the hourly lot will be permanently closed to make way for a new parking garage that will boast more than 5,500 spaces when completed. This new development is part of a larger capital improvement project ongoing at the airport. The project, dubbed SMF Forward by Sacramento County leaders, is expected to cost \$1.3 billion when completed.

According to a September airport news release, project funding is coming from the sale of General Airport Revenue Bonds.

"Increasing close-in garage parking capacity is the number one opportunity we have to improve the guest experience at SMF," said Cindy Nichol, director of airports for the Sacramento County Department of Airports, in an April 2024 news release.

Indeed, a day after the hourly lot was closed, airport officials were joined by local dignitaries to break ground on the new Terminal B parking garage.

"Today's groundbreaking is another important step to realize the SMF Forward vision and deliver tangible improvements for our community," said Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento, at the groundbreaking event.

"This new parking garage will greatly expand capacity while going above and beyond to make the facility convenient and technologically cutting edge. I'm proud to champion the work of our airport and we are only continuing to push the envelope to keep it the national gold standard for years to come."

According to a Sacramento County news release on the groundbreaking, the parking

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Ambulance 'Offload' Times Dropping



Metro Fire and Sacramento County representatives, along with various hospital staff across the county, pose for a group photo. Photo by Annie Kerr

By Annie Kerr

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is making tremendous progress in its goal to achieve a shorter ambulance patient offload time (APOT), according to county officials.

APOT is defined as "the time between when an ambulance arrives at a hospital and when the patient is transferred to an emergency department for care. The time does not stop

recording until the emergency department fully assumes responsibility of care for the patient," according to Sacramento County Public Health officials.

On Oct. 3, Sacramento County Public Health hosted the second Ambulance Patient Offload Time Summit, following the first summit on Feb. 13.

The reason for these meetings is the 2023 passage of Assembly Bill 40, which stated that local

emergency medical services (EMS) agencies needed to establish an offload threshold that did not exceed 30 minutes and required a report to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority by July 1 of this year. Additionally, the bill mandated that hospitals submit ambulance patient offload time plans to the authority by Sept. 1 of this year.

The Oct. 3 meeting highlighted the region's overall performance,

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Zoo Announces Leadership Transition and New Strategic Role

Sacramento Zoo News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Zoo announced Oct. 4 that Executive Director and CEO Jason Jacobs has decided to step down from his position to move closer to his family in Florida.

Jacobs will transition before the end of the year. Over the past six years, Jacobs' leadership and commitment to Sacramento Zoo's mission have left an indelible mark on the organization.

"We are deeply grateful for Jason's unwavering dedication to Sacramento Zoo. His vision and work have strengthened our organization, and his impact will be felt for years to come," said Elizabeth Stallard, chair of the Sacramento Zoological Society's Board of Trustees. "While we are sad to see him go, his decision offers an exciting opportunity for us to infuse new leadership that aligns with our bold vision as we embark on our next chapter."

As part of the leadership transition, the Zoological Society is excited to announce that Kevin Bell, a renowned leader in the zoological community and former President and CEO of Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, will support the Sacramento Zoo during this critical time as Chief Strategy and New Zoo Advancement Officer. Bell will play a pivotal role in driving forward the



New Zoo supporters fill the seats at a May 8 Elk Grove City Council meeting. Citizen file photo by Matthew Malone

ambitious development of the New Zoo in Elk Grove, which will redefine the future of zoological parks.

Bell's distinguished career in the zoological field includes overseeing four major capital campaigns that raised approximately \$400 million at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, and significantly increasing the zoo's endowment from \$1.5 million to over \$75 million. He has also served as chair of the board of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and on the board of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, making him an ideal fit for Sacramento Zoo's future aspirations.

Additionally, Robert Churchill, Sacramento Zoo's Chief Operations and Finance Officer for the past 11 years, will step into the role of the Zoo's Interim Executive Director. Churchill is a key figure in the Zoo's operations and previously served as Interim Director before Jacobs joined the team.

The transition team will also maintain the strong momentum for the construction of the New Zoo, which is now in final design before construction.

"We are thrilled to have Kevin Bell support our leadership team and to see Robert Churchill take on the role of Interim Director once again," said Stallard. "Together, they will not only ensure smooth operations but also push the boundaries of what's possible as we advance the development of the New Zoo. We are confident in their combined leadership and vision as we enter this exciting new era of growth and innovation."

The Sacramento Zoological Society Board will begin a national search for a permanent executive director in the coming months. In the meantime, these staffing plans will ensure that the Sacramento Zoo continues to deliver exceptional guest experiences and world-class animal care.

"We sincerely thank Jason for his years of dedicated service," said Stallard. "As he transitions to being closer to his family, we are excited about the future, knowing that Kevin and Robert will propel us forward into a transformative chapter, building on the solid foundation Jason helped build."



The Dreams in Motion Color Run on Oct. 20 will include color powders and a game carnival. Image courtesy of Dreams in Motion Color Run

Inaugural Color Run for All Ages

By Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove High School will host the inaugural Dreams in Motion Color Run on Oct. 20 to raise funds for youth sports, scholarships for graduating seniors in the Elk Grove Unified School District and the RISE Women of Elk Grove organization.

The run, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at Elk Grove High School, is presented by RISE Women of Elk Grove, a nonprofit organization formed two years ago.

RISE stands for "Refer, Inspire, Serve and Empower," according to RISE Women of Elk Grove co-founder Brittany Davis.

"I am a mom of two, I sell real estate and I enjoy building my business on events and bringing joy to everyone who attends them," Davis said. "My kids were interested in doing a fun run and decided to make it happen and monetize it to go to a great cause."

The event at Elk Grove High School is a fun run with obstacles set up around the track around the football field and into the soccer field at the school, according to RISE Women of Elk Grove co-founder Jill Johnson.

"Although we have the track for people

who want to run, with the Color Run, people will have obstacles to go through and many volunteers will shoot out the color powders to the participants," Johnson said. "The powders are non-toxic and washable. The color is part of the fun of this event for adults and children."

Besides the run, the fun continues with a carnival and Trunk-or-Treat games for the entire family, along with inflatable bounce houses. Food trucks will be on site.

Cherise Gallegos said that each sponsor will have a carnival booth and pass out candy, toys, tattoos and any other "prizes of that sort."

"I would just like to welcome people to come out and join us for a fun day," Gallegos said. "It's a family-friendly event where all ages are welcome. It's not something that is strenuous, though it can be if you want. You can run it, walk it or dance in it, whatever you'd like."

Runner registration is \$35 per person and includes Color Run Participation, White Color Run Shirt and Color Run Glasses. Carnival game tickets are \$1 each or 25 tickets for \$20.

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CSD Saw Surplus of \$9 Million in Fiscal Year 2023-24

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) netted a General Fund surplus of nearly \$9 million in the previous fiscal year, the board of directors heard at its Oct. 2 regular meeting.

Cosumnes Community Services District Budget Manager Jillian Chavez presented the preliminary report on the budget performance in fiscal year 2023-24, saying the results were boosted in large part by strong investment returns. The unaudited results cover the period from July 2023 through June 2024.

Chavez highlighted several bright spots in the report, including roughly 5% growth in property tax revenue, and annexations to its community facilities districts to support the Mello-Roos tax base. High interest rates caused a short-term boost in the district's investment gains, and income from the Measure E sales tax is beating expectations.

The district faces various challenges as well, Chavez said. Despite having some benefits, the high interest rates have discouraged people from selling their houses, and the reduced housing market churn limited the rise in property tax income. Chavez said Elk Grove Unified School District has begun providing free preschool, which outcompetes the district's offerings. Administrative requirements, supply chain delays and employee retention also pose problems.

Higher-than-expected revenue and lower-than-expected expenses meant that the General Fund balance after quarter 4 was \$8.8 million higher than predicted. The majority of the extra revenue is due to historically high interest rates, which Chavez emphasized is a volatile fund source.

Expenditures were \$5 million lower than expected. This was largely because the district had a lower retirement liability payment because of good investment returns, and it saw the results of a cost-saving program in the Recreation Division.

Funds from Measure E, received from the city of Elk Grove, exceeded expectations by \$1.9 million, reaching a total of \$10.3 million. Spending from the fund was below projections by about \$3.3 million, which Chavez said was due to previously approved purchases being delayed by supply chain issues. The district is setting that savings aside to eventually complete the purchases.

Director Gil Albiani asked whether the district could reach an agreement to receive reimbursement from EGUSD for the preschool students that Cosumnes serves.

"We already have a symbiotic relationship. Just seems like this is another area that somebody ought to explore," Albiani said. Chavez said district staff had a meeting planned with the school district to discuss options.

Albiani also praised the district's financial footing and quality of its services.

Director Peter Sakaris asked whether the district could allocate some funds to the CORE recreation center under construction, something Chavez called possible. The board did not act on the suggestion.

The board approved the report by a 3-0 vote. Board President Jim Luttrell and Sakaris abstained.

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Kasparian spoke about the launch of an emergency medical services unit, EMS 71.

Implemented on Oct. 1, the program converted day-shift EMS personnel to a 24-hour schedule that will allow round-the-clock service.

A staff member on this schedule serves two 24-hour shifts followed by four days off.

With the new schedule, the unit will respond more quickly to EMS equipment needs and provide additional support during emergency responses, Kasparian said.

The unit will be able to visit any hospital in the county to assist crews waiting for a patient to be admitted, such as by bringing food and helping with the admission process.

Kasparian said the unit would allow the department to provide EMS education at fire stations, rather than bringing crews to a central training center, and the unit may eventually help with transporting patients to destinations besides hospitals, such as mental-health facilities.

The board voted to cancel its Oct. 16 regular meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6. ★



Jane Austen fans discuss the author and buy books at the home of Mary Adams-Wiley.

Book Sale Recalls Legacy of Jane Austen, Raises \$873

Story and photo by Nan Mahon

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - It was a most unusual book sale, held in a private home with the merchandise centered completely on the works, times, life and writings of Jane Austen, 18th-century England and a complimentary tasting menu of a teatime in that era.

The works of legendary English author Jane Austen continue to thrive among readers who are drawn to an elegant place and time.

The Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA), a nonprofit organization founded 45 years ago, has more than 5,000 members.

Count readers in Elk Grove among them in the Austentacious Study Group, who are active in learning more about a time gone by.

On Sept. 28, the Elk Grove chapter staged a tribute and sale of Austen's books in an invitation-only event hosted by Mary Adams-Wiley and Joy Prevost at Adams-Wiley's home. More than 230 books by or about Austen, annotated versions of Austen's six novels and her work completed by others were for sale from the collection of Bonnie Mischo-Allinger, a longtime Wilton resident. The "Book to Fork Cooking Club" books were donated by Joy Prevost, who created them and leads that study group. Proceeds go to benefit the Jane Austen Society of North

America Greater Sacramento Region Tea to celebrate Austen's 250th birthday in late 2025.

The Austentacious Study Group meets monthly by Zoom for discussion about the English novelist and her work.

"You don't read Jane Austen," Adams-Wiley said. "You re-read her."

Of Austen's six novels, the most popular are "Pride and Prejudice" (1813), "Sense and Sensibility" (1811) and "Emma" (1815).

"The stories are about ordinary people, basically middle-class," Adams-Wiley said. "We discuss the social structure, class status and accepted behavior in 18th-century England. Many of us have favorite characters."

The Jane Austen Society lists 80 members in this region and continues to grow internationally.

"We will be celebrating Jane Austen's 250th birthday in 2025 with a Big Tea event at the end of the year," Adams-Wiley said.

Twenty-four shoppers attended the September book sale and \$873 was raised. All earnings will go to the Jane Austen Society of North America's Greater Sacramento Region for the Tea to celebrate Austen's birthday.

"We sold 155 books in six hours," Adams-Wiley said. "We still have 75 if anyone is interested."

To contact the Elk Grove organization, email jasna.grsac@gmail.com. ★

Mobile Health Pilot Program Set

Cosumnes Fire Department will soon expand its health care services with a mobile integrated health pilot program. The Cosumnes Community Services District board of directors approved the pilot at its previous meeting on Sept. 18.

Funded with \$100,000 from Sacramento County, the district will contract with a physician assistant to give in-person medical services to people who call 911. The physician assistant could write

prescriptions and have a patient admitted to a health care facility.

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Kasparian said the mobile-health pilot would improve hospital admission times for patients and help address issues that cause some residents to make excessive 911 calls. If the program continues, it may hire nurse practitioners in addition to physician assistants.

—Matthew Malone

Stay Current on Your Vaccines This Fall

California Department of Public Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Limiting the spread of respiratory viruses helps everyone, especially vulnerable members of our community such as children, older adults and those who are immunocompromised.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is encouraging all Californians to get vaccinated this season to protect themselves and their loved ones from respiratory viruses. Respiratory infections, such as flu, COVID-19 and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), are common during the fall and winter seasons, and getting immunized against these diseases has been proven safe and effective in preventing serious illness and death in children and adults.

"It's time to start preparing for the fall and winter virus season, and that means getting immunized against flu, COVID-19 and RSV," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer. "Taking this step means fewer sick days and more time with your loved ones. We are stronger when we are all protected against respiratory diseases."

Recommended Vaccines

Updated 2024-2025 flu and COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months and older. RSV immunizations are

recommended for eligible pregnant people, older adults, infants and toddlers. As always, talk to your healthcare provider about which vaccines are right for you and your family.

Flu: Everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated against the flu annually, ideally before the end of October.

COVID-19: The updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine will be increasingly available throughout California beginning in September for everyone 6 months and older.

The updated vaccine is expected to protect against circulating variants throughout the winter.

RSV: RSV most often spreads between October through March. The following groups should get immunized: Adults aged 75 and older; and adults aged 60-74 at increased risk; Pregnant people who are 32 to 36 weeks pregnant from September through January; Babies younger than 8 months and children 8 to 19 months old who are at high risk for severe RSV.

The RSV vaccine is not currently an annual vaccine, so adults who have already received a dose do not need another dose.

Scheduling

Flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines can all be administered during the same visit. Schedule a vaccine appointment by visiting MyTurn.ca.gov or contacting your

local pharmacy or health care provider.

Cost

Flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines will be covered for most people through their health insurance plans, including Medicaid and regular health care providers. Those having difficulty obtaining vaccines can contact their health care provider or local health department for help finding a place to get immunized.

Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children (18 and younger) who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of an inability to pay. Contact your doctor to learn if they are enrolled in Vaccines For Children or visit MyTurn to find a location based on your eligibility.

Additional Layers of Virus Prevention

In addition to vaccines, people can follow simple actions to prevent viruses from spreading.

Stay home when sick: Staying home when you're sick prevents the spread of flu, COVID-19, RSV and even the common cold.

Test and treat: Test for COVID-19 and flu if you have symptoms (like fever, chills, runny nose, cough, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, stomach issues). If you test positive, contact your health care

provider, and ask about prescription medications, which work best when started right after symptoms begin. Learn more about treatments for both COVID-19 and flu.

Wear a high-quality mask in indoor public places: Wearing a high-quality mask (N95, KN95) significantly reduces the spread of respiratory viruses, especially in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces.

Wash hands: Wash hands throughout the day with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Cover coughs and sneezes: Remember to cough or sneeze into your elbow, your arm, or a disposable tissue to help prevent the spread of viruses. Wash or sanitize your hands and dispose of your tissue after.

Ventilate indoor spaces: Good ventilation helps reduce the spread of viruses. If it is safe to do so, open doors and windows as much as possible to bring in fresh outdoor air. This can help keep virus particles from building up indoors.

Get more information about respiratory virus prevention by visiting the California Department of Public Health Respiratory Viruses webpage at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Respiratory-Viruses/Home.aspx#msdyntrid=bQWVA9MeYr5hUg-ZBmjZ3UxpW75MmJi36BpSkGZcIs4>. ★

POLICE LOGS

Friday, Sept. 27
7:26 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Gurmeet Hanjra, 63, on DUI charges.
7:47 p.m., 10200 block of E. Taron Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Nicholas Lauria, 36, on battery, child endangerment and warrant charges.

Saturday, Sept. 28
2:31 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Ivan Manzanero, 24, on trespassing charges.
5:12 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Venture Place: Elk Grove Police arrested

Desjon Anderson, 37, and Lorenzo Golden, 33, on warrant charges.

Sunday, Sept. 29
3:23 a.m., 9600 block of Kent Street: Elk Grove Police arrested Brandon Rubaclava, 34, on charges of resisting a police officer, elder abuse and battery on a peace officer.
2:55 p.m., Elk Grove-Florin Road/Silverberry Avenue: Elk Grove Police arrested Jalon Craine, 23, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and identity theft.

Monday, Sept. 30
3:44 a.m., 8500 block

of Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Ivan Shockley, 44, on identity theft and theft of credit card information charges.
2:01 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Ronald Hargrove, 42, on charges of meth possession, possessing or transporting cannabis to sell, and phencyclidine possession.
4:58 p.m., 10600 block of Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Narinder Kumar, 31, on warrant charges.
6:14 p.m., 10100 block of Franklin High Road: Elk Grove Police arrested

Clara Colvin, 18, on charges of burglary, resisting arrest and burglary tool possession.

Tuesday, Oct. 1
2 p.m., 8500 block of Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Cindy Cantrell, 51, on charges of forgery, counterfeit possession, fraud and identity theft.
6:53 p.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Siavalua Ulufaleilupe, 22, on warrant charges.

Wednesday, Oct. 2
2 a.m., 9900 block of Falcon Meadow Drive: Elk

Grove Police arrested Nam Nguyen, 33, on vandalism charges.
10:52 a.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Danya Miles, 21, and Jontonya Jones, 35, on shoplifting charges.
1:51 p.m., 8800 block of Lewis Stein Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Pierre Swift, 27, on warrant charges.
8:54 p.m., Promenade Parkway/Kammerer Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Raul Villasenor, 38, on felony possession of ammunition charges.

9:41 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Hannon, 28, on public intoxication and trespassing charges.

Thursday, Oct. 3
2:12 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Elise Washington, 21, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.
6:54 a.m., 5300 block of Lake Pleasant Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Allen Richardson on charges of burglary, vandalism, contempt of court and child endangerment. ★



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Laguna Creek Spoils Cosumnes Oaks' Comeback

Story and photo
by Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - It's fourth down and six for the Cosumnes Oaks Wolfpack at the Laguna Creek Cardinals' 14-yard line as the Cardinals hold on to their 35-34 lead in the dying minutes of this league matchup.

It was a muggy night at the Cardinal's home field at Cosumnes River College as the Cardinals looked to hold on to the slim lead and improve to a Delta League record of 2-1, while the Wolfpack looked to win their first league game.

The Cardinals were up at one point 21-0, until the Wolfpack came storming back with their defense coming up with stops and turnovers from the Cardinals, and the offense using the crowd and momentum to their advantage.

The Wolfpack's quarterback, Joshua Garcia, dropped back and saw Tristan Jackson in the corner of the endzone and decided to let it fly.

If caught, the Wolfpack would lead for the first time in this game with all the momentum on their side and would come back from a 28-12 halftime deficit.

If not, the Wolfpack would wait another week to try and win their first league game of the season as they come short on a thriller comeback.

Before this scenario could be set up, the Cardinals and the Wolfpack started with a clean slate as the Cardinals received the opening kick.

The Cardinals went quietly three and out, but so

did the Wolfpack.

The unexpected happened when a high snap to their punter caused a fumble, which Donny Cartmill of the Cardinals recovered to put his team on the Wolfpack's one-yard line.

The Cardinals senior running back, Armon Thornton, who is logging his first few games of the season due to injury ran into the endzone to eventually go up 7-0.

"He's extremely special and I'm bummed out that this is only his third game of the year. He makes us go. This is a guy that our kids look up to since we have a young group, so they want to move the sticks," said Cardinals' head coach Ryan Nill.

Thorntona went on to rush for 195 yards on 31 carries which included three touchdowns.

The Cardinals went up 21-0 early after a 53-yard punt return for a touchdown from Saxton Rogers Jr. It seemed his team was going to run away with this game.

Part of the reason the Cardinals were able to go up 21-0 before the end of the first quarter was thanks to another senior in Mitchell Labrado, who's also logging his first few games after an injury in the first game of their season.

"It is great to have a guy that makes things happen. Mitchell's a guy where if it breaks down, he can make plays with his feet and he can make acrobatic throws if he needs to," Nill said.

Labrado had 71 passing yards as he completed eight of 14 passing attempts which resulted in a touchdown to Dereus Counts right before half to



Julien Grady tackles Tristan Jackson in the end zone during the Laguna Creek Cardinals' league matchup against the Cosumnes Oaks Wolfpack at Cosumnes River College Stadium on Friday Oct. 4.

go up 28-6.

The Wolfpack would go three and out on their first two drives but were not going down quietly though, as they would go into halftime 28-12 as the extra-point was blocked on the first score then failed a two-point conversion on the following score.

This is where the interim coach, as coach Billings is away dealing with health issues, Chris Lewis talked to the Wolfpack to come together as a team.

"Whether it was special teams, defense or offense we asked them to come together and play as a team and they came out and did that," Lewis said.

Even while being down, Lewis said that he knew the team was going to be in the game going into the second half.

This was reflected in their play as they stormed back after two receiving touchdowns to Tristan Jackson and Kayleb Gerard with a two-point conversion failed on the first score of the half but was converted on the second score of the half to close the deficit at 35-26.

All the momentum

seemed to be on the Wolfpack's side, and this was confirmed when on the next drive after Gerard's touchdown catch, Elijah Lewis would pick off a pass from the Cardinals' quarterback Labrado.

"That's when everything started to change, the crowd started to go crazy," coach Lewis said about his son's interception.

This led to another Jackson reception for a touchdown, followed up by a similar pass in the corner of the endzone for a two-point conversion to put the Wolfpack down by one point at 35-34.

The Cardinals seemed to have everything under control as they stormed downfield the following drive with Thornton and seemed to have the Wolfpack on the ropes as we approached the dying minutes of the game and put to bed the comeback.

It seemed like only a matter of time when Thornton got the first down on the Wolfpack's 42-yard line but suddenly a snap was fumbled by Labrado on the following play and was recovered by the Wolfpack that sent

the visiting sidelines and bleachers into a frenzy.

"The fumble is the play that changed everything again," Lewis said. "I was like 'Yes, we're about to go make a touchdown,'" Lewis said.

Given the momentum of the Wolfpack and the heads of the Cardinals players going down in disbelief of the fumble, now it seemed like only a matter of time before the Wolfpack completed the comeback for their first league win.

This looked certain after Jackson ran from his 42-yard line to the Cardinals' 18-yard line to set up first and 10 with most of the Wolfpack fans not in their seats but on the railing that separates them from the playing field.

That frenzy was halted the following play when the Cardinals Kaden Harris got the sack to set up second and 16, which fired up his team's sidelines, but they remained reserved as the Wolfpack were still within 24 yards of completing this comeback.

Eventually, the Wolfpack set up the fourth and six, not before the Cardinals used all of their timeouts during this sequence, that was make or break while down just one point to win the game.

The Wolfpack sideline was yelling out toward the referees confirming that the Cardinals used their final timeout as if looking ahead after they scored that they'll not be able to call timeout to stop the clock with two minutes left in the game.

The ball is in flight towards Jackson in the corner of the endzone and he looks to be open as

Cosumnes River College Stadium sits silent to the point you could hear a pin drop and everyone sitting still.

Suddenly, Julien Grady came into the frame to tackle Jackson with his arms up over his head to receive Garcia's pass.

The referees waved their arms, no good, as the ball went sailing past the endzone and Jackson went down due to Grady's tackle.

"I feel like we had it in our grasp, it was right there for us," Lewis said. "This is probably the best game we've played all season."

For the Cardinals, Nill did not think it was a possibility for an attempt at a comeback by the Wolfpack but recognized the athletes from his opposition.

"CO's got athletes. I felt like our guys almost respected their athletic ability too much. So we just let them back in the game," Nill said.

The Cardinals need to play better team football, Nill said, as he was vocal throughout the game while the Wolfpack were getting back into the game.

"We make little decisions or decisions that are sometimes selfish," Nill said about some unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. "Then we gave CO a short-field and two scores in the first half came after both of those penalties. We don't do that, what happens? Maybe they don't score."

The Wolfpack came up just short of their first league win and the Cardinals took the 35-34 win to move to 2-1 in league while the Wolfpack fell to 0-2 in league. ★

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Flag Football Roundup: Other Sports Feed Hot Teams

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With approximately three weeks left in the regular flag football season, what is for many schools their first season has been a success.

Many student-athletes are learning to play a new game and adjusting to intricate rules and others are thriving showing their athletic abilities from other sports carry over into flag football.

Some teams post an impressive undefeated record, while others are getting hot at the right time as playoffs approach.



Bradshaw Christian

This is not the Pride's first season of flag football, according to MaxPreps.

Although no scores were reported, the Pride this year have been able to compete as they currently post a 3-5 overall record and a 3-4 record in the Sierra Valley Conference League.

At the time of publication, they sit in fourth place out of five teams but with the same record as the Argonaut Mustangs.

The Pride have two remaining games with the Liberty Ranch Hawks, who they lost to earlier in the season, as well as games remaining with the Galt Warriors, the Mustangs and the Amador Buffaloes.

The leaders of this team offensively are Madison Sample-Martinez with 169 passing yards, Jordyn Polite with 88 rushing yards and Ava Clarida with 73 receiving yards.

Defensively, Clarida leads the team with 10 total tackles while Gianna Tornatore and Lauren Hatcher each have an interception.

Cosumnes Oaks

The second-place team in the Delta League belongs to the Wolfpack, as their team is filled with athletes who have adapted to flag football well.

Their first game in school history was lost to the Florin Panthers, but six days later they faced them



again and defeated them by a score of 8-6 as they learned the game and settled into the season.

One of the athletes who stands out on this team is Abby Greene, a captain on the team who carries her soccer skills onto the flag football field as she showcases her quickness, speed and ability to cut in and out to evade defenders.

One of the primary targets for the Wolfpack quarterback, Avery Nogosek, is wide receiver Jazlene Ramos who head coach George Smith knew was talented and wanted to give the ball to Ramos.

The losses the Wolfpack has in league play are from the Pleasant Grove Eagles and the Laguna Creek Cardinals.

The Wolfpack's remaining schedule includes the Sheldon Huskies, Franklin Wildcats, Elk Grove Thundering Herd, the Cardinals and the Eagles as they look to make a splash in the playoffs.



Elk Grove

According to MaxPreps, there were no pre-season games to prepare for the Delta League for the Thundering Herd.

They dove right into the season where they currently have a 2-9 overall record and a 1-5 league record.

Their wins have come against the Franklin Yellowjackets of Stockton by a score of 39-6 and in league against the Monterey Trail Mustangs by a score of 7-0.

The Herd has not entered any stats on MaxPreps and will play their remaining games against the Eagles, Cardinals, Huskies, Wolfpack, Mustangs and the Wildcats.



Florin

In a shock to many at Florin High School, its former football and baseball coach, Mike Harris, decided to return to coach flag football.

According to the Panthers flag football website, Harris returned when he found out 49ers legend was coaching his daughter's flag football team in Menlo, and his friend and former colleague George Smith of Cosumnes Oaks was coaching, too.

After leaving Florin after 2012 when he was a part of the football coaching staff, Harris coached baseball at Elk Grove High School.

With many athletes coming from volleyball, soccer and basketball backgrounds, there are also those who have never played sports but regardless have posted an 8-7 overall record and a 4-4 in the Greater Sacramento League.

Offensively, the Panthers are led by quarterback Jayda Lewis, who has thrown for 1,427 yards, and running back Erin Foster who has rushed for 521 yards with a team-leading eight touchdowns.

Defensively, the Panthers leader in total tackles is Paris Jones with 82, while Foster leads the team with five sacks and Foster and Janiya Brister lead the team with nine interceptions.

The Panthers have three games in a row scheduled in both final weeks; they look to improve and reach the playoffs as they currently sit in fifth place out of eight teams.



Franklin

The third-place team with a 6-4 overall record and a 4-3 Delta League record that sits behind the Eagles and Wolfpack is the

Franklin Wildcats.

The Wildcats at the time of publication had a four-game winning streak, which started after they broke a four-game losing streak.

The leaders of this team offensively include Kalani Phearson with 1,426 passing yards, Joy Jones with 242 rushing yards and Aletha Singleton with 530 receiving yards along with 11 touchdowns.

On the other side of the ball, Tochi Ojije leads the team with 47 total tackles, Singleton has nine interceptions and Ojije, Jones and Aisha Ariwoola each have a sack.

The Wildcats have a packed schedule in the last three weeks with eight games left in the regular season. This includes three non-league games against the Dixon Rams, the Wheatland Pirates and the Sacramento Dragons.



Laguna Creek

Sitting in the penultimate place of the Delta League are the 5-10 overall and 2-5 league record Laguna Creek Cardinals.

In their first league matchup, head coach Courtney Pfau said they struggled to move the ball forward, which could be a reason why the Cardinals sit in sixth place.

One of the team captains of the Cardinals is Annalise Mendonsa, who at the running back position was constantly looking for a hole to be able to drive her team forward in that game against the Eagles.

The Cardinals look to finish out their season against the Huskies, Herd, Mustangs, Wildcats and Wolfpack.

The two league wins the Cardinals have were against the Herd and the Mustangs, two teams they will face in the last three weeks of the season.

Monterey Trail

A team who's had to work hard for their wins are the Mustangs, as they haven't won a game this season with more than a



six-point difference.

The Mustangs are 3-4 with wins against the Wildcats by a score of 7-6, against the Cardinals by a score of 20-14 and the Huskies by 20-18.

In their remaining schedule, they will have one more go at the Wildcats, Cardinals and the Huskies to try and add to their win total this season.

The Mustangs do not have stats entered on MaxPreps for their season.



Sheldon

The Sheldon Huskies, rounding out the Delta League, sit in fifth place with an overall and league record of 2-5.

There are no stats entered into MaxPreps for the Huskies.

The Huskies had no pre-season games and have won games against the Cardinals and the Herd. The closest game that they had that resulted in a loss was 20-18 loss against the Mustangs.

The Huskies will end their season with five league games and two non-league games against the Florin Panthers.



Valley

The Valley Vikings, in the Greater Sacramento League with the Panthers, hold a 5-6 overall record and a 5-3 league record.

They sit in fourth place and are led by Aneisha Wright with 1,333 passing yards, Jordyn Gibson with 358 receiving yards and Danae Dixon with 282 rushing yards. Wright also leads on defense with six interceptions.

Earlier in the season, they beat the Panthers 18-0, yet in their most recent match-up they took the loss to them by a score of 14-2 to end a three-game winning streak.

The Vikings look to get back in the win column in order to reach the playoffs.

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The Elk Grove Lions Club will host its next community breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Albani Recreation Center. On the menu will be all the buttermilk pancakes you can eat, with scrambled eggs, bacon and link sausage, fruit bowl, orange juice and coffee all for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 10 and under.

Breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Albani Recreation Center, 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

Jazz and Blues Hour Monthly

The next monthly Jazz and Blues Hour features Beth Duncan (jazz) at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church (8153 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 50).

Attendees are asked to make a \$10 donation at the door. For more information, email jbvspers@gmail.com or call Nan Mahon at 916-806-9476.

Widowed Persons Activities

Oct. 14 - noon - Mahjong at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada. Contact is Pat Hunter, 530-559-0191.

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Oct. 18 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

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The Alta Mesa Gun Club of Wilton hosts its annual Tri Tip Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19. Social hour begins at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person, \$15 for age 12 and under. There will be a door prize and multiple raffle prizes.

Dinner tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays between 5 and 9 p.m., via GPAY at altamesagunclub@gmail.com or on the home page at www.altamesagunclub.com.

For more information on tickets, call 916-716-7329 or 916-291-3173.

The Alta Mesa Gun Club is located at 10100 Reigl Road, Wilton.

History's Poisons, Cures Presented Oct. 21

Elk Grove Historical Society's monthly speaker series continues at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 with the Dr. R. Snick Poisons and Cures Show.

Presented by Andrei Pischalnikoff, the performance will teach about poisons used in the past and how "cures" were sold to make incredible amounts of money. The free, hourlong presentation will be held at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk

Grove Blvd. For more information, visit elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com.

Veterans Parade is Nov. 11

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, American Legion Post 55, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Marine Corps League, in partnership with the Cosumnes Service District (CSD), invite the community to join us in honoring veterans on Nov. 11 with a parade and picnic.

The parade opening ceremony starts at 10 a.m. at the CSD Headquarters, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. The parade starts at 11:11 a.m. walking/driving from the CSD building to Elk Grove Park. Please join us at Elk Grove Park for a community picnic.

Sign up to be in the parade by visiting cosumnesCSD.gov/VeteransDay.

Elk Grove Community Band Concert Oct. 28

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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. Social Breakfast 1st Saturday each month, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, Laguna Blvd. and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99).

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.

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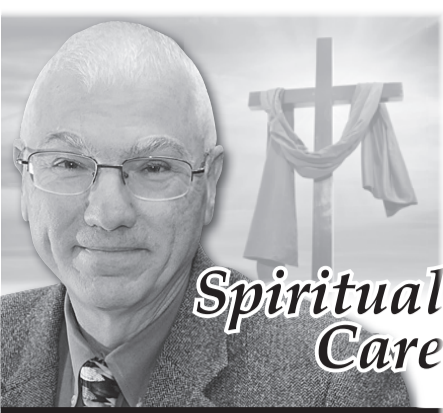
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BY NORRIS BURKES

Don't Talk About God Behind His Back

Last Sunday, I admitted to my Nevada City congregation that I sometimes feel like the man who had had enough with life's difficulties, so he went to live in a monastery.

The abbot restricted the man's spoken words to only two words every year.

After his first year, he reported to the abbot to share his first two words: "Bed hard."

On his second annual opportunity, he pronounced, "Food bad."

Finally, on his third year, he came to the abbot's office to proclaim, "I quit."

"I'm not surprised," said the abbot. "You've done nothing but complain since the day you arrived."

Well, I don't want you to think I complain too much, but I once spent a few days fretting over lost keys, car repairs and my daughter's somewhat risky international travel to Honduras.

On those occasions, "Mrs. Chaplain," (that's what I call her when she's not around) asked, "Have you prayed about

it?"
"At this point," I said, "honestly, my prayers would sound more like complaining."

"What's wrong with that?" she asked.
I took a few minutes to think about her challenge when I remembered a guy who did a fair bit of complaining himself: Moses.

You remember Moses. He's the one who bugged, literally bugged, the Egyptian Pharaoh to free the Jewish people from slavery. Once the people were liberated, Moses ran his egress route through the oppressive heat of the Sinai Desert.

The people quickly forgot their wonderful freedom and started whining about the lack of good Chinese takeout. (OK, maybe they weren't that picky, but they were a bit famished. Read the complete story in Numbers 11.)

So Moses, also resenting his situation, asked God, "Why are you treating me this way? What did I ever do to deserve this? Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people?"

He continued. "If this is how you intend to treat me, do me a favor and kill me. I've had enough."

Just an observation here: I don't recommend daring God to kill you; it's not a prayer for the faint of heart.

Nevertheless, God threw down a challenge of his own and said to Moses, "Gather together 70 men from among the leaders of Israel, men whom you know to be respected and responsible ... (and) you won't have to carry the whole thing alone."

In the end, Moses wasn't struck dead for his audacious request. Quite the opposite. God answered the prayer – providing a little help from Moses' friends.

Now, I don't pretend to know how prayer works, but I think Moses' prayer was effective for two reasons.

First, the prayer was simple and direct. It wasn't a flowery prayer packed with analogies, metaphors or obtuse tangents.

God likes direct words. (He also dislikes dictionary words like "obtuse.")

Whenever I encounter someone complaining about their raw deal, I've always told them: Stop gossiping about God. Talk to God directly, not behind his back.

Go right up to God (wherever you talk to God) and say, "Hey, God! My life stinks!"

Then turn it into the prayers Anne Lamott describes in her book, "Traveling Mercies."

"Here are the two best prayers I know: 'Help me, help me, help me' and 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

Moses' simple prayer worked because God heard the heart of the prayer: honesty.

In the midst of the griping, God heard a confession known by anyone in a 12-step recovery process.

It's a prayer that has various wordings, but the gist is, "I'm powerless to do anything by myself. I need help."

It was the same kind of prayer my wife was challenging me to pray.

A little later, she asked, "Find your keys yet?"

"No, but I think God's given me a plan to find them."

"Really?"

"Yeah. How do you feel about having 70 readers come over and help me look for my keys?"

"Really? After 23 years of column writing, do you still claim to have at least 70 readers?"

I think I'll start calling her "Mrs. Moses."

Just not to her face.

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Email comments to comment@thechaplain.net or by text or voicemail to (843) 608-9715. ★

RELIGION NEWS

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.

Grace Church Now Hosts Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering help in finding freedom from the issues (hurts, hang-ups, and habits) controlling your life.

Meetings are held weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Grace Church, located at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs Restaurant.

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 a.m.

For more information call (916) 714-3444 or email: office@gracechurch.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

Music at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR continues

the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm. On Nov. 3, Beth Duncan will perform.

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 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: 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 pm and the concert starts at 7 pm. Rev. McNamara welcomes members

and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is 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 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.

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916-689-7300

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Sunday School 11 am

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-06892
Hamek Yang, 9834 Castelli Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flame & Smash" 9834 Castelli Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 9, 2024
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FLAME 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-06785
Zarazophya Enterprises, 8788 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 1P, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zarazophya Enterprises/Brightstarcare/Sacramento-Rancho-Cordova" 8788 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 1P, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 3, 2024
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ZARAZOPHYA 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-07109
Adam Burcher and Crystal Burcher, 9990 Sherman Lane, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bert's Diner" 8972 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 16, 2024
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BERTS 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-06900
Annette Poole, 118 Thomas Court, Folsom, CA, 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Data Analysis and Training Services" 118 Thomas Court, Folsom, CA, 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2024
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-07594
Smart Fun LLC, 12700 Meiss Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Slough House Kitchen/Elite Catering and Events" 12700 Meiss Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 3, 2024
Publish: Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 2024
SLOUGH 11-1-24

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV018808
Timothy Andrew Condon-Lorenz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Timothy Andrew Condon-Lorenz to Timothy Andrew Martin.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 30, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 20, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
MARTIN 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV013934

Ray D. Newman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bronx Royalty Taylor to Bronx Royalty Taylor Newman and Brooklyn Raeshell Taylor to Brooklyn Raeshell Taylor Newman.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 23, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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LIEN SALE

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TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 125-0083-004-0000 TS No.: 22-03366CA TSG Order No.: 220365949-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 25, 2005. 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 PRO-

CEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded January 12, 2006 as Book No.: 20060112 Page No.: 1163 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Laura Roccucci, an unmarried woman and Sophia Roccucci, an unmarried woman as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: October 22, 2024 Sale Time: 1:30 PM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 2 File No.: 22-03366CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9520 Colton Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95624. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$18,837.29 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. 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Date of Sale: : 11/07/2024 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the east main entrance to the county courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$387,348.36 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9309 Barth Street, Elk Grove, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 116-0155-011-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the 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. 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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. 3 File No.: 22-03366CA 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. For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: (916) 939-0772. Dated: September 6, 2024 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0465134 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 09/27/2024, 10/04/2024, 10/11/2024
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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 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 23-02380-RM-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 website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to 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 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-02380-RM-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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 09/20/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4825341 Published 10/04/2024, 10/11/2024, 10/18/2024
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T.S. No. 123324-CA APN: 134-0091-004-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/16/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 11/14/2024 at 1:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/22/2006 in Book 20060322 Page 2124 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROSA GARCIA AND ANTONIO GARCIA, WIFE AND HUSBAND 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; OUTSIDE THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE,

720 9TH ST., 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: 9696 KENT STREET, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 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: \$358,118.79 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 123324-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 123324-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: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-18-24

Title Order No. : 15951561 Trustee Sale No. : 87408 Loan No. : 399440514 APN : 116-0100-093-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/25/2023 . UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 10/24/2024 at 1:30 PM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 1/31/2023 as Instrument No. 202301310945 in book ///, page /// of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: TONY MEHMET GUNDOGU AND AYNUR VURAL GUNDOGU, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP , as Trustor EAGLE CAPITAL LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state 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: Outside the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: PARCEL 3 AS SHOWN ON "PARCEL MAP NO. EG-00-004, BELL SOUTH COMMERCIAL PARCEL MAP", FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 23, 2005, IN BOOK 181 OF PARCEL MAPS, PAGE 17, RECORDS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9200 ELK GROVE FLORIN ROAD ELK GROVE, CA 95624. 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 the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$2,505,196.87 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. 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 caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 9/25/2024 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "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 on 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

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7144 Fair Oaks Blvd #5
Carmichael, CA 95608

TRUSTEE SALE

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 the outstanding lien 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 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 87408. 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." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: 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 (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 87408 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-18-24
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-992310-SH Order No.: 240339268-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/22/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustee(s): WILLIAM O. IYASERE AND BLESSING IYASERE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 12/1/2004 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20041201 Page 1830 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 11/26/2024 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$305,768.75 The purported property address is: 8780 HEATHERMIST WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 Assessor's Parcel No.: 116-0700-072-0000 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 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-992310-SH. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. 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 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-992310-SH 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. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCUPANT: Any prospective

owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Log-in to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION . TS No.: CA-24-992310-SH IDS
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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

ELK GROVE REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES:

The City seeks to designate five (5) 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 Register of Historic Resources due to their previous listing as historic resources on the National Register of Historic Places. The five (5) local historic resources the City seeks to designate include four buildings within Elk Grove Heritage Park at 9941 E. Stockton Boulevard, and an existing residence at 4625 Bilby Road.

LOCATION/APN:	Old Town Historic District, 4800 Percheron Drive/132-0700-056, 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 killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org

Information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting Kyra Killingsworth by email at killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org, or by phone at 916-478-3684.

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

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

This meeting notice is provided pursuant to Section 23.14.040 and Section 4.54.520 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code.

Dated / Published: October 11, 2024

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

Elk Grove Citizen 10-11-2024

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Stadium Lighting Upgrades at Various Sites (Cosmunes Oaks, Elk Grove, Monterey Trail, and Sheldon High Schools)** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **3:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, October 31, 2024**, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$100 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

It is mandatory that all General Contractors (GCs) and Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Subcontractors who intend to submit bids fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the District. MEP is defined as subcontractors holding the following license classifications: C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46. No bid will be accepted from a GC that has failed to comply with these requirements, or submits a bid that lists MEP Subs that have failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid on a project as a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. Pre-qualification application packages are available by contacting the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove CA 95624, via telephone at (916) 686-7711, or via email at facilitiesbids@egusd.net.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 3:00 p.m. at Robert L. Trigg Education Center, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove CA 95624**. The District's Representative and Architect will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are **required** to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project consists of : All work associated with the replacement of existing pole mounted Musco lighting fixtures with new Musco LED fixtures. Three sites have 4-poles and one site has 6 poles. Work includes the removal of existing and installation of new Owner-furnished Musco lights, control cabinets and miscellaneous devices to existing stadium lighting system. Work includes minor concrete work associated with the installation of new control panel and includes minor power and low voltage work within each existing press box. This project requires a **Class C-10** license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.* payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

BY: Michael Bean
Senior Construction Manager
Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 10-11, 10-18-2024

NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024 IN THE CITY OF ELK GROVE

NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to California Elections Code §12110 that the following persons have been nominated for the offices mentioned below to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Elk Grove on the 5th day of November, 2024:

MAYOR

Brian Pastor

Lynn Wheat

Bobbie Singh-Allen

COUNCIL MEMBER - DISTRICT 1

Darren Suen

COUNCIL MEMBER - DISTRICT 3

Kevin Spease

(All Vote Center locations will be open on November 5, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and regional Vote Centers will available from October 26 - November 5, 2024)

Dated/Published: October 11, 2024

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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POPPY GROVE APARTMENTS AMENDMENT (PLNG24-038) – MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW AMENDMENT:

The Project consists of a Major Design Review Amendment to the approved exterior colors for the Poppy Grove Apartments Project (PLNG21-078).

PROPERTY OWNERS:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Poppy Grove I, LP, Poppy Grove II, LP, and Poppy Grove III, LP Michael Johnson and Reese Jarrett (Representatives) 4096 Piedmont Ave, #345 Oakland, CA 94611	Poppy Grove Development Partners, LLC Michael Johnson and Reese Jarrett (Representatives) 4096 Piedmont Ave, #345 Oakland, CA 94611
LOCATION/APN:	10149 Bruceville Road; APNs: 132-0050-175, -176, & -177
ZONING:	RD-30/Laguna Ridge Specific Plan
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is required from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) and 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Sarah Kirchgessner, (916) 478-2245 or skirchgessner@elkgrovecity.org; or to the Office of Development Services – Planning, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

The live meeting can be viewed via the City's website at [http://www.elkgrovecity.org/cityhall/citygovernment/live archived broadcasts](http://www.elkgrovecity.org/cityhall/citygovernment/live%20archived%20broadcasts)

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Dated / Published: October 11, 2024

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Laguna Self Storage located at 3000 Dwight Rd., Elk Grove CA 95758 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 10/31/2024 at 10:00AM. Jean Batista. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Summer Flats Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

Date: October 11, 2024
To: Public Agencies and Interested Parties
From: City of Elk Grove
Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Summer Flats Project (PLNG23-006)

The City of Elk Grove (City) will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Summer Flats Project (Project). Because the City has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the Project, an Initial Study will not be prepared (CEQA Guidelines Section 15063[a]). In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) provides a Project description, location, and the probable environmental effects of construction and implementation of the Project. The NOP is circulated for a public review and comment period that begins on **October 11, 2024 and ends on November 12, 2024**.

The City is soliciting comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR as they relate to other agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project, as well as comments from interested members of the public. The City will rely on responsible and trustee agencies to provide information relevant to the analysis of resources falling within the jurisdiction of such agencies. Specifically, input is required on:

- Scope of Environmental Analysis** – guidance on the scope of analysis for this EIR, including identification of specific issues that will require closer study due to the location, scale, and character of the Project;
- Mitigation Measures** – ideas for feasible mitigation, including mitigation that would avoid, offset, eliminate, or reduce potentially significant or significant impacts; and
- Alternatives** – suggestions for alternatives to the Project that could reduce or avoid potentially significant or significant impacts.

The City welcomes input during the review and comment period. If the City has not received a response (or a well-justified request for additional time) from a responsible or trustee agency by the end of the review period, the City may presume that the responsible or trustee agency has no response (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082[b][2]). Please provide any written comments that you would like the City to consider, along with the name of the appropriate contact person in your agency and their contact information, to the address shown below by **5:00 PM on November 12, 2024**.

City of Elk Grove Development Services Department
c/o Sarah Kirchgessner
8401 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Email: skirchgessner@elkgrovecity.org

SCOPING MEETING

CEQA provides for a lead agency to facilitate one or more scoping meetings, which provide additional opportunity for informing the scope and content of an EIR. The City will host a scoping meeting on **Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 6:00 PM at City of Elk Grove Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758**. Information related to the Project, including how to access Project documents and how to participate in the public review process, will be provided at the scoping meeting.

PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING

The approximately 27.6-acre Project site (site) is located immediately northeast of the Waterman Road/Rancho Drive intersection, within the East Elk Grove Sub-Area of the Eastern Elk Grove Community Plan, in the City of Elk Grove, California. The site, comprised of three parcels identified by Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 127-0150-001, -002, and -009, is bounded by Waterman Road along the site's western boundary. The City of Elk Grove General Plan designates the site as Low Density Residential (LDR) and Resource Management and Conservation (RMC). The site is zoned Low Density Residential – Maximum Four Dwelling Units per Acre (RD-4) and Open Space (O).

The site currently consists of flat to gently sloping grassland, with an elevation ranging from 50 to 65 feet above mean sea level (amsl). Within the grassland are depressions that allow for pooling. Aboveground distribution power lines and utility poles, as well as barbed wire fencing, proceed in a north-to-south direction along Waterman Road, parallel to the site's western boundary. In addition, transmission towers and overhead power lines extend through the site in a north-to-south direction within easements located in the eastern half of the site. Although the interior of the site is devoid of trees, three trees occur along the western boundary.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

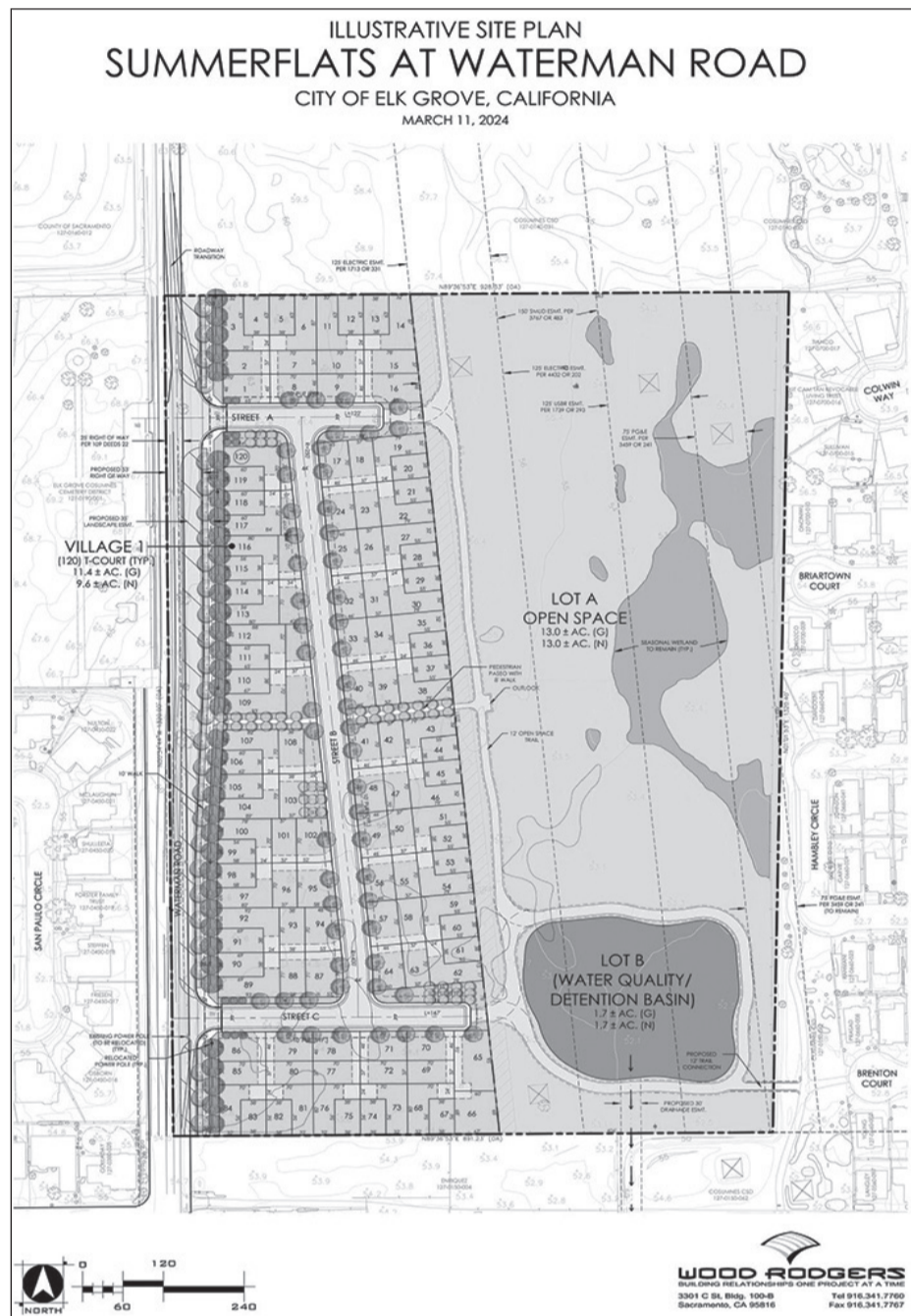
The proposed project would consist of a subdivided single-unit residential community, comprised of 120 residential lots, as well as new internal roadways and frontage improvements, associated utility improvements, 14.7 acres of open space, an open space trail and pedestrian paseo, and new landscaping (see Exhibit 1). The Applicant is requesting City approval of a General Plan Amendment, Community Plan Amendment, Rezone, Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Map, Subdivision Design Review, and Master Home Plan Design Review. The Project includes a Design Exception for two (2) dead end stub streets.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The following environmental topic areas are preliminarily anticipated to be evaluated in the EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (including Energy)
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning, Population, and Housing
- Noise
- Public Services /Utilities and Service Systems
- Transportation

Exhibit 1: Illustrative Site Plan



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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals for the construction of the Reclamation District No. 800, Mile Marker 24 Erosion Repair, Contract No. 800-2024-10 addressed to Reclamation District No. 800, c/o Wagner & Bonsignore, Consulting Civil Engineers, A Corporation, 2151 River Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, California 95833, will be received at the office of Wagner & Bonsignore, Consulting Civil Engineers, A Corporation, 2151 River Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, California, 95833, until **10:00 a.m.**, local time, on **October 24, 2024** and then will be publicly opened and read.

Scope of Work

The Work Site is located near Wilton, CA on the on the south bank of the Cosumnes River.

The project generally consists of the import of 2,100 tons riprap from a local borrow site and placement of riprap on eroded river bank.

The Contract for the work will be awarded upon the basis of the total base bid price of the Bid Schedule. The Engineer's estimate is approximately **\$95,000.00**.

Digital copies of Drawings and Specifications may be requested by emailing rd@wbcorp.com. No Bid proposal will be considered unless it is made on the Bid Forms furnished by the District's Engineer.

Pre-Bid Site Review

A **mandatory** pre-bid site review will be held on **October 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** Proposals will only be accepted from contractors represented at the pre-bid site review. Interested contractors shall meet at the entrance to Simpson Ranch at the intersection of Dillard Road and Simpson Ranch Court in Wilton, CA.

For information concerning the proposed work contact Wagner & Bonsignore at (916) 441-6850 or rd@wbcorp.com. The deadline for submitting questions is **October 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.**

Licensing Requirements

No Proposal will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the laws of this State to perform the work herein described and who does not possess a Class A license or its equivalent for the type of work called for under this project.

DIR Registration

This is a public works project and the contractor's and all subcontractor's employees must be provided certain benefits pursuant to Section 1720 et. seq. of the Labor Code, including the payment of prevailing wage rates if DIR has established prevailing wage rates for the work. The Owner has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the prevailing wage rates applicable to the work. Copies are on file at the office of Wagner & Bonsignore, Consulting Civil Engineers, A Corporation, located at 2151 River Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, California, and are available to interested persons upon request. Prospective bidders are responsible for determining the applicable wage classifications for this project. (Labor Code § 1773.2.) Contractor may also obtain them at the DIR website:
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/dprowagedetermination.htm>

Except for contractors who work exclusively on small public works projects (defined below), all contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and pay an annual fee. No contractor or subcontractor

may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with DIR. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a public works contract unless registered with DIR. (Labor Code § 1771.1.)

Small Project Exemption - Contractors who work exclusively on small public works projects are not required to register as a public works contractor or file electronic certified payroll reports for those projects. These contractors are still required to pay prevailing wages, maintain certified payroll records on a continuous basis, and provide them to the Labor Commissioner's Office upon request. The small project exemption applies for all public works projects that do not exceed:

- \$25,000 for new construction, alteration, installation, demolition or repair
- \$15,000 for maintenance

The Contractor must post all job site notices required by regulation. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by DIR. (Labor Code § 1771.4.)

CARB Offroad Diesel Regulation

This contract is subject to the California Air Resources Board Off-Road Diesel Regulation (Title 13 CCR § 2449). In order to be eligible to perform work under this contract, you must submit to the agency copies of the valid Certificates of Reported Compliance, as described in section 2449(n), for the fleet selected to perform work for this bid and any listed subcontractors, if applicable. If you do not submit said Certificates with your bid, your bid will be disqualified.

Public Works Contract Requirements

Payment for the work accomplished will be made monthly, but part of the amount earned will be withheld to ensure performance under the Contract. Substitution of securities for the monies withheld is permitted by the Contract Documents as an option open to the Contractor, pursuant to the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contracts Code.

Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents, on the forms therein or copies thereof, and shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount not less than 10% of the amount of the bid. Upon being awarded the contract, Contractor shall provide a 100% Public Works Payment Bond and a 100% Performance Bond.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, or any Proposal not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents, and to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which, however, shall not extend beyond 90 days from the bid opening date.

Contract Completion

The Contract time for performance shall begin on the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed and shall extend through **November 29, 2024**.

As used in the Contract Documents, "District", "RD800", and "Owner" all refer to Reclamation District No. 800.

Date: October 7, 2024

By: Brian Takemori, President
Reclamation District No. 800

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MEETING MINDERS

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

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

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

A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

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

The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov

and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, 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 by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.EGUSD.net.

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

The Florin Resource Conservation District Board, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application.

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

ARTS CALENDAR

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center
The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 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 information, please visit ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org or call (916) 685-5992.

Art Workshops for Adults
Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. We periodically offer workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class. If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media,

Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here. To learn more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshop.

View Artwork from Elk Grove
At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/. The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove. If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event

center manager, Lana Yoshimura at lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org.

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. Visit the individual exhibition pages to explore deadlines, fees, awards, and to download the prospectus. For more, please visit <https://elkgrovefineartscenter.org/> ★

Ambulance 'Offload' Times Dropping

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celebrated the successes of the county, showed status reports and enhancements, and included presentations from regional hospital representatives who explained how they were making the changes and improvements.

According to Sacramento County public information officer Casey Camacho, Sacramento County entered 2024 with a 64-minute offload time, which was the worst in the state. Sacramento County managed to decrease that to 39 minutes halfway through September. The California Emergency Medical Services Commission received a county progress report on Sept. 19, which highlighted Sacramento County as having the most improved APOT times statewide.

The summit opened and closed with remarks from Greg Kann M.D., the Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (CEMSA) medical director.

Kann acknowledged how the county has made a "phenomenal change" in the

decrease in its offload times. He noted that the number of patients has stayed consistent, even with the changes in the way the hospitals are operating.

"Our hospital partners are doing the things they need to do," Kann said.

Beyond decreasing offload time, Kann said, Sacramento County is working to use telemedicine to "offload low acuity patient volumes," meaning telemedicine could help the less-severe medical cases, taking down the volume of ambulance offloads.

"The folks down in Elk Grove and Galt have really doubled down on their commitment to making telemedicine work," Kann said.

Next, Sac Metro Fire EMS Director Jon Rudnicki spoke primarily about how the patient is always the priority. Rudnicki showed two videos of two different patients whose lives were saved due to the speed and timing of the process of Sacramento emergency medical services, one being a toddler who was revived.

Rudnicki ended with a challenge to his fellow emergency medical services

workers: "Why would we not aim for greater? Why should we settle for the benchmark?"

Following Rudnicki were presentations from both Mercy San Juan officials and Kaiser Roseville officials, who spoke about effective changes they made to bring their ambulance patient offload time down.

Kimberly Adams and Chris Britton of Kaiser Roseville highlighted their strategy, which included creating an APOT task force and utilizing hospital hallways to serve patients. According to Britton, Kaiser Roseville is the second busiest emergency room in the state, and they see around 144,000 patients in a year, with 10-15,000 seen each month. Adams referred to APOT as a "team sport," and Britton cited "such good collaboration" as one of their successes.

Amelia Hart of Mercy San Juan was inspired by what Kaiser Roseville was doing and said her team took similar steps. According to Hart, Mercy San Juan receives the most ambulances in Sacramento County, so it was a large effort

to cut ambulance patient offload time. "Everyone is aligned and invested in this," Hart said.

District 5 Supervisor Pat Hume briefly spoke about the progress that the county is making and applauded the dramatic change in ambulance patient offload time. "The energy in this room is palpable compared to where we were in February," Hume said, stressing the "magnitude, the importance, the impact" of what emergency medical services workers are doing.

Next, Sacramento State assistant professor Dale Ainsworth, Ph.D, gave insight into how changes in processes, especially in an organization, can be difficult and gave tips on how to make them "stick."

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Director Ryan Quist touched on more changes the county is facing regarding Senate Bill 43, which changes who can be on involuntary hold in an emergency room, another factor in determining ambulance patient offload time.

Monique Brown of the Growth Factory said they are working on a database called At Orchid, which will boost hospitals' ability to track data and timing of emergency room patients.

For more, visit <https://dhs.saccounty.gov/pub/ems/Pages/EMS-Home.aspx>. ★



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City of Elk Grove – Zoning Administrator
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, October 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the matter:

D-BAT BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ACADEMY (PLNG24-009) – MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SPECIAL PARKING PERMIT:

The Project consists of a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MUP) to utilize an existing ±12,800 square-foot tenant space in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district as a baseball and softball training facility. The facility would be used primarily by youth and high school baseball and softball teams for practice sessions focused on pitching, hitting, and fielding. Additionally, instruction sessions will be offered to individual players to enhance their baseball skills. The Project also proposes a Special Parking Permit for a reduction in required parking spaces.

PROPERTY OWNER: 3132-3200 Dwight Road, LLC c/o Graceada Partners Fund I, LLC Patrick Dobson (Representative) 1300 K Street, 2nd Floor Modesto, CA 95354	PROJECT APPLICANT: PK Active Sports LLC Peter Pontacq (Representative) 4840 Tusk Way Elk Grove, CA 95757
LOCATION/APN: 3132 Dwight Road, Suite 400; APN: 119-1540-030 & 119-1540-031	
ZONING: GENERAL PLAN: ENVIRONMENTAL: PROJECT PLANNER:	Light Industrial (LI) Light Industrial (LI) Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner 916.478.2283 or JDaguman@elkgrovecity.org

Dated / Published: October 11, 2024

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS
Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Zoning Administrator must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.

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 skyles@elkgrovecity.org or TTY (888) 435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSAL TO PERFORM

LEASE-LEASEBACK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE CLASSROOM UPGRADES AT THREE (3) SITES (Raymond Case, Elk Grove, and Irene B. West Elementary Schools)

The Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") is requesting a Statement of Qualifications/Proposal (SOQ/P) from Contractors holding a **Class B** license, to perform Lease-Leaseback construction services for the **Classroom Upgrades at Three (3) Sites (Raymond Case, Elk Grove, and Irene B. West Elementary Schools)** project.

If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, the submittal requirements and deadline for SOQ/P responses are as follows:

- Electronic copy in PDF format of a completed SOQ/P, submitted thru Dropbox
- As part of this RFQ, all participants must complete a Pre-qualification Application, if you have not already
- SOQ/P packet, and Pre-qualification Application can be accessed at www.egusdplans.com
- Completed SOQ/P must be received no later than **Friday, November 1, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.**

The District will not review submittals received after the time and date above. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the SOQ/P will not be accepted. The Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any and all SOQ/P, to negotiate with any and all-responsible firms, and to waive any informality in the process. The District is not responsible for any expenses related to the preparation or presentation of the SOQ/P, including travel costs. The SOQ/P may be withdrawn at any time prior to the closing date and time for receipt of SOQ/P.

In order to control information disseminated regarding this SOQ/P, firms interested in submitting SOQ/P are directed not to make personal contact with members of the Governing Board or District Administration with the exception of the individual, or department staff listed on the SOQ/P packet. This includes unauthorized visits to District-educating facilities.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.* payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

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Sacramento State Plans for Athletic Future

Sacramento State University News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State announced results of a feasibility study evaluating the potential for its intercollegiate athletics program to take the next step in its growth and development. This significant step is part of the ongoing effort to ensure the continued success of Sacramento State athletics and to align with nationally successful collegiate programs.

The study, which was conducted by College Sports Solutions and



commissioned in July 2023, outlines key areas of focus, including facility upgrades, financial investments, and program development. Among the primary recommendations are enhancements to the University's football and basketball facilities and increased resources to support student-athletes. The findings will serve as a roadmap for Sacramento State's long-term success

as the institution evaluates the best path forward.

With its recent achievements, including three consecutive Big Sky football championships, and an offering of 21 sports, Sacramento State is well positioned for continued growth. The feasibility study shows that the University's commitment to athletics will ensure that its programs remain competitive, both regionally and nationally.

"We are energized about what this study shows regarding the future of our athletics program and its implications for the University as a whole,"

said Sacramento State President Luke Wood. "Our recent accomplishments across multiple sports, coupled with the investments we are ready to make across campus, demonstrate that Sacramento State is prepared to rise to the next level. The numbers show we are on the right track, and we are enthusiastic about the possibilities ahead."

The executive summary of the study highlights important considerations, including the need to increase scholarships for student-athletes to meet the benchmarks of top-tier

programs. Additionally, it emphasizes a focus on enhancing football and basketball venues, including expanded seating, enhanced media and team areas, and increased revenue opportunities through premium seating and sponsorship. The report also outlines the importance of supporting student-athletes through Sacramento State's strategic development of its Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) initiatives.

"Our athletics program has thrived in recent years, and this study shows that we are well-positioned to continue building on that momentum," said Mark

Orr, Sacramento State's director of Athletics. "By investing in our facilities, scholarships, and student-athlete support, we can ensure that Sacramento State remains on a strong path."

With a student population of over 31,000 and a history of athletic success, Sacramento State continues to prioritize the development of its sports programs, preparing them to compete at the highest levels.

For more information on the feasibility study visit the Sacramento State University website at www.csus.edu. ★

New Resources Help Promote Teacher Prep Programs

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -The State Collaborative for California's Educator Workforce has released a new suite of tools to make high quality teacher preparation programs more accessible and affordable to prospective teachers across the state.

California faces persistent teacher shortages that force many districts to hire substitutes or teachers who have not completed a preparation program. These shortages are greatest for early childhood educators as well as those who specialize in teaching students with disabilities and who are multi-language learners.

Despite the state's unprecedented investments to strengthen the teacher pipeline, high quality preparation programs are often inaccessible or unaffordable for many prospective teachers.

To address this challenge, education leaders from state agencies, public, and private teacher preparation programs developed a suite of resources to help prospective teachers identify preparation pathways that best meet their needs given their individual experience and education, as well as guidance on available financial

resources to make preparation affordable.

"All students need and deserve well-prepared, credentialed teachers. This resource toolkit will help California attract, grow, and retain the number of talented teachers needed to educate the next generation," said Mary Vixie Sandy, Collaborative lead and executive director of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing along with Commission Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer.

The toolkit, available on the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Roadmap to Teaching website, features:

Funding Your Future in Teaching, which offers financial planning steps for every aspiring educator along with sample funding packages for those considering a California-based teacher residency program; and

A Teacher Candidate Funding Explorer database of resources to help prospective teachers offset the cost of earning a teaching credential.

In addition, the site includes a set of similar resources for teacher preparation program leaders that provide guidance on funding programs that pay teacher candidates a living wage while they earn their credential. The resources include:

A Teacher Preparation Program Funding

Explorer, a searchable database of federal and state funding sources that can be used to improve teacher preparation programs; and

A series of Teacher Residency Program Funding Scenarios that describe strategies for combining funding to develop and sustain a teacher residency program.

"Teacher preparation programs are available and can be affordable, but too many prospective teachers are unaware of the pathways available into teacher education. We have come together to increase awareness of those pathways and to give teacher candidates the information they need to select the pathway that's best for them," said commissioners and higher education representatives, Annamarie Francois, University of California, Shireen Pavri, California State University, and Kimberly White-Smith, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

A new state law allows for individuals who hold a qualifying bachelor's degree or higher in any subject to be considered for admission to most teacher preparation programs.

"Teacher shortages are a nationwide issue that must be addressed by tackling barriers to equitable access and the

affordability of teacher preparation programs," said Daisy Gonzales, executive director of the California Student Aid Commission. "These new tools will not only help prospective teachers identify high-quality teacher preparation programs, but also allow them and higher education institutions to participate in designing regional educational pathways to meet California's urgent need for teachers."

The resources were created through the State Educator Workforce Collaborative – a collaboration between state agencies and teacher preparation programs including the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, California State Board of Education, California Department of Education, California Student Aid Commission, California State University Chancellor's Office, University of California Office of the President, California Community College Chancellor's Office, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, and Department of Finance and Office of the Governor – with research and support from WestEd.

For more information on the program visit the Commission on Teacher Credentialing at www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/roadmap-to-teaching/financial-resources-for-teacher-candidates. ★



Here is an architectural rendering of the future Terminal B parking garage as seen from street level. Photos courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Airports

Changes Coming to SMF Airport

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garage project will generate 1,000 jobs during its construction phase and will utilize labor under a Community Workforce Training Agreement, creating opportunities for the local workforce.

Sacramento International Airport visitors have recently become accustomed to the airport's existing parking lots and parking garages near the terminals being full during busy travel periods, leaving travelers few options except to utilize the remote long-term parking lots and ride the shuttle to the terminals.

The new parking garage, when completed, will be a great asset to Sacramento



Rep. Doris Matsui addresses the audience at the parking garage groundbreaking.

travelers.

In the meantime, the hourly-lot closure will put additional pressure on the other airport parking lots during the new garage's construction.

Sacramento International Airport's Senior Public Information Officer Scott Johnston provided this guidance: "Travelers are encouraged to check parking availability and track shuttles in real-time before arriving at the airport. We also recommend arriving two-and-a-half hours before a flight and using

rideshare options instead of driving."

"SMF is seeing an average of one million passengers per month and is expected to surpass 13 million in 2024, which would be a record-breaking year for the airport," Johnston added, explaining the need for the expanded parking facilities.

For more information on parking at Sacramento International Airport, visit the Sacramento County website at www.sacramento.aero/smf/to-and-from/parking. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The wait is finally over and once again a frenetic group of nearly 20,000 fans will hear the introduction, "and now running the point for the Sacramento Kings from the Kentucky Wildcats, De' Aaron Fox!"

On Wednesday night for the very first time Sacramento fans will hear the introduction of newcomer DeMar DeRozan out of the University of Southern California. DeRozan, like many of his comrade's, chose to bolt to the NBA after just one year in college, and the ninth overall pick in the 2009 draft has been an overwhelming success ever since.

Drafted by the Toronto Raptors, DeRozan spent nine years in Canada before a short stint in San Antonio, and then on to Chicago. Traded for Kawhi Leonard, DeRozan had to watch from San Antonio as the Raptors captured the NBA title in 2019.

Many pundits were wildly surprised that of all the destinations and the high interest in his service, DeRozan chose Sacramento as his next home. Since then, he has said all the right things, and like many NBA fans, I believe he will fit in extremely well alongside De' Aaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis. Great players are replete, but great people and

great players are a scarce commodity. Mr. DeRozan brings both qualities to a team that is replete with team chemistry, and like most Kings fans, I want to see what Monte McNair's standout acquisition can do.

It is entirely possible that amid all the hype, Kings fans may have to be patient while the big three learn to play alongside one another, but I firmly believe that this six-time all-star will make the transition quickly.

Able to play guard or small forward, much has been reported about the uptick we are likely to see with regards to better looks for Fox, Sabonis, and three-point shooter Keegan Murray.

Lost to some degree in all the uproar of the signing of DeRozan, is how third year hoopster Murray will use DeRozan's talents to get better looks, and more opportunities to drive the lane.

I was impressed with Keegan's introduction of a true mid-range game last

season, and along with some notable shooting inside the three-point line, like former teammate Harrison Barnes, Murray became a threat driving to the basket.

The combination of Murray's three-point shooting, mid-range game, and ability to go to the hole, will have a positive impact on DeRozan as well, and I expect to see this career 21 points per game player, potentially pad that number in the upcoming season.

Not to be overshadowed, Domantas Sabonis could elevate his game even more with the myriad of scoring ability around him, and a return to the high octane offense that led the NBA two years ago may well be in the offing.

It remains to be seen what the loss of defensive minded Jordi Fernandez will do to the Kings, and without question assistant head coach Jay Triano will have big shoes to fill.

Fitting that Sacramento's first opponent of the preseason will be archival, The Golden State Warriors, and like the Kings, the Warriors will bring a vaunted offensive into Golden One.

Notably missing Wednesday night will be perennial three-point shooter and other half of the splash brothers, Klay Thompson, who has now donned royal blue colors of the Dallas Mavericks.

Joining all-stars Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving, Thompson hopes to reignite a career that took a two-and-a-half-year hiatus after suffering back-to-back injuries to his ACL and Achilles.

It's important to note that Thompson helped the Warriors to an NBA title in his comeback season of 2022, but the past two years have seen Klay a step slower, and his offense not as reliable as it once was. At age 34 the 6'6" Thompson may still have more in the tank, but we won't witness that until the Mavericks come to town on Dec. 30.

Hitch up your britches Kings fans. We are in for a different look than perhaps this team has ever presented, and it's going to be a fun ride.

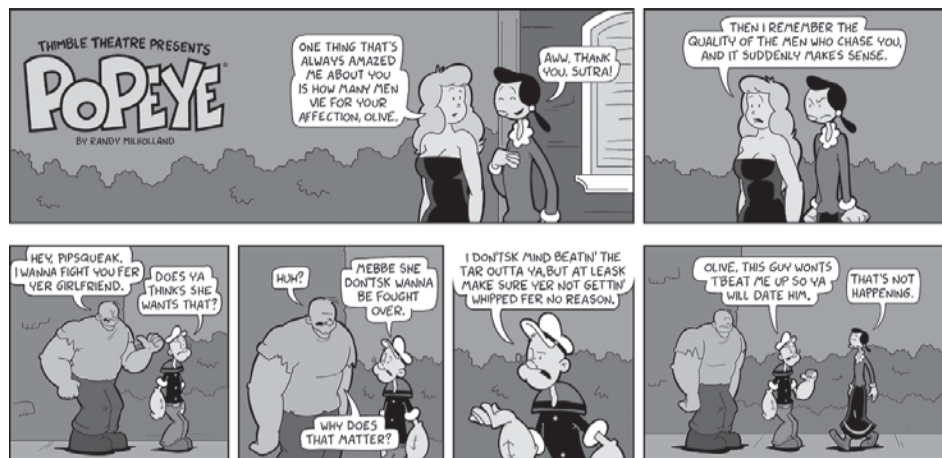
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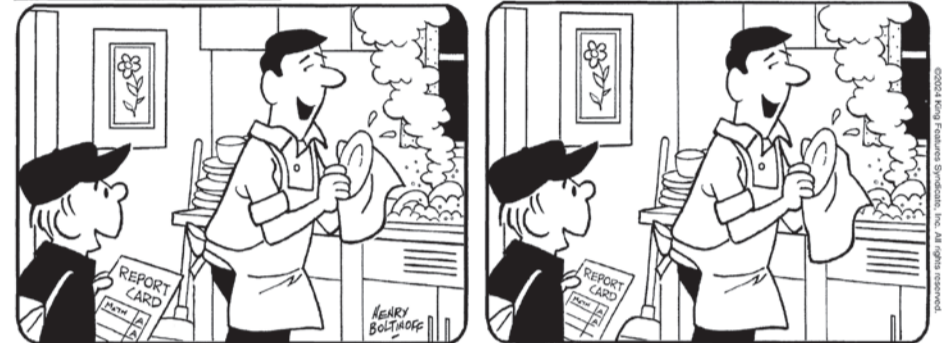
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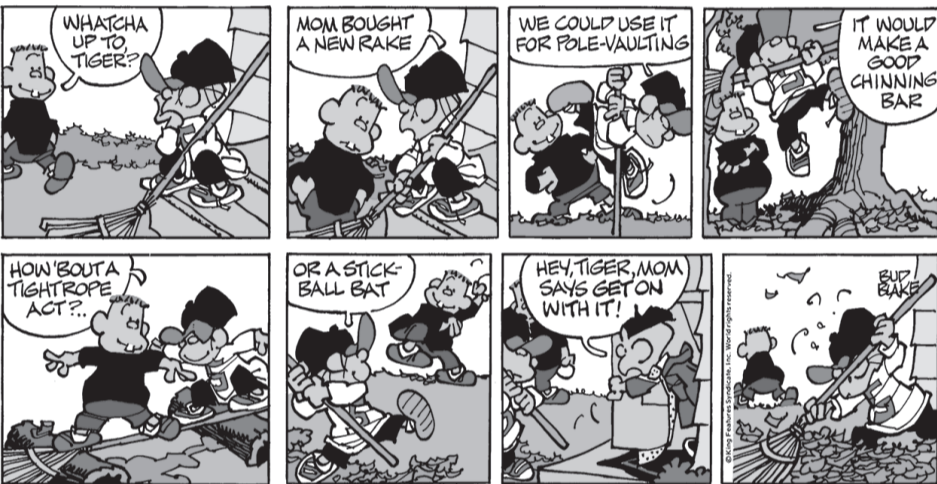
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Pumpkin Paddlers Battle for First

Story and photos by Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On the second and final day of the Giant Pumpkin Festival in Elk Grove, the festival hosted its annual tradition, the Giant Pumpkin Regatta, on Oct. 6.

This event featured participants using some pumpkins that were featured in the weigh-off as boats to race across the pond at Elk Grove regional park. Before the event started, the participants cut holes into the pumpkins and decorated them to stand out in the race. Some people who competed in the regatta were also competitors, or relatives of the competitors, in the pumpkin weigh-off the day before.

Prior to the race, brothers Austin and Joseph Mitchell said they were confident in taking part in this race and competing against one another. Austin Mitchell said that he had participated in this event before, while Joseph Mitchell said that this was his first time taking part in it.



Giant Pumpkin Festival Regatta winner Leo Salcedo accepts the giant check.

Joseph Mitchell won third place in the race. Although he said it wasn't a victory, Joseph Mitchell said he had a great time participating.

"I had a lot of fun and I plan to be back next year with more experience and to take that first-place prize," Joseph Mitchell said.

Leo Salcedo from West Sacramento won first place in the regatta. He had a lot of support including from fiancée Hanna Henkin and family members. Salcedo used Hanna's father Scott Henkin's pumpkin in the race; it was also in the weigh-off the previous day.

Salcedo said he felt good from this victory

because he didn't think he was going to win because he went up against "other heavy hitters" such as a previous two-time winner, Johnny Gayton.

This was Salcedo's fourth time participating in the regatta, and he had won first place in the past. However, in his very first time participating, he said that he had quit early because of the weight of the pumpkin.

"If I were to win in the future, it would depend on the pumpkin and who I might compete with if they have a good pumpkin and good placement," Salcedo said.

For Luis Granados of Yuba City, his pumpkin



Regatta racer Leo Salcedo of West Sacramento celebrates a victory in the Giant Pumpkin Regatta on Oct. 6.



Regatta participants prepare pumpkins for the race.

sank as soon as the race started. In spite of that, he said "you live and you learn" and that it's always about having a good time. He plans to take part in this race again.

Johnny "The Shark" Gayton had won two

consecutive regattas prior to this one. His son Jonathan, called "Baby Shark," took part this year, too.

Although Gayton came in second this time, he felt optimistic and happy for the first-place winner.

"Next year, I just have to do a little better, but I am a winner today, and I feel that everyone else won in different ways," Gayton said. "I look forward to doing this again and it's great for all the fans to come out and watch." ★

The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off

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Immadisetty said that this was his fourth year growing a pumpkin. His very first one weighed 585 pounds, and his most recent one weighed 1,034 pounds prior to this contest. Despite his latest pumpkin being more than half its weight, Immadisetty said he was satisfied.

"We had a hard year as the heat and the storms, along with being involved in other activities were factors, but I was still happy to be consistent and come back year after year with a pumpkin, light or heavy," Immadisetty said.

The first hour of the main competition had its first lead with a pumpkin weighing 793 pounds. After an hour-long break, the rest of the pumpkins surpassed the original leader by breaking 1,000 pounds. The overall victor was the final entry. Ruben Frias, a farmer from Napa, won the competition with his pumpkin weighing 1,967 pounds, barely surpassing the second-place winner, Madison Thomson, by outweighing his pumpkin by 27 pounds.



Ruben Frias, right, and his family pose with their first place 1,967-pound pumpkin. Photo courtesy of Cosumes Community Service District

Although Frias' pumpkin won the competition, this wasn't his heaviest pumpkin. Frias said his heaviest weighed 2,118 pounds when he took part in a competition in 2009.

Frias said the growing process started in April when he planted the seed and used a lot of fertilizer and water for the growth.

"It's a lot of work," Frias said. "I used 15,000

gallons of water for the pumpkin to grow."

Brandon Dawson of Sonoma County had his pumpkin clock in at 1,713 pounds. He was the third-place winner overall. Dawson said he had planted the seeds in his backyard in March and pollinated the pumpkin in June. It took 120 days to grow, and he just recently harvested it, he said.

Dawson said he had been growing pumpkins for four years, but this was his first time in this festival.

"I hope to come here again," Dawson said. "It was a really cool event and a great place for the kids to run around."

For some people in this competition, it can also be a family affair. The Righetti family from San Luis Obispo came out to



The Immadisetty family poses with a winning pumpkin. Brothers Sankalp and Sreeyan both won with their pumpkins in the "Future Farmers" category. Photo by Emanuel Espinoza



A variety of giant pumpkins rests on pallets prior to weighing. Photo by Emanuel Espinoza

participate, with the patriarch Dave and his two sons, Jonny and Gavin, participating with support from the matriarch Tammy.

Dave Righetti said that he had been growing pumpkins for 15 to 18 years, but when his sons gained an interest in growing pumpkins, they all "stepped up their game."

Jonny Righetti said that he couldn't have done his

gardening without the help and support of his father and his brother.

"My dad and my brother helped me a lot with the fertilizer, getting the right genetics and seeds and starting at the right time," Jonny Righetti said. "I put in a fair amount of work in taking care of the plants after getting started, but they really helped me out." ★

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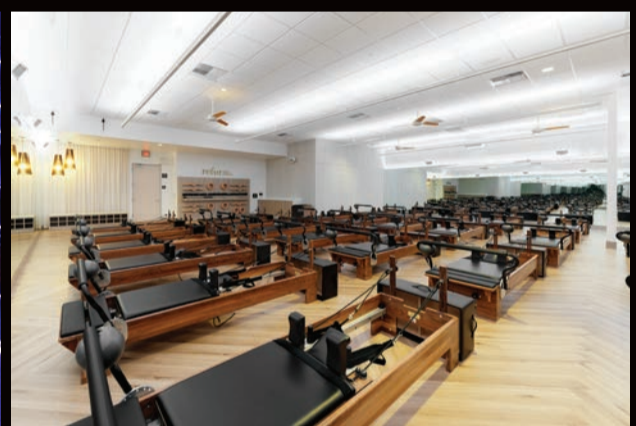
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